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BOROUGH OF SCUNTHORPE.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

for

1939.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
2, CHAPEL STREET,
SCUNTHORPE.

August, 1941.



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To: The Mayor, Aldermen & Burgesses of the Borough
of Scunthorpe.

I beg to submit the Annual Report upon the Health of the District for the year 1939. from figures compiled by my predecessor Dr. Harston.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Health, outlined in Circular No. 2067, dated 19th July, 1940, I propose to curtail this report to a minimum, and to deal with the more important factors only. The less important matters will be preserved and dealt with in a comprehensive report at the conclusion of the war.

AREA OF THE BOROUGH	7,895 acres.
CENSUS POPULATION, 1931	33,761
(Mid-Year 1939 Estimate)	43,310 (a)
.....	43,940 (b)
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES at end of year	12,310
DENSITY OF POPULATION per acre	5.52
RATEABLE VALUE (31st March, 1939)	£253.513
PENNY RATE represents	£957

The 1939 estimate of population given above is supplied by the Registrar General in S.D. 30A 1939, and has been used as the basis of all calculations in this report.

STILLBIRTH RATE (per 1,000 total births)	34.66
(Total No. 32 M. 16 F. 16) .	
BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)	21.31
(Legitimate Births 879. M. 466. F. 413).	
(Illegitimate " 44 M. 24 F. 20).	
DEATH RATE (per 1,000 total population)	13.6
INFANTILE DEATH RATE (per 1,000 Live Births).....	50.92
LEGITIMATE INFANT DEATH RATE (per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births).....	50.05
ILLEGITIMATE INFANT DEATH RATE (per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births).....	68.1
PUERPERAL DEATHS	5
(Puerperal Sepsis 4, Other Puerperal causes 1).	
PUERPERAL DEATH RATE (per 1,000 total births)	5.41
DEATHS, all causes (M. 212. F. 176)	388
DEATHS FROM CANCER (all ages)	41
DEATHS FROM MEASLES (all ages)	--
DEATHS FROM WHOOPING COUGH (all ages)	1
DEATHS FROM DIARRHOEA (under 2 years of age)	4
ZYMOTIC DEATH RATE	1.16
TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE (all forms)	0.66

REPORT OF WORK DONE BY SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1939.

TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR..	..	..	..	649
(I) By the Local Authority ..	..	..	..	62
(II) By other Local Authorities ..	..	..	..	-
(III) By other bodies or persons ..	..	..	..	587

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:-

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)..	..	1050
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	..	2780
(2)	(a)	No. of dwelling-houses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925..	..	97
	(b)	No. of inspections made for the purpose ..	..	462
(3)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..	..	86
(4)		No. 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 ..	..	11

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:-

No. of Defective Dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	806
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 36 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1)	No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
(2)	No. of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:							
	(a) by owners ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
	(b) by Local Authority in default of owners ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1)	No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	102
(2)	No. of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-							
	(a) by owners ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	101
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1)	No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
(2)	No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
(3)	No. of dwelling-houses subject to undertakings ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1)	No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
(2)	No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-

HOUSING ACT, 1936 - Part IV - OVERCROWDING.

(a)	(I) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
	(II) Number of families dwelling therein ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
	(III) Number of persons dwelling therein ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	186
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
(c)	(I) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58
	(II) Number of persons concerned in such cases..	..	..	..	..	..	..	489
(d)	Number of houses again overcrowded after being previously relieved ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-

COMMON LODGING- HOUSES.	(No. registered under by-laws	1
	(X No. of inspections made	160
	(No. of contraventions of by-laws	Nil
	(No. of contraventions remedied	Nil
CANAL BOATS USED AS DWELLING- HOUSES.	(No. registered under Acts	Nil
	(X No. of Inspections	Nil
	(No. of contraventions of regulations	Nil
	(No. of contraventions remedied	Nil
MOVABLE DWELLINGS, TENTS, VANS, ETC.	(No. of inspections during year	28
	(No. of nuisances therefrom abated	-
	(No. removed from district	-
	(No. in district	17
	(No. of underground bakehouses	-
BAKEHOUSES:	(X No. of Inspections	30
	(Contraventions of Factory Acts	3
	(Defects remedied	3
	(No. on register	12
SLAUGHTER- HOUSES.	(X No. of Inspections at time of slaughter	-
	(Contraventions of by-laws	-
	(Defects remedied	-
	(No. on register	17
	(X No. of Inspections	19
	(Contraventions of regulations	9
	(Contraventions remedied	9
	(No. of milch cows in district	95
	(No. on register	22
	(X No. of Inspections	28
	(Contraventions of regulations	2
	(Contraventions remedied	2
	(Any instance of disease attributed to milk during the year	Nil

UNSOUND FOOD.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle, excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if any)	2404	611	204	8973	8634
Number inspected	2404	611	204	8883	8621
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned-		8	-	22	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	208	33	5	63	111
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease 8.6 other than tuberculosis.		6.7	2.4	0.9	1.2
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcases condemned	4	10	-	-	16
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	289	244	3	4	869
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	12.1	41.5	1.4	0.04	10.2

Offensive Trades.	(No. of premises in district	53
	(XNo. of Inspections	---
	(Contravention of by-laws	---
Shops Act, 1934.	(Number of shops inspected:	---
	(Additional heating or ventilation:	---
	(Additional sanitary conveniences:	---
	Above work done by part time Inspector not responsible to the Health Committee.	
WATER SUPPLY	(New sunk	---
	(Wells. Cleansed, repaired	---
	(Closed as polluted	1
	(xArea supplied mains throughout district.	
	(Public Percentage of houses supplied	99.8
	(Supply New cisterns provided	---
	(Number of samples obtained for analysis	---
	((a) From wells and springs	17
	((b) From public supply	20
	(Any insufficiency and where	--
	(No. of houses with privy vaults in district..	--)
CLOSETS.	(No. of houses with pail closets in district..	76)
	(No. of pail closets substituted for privy vaults	--)
	(No. of pail closets repaired	1)
	(No. of water-closets substituted for pail closets	1)
	(No. of houses with water-closets in district.	12234)
DRAINS	(No. of water-closets repaired	57)
	(Drains examined, tested, exposed, etc.....	18)
	(Drains unstopped, repaired, trapped, etc.....	432)
	(Waste pipes, rain water pipes disconnected,	
	(repaired, etc.,	254)
	(New soil pipes or ventilating shafts fixed...	---
SEWERS	(Existing soil pipes or ventilating shafts rep.	---
	(Drains reconstructed	18)
TANKS, Filter Beds, etc.	(New lengths of sewer laid	915)
	(Alterations to sewage disposal works	---
	(Any inadequacy of sewage disposal works or	
CESS-POOLS.	(complaints as to smells	---
	(Cesspools rendered impervious	---
	(Cesspools emptied, cleansed, etc.,	---
DISINFECTATION	(Cesspools abolished	---
	(Rooms disinfected	91
	((a) Ordinary infectious disease	85
	((b) Tuberculosis	6
	(Rooms stripped and cleansed	48
	(Articles disinfected or destroyed	837
	((a) Ordinary infectious disease	801
	((b) Tuberculosis	36

x In Urban Districts give particulars of streets or houses without public supply. In Rural districts give names of villages or parishes with public supplies.

X Actual number of inspections to be recorded.

(No. of covered ashpits -
 (" " uncovered ashpits.. -
 (" " bins substituted for ashpits... .. -
 (" " houses using bins.. 12310
 HOUSE REFUSE (Is refuse removed by householders or by public
 scavenger? Public
 (How frequently is refuse removed from each (Scavenger
 house?... .. Weekly
 (No. of complaints of non-removal 66
 (Method of final disposal.. ... Controlled tipping.
 (Are existing arrangements for refuse removal
 satisfactory? Yes.

(Total Number of Nuisances during year:-
 ((i) Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary
 NUISANCES Inspector 3053
 ((Statutory notice issued 101
 ((ii) Reported to Council(" " not issued 237

DETAILS OF NUISANCES ABATED.	After Informal Intimation.		After Statutory Notice.	
(Overcrowding ...	58	-	-	-
(Smoke ...	10	4	-	-
(Accumulation of refuse	7	1	-	-
(Foul ditches, ponds and stagnant water..	-	-	-	-
(Foul pigs and other animals	1	-	-	-
(Dampness..	204	40	-	-
(Yards re-paved or repaired	37	17	-	-
(Other nuisances.	2736	180	-	-

Signature of Sanitary Inspector

J. CALLAGHER.

TUBERCULOSIS. New cases and Mortality during 1939.

Years.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non- Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non- Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-
2	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-
5	1	1	5	4	-	-	2	1
15	2	11	5	4	1	6	-	-
25	9	9	1	2	4	6	-	-
45	9	3	-	2	3	1	-	1
65	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
75 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	23	24	12	16	10	13	4	2
	47		28		23		6	

BOROUGH OF SCUNTHORPE.

Causes of death during the year, 1939.

Registrar General's Return.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	MALES	FEMALES
Other Liver Diseases	-	2
Other Digestive Diseases	-	1
Acute & Chronic Nephritis	1	3
Puerperal Sepsis	-	4
Other Puerperal Diseases	-	1
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth etc.	15	12
Senility	4	4
Suicide	1	-
Other Violence	16	4
Other Defined Diseases	19	14
Ill Defined or Not Known	-	1
Diarrhoea 2 yrs. and over	-	-
Diabetes	4	5
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	8	13
Heart Disease	56	48
Aneurysm	2	2
Other Circulatory Diseases	8	2
Bronchitis	9	6
Pneumonia (all forms)	10	5
Other Respiratory Diseases	3	2
Peptic Ulcer	6	2
Diarrhoea under 2 yrs.	2	2
Appendicitis	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	-
Measles	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	1
Whooping Cough	1	-
Diphtheria	2	-
Influenza	6	5
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	10	13
Other Tuberculosis	4	2
Syphilis	1	1
G.P.I., Tabes, etc.	2	1
Cancer	22	19
	212	176

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1939. (Notified cases only).

DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED.														Total Deaths	Cases removed to Hospital.
	Total Cases at all ages.	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever	46	-	1	3	3	4	27	4	-	4	-	-	-	1	31	
Diphtheria	86	2	4	1	5	6	32	12	6	14	4	-	-	2	86	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	47	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	7	20	4	12	2	23	-	
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	28	-	2	2	-	1	5	4	5	4	3	2	-	6	-	
Erysipelas	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	3	3	2	-	4	
Pneumonia	50	3	2	-	2	1	5	1	3	11	7	14	1	15	2	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Puerperal Pyrexia	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	5	-	-	-	14	
Polio-myelitis	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Paratyphoid B.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	
Whooping Cough	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Measles	9	-	1	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
TOTALS	311	13	11	7	14	12	77	22	23	70	26	31	5	48	141	

