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To the Chairman and Members
OF THE
ROSS RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I beg to present my Survey Report for 1925. I am very pleased to be able to give a very satisfactory report compared with last year.

The birth-rate remains at 17.6 per 1,000 population, as compared with 17.3 for 1924.

The death-rate has dropped to 12.6 per 1,000 population from 13.4 for 1924.

One very gratifying factor is the drop in the number of deaths among babies under one year of age. This has come down to 45.1 per 1,000 births, as compared with 62.5 for 1924, and 63.1 for 1923.

Also the number of new Tuberculosis Cases reported for the year has dropped from 17 for 1924 to 8 for 1925.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

A. J. CAMPBELL.



Other causes of Deaths were:—

Causes.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Influenza	2	1	3
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	5	2	7
Other tuberculous diseases	1	1	2
Cancer, malignant disease	8	5	13
Rheumatic fever	1	—	1
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	2	6	8
Heart disease	11	9	20
Arterio-sclerosis	7	—	7
Bronchitis	3	3	6
Pneumonia (all forms)	3	2	5
Other respiratory diseases	—	1	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	1	2
Appendicitis and typhlitis	—	1	1
Acute and chronic nephritis	4	1	5
Congenital debility, and malformation, premature birth	2	—	2
Deaths from violence	3	2	5
Other defined diseases	14	23	37
Causes ill-defined or unknown	1	—	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

A Tuberculosis Clinic is held every fortnight in Ross, by the County Tuberculosis Officer, where cases may be sent, with obviously good results.

Suitable cases are sent to the Nieuport Sanatorium, Almeley, Hereford. The class of cases suitable for Sanatorium treatment are early cases, and cases where the diagnosis is doubtful, and there is good ground to believe tuberculosis may be present.

These cases can be sent for a period of observation till a definite diagnosis is arrived at.

Shelters are used where possible for the later cases.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.				
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
0 and upwards	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 „ „	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 „ „	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	1	—
10 „ „	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 „ „	—	—	...	—	1	2	1	—	—
20 „ „	—	1	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 „ „	2	—	...	—	—	1	—	—	1
35 „ „	1	—	...	1	1	1	1	—	—
45 „ „	—	—	...	—	—	1	—	—	—
55 „ „	—	—	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 „ „	—	1	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	3	2	...	1	2	5	2	1	1

MATERNITY AND INFANT WELFARE CENTRE.

The Ross Maternity Home is part of the Voluntary Infant Welfare Centre, and deals with the whole District; it has now been running for some years, thus supplying a long-felt want for the District. Local practitioners can attend their own patients who are admitted on a fixed scale of charges.

The County Council subscribes to the Voluntary Infant Welfare Centre, and allows the County Federal Officer to give advice at the Centre as far as he had time to do so.

FEVER HOSPITAL.

Infectious Cases which could not be properly isolated, or nursed at home were removed to the Isolation Cottage at Hope Mansell, as this Cottage was closed down in the autumn, it is hoped that the new Isolation Hospital, situated on the Camp Meadow, Ross, will soon be available.

One infectious case was removed to the Isolation Cottage during the year.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES REPORTED DURING THE YEAR.

Diseases..	Total cases. Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Small-pox	Nil	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria	8	1	Nil
Pneumonia	6	Nil	(all forms) 5
Enteric Fever	2	Nil	Nil
Erysipelas	Nil	Nil	Nil
Scarlet Fever	6	Nil	Nil

Notifiable Diseases Reported during the last 5 years.

Diseases.	Total Cases. Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria	25	2	2
Enteric fever	7	2	Nil
Erysipelas	3	Nil	Nil
Ophthalmia Neonatoum	2	Nil	Nil
Scarlet fever	27	10	Nil
Anteria Poliomyelitis	1	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia	34	Nil	(all forms) 20
Polioencephalitis	1	Nil	1
Encephalitis lethargica	3	Nil	2
Small-pox	Nil	Nil	Nil

Most Parishes maintain their own Nurses, subsidised by your Council and the County Council, they do not nurse infectious cases, but are required to attend any Poor Law cases with out fee.

Other nursing accommodation lies in the Private Nursing Home situated at Ashfield, Ross. The Poor Law Informary, and the Ross Cottage Hospital. Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children is provided for at the Ross Poor Law Institution.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

As the Motor Ambulance kindly lent by the British Red Cross Society has been withdrawn owing to the great expense of its upkeep, the Herefordshire Branch of the B.R.C. has kindly arranged for the use of stretchers in a motor bus for the conveyance of accidents and serious cases.

Infectious cases are removed by private motor car.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

These cases are treated at the Hereford Clinic, at the Isolation Block of the Hereford Union, where arrangements are made with Birmingham University Pathological Department for the Wasserman tests, and with the County Laboratory for part of the microscopical work.

WATER SUPPLY.

During the year six water certificates were granted in respect of new houses.

Fifteen samples of water were analysed, ten samples were found to be fit for domestic use, one well was closed, and the Town supply laid on to the cottages to which the well belonged.

In two cases the wells were repaired, and in one case the well was cleaned out.

Ross Rural is connected with the Ross Urban supply.

A portion of the Parish of Hentland (Hoarwithy) is very badly off for water, some of the houses still have to depend upon unfiltered river water for their supply.

Most of the Districts rely upon springs and wells for their supply of water for domestic use.

Llangarron has a supply of its own, which is of very good quality. At Brockhampton, and Hom. through the generosity of the principal Landowner in each Parish, the houses are given an excellent water supply, carried by pipes from a well driven by a water-wheel.

SEWERAGE DISPOSAL.

Five new drains were provided for dwellings. These were tested and found satisfactory. In 27 cases new or improved sanitary accommodation was provided.

HOUSING.

During the year six new houses were erected, 216 inspections were made under the Housing Act, and 38 under the Public Health Act. Repairs were carried out at 17 cottages.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

Forty-seven persons are registered under the Order, as against 33 in 1924.

Five further applications for registration have been sent in which will bring the number up to 52.

Cowkeepers and Wholesale Purveyors	30
Cowkeepers and Retailers	16
Collector and Retailer	1

In 5 cases cow houses were ordered to be lime washed.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

One building is used for slaughtering several times weekly, and at two others intermittent slaughtering is carried on as well as a number of cottages during certain parts of the year.

SWABS, ETC.

County Laboratory at Hereford deals with specimens of Suptum, etc., and the Poor Law Dispenser is authorised to keep a stock of Sera.

SCHOOLS.

During the year it was found necessary to close various Schools on 15 occasions, due to Mumps, Measles, Whooping Cough, Colds and Coughs, etc.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1925.

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b)	6
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts:	
(i) By the Local Authority	Nil
(ii) By other bodies or persons	Nil
 1. Unfit dwelling-houses.	
Inspection (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	38
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	216
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	1
 2. Remedy of defects without Service of formal Notices.	
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	17
 3. Action under Statutory Powers.	
A. Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925.	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	17
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By owners	16
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	1
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	Nil
 B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	38
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal Notices:—	
(a) By owners	32
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
 C. Proceedings under Sections 11, 14, and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925.	
(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit.....	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil

SUMMARY OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE SANITARY INSPECTOR DURING THE
YEAR 1925.

CLERICAL.

Statutory Notices served	Nil
Preliminary Notices served	31
Preliminary Notices complied with	16
Preliminary Notices served 1924 complied with	3
Informal Notices to repair (Housing Act)	10
Closing Orders made	Nil
Closing Orders determined	Nil
Letters written and Isolation Cottage Accounts	202
Notices sent to Schools re infectious cases	16
Reports made to the M.O.H. on infectious cases	14

INFECTIOUS DISEASE:—

Investigated	14
Removed to Isolation Cottage	lots 12
Houses disinfected	12
Bedding and bed-clothing disinfected	case 1
Shelters disinfected	7

WATER SUPPLY.

Supply for new houses	6
Wells sunk	Nil
Water Certificates granted	6
Samples taken and submitted for analysis	15
Samples reported good	10
Samples reported unfit	5

HOUSE TO HOUSE INSPECTION:—

Housing inspected (Housing Act)	216
Houses inspected (P.H.A.)	38
Houses ordered to be closed	Nil
Closing Orders determined	Nil
Houses erected	6
Houses repaired	17
Inspection Numbers:—252, 680, 681, 682, 689, 723, 603, 608, 675, 1,219, 1,220, 1,221, 1,229, 1,230, 1,224, 1,201, 1,202.	
Houses demolished	Nil

SEWAGE DISPOSAL:—

New drains provided	5
Tests applied (Hydraulic 5, Smoke 7).....	12
New or improved sanitary accommodation	18
New or improved W.C. Accommodation.....	9

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS:—

Cowkeeper Purveyors	30
Cowkeeper Retailers	16
Collector and Retailer	1 47
Inspections	52
Ordered to limewash	cases 5

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS:—

Workshops including Bakehouses inspected	32
Ordered to clean and limewash	cases 3

March 1st, 1926.

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