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BOROUGH OF STAMFORD.

ABBREVIATED ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1940.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area. - 1918 acres. *Since*  
Population - 10430. ✓  
Rateable Value - £65701.  
Sum represented  
by Penny Rate - £260.1.1.

	Total.	M.	F.	Birth rate	Corresponding
Live Births. Legitimate.	138.	67.	71.	per 1,000	figure for
Illegitimate	6.	3.	3.	population	England & Wales
				13.7.	14.6

Deaths.	131.	62.	69.	Death rate	
				per 1,000	" "
				population	
				12.5	14.3

Deaths of Infants under one year of age  
per 1,000 live births 48.6. 55

Birth Rate in the Borough has decreased by 0.7 compared with 1939 .  
Death Rate in the Borough has decreased by 1.2 compared with 1939.

SECTION B. - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Provided by contract of £10. per annum with the  
Emergency Public Health Laboratory of the Ministry  
of Health at Peterborough Memorial Hospital.  
This service has proved of immense value, and has  
saved the Borough very considerable expense.

SECTION C. - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER.

The Borough is supplied with a piped supply  
owned by the Marquis of Exeter. This supply  
is drawn from four sources:-

Bone Mill  
Whitewater - supplies South of River Welland.  
Wothorpe.

Northfields " North " " "  
bore-hole

All supplies are hard water, but maintain on the  
whole a good bacteriological analysis. In  
February, severe flooding followed a heavy snow  
fall, samples taken from Whitewater were found  
to show signs of surface contamination, the  
supply was withdrawn until a satisfactory analy-  
sis resulted. Shortly afterwards, Northfields  
supply showed temporary signs of contamination  
for the same reason - improvement soon resulted.  
Subsequent tests during the year showed a satisfac-  
tory analysis.

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Chlorinating plants have been installed in all four sources of supply.

#### Meat and other Foods.

The Borough has one Government controlled abattoir and depot supplying butchers in Stamford (22) Ketton Rural District and Uffington (15).

#### Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle Excluding Cows,	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed	1250.		92.	5579	975.

The usual statistics are impossible to complete from the Meat Inspectors report which is as follows:-

From this number of 7896 animals slaughtered there have been 43 whole carcasses condemned as unfit for human food, viz., 22 beast, 9 sheep, 2 calves, 10 pigs, 19 beasts and one sow were suffering from generalized Tuberculosis. There has also been 302 parts of carcasses condemned, including 121 for tuberculosis of bullocks liver and a great many sheeps' viscera from casualty carcasses.

#### SECTION F. -PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The Borough has no Fever Hospital: cases of Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Typhoid, Para-Typhoid and Erysipelas are admitted to Bourne Isolation Hospital under contract with the South Kesteven Hospital Committee, at an annual charge of £180 per annum for a maximum for all cases over this number.

Accommodation for this type of patient has proved adequate.

Difficulty has been experienced in obtaining hospital accommodation for patients suffering from Cerebro- Spinal Meningitis and Dysentery. South Kesteven Hospital Committee were approached as to the possibility of augmenting existing contract to include these two last mentioned diseases and also complicated cases of measles and whooping cough.

It has not yet been possible to make this provision on a contract basis, owing to the lack of co-operation of other Districts dependent upon the Bourne Isolation Hospital; the only course therefore, is for some separate agreement to be made between the Borough and the South Kesteven Hospital Committee.

A further difficulty has occurred in the treatment of other minor infectious diseases, e.g. chicken-pox, mumps etc., amongst evacuee children; it being quite impossible to provide adequate isolation in billets, wherein both accommodation and the hostesses are already overtaxed.

This fact, and the difficulty in treatment of complicated measles and whooping cough points clearly to the necessity of some minor infectious disease hospital to serve an area, particularly in view of approaching winter, with its usual epidemic influenzal complaints.

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As this opinion is fully endorsed by Medical Officer's of Health in the vicinity, it is felt that Barn Hill House, originally ear-marked for this purpose, would thus serve a more useful role than under present conditions of a sick bay and hostel. A scheme of mutual aid between neighbouring districts ( Soke of Peterborough, Rutland, Parts of Kesteven) has been agreed by the Medical Officer's of Health concerned: whereby Barn Hill will admit the minor infectious disease cases ( complications of same naturally having priority in return for normal sick bay and hostel accommodation for those evacuee children usually dependent upon Barn Hill, viz., from Stamford Borough, Peterborough and Barnack Rural Districts.

The Scheme will be submitted to the Regional Medical Officer for his consideration.

#### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION.

In view of Circular 2230 Ministry of Health, wherein local authorities were asked to review their past decisions on provision of free immunization of all children of school and pre-school age, a questionnaire was issued to all Heads of Schools in the Borough requesting their view as to whether such a scheme would be welcomed by the parents concerned.

The answer received was overwhelming in favour of this offer, arrangements were made accordingly for a commencement early in January 1941.

This scheme has since proved a great success, over 68.6% of school children being immunized during the first four months of 1941.

#### BOTIFIABLE DISEASES REPORTED DURING YEAR 1940.

	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria	2	2	-
Scarlet Fever	49.	45	-
Typhoid & Para-Typhoid	Nil.		
Lobar Pneumonia	4.	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	3.	2	2.
Dysentery	2.	Stamford 2 at great infirmary inconvenience	1.
Puerperal Pyrexia	9.	9	
Erysipelas	2.	1.	
Measles	189.		
Whooping Cough	3.		

Notifications per 1,000 civilian population

Corresponding figures for  
England and Wales.

Scarlet Fever	4.3	1.63
Diphtheria	1.9	1.16
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	2.9	0.32
Measles	17.4.	10.24

