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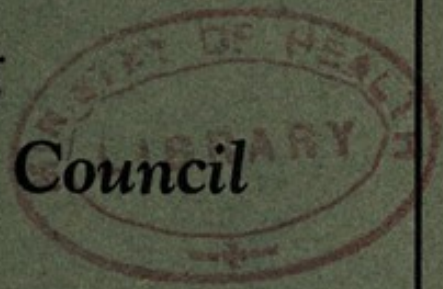
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REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

to the

Spalding Urban District

for the

Year 1940

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Public Health Officers  
of the  
Spalding Urban District Council

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Medical Officer of Health :  
J. R. MUNRO, M.D.

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Public Health Officer :  
L. A. GORNALL, F.I.A.S.S., M.R.S.I.

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Meat Inspector :  
S. A. SHARMAN



# REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1940

To the Chairman and Councillors of the Spalding Urban  
District Council.

I beg to hand you my Report for 1940.

Area (in acres) ...	...	...	...	7.825
Resident Population ...	...	...	...	13,790
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1940) ...	...	...	...	4,111
Rateable Value ...	...	...	...	£69,624
Sum represented by a Penny Rate ...	...	...	...	£274 14s. 2d.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

### Live Births.

	For		For	
	I.M. etc.		B. Rate.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Legitimate ...	121	95	119	92
Illegitimate ...	6	5	6	5
Total ...	127	100	125	97

Birth Rate per 1,000 Estimated Population 16.0

### Still Births.

	M.	F.
Legitimate ...	—	7
Illegitimate ...	—	1
Total ...	—	8

### Deaths.

Total	M.	F.
159	89	70

Death Rate per 1,000 Estimated Population 11.5

There were no deaths from Puerperal or other maternal causes.



## **Death Rate of Infants under 1 Year of Age.**

	Total	M.	F.
	6	5	1
Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births	...	...	26

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Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	24
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)			0

## **GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.**

### **1—Public Health Officers of the Authority.**

- 1 Medical Officer of Health (part time) J. R. Munro, M.D.
- 2 Public Health Officer (whole time) L. A. Gornall, F.I.A.A.S., M.R.S.I.
- 3 Meat Inspector S. A. Sharman.

### **Staff.**

In September, 1940, Mr. F. Tero, Assistant Sanitary Inspector, joined H.M. Forces and now holds the rank of Corporal in the Royal Army Medical Corps (Field Hygiene Section).

### **Closet Accommodation.**

During the year 14 pail closets and 5 vault closets have been converted to the water carriage system and 2 cesspools abolished.

### **Public Cleansing.**

No alteration in the method of collection and disposal of house refuse has been made, but special attention to the salvage of materials required in the National Interest by industry has been made. The product of the sale of these materials amounted to £1,328 for the financial year 1st April, 1940, to 31st March, 1941.

### **Eradication of Bed Bugs.**

Premises known to have been previously infested by bed bugs have been kept under observation and treated as considered necessary. During the year 3 premises have been treated.



## **HOUSING STATISTICS.**

### **1—Inspection of Houses during the Year.**

1 (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	223
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	241
2 (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... ..	10
(b) Number of inspections made for this purpose	18
3 Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	—
4 Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) ... ..	116

### **2—Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notice.**

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ..	115
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### **3—Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.**

#### **A—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.**

1 Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	none
2 Number of houses which were rendered fit after service of such notices:	
(a) by Owners ... ..	none
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners	none

#### **B—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.**

1 Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notice has been served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	1
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2 Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) by Owners	...	...	...	...	1
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners					0

C—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

1 Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	none
2 Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	2

D—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

1 Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	...	...	...	...	none
2 Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	...	...	...	none

**Housing Act, 1936, Part IV. (Overcrowding).**

Nothing being possible with regard to the provision of houses for the abatement of overcrowding, the few remaining cases are of necessity still unabated.

Number of houses overcrowded at end of year	...	...	...	...	4
Number of families dwelling therein	...	...	...	...	4
Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	...	...	39
Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	...	...	...	none
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	...	...	none
Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	...	...	none
Dwelling houses which have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	...	...	...	...	none



## Section E.

### (a) Milk Supply.

The inspection and control of cowsheds, &c., has been exercised as far as possible with the depleted staff and pressure of other work.

### (b) Slaughter-Houses.

Only one slaughter-house is now in use in the urban area, this being at New Bond Street, and regular inspection has been made. During the year the following meat has been condemned and destroyed:—

34 Pigs (whole),  
23 lbs. Pork,  
5 Pig Livers,  
13 Beasts (whole),  
42 lbs. Beef,  
8 lbs. Kidney,  
12 Hearts and Tongues,  
31 Livers,  
12 Sheep (whole),  
82 lbs. Mutton,  
112 Sheep Livers,  
33 sides Danish Bacon,  
94 lbs. Bacon,  
3 Gammon.

During the year the following have been slaughtered:—

188 Pigs,  
13,556 Sheep and Lambs,  
477 Beast,  
38 Calves.

## TABLE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1940

Diseases.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases sent to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever ...	34	34	1
Whooping Cough ...	58	0	0
Diphtheria ...	7	5	0
Erysipelas ...	7	0	0
Measles ...	299	0	0
Pneumonia ...	11	0	3
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	0	0



## TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.			NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
			Respira- tory.		Non-Respira- tory.		Respira- tory.		Non-Respira- tory.	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under	1	...	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
"	5	...	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
"	15	...	1	..	2	2	1	..	..	..
"	25	...	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
"	35	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..
"	45	...	2	...	..	..	1	...	..	..
"	55	...	3	...	..	..	..	..	..	..
"	65	...	2	...	...	..	1	1	...	...
			...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals		...	8	1	4	2	3	1	..	..

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. R. MUNRO.



## Causes of Death during Year 1940.

Causes of Death.	Male.	Female.
All Causes .....	89	70
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers .....	0	0
Measles .....	0	0
Scarlet Fever .....	0	1
Whooping Cough .....	0	0
Diphtheria .....	0	0
Influenza .....	3	4
Encephalitis Lethargica .....	0	0
Cerebro-spinal Fever .....	0	0
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System .....	1	1
Other Tubercular Diseases ...	1	0
Syphilis .....	0	0
General Paralysis of the Insane, Tabes Dorsalis ...	0	0
Cancer, malignant disease ...	8	16
Diabetes .....	1	2
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c. ...	10	4
Heart Disease .....	18	10
Aneurysm .....	0	0
Other Circulatory Diseases ...	3	3
Bronchitis .....	2	1
Pneumonia (all forms) .....	0	3
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	2	0
Peptic Ulcer .....	3	0
Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)	0	0
Appendicitis .....	0	0
Cirrhosis of Liver .....	0	0
Other Diseases of Liver, &c.	0	0
Other Digestive Diseases .....	3	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	2	2
Puerperal Sepsis .....	0	0
Other Puerperal Causes .....	0	0
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformations, &c. ....	4	0
Suicide .....	2	2
Other Violence .....	0	1
Road Traffic Accidents .....	2	1
All other causes .....	24	18







