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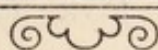
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Southowram U.D. Council.**MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

For Year ending 31st December 1936.

TO THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF  
THE SOUTHOWRAM U.D.C.*Arden Lodge, Halifax.*

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the  
year ending December 31st, 1936.**GENERAL STATISTICS.**

Area 1711 acres.

Population: Estimated population for 1936,  
2596.Total number of inhabited Houses in district  
in 1936 is 848.

Sum represented by a penny rate £33/4/8.

Rateable Value £8509.

The chief occupations in the district are farming,  
stone quarrying and brick making.**VITAL STATISTICS**

Live Births	{	Legitimate ... Total	26	M15	F11
		Illegitimate...	1	1	0

Birth rate per 1000 of estimated population 10.40.  
Stillbirths 2.

Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births 68.9.

Deaths—Total 35 M15 F20.

Death rate per 1000 of estimated population 13.48.

Puerperal Sepsis, 0. Other Puerperal causes, 1

Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births 34.4.

Death Rate of infants under one year of age:—

All infants per 1000 live births, 37.

Legitimate infants per 1000 live births, 37.

Illegitimate infants per 1000 live births, nil.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) nil.

,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages) nil.

,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years) nil.

,, ,, Cancer, 2.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Fever and Smallpox cases are sent to the Joint Hospital, Clifton. Tuberculosis: There are several sanatoria available and within easy reach of district; e.g., Sheffield, Keighley and Ilkley. Maternity cases can be attended at the Halifax Infirmary, (special wing); while children and other cases are also treated there. Ambulance facilities for infectious diseases are provided by the Brighouse Joint Hospital. Ambulances for non-infectious and accident cases can be requisitioned from either Halifax or Brighouse.

There is no Child Welfare or School Clinic in the district.

The Tuberculosis Dispensary is at Brighouse,

The centre for Venereal Diseases is the Halifax Royal Infirmary.

## PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

The Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector, are the only two health officers paid by the Local Authority, and both appointments are part-time.

## NURSING

There is no Local Nursing Institution,

There is no Qualified Midwife in the district.

## SANITATION

The water supply of the district is from Halifax and is adequate. No necessity for examination during the year.

The Scavenging of the district is satisfactory.

The sanitary conditions and water supply of the Schools are satisfactory.

## HOUSING STATISTICS.

*I—Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :*

- |         |   |         |
|---------|---|---------|
| (1) (a) | Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | ... 461 |
| (b)     | Number of inspections for the purpose   | 556     |



(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	... 429
(b)	Number of inspections for the purpose	471
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	64
(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	... 102

II—*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	... .. 83
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III—*Action under Statutory Powers during year:—*

A—Proceedings under sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930 :

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	... .. 1
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice	
(a)	By owners	... .. 1
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	... .. Nil

B—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	... .. Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—	
(a)	By owners	... .. Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	... .. Nil

C—Proceedings under sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930 :

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	... Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition Orders	... Nil

D—Proceedings under section 20 of the  
Housing Act, 1930 :

- (1) Number of separate tenements or under-  
ground rooms in respect of which Closing  
Orders were made ... Nil
- (2) Number of separate tenements or under-  
ground rooms in respect of which Closing  
Orders were determined, the tenement  
or room having been rendered fit ... Nil

IV—*Housing Act, 1935—Overcrowding*:—

- A—(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at  
the end of the year ... 64
- (2) Number of families dwelling therein 64
- (3) Number of persons dwelling therein 302½
- B—Number of new cases of overcrowding  
reported during the year ... 0
- C—(1) Number of cases of overcrowding re-  
lieved during the year ... 22
- (2) Number of persons concerned in such  
cases ... 92
- D—Particulars of any cases in which dwelling  
houses have again become over-  
crowded after the Local Authority  
have taken steps for the abatement  
of overcrowding ... 0
- E—Any other particulars with respect to  
overcrowding conditions upon which  
the Medical Officer of Health may  
consider it desirable to report ... 0

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION  
OF FOOD

Milk Supply : Farms and Dairies have been  
inspected regularly. (See Sanitary Inspector's  
report.)

Meat : There are no licensed slaughter houses  
in the district.

Adulteration : No action taken under Foods  
and Drugs Act.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL  
OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There was no epidemic of any sort during 1936,  
in fact not a single case of Diphtheria was notified.

## VACCINATION

Number of primary vaccinations performed by Medical Officer of Health, Nil. Secondary, Nil.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1935.

DISEASE	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox ... ..	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever ... ..	6	6	0
Diphtheria ... ..	0	0	0
Enteric Fever, Paratyphoid	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever ... ..	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	0	0	0
Pneumonia ... ..	3	0	1
Erysipelas ... ..	0	0	0
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	0	0	0

## TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	RES- PIRATORY		NON-RES- PIRATORY		RES- PIRATORY		NON-RES- PIRATORY	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0— ...								
1— ...								
5— ...			1					
15— ...			1					
25— ...			1				1	
35— ...								
45— ...	1							
55— ...	2		1		1			
65 and up								
Totals ...	3	0	4	0	1	0	1	0



Appart from measles and chicken pox in the early months of the year the district has been remarkably free from illness.

The only infectious disease notified was Scarlet Fever.

There were very few cases of Influenza.

The general health of the district in fact was distinctly good.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P. MILNES, L.R.C.P. & S.E.,

Medical Officer of Health, Southowram.

### SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

For Year ending December 31st, 1936.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.  
Gentlemen,

The following are the particulars of subjects to be reported on under Sanitary Inspectors Order 1935.

Visits to Properties	...	...	...	931
Property under notice	...	...	...	411
Offensive trades	...	...	...	23
Van dwellings	...	...	...	20
Sewage Works	...	...	...	36
Property after infectious diseases	...	...	...	5
Bakeries	...	...	...	29
Owners and Agents	...	...	...	87
Dairies and Farms	...	...	...	275
Complaints	...	...	...	35

Public Health Acts, 1875, Sec. 91.

Outstanding Nuisances Dec. 1935...	0
Nuisances reported 1936	6
„ abated „	6
Outstanding Nuisances Dec. 1936...	0
Conversions carried out	7
Drain Inspections	40
Privies and Ashpits in the parish	118
Closet Pails	222
Water Closets	344
Number of Bins	350

The Scavenging of the district has been carried out by the contractor, on the whole satisfactorily.

Number of Ash-pit Inspections ... 259

There are 4 tips in use in different parts of the district for the deposit of household refuse (all old quarries).

#### FARMS, DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

There are at present 22 farms on which milk is being produced, the number of cowsheds being 36

During the year 275 visits have been made to the various farms and premises coming under the Milk & Dairies (Consolidation) Act 1915, Milk & Dairies (Amendment) Act 1922, Milk & Dairies Order 1926. The cowsheds and cattle have been inspected periodically by the W.R.C.C. Veterinary Inspector. Improvements have been made at some of the cowsheds during the year.

#### FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Blacksmiths ...	1	Dyeworks ...	1
Joinery Works ...	4	Brick & Pipe W'ks	5
Electrical Eng ...	1	Sugar Boiler ...	1
Chemical Works...	1	Bakehouses ...	1
Offensive trades ...	2	Arti'l Stone Works	1
Fat Melters ...	1	Size Makers ...	1

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

No complaints have been received (apart from milk) and no action has been found necessary under the Sale of Foods and Drugs Act.

There are no licensed slaughter houses registered in the district.

A. CLAYTON,  
Sanitary Inspector.



