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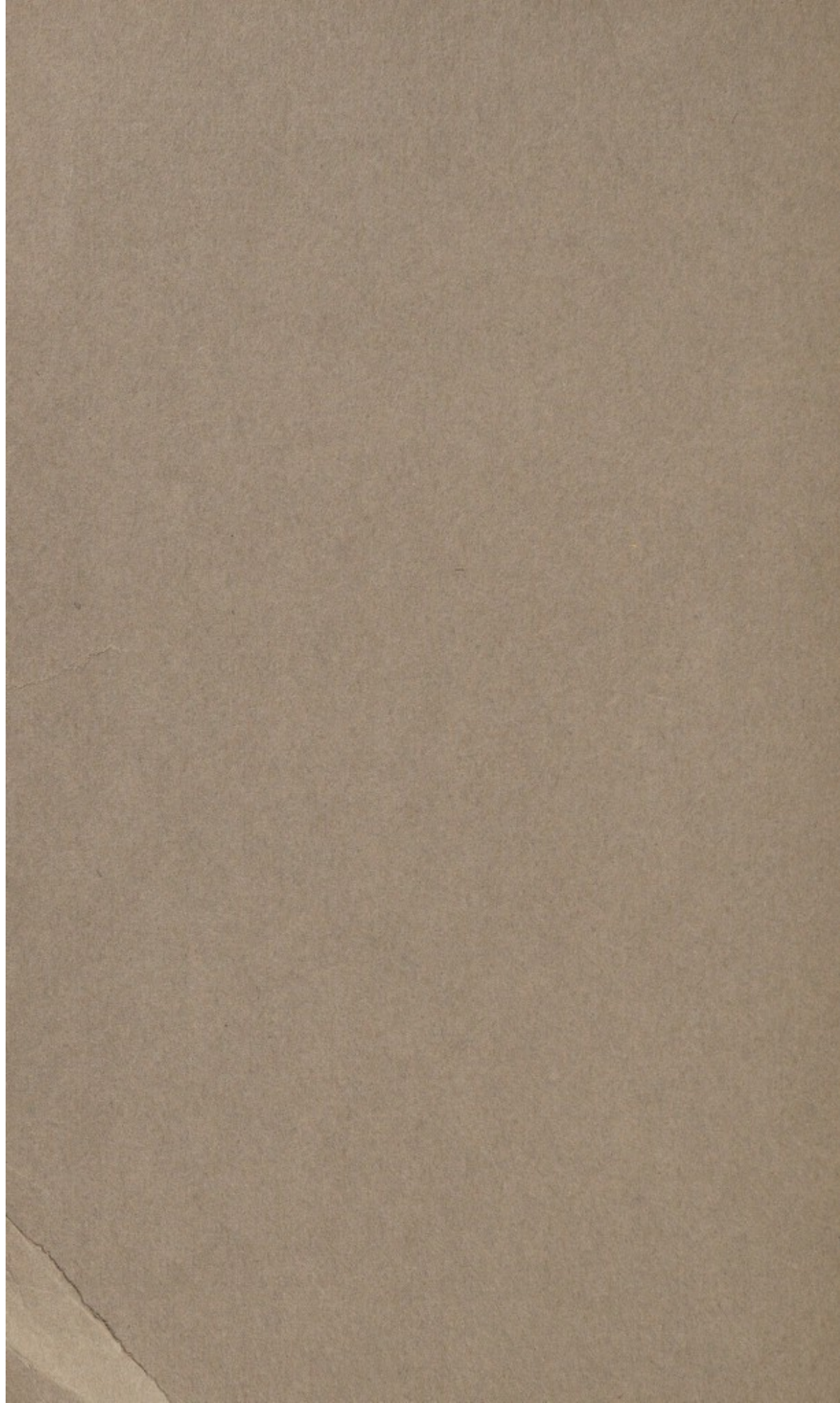
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# BOROUGH OF STOURBRIDGE

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ALDERMAN LEONARD J. COOK, J.P., M.R.I.P.H.

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*Deputy Mayor :*

ALDERMAN W. R. SELLECK, J.P.

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## **SANITARY COMMITTEE :**

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ARTHUR KENT, F.S.I.A., A.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Food Inspector.

*Additional Sanitary Inspector :*

J. H. MASSEY, CERT. S.I.B.

# THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Together with the Vital Statistics for the year 1928.

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TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE STOURBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for the year 1928, being my Fourth Annual Report.

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, this Report is curtailed, and the details are those which the Ministry suggest should be included.

### General Statistics.

Area of the District	...	...	...	1920 acres.
Population according to figures supplied after the Census in 1921	...	Crude 18023 ;	Corrected 18016	
Population, figures supplied by Registrar-General (1928)	...	...	...	18940
Number of inhabited houses (1921)	...	...	...	4251
Number of inhabited houses (1928)	...	...	...	4741
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921)	...	...	...	4608 approx.
Number of families or separate occupiers (1928)	...	...	...	5136 approx.
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£82,406
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	£325

### Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year.

	M.	F.	Total.
Births—Legitimate	141	127	268
Illegitimate	9	4	13
		Total	281
Birth Rate	...	...	14.8
Birth Rate for England and Wales	...	...	16.7
Deaths—Males	...	...	120
Females	...	...	109
		Total	229
Death Rate	...	...	12.1
Death Rate for England and Wales	...	...	11.7
One woman died in consequence of childbirth.			



## CAUSES OF DEATH.

	1927		1928	
	M	F	M	F
Enteric Fever ... ..	—	—	—	—
Smallpox ... ..	—	—	—	—
Measles ... ..	1	2	1	2
Scarlet Fever ... ..	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	—	—	2	—
Diphtheria ... ..	1	—	1	4
Influenza ... ..	7	16	2	2
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	—	—	—	1
Meningococcal Meningitis ... ..	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ... ..	6	4	12	4
Other Tuberculous Diseases ... ..	2	2	1	—
Cancer, Malignant Disease ... ..	10	20	12	19
Rheumatic Fever ... ..	—	—	—	—
Diabetes ... ..	5	—	1	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.... ..	7	7	6	7
Heart Disease ... ..	15	24	19	20
Arterio-Sclerosis ... ..	4	1	4	3
Bronchitis ... ..	7	7	5	5
Pneumonia (all forms) ... ..	9	2	10	3
Other Respiratory Diseases ... ..	1	—	3	—
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ... ..	1	—	2	—
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years) ... ..	1	—	—	—
Appendicitis and Typhlitis ... ..	2	—	—	—
Cirrhosis of Liver ... ..	—	—	—	—
Acute and Chronic Nephritis ... ..	3	1	1	3
Puerperal Sepsis ... ..	—	1	—	—
Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition ... ..	—	3	—	1
Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth ... ..	7	1	7	3
Suicide ... ..	1	1	4	1
Other Deaths from Violence ... ..	3	—	1	3
Other Defined Diseases ... ..	19	18	26	26
Causes ill-defined or unknown ... ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	112	110	120	109



Of the definitely defined causes of death, diseases of the Respiratory System, *i.e.*, Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Pneumonia, Bronchitis and other Respiratory Diseases, account for the greatest number of deaths, viz. :— 42 as against 36 in 1927. Heart Disease accounts for 39 deaths, this being the same number as in 1927. Next in order comes Cancer with 31 deaths as against 30 in 1927. The above are the most frequent causes of death. There was no death from Puerperal Fever in 1928. There were 5 cases of Suicide as against 2 in 1927.

**The Births, Deaths of Infants under one year, and the Total Deaths for the past five years, were as follows :—**

Year.	Births.	No. of Deaths of Infants under one year.	Total Deaths.
1923	383	25	219
1924	363	23	194
1925	338	28	230
1926	305	19	215
1927	312	24	222
Average of five years	340	23.8	216
1928	281	23	229

**Street List showing Number of Births, Infantile Deaths and Total Deaths.**

STREET	Births.	Deaths of Infants under 1 year.	Total Deaths.
Albert Street	...		
Angel Street	4		2
Bagley Street	3	I	3
Bank Street	...		
Bath Road	...		
Baylie Street	...		I
Beale Street	2		
Beech Road	2		2
Bell Street	...		
Birmingham Street	15	I	4
Bowling Green Road	...		
Borough Crescent	3		I
Bridgnorth Road	11		9
Bridle Road	I		I
Bright Street	...		I
Brook Road	I		I
Brook Street	4		I
Cecil Street	2		I
Charles Road	2		4
Cathcart Road	I		I
Chapel Street	...		
Chawnhill	4	I	2
Cherry Street	5		2
Church Street	3		
Church Road	I		
Clark Street	...		
Cleveland Street	...		
Cliff, The	I		2

**Street List showing Number of Births, Infantile Deaths and  
Total Deaths.—Continued.**

STREET			Births.	Deaths of Infants under 1 year.	Total Deaths.
Clifton Street	...	...	1		
Cobden Street	...	...	4		3
Corser Street	...	...	4		1
Court Street	...	...	1		
Coventry Street	...	...			2
Craufurd Street	...	...			
Cross Street	...	...	1		
Duke Street	...	...	1		1
Duncombe Street	...	...	1		3
Eggington Road	...	...			
Enville Street	...	...	7	2	6
Farlands Road	...	...			
Field Lane	...	...	4	1	1
Fir Grove	...	...	1		
Firmstone Street	...	...	2		3
Foster Street	...	...	1		
Forge Hill	...	...	1		
Grange Road	...	...	2		1
Greyhound Lane	...	...			
Gig Mill	...	...			
Giles Hill	...	...	3		2
Gladstone Road	...	...	1		1
Glasshouse Hill	...	...	1	2	3
Glebe Lane	...	...	1		
Greenfield Avenue	...	...	1		1
Green Street	...	...	6	1	5
Hadcroft Road	...	...	6	1	1
Hagley Road (Stourbridge)	...	...	4	1	7
Hagley Road (Upper Swinford)	...	...	1		2
Hanbury Hill	...	...	1	1	1
Hanbury Passage	...	...	1	1	1
Hall Street	...	...	1		1
Ham Lane	...	...			
Hatfield Road	...	...	9		1
Heath Street	...	...	1		4
Heath Lane	...	...	4		5
Hemplands Road	...	...	2		2
High Street (Stourbridge)	...	...	5	1	5
High Street (Wollaston)	...	...	4		5
High Park Avenue	...	...	3		
Hill Street	...	...	2	1	2
Hungary Hill	...	...	1	1	2
Junction Road	...	...	1		



**Street List showing Number of Births, Infantile Deaths and  
Total Deaths.—Continued.**

STREET.	Births.	Deaths of Infants under 1 year.	Total Deaths.
Jobs Lane ... ..			1
King Street ... ..	5		4
Laburnam Street ... ..			
Lawn Avenue ... ..	2		
Lawn Street ... ..	1		2
Lawrence Street ... ..	2		
Lion Street ... ..	1		
Lion Passage ... ..			
Love Lane ... ..	5		1
Lower Swinford ... ..			
Mamble Road ... ..	3		1
Market Street ... ..	1		
Meriden Avenue ... ..	1		
Mill Street ... ..	1		3
Mount Street ... ..	5		
Mount Road ... ..	1		
New Street ... ..			1
New Road ... ..	2		1
New Wood ... ..			
Norton Road and Norton ... ..	4		4
Osmaston Road ... ..			1
Pargeter Street ... ..			
Parkfield Road ... ..			
Parkfield Terrace ... ..			
Park Street ... ..	1		1
Pedmore Road ... ..	3		
Park Road ... ..	1		1
Prescot Road ... ..	12	1	1
Pool Street ... ..			2
Prospect Hill ... ..			2
Queen Street ... ..			3
Randle Road ... ..	5		
Rectory Road ... ..			
Red Hill (Stourbridge) ... ..	1		1
Red Hill (Upper Swinford) ... ..			
Ridge Street ... ..	1		2
Rufford Road ... ..	2		
School Street ... ..			
Short Street ... ..			1
South Avenue ... ..			1
South Road ... ..	4		6
Stamber Mill ... ..	1		
Stanley Road ... ..	1		1



**Street List showing Number of Births, Infantile Deaths and  
Total Deaths.—Continued.**

STREET	Births.	Deaths of Infants under 1 year	Total Deaths
Summer Street ... ..	7		3
Swan Street ... ..	1		
Swinford Road ... ..			
St. Mary's Lane ... ..			
The Heath ... ..	1		
The Crescent, Grange Road ...	2		
Theatre Road ... ..			
Talbot Street ... ..	1		
Union Passage ... ..	2		
Union Street ... ..	4		
Unwin Passage ... ..			
Unwin Crescent ... ..			
Valley Road ... ..			
Vicarage Road ... ..	6		2
Victoria Street ... ..			
West Street ... ..	4		3
Western Road ... ..	2		2
Wheeler Street ... ..	9		3
Wheeler's Hill ... ..			1
Witton Street ... ..	1		5
Wood Street ... ..	1		2
Woodward Place ... ..			
Wollaston Road ... ..			
Worcester Street (Stourbridge) ...	3		4
Worcester Street (Upper Swinford)			1
Yardley Street ... ..	2		1
Poor Law Institution ... ..		1	12
Corbett Hospital ... ..		3	14
County Lunatic Asylum, Bromsgrove ... ..			1
Isolation Hospital, Hayley Green			6
Isolation Hospital, Yarnfield ...			1
St. Annes on Sea ... ..			1
Tenbury ... ..			1
Amblecote ... ..			1
Birmingham ... ..		2	4
Nuneaton ... ..			1
Kidderminster ... ..			2
Wordsley Canal ... ..			1
Lye ... ..			1
Quinton ... ..			1
Kingswinford ... ..			1
Buxton ... ..			1
National Hospital, Isle of Wight			1
Births outside the Borough, Parents being Residents ...	14		
	<hr/> 281	<hr/> 23	<hr/> 229

I wish particularly to call your attention to the remarkable decrease in the number of Births in the past year. This number, 281, is the lowest recorded during the past 37 years, whilst the number of illegitimate children born, viz., 13, is higher than in any year during a similar period.

The following list shows the census populations and the average annual number of births in the succeeding years :—

Population.				Average Annual No. of Births.
1891	...	14,901	...	from 1891 to 1900 = 462
1901	...	16,302	...	from 1901 to 1910 = 448
1911	...	17,312	...	from 1911 to 1920 = 379
1921	...	18,016	...	from 1921 to 1928 (7 yrs) = 354

The falling off in the number of Births has been greater during the past three years. In 1925 there were 338, whilst in the years 1926 and 1927 the numbers were 305 and 312 respectively. In 1901 when the population was 16,302 there were 469 births, in 1911 with a population of 17,312 the number of births was 450. In 1921, the population was 18,016 and the births 420, whilst in 1928, with an estimated population of 18,940 the number of births was only 281.

### Infantile Deaths.

Total Deaths of Infants under one year, 23 (Males 16, Females 7). One of the males was an illegitimate child.

Infantile Death Rate per 1,000 births : 81.85.

The Infantile Death Rate for the past five years was 69.95.

Infantile Death Rate, England and Wales, 65 per 1,000 births.

The causes of deaths were as follows :—

Premature Birth 4 ; Marasmus 2 ; Broncho-Pneumonia 2 ; Spina Bifida 2 ; Convulsions 2 ; and one each from the following causes :— Whooping Cough, Cancer, Monstrosity, Jaundice, Intussusception, Suffocated in bed, Acute Eczema, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Meningitis and Tuberculous Meningitis.

The Infantile Death Rate shows a slight increase over the preceding year (76.89) although the number of deaths of infants was actually one less, this is accounted for by the fewer births. In 1927 there was only one death from Premature Birth compared with four in 1928.

### Zymotic Diseases.

There were 15 deaths, compared with 28 in 1927 (when Influenza accounted for 23). The deaths were Diphtheria 5, Influenza 4, Measles 3, Whooping Cough 2, and Encephalitis Lethargica 1.

The three deaths from Measles occurred in January, being children aged 14 months, 15 months and 2 years respectively.



The two deaths from Whooping Cough were both infants aged 26 days and 3 months respectively.

There was no death from Diarrhoea.

The Zymotic Death Rate is .79 per 1000 of the population.

### Health Visitor's Report.

Notifications of Births received from County Medical Officer, January 1st to December 31st, 1928.

Males	...	...	...	...	147
Females	...	...	...	...	124
Still Births	...	...	...	...	16
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					287

Number of first Visits paid to homes	...	277
Revisits to Infants under one year	...	1934
Revisits to children over one year	...	2220

Attendances at Infant Welfare Centre :—

Number of children who have attended the Centre	438
Total number of attendances at Centre	... 4215

Ante-Natal Clinic.

Number of Expectant Mothers who attended the Clinic to end of December, 1928	...	118
Total number of Attendances	...	296
Number of First Visits paid to Expectant Mothers	...	69
Revisits	...	89

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Hospitals Provided or Subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council.

Tuberculosis	...	Hayley Green and Knightwick, both situated outside the Borough and under the control of the County Council.
Maternity	...	None.
Children	...	None.
Fever	...	Stourbridge and Halesowen Infectious Diseases Hospital, Hayley Green, Pedmore, near Stourbridge.
Smallpox	...	Ditto.
Other	...	Corbett Hospital, Amblecote, Staffs., supported by this and surrounding districts. Birmingham Queen's, General and Children's Hospitals, and Dudley (Guest) Hospital are easily accessible.



Sanatorium treatment of Tuberculosis is under the control of the County Council.

The Infectious Diseases Hospital at Hayley Green, as well as a Smallpox Hospital, are provided by the Local Authorities of the Borough of Stourbridge, Urban District Council of Lye and Wollescote, and the Urban District Council of Halesowen.

The Smallpox Hospital is kept in readiness for any case which might occur. Arrangements have been made with the South Staffordshire Joint Smallpox Hospital Board for use of ambulance for removal of patients. (Telephone Sedgley 32).

There is no Institutional Provision for unmarried mothers in the district.

The Corbett General Hospital is situated in the Urban District of Amblecote and is supported by this and the adjoining districts. In March 1928, the number of beds was increased from 32 to 40 by the opening of a new ward for female patients.

#### Ambulance Facilities :—

- (a) For Infectious Cases a motor ambulance is provided by the Joint Infectious Diseases Hospital.
- (b) For Non-Infectious Cases. A Motor Ambulance, which is kept at the Fire Station, and a Motor Ambulance provided by the British Red Cross and kept at Mr. Weaver's Garage, High Street.

### **Clinics and Treatment Centres.**

The Maternity and Infant Welfare Centre at No. 40, New Road, is under the control of a Voluntary Committee and a contribution is made by the Town Council to the funds of this Committee. The Town Council own the premises occupied by the Centre.

The Centre is open on Tuesday and Wednesday in each week from 2 till 5 p.m., and every morning from 9 till 10.

Dr. Lloyd Francis attends at the Centre weekly on Tuesday afternoons.

Ladies of the Committee assist at the Welfare Centre in helping to weigh the babies and giving tea to the mothers.

Milk and other foods are given in necessitous cases or supplied at a low cost.

Dental and Orthopaedic Clinics, under the auspices of the Worcestershire County Council, are also held at the Centre. Mr. Naughton Dunn, of Birmingham, attends the Orthopaedic Clinic once every month.

An Ante-natal Clinic was opened in October, 1927, and is held twice a month. Since its inception it has been well attended and has proved a success.

#### **The Public Health Staff.**

The Staff consists of a part-time Medical Officer of Health a whole-time Sanitary Inspector, and an Additional Sanitary Inspector. One half of the salaries of these Officers is contributed by Exchequer grants.

The Sanitary Inspector has the certificates of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Sanitary Inspector and Inspector of Meat and other Foods.

The Additional Sanitary Inspector has the Certificate of the Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board.

The Sanitary Inspector also acts as Inspector under the Petroleum Acts and Shops Acts. One Additional Sanitary Inspector resigned on 18th February and another was appointed who commenced duties on 23rd March.

There is also a lady Clerk.

#### **Professional Nursing in the Home.**

The Stourbridge District Nursing Association, which is a voluntary organisation, employs three Nurses, one being a Midwife, whose services are available for residents in the whole of the Borough and of Pedmore (in Bromsgrove Rural).

There is no provision for professional nursing of cases of Infectious Diseases treated at home.

#### **Midwives.**

The Midwives Act is administered by the County Council. At the end of the year there were five Midwives practising in the district.

#### **Adoptive Acts, Byelaws, Etc.**

The following are the Adoptive Acts, Byelaws and Local Regulations relating to Public Health, in force in the District, with the date of adoption :—

Stourbridge Improvement Act	...	...	1866
Stourbridge Improvement Commissioners Act	...	...	1891
Infectious Disease Prevention Act, 1890	...	...	1891
Public Health Act Amendment Act, 1890	...	...	26 Nov. 1901
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907	...	...	April, 1910
Housing of Working Classes Act, 1890, Part III.	...	...	Dec. 1901
Public Health Act, 1925, (except Secs. 21, 22 and 44)	...	...	30 Aug. 1927
ditto	(secs. 21, 22 and 44)	...	1 Oct. 1927



## Byelaws :—

New Streets and Buildings ...	...	...	7th Apl., 1927
Nuisances ...	...	...	20th Oct., 1911
Offensive Trades ...	...	...	15th Sep., 1890
Slaughterhouses ...	...	...	15th Sep., 1890
Tents, Vans, Sheds and Similar Structures ...	...	...	10th Jan., 1917
Common Lodging Houses ...	...	...	15th Sep., 1890
Houses Let in Lodgings ...	...	...	10th Jan., 1917
Cleansing of Footpaths and Pavements and Cleansing of Earthclosets and Cesspools ...	...	...	10th Jan., 1917

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

## Water.

There is no alteration in the Water Supply. The following is the result of analysis of a sample taken on 30th August, 1928 :

				(Grains per gallon)
Solids in suspension ...	...	...	...	none
Solids in solution dried at 100°C. ...	...	...	...	45.5
„ „ Appearance ...	...	...	...	White
„ „ After ignition ...	...	...	...	40.6
Behaviour of solids on ignition ...	...	...	...	No visible change.
Phosphates ...	...	...	...	None
Chlorine calculated as common salt ...	...	...	...	8.1
Free and saline ammonia ...	...	...	...	.0011
Albuminoid ammonia ...	...	...	...	.0011
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours ...	...	...	...	.009
Nitrogen as nitrates ...	...	...	...	.5
Appearance ...	...	...	...	Clear
Deposit ...	...	...	...	None
Smell ...	...	...	...	None
Hardness : Permanent ...	...	...	...	9.8 Clark
Temporary ...	...	...	...	11.2 „
Total ...				21.0°
Poisonous Metals ...	...	...	...	None detected.

## Rivers and Streams.

On 2nd June, 1926, a Meeting of representatives of Local Authorities in this locality was held at Stourbridge, and was called by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for the purpose of considering a report made on the pollution of the River Stour.

Many of the Local Authorities in the locality have formed a Committee, known as the Stour Water Sheds Joint Committee of which the Town Clerk is the Honorary Secretary.

There were no alterations respecting closet accommodation and scavenging.



### Sanitary Inspection of District.

The Report of the Sanitary Inspector follows mine and gives a detailed account of the inspection of the district.

The Sanitary Inspector has furnished me with the following statement

Number and nature of inspections made during the year :—

Inspections of houses and premises	...	...	628
Inspections under Housing Act	...	...	74
Visits <i>re</i> Infectious Disease	...	...	67
Visits <i>re</i> Tuberculosis	...	...	32
Re-Inspections and Re-visits	...	...	2165
Slaughter-houses	...	...	1704
Cowsheds	...	...	102
Workshops	...	...	45
Vans	...	...	18
Bakehouses	...	...	72
Offensive Trade Premises	...	...	20
Food Stores	...	...	87
Houses let in Lodgings	...	...	9
Common Lodging Houses	...	...	21
Rag Dealers	...	...	18
Premises infested with Rats	...	...	14
Premises infested with Bugs	...	...	3
Smallpox Contacts	...	...	4
Preliminary Notices served	...	...	230
Preliminary Notices complied with	...	...	150
Statutory Notices served	...	...	103
Statutory Notices complied with	...	...	40

### Premises and Occupations which can be Controlled by Byelaws and Regulations. ...

The Sanitary Inspector's Report gives particulars relating to these premises and occupations.

### Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The Sanitary Inspector's Report gives details of Inspections of Food.

### Burial Grounds.

There are three Burial Grounds in use in the district, the Corporation Cemetery, Wollaston Churchyard and Oldswinford Churchyard. The Churchyard at Oldswinford is "closed" and only used for interment of grave owners.

There is also a grave yard at the Congregational Church, but this is now closed.

The Roman Catholic Cemetery is situated just outside the Borough Boundary.

Sunday funerals at the Corporation Cemetery are not allowed, except in cases receiving sanction of the Town Council, through me.

### Schools.

The following Schools were closed during the year :—

3rd Feb. Infants' Department, Wollaston St. James'  
Half-day for purpose of disinfection ... Measles.  
9th Feb.  
to  
28th Feb. Infants Department, Wollaston St. James' ... Measles.  
(inclusive)

I also gave a certificate relating to the decrease of attendance at Hill Street School, Infants' Department, being below 60 per cent., for the week ending 13th January. This was owing to the occurrence of Measles.

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1928.

Disease.	Ages.												Total No. of Cases.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 to 15 years.	15 to 20 years.	20 to 35 years.	35 to 45 years.	45 to 65 years.	65 and upwards.			
Small Pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil	—	—
Diphtheria	—	2	1	6	4	28	13	1	2	—	1	—	58	51	5
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	6	4	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	3	1	—
Puerperal Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	5	6	4	5	23	—	13
Erysipelas ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	6	—	—
Chicken Pox	7	7	4	6	12	38	3	2	—	1	—	—	80	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil	—	—
Totals ...	8	9	5	12	17	71	20	4	8	7	10	6	177	—	—

### Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Diseases.

Diphtheria anti-toxin is supplied free of charge to the Medical Practitioners for the use of patients resident in the Borough.



### Infectious Diseases Generally.

Chickenpox was again fairly prevalent especially in the month of July, when 3 cases were reported ; altogether 80 cases were notified as against 64 in 1927. Diphtheria occurred in epidemic form—58 cases being reported as against 5 in 1927. There was a diminution in the number of Scarlet Fever cases, 5 being notified as against 21 in 1927. Three cases of Enteric Fever were notified, in each instance the disease was contracted outside the Borough. The incidence of Pneumonia was comparatively slight, 23 cases occurring as against 66 in 1927. Only one case of Puerperal Pyrexia was notified as against 4 last year ; there was no notification of Puerperal Fever. A considerable number of cases of Measles and Whooping Cough occurred ; the Infants' Department of one School was closed for Measles. The incidence of Influenza was mild, but four deaths were registered as being due to this cause. There was one death from Encephalitis Lethargica at the Corbett Hospital, the patient being a resident of the Borough. The case would be notified to the Medical Officer of Health of Amblecote U.D.C.

### Small Pox.

The number of infants being vaccinated against Smallpox is still very low ; only about 40% of the parents allow their children to be protected against this disease.

### Diphtheria.

This disease occurred in epidemic form throughout the greater part of the year—58 cases being notified with 5 deaths, *i.e.*, a mortality of 8.6%.

A detailed report is given which was sent to the Ministry of Health on 2nd August, 1928, in accordance with the requirements of Section 5, Article 14 of the Sanitary Officers' Order 1926. In addition, a detailed statement is given of the cases which occurred after the above date. After the case which occurred on 24th September, 1928, I swabbed all the children—numbering 77—who were in contact with this child at school. The swabs were taken from the throat and in two cases also from the nose, on account of nasal discharge. The swabs were all negative except one ; this being from a boy who had a nasal discharge ; he was excluded from school and treated. After six weeks, I considered him free from infection. In addition a considerable number of other contacts in the houses were swabbed ; positive results were obtained in 2 cases. Cases were still occurring at the end of the year.

The 58 cases occurred in 39 houses and one case occurred at Old Swinford Hospital (Blue Coat School). In 6 houses there were two cases in each and 3 cases in each of two houses. The numbers of bedrooms were as follows :—

Two cases in one house : (1) 2 bedrooms, 4 occupiers. ; (1) 2 bedrooms 6 occupiers ; (2) 2 bedrooms, 7 occupiers ; (1) 5 bedrooms 5 occupiers ; (1) 2 bedrooms, 11 occupiers.

Three cases in one house occurred in houses with seven occupants. One with 2 bedrooms, the other with 3.

Seven cases occurred in Council Houses.



## BOROUGH OF STOURBRIDGE.

TOWN HALL, STOURBRIDGE.  
2nd August, 1928.

TO THE SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF HEALTH,  
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

SIR,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 5, Article 14 of the Sanitary Officers' Order, 1926, I beg to send you particulars relating to an Epidemic of Diphtheria which prevails in this Borough.

During the present year (till 31st July) viz.:—seven complete months there have been 37 cases of Diphtheria reported to me as follows:—

January	...	...	...	Nil.
February	...	...	...	2
March	...	...	...	3
April	...	...	...	3
May	...	...	...	13
June	...	...	...	5
July	...	...	...	11

## Cases.

- 1 The first cases was a Hairdresser, age 28, residing in Worcester Street. Nothing could be found as to how the case was contracted. He closed his business and was treated at home. No one else in the house contracted the disease, neither had any subsequent case any relationship to this.
- 2 The second case was a girl, aged 10, residing in Yardley Street. She attended Stamber Mill School, Lye and Wollescote Urban District Area, where there were other cases.
- 3 The March cases were two sisters, aged 13 and 10 respectively, living in
- 4 Bagley Street, both being scholars of Stamber Mill School. The other being a
- 5 boy, age 10, living in Red Hill and attending a Private School in Red Hill. No other case was reported from this School and no scholars were absent from school.

## Cases in April.

- 6 No. 6 was a female, age 32, a domestic servant in Pargeter Street, who had been under treatment and observation for some time by her own Medical Practitioner and prior to notification had gone to her home in Lye.
- 7 No. 7 reported two days after No. 6, was another domestic servant in the same house. There was nothing at the house to account for the disease and the other inmates, man, wife and child escaped infection.
- 8 The eighth case (14th April) was a girl, age 4 years, living in Duncombe Street, Wollaston, who was removed to Hospital and died. The house is a modern detached one, with four ground floor rooms, five bedrooms, bath, two W.C.'s. The other inmates being father and mother. Sisters aged 14, 12, 11 and 9. Brothers 7, 10 months. All the girls and the elder boy attend Wollaston St. James' School. No other case occurred in this house, and a subsequent visit, two months afterwards, proved that no other illness had occurred.

## Cases in May.

- Thirteen cases were reported and distributed as follows:—1 in a Council House, Pedmore Road, 1 in Theatre Road, Stourbridge, and 11 in Wollaston District.
- 9 Pedmore Road (Council House) boy age 6. Scholar at Stamber Mill School, Lye.
  - 10 Girl age 12, Theatre Road, scholar at Hill Street Council School. The house is part of the "Music Rooms" used for entertainments, furniture sales, and a Sunday School. No other case occurred amongst those who frequented this building. The School room was sprayed and fumigated.



- 11 Girl age 10 (14th May) No. 143, Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, Girls' Department. Two bedrooms; inmates, grandfather and grandmother. Father and mother; patient, age 10, boy age 7, girl age 13 months. Attended Wollaston School. Returned from holiday at Teignmouth on 5th May, and spent half a day at Oldbury, Worcestershire, on 12th May. The Medical Officers of those places were communicated with. Oldbury acknowledged the letter, nothing was heard from Teignmouth. The girl age 13 months was reported as suffering from Diphtheria on 30th May (*vide* case No. 21), and was treated at home. The boy, age 7, also remained at home but did not contract the disease. The grandmother did laundry work for three families. The clothing in the house was disinfected in the apparatus at the Isolation Hospital and then delivered to the respective owners. No other laundry work for customers was done whilst the girl, age 13 months was ill.
- No case occurred in any house from where the clothing came.
- 12 A girl, age 6 years, High Street, Wollaston, 15th May. Attended Infants Department, Wollaston School. Two bedrooms. Other inmates:—father, mother, two sisters, 16 and 13; the girl 13, attended Wollaston Girls' School. No other case.
- 13 Girl, age 8, High Park Avenue, Wollaston. St. II., Wollaston Girls' School (16th May), 3 bedrooms. On 25th May, the patient's brother Harry, age 12, was notified and on 30th May the mother was reported as suffering from the disease. The other inmates were father, sister age 9, who was in the same class at school, and three other sisters aged respectively 26, 22 and 16, none of whom contracted the disease or had any symptoms. The girls age 22 and 16 were in service but had been at home on 13th May.
- 14 On 16th May a boy age 8, a scholar of the Roman Catholic School, living at King Street, Wollaston, was notified. He had not played with any child in Wollaston. The other child in the house, a girl age 4, did not contract the disease. Slop W.C. and ashpit.
- 15 22nd May a girl, age 7 years, of High Street, Wollaston, a scholar of Wollaston Girls School was reported. A Confectioner's Shop. The mother attended patient and served in the shop. No subsequent case was traced as having dealt at this shop.
- 16 Brother of Case No. 13, 25th May.
- 17 Girl age 9, St. III., Wollaston School.
- 18 Boy age 3, King Street. These were sister and brother. Two bedrooms, 2 living rooms. Other inmates:—father and mother; brothers ages 13, 16, 21, and grandmother. The boy showed symptoms of illness first. Scullery with W.C., with entrance from scullery, recently erected (6 months), in place of outside wash-house and slop W.C. No other case occurred. The yard of this house is common for four houses. No case occurred in any of the other houses.
- 19 Girl age 7, St. II., Wollaston School. Gladstone Road, 29th May. Two bedrooms, 2 living rooms. Other inmates:—father and mother; sisters ages 12, 10; brother 5. This patient was a playmate of case No. 13. The sister age 10 had had a slight sore throat two weeks ago.
- 20 Mother of Case No. 13. 30th May.
- 21 Girl age 13 months. Sister of Case No. 11. 30th May. Isolated at home.

#### Cases in June.

- 22 Girl age 3. 11th June, a Public House, High Street, Wollaston. Other inmates:—father and mother; grandfather; sisters ages 9 and 5. Both attended Wollaston School. Three bedrooms, ample private living accommodation. The patient did not attend School. Complaint of smell from two old houses near which were undergoing repairs and being converted into one house. This was a laryngeal case and the child died in Hospital.
- 23 Girl age 3. 11th June. Laburnam Street. Three bedrooms, 2 living rooms. Other inmates:—father and mother; sisters ages 8 and 6; brother age 12. All Wollaston School. The sister age 6 had been under treatment for tonsillitis and was still under observation. No other case occurred.



- 24 A boy age 7. 12th June. Living in a Council House at the Grange Estate. A scholar of Envile Street School. This boy and his brother had their mid-day meal at a house in King Street, Wollaston. The patient's brother had slept at the house on 12th June. A case occurred in this house in 1921. This person was examined by me but showed no symptoms of illness. The brother did not contract the disease. The patient had not associated with any other child in King Street.
- 25 Girl age 4. 16th June. Envile Street, 3 brothers, 12, 8 and 6 attended Envile Street School. Other inmates:—father and mother; lodger. One bedroom, one living room. Back yard and garden common to several houses, joint W.C.'s and ashpits. No other case occurred in house or any house using the same yard. A swab was taken on the 12th June and was negative. This house was repaired and redecorated throughout whilst child was in Hospital.
- 26 Boy age 9½, 21st June. Living in a Council House, Grange Road. St. III., at Envile Street School. Had associated with Case No. 24. Three bedrooms. Other inmates:—father and mother; sisters ages 12 and 14. Brothers ages 7, 16, 19, 23, 24. No other case occurred.

### Cases in July.

All in Wollaston District.

- 27 Girl age 5 years. 4th July. Wollaston Infants School. Bridle Road. Two living rooms, 2 bedrooms. Father and mother; brothers 2 and 10. Sisters 4, 6, 7. Patient not been in contact with any known case. No other case occurred in this house. This was a laryngeal case and the child died in Hospital.
- 28 Boy age 5. 15th July. No School. Duncombe Street, next house to case No. 8, which occurred on 14th April. No other illness at the next house. No defects here excepting a minor obstruction in the syphon of drain which was rectified by flushing. Brother 8; sisters 14 and 16. The boy and one girl attended the Roman Catholic School. No other case occurred. Three bedrooms.
- 29 Girl age 6. 17th July. Eggington Road. Wollaston Infants School. Child who sat next to her at School had been ill. No known contact. Others: brother 3; sister 8. Two bedrooms, 2 living rooms. Mother had been to the house of Case No. 15 (21st May) who was discharged from Hospital, 8th July; since the discharge, but children not been there.
- 30 Boy age 10. 18th July. Vicarage Road. Wollaston Boys' School. Three bedrooms, 2 living rooms. Other children: brothers 7, 1½, 15, 17, 26; girls, 12, 6, 3, 18, 19. Also father and mother. Boy 7 and girl 12, also attend school. The girl 6, is mentally deficient, she was notified on the 23rd July, *vide* No. 33. Patient had been at the house of Case No. 23 (11th June). No other case excepting No. 33 occurred, no previous history of Diphtheria. The drain between W.C. and inspection chamber was obstructed when the case was notified, this was remedied. There was an open joint between W.C. basin and drain, which was re-cemented.
- 31 Girl age 6. 18th July. Vicarage Road (Case No. 30 about quarter of a mile from this house). Wollaston Infants. Three bedrooms, 2 living rooms. Other children: brother 19; sisters 8, 5 and 17; father and mother. Girl age 5 notified on 20th July, *vide* No. 32. Been going to school with girl, Case No. 29.
- 32 Girl age 5. 20th July. Wollaston Infants. Vicarage Road. Sister of Case No. 31.
- 33 Girl age 6. 23rd July. Sister of Case No. 30 (Vicarage Road).
- 34 Boy 11 years. Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston Boys' School. 28th July. Three bedrooms, 2 living rooms. Other inmates: brothers 14, 8, 5 and 3. No other case, no previous history. This house is one near middle of row of ten houses, having common back yards and garden. No other case in the row.
- 35 Boy 4 years. Infants Wollaston. 28th July. Wood Street. Other children: sisters 13 and 10; father and mother. Two living rooms, 2 bedrooms. No other case occurred.



- 36 Girl 6 years. Infants Wollaston. 30th July. King Street. Others : brothers 11, 8 and 2 ; sister 13 ; father and mother. Two bedrooms. House recently partly redecorated (2 months). Sister 13, brother 11 had Diphtheria 7 years ago. (Swabs taken of others, negative).
- 37 Boy 9. Wollaston Boys. 30th July. King Street (next door but one to case No. 36). Child age 6 dead in house, cause Pneumonia. Other children, sisters 9 and 5. ; father and mother and grandmother. Three bedrooms. Child 5 had swab taken last week, negative, and another taken day of notification, which proved positive, although child is apparently quite well.

Enquiries were made as to previous cases and excepting as mentioned in the notes of individual cases no history of previous cases in the houses was found.

The Medical Practitioner in attendance of most of the cases in Wollaston took swabs of suspected contacts which proved negative.

During July all contacts were swabbed and all were negative except in the case of a sister to case No. 37. I swabbed 50 persons and the Assistant County Medical Officer swabbed a considerable number of children at Wollaston School. All these, so far as I know, were negative.

I have seen several other children in consultation with their own Medical Practitioners.

In view of the fact that the Day Schools have broken up for the Summer Holidays, I have suggested to the Heads of the two Sunday Schools in Wollaston that they should close while the Day Schools are closed.

On July 20th, I was asked by a Medical Practitioner to see a child I.H. O. aged 6 years, attending the Infants Department of Wollaston School, who was said to have a slight follicular tonsillitis. On examination the child appeared quite well, but there was pus in one of the crypts on the left tonsil. The case was not considered one of clinical Diphtheria, but a swab was taken which yielded on culture numerous Diphtheria Bacilli. The child was seen again on July 23rd, when she seemed quite well and the tonsils—although a little larger—were apparently normal. A second swab was taken and on culture again yielded Diphtheria Bacilli. The child was examined a third time on July 27th and a further swab was taken : this again yielded positive results. The child has been isolated at home since first seen and treated by her own doctor. She is still under my observation.

#### **Treatment.**

All cases excepting Nos. 1, 5, 6 and 21 were removed to the Isolation Hospital. Anti-toxin is supplied free to Medical Practitioners.

#### **Disinfection.**

Rooms were fumigated. Clothing disinfected in apparatus. Disinfectant fluid supplied free for cleaning purposes to anyone.

#### **Deaths.**

Three patients died, viz. :—Nos. 8 and 22, both being children under school age, and No. 27 attending Infants Department of Wollaston School.

#### **Milk Supplies.**

Milk supplies came from 15 retailers ; in only two cases was the milk supply sterilized or condensed.

Two samples from the retailers supplying milk to most of the houses where cases occurred were submitted for bacteriological analyses and proved negative.

#### **Defects at Houses.**

No defect was found at any house which might be considered as having any bearing on the infection. The defects found were either remedied at once or are in hand. All the houses have water closets and most have portable receptacles for house refuse, which are cleared weekly.



### Wollaston Schools.

The drains were tested and defects of rain water downpipes directly connected to drain, and a defect in one W.C. were remedied.

The drains and W.C.'s are not kept as clean as they might be—partly owing to economy in the use of water.

### School Attendance.

The following cases were children attending Wollaston School:—

BOYS' DEPARTMENT—No.	16	...	Standard	7
	30	...	"	5
	34	...	"	6
	37	...	"	4

GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.—Nos. 11 and 17, Standard 3. Nos. 13, 15 and 19, Standard 2.

INFANTS' DEPARTMENT.—Nos. 12, 27, 29, 31, 32, 35 and 36.

### Incidence of the Disease.

<i>Mth.</i>	<i>Day.</i>	<i>No. of Case.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	<i>Mth.</i>	<i>Day.</i>	<i>No. of Case.</i>	<i>Address.</i>
Feb.	1st	1	Worcester St.	May	30th	20	High Park Avenue
"	15th	2	Yardley St.	"	30th	21	Bridgnorth Rd.
Mar.	2nd	3	Bagley St. } same	June	11th	22	High St., Wollaston
"	2nd	4	Bagley St. } house	"	11th	23	Laburnam St.
"	10th	5	Red Hill	"	13th	24	Randle Rd.
April	11th	6	Pargeter St. } same	"	16th	25	Enville St.
"	13th	7	Pargeter St. } house	"	21st	26	Grange Rd.
"	14th	8	Duncombe St.	July	4th	27	Bridle Rd.
May	4th	9	Pedmore Rd.	"	15th	28	Duncombe St.
"	6th	10	Theatre Rd.	"	17th	29	Eggington Rd.
"	14th	11	Bridgnorth Rd.	"	18th	30	Vicarage Rd.
"	15th	12	High St. Wollaston	"	18th	31	Vicarage Rd.
"	16th	13	High Park Avenue	"	20th	32	Vicarage Rd.
"	16th	14	King Street	"	23rd	33	Vicarage Rd.
"	21st	15	High St., Wollaston	"	28th	34	Bridgnorth Rd.
"	25th	16	High Park Avenue	"	28th	35	Wood St.
"	25th	17	King St. } same	"	30th	36	King St.
"	25th	18	King St. } house	"	30th	37	King St.
"	29th	19	Gladstone Rd.				

A plan of the Town is attached, marked showing location of the various cases.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) GEOFFREY DUDLEY,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

Since the preceding report was made the following cases occurred:—

- 38 Boy 14. Wollaston Boys. 2nd Aug. Bridgnorth Road. Other inmates: father, mother and brother, age 11. Three bedrooms, new house. Patient isolated at home.
- 39 Boy 11. Wollaston Boys. 6th Aug. Bridle Road. Other inmates: father, mother and adult sister. Three bedrooms.
- 40 Boy 5. Wollaston Infants. 12th Aug. King Street. Other inmates: father, mother, brothers 12, 15, sisters 18, 10 weeks. (Swabs taken of others, negative).
- 41 Boy 6. Wollaston Infants. 2nd Aug. Bridgnorth Road. Other inmates: mother and adult male lodger. Two bedrooms.



- 42 Boy 1 year 10 months. 30th Aug. High Street (Stourbridge), patient taken from business premises to private house in Hagley Road. Other inmates at business premises : father, mother, brother age 9 months, and domestic help, age 16. At Hagley Road, inmates : grandfather and grandmother, and great-grandmother. Four bedrooms.
- 43 Girl, 3 years. 1st Sept. Yardley Street. Other inmates : father, mother, brothers 14, 19, sisters 10, 15. Sister age 10 had Diphtheria 25th Feb., 1928 (*vide* No. 2 of Report). Two bedrooms.
- 44 Girl 6 years. Wollaston Infants. 3rd Sept. King Street. Other inmates : father and mother. Two bedrooms.
- 45 Girl, 3 years. 3rd Sept. Charles Road. Other inmates : father, mother, brothers, 7, 11, 13, 15., sisters 9, 17. Three bedrooms.
- 46 Boy 14 years. 7th Sept. Yardley Street. Brother of patient, No. 43. Two bedrooms.
- 47 Girl 8 years. Roman Catholic School. 11th Sept. Angel Street. Other inmates : mother, brothers, 23, 21, 17. sisters 24, 15. Two bedrooms. Returned from hop-picking 7th Sept. Information sent to district from where she came.
- 48 Boy, 5 years. Wollaston. 24th Sept. Bridgnorth Road. Other inmates : father and mother. Two bedrooms.
- 49 Girl, 2 years 8 months. 24th Sept. Prescott Road. Other inmates : father, mother, brother age 6. Three bedrooms. Came from Yardley Street, 10 weeks previously.
- 50 Girl, 7 years. Old Swinford School. 5th Oct. Rufford Road. Other inmates : father and mother. Three bedrooms.
- 51 Girl, 5 years. Wollaston Infants. 8th Oct. King Street. Other inmates : father and mother. Two bedrooms.
- 52 Boy 11 years. Old Swinford Hospital. 15th Nov. Isolated at Sanatorium, Oldswinford Hospital (Blue Coat School). No other boy at the School was affected.
- 53 Boy 5 years. Wollaston Infants. 16th Nov. Firmstone Street. Other inmates : father and mother. Two bedrooms.
- 54 Boy 5 years. 4th Dec. High Street, Wollaston. Other inmates : father, mother, brothers, 8, 15. Sisters 13, 11, 3, and grandmother. Two bedrooms.
- 55 Girl 5½ years. Wollaston Infants. 21st Dec. High Street, Wollaston. Other inmates : father, mother and grandfather. Two bedrooms.
- 56 Girl, 8 years. Wollaston Infants. 24th Dec. High Street, Wollaston. Other inmates : father, mother, grandfather and grandmother, and aunts 18, 20. Two bedrooms.
- 57 Boy, 4 years. 27th Dec. High Street, Wollaston. Other inmates : father and mother. Two bedrooms.
- 58 Girl, 4 years. 28th Dec. Charles Road. Other inmates : father, mother, brothers 7, 2, domestic help, girl age 14. Three bedrooms. (The boy age 2 and the domestic help were subsequently notified, but are included in 1929).

### Scarlet Fever.

Six cases were reported all being of a mild type.

### Enteric Fever.

Three cases of Para-Typhoid were notified, viz., a man and two young girls. The man was on a visit to this Borough when notified. Particulars were sent to the Town from where he came and to the other Towns he had visited.

Both the other cases were children who had each returned from a sea-side holiday.

### Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia.

New Regulations for notification of these conditions came into force on 1st October 1926. Notification has now to be carried out for both of these conditions. Puerperal Pyrexia means any febrile condition



(other than Puerperal Fever) occurring in a woman within 21 days after childbirth or miscarriage in which a temperature of 100.4° F. (38°C.) or more has been sustained during a period of 24 hours or has recurred during that period.

In addition to notification, adequate facilities for examination and treatment of patients suffering from these conditions is provided by the County Council. Patients requiring Hospital treatment are treated at the Women's Hospital, Sparkhill, Birmingham, and the General Hospital, Birmingham.

These regulations have been introduced with the hope that the mortality among women following childbirth will be reduced.

### OTHER DISEASES.

#### OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

OF PHLEGMATIC NEURITIC FORM.						
CASES.			Vision Unim- paired.	Vision Im- paired.	Total Blind- ness.	Deaths
NOTIFIED	TREATED					
	At Home.	In Hospital.				
Jan. 2	Home	—	Yes	—	—	—
May 9	Home	—	—	Yes	—	—

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

AGE. PERIODS.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
1—5 years ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
5—10 „ ...	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
10—15 „ ...	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
15—20 „ ...	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—
20—25 „ ...	1	2	1	—	—	2	—	—
25—35 „ ...	5	3	—	1	6	—	—	—
35—45 „ ...	2	2	—	—	2	2	—	—
45—55 „ ...	2	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
55—65 „ ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and upwards ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	10	8	7	4	12	4	1	—

Notification of Tuberculosis in the Borough is efficient. There was no occasion for the taking of any action or proceedings for refusal to notify.

Amongst the above new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, one male, age 20 and one female age 27, were cases "transferred" to this district, having previously been notified elsewhere.

The incidence of Tuberculosis remains almost the same as in 1927. Eighteen cases of the Pulmonary disease and 16 of the Non-Pulmonary were notified as against 19 and 10 respectively in 1927. As regards mortality, in 1927 there were 10 deaths from the Pulmonary and 4 from the Non-Pulmonary disease, whereas in 1928, there were 16 and 1 respectively.

As far as the Pulmonary form is concerned the most vulnerable age period is the same as in 1927, viz., from 25 to 35 years; eight cases were notified in 1928 with six deaths and five cases with two deaths in 1927.

### **Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.**

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1925—SEC. 62.

No action was necessary.

### **Health Lectures.**

In December, Dr. James Holroyd, of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, gave four lectures in the Town Hall—two to School Children and two to Adults—on the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

### **Mortuary.**

The bodies of 15 persons were taken to the Mortuary during the year. (5 being residents of Lye, 1 Brierley Hill, and 1 Ross, Gloucs.):—

<i>Month.</i>	<i>Sex.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	<i>Remarks.</i>
January	... F ...	59 ...	Perforated Stomach
"	... M ...	1 day	Suffocation
May ...	... M ...	68 ...	Heart Failure
" ...	... M ...	46 ...	Motor Accident
"	... M ...	4 mths.	Pneumonia
June	... M ...	45 ...	Heart Failure
July	... F ...	1 day	Suffocation
August	... M ...	38 ...	Suicide
September	... M ...	40 ...	Suicide
October	... F ...	72 ...	Heart Failure
"	... M ...	49 ...	Motor Accident
November	... F ...	16 ...	Motor Accident
" ...	... F ...	1 day	Inflammation
December	... M ...	6 mths	Pneumonia

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GEOFFREY DUDLEY,

*Medical Officer of Health.*



## HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1928.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b) )	...	55
(b) With State Assistance under Housing Acts :—		
i. By Local Authorities	... ..	—
ii. By other Bodies or Persons	... ..	55

1.—Unfit Dwelling Houses. Inspection :—

(1) Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	... ..	628
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	...	74
(3) Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation		2
(4) Number of Dwelling Houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	... ..	166

2.—Remedy of defects without Service of formal Notices :—

Number of defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	... ..	72
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers :—

A.—Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 :—

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	... ..	4
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were rendered fit after service of formal Notices :—		
(a) By Owners	... ..	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	... ..	0
(3) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by Owners of intention to close	... ..	1

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	... ..	41
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(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal Notices :—

(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	...	39
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	...	...	0

C.—Proceedings under the Housing Act 1925 :—

(1) Number of Representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	...	...	...	...	...	2
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	2
(3) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the Dwelling Houses having been rendered fit	...	...	...	...	...	5
(4) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	0
(5) Number of Dwelling Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	0





# ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901, IN CONNECTION WITH FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

## 1.—INSPECTION.

### INSPECTIONS MADE BY THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Occupiers prosecuted. (4)
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	8	2	—
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries) ... ..	46	1	—
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises) ... ..	18	—	—
Total ... ..	72	3	—

## 2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of offences in respect to which Prosecutions were instituted. (5)
	Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—*</i>				
Want of cleanliness ... ..	1	1	—	—
Want of ventilation ... ..	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ... ..	—	—	—	—
Want of drainage of floors ... ..	—	—	—	—
Other nuisances ... ..	—	—	—	—
<i>Sanitary Accommodation :—</i>				
Insufficient ... ..	1	—	—	—
Unsuitable or defective ... ..	1	1	—	—
Not separate for sexes ... ..	1	1	—	—
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bake-house (s. 101) ... ..	—	—	—	—
Other offences ... ..	—	—	—	—
(Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921).				
Total ... ..	4	3	—	—

\*Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

# THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1928.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
STOURBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you a Report of the work done in my Department during the year 1928, being my Twenty-eighth Annual Report. The additional Sanitary Inspector (Mr. W. S. Makin) left on the 18th February, and was succeeded by Mr. J. H. Massey, who commenced duties on 23rd March.

### Complaints.

144 Complaints were received relating to various insanitary conditions as compared with 126 in the previous year.

### Inspection of District.

During the year the number of inspections and re-inspections made was 5083 compared with 4459 in the previous year.

The inspections and re-inspections were as follows:—General inspection of houses and premises, 628. Inspections under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 74. Re-inspections 2165. Infectious diseases, 67. Tuberculosis cases, 32. Slaughterhouses 1704. Dairies and Cowsheds, 102. Workshops, 45. Vans, 18. Bakehouses, 72. Offensive Trades, 20. Food Stores, 87. Houses let in Lodgings, 9. Common Lodging Houses, 21. Rag Dealers, 18. Premises infested with rats, 14. Premises infested with bugs, 3. Smallpox contacts, 4.

The number of sanitary defects, nuisances and contraventions of your Bye-laws found during the year was 3816. The number of defects remaining unattended to at the end of 1927 was, 2483, these with the insanitary conditions met with during the year make a total of 6299.

During the year 2536 defects were remedied, leaving 3763 insanitary conditions unabated.

### Notices.

230 Preliminary intimation Notices were sent during the year, mostly in form of a letter setting out particulars of the defects in detail, together with suggestions for remedying them. They were as follows:—General defects of houses 77. Notices relating to 191 houses. Dirty house 1.



Overcrowding 3. Defective roofs 9. Notices, 16 houses. Sanitary conveniences, insufficient, defective, dirty or obstructed, 39 Notices, 65 premises. Dangerous buildings 6. Defective drains, 4 Notices, 5 houses. Drains obstructed, 21 Notices, 117 houses. Defective ashpits and ashbins, 6 Notices, 20 houses. Want of receptacles for house refuse, 6 Notices, 15 houses. Accumulations of manure and refuse, 16 Notices, 13 premises. Pig-keeping, 6. Pigeon-keeping, 2. Pony kept as to be a nuisance, 1. Meat Regulations offences, 5. Milk and Dairies Order offences, 14. Vans, 1. Re rats, 1. Paving defect, 1. Cleansing rooms after Tuberculosis, 3. Petroleum offences, 4. Notices to inspect houses, 4 for 3 houses.

In addition to the above, 12 Notices were sent to occupiers of fish-frying premises calling attention to Sec. 28 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, relating to waste-paper being deposited in streets.

17 matters were referred to the Borough Surveyor and 3 to the Stourbridge Water Board.

150 Preliminary Notices had been complied with at the end of the year, work in connection with 55 Notices was in progress at the end of the year. Nothing had been done in respect of 25 Notices.

The Statutory Notices served, were as follows :—

Public Health Act, 1875 :—

Sec. 94 (Abatement of Nuisances)	...	...	...	41
Sec. 36 and Sec. 11, P.H. Act, 1890 (Provision of Ashbins)	...	...	...	25
Sec. 49 (Removal of Manure)	...	...	...	2

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 :—

Sec. 35 (Rain Water Spouting)	...	...	...	7
Sec. 39 (Provision of Additional W.C.)	...	...	...	1

Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847 :—

Sec. 74 (Rain Water Spouting)	...	...	...	2
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Housing Act, 1925 :—

Sec. 3 (Repairs to Houses)	...	...	...	4
Sec. 11 (2) (Closing Orders)	...	...	...	4
Sec. 11 (3) (Notice to Tenant)	...	...	...	1
Sec. 11 (5) (Recission of Closing Orders)	...	...	...	5

Bye Laws :—

Tents, Vans, Sheds and Similar Structures	...	...	...	2
Nuisances	...	...	...	2

Also 7 Notices under Sec. 5 of the Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890, for disinfection of houses.

40 of the Notices were complied with, the work in respect of 47 was in progress at the end of the year, but nothing had been done to comply with 16 of the Notices.

1221 letters were written.

### Prosecutions.

Three cases were taken during the year. One being under your Bye-laws relating to Nuisances for not providing a suitable receptacle for manure in connection with a stable in Angel Street. On 11th May, 1928, the Court inflicted a penalty of £5. At the end of the year £2 6s. 0d. of this amount had been paid.

The other two cases were not complying with Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, in respect of Nos. 145 and 147, Hagley Road. The work was put in hand and after several adjournments the cases were withdrawn on payment of costs, on 18th January, 1929, the work having been completed.

### Offensive Trades.

The trades carried on in the district are :—Fish-frying, 12 ; Tripe-boiling, 7 ; Hide and Skin Dealer and Leather Dresser, one each.

No new business was commenced.

Two applications to commence business as Fish-fryers and one as Tripe-boilers were not granted. One application in respect of fish frying was withdrawn.

### Bakehouses.

There are 17 Bakehouses, 4 being Factories. One notice was received from H.M. Inspector of Factories relating to the dirty condition of a flour store room. This was remedied. 72 visits were paid during the year.

### Factory and Workshop Act.

There are 165 Workshops on the Register as follows :—

Bag Making	...	2	Jewellery and Watch		
Baking	...	13	Repairing	...	7
Basket Making	...	1	Joinery	...	7
Boot Repairing	...	22	Laundry	...	1
Boat Building	...	1	Malting	...	1
Brewing	...	3	Millinery	...	6
Bucket Handle Making		1	Motor Repairs	...	12
Builders	...	2	Plumbing, etc.	...	8
Cabinet Making and			Picture Framing	...	1
Upholstering	...	7	Rug Clipping and		
Carriage Building and			Dressing	...	1
Wheelwrights	...	5	Saddlery	...	3
Cycle Repairs	...	2	Sewing Machine Repairs		1
Chamois Leather			Sheet Metal Cutting	...	2
Dressing	...	3	Smithy (General)	...	2
Dressmaking	...	18	Stone Masonry	...	2
Electrical Engineering		2	Tailoring	...	17
Food Preparing	...	2	Tin and Whitesmithy		2
Frost Cog Making	...	4	Wireless Apparatus	...	1
Glass Engraving	...	1	Wood Turning	...	1
Horse Shoeing	...	1			



Three Notices were received from H.M. Inspector of Factories in addition to the one referred to under "Bakehouses."

- (1) Insufficient and unsuitable Sanitary Convenience. As the number of workpeople had decreased additional accommodation was not necessary.
- (2) Sanitary Convenience having entrance direct from work place.
- (3) Sanitary convenience for females not effectually screened.

### Outworkers.

30 Lists were received containing names of 49 Outworkers, 28 of whom resided outside this district. Two names were received from another district.

### Common Lodging Houses.

The following are the returns of the number of lodgers at the three Common Lodging Houses. (The figures represent the number of times the beds were occupied) :

Adult Lodgers.		Lodgers above 10 and under 21.		Lodgers under 10 years of age.		Total.
Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
8991	2096	23	56	85	—	11251

### Housing Act, 1925.

Number of Houses inspected under the Inspection of District Regulations, 74.

Four Notices under Sec. 3, to repair houses were served, at the end of the year three of the houses had been reconstructed and thoroughly repaired, the work at the other house was in progress at the end of the year.

Two Closing Orders were made. The houses being Nos. 139 and 141, Birmingham Street. No. 141 being unoccupied.

A Notice under Section 3 had been served upon the Owner of No. 109, Birmingham Street in 1927, and in January 1928, the Owner gave the Town Council notice of his intention to close. A notice was served upon the Occupier requiring him to cease occupying the house, but as the Owner commenced to repair it, no further action has been yet taken.

In May 1920, an Inquiry was held in respect of an Appeal against Closing Orders made by the Town Council relating to Nos. 13, 15 and 17, and Nos. 1 and 2, at rear of Nos. 13 and 15, Green Street. In May 1921, the Ministry of Health sent to the Owner an abridged Specification of necessary repairs. On 11th November, 1924, the Ministry was informed that the work had been completed, and were reminded of an undertaking given by the Owner to the effect that upon any one of the back-to-back houses becoming vacant it should be converted into a through house with the house at front or rear as the case may be. Up to the present none of the houses has become vacant.



Further progress has been made in the provision of Sculleries and W.C.'s. At one block of premises consisting of 4 houses with two slop W.C.'s and one wash-house, three new sculleries were erected and an old scullery at one house repaired. Four W.C.'s were provided, each with access from the scullery.

Considerable improvements were carried out at Nos. 12a, 12b, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24, King Street, consisting of enlargement of five sculleries and two bedrooms, two additional bedrooms erected; improvement in the lighting and ventilation of all the bedrooms, by six dormer windows and seven other windows. Removal of three slop W.C.'s and providing seven W.C.'s. Two with access from scullery. It is intended further to improve these houses by converting Nos. 12a and 12b into one house when vacant possession of one is obtained. The inside of each house was thoroughly repaired.

28 houses were thoroughly repaired; several undergoing reconstruction.

The Closing Orders made in respect of Nos. 62, 64 and 66, Birmingham Street; No. 2 in Court No. 9, Angel Street; and No. 2, Unwin Passage, were rescinded. Nos. 1 and 2, Unwin Passage being converted into one house and thoroughly repaired. The alterations included dormer windows and additional windows, provision of food store, inside W.C., and through ventilation.

One house was demolished, this being an old house at the corner of Grange Road and Pedmore Road, at the Grange Housing Estate. The conversion of the two houses, referred to in the previous paragraph, into one accounts for the loss of another house.

### **Slaughterhouses.**

There are 13 Slaughterhouses, all of which are annually licensed, four being subject to undertakings not to claim for compensation should the renewal of the licences be refused in the event of a Public Abattoir being provided.

1,704 Visits to Slaughterhouses were made during the year, against 1,540 visits in 1927.

Two butchers give three months' notice of slaughtering on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in each week, all the others give the necessary notice as required by the Meat Regulations. There have been no flagrant cases of neglect or evasion.

Notices of Slaughter in respect of 701 oxen, 1660 pigs, 3279 sheep and 1112 calves, were received. The following were inspected:—667 oxen, 1646 pigs, 2920 sheep and 92 calves. 36 of the pigs were slaughtered on private premises.

The percentage of inspections being:—oxen 94, pigs 99, sheep 89, calves 82, or a total of 92.5.

Meat and other foods seized or surrendered and destroyed:—

The entire carcase of a pig (affected with Tuberculosis) was seized, it was condemned by a Magistrate and destroyed.



The meat surrendered was as follows :—

*Tuberculosis.* 7 whole pigs (and offals in each case) ; 36 pigs' heads ; 8 ox heads ; 6 ox lungs ; 2 ox mesenteries ; 6 pigs' frys ; 16 pigs' mesenteries ; 1 pig's lungs.

*Distomum Hepaticum.* 19 whole and 15 half ox livers ; 50 sheep's livers.

*Cirrhosis.* 11 whole and 2 half ox livers ; 4 sheep's livers and 5 pigs' livers.

*Echinococci.* 3 whole and 1 half ox livers ; 10 ox lungs ; 1 sheep's lungs ; 1 sheep's liver.

*Cyst Tenuicollis.* 3 sheep livers ; 1 sheep's lungs ; 4 pigs' livers.

*Abscess.* 2 Sheep livers.

*Bacterial Necrosis.* 4 whole and 3 half ox livers.

*Pneumonia.* 1 pig's lungs.

*Fracture.* 1 hind leg of pig.

*Swine Erysipelas.* 4 pigs' and organs (whole).

*Angiomatosis.* 2 ox livers.

*Inflammation.* 1 pig and organs (whole) ; 4 pigs' lungs ; 1 ox lungs.

*Johnes Disease.* 1 pig's mesentery.

*Injuries.* 12 lbs. beef (flank) ; 72 lbs. mutton.

*Ill-bled.* 1 whole sheep.

*Worried by dog.* 1 whole sheep.

The total weight being, approximately 30 cwts. compared with 32 cwts. in 1927, 21½ cwts. in 1926, and 7¼ cwts. in 1925.

The condemned meat, etc., was buried at the Refuse Tip.

All the Meat Traders take steps to guard against meat being contaminated by dust and mud, not only by keeping their shop windows closed, but in some cases providing a screen at the door side of the shop window.

### Dairies and Cowsheds.

At the end of 1928 there were 73 registered retailers of Milk in the Borough.

25 being retailers of Sterilized Bottled Milk.

19 of the retailers reside outside the Borough.

9 retailers are also cowkeepers, one of these is also a wholesaler.

1 is a wholesaler and retailer, who is also licensed as a bottler of "Grade A (T.T.)" Milk.

2 are wholesalers and retailers of Sterilized Milk, both residing outside the Borough.

1 Cowkeeper is a "Grade A" milk producer.

1 Retailer sells Pasteurised Milk only. (The pasteurising is done outside the Borough).

There are approximately 64 cows in the Borough.



Twelve samples of milk were submitted to the County Analyst, 7 being for bacteriological analyses. The numbers of micro-organisms per cubic centimetre being as follows :—

	<i>Micro-organisms per Cubic centimetre.</i>	<i>Bacillus Coli not detected in :—</i>
(1) ...	1,986	... 1 c.c.
(2) ...	2,333	... 1/100th c.c.
(3) ...	31,000	... 1/10th c.c.
(4) ...	77,550	... 1/100th c.c.
(5) ...	173,600	... 1/100 c.c. (present in 1/10th c.c.)
(6) ...	16,733	... 1/100 c.c.
(7) ...	15,273	... 1/100th c.c.

Sample No. 5 was milk sold in a bottle similar to "Grade A" milk and was labelled "As the cow gives it. Pure New Milk." Five of the others were "Grade A" Tuberculin Tested Milk and one "Grade A Certified."

Under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923, "Grade A" Milk must not contain more than 200,000 bacteria per cubic centimetre and no coli-form bacillus in one-hundredth of a cubic centimetre.

In August, information came from the Staffordshire County Medical Officer that some "Grade A" milk coming from this Borough did not conform with the requirements of the Milk Designations Order. Samples of the milk were taken as it was delivered and after bottling, and subsequently a bottle which had been taken on the round and not sold, was sampled when it was returned to the Dairy. The number of micro-organisms in these samples, although high, were below the maximum, and afterwards, as seen in the above list there was an improvement. I sent full particulars of this matter to the local Authority, in whose district the milk was produced, also to the County Medical Officer of Worcestershire.

As the production of "Grade A" milk is under supervision, the cows being periodically examined and tested and greater care in the cleanliness of the cows and sheds having to be exercised in order to ensure clean milk free from the germs of tuberculosis and dirt, it is essential that the public should be acquainted with the difference in "Grade A" and ordinary milk, especially as there appears to be an idea prevalent that all bottled milk is "Grade A."

Two cows from one Dairy were certified under the Tuberculosis Order, 1925, and were destroyed at a Knacker's Yard, the shed and fittings were disinfected.

The attention of several cowkeepers was called to neglect in removing manure and cleaning the floors. It was not necessary to report any of them.

The floor at a Dairy was reconstructed to prevent water accumulating.



### Disinfection.

99 Houses were disinfected after cases of infectious disease, and 10 other houses were disinfected. Approximately 800 articles of bedding and clothing were disinfected at the Isolation Hospital.

The rooms at nine houses, which had been occupied by Tuberculous patients, were stripped of wallpaper, sprayed and thoroughly disinfected.

### Houses Let in Lodgings.

In September, 1926, I reported to your Sanitary Committee, on a number of houses let in lodgings in the Borough. The matter was considered early in 1929, when the Town Council decided to apply to the Ministry of Health for sanction to adopt Bye-laws under the Housing Act, 1925, dealing with this matter.

### Smoke.

No case of emission of black smoke was reported.

During the year I attended several meetings of the Midland Joint Advisory Council for Smoke Abatement.

At your Council Meeting in June it was decided to adopt a Byelaw under Sec. 2 of the Public Health (Smoke Abatement) Act, 1926, limiting the emission of black smoke to two minutes in half an hour. At the end of the year sanction of the Ministry of Health to this Byelaw had not been applied for, but application was made early in 1929.

### Waterclosets.

11 Additional Water Closets were provided. 9 slop W.C.'s were removed and W.C.'s with fresh water flushing apparatus put in. A temporary privy at a works was removed and two W.C.'s erected in its place.

The following are the numbers of conversions, additions and alterations since 1901.

W.C.'s in place of privies	...	...	...	1066
Additional W.C.'s provided	...	...	...	252
Slop W.C.'s converted into fresh water flushing W.C.'s				105

Ten houses have use of privies also one works has a privy, these being in localities not sewered. Two have earth closets. Most houses have separate sanitary conveniences, but there are still many houses where the conveniences are used in common. There were 439 slop W.C.'s in use at the end of the year.

771 Houses have joint use of 437 W.C.'s.

380 Houses have use of slop W.C.'s only.

88 Houses have joint use of 51 slop W.C.'s.

292 Houses have one slop W.C. per house, and 79 houses each have a slop W.C. and fresh water W.C.



## General Summary of Sanitary Work carried out and Insanitary Conditions Remedied.

Dwelling Houses.		
Baking ovens removed ...	1	
Bedrooms, additional erected ...	4	
Bedrooms made larger ...	2	
Bedrooms, floors repaired ...	50	
Bedrooms, new floors ...	4	
Bedrooms, angle filletting provided	24	
Buildings, dangerous removed ...	3	
Cleansed, whitewashed and re-papered ...	72	
Chimneys repaired ...	29	
Ceilings, plaster renewed or repaired ...	43	
Ceilings relathed ...	6	
Ceilings boarded ...	3	
Cellar lights, new iron gratings provided ...	20	
Cellars lighted ...	3	
„ cleaned out ...	7	
Damp Proof courses put in ...	4	
Demolished ...	2	
Door sills, new put in ...	22	
Doors, new provided ...	11	
„ repaired ...	48	
„ weather boards provided	8	
Doorways bricked up ...	2	
Floors, repaved or repaired ...	69	
Firegrates renewed ...	3	
Firegrates repaired ...	4	
Pantries repaved ...	3	
„ erected ...	1	
Rain water cisterns cleansed and repaired ...	3	
Roofs, repaired ...	57	
„ renewed ...	10	
Repaired and made fit for habitation ...	29	
Sculleries, new erected ...	4	
„ rebuilt ...	3	
„ paved ...	4	
Stairs, repaired ...	38	
„ renewed ...	20	
„ handrails provided ...	48	
Ventilating airbricks in bedrooms	7	
Washhouses, repaired ...	7	
„ taken down ...	3	
„ floors repaired or renewed ...	4	
Washing boilers repaired ...	12	
„ new put in ...	8	
Walls, external re-built ...	4	
„ pointed ...	15	
Walls, external, cemented ...	10	
„ „ tarred ...	1	
Walls, new (lath and plaster provided) ...	2	
„ cemented inside ...	2	
„ dangerous repaired ...	4	
„ „ removed ...	3	
„ matchboarding removed ...	2	
„ plaster renewed ...	109	
Yards, paving repaired ...	13	
„ re-laid ...	12	
Yards, paved ...	14	
Windows, made to open ...	39	
Windows, new additional put in	16	
„ repaired or renewed ...	79	
„ larger put in ...	17	
Sinks.		
Brick sinks, repaired ...	1	
„ removed ...	8	
New earthenware sinks put in	18	
Sink waste pipes put in	24	
Water Supply.		
Old wells filled up ...	2	
Water taps put inside houses	13	
Water taps put inside wash-houses	4	
Drains.		
Relaid ...	13	
Reconstructed ...	5	
New chambers put in ...	2	
Ventilated ...	4	
New put in ...	9	
Gullies removed ...	2	
Obstructions removed ...	103	
Additional gullies put in	14	
Chamber covers renewed	2	
Syphons, new put in ...	1	
Tested with smoke machine	7	
Ashpits.		
Removed ...	9	
Ashbins provided ...	53	
Rain Water Spouting.		
New spouting at front of premises	17	
„ „ rear „	28	
Spouting repaired at front	11	
„ „ rear	19	
Downpipes, lengthened, renewed or repaired ...	32	
Downpipes, reconstructed	8	
Water Closets.		
New erected ...	11	
Re-built ...	6	
Additional provided ...	11	
New basins provided for	14	
Flushing apparatus provided	1	
„ „ repaired	39	
Fresh water closets provided in place of Slop W.C.'s ...	9	
Obstructed, cleansed ...	22	
Soil pipe, new provided	1	
Repaired ...	41	
W.C.'s removed ...	5	
Other Matters.		
Accumulations of manure removed	8	
Overcrowding nuisances abated	1	
Pig keeping nuisances abated	5	
Vans removed ...	3	
Pigeon nuisances abated	1	



### Ashpits.

At the end of the year there were 598 Ashpits used by 881 houses. The Ashpits are distributed as follows :—

			<i>No. of Houses.</i>	<i>No. of Ashpits.</i>
1 House	...	One Ashpit	394	394
2 Houses	...	"	212	106
3 "	...	"	75	25
4 "	...	"	36	9
5 "	...	"	30	6
6 "	...	"	18	3
7 "	...	"	7	1
13 "	...	"	13	1
3 Houses	...	Two Ashpits	33	22
5 "	...	"	35	14
7 "	...	"	7	2
4 "	...	Three Ashpits	16	12
5 "	...	"	5	3
			<hr/> 881	<hr/> 598

### Drain Defects.

The drains at 9 premises were tested, 7 with the smoke machine, 1 with a smell test and one with a colour test. The colour test proved the existence of an old brick culvert from which rats infested a house.

The drains at one house were entirely reconstructed and the defects found at other houses were remedied.

### Shops Acts.

There are 542 shops on the Register. A number of Traders were warned about offences, but no proceedings were taken.

### Petroleum Acts.

43 Petroleum Licences were issued. 29 to store Petrol only, 12 to store Petrol and Carbide of Calcium, and 2 to store Carbide of Calcium only. The sum of £22 1s. od. was received for these Licences. 6 Notices of storage of Petrol under the Regulations made under the Locomotives on Highways Acts, were received.

The amount of Petrol licensed to be kept being 33,679 gallons compared with 33,543 gallons in 1927. The amount of Carbide of Calcium kept being 1153 lbs.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR KENT,

*Sanitary Inspector.*

*Inserted by request of the County Medical Officer.*

# **WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

## **Venereal Diseases.**

(Syphilis and Gonorrhoea).

It cannot be too widely known that innocent persons often suffer from these Diseases, and that they are spread in other ways besides immorality.

*The effects of these diseases upon the individual and upon the race are grave and far-reaching.* It has been demonstrated that *prompt and systematic treatment* will enable the patient to avoid these grave consequences.

It is now illegal for any person other than a Medical Practitioner to treat or advise treatment for persons suffering from these Diseases.

Arrangements have been made for

## **Free Treatment for All.**

Persons suffering from these Diseases can have treatment WITHOUT CHARGE under conditions of strict SECRECY at the following :—

		<i>Days.</i>	<i>Hours.</i>
GENERAL HOSPITAL, STEELHOUSE LANE, BIRMINGHAM	Males	Mondays	5-0 p.m.
		Tuesdays	
		Thursdays	
		Fridays	
	Females	Mondays	10-0 a.m.
		Wednesdays	10-0 a.m.
		Tuesdays	10-0 a.m.
		Fridays	5-0 p.m.
WORCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY	Males	Wednesdays	3-15 p.m.
		Saturdays	2-15 p.m.
	Females	Wednesdays	2-15 p.m.
		Saturdays	3-15 p.m.
KIDDERMINSTER AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL	Males	Fridays	5-30 p.m.
	Females	Tuesdays	2-0 p.m.
GUEST HOSPITAL DUDLEY.	Males	Tuesdays and Fridays	7-0 p.m.
	Females	Wednesdays	3 p.m.
CORBETT HOSPITAL STOURBRIDGE.	Males	Thursdays	7-0 p.m.
	Females	Mondays	7-0 p.m.

For further information as to these facilities, applications should be made to the County Medical Officer, 29, Foregate Street, Worcester.

*All correspondence in relation to this subject will be treated as strictly confidential, and replies will be sent in plain envelopes.*





