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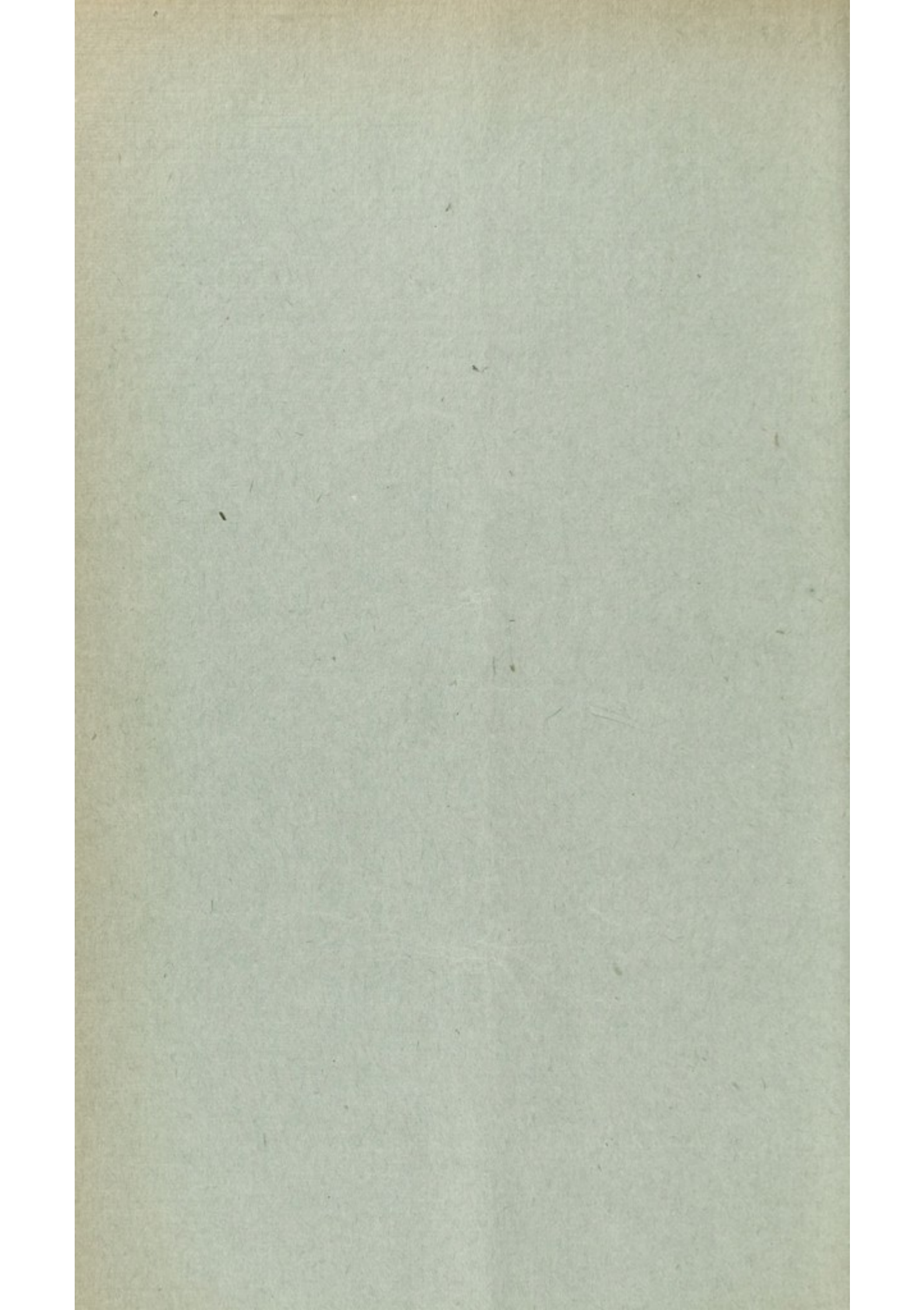
Annual Report

OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

C. N. ELLIOTT, B.A., M.B.

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OUNDLE,

APRIL, 1922.

TO THE CHAIRMAN,

OUNDLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SIR,

I am instructed by the Ministry of Health that Annual Reports need only relate to matters which came specially before your Council during the past year; and they propose to have Survey Reports made every five years giving full reports of whatever progress had been made in that period, the previous year (1920) counting as a Survey Report.

The statistics of Births and Deaths for the past year have just been received from the Registrar-General.

The Births for the Northants. portion of your District, with a population of 6,520, numbered 126, being 65 males and 61 females, giving a rate per thousand births of 19.3, the rate for England and Wales being 22.4. Two only of these were classed as illegitimate, which is a considerable improvement on the returns of the past few years.

Statistics,  
Northants.  
Portion.

The same returns for Hunts. parishes, with a population of 1,028, were 25, the rate being 24.3. Of this number 11 were males and 14 females. Illegitimate births *nil*.

The Deaths in the Northants. portion numbered 91, giving a rate of 11.7, the death rate for England and Wales being 12.1.

The principal causes of deaths were Scarlet Fever 1, Encephalitis Lethargica 2, Tubercular Diseases 4, Cancer 12—always a very high figure in this District, Heart Disease 14, and Pneumonia 3.

In the Hunts. parishes there were 19 deaths, giving a rate of 18.5. They do not call for much comment.

There were no deaths from Tubercular nor Infectious Diseases. There were 3 from Cancer and 3 from Heart Disease.

There were 10 deaths of infants in the whole District, giving a rate of 65, the rate for England and Wales being 83.

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria ... ..	1	1	—
Scarlet Fever ... ..	15	11	1
Enteric Fever ... ..	<i>nil</i>	—	—
Pneumonia ... ..	<i>nil</i>	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	2	—	—
Tuberculosis :—			
(a) Pulmonary ... { M. ...	3	—	—
{ F. ...	6	2	2
{ Total...	9	—	—
(b) Non-pulmonary { M. ...	—	—	—
{ F. ...	1	—	2
{ Total...	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	1	Treated at home.	Vision unimpaired.

Infectious Diseases did not give much trouble.

There was an outbreak of Scarlet Fever at Southwick with 6 cases, and at King's Cliffe with 5 cases, one of which proved fatal. The schools were closed in each case with good results.

There were two cases of Encephalitis Lethargica, 1 at Woodnewton—a baby of 10 months, which is, I believe, a rare occurrence. The second was a man at Stoke Doyle, aged 60.

The Oundle Joint Hospital is used for suitable cases. It is carried on under the same management, which has been found to be quite satisfactory.

**Sanitary  
Inspector.**

The work of the Sanitary Inspector has been carefully carried out and been entirely satisfactory; his Report, which is appended, fully explains the work that has been done during the past year.

**1. STATISTICS GIVING INFORMATION OF THE WHOLE DISTRICT.**

Area (acres) ... ..	67,000
Population (1921) ... ..	7,548
Number of inhabited houses (1921) ...	2,153
Rateable Value ... ..	£46,000
Sum represented by a penny rate ...	£192



## 2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Births	{ Legitimate ...	149	76	73	Birth Rate (R.G.), 22.4.
	{ Illegitimate ...	2	—	2	
Deaths	...	107	56	51	Death Rate (R.G.), 12.1.
Number of women dying in, or } from sepsis ...					1
in consequence of, childbirth } „ other causes ...					nil
Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births ...					66
Legitimate ... 10. Illegitimate ... nil. Total ... 10.					
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ...					nil
„ Whooping Cough (all ages) ...					nil
„ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...					1

Your Council has not yet commenced any building operations, **Housing.** owing to high prices and the fact that the population of the District continues to decline. I consider that a few houses might be built with advantage in Warmington (4), and King's Cliffe (4), to replace old ones which I consider unfit for habitation.

## HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total ...	2
(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme ...	—

1. *Unfit dwelling-houses.*

Inspection.—(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) ...				121
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 ...				73
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...				26
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...				3

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 ...				21
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers.*

## B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...	3
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied	...	...	...	...	3
(a) by owners	...	...	...	...	1
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners					2

## C.—Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &amp;c. Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	...	...	3
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	3

I try to keep the improvement of housing constantly before your Council, as, in my opinion, it is our most important work.

I remain,

Sir,

Yours obediently,

C. N. ELLIOTT, B.A., M.B.,

*Medical Officer of Health, Oundle Rural District Council.*

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1921.

Sanitary  
Inspector's  
Report.

APRIL, 1922.

To the Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

I herewith submit my 9th Annual Report of the work done during the year ending December 31st, 1921.

During the past year 275 nuisances were discovered and 259 abated, 2 statutory notices and 36 informal letters were sent, asking for the necessary work to be done, and in almost all cases this was carried out.

*Tabulated Statement of Visits and Work Carried Out.*

Statutory Notices.....	2
Informal Letters .....	36
	—
	38

*Houses Examined for*

Infectious Diseases (including Tuberculosis and Cancer) .....	16
Overcrowding .....	2
Dirty Houses .....	3
Defective Drainage .....	36
Defective Closet Accommodation .....	24
Water Supply .....	15
Other Causes .....	21
	—

Total Houses Examined ... 117

*Additional Visits Paid.*

Works in Progress .....	43
Slaughter-houses .....	75
Workshops and Bakehouses .....	36
Cowsheds and Dairies.....	26
Nuisances already found.....	33
Infectious Diseases .....	22
	—

Total Visits Paid ... 235



*Housing and Town Planning Acts.*

No. of Houses Inspected .....	73
No. of Houses found Unfit for Habitation ...	3
Closing Orders made ... ..	3
No. of Houses in which defects were remedied without Closing Orders .....	26
No. of Houses rendered fit after Closing Orders were made .....	0
No. of Houses Demolished..... ..	0

*New Buildings.*

During the year 2 new houses have been built, and one other is in course of construction.

*Disinfection after Infectious Diseases.*

16 houses in which were 20 Infectious cases, including Tuberculosis and Cancer, have been disinfected. The rooms were in all cases sprayed with formalin, the bedding taken to the steam disinfectors, and disinfectants left with instructions as to their use.

*Cowsheds and Dairies.*

During the year 8 Cow-keepers were registered. In several cases alteration had to be made to the premises. 26 visits were made during the year.

*Workshops and Bakehouses.*

36 visits were made to the above, and generally they were found in clean condition.

*Slaughter-houses and Food Inspection.*

This occupies a good deal of time, as the places of slaughter are scattered about the District. 75 visits have been made. Not much diseased meat was found. Several cases of animals which had to be slaughtered from casualties have been inspected, and the meat, which was fit, passed for consumption.

The Bye-laws are not yet in force, therefore the time when the Slaughter-houses can be made more efficient is delayed.

I am,

Yours obediently,

SAMUEL BROADBELT,

Sanitary Inspector.