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## ANNUAL REPORT.

of the  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
to the

SAINT IVES URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 1944

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1944. The Ministry of Health has again this year asked for an ordinary report.

The area of Civil Parishes contained in this District is 4,440 acres.

The normal resident population for the area as now constituted (augmented by evacuees) 8,796.

The number of inhabited houses in 1943 was 2,948.

Rateable value £76,572 31/3/44.

Sum represented by a penny rate £290.

VITAL STATISTICS

	Total	M	F
LIVE BIRTHS: Legitimate	111	63	48
illegitimate	12	7	5

Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population: 13.9  
National Birth Rate : 17.6

STILL BIRTHS:	5	3	2
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	39.		

DEATHS:	125	57	68
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Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population: 14. 2  
National Death Rate: 11.6

Deaths from puerperal causes: Nil

Infantile deaths	Total	4	3	1
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Death rate of infants under 1 year:

All infants per 1,000 live births:	32. 5
Legitimate infants per 1,000 leg. live births	36. 0
Illeg. infants per 1,000 illeg. live births	nil

Rate per 1,000 (live & still) total births	31. 2
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Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	14
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	nil,

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Causes of Death.

Pneumonia	3
Cancer	14
Disease of the arteries	16
Tuberculosis	6
Heart Disease	49
Bronchitis	2
Cerebro Spinal Disease	1
Influenza	1
Kidney Disease	8
Other causes	12
Other respirators diseases	1
Other diseases of the circulation	3
Appendicitis	1
Other digestive diseases	2
Premature birth	2
Congenital causes	2
Accidents	4
Total	125

, Diseases notified during 1944.

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital.
Scarlet Fever	25	17
Diphtheria	10	9
Whooping Cough	22	-
Measles	154	15
Tuberculosis	8	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1
Erysipelas	1	-
Polio. Myelitis	1	-
Cerebro S. Fever	1	1 died
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-
Para Typhoid	1	-
	225	

Tuberculosis

Age Period.	New Cases		Deaths	
	Respir- atory	Non-Respir atory	Respir- atory	Non-Respir- atory
0 - 5	4	1	-	-
5 -15	-	-	-	-
15 -25	3	1	1	-
25 -35	3	-	2	-
35 -45	3	-	-	-
45 -55	-	-	-	-
55 -65 & over	-	-	1	-
Total	9	2	4	0
	Total new cases 11		Total deaths 4	

### Measures against Diphtheria.

Work at the Immunisation Clinic at St. Ives was carried on during the year and during this period, 80 children under 5 years of age and 28 children of school age received the full course of protective injections, the prophylactic used being A.P.T. In addition over 50 children received "refresher" doses. By the end of December 1944, after making full allowance for children passing in and out of the various age groups, it was estimated that 50% of children 0 - 5 years and 77% of children 5 - 15 years were fully immunised.

### Measures Against Scabies and other Verminous Conditions.

All cases found to be requiring treatment were taken to the Cleansing Hostel at Penzance. About 18 persons received treatment in this manner.

### Public Health Staff.

There is a District Medical Officer of Health and a qualified Sanitary Inspector who is also Surveyor, there is in addition a certified Assistant Sanitary Inspector who is employed full-time. A considerable amount of time is taken up with Civil Defence work, Salvage etc.

### Proceedings Under Public Health Acts.

Number of dwellings inspected requiring defects remedied	132
" " " remedied by owners after notice (informed)	121
" " statutory notices served and remedied	3

Nuisances discovered as follows:-

Damp and dilapidated buildings	18
Defective, choked drains	65
Dangerous buildings	4
Defective W.C's	5
Insufficient Water Closet accommodation	2
Overflowing cesspits	10
Foul accumulation	14
Dirty premises	11
Rat infested premises	9
Overcrowding	3
Visits made connected with above	287
re-inspection	210

18 cases of scabies were brought to the notice of the Public Health Department, these were all treated at the Clinics at Hayle and Penzance

### Food Inspections

There are 9 bakehouses, all have been kept in good sanitary condition  
" " 22 Restaurants, cafes and other places where food is prepared, all have been inspected and found satisfactory - in only two cases, butchers shops where meat was cooked, had the proprietor's attention to be called to unsatisfactory conditions and these were remedied at once. The above number includes 4 Fish and chip shops all of which were clean and well kept

Several cases of poultry kept under insanitary conditions have been found but considering the large number of small keepers there have been a very small percentage, and conditions have always been remedied on notice being sent to the owners, these small holdings must have made a considerable contribution to local food supplies

### Food Condemned

99lbs. of Tinned Meat. 168 lbs. of Tinned Fish. 36lbs of Tinned Vegetables. 65 tins of Milk. 21lb<sup>6</sup> of cheese. 18 cwt of dried peas. 919 lbs of Fruit. 80lbs tea. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt of Sugar.

### Milk and Dairies Order.

There are 52 producers and 28 retailers registered in the Borough; 11 are retailers only, 17 are both producers and retailers. Total 85 establishments engaged in the production and distribution of milk. 54 visits have been made to Farms and instructions given as to cleansing of premises and cattle in accordance with the Milk and Dairies Order 1926. (The County Council Inspectors also duplicate this work, and in view of this and of the new Milk and Dairies Act, only two samples have been taken. Of these two one was dirty and failed to pass the test, the seller was notified of this and asked to take the necessary steps to remedy the matter.

### Factories Act.

The number of factories is the same as in 1943 viz: 69, at two of these factories the sanitary accommodation was found not to be in accordance with the Act and notices were served on the owners and the matters remedied.

### Schools.

No sanitary nuisances have been reported in connection with these during the year.

### Eradication of Bed-Bugs.

One case (in connection with the evacuation Hostel at Trecarrell) was discovered and dealt with.

### Slaughterhouses.

No slaughterhouses have been in operation. All work in this respect being done at Penzance.

### Housing Acts.

Work under these acts remained in abeyance during the year. Sanitary defects being dealt with under the Public Health Acts

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

R.H. HADFIELD. Medical Officer of Health.