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18th October, 1938.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Salcombe Urban District Council.



Gentlemen,

During 1937 further consideration was given to the schemes referred to in the 1936 report.

1. General Statistics.

The district is 1184 acres in extent.
The estimated population for 1937 is 2229 a reduction of 118 compared with 1936.
The inhabited houses were 750 and the rateable value £21,063.
A penny rate produced £81.758.

2. Vital Statistics.

During 1937 there were 22 births - 12 males and 10 females, of which 2 males and 1 female were illegitimate.
There will 3 still births.
There were 27 deaths, 13 male and 14 female.
There were four deaths from cancer.
There were no deaths from tuberculosis.
14 (7 males and 7 females) occurred in persons over 70 years of age and the average age of death was just over 70 years (70.3 years).

3. Health Services.

There was no epidemic of any sort.
A Small Pox Hospital is provided by the County Council.
Tuberculosis Hospitals are provided at Hawkmoor and White Cliff.
Use is made in cases of sickness of the South Hams Cottage Hospital and the Prince of Wales Hospital in Plymouth.
There is an ambulance at Kingsbridge and available on payment.
There are no clinics or treatment centres in your area but there is an Orthopaedic Centre at Kingsbridge.
There is one midwife practising in your area.
There is a part time Medical Officer of Health and a whole time Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.
The County Medical Officer of Health has drawn your attention to the hospital for Venereal Diseases at St. Mary's Home, Exeter, run by the Diocesan Association for the care of friendless girls who have been too friendly.

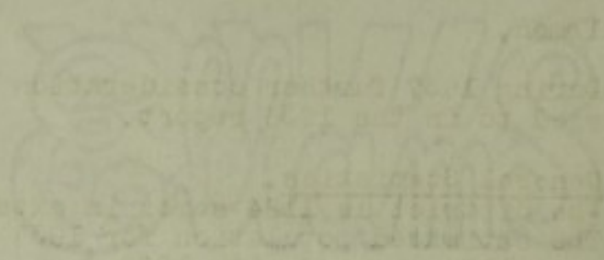
4. Sanitary circumstances of the Area.

This area in common with the rest of the community disposes of its sewage by discharge into the sea.
One day perhaps some more economical method of sewage disposal will be found and the soil of England will once again be enriched by the nitrogenous products which are wasted at present.
The refuse is collected daily and the dump gives rise to no nuisance.

5. Housing.

10 houses were found to be not in all respects fit for habitation. 10 informal notices were issued with satisfactory results.
1 house was demolished.
5 new houses for the working classes were erected during the year by private effort.
Several cottages convenient and suitable for the working classes were converted into week end cottages and it is estimated that 8 houses are required for the working classes.

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Council of the British Medical Association.



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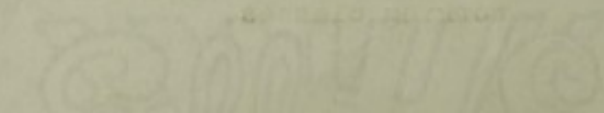
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6. Inspection and Supervision of Food.

There were 10 retail cowkeepers and 1 wholesale.
2 samples of milk were taken for cleanliness and both were satisfactory.

There were 15 cowsheds and dairies in the district which were passed as complying with the Milk and Dairies Order 1936.

30 inspections of dairies and 30 of cowsheds were made.
11 cowsheds had impervious floors.

The methods of milk production were generally satisfactory.

There were 4 bakehouses in the district.

16 inspections were made and the general conditions found to be good.

There were 2 licensed slaughterhouses and notice of slaughtering is regularly given.

No carcasses were condemned.

Approximately 90 inspections were made.

There were 3 butchers' shops with glass fronts to all.

The shops had refrigerators.

The water supply was good and during 1937 was sufficient.

7. Infectious disease.

During 1937 there were only 3 cases of infectious disease - 1 mild puerperal pyrexia (not puerperal fever), 1 of tuberculosis of lungs in a visitor and 1 of tuberculosis of bone.

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Inspection and Supervision of Food
 There were 10 retail dairies and 1 wholesale
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 were satisfactory.
 There were 18 cowbarns and dairies in the district which
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 Order 1937.
 30 inspections of dairies and 30 of cowbarns were made.
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 There were 5 butchers' shops with glass fronts to all.
 The shops had refrigerators.
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Daniel O. Telling,
 Medical Officer of Health.

Year ended 31st December, 1937

SECTION D.- HOUSING.

A. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)-	18
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose.....	52
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.....	NIL
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose.....	NIL
(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...	18

B. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-

	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.....	18
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C. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

(1)	Proceedings under Sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930:-	
(a)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.....	NIL
(b)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(i)	By Owners.....	NIL
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners.....	NIL
(2)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
(a)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....	NIL
(b)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(i)	By Owners.....	NIL
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners.....	NIL
(3)	Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930:-	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.....	NIL
(b)	Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....	NIL
(4)	Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930:	
(a)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.....	NIL
(b)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.....	NIL

Year ended 31st December, 1937

SECTION D - HOUSING

A. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

MI	(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for
MI	(1) (b)	bearing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) - 10
MI	(2) (1)	Number of inspections made for the purpose of
MI	(2) (2)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-
MI	(2) (3)	head (1) above) which were inspected and reported
MI	(2) (4)	under the Housing Generalised Regulations, 1930..... 10
MI	(3) (1)	Number of inspections made for the purpose of
MI	(3) (2)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state
MI	(3) (3)	so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for
MI	(3) (4)	human habitation..... 10
MI	(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those
MI	(4)	referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to
MI	(4)	be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation... 10

B. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-

MI	(1)	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in
MI	(1)	consequence of informal action by the local authority or
MI	(1)	their officers..... 10

C. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

MI	(1)	Proceedings under Sections 17, 18 and 20 of the
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MI	(1) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which
MI	(1) (b)	notices were served requiring repairs..... 10
MI	(1) (c)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered
MI	(1) (d)	fit after service of formal notices
MI	(1) (e)	By Owners..... 10
MI	(1) (f)	By Local Authority in default of owners..... 10
MI	(2)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-
MI	(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which
MI	(2) (b)	notices were served requiring repairs to be
MI	(2) (c)	remedied..... 10
MI	(2) (d)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were
MI	(2) (e)	remedied after service of formal notices
MI	(2) (f)	By Owners..... 10
MI	(2) (g)	By Local Authority in default of owners..... 10
MI	(3)	Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21 of the Housing
MI	(3)	Act, 1930:-
MI	(3) (a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which
MI	(3) (b)	Demolition Orders were made..... 10
MI	(3) (c)	Number of houses demolished in pursuance of
MI	(3) (d)	Demolition Orders..... 10
MI	(4)	Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930:
MI	(4) (a)	Number of separate tenements or sub-tenements
MI	(4) (b)	rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were
MI	(4) (c)	made..... 10
MI	(4) (d)	Number of separate tenements or sub-tenements
MI	(4) (e)	rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were
MI	(4) (f)	obtained, the tenements or rooms having been
MI	(4) (g)	rendered fit..... 10