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and

SANITARY INSPECTORS

for the

YEAR 1941.

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ST. AUSTELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the St. Austell Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my fifth Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 1941.

This Report is the eighth covering the enlarged St. Austell Urban District which has an area of 18,288 acres and a population of 25,900.

A full report covering every detail of housing and other work carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors has been prepared by Mr. Watts, Senior Sanitary Inspector and is included in his Annual Report which is appended hereto.

The Sanitary Services of the district receive the constant attention of Mr. Groves, the Surveyor, and of Mr. Watts, Senior Sanitary Inspector, the necessary particulars under this head being given in the following report.

The Vital Statistics for the year are of interest. The Death Rate is higher than for England and Wales but shows a decrease on the previous year. The number of infectious diseases notified viz: 198 shows a large decrease as compared with the previous year viz. 810.

Diphtheria immunisation was continued during the year and approx. 750 children under 15 years of age received the necessary treatment.

The St. Austell and Wadebridge Joint Isolation Hospital at Trelawney, St. Austell dealt with a large number of infectious disease cases during the year 1941, particulars being as follows:-

Patients.	Scarlet Fever.		Diphtheria.		Total
	M	F	M	F	
No. in Hospital on 1/1/41 ...	7	5	-	1	13
No. admitted during year ...	16	24	19	19	78
No. discharged during year ..	19	24	14	15	72
No. in Hospital on 31/12/41 .	4	5	5	-	14
Deaths	-	-	-	4	4

The analysis of Patients in Hospital during the above period is as follows:-

	St. Austell Urban		St. Austell Rural		Wadebridge Rural	
	Scarlet	Diph.	Scarlet	Diph.	Scarlet	Diph.
	17	17	7	17	16	4
No. of evacuees included in the above figures...	5	4	-	2	2	-

Considered in detail the various items of the Report are as follows:-

1. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	18,288 acres.
Population	25,900.
Inhabited houses	7,250 (approx).
Rateable Value,	£113,312.
Product of Rate rate	£452,19.0d.
General Rate	12/10d in the £.
Water Rate	2/0d in the £.

The total number of unemployed on the Register at the 31st December 1941 was 12 a decrease of 413 on the previous year.

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

Table 1 on Page 6 gives the vital statistics for the district compared with (a) England and Wales, (b) London, (c) 126 County Boroughs and Great Towns and (d) 148 Smaller Towns.

Considered in detail the figures for the St. Austell Urban District Council are as follows:-

Deaths.

The Death Rate for 1941 is 13.33 per thousand of population. This is a decrease on the previous year when the rate was 14.7 per thousand but is higher than that for England and Wales which for 1941 is 12.9.

Births.

The Birth Rate for 1941 is 11.66 the same as for the previous year, but this is lower than the rate for England and Wales viz: 14.2 per thousand. A total of 302 live births were registered during the year 152 males and 150 females. A total of 29 of these births were illegitimate viz: 11 males and 18 females.

Infantile Mortality.

There were 15 deaths of infants under 1 year of age, 7 males and 8 females giving an infantile mortality rate of 43.23 per thousand registered births and 44 per thousand live births, these rates being considerably lower than those for last year viz: 68.72 per thousand and 74 per thousand respectively.

3. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year 1941 infectious disease notifications were received as follows:-

Scarlet Fever	35.
Diphtheria.	23.
Pneumonia..	5.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	2.
Erysipelas.	11.
Whooping Cough... ..	22.
Measles... ..	53.
Meningitis	5.
Poliomyelitis	5.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum..	3.
Non-pulmonary tuberculosis	5.
Pulmonary tuberculosis.	31.
TOTAL	<u>198.</u>

Scarlet Fever.

Thirty-three cases of Scarlet Fever occurred during the year as against a total of 47 cases notified during 1940. Thirteen cases being of the mild type were nursed at home, 19 being removed to the Infectious Disease Hospital at Trelawney and 1 to Truro Infectious Disease Hospital. There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever during the year.

Diphtheria.

Twenty-three cases of diphtheria were notified during 1941 as against 7 notified last year. Five cases were nursed at home and 17 were removed to Trelawney Infectious Disease Hospital, while 1 case was sent to Truro I.D.H. Four cases being of the severe type proved fatal, viz: 1 male and 3 females.

Tuberculosis.

There were 36 cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year, 31 Pulmonary and 5 Non-Pulmonary - this being an increase of 14 on the previous year. There were 12 deaths from Tuberculosis of which 4 were males and 8 females. The average age at death of males being 29 and of females 30.

Outpatient treatment of Tuberculous cases is carried out at the local centre established by the County Council while cases requiring sanatorium treatment are sent to the County Sanatorium at Tehidy, Camborne.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regs. 1925-30.

No action was necessary under the provisions of these Regulations in order to exclude persons suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis employed in the milk trade.

Public Health Act 1936. Section 172.

No action was necessary during the year relating to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from Tuberculosis.

4. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Full particulars of the Public Health Officers of the Local Authority and their qualifications are given on the first page of this report:-

(a) Laboratory Facilities.

There are no laboratory facilities provided in the district by the Cornwall County Council.

Bacteriological examinations of sputum for Tubercle Bacilli and of swabs for Diphtheria Bacilli are carried out by myself. Other bacteriological specimens have to be transmitted to private laboratories and paid for by the Medical Practitioner concerned. Blood to be tested for Wasserman reaction and Enteric Fever is done free of cost by the Cornwall County Council.

Samples of water were submitted for chemical and bacteriological examination to Dr. Hocking, County Pathologist, Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.

(b) Ambulance Facilities.

There is a well equipped and trained Ambulance Detachment which conveys patients from all parts of the Area to the District Hospital and also to other Hospitals outside the District. There are now 2 cars, one of which is available for infectious cases. The Ambulance Service is utilised to a great extent and, as the services of the men are given entirely voluntarily, their ability, willingness and spirit of service deserves the highest commendation.

(c) Nursing in the Home.

The St. Austell Nursing Association and other district associations affiliated to the Cornwall County Nursing Association, undertake this work and their services are very much appreciated.

(d) Clinics and Treatment Centres.

There are 3 local Clinics established by the Cornwall County Council. They are for Maternity, and Child Welfare, an Orthopaedic Clinic and a Tuberculosis Dispensary.

(e) Hospitals, Public and Voluntary.

The St. Austell and District Hospital is the only voluntary Hospital in the district. This does excellent work, dealing largely with acute surgical cases, accident cases and grave medical cases, which cannot be properly nursed at home. The number of beds is approx. 30 and over 1000 patients a year receive treatment. There is another Hospital for patients under the charge of the Public Assistance Committee.

(f) Mortuary Facilities.

The small mortuary situated at Par has still to serve the needs of the district. I would again emphasise that I am strongly of the opinion that the time has arrived when a more modern and convenient building more centrally placed should be provided to serve such a large Urban Area as St. Austell.

5. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(a) Water Supply:

The water supply to the Area has been maintained and during the past year the mains have been extended to serve the village of Tregorrick, thereby affecting a very necessary improvement.

Regular sampling of water for bacteriological examination was carried out and chlorination continued at all the principal sources.

(b) Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

No change in the general circumstances have taken place during the year.

(c) Public Cleansing.

The collection of house refuse has proceeded on the same lines as previously, together with salvage under the Ministry of Supply's Scheme. A separate collection of kitchen waste for pig feeding was commenced during the year in the built-up areas of the district.

6. HOUSING - SLUM CLEARANCE.

Detailed accounts of activities relative to Housing and Reconditioning are given in the Sanitary Inspectors' Report which is appended hereto.

The total of 656 houses in the possession of the Council still remains unchanged.

7. AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

The A.R.P. Services are now under the control of the County.

8. EVACUATION.

A very successful Hostel for the treatment of Scabies etc., (14 beds) was established at Tremore, Penwithick. This has run very well and a large number of cases have been treated.

A Sick Bay of 20 beds was established by the Ministry at The Grove, Charlestown in December 1941.

9. CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation of the courtesy and kindness again extended to me by the Council during the year and also my grateful thanks are due to my colleagues Messrs. Dobell and Groves for their helpful co-operation and support and I am particularly grateful to Mr. Watts, Mr. Friend and Mr. Sturtridge for their valued assistance.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE NO.1.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Rates per 1000 Population		Annual Death-rate per 1000 Population								Rates per 1000 Live Births	
	Live Births	Still Births	All Causes	Dysphoid and Para-typhoid Fevers.	Small-pox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Influenza	Diarrrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years)	Total Deaths (under 1 year)
England and Wales	14.2	0.51	12.9	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.06	0.07	0.19	5.1	59
126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London. ...	14.7	0.58	14.9	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.07	0.08	0.17	7.5	71
148 Smaller Towns (Resident Population 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)... ..	16.4	0.60	13.0	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.06	0.06	0.20	4.6	56
London Administrative County..	8.9	0.33	16.3	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.03	0.15	6.8	68
St. Austell... ..	11.6	0.34	13.3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.15	0.19	0.0	44

TABLE NO. 2.

TOTAL DEATHS.

All Causes	M	F
...	167.	178.
1. Typhoid and para. fevers	-	-
2. Cerebro-spinal fever..	-	2
3. Scarlet Fever ..	-	-
4. Whooping Cough..	-	1
5. Diphtheria	1	3
6. Respiratory Tuberculosis	3	7
7. Other Tuberculosis	1	1
8. Syphilitic diseases ..	1	-
9. Influenza.	4	1
10. Measles ..	-	-
11. Cancer	22	29
12. Diabetes..	4	3
13. Cerebral Haemorrhage..	16	12
14. Heart disease ..	35	43
15. Encephalitis Lethargica	-	-
16. Various Circulatory Diseases..	5	7
17. Bronchitis	15	13
18. Pneumonia.	2	8
19. Other Respiratory Diseases	2	1
20. Peptic ulcer	2	-
21. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	-	-
22. Appendicitis	1	1
23. Other digestive diseases	6	9
24. Acute and chronic nephritis.	10	8
25. Puerperal sepsis	-	2
26. Other Puerperal diseases	-	1
27. Congenital debility, premature birth etc.	7	3
28. Suicide ..	3	2
29. Road traffic accidents	5	1
30. Other violent causes..	7	3
31. All other causes	15	17

TABLE NO. 3.

INFANTILE MORTALITY 1941.

Causes of Death.	Under 1 wk.	1-2 wks	2-3 wks	3-4 wks	Total under 4 wks	1-3 mhs	3-6 mhs	6-9 mhs	9-12 mhs	Total under 12mhs
Congenital Causes.	2	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	4
Premature birth.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Abscesses.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Respiratory Diseases.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Circulatory Diseases.	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	3
Convulsions.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Cerebro-spinal fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
TOTALS.	5	-	-	-	5	1	3	5	1	15

TABLE NO.4.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1941.

Age Periods.	New cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	1	1	3	1	...	1	2	...
15	3	5	...	2	...	3	...	...
25	7	8	1	...	1	2	...	...
35	1	3	...	...	...	1	...	...
45 ... ..	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...
55 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
65 & upwards	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
TOTALS	12	19	4	4	2	8	2	...

TABLE NO.5.

RAINFALL 1941.

Month.	Rainfall	No. of days on which rain fell.	Largest fall in 24 hours
January	6.63	20	1.28
February	7.26	27	.78
March	3.73	22	.60
April	1.53	11	.50
May	3.25	11	.84
June	2.48	9	.74
July	1.18	13	.54
August	6.72	25	1.60
September	.67	5	.37
October	2.41	15	.41
November	3.30	22	.39
December	3.79	19	.95
TOTAL	42.95	199	
TOTAL 1940	45.38	192	

ST. AUSTELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SANITARY INSPECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the St. Austell U.D.C.
Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my fourth Annual Report covering the year ended December 31st 1941.

During the year the activities of the Public Health Department owing to the existing conditions of national emergency were in the main carried out under the Public Health Acts and the other law pertaining to matters of public health for the control of various premises used as Factories, Dairies and Cowsheds etc., and where infectious disease occur. Housing and Slum Clearance having to be left in abeyance. Thus a total of 4126 visits were paid in carrying out the year's work which included a not inconsiderable number of visits to premises used for accommodating the influx of evacuees to the urban area.

The principal items of the report are set out in classified order as follows:-

1. SLUM CLEARANCE.

By Circular 1866 issued by the Ministry of Health in 1939, all housing schemes and programmes were cancelled for duration of the war.

2. HOUSING : RECONDITIONING.

Owing to shortage of building materials, housing repairs have been considerably restricted and only those of an urgent character are now carried out. No 'Certificates of Fitness' were issued during the year. Owing to the unavoidable restricted working of the general provisions of the Housing Act in the main inspection upon complaint of and consequent works of repairs to houses have been carried out under the appropriate provisions of the Public Health Acts.

3. HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACTS.

There were no applications for Financial Assistance under the above Acts during the year. Two schemes commenced in the previous year were completed in 1941.

4. MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

Meat inspection formed a formidable task and the number of carcasses inspected viz: 14,862 shows only a slight decrease of 207 on the previous year when all previous records were eclipsed.

The 4 Private Slaughterhouses requisitioned by the Ministry of Food in January 1940 were continually used throughout the year for the slaughter of all animals sent from various Markets for consumption by the inhabitants of the St. Austell Urban and Rural Areas and also of Fowey Borough which town was added to the Scheme in 1941.

I would again emphasise that the centralised Slaughtering Scheme has brought upon your Council a great and increased responsibility as all meat slaughtered in the St. Austell Slaughterhouses has to be inspected by your Inspectors who have of necessity had to carry out the major part of such inspections during the evening and on Saturday afternoons and Sundays during the hot summer months.

The following figures show in detail the quantities of meat inspected during the year:-

<u>Bovines.</u>	3755
Bulls.	19
Bullocks.	2464
Cows.	468
Calves.	804
<u>Sheep.</u>	9013
<u>Pigs.</u>	2094
Total no. of carcasses	<u>14862</u>

Cottager's Pigs.

In addition to the above 188 visits were paid to premises where Cottagers' Pigs were being slaughtered under the Ministry of Food's Permit. 163 pigs were slaughtered and inspections made thereof.

Meat Condemned.

As a result of the inspections made during the year, the following carcasses and organs were condemned:-

TUBERCULOSIS.

- (a) Bovines.....
- 17 Carcasses and all Organs.
 - Portions of 2 carcasses and all Organs.
 - 1 Fore-quarter of Cow carcass.
 - 98 Sets Bovine Lungs.
 - 28 Bovine Livers.
 - 25 Bovine Head and Tongues.
 - 14 Bovine Hearts.
 - 23 Bovine Skirts.
 - 7 Bovine Heads.
 - 6 Bovine Plucks.
 - 9 Sets Bovine Offal.
 - 3 Bovine Mesenteric Fats.
 - 1 Bovine Spleen.
 - 3 Calves' Plucks.
 - 1 Calf's Liver.
 - 15 lbs of top fore-rib.

- (b) Pigs.....
- 1 Headless Carcass.
 - 1 Sow Carcass and all Organs.
 - 96 Pigs' Heads.
 - 6 Pigs' Plucks.
 - 2 Sets Pigs' Lungs.
 - 1 Pig's Liver.

- CIRRHOSIS.
- 12 Bovine Livers - 3 Sheeps' Livers.
 - 3 Sheeps' Plucks - 3 Pigs' Livers.

- CAVERNOUS ANGIOMA.
- 21 Bovine Livers.

- DISTOMATOSIS.
- 15 Bovine Livers - 25 Sheeps' Livers.

- MULTIPLE ABSCESSSES.
- 5 Bovine Livers.

- ABSCESSSES.
- 8 Bovine Livers. - 1 Set Bovine Lungs.
 - 1 Bovine Spleen - 1 Pig's Head.
 - 1 Fore-quarter of veal.

<u>DROPSY.</u>	1 Casualty Heifer Carcase and all Organs. 1 Lamb Carcase with Head and Pluck. 2 Sheep Carcases.
<u>PLEURISY.</u>	1 Set Bovine Lungs. 2 Sheep Carcases and all Organs. 16 Sheep Plucks. 9 Pigs' Plucks.
<u>NECROSIS.</u>	3 Bovine Livers - 3 Sheeps' Livers.
<u>BRUISING.</u>	1 Cow Carcase and all Organs. 1 Contact Pig Carcase. 1 Casualty Sheep Carcase and all Organs. 357 lbs of beef from various Carcases. 69 lbs of pork from various pig carcases. 11 Pigs' Legs - 1 Fore Leg of Pork. 2 Portions of Hind Legs of Casualty Pig Carcase. 42 lbs of loin of mutton.
<u>STRONGYLUS RUFESCENS.</u>	12 Sets of Sheeps' Lungs. 33 Sheeps' Livers. 9 Sheeps' Plucks.
<u>ACTINOMYCOSIS.</u>	8 Bovine Head & Tongues - 3 Bovine Heads.
<u>SEPTICEMIA.</u>	1 Pig Carcase.
<u>NEPHRITIS.</u>	1 Pair Bovine Kidneys - 1 Pair Calf's Kidneys.
<u>PYEMIA.</u>	1 Bovine Liver.
<u>OEDEMA.</u>	1 Set Bovine Lungs.
<u>CYSTS.</u>	1 Sheep's Liver - 1 Sheep's Pluck.
<u>CARCINOMA.</u>	1 Sheep's Liver.
<u>CLOUDY SWELLING.</u>	2 Sheeps' Livers. - 5 Bovine Livers.
<u>PERICARDITIS.</u>	4 Bovine Hearts.
<u>EMPHYSEMA.</u>	4 Sets Bovine Lungs.
<u>BRONCHITIS.</u>	3 Sets Bovine Lungs.
<u>PERITONITIS.</u>	1 Bovine Thick Skirt. 2 Sheeps' Plucks - 1 Pig's Pluck.
<u>FEVERED AND MORIBUND CONDITION.</u>	5 Sheep Carcases and all Organs. 1 Casualty Lamb Carcase. 1 Bobby Calf Carcase.
<u>JOHNES DISEASE.</u>	1 Casualty Steer Carcase and all Organs.
<u>EMACIATION.</u>	2 Cow Carcases and all Organs. 1 Stirk Carcase and all Organs. 4 Ewe Carcases.
<u>SEPTIC METRITIS.</u>	1 Ewe Carcase.
<u>FATTY DEGENERATION.</u>	1 Pig's Pluck - 2 Pigs' Livers.

<u>PNEUMONIA.</u>	1 Calf's Pluck. - 4 Sheeps' Plucks.
<u>RHEUMATISM.</u>	1 Small Pig Carcase.
<u>MYOCARDITIS.</u>	1 Bovine Heart,
<u>BLOOD EXTRAVASATIONS.</u>	1 Set of Bovine Lungs.
<u>SEVERE INJURIES OWING TO ENEMY ACTION.</u>	
	3 Ewe Carcases and all Organs.
	1 Bovine Head and tongue.
<u>OTHER INJURIES.</u>	12 lbs of Shoulder of Casualty Steer Carcase.
	8 lbs. of Leg of Pork.

Other Foods.

326 visits were paid to food storage premises and shops etc., during the year, this being an increase of 223 on the previous year. Large consignments of food were inspected and as a result the following were condemned:-

237 lbs of beef.	Bone taint and putrefied.
1 cwt bag of rice.	Unwholesome.
1 Green Boneless Ham.	Decomposing.
4 lbs rasher collar bacon.	Decomposing and bone taint.
8 oz, fore hock.	decomposing and bone taint.
32 lbs pork sausages.	decomposing and mould growth.
9 lbs pastry margarine.	Stale and rancid.
17 lbs dried figs.	Mouldy and fermented.
1-27 lb. box Turkey Figs.	Stale, mouldy and unmarketable.
46 tins Condensed Milk.	Blown and decomposing.
1 tin Diced Carrots.	Blown.
30 lbs cooked tripe.	Decomposing.
336 lbs Eating Potatoes.	Potato disease and decomposition.
408 lbs English Tomatoes.	Disease, crushed and fungus growth.
36 lbs Cheddar Cheese.	Mouldy and decomposition.
12-4lb tins of Pressed Brisket.	Blown and decomposing.
1 tin Sardines.	Punctured and damaged.
47 tins Pineapple Slices.	Blown.
1-3 lb tin Meat Roll.	Decomposing and mould growth.
1-6 lb tin of Pork Luncheon Meat.	Mould growth.
1-6 lb tin of Lunch Tongue.	Blown and damaged.

5. FISH INSPECTION.

No fish were exported during the year but numerous visits were paid to fishmongers' premises and as a result 4½ cwt of salt cod fillets found to be decomposing and unwholesome was condemned and disposed of.

6. MILK AND DAIRIES.

During the year a total of 39 Dairies, Cowkeepers' and Milk Producers' premises were inspected in addition to numerous re-inspections made of such premises.

Under the provisions of the Milk (Special Designations) Order 1936, there were 3 farms producing Tuberculin Tested Milk and 5 farms producing Accredited Milk - all under licence of the County Council.

Pasteurised milk is distributed in the St. Austell and St. Blazey districts by the respective District Co-operative Societies under licence of the Urban District Council, such milk being obtained from the Co-operative Society's factory at Penryn whose plant is up-to-date and efficient.

7. WATER SUPPLIES.

A total of 5 samples of water were collected from private supplies during the year and submitted to Dr. Hocking, County Pathologist, Truro for chemical and bacteriological examination.

8. FACTORIES. ACT 1937.

25 visits were paid to factory premises in the area chiefly in connection with the provision of sanitary accommodation under the Sanitary Accommodation Order 1938 and as a result of such visits 5 new sanitary conveniences have been constructed.

9. CAMPING SITES.

There were no applications for camping licences during 1941.

10. RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Numerous visits were paid in connection with rivers and streams in order to locate and abate nuisances from pollution by house drains etc. in the more rural areas.

11. ERADICATION OF BED-BUGS AND VERMINOUS PREMISES.

There was one case of bed-bug infestation during the year, the necessary disinfection being carried out.

The number of verminous premises inspected viz: 91 shows a large increase on the previous year. Steps were taken in each case for a thorough disinfection including steam sterilisation of beds and bedding etc.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Visits relative to infectious disease prevention has taken up considerable time during the year 1941. Each case notified was dealt with immediately necessitating 617 visits being paid in connection with infected premises, the necessary particulars being obtained and disinfection carried out as found necessary.

12. SCHOOLS.

Numerous visits were made to various Elementary Schools relative to complaints etc. All the Schools are under the administrative control of the Cornwall County Council.

13. EVACUATION.

A considerable number of visits have been made to premises in connection with the housing and care of the evacuee population that has been received within the area.

14. STAFF.

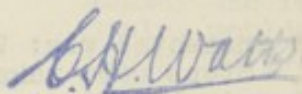
The Pupil/Assistant Sanitary Inspector, J.C.Gribble volunteered for and was accepted into H.M.Forces in April 1941. Mr.F.L.V.Friend, Additional Sanitary Inspector resigned his appointment with your Council in April having been successful in being appointed Sanitary Inspector to the Christchurch Borough Council where he took up his duties on the 1st May 1941.

Mr.L.H.Sturtridge, late Pupil/Assistant Sanitary Inspector was appointed to succeed Mr.Friend as Additional Sanitary Inspector and commenced his duties in the Office on 1st June 1941, since which time Mr.Sturtridge has proved himself to be a most capable and valued Sanitary Inspector. Mr.O.Parnell, Pupil/Assistant Sanitary Inspector since February 1939, has rendered most valuable service throughout the year which has been much appreciated particularly when I was left for a while without qualified assistance upon the resignation of Mr.Friend. Mr.I.Blackmore was articleed as an additional Pupil/Assistant Sanitary Inspector in June 1941 and the assistance I have so far received from him has been much appreciated.

15. CONCLUSION.

I would now take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the members of the Council for the support given me during the year and to Dr.Moore for his invaluable support and co-operation at all times, Mr.Dobell and Mr.Groves and all other members of the Staff for their willing co-operation throughout the year.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient Servant,



Senior Sanitary Inspector.

Public Health Department,
Municipal Offices,
Truro Road,
ST.AUSTELL.

TABLE NO.1.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

Housing Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	130.
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	451.
Drainage Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	539.
Slaughterhouse Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	789.
Meat Regulations, including Cottagers' Pigs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	326.
Dairies, Cowsheds etc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39.
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	617.
Verminous Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	91.
Factories and Workshops..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25.
Tents, Vans etc.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8.
Shops and Ice-cream premises...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66.
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53.
Petroleum & Carbide	176.
Special Visits re. Complaints..	270.
Miscellaneous	546.
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TABLE NO. 2.

STATUTORY AND INFORMAL NOTICES.

The following Table shows the action taken to secure the abatement of nuisances and the removal of conditions dangerous or injurious to health.

<u>NOTICES.</u>	<u>NO. SERVED.</u>	<u>COMPLIED WITH</u>	<u>WORK DONE BY THE COUNCIL IN DEFAULT.</u>
INFORMAL.	95.	93.	-
STATUTORY.	<u>13.</u>	<u>10.</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	<u>108.</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>3</u>

A SUMMARY OF STATUTORY NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR.

Public Health Act 1936 - Section 39	...	...	...	...	...	8
Public Health Act 1936 - Section 44	...	...	...	...	...	1
Public Health Act 1936 - Section 93	1
Housing Act 1936 - Section 9	2
Housing Act 1936 - Section 12	1

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TABLE NO 5.

DRAINAGE, SANITARY CONVENIENCES AND MISCELLANEOUS WORKS.

1.	No. houses and premises re-drained ...	37.
2.	Repairs or amendments to existing drains ...	19.
3.	Drains or gullies unstopped and cleansed ...	78.
4.	Length in yards stoneware drains laid ...	955.
5.	Manholes provided... ..	36.
6.	New manhole covers.. ..	37.
7.	Intercepting traps fixed.. ..	40.
8.	New gully traps fixed	20.
9.	Soil-pipes and vent shafts fixed	5.
10.	Soil-pipes and vent shafts repaired... ..	1.
11.	Water tests applied.	15.
12.	Smoke tests applied.	45.
13.	Lengths in yards iron drain laid	13.
14.	New W.C.accommodations provided.	23.
15.	New W.C.apartments provided	17.
16.	New W.C.pedestals provided	33.
17.	W.C.'s cleansed and repaired	7.
18.	New flushing cisterns provided.. ..	26.
19.	Flushing cisterns repaired	15.
20.	Baths provided.	1.
21.	Sinks provided.	12.
22.	New waste pipes provided	8.
23.	Existing waste pipes trapped	3.
24.	Pail closets and/or middens abolished.	7.

Miscellaneous.

1.	Houses provided with through ventilation	6.
2.	New roofs provided.. ..	5.
3.	Roofs repaired	17.
4.	Eaves gutters renewed or repaired	30.
5.	Stack pipes provided	4.
6.	Stack pipes disconnected or repaired.. ..	3.
7.	Damp walls remedied.	36.
8.	Ventilation under floors provided	12.
9.	Yards paved... ..	24.
10.	Yards repaired	16.
11.	Floors of rooms repaired.. ..	21.
12.	Floors of rooms relaid	30.
13.	Rooms cleansed and redecorated.. ..	46.
14.	New windows provided	30.
15.	Windows repaired and/or made to open.. ..	19.
16.	Plaster of walls or ceilings repaired.	43.
17.	Doors repaired or renewed.	19.
18.	Ventilated food stores provided.	4.
19.	Staircases provided or repaired.	3.
20.	Water service pipes repaired	5.
21.	Dustbins provided... ..	2.
22.	Nuisances - animals.	10.
23.	do - accum. of manure	13.
24.	do - refuse.. ..	30.
25.	Workrooms cleansed and repaired.	2.
26.	Bakehouses cleansed.	3.
27.	Cowsheds and dairies cleansed... ..	31.
28.	Fish fryers premises cleansed... ..	5.
29.	Grates, ranges, coppers renewed or repaired.	22.
30.	Insufficient water supply.	4.
31.	Rooms disinfected	250.

TABLE NO. 4.

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year.

(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	.....	130
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	.....	581

2. Action under Statutory Powers during year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936.		
1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	.....	2
2. Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice		
(a) By Owners	.....	1
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	.....	1
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	.....	Nil
(c) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936.	.....	Nil
(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.	.....	1

3. Housing Act 1936 - Overcrowding.

(a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year.	.....	58
Number of families dwelling therein.	.....	58
Number of persons dwelling therein.	.....	357½
(b) Number of new cases reported during year.	.....	0
(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.	.....	0
(d) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report.	.....	Nil.

1. Analysis of Evidence - General

- (a) Total number of exhibits - 100
- (b) Number of exhibits - 100

2. Analysis of Evidence - Specific

- (a) Exhibits 1-100
- (b) Exhibits 101-200
- (c) Exhibits 201-300
- (d) Exhibits 301-400
- (e) Exhibits 401-500
- (f) Exhibits 501-600
- (g) Exhibits 601-700
- (h) Exhibits 701-800
- (i) Exhibits 801-900
- (j) Exhibits 901-1000

3. Analysis of Evidence - Summary

- (a) Exhibits 1-100
- (b) Exhibits 101-200
- (c) Exhibits 201-300
- (d) Exhibits 301-400
- (e) Exhibits 401-500
- (f) Exhibits 501-600
- (g) Exhibits 601-700
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