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ST. AUSTELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the St. Austell Urban District Council.
Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my sixth Annual Report for the year ended the 31st December 1942.

This report is the ninth covering the enlarged St. Austell Urban District which has an area of 18,288 acres and an estimated population of 24,060.

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 the necessary particulars under this head being given in his report which is appended hereto.

Briefly the year 1942 passed fairly smoothly without undue ill-health or any abnormal anxieties. There is one point that I think the Ministry should understand; that even in writing of the year 1942 I have been gravely concerned by the absence of adequate housing accommodation and I hope that in writing my next report it will be possible for me to report the re-commencement of our pre-war housing scheme.

The Vital Statistics for the year are of interest. The death rate is higher than last year and is also higher than for England and Wales while the birth rate is higher than for 1941. The number of infectious disease cases notified viz: 117 shows a decrease of 81 on the previous year.

Diphtheria immunisation was continued during the year and 1,963 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 1942, particulars being as follows :-

	Scarlet Fever		Diphtheria		Total
	M	F	M	F	
No. in Hospital on 1.1.42	4	5	5	-	14
No. admitted during year.	5	7	43	42	95
No. discharged during year.	6	11	47	42	106
No. in hospital on 31.12.42.	1	1	1	-	3
Deaths.			1	3	3

Patients admitted to the Isolation Hospital during the year were from the following districts:

	St. Austell Urban		St. Austell Rural		Wadebridge R.	
	Scarlet	Diph.	Scarlet	Diph.	Scarlet	Diph.
	7	39	2	21	1	25
No. of evacuees included in the above figures.		4			1	3

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

1. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA:

Area .....	.....	.....	18,268 acres.
Population .....	.....	.....	24,060.
Inhabited houses..	.....	.....	7,250 (approx).
Rateable Value ...	.....	.....	£111,830 (31.3.43).
Product of ld rate	.....	.....	£440.16.6d (31.3.43).
General Rate .....	.....	.....	12/6d in the £.
Water Rate .....	.....	.....	2/0d in the £.

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

Table 1 on Page 7 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 1942 is 13.79 per thousand of population. This is an increase on the previous when the rate was 13.33 per thousand and it is also higher than that for England and Wales which for 1942 is 11.6 per thousand.

Births.

The Birth Rate for 1942 is 14.13 this figure being higher than the previous year but lower than that for England and Wales viz: 15.8 per thousand. A total of 340 live births were registered during the year 172 males and 168 females. A total of 17 of these births were illegitimate viz: 9 males and 8 females.

Infantile Mortality.

There were 15 deaths of infants under 1 year of age, 9 males and 6 females giving an infantile mortality rate of 42.37 per thousand registered births and 44.11 per thousand live births, these rates being slightly higher than for the last year viz: 42.23 per thousand and 44 per thousand respectively.

3. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year 1942 infectious disease notifications were received as follows :-

Scarlet Fever .....	.....	.....	6.
Diphtheria .....	.....	.....	51.
Pneumonia. ....	.....	.....	7.
Puerperal Pyrexia. ....	.....	.....	3.
Erysipelas .....	.....	.....	5.
Whooping Cough.....	.....	.....	14.
Measles....	.....	.....	2.
Non-pulmonary tuberculosis	.....	.....	5.
Pulmonary tuberculosis....	.....	.....	24.

TOTAL.. 117

Scarlet Fever.

Six cases of Scarlet Fever occurred during the year as against a total of 33 notified during 1941. One case being of the mild type was nursed at home but the other 5 were removed to the Trelawney Isolation Hospital. There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever.

Diphtheria.

Fifty-one cases of diphtheria were notified during 1942 as against 23 last year. Twelve cases were nursed at home and 39 removed to the Trelawney Infectious Disease Hospital. Four cases being of the severe type proved fatal viz: 1 male and 3 females.

During 1942, 555 children under 5 years and 1408 between 5 and 15 years of age were inoculated against diphtheria. Taking into account the numbers inoculated before that date, I estimate that 50% of those under 5 years of age and 74% of those between 5 and 15 years of age have been inoculated.

No actual figures are available as to the numbers inoculated before coming to this area from elsewhere so that I think it may be assumed that the actual percentage of the present child population who have been immunised is higher than the figure stated.

In addition to these children, a large number of adults have been immunised.

Tuberculosis.

There were 29 cases of Tuberculosis notified during 1942, 24 Pulmonary and 5 Non-pulmonary, this being a decrease of 7 on the previous year. There were 13 deaths from tuberculosis of which 4 were males and 9 females. The average age at death of males was 47 and of females 29 years.

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 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. During the year the following bacteriological examinations were carried out :-

St. Austell Urban	{ Swabs	444.
	{ Sputums	46.
Trelawney I.D.H.		477.
St. Austell Rural	{ Swabs	132.
	{ Sputums	6.
TOTAL		<u>1105.</u>

Had all these specimens been sent to a laboratory the total cost would have been £138.2.6d. Bacteriological

specimens other than for T.B. or diphtheria 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 Services are 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 2 local Clinics established by the Cornwall County Council. The Clinic in Moorland Road is used for the numerous health services under the direction of the County Council viz: Ante-Natal, Minor ailments, Orthopaedic, Infant Welfare, Dental and Eye. The building is also permanently staffed as a Civil Defence (Fixed) First Aid Post and First Aid Post Staff assist with minor ailments. There is also a Tuberculosis Dispensary.

(e) Hospitals, Public & Voluntary.

The St. Austell & 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 approximately 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 in Par has still to serve the needs of the district and I would again emphasise that the time has now arrived when a more modern and convenient building more centrally placed should be provided to serve such a large Urban District as St. Austell.

Five emergency mortuaries have been established at suitable points throughout the district with the necessary equipment and a staff of volunteers to man them.

5. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(a) Water Supply.

The water supply of the Area has been maintained and further development of the principal service has been carried out. A scheme for using Lantern Pit as a source of supply was prepared and received Ministry of Health approval during the year.

Regular sampling of water for bacteriological examination was carried out at weekly intervals 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. Collection of kitchen waste for pig feeding continued 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 under the control of the Cornwall County Council.

8. EVACUATION.

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

The Sick Bay of 20 beds which was established by the Ministry at the Grove, Charlestown was used for acute medical and minor surgical cases in the first instance. Later a number of asthmatics were admitted on a permanent basis. The number of acute cases was disappointingly low and in consequence in order that the Sick Bay might be fully utilised it was thrown open to cases of scabies, impetigo etc and evacuee women were admitted as well as children.

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 ex-colleagues the late Messrs. Dobell and Groves and also to Mr. Danbury and Thurlow for their helpful co-operation and support.

I am particularly grateful to Mr. Watts and Mr. Sturtridge for their valued assistance.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

J. Stephen Moore
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.	Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria.	Influenza.	Smallpox.	Measles.	Dysentery and Enteritis (under 2 years).	Total deaths (under 1 year).
England and Wales	15.8	0.54	11.6	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.09	0.00	0.01	5.2	49
126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London ...	17.3	0.66	13.3	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.09	0.00	0.02	7.5	59
148 Smaller Towns (Resident Population 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	18.4	0.62	12.1	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.10	0.00	0.01	4.8	46
London Administrative County.	14.0	0.48	13.9	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.07	0.00	0.01	8.3	60
St. Austell	14.1	0.58	13.7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.0	44

TABLE NO.2.

TOTAL DEATHS.

ALL CAUSES	M.	F.
	169.	172.
1. Typhoid and parat. fevers	-	-
2. Cerebro-spinal fevers	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	-	-
5. Diphtheria	1	3
6. Respiratory Tuberculosis	4	5
7. Other Tuberculosis	4	2
8. Syphilitic diseases	2	-
9. Influenza	1	-
10. Measles	-	-
11. Cancer	27	27
12. Diabetes	2	3
13. Cerebral Haemorrhage	10	18
14. Heart diseases	35	39
15. Encephalitis Lethargica	-	-
16. Various Circulatory Diseases	7	7
17. Bronchitis	7	4
18. Pneumonia	6	7
19. Other Respiratory Diseases	1	5
20. Peptic ulcer	2	-
21. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	-	-
22. Appendicitis	1	-
23. Other digestive diseases	4	5
24. Acute and Chronic Nephritis	10	10
25. Puerperal sepsis	-	-
26. Other Puerperal Diseases	-	1
27. Congenital debility, premature birth etc.	7	7
28. Suicide	-	-
29. Road traffic accidents	1	1
30. Other violent causes	6	3
31. All other causes	22	25

TABLE NO.3.

INFANTILE MORTALITY 1942.

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 12 mhs
Congenital Causes.	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Premature Birth.	6	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	6
Broncho-pneumonia.	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	3
Malformation.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Haemorrhage.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Convulsions.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Asphyxia.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS.	11	1	-	-	13	2	1	-	-	15

TABLE NO.4.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1942.

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
5	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	...
15	3	3	...	2	...	3	...	...
25	2	5	...	1	...	3	...	2
35	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...
55	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
65 & upwards.	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
TOTALS	13	11	...	5	3	7	1	2

TABLE No.5.

RAINFALL 1942.

Month.	Rainfall.	No. of days on which rain fell.	Largest fall in 24 hours.
January	6.09	24	1.16
February	.56	7	.27
March	4.38	15	1.79
April	2.35	13	.59
May	8.46	21	1.37
June	.63	4	.28
July	3.21	17	.76
August	3.36	21	.46
September	4.26	17	.93
October	3.68	19	.70
November	1.09	11	.23
December	6.44	27	.89
TOTAL	44.51	196	
TOTAL 1941	42.95	199	

ST. AUSTELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SANITARY INSPECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the St. Austell U.D.C.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my fifth Annual Report covering the year ended December 31st 1942.

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 & Cowsheds etc. and where infectious diseases occur, housing and slum clearance having to be left in abeyance. Thus a total of 4,353 visits were paid in carrying out the year's work including those visits paid to premises used for accommodating the influx of evacuees and refugees from blitzed areas to this urban area.

Much attention has had to be given to house drainage works in the area generally throughout the year consequent upon the steady inflow of complaints received of nuisances existing caused by choked and/or defective drainage systems.

Food inspection has ranked largely in the work of the Public Health Department during the year as under the Ministry of Food Control Schemes, by mutual arrangement with the Ministry of Health, all foods suggested as being unfit for human consumption must be inspected by the Local Authority's qualified Food Inspectors and the necessary official Condemnation Certificate issued.

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 during the present emergency.

It should be noted with alarm as to the number of houses urgently required within the urban area to house the number of genuine applicants for house accommodation that are continually calling at the Council's Offices pleading for suitable and sufficient accommodation in which to decently house their young and growing families so as to relieve such families of the present slum condition which they have had to endure all along.

2. HOUSING - RECONDITIONING.

Owing to such enforced restrictions on housing inspections and other wartime restrictions appertaining to housing reconditioning the state of disrepair of the working-class type of dwellings in the area is to be regretted and it is to be hoped that in the not distant future conditions of central control of building operations of all types will be relieved to such an extent for the securing of a better and more fluid state of building materials and labour so that property owners can more reasonably have building repairs carried out to their respective properties.

3. HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACTS.

There were no applications for financial assistance under the above Acts during the year 1942.

<u>PHLEBIA.</u>	7 Bovine Livers. - 1 Bovine Heart. 1 Set Bovine Lungs. - 1 Pig's Pluck.
<u>FATTY INFILTRATION.</u>	2 Bovine Livers. - 3 Pig's Livers. 3 Sheep Plucks.
<u>FATTY DEGENERATION.</u>	3 Bovine Livers. - 3 Sheep Livers. 4 Sheep Plucks. - 2 Pig's Plucks.
<u>NECROSIS.</u>	4 Bovine Livers.
<u>MELANOSIS.</u>	2 Bovine Livers.
<u>PLEURISY.</u>	3 Bovine Plucks. - 12 Sheep Plucks. 1 Pig's Pluck. - 1 Set Pig's Lungs. 1 Pig's Heart. - 2 Targets of Mutton.
<u>PERITONITIS.</u>	12 Sets of Stomachs and Intestines (Bovine). 6 Sets of Bovine Offal. 4 Sheep Plucks. - 1 Bovine Thick Skirt. 130 lbs of flank and loin beef.
<u>BRUISING.</u>	370 lbs of hind-quarter beef. 38 lbs of fore-quarter beef. 248 lbs of beef (various joints). 10 lbs of hind-leg of veal. 88 lbs of pork.
<u>DROPSY & EMACIATION.</u>	7 Sheep Carcasses and all Organs. 1 Casualty Steer Carcase & all Organs. 1 Pig Carcase and all Organs.
<u>DECOMPOSITION.</u>	2 Sets of Bovine Stomachs & Intestines. 2 Sets of Pig Stomachs & Intestines. 1 Set of Sheep Stomachs & Intestines. 825 lbs of bull beef.
<u>JOHNIE DISEASE.</u>	1 Set of Bovine Stomachs & Intestines.
<u>STRONGILUS RUFESCENS</u>	38 Sheep Livers. - 31 Sheep Plucks.
<u>SEPTIC PNEUMONIA.</u>	1 Sheep Carcase & all Organs.
<u>PNEUMONIA.</u>	1 Set Bovine Lungs. - 7 Sheep Plucks.
<u>ACTINOMYCOSIS.</u>	13 Bovine Heads and Tongues.
<u>OEDEMA.</u>	1 Set Bovine Lungs.
<u>EMPHYSEMA.</u>	3 Sets Bovine Lungs.
<u>MYOCARDITIS.</u>	1 Bovine Heart & Thick Skirt.
<u>COENURUS CEREBRALIS.</u>	2 Sheep Heads.
<u>ASPHYXIATION.</u>	1 Casualty Cow Carcase and all Organs.
<u>CYST. TENUICOLLIS.</u>	1 Sheep Pluck.
<u>IMMATUREITY.</u>	2 Casualty Lamb Carcasses and all Organs.
<u>HYPERPLASIA.</u>	1 Set of Bovine Lungs.
<u>MASTITIS.</u>	1 Cow's Udder.

FEVERED AND SEPTIC.

1 Casualty Pig Carcase.
Portions of a Heifer Carcase.
1 Bovine Head & Tongue.
1 Set of Bovine Lungs.
321 lbs of cow beef.

FEVER AND EMACIATION.

1 Casualty Cow Carcase and all Organs.

FEVERED & MORIBUND.

1 Steer Carcase & all Organs.
1 Sheep Carcase & all Organs.

CARCINOMA & ADVANCED
EMACIATION.

1 Casualty Cow Carcase and all Organs.
10 lbs of hind-quarter beef.

Other Foods.

404 visits have been paid to food storage premises and food shops etc. during the year 1942 and large consignments of food were inspected. As a result, the following items were condemned :-

592 tins of meat (Various brands & sizes)....	Blown, damaged, leaking & decomposing.
555 tins of milk (Various brands & sizes)....	Blown, punctured, tins perished, leaking and decomposing.
270 tins of fruit (Various brands & sizes)....	Blown, punctured and leaking.
266 tins of vegetables (- do -)....	Blown, punctured and leaking.
102 tins of fish (Various brands & sizes)....	Blown, damaged, tins perished and leaking.
195 lbs of bacon (Various cuts).....	Bruised, decomposed, soft & unmarketable.
69½ lbs of cheese (Various makes).....	Mouldy, decomposed & mite infested.
64 lbs of Granulated Sugar	Fouled with dirt, rats & extraneous matter.
98 - 8 oz tins Lingford's Yorkshire Pudding..	Damp, soured and mite infested.
7 cwt plums (3 different brands).....	Crushed, decomposed & contaminated with cement.
24 lbs of tea (2 different brands).....	Damaged, damp and fouled with dirt.
28 lb bag of carrots.....	Decomposed & putrid.
32 lbs of Patras Sun Dried Currants.....	Contaminated by rats.
70 lbs of Irak dates.....	Contaminated with Creosote.
49 lbs of yeast.....	Advanced decomposition & foul smelling.
12 lbs of Self-Raising Flour.....	Soured and covered with mould growth.
10 lbs of Date Slab Cake.....	Soured with green fungus.
8 - 2 lb tins of Margarine.....	Rancid & tins leaking.
1 - 1 lb bottle of Pickles.....	Broken and soured.
1 - 2 lb jar Malt Extract with Cod Liver Oil.	Mould growths.
5 - 4 oz tins of Colman's Mustard.....	Soured & decomposing.
1 - 2 lb tin of Lyle's Golden Syrup.....	Punctured & leaking.
5 pots of jam (2 different sizes & kinds)....	Broken & fouled with dirt.
3 jars of Sauce (2 different kinds).....	Decomposed.
6½ tons of potatoes.....	Fit for animal feeding.

- 87 - 6 oz packets of Emergency Biscuits.... rancid.
88 - 3½ oz boxes of St. Ivel Cheese..... decomposed & foul smelling.

Coastal Belt Stocks & Food condemned as a result of Enemy Action.

- 28 - 15 lb tins of Welfare Biscuits damaged & fouled.
7 tins of Margarine fouled with extraneous matter.
6 lbs of lard contaminated with dirt.
100 lbs of Tate & Lyle Granulated Sugar ... Damaged & fouled.
113 tins of Milk Damaged, punctured and leaking.

5. FISH INSPECTION.

No fish were exported during the year but numerous visits were paid to fishmongers' premises inspecting consignments of fish exposed for sale.

6. MILK & DAIRIES.

During the year 1942, a total of 146 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) Orders 1936 & 1938, there were 3 farms producing Tuberculin Tested Milk and 5 Farms producing Accredited Milk - all under licence of the Cornwall Council 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 where the pasteurising plant is now subject to regular inspection by the appropriate Government Departments.

7. WATER SUPPLIES.

One sample of water was collected from a private supply during the year, such sample being submitted to Dr. Hocking, County Pathologist, Truro for chemical and bacteriological examination.

8. FACTORIES ACT 1937.

35 visits were paid to factory premises in the area chiefly in connection with the provision of sanitary accommodation under the Sanitary Accommodation Order 1938.

Special attention has had to be given to factory premises which have become engaged on specialised war industry and necessitating a great influx of both male and female employees. Consequently six new sanitary conveniences have been provided on suitable sites with due regard for separation of sexes to meet the requirements of the Act and the Order of 1938.

9. CAMPING SITES.

There were no applications for camping licences during the year 1942.

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 rural areas of the district.

11. ERADICATION OF BED-BUGS AND VERMINOUS PREMISES.

There was no case of bed-bug infestation during 1942.

The number of verminous premises inspection viz: 63 shows a large decrease on the previous year. Steps were taken in each case for a thorough disinfection including in some cases, steam sterilisation of beds and bedding.

Rats & Mice (Destruction) Act 1919.

Although the Council have not been delegated by the County Authority to administer this Act within the Urban Area, a lot of time has been spent in investigating complaints of rat infestation of premises used mostly for the storage of foodstuffs and informal action taken against the various occupiers for the extermination of the pests. At this juncture it may be well to mention that the Minister of Food brought into force in May 1943 the (Rats & Mice) Infestation Order 1943, whereunder the Minister has launched a National Campaign through the Local Authorities to exterminate the growing rat and mice population in the country as a major protection of the storage of the nation's food stocks.

12. INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Visits in connection with infectious disease prevention took up a considerable amount of time in 1942. Each case notified was dealt with immediately and 473 visits were paid to the premises affected. Thorough investigation was made of each case and disinfection carried out where necessary.

13. SCHOOLS.

Visits were made to elementary schools relative to complaints etc. received. All the Schools are under the administrative control of the Cornwall County Council.

14. EVACUATION.

A considerable number of visits have been paid to premises in connection with the housing and care of the evacuee and Refugee population that has been received within the area. Several houses, which were requisitioned for evacuees have been inspected and essential repairs executed.

15. STAFF.

Mr. L.H. Sturtridge, Additional Sanitary Inspector to the Council was successful in passing the Meat & Food Inspectors Examination which was held in London in January 1942 and is now a fully-qualified Meat and Food Inspector.

Mr. Owen Parnell, Pupil/Assistant Sanitary Inspector passed the Examination of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors Examination Joint Board in March 1942, thus qualifying as a Sanitary Inspector. In December 1942 Mr. Parnell was appointed as Temporary Assistant Sanitary Inspector to the Derby County Council and commenced his duties with that Authority in January 1943.

~~Mr. I.H. Blackmore, Pupil/Assistant Sanitary Inspector joined the Services in June 1942.~~

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, Messrs. Danbury, Thurlow and Saunders and all other members of the Staff for their willing co-operation throughout the year.

I would also express my appreciation for the valuable and esteemed help received at all times from the late Messrs. Dobell & Groves.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

G. H. Watts.

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

Public Health Department,
Municipal Offices,
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TABLE NO. 1.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

Housing Visits ...	...	...	...	...	68.
Re-inspections ...	...	...	...	...	676.
Drainage Visits...	...	...	...	...	1076.
Slaughterhouse Visits...	...	...	...	...	813.
Meat Regulations, including Cottagers' Pigs	...	...	...	...	124.
Food Shops...	...	...	...	...	289.
Dairies & Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	146.
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	473.
Vernacular Premises	...	...	...	...	63.
Factories & Workshops...	...	...	...	...	43.
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	...	...	...	...	44.
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	38.
Petroleum & Carbide	...	...	...	...	119.
Rats & Mice Infestations	...	...	...	...	76.
Schools	...	...	...	...	4.
Food Decontamination	...	...	...	...	54.
Special Visits Re: Complaints.	...	...	...	...	52.
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	185.
TOTAL.					<u>4343.</u>

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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.	114.	110.	-
Statutory.	3.	2.	-
Total.	<u>117.</u>	<u>112.</u>	<u>-</u>

STATUTORY NOTICES SERVED DURING YEAR.

Public Health Act 1936: Section 93 3.

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TABLE NO. 5.

DRAINAGE, SANITARY CONVENIENCES & MISCELLANEOUS WORKS.

1. No. houses and premises re-drained ...	...	...	...	30.
2. Repairs or amendments to existing drains ...	...	...	...	18.
3. Drains or gullies unstopped and cleansed ...	...	...	...	101.
4. Length in yards of stoneware drains laid ...	...	...	...	365.
5. Manholes provided... ..	...	...	...	36.
6. New manhole covers.	...	...	...	36.
7. Intercepting traps fixed.	...	...	...	6.
8. New gully traps fixed	...	...	...	39.
9. Soil-pipes and vent shafts fixed ...	...	...	...	3.
10. Soil-pipes and vent shafts repaired ..	...	...	...	1.
11. Water tests applied	...	...	...	2.
12. Smoke tests applied	...	...	...	28.
13. Length in yards iron drain laid.	...	...	...	3.
14. New W.C. accommodations provided ...	...	...	...	21.
15. New W.C. apartments provided	...	...	...	20.
16. New W.C. pedestals provided	...	...	...	29.
17. W.C.'s cleansed and repaired	...	...	...	5.
18. New flushing cisterns provided.. ...	...	...	...	27.
19. Flushing cisterns repaired	...	...	...	6.
20. Baths provided	...	...	...	1.
21. Sinks provided	...	...	...	5.
22. New waste pipes provided.	...	...	...	6.
23. Existing waste pipes trapped....	...	...	...	1.
24. Pail closets and/or middens abolished.	...	...	...	3.

Miscellaneous.

1. Houses provided with through ventilation ...	...	...	...	1.
2. New roofs provided.	...	...	...	1.
3. Roofs repaired	...	...	...	4.
4. Eaves gutters renewed or repaired ...	...	...	...	14.
5. Stack pipes provided	...	...	...	12.
6. Stack pipes disconnected or repaired..	...	...	...	13.
7. Damp walls remedied	...	...	...	41.
8. Ventilation under floors provided ...	...	...	...	4.
9. Yards paved..	...	...	...	5.
10. Yards repaired	...	...	...	6.
11. Floors of rooms repaired.	...	...	...	11.
12. Floors of rooms relaid... ..	...	...	...	6.
13. Rooms cleansed and redecorated..	...	...	...	35.
14. New windows provided	...	...	...	18.
15. Windows repaired and/or made to open..	...	...	...	28.
16. Plaster of walls or ceilings repaired.	...	...	...	43.
17. Doors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	17.
18. Ventilated food stores provided.	...	...	...	3.
19. Staircases provided or repaired.	...	...	...	10.
20. Water Service pipes repaired....	...	...	...	4.
21. Dustbins provided..	...	...	...	2.
22. Nuisances - animals	...	...	...	1.
23. do. - accum. of manure	...	...	...	6.
24. do. - refuse.	...	...	...	6.
25. Workrooms cleansed and repaired.	...	...	...	4.
26. Bakehouses cleansed	...	...	...	3.
27. Cowsheds and Dairies cleansed... ..	...	...	...	8.
28. Fish fryers premises cleansed... ..	...	...	...	2.
29. Grates, ranges, coppers renewed or repaired.	...	...	...	22.
30. Insufficient water supply	...	...	...	1.
31. Rooms disinfected..	...	...	...	227.

TABLE NO. 4.

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year.

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|---|-------|------|
| (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). | | 68. |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | | 744. |

2. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

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|--|-------|------|
| (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936. | | |
| i. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | | Nil. |
| ii. Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice. | | |
| (a) By Owners | ..... | Nil. |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners.. | ..... | Nil. |
| (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts. | ..... | 3. |
| (c) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936. | ..... | Nil. |
| (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936. | | |
| i. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. | | Nil. |

3. Housing Act 1936 - Overcrowding.

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|---|-------|------|
| (a) Number of dwellinghouses 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 the year..... | | Nil. |
| (c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. | ..... | Nil. |
| (d) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report. | ..... | Nil. |

