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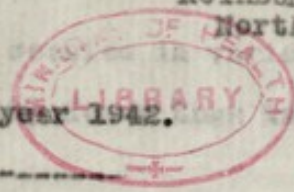
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ROTHBURY RURAL DISTRICT.

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Northumberland.



Report for the year 1942.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I beg to present my fourth war-time annual report in the usual abbreviated form according to instructions.

1. ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM OR CONNECTED WITH THE WAR.

EVACUATION In April 53 evacuated children were received into the district. Generally speaking they were in my opinion physically superior to any of the previous receptions and they were satisfactorily billeted.

2. INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The total number of cases notified was 150 (compared with 113 in 1941)

They were classified as follows;- Measles 130, Phumonia 7, Scarlet fever 6, Erysiples 3, Whooping Cough 2, Diphtheria 1, and Ophthalmia neoratorum 1.

Of the 130 cases of measles, approximately 70 occurred in the Longframlington School Area and 20 in that of Elsdon. The type of disease was mild but highly infectious.

The single case of diphtheria was imported by a lady who had been in contact with the disease.

One case of Phumonia ended fatally- that of a man of 81 years of age who suffered from heart disease.

TUBERCULOSIS. In 1942 five cases- four relating to the lungs were notified- Exactly the same figure as for 1941. One case was fatal. It is reported that there is an increase in Tuberculosis under war time conditions. Here are the figures for six years in the district:- During the pre-war years 1937, 38 & 39 27 cases were notified - 21 being pulmonary.

During the war years of 1940, 41 & 42 twelve cases were notified- ten being pulmonary. This is a reduction of rather more than 50 per cent and I can only explain it by say that

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The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various positions in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education for the year 1917-1918. The names are listed in alphabetical order of their surnames. The names of the persons who have been appointed to the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor are listed in bold type. The names of the persons who have been appointed to the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman are listed in italics. The names of the persons who have been appointed to the positions of Members are listed in regular type. The names of the persons who have been appointed to the positions of Ex-Officio Members are listed in regular type. The names of the persons who have been appointed to the positions of Honorary Members are listed in regular type. The names of the persons who have been appointed to the positions of Corresponding Members are listed in regular type. The names of the persons who have been appointed to the positions of Non-Resident Members are listed in regular type. The names of the persons who have been appointed to the positions of Life Members are listed in regular type. The names of the persons who have been appointed to the positions of Emeriti Members are listed in regular type. The names of the persons who have been appointed to the positions of Honorary Members are listed in regular type. The names of the persons who have been appointed to the positions of Corresponding Members are listed in regular type. The names of the persons who have been appointed to the positions of Non-Resident Members are listed in regular type. The names of the persons who have been appointed to the positions of Life Members are listed in regular type. The names of the persons who have been appointed to the positions of Emeriti Members are listed in regular type.

for some reason or other notifications for the three years preceding the outbreak ^{of war} were abnormally numerous for this district.

SCABIES There were a few cases of scabies in various parts of the district but I think considerably fewer than ~~last year~~ in 1941.

VENEREAL DISEASE So far as I am aware this disease is practically non-existent in the district.

3. MATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE This work continues to be carried on at the Cottage Hospital with good effect.

4. MEASURES TAKEN OR RECOMMENDED BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER

I visited 7 schools in the Autumn and immunised 131 pupils and also a few at their own homes. In 2 of these schools 100 per cent were immunised.

Once more the school teachers were most helpful and I am very grateful to them.

The general health of the district was very good during 1942.

The better supply of milk to mothers and children, the restriction, by rationing of meat consumption, the reduced consumption of alcohol owing to the difficulty ^{of} obtaining it and paying for it, and the fact that most people young and old were working as never before - all these factors were operating to the benefit of health.

Thus, war conditions have brought about results that no other agency could have produced.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. S. HEDLEY.

For some reason or other, the following for the first year

preceding the outbreak of the war, especially in

for this district.

There were a few cases of cholera in various parts of

the district but I take considerably less than

in 1911.

As far as I am aware this disease is

practically non-existent in the district.

It is interesting to note that this year cholera is

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pages and also a few of their own papers. In 11 of these schools

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Once more the school teachers were most helpful and I am

very grateful to them.

The general health of the district was very good during

1912.

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resulting, by reason of the abundance of the milk

consumption of alcohol being to the detriment of the

and paying for it, and the fact that most people young and old

nothing is done to prevent it - all these factors were

the benefit of health.

If there was something more practical about health that no

other agency could have produced.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

A. J. HARRIS.

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