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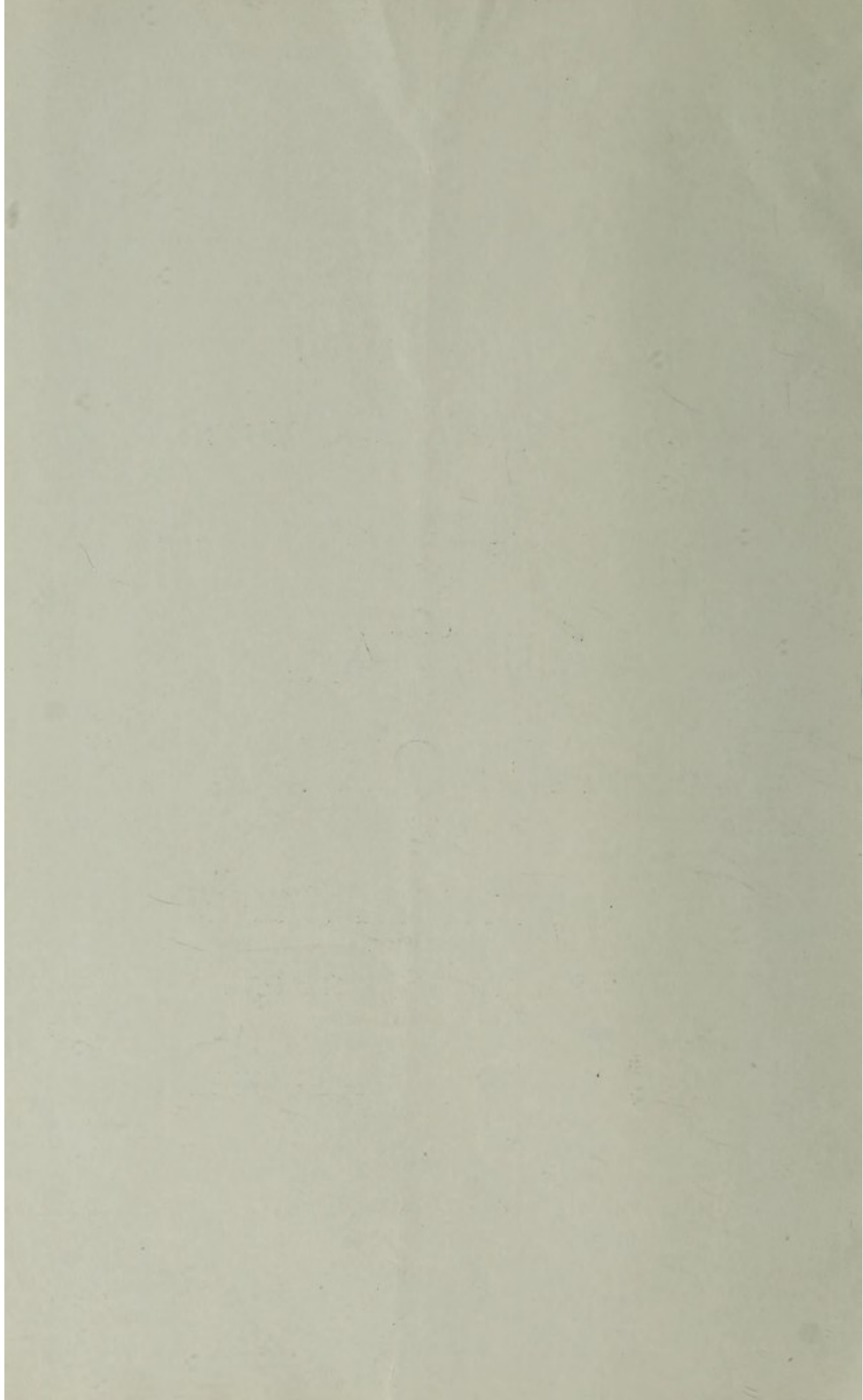
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ANNUAL REPORT, 1920.

BANK HOUSE,

WINSTER,

February, 1921.

To the Chairman and Members of the South Darley Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of submitting for your approval my Annual Report on the state of the Public Health in your district for the year ending December 31st, 1920.

Natural and Social Conditions of the District.

The area of the district is 2007 acres, all of which is land. It is hilly with an elevation above sea level of from 450 to 900 feet.

The soil throughout the district is light and porous, permitting of free natural drainage everywhere.

In the higher parts of the district the subsoil is mountain limestone; in the lower areas this is replaced by yoredale rocks, with their accompanying shale beds.

The population of the district at the Census, 1911, was 809. The population, estimated to the middle of 1920, is 660.

The number of inhabited houses is 201. The estimated number of persons per house is 3·2.

Occupations of the Inhabitants.

The chief occupations are Lead Mining, Farming and Gritstone Quarrying. All these occupations are healthy enough, and no case of death from Industrial Disease has been recorded for 26 years.

Poor Law and Relief.

For Poor Law purposes the district is included in the Bakewell Union.

The sum of £101 4s. was spent in Relief during 1920.

Gratuitous Treatment for poor persons in your district is also provided at the Royal Infirmary, Derby; the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton, and the Whitworth Cottage Hospital, Darley Dale.

Vital Statistics.

The population, Census, 1911, was 809.

The population, estimated to middle of 1920, was 660.

The Deaths during the year numbered 9, which is equal to a **Death Rate** of 13·6 per thousand.

The Births during the year numbered 12, which is equal to a **Birth Rate** of 18·8 per thousand.

For the first time for many years there was a death among infants. This single Death is equivalent to an **Infantile Mortality Rate** of 83·3 per thousand Registered Births.

No Deaths were due to Zymotic Disease.

One Death occurred as result of a bicycle accident, and one Coroner's Inquest was held.

Two of the Deaths occurred in persons usually resident in the district, but actually living outside its boundaries at the time of death.

Sanitary Circumstances of the District.

Water Supply.

This is derived from springs in the Fluid or Escarpment Exit on Stanton Moor. It is of a high degree of purity and ample in quantity.

The number of houses supplied by your mains is 186.

There are no houses in the district without a supply within 100 yds.

Rivers and Streams.

I have had some complaint about the condition of a brook which runs through Wensley Dale. It is a small stream draining some land at the upper end of the dale, is not polluted by sewage in any part of its course, but in dry weather is apt to get sluggish in its course, and on that account may smell a little at such times. Your Sanitary Inspector attended to the complaint and cleaned the bed out for some distance, and now it is in good order again and flowing freely.

Sewerage.

The district does not require a Sewerage Scheme which would be a very expensive undertaking and be of no benefit to Public Health in the district.

Closet Accommodation.

Your district is entirely a Privy Midden one and there is no Public Scavenging. I have often called your Council's attention to this very unsatisfactory state of matters. I regret that so far your Council has not agreed to adopt public scavenging in Wensley and Darley Bridge, where the houses are closer together than in any other part of your area. I hope that your Council will at length agree to undertake this work in the course of this year or at an early date in 1922.

Sanitary Inspection of the District.

This work has been very efficiently done by your Nuisance Inspector. I enclose a copy of his Report which gives full details of all the work performed by him. He has served 71 Informal and 20 Formal Notices, and has secured the abatement of all nuisances involved. As usual, he has carried out his extensive duties with much tact and discretion.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no such places in the district.

Schools.

The Public Elementary School at Cross Green, the only one in your district, is in good sanitary order, it is provided with water from your Council's main.

Medical Inspection of School Children.

This work is carried out by Dr. Fentem who has made no report to me in connection with this work.

Food.

Milk Supply.

The number of Cow-sheds and Dairies on the Register is 13. The number of Cows kept in Winter is approximately 195.

Your Nuisance Inspector has made regular inspections of all cow-sheds, etc., and reports no defects.

Milk and Cream Regulations, 1917.

Your Council has taken no action with regard to the administration of these Regulations.

Milk: Mothers and Childrens Orders, 1919.

Your Council has taken no action under these Orders.

Meat.

No provision exists for meat inspection in the district.

There is only one Slaughter-house in the district. It is licensed and duly registered. Has been frequently inspected, and is kept in good Sanitary order.

Public Bakehouses.

There are none in your district.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

Your Council has taken no action under the provisions of this Act.

Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases.

One case of Diphtheria and one case of Scarlet Fever were notified to me during the year.

During the first quarter of the year there was a wide-spread outbreak of Measles amongst children of school age. Your Council wisely ordered the closure of the Gross Green School for two successive periods of 14 days duration during the height of the outbreak.

No deaths were due to Zymotic Disease.

For cases of Diphtheria your Council provides Antitoxin.

As your district is, as yet, unprovided with an Infectious Diseases Hospital, the provision of a Steam Disinfector would appear to be of use in the district.

Tuberculosis.

Two cases of this disease were notified during the year and one death was attributed to this disease.

The Tuberculosis Dispensary, established by the County Council at Matlock, in charge of Dr. Hifferman, one of the County Tuberculosis Officers, continues in his able hands to do very good work directed toward the cure and control of this disease.

Tuberculosis in Milch Cows.

Two cases of Tubercular Udder were brought under my notice during the year. The affected animals were slaughtered in the presence of the Veterinary Authorities from Sheffield and your Sanitary Inspector. As the carcasses were found free from disease, other than the local affection of the udder, they were not condemned as unfit for human food.

Venereal Diseases.

Your Council has not adopted any scheme for the treatment of these conditions, which are fortunately of very rare occurrence in the district. If your Council should decide to adopt any scheme for the treatment of these diseases it could only be effectively done by co-operation with North Darley, and then making use of the Whitworth Cottage Hospital as a centre for giving treatment.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

There is a fully qualified Midwife resident in Wensley, in addition, Midwives for Winster and North Darley attend cases in your district. There is thus no shortage of these useful women.

in regard to Child Welfare your district is too scantily populated to allow of a centre being successfully conducted within its boundaries, but there is at Winster such a centre where weekly meetings are held in the Old Market Hall in that place. To these meetings mothers and their babies from your district will be freely welcomed and will have the opportunity of having their babies weighed and of receiving advice on the minor ailments and troubles of infancy.

Housing.

The Housing conditions in your district are good on the whole, and compare very favourably indeed with those to be found in any of the adjacent sanitary areas. The number of houses of the working class type, namely, 190, appears to be sufficient for the present needs of your population, and no case of overcrowding has come under my notice. It has been necessary to condemn two houses on account of grave structural defects which the owners refused to remedy.

One copy of a Table issued for the Home Office and dealing with Factories and Workshops and Stonework is included with my report.

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. LYON FLETCHER,

Medical Officer of Health.

Annual Report of Sanitary Inspector.

To the Medical Officer of Health,
South Darley Urban District Council.

Sir,

I beg to submit herewith summary of work done in the year 1920.

Amount of District Rate in the Pound at the present time:

Spring Rate, 3/- ; Autumn Rate, 3/-.

Rateable Value:

Land, £1904 12s. 6d.; Buildings, £2750 15s. 0d.

Population : (about) 656.

No. of Houses : 201. Vacant houses: 4. Houses erected, 1920: 0.

Area of District : 2007 acres.

List of Privies.

No. of Privies (fixed receptacles), 1920	179
,, (movable ,,), ,,	12
Fresh Water Closets	23
Converted into Pail Closets	—

Water.

No. of houses connected with water supply, Dec., 1920...	186
Houses connected up during 1920	—
Houses with no supply under 100 yards	—

Drainage.

Defective traps and drains...	4
Drains obstructed	12

Closets and Ashpits.

Foul Privies, Pail Closets and Ashpits	43
Offensive Accumulation	2
Eavespouts and Downspouts	—
Defective Water Closets	2
Defective Urinals	2

List of Cow-sheds and Dairies, Dec. 31st, 1920.*No. of Cows kept in Winter.*

Thompson, J. W., Leawood Farm	19
Lomas, J., Snitterton Hall Farm	40
Thacker, — Ashton Farm, Oaker	3
Hill, Jos., Darley Bridge	19
Bailey, J., Wenslees Farm, Darley Bridge	11
Trickett, Cowley Hall Farm	22
Hardy, J., The Green, Wensley	11
Clay, Jos., Field Farm	15
Degge, Red Lion Farm	3
Smith, Tom, Oaker Farm	11
Oldfield & Gregory, Bright Gate Farm	15
Rains, Tearsall Farm	21
Hadfield, J., Gurdall Farm	5

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195**No. of Cowsheds on Register:** 13. Inspections made: 6**Slaughter Houses:** 1. Inspections made: 8. Notices served: 0**Two Cases of Tuberculosis:**

J. Lomas, Snitterton Hall; J. Stone, Eagle Terrace, Wensley.

One Case of Diphtheria:

— Hallam, The Nook, Oaker.

One Case of Scarlet Fever:

Colin Boden, Darley Bridge.

3 Houses thoroughly disinfected, altogether 10 rooms.

Method: Konoform and Formaldelyde.

Vacant houses inspected	4
Occupied houses under repairs	3
Occupied houses repaired voluntarily	6
Houses unfit for habitation	1

GEO. P. PETCH,

Sanitary Inspector.

December 31st, 1920.

