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# BOROUGH OF STOURBRIDGE.

*Mayor :*

(ALDERMAN LEONARD J. COOK, J.P., M.R.I.P.H., died Aug. 1929).

COUNTY ALDERMAN H. E. PALFREY, J.P.

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*Deputy Mayor :*

ALDERMAN W. R. SELLECK, J.P.

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## **SANITARY COMMITTEE:**

ALDERMAN L. J. COOK (died August, 1929).

COUNCILLOR JOSEPH WRIGHT, *Chairman*.

Councillor C. Broughton, J.P.

„ Mrs. Francis.

„ W. Harris.

„ A. S. Leather.

Councillor S. Newell.

„ Mrs. Stuart.

„ Miss M. E. Thomas

„ H. S. Walker.

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*Medical Officer of Health :*

GEOFFREY DUDLEY, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

*Sanitary Inspector :*

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

*Additional Sanitary Inspector :*

J. H. MASSEY, M.S.I.A., CERT. S.I.B., Cert. Meat and Food Inspector.

# THE ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Together with the Vital Statistics for the year 1929.

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 1929, being my Fifth 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			
(1929)	...	...	19390
Number of inhabited houses (1921)	...	...	4251
Number of inhabited houses (1929)	...	...	5089
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921)	...	...	4608 approx.
Number of families or separate occupiers (1929)	...	...	5394 approx.
Rateable Value	...	...	£95,800
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	£371

### Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year.

	M.	F.	Total.
Live Births—Legitimate	143	146	289
Illegitimate	2	4	6
		Total	295
Birth Rate	...	...	15.21
Birth Rate for England and Wales	...	...	16.3
	M.	F.	Total.
Still Births—Legitimate	12	7	19
Illegitimate	1		1
		Total	20
Deaths—Males	...	...	112
Females	...	...	124
		Total	236
Death Rate	...	...	12.17
Death Rate for England and Wales	...	...	13.4
One woman died in consequence of childbirth.			



## CAUSES OF DEATH.

	1929		1928	
	M	F	M	F
Enteric Fever .. .. .	-	-	-	-
Smallpox .. .. .	-	-	-	-
Measles .. .. .	1	-	1	2
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough .. .. .	-	2	2	-
Diphtheria .. .. .	-	1	1	4
Influenza .. .. .	11	6	2	2
Encephalitis Lethargica .. .. .	-	-	-	1
Meningococcal Meningitis .. .. .	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System .. .. .	10	4	12	4
Other Tuberculous Diseases . .. .	-	-	1	-
Cancer, Malignant Disease .. .. .	14	16	12	19
Rheumatic Fever .. .. .	-	1	-	-
Diabetes .. .. .	2	1	1	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc, .. .. .	7	9	6	7
Heart Disease .. .. .	14	30	19	20
Arterio-Sclerosis .. .. .	3	2	4	3
Bronchitis .. .. .	5	11	5	5
Pneumonia (all forms) .. .. .	7	6	10	3
Other Respiratory Diseases .. .. .	1	1	3	-
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum .. .. .	-	-	2	-
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years) .. .. .	1	-	-	-
Appendicitis and Typhlitis .. .. .	2	1	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver .. .. .	-	-	-	-
Acute and Chronic Nephritis .. .. .	4	3	1	3
Puerperal Sepsis .. .. .	-	1	-	-
Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition .. .. .	-	-	-	1
Congenital Debility & Malformation, Premature Birth	3	1	7	3
Suicide .. .. .	4	2	4	1
Other Deaths from Violence .. .. .	6	2	1	3
Other Defined Diseases .. .. .	17	24	26	26
Causes ill-defined or unknown .. .. .	-	-	-	-
TOTAL .. .. .	112	124	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. :— 45 as against 42 in 1928. Heart Disease accounts for 44 deaths compared with 39 in 1928. Next in order comes Cancer with 30 deaths as against 31 in 1928. The above are the most frequent causes of death. There was one death from Puerperal Fever in 1929. There were 6 cases of Suicide as against 5 in 1928. Four deaths were the result of Motor Car Accidents. Influenza accounted for 17 deaths as against 4 in 1928; this was due to the severe epidemic which occurred in the first quarter of the year. The number of deaths from Pneumonia was the same as in 1928, viz. :—13.

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

Year.		No. of Deaths of Infants under		Total Deaths.
		Births.	one year.	
1924	..	363	.. 23	.. 194
1925	..	338	.. 28	.. 230
1926	..	305	.. 19	.. 215
1927	..	312	.. 24	.. 222
1928	..	281	.. 23	.. 229
Average of five years		319.	.. 23.4	.. 218
1929	..	295	.. 13	.. 236

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

STREET.		Births.	Deaths of Infants under 1 year.	Total Deaths.
Albert Street	-	1	1	1
Angel Street	-	8		2
Bagley Street	-	2		3
Bank Street	-			
Bath Road	-			1
Baylie Street	-	1		4
Beale Street	-			
Beech Road	-	1		1
Bell Street	-			1
Birmingham Street	-	14	2	5
Bowling Green Road	-	1	1	2
Borough Crescent	-	2	1	1
Bridgnorth Road	-	10		11
Bridle Road	-	1		1
Bright Street	-			1
Brook Road	-	1		3
Brook Street	-	6		6
Cecil Street	-	1		1
Charles Road	-	3		
Cathcart Road	-	1		
Chapel Street	-	1		
Chawnhill	-	1		1

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

STREET.	Births.	Deaths of Infants under 1 year.	Total Deaths.
Cherry Street - - -	3		2
Church Street - - -	4		2
Church Road - - -			
Clark Street - - -	2		
Cleveland Street - - -	2		2
Cliff, The - - -	1		
Clifton Street - - -			2
Cobden Street - - -	5		4
Corser Street - - -			
Court Street - - -	2		1
Coventry Street - - -	2		1
Craufurd Street - - -			
Cross Street - - -			
Duke Street - - -	2		
Duncombe Street - - -			6
Dunsley Road - - -	2		
Eggington Road - - -			
Enville Street - - -	7		5
Farlands Road - - -			1
Francis Road - - -	2		
Field Lane - - -	7	1	3
Fir Grove - - -			
Firmstone Street - - -	1		1
Foster Street - - -			
Forge Hill - - -			
Grange Road - - -	6	1	2
Greyhound Lane - - -			
Gig Mill - - -			
Giles Hill - - -			3
Gladstone Road - - -			
Glasshouse Hill - - -	1		
Glebe Lane - - -	1		
Greenfield Avenue - - -			
Green Street - - -	6		
Hadcroft Road - - -	2		2
Hagley Road (Stourbridge) - - -	3		3
Hagley Road (Upper Swinford) - - -	6		3
Hanbury Hill - - -			1
Hanbury Passage - - -			
Hall Street - - -	3		4
Ham Lane - - -			1
Harmon Road - - -	6		
Hatfield Road - - -	5	1	4
Heath Street - - -	3	1	5
Heath Lane - - -	3		4
Hemplands Road - - -	4		1
High Street (Stourbridge) - - -	10		6



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

STREET.	Births.	Deaths of Infants under 1 year.	Total Deaths.
High Street (Wollaston) -	3		2
High Park Avenue -	1		2
Hill Street -	4		2
Hungary Hill -			1
Junction Road -			1
Jobs Lane -			
King Street -	5		4
Laburnam Street -			1
Lawn Avenue -	4		
Lawn Street -	1		1
Lawrence Street -	1		
Leonard Road -	3		
Lion Street -	1		
Lion Passage -			
Love Lane -			3
Lower Swinford -			
Mamble Road -	5		2
Market Street -			2
Meriden Avenue -	2		
Mill Street -	4		
Mount Street -	5		
Mount Road -			
New Street -			1
New Road -	2		2
New Wood -	1		
Norton Road and Norton -	3		2
Oakleigh Road -	1		
Osmaston Road -			
Pargeter Street -			
Parkfield Road -			
Parkfield Terrace -	1		
Park Street -			1
Pedmore Road -	6		
Park Road -	1		
Prescot Road -	10	1	3
Pool Street -	1		
Prospect Hill -	2		2
Queen Street -	3		
Randle Road -	2		
Rectory Road -			
Red Hill (Stourbridge) -			1
Red Hill (Upper Swinford) -			
Ridge Street -	1		3
Rufford Road -	1		1
School Street -			
Short Street -	1	1	1
South Avenue -			2

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

STREET.	Births.	Deaths of Infants under 1 year.	Total Deaths.
South Road - - -	10		3
Stamber Mill - - -			
Stanley Road - - -	2		
Summer Street - - -	5		
Swan Street - - -	1		1
Swinford Road - - -			
St. Mary's Lane - - -			2
The Heath - - -			
The Crescent, Grange Road - - -	1		
Theatre Road - - -			
Talbot Street - - -			
Union Passage - - -			
Union Street - - -	3		3
Unwin Passage - - -	1		1
Unwin Crescent - - -	1		
Valley Road - - -			
Vicarage Road - - -	3		3
Victoria Street - - -			
West Street - - -	1		4
Western Road - - -	2		3
Wheeler Street - - -	2		2
Wheeler's Hill - - -			
Witton Street - - -	2		2
Wood Street - - -	3		
Woodward Place - - -			
Wollaston Road - - -			
Worcester Street (Stourbridge) - - -	3		4
Worcester Street (Upper Swinford) - - -	2		1
Yardley Street - - -	1	1	3
Amblecote - - -			9
Birmingham - - -			7
Bromsgrove - - -			2
Derby - - -			1
Faversham - - -			1
Halesowen - - -			2
Kidderminster - - -			1
Kingswinford - - -		1	16
Lye - - -			2
Martley - - -			1
North Bromsgrove - - -			4
Oldham - - -			1
Rowley Regis - - -			1
Stafford - - -			1
Upton-on-Severn - - -			1
Births outside the Borough, Parents being Residents - - -	21		
	295	13	236



Last year I called your attention to the remarkable decrease in the number of births in the year 1928. There were 281 births, being the lowest recorded during the previous 37 years, whilst the number of illegitimate children born, viz., 13, was higher than in any year during a similar period.

The number of births in 1929, viz., 295, is, with the exception of the year 1928, lower than any recorded during the past 38 years. The number of illegitimate births has fallen to 6.

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 1929 (9 yrs.) = 339

The falling off in the number of Births has been greater during the past four years. In 1925 there were 338, whilst in the years 1926, 1927 and 1928 the numbers were 305, 312 and 281 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 1929 with an estimated population of 19,390 the number of births was only 295.

### Infantile Deaths.

Total Deaths of Infants under one year, 13 (Males 7, Females 6). One of the females was an illegitimate child.

The number of Infantile Deaths is the lowest recorded during the past 38 years. In 1919 there were 15 Infantile deaths.

Infantile Death Rate per 1,000 births: 44.06.

The Infantile Death Rate for the past five years was 69.88.

Infantile Death Rate, England and Wales, 74 per 1,000 births.

The causes of deaths were as follows:—

Bronchitis 2; and one each from the following causes:—Whooping Cough, Pneumonia, Broncho-Pneumonia, Marasmus, Influenza, Inter-cranial Hæmorrhage, Atelactasis, Congenital Heart Disease, Convulsions, Infantile Diarrhœa and Hirschsprung's Disease.

### Zymotic Diseases.

There were 22 deaths, compared with 15 in 1928. The deaths were Diphtheria 1, Influenza 17, Measles 1, Whooping Cough 1, Infantile Diarrhœa 1, and Puerperal Sepsis 1. It will be seen that this increase over the number in 1928 was due to the Influenza epidemic which occurred in the first quarter of the year.

The deaths from Measles and Whooping Cough occurred in August, being respectively children aged 5 years, and 1 month.



The death from Diphtheria occurred in the Corbett Hospital and was a child 4 years of age.

The death from Diarrhoea occurred in an infant of 11 months who died at Kingswinford.

The Zymotic Death Rate is 1.13 per 1,000 of the population.

### Health Visitors Report.

Notifications of Births received from County Medical Officer, January 1st to December 31st, 1929.

Males	...	...	...	149
Females	...	...	...	133
Still Births	...	...	...	15
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				297
Number of first Visits paid to homes	...	...	...	287
Revisits to Infants under one year	...	...	...	1727
Revisits to children over one year	...	...	...	2174

Attendances at Infant Welfare Centre :—

Number of children who have attended the Centre	464
Total number of attendances at Centre	4131

Ante-Natal Clinic.

Number of Expectant Mothers who attended the Clinic to end of December, 1929	...	122
Total number of Attendances	...	276
Number of First Visits paid to Expectant Mothers	...	71
Revisits	...	83

### 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 Infants 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.

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.

Dr. Eadie attends the Centre on Tuesday afternoons.

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.

The Ante-natal Clinic was opened in October, 1927, and is held twice a month. Dr. Eileen Bulmer attends the Clinic on the first and third Tuesday mornings in the month.



The attendance at this Clinic is being well maintained, it is proving a great help, not only to expectant mothers, but also to local Medical Practitioners.

### 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 certificates of the Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board and as Inspector of Meat and other Foods.

The Sanitary Inspector also acts as Inspector under the Petroleum Acts and Shop Acts.

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 28th October, 1929.

				(Grains per gallon)
Solids in suspension	...	...	...	none
Solids in solution dried at 100°C.	...	...	...	42
"    "    Appearance	...	...	...	White
"    "    After ignition	...	...	...	32'9
Behaviour of solids on ignition	...	...	...	No visible change.
Phosphates	...	...	...	None
Chlorine calculated as common salt	...	...	...	7'8
Free and saline ammonia	...	...	...	'002
Albuminoid ammonia	...	...	...	'001
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours	...	...	...	'009
Nitrogen as nitrates	...	...	...	'8
Appearance	...	...	...	Clear
Deposit	...	...	...	None
Smell	...	...	...	None
Hardness: Permanent	...	...	...	10 Clark
Temporary	...	...	...	9'5 "
Total				19'5 <sup>0</sup>
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.

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Many of the Local Authorities in the locality have formed a Committee, known as the Stour Water Shed Joint Committee of which the Town Clerk is the Honorary Secretary and it is hoped that the constitution of such Committee will be legally effected in the near future.

## 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	...	...	460
Inspections under Housing Act	...	...	68
Visits <i>re</i> Infectious Disease	...	...	45
Visits <i>re</i> Tuberculosis	...	...	18
Re-Inspections and Re-visits	...	...	2626
Slaughter-houses	...	...	1473
Cowsheds	...	...	85
Workshops	...	...	65
Vans	...	...	107
Bakehouses	...	...	52
Offensive Trade Premises	...	...	39
Food Stores	...	...	65
Houses let in Lodgings	...	...	25
Common Lodging Houses	...	...	26
Marine Stores and Rag Dealers	...	...	109
Premises infested with Rats	...	...	8
Verminous Houses	...	...	10
Water Courses	...	...	36
Preliminary Notices served	...	...	210
Preliminary Notices complied with	...	...	156
Statutory Notices served	...	...	169
Statutory Notices complied with	...	...	95

## 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 only School closed during the year was the Infant Department of Hill Street, which was closed from 13th to 30th December owing to an outbreak of Measles. On 9th December I gave a Certificate certifying that the attendance of this Department was below 60 per cent. on account of the prevalence of Measles and Chickenpox.

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1929.

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	2	6	5	1	1	3	1	-	-	21	14	1
Scarlet Fever	1	1	-	3	3	7	3	3	1	-	-	-	22	12	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Puerperal Fever ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	5	4	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil	-	-
Pneumonia ..	1	-	1	-	3	4	3	4	6	9	9	10	50	-	13
Erysipelas ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	6	-	-
Chicken Pox	2	2	2	6	7	40	2	-	-	-	-	-	61	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil	-	-
Totals ..	4	3	5	11	19	57	9	9	14	11	12	12	166	31	15

### 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.

The following table gives details of the Notification of Infectious Diseases during the year.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Diphtheria ..	3	1	3	1		2		1	2	1	1	6	21
Scarlet Fever ..	2	8	2	1	3	1	1		1	1	2		22
Enteric Fever ..											1		1
Puerperal Fever ..					2	1			1		1		5
Pneumonia ..	2	4	23	9	2	3		1		3	1	2	50
Erysipelas ..										1	3	2	6
Chicken Pox ..	8	4	5	4		2	11	5	2	8	1	11	61
Totals ..	15	17	33	15	7	9	12	7	6	14	10	21	166

Chicken Pox was prevalent throughout the year, 61 cases were notified as against 80 in 1928. The Diphtheria epidemic of 1928 continued throughout the year, the earlier cases being principally in Wollaston where the epidemic occurred in the previous year. Several of the cases at the latter end of the year were children attending School in an adjoining district. Scarlet Fever cases occurred in each month, excepting August and December, there being 22 cases as compared with 5 in 1928. Three cases in February occurred in one house. The case of Enteric Fever was a child who came to a Common Lodging House from a neighbouring district. Pneumonia shows considerable increase against 1928, when there were 23 cases. Puerperal Fever was responsible for five cases against none in the previous year, whilst no case of Puerperal Pyrexia was reported, compared with one in 1928.

### Small Pox.

The number of infants being Vaccinated against Small Pox still continues to be very small.

### Diphtheria.

This disease occurred in epidemic form throughout the greater part of the year—21 cases being notified with 1 death, *i.e.*, a mortality of 4.7%, compared with 58 cases, 5 deaths and a mortality percentage of 8.6 in 1928.

The 21 cases occurred in 19 houses, 2 houses having 2 cases each. In one house (a Council house) with three bedrooms there were five occupiers, the other house having 4 bedrooms and 5 occupiers. In another Council house with 2 bedrooms and 4 occupiers another case occurred which will be included in 1930 Report. The numbers of occupiers and bedrooms in the other cases were :-

Two Bedrooms. 3 occupiers (2), 4 occupiers (2), 5 occupiers (1),  
6 occupiers (1), 7 occupiers (1).

Three Bedrooms. 3 occupiers (2), 5 occupiers (3), 6 occupiers, two families (1), 8 occupiers, two families (1).

Four Bedrooms. 13 occupiers, two families (1).

Seven Bedrooms. 4 occupiers (1).



Six cases occurred in Council houses.

One death occurred, being a child 4 years of age.

In May a Clinic was started for the immunisation against Diphtheria of children between the ages of 2 and 5 years. So far the response of parents wishing to avail themselves of the opportunity of protecting their children against this serious disease has been very disappointing, only 12 children having been immunised. Information on this subject can be obtained from the Medical Officer of Health.

### Scarlet Fever.

Twenty-two cases were notified and were of a mild type. One case occurred at the Cottage Homes. Four cases occurred in one house where there were 6 bedrooms and 7 occupiers, the remaining cases were confined to one case per house.

### Enteric Fever.

The one case was reported in November, being a boy age 7, who had three weeks previously come to live at a Common Lodging House. No information was obtained as to the origin of the disease.

### Puerperal Fever.

Five cases were notified as against none in the previous year. Four of the cases were treated in hospital and all recovered, the remaining case died. The County Council have efficient arrangements for the treatment of this disease in two of the Birmingham Hospitals. All these cases arose *de novo*, there being no connection whatever between them. Two of these cases occurred in Corporation houses.

## OTHER DISEASES.

### OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

CASES			Vision Unim- paired.	Vision Im- paired	Total Blind- ness.	Deaths.
NOTIFIED.	TREATED.					
	At Home.	In Hospital.				
March 20	1		Died Mar. 1930			
May 18	1		Yes			
Nov. 15		1	Yes			
Dec. 4	1		Yes			
" 23		1	Still Out-Patient			
" 24	1		Yes			
" 30	1		Yes			

## TUBERCULOSIS.

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

Notification of Tuberculosis in the Borough is efficient, there having been no occasion to take action or proceedings for refusal to notify.

Three of the new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were "transferred" to this district, having previously been notified elsewhere, and were one male and two females, all of whom died (one early in 1930).

13 cases of Pulmonary Disease and 5 of Non-Pulmonary were reported against 18 and 11 respectively.

There were 14 deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and none from Non-Pulmonary, against 16 Pulmonary and one Non-Pulmonary in 1928.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1925—Sec. 62.

No action was necessary.



## Mortuary.

The bodies of fourteen persons were taken to the Mortuary during the year. (3 being residents of Lye, 1 Blakedown, 1 Churchill, and 1 Hagley).

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Sex.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	<i>Cause of Death.</i>
January 19th	... M ...	61	Killed on Railway
February 7th	... M ...	76	Tuberculosis
„ 16th	... M ...	62	Intestinal Obstruction
May 3rd	... M ...	27	Heart Failure
„ 15th	... F ...	76	Heart Failure
„ 15th	... M ...	53	Poisoning
June 22nd	... F ...	35	Heart Failure
July 2nd	... M ...	53	Motor Accident
„ 8th	... M ...	62	Heart Failure
August 15th	... F ...	61	Heart Failure
Sept. 13th	... M ...	57	Poisoning
October 1st	... M ...	30	Gangrene
„ 3rd	... F ...	42	Heart Failure
„ 30th	... F ...	42	Acute Appendicitis and Peritonitis

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GEOFFREY DUDLEY.

*Medical Officer of Health.*



## HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1929.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b) )	351
(b) With State Assistance under Housing Acts :—	
i. By Local Authorities	299
ii. By other Bodies or Persons	31

1.—Unfit Dwelling Houses. Inspection :—

(1) Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Act)	460
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	68
(3) Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	10
(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	131

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	310
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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	—
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were rendered fit after service of formal Notices :—	
(a) By Owners	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	—
(3) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by Owners of intention to close	—

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	49
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(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal Notices :—

(a) By Owners - - - - - 35

(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 - - - - - 10

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made - - - - - 9

(3) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the Dwelling Houses having been rendered fit - - - - - 51

(4) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made - - - - - 2

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 CON- NECTION 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)	3	1	—
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries) .. .. .	97	3	—
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises .. .. .)	20	—	—
Total .. .. .	120	4	—

## 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 .. .. .	1	1	—	—
Overcrowding .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Want of drainage of floors .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Other nuisances .. .. .	1	1	—	—
Sanitary Accommodation :—				
Insufficient .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Unsuitable or defective .. .. .	3	3	—	—
Not separate for sexes .. .. .	—	—	—	—
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouses (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 .. .. .	6	6	—	—

\*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 1929.

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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 1929, being my Twenty-ninth Annual Report.

#### Complaints.

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

#### Inspection of District.

During the Year the number of inspections and re-inspections made was 5317 compared with 5083 in the previous year.

The inspections and re-inspections were as follows :—General inspection of houses and premises, 460. Inspections under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 68. Re-inspections 2626. Infectious diseases, 45. Tuberculosis cases, 18. Slaughterhouses 1473. Dairies and Cowsheds, 85. Workshops, 65. Vans, 107. Bakehouses, 52. Offensive Trades, 39. Food Stores, 65. Houses let in Lodgings, 25. Common Lodging Houses, 26. Marine Stores and Rag Dealers, 109. Premises infested with rats, 8. Verminous Houses, 10. Watercourses, 36.

The number of sanitary defects, nuisances and contraventions of your Bye-laws found during the year was 2466. The number of defects remaining unattended to at the end of 1928 was 3763, these with the insanitary conditions met with during the year make a total of 6229.

During the year, 1965 defects were remedied, leaving 4364 insanitary conditions unabated.



## Notices.

210 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 73 notices relating to 143 houses. Dirty houses 2. Overcrowding 2. Sanitary conveniences, insufficient, defective, dirty or obstructed, 26 Notices, 51 premises. Drain defects, 27 Notices, 78 houses. Want of receptacles for house refuse, 6 Notices, 25 houses. Accumulations of refuse or manure, 14. Pig-keeping, 3. Milk & Dairies Order offences, 9. Vans, 3. Cleansing rooms after Tuberculosis, 6. No vent pipe from Geyser, 2. Workshops defects, 5. Waste of water, 5. Obstructed or polluted watercourse, 2. Marine Stores, 2. Defective rain water spouting, 4. Meat Regulations, 2. Shops Acts offences, 4. Petroleum Acts offences, 3, and One Notice each in respect of Dangerous building, Defective sink pipe, Smoke nuisance, Defective firegrate, Flooding, Defective privy, Polluted water well, Mice infestation, Yard paving and Fish frying.

133 matters were referred to the Borough Surveyor and 9 to the Stourbridge Water Board.

156 Preliminary Notices had been complied with at the end of the year. Work was in progress in connection with 31 Notices. Nothing had been done in respect of 23 Notices.

The Statutory Notices served were as follows :—

Abatement of Nuisances	...	...	70
Provision of Ashbins	...	...	37
Insufficient Waterclosets	...	...	7
Removal of Manure	...	...	6
Demolition of Houses	...	...	6
Notices of Closing Orders	...	...	21
Notices to Tenants (Housing Act)	...	...	4
Rescission of Closing Orders	...	...	2
Provision of Additional W.C's.	...	...	2
Occupation of Vans	...	...	4
Defective Rain Water Spouting	...	...	1
Notice under Bye-Laws, Vans	...	...	3
" " " Nuisances	...	...	1
Limewashing Workshop	...	...	1
Disinfection of Houses	...	...	4
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			169

95 Notices were complied with, the work in respect of 33 was in progress at the end of the year, whilst nothing has been done to comply with the existing 41 Notices.

## Prosecutions.

Three cases were taken for non-compliance with Notices requiring repairs to houses. The work was subsequently done and the cases withdrawn on payment of costs. Information was laid against the Owner of five houses for not providing sinks, and against one Owner for not carrying



out repairs. In each case the work was done and no summons issued. Two tenants were prosecuted for not quitting houses subject to Closing Orders. One tenant was ordered to quit within 21 days, the case against the other tenant was adjourned and in the meantime the tenant left the house

### Offensive Trades.

The trades carried on are Fish frying 13, Tripe boiling 7, Hide and Skin dealers and Leather dresser, one each. Two applications to establish new businesses as fish friers were granted and three were refused.

### Bakehouses.

There are 16 Bakehouses, 5 being Factories. One Notice was received from H.M. Inspector of Factories relating to a defective sanitary convenience. A new W.C. was put in. 52 visits were made during the year.

### Factory & Workshop Act.

There were 164 Workshops on the Register at the end of the year as follows :—

Bag Making	...	2	Jewellery and Watch		
Baking	...	11	Repairing	...	6
Basket Making	...	1	Joinery	...	8
Boot Repairing	...	22	Laundry	...	1
Boat Building	...	1	Malting	...	1
Brewing	...	3	Millinery	...	7
Bucket Handle Making		1	Motor Repairs	...	12
Builders	...	2	Plumbing, etc.	...	7
Cabinet Making and			Picture Framing	...	1
Upholstering	...	7	Rug Clipping and		
Carriage Building and			Dressing	...	1
Wheelwrights	...	6	Saddlery	...	3
Cycle Repairs	...	2	Sewing Machine Repairs		1
Chamois Leather			Sheet Metal Cutting...		5
Dressing	...	2	Smithy (General)	...	2
Dressmaking	...	19	Stone Masonry	...	2
Electrical Engineering		1	Tailoring	...	14
Food Preparing	...	2	Tin and Whitesmithy		2
Frost Cog Making	...	4	Wireless Apparatus...		2
Glass Engraving	...	1	Wood Turning	...	1
Horse Shoeing	...	1			

Three Notices were received from H.M. Inspector of Factories, in addition to the One relating to a Bakehouse. These Notices called attention to defective Sanitary conveniences at two Factories. One Factory was closed before the end of the year. In the other case the Sanitary convenience was reconstructed.

### Outworkers.

37 Lists were received containing names of 44 Outworkers, 24 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.	
8397	1858	3	—	118	10	10386

### Slaughterhouses.

There are 13 Slaughterhouses, all being subject to annual licence. Four are licensed on the understanding that claim for compensation will not be made in the event of the renewal of the licence being refused should the Town Council erect a Public Abattoir. Two of the Slaughterhouses are each jointly used by three occupiers. One new licence was issued for the joint use of one place.

1473 visits were made during the year compared with 1704 in the previous year. The reduction in the number of visits is due to regular times of slaughter being observed. The Notices required by the Meat Regulations are regularly sent.

Notices of Slaughter were received in respect of 711 oxen, 1420 pigs, 3196 Sheep and 109 calves. The following were inspected 701 oxen, 1359 pigs, 2860 sheep, and 98 calves, 39 of the pigs were slaughtered on private premises.

The percentages of inspections were oxen 98, pigs 95, sheep 89 and calves 89, or a total of 92.3.

No meat or other food stuff was seized. The meat, etc., surrendered was as follows :—

*Tuberculosis.* 3 whole pigs and offals; 34 pigs' heads; 3 pigs' frys; 1 pig's lungs; 10 pigs' mesenteries; 11 ox heads; 4 ox livers; 6 ox lungs and the edible offal of one ox.

*Swine Erysipelas.* 3 whole pigs and organs.

*Pneumonia.* 1 pig and organ; 1 pig's lungs.

*Nephritis.* 1 pig and organs.

*Inflammation.* 2 pigs' heads; 2 pigs' lungs.

*Distomum Hepaticum.* 2 whole and 8 halves ox livers; 19 sheep's livers.

*Cirrhosis.* 19 whole and 6 halves ox livers; 2 pigs' livers.

*Echinococci.* 4 ox livers; 10 ox lungs.

*Cyst Tenuicollis.* 1 ox liver; 1 ox lungs; 1 sheep liver.

*Strongylus Paradoxus.* 2 pig's lungs.

*Abscesses.* 2 ox livers; 1 sheep liver.

*Necrosis.* 4 ox livers.

*Angiomatosis.* 4 ox livers.

*Worried by dog.* 1 whole sheep.

Other foods :—2 rabbits (*Coccidiosis*); 1 cwt. canned fruit and meat.

The total weight being approximately 23½ cwts. compared with 30 cwts. in 1928, 32 in 1927, and 21½ cwts. in 1926.



## - Housing.

68 houses were inspected under the Inspection of District Regulations. Ten houses were reported as unfit for human habitation. Nine Closing Orders were made, and a notice under the Public Health Act, 1875, served in respect of the other one. Five of the houses were vacated, including the one which was not made subject to a Closing Order. Closing Orders in respect of 45 houses were rescinded, the repairs having been done some time ago. Notices were served upon the occupier of four houses requiring them to cease occupation. In two cases applications were made to the Court, the results of which are mentioned under "Prosecutions." The occupier of one house left early in 1930. The remaining notice was served upon the occupier of a Van and legal proceedings were taken in February, 1930. Several cases of Van dwellers were successfully dealt with. In one case a Van was enlarged and occupied. After notices under the Public Health Act, 1925, and the Building Bye-Laws were served and a Closing Order made, the Van was removed. Two houses were extensively repaired after Closing Orders but the work done was unsatisfactory, nothing being done to prevent flooding by rain which occurs through the yards being much higher than the floors of the houses.

Considerable repairs to houses were effected, but it is increasingly difficult to get work completely done; many Owners doing as little as possible instead of thoroughly repairing their houses.

I brought to the notice of your Sanitary Committee a row of 16 houses in a cul-de-sac where there are common washhouses and W.Cs. The Committee recommended the service of notices for repair and for the provision of ten additional W.Cs. Subsequently a Sub-Committee inspected them in view of recommending the Town Council to purchase them for reconstruction, as it was pointed out that even if the Owner carried out all the repairs required the general conditions of the premises would not be improved. There are two yards for the houses, 8 being in each yard. The suggested improvements essential to make the premises more satisfactory included purchase of land at the front and end of the row, provision of a Scullery with inside W.C. at each house and dividing off the yards. The Sub-Committee recommended that the purchase of the premises should seriously be considered and this was approved by the Sanitary Committee. An Inspector of the Ministry of Health informally visited the premises on 9th July. A valuation was subsequently obtained from the District Valuer, but when this was considered, together with my estimate of the cost of repairs and alterations, the Sanitary Committee, at their December Meeting, could not recommend the Town Council to proceed with the purchase on account of the cost, and ordered Notices again to be served upon the Owner.

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. In December I called the attention of the Owner to defective floors, leaky roofs, and other defects at these houses.

Demolition Orders were made in respect of Nos. 4 and 5 (Brook Steps) Court No. 7 Birmingham Street, and instructions were given to me to have the houses demolished. As the Owner wished to demolish the houses I did not proceed with the work. At the end of the year the demolition was in progress.

Three old houses were demolished in connection with the development of the High Park Housing Estate, and one house was partly demolished and the remainder converted into an office.

In November I reported to your Sanitary Committee on the general defective condition of a row of 25 houses with a view to an Improvement Scheme being considered. It was decided that a Sub-Committee should inspect and report to the Sanitary Committee. This was done early in 1930.

### Dairies and Cowsheds.

At the end of the year there were 81 registered retailers of Milk in the Borough. Six retailers are also producers, one producer sells the milk wholesale. 22 retailers reside in the Borough and 26 outside. In addition to these 27 retail bottled Sterilized Milk only. One wholesaler and retailer is also licensed as a bottler of Grade A (T.T.) Milk, and one producer is also a Grade A Milk producer. There are two retailers of Grade A Milk, and One retailer of Pasteurised Milk who reside outside the Borough.

There are approximately 55 cows in the Borough.

Four samples were submitted for analysis and certified genuine.

Several dirt tests were made during the year but there were no cases of dirty milk. The cowkeepers, generally, comply with the requirements respecting the cleansing of udders. One cowkeeper thoroughly cleansed the whole of the 4 sheds in his occupation and reconstructed the dairy. In several instances it was necessary to request the cowkeepers to remove manure and clean the floor of cowshed.

Two cases of unregistered Milksellers were reported to your Sanitary Committee but no action was taken as the offenders applied for registration.

### Disinfection, &c.

66 houses were disinfected after infectious disease and 15 for other reasons. Upwards of 600 articles of bedding and clothing were disinfected at the Isolation Hospital. Eight rooms, which had been occupied by patients suffering from Tuberculosis, were stripped of wall paper, sprayed and cleansed.



Five houses infested bugs and fleas, one with ants, and one with wood beetle were treated, whilst insecticide was supplied to the occupiers of 13 Council Houses which were infested with earwigs.

### Houses Let in Lodgings.

During the year the Town Council adopted Byelaws relating to houses let in lodgings, but these had not become operative at the end of the year. 25 inspections were made and several defects met with, which were remedied.

### Smoke.

A Byelaw under Sec. 2 of the Public Health (Smoke Abatement) Act, 1926, was adopted by the Town Council in February, and was allowed by the Ministry of Health early in 1930. The Byelaw limits the emission of black smoke to a period of three minutes in half an hour. No case of emission of black smoke was reported, but I called attention to emission of black smoke at several factories.

### Waterclosets.

7 additional water closets were provided. 1 W.C. with fresh water flushing apparatus was put in place of a slop W.C. 2 earth closets were converted into W.C.'s.

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

W.C.'s in place of privies	...	...	1068
Additional W.C.'s provided	...	...	259
Slop W.C.'s converted into fresh water flushing W.C.'s			106

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

### Dwelling Houses.

Baking ovens removed .. ..	7
Bedrooms, floors repaired ..	15
Bedrooms, angle filletting provided	35
Cleansed, whitewashed and repapered	59
Chimneys repaired .. ..	33
Ceilings, plaster renewed or re-paired .. ..	80
Ceilings relathed .. ..	7
Ceilings boarded .. ..	1
Cellar lights, new iron gratings provided .. ..	9
Cellars cleaned out .. ..	6
Damp Proof courses put in ..	5
Demolished .. ..	3
Door sills, new put in .. ..	13
Doors, new provided .. ..	7
" repaired .. ..	34
" weather boards provided ..	2
Floors, repaved or repaired ..	55
Firegrates renewed .. ..	4
Firegrates repaired .. ..	9
Pantries ventilated and lighted ..	11
" erected .. ..	1
Rain water cisterns cleansed and repaired .. ..	10
Roofs, repaired .. ..	45
" renewed .. ..	2
Repaired and made fit for habitation	34
Sculleries, new erected .. ..	2
" rebuilt .. ..	1
" paved .. ..	3
" repaired .. ..	3
Stairs, repaired .. ..	21
" renewed .. ..	16
" handrails provided .. ..	34
Ventilating airbricks in bedrooms	7
Verandahs, new provided .. ..	2
Verandahs, removed .. ..	2
Washhouses, repaired .. ..	39
" floors repaired or renewed .. ..	6
Washing boilers repaired .. ..	10
" new put in .. ..	2
Walls, external, re-built .. ..	2
" pointed .. ..	44
Walls, external, cemented .. ..	11
" tarred .. ..	2
Walls (lath and plaster removed) ..	6
" cemented inside .. ..	23
" dangerous repaired .. ..	2
" matchboarding removed ..	4
" plaster renewed .. ..	70
" chair rails put in .. ..	13
" tie rods put in .. ..	2
Yards, paving repaired .. ..	6
" re-laid .. ..	2
" paved .. ..	4
Windows, made to open .. ..	23
" new additional put in ..	10

Windows, repaired or renewed ..	103
" larger put in .. ..	6

### Sinks.

Brick sinks, repaired .. ..	7
" removed .. ..	7
New earthenware sinks put in ..	29
Sink waste pipes put in .. ..	18

### Water Supply.

Water taps put inside houses ..	9
Water taps put inside wash-houses	4

### Drains.

Relaid .. ..	12
Reconstructed or repaired ..	23
New chambers put in .. ..	6
Ventilated .. ..	4
New put in (additional) .. ..	12
Gullies removed .. ..	1
Obstructions removed .. ..	67
Additional gullies put in .. ..	7
Chamber covers renewed .. ..	2
Syphons, new put in .. ..	1
Tested .. ..	18

### Ashpits.

Removed .. ..	5
Ashbins provided .. ..	75

### Rain Water Spouting.

New spouting at front of premises	7
" rear .. ..	12
Spouting repaired at front ..	21
" rear .. ..	23
Downpipes, lengthened, renewed, or repaired .. ..	24
Downpipes, reconstructed .. ..	2

### Water Closets.

New erected .. ..	3
Re-built .. ..	4
Additional provided .. ..	7
New basins provided for .. ..	23
Flushing apparatus repaired ..	55
Fresh water closets provided in place of Slop W.C.'s .. ..	1
Obstructed, cleansed .. ..	10
Soil pipes, new provided .. ..	1
Repaired .. ..	19
W.C.'s in place of earth closets ..	2

### Other Matters.

Accumulations of manure removed	17
Overcrowding nuisances abated ..	3
Pig keeping nuisances abated ..	2
Vans removed .. ..	11



### Ashpits.

At the end of the year there were 592 ashpits used by 866 houses. These are distributed as follows:—

			<i>No. of Houses.</i>	<i>No. of Ashpits.</i>
1 House	...	One Ashpit	391	391
2 Houses	...	"	212	106
3 "	...	"	69	23
4 "	...	"	36	9
5 "	...	"	30	6
6 "	...	"	12	2
7 "	...	"	7	1
13 "	...	"	13	1
3 "	...	Two Ashpits	33	22
5 "	...	"	35	14
7 "	...	"	7	2
4 "	...	Three Ashpits	16	12
5 "	...	"	5	3
			866	592

### Drain Defects.

The drains at 18 houses were tested, 7 with the smoke machine, 2 with water, 4 colour and 5 other tests. The following drainage work was done:—Relaid 12, connected to sewer 1, re-constructed 2, repaired 21, new additions provided 12, new inspection chambers 6, ventilation 4, additional gullies 7, and 67 obstructed drains for 118 houses were cleared.

### Shops Acts.

There are 554 shops on the Register. A number of Traders were warned about offences, and proceedings were taken in two cases for serving customers after the closing hour. A penalty of £1 and costs was imposed in one case, the other one being dismissed on payment of costs.

### Petroleum Acts.

47 Petroleum Licences were issued. 34 to store Petrol only, 11 to store Petrol and Carbide of Calcium, and 2 to store Carbide of Calcium only. The sum of £26 1s. was received for these Licences.

The amount of Petrol licensed to be kept being 35,119 gallons compared with 33,679 gallons in 1928. The amount of Carbide of Calcium kept being 1124 lbs.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR KENT,

*Sanitary Inspector.*

*April, 1930.*

*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	
	Females	Fridays	10-0 a.m.
		Mondays	
		Wednesdays	
WORCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY	Males	Tuesdays	10-0 a.m.
		Fridays	
	Females	Thursdays	5-0 p.m.
KIDDERMINSTER AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL	Males	Wednesdays	3-15 p.m.
	Females	Saturdays	2-15 p.m.
		Wednesdays	2-15 p.m.
		Saturdays	3-15 p.m.
GUEST HOSPITAL DUDLEY.	Males	Fridays	5-30 p.m.
	Females	Tuesdays	2-0 p.m.
CORBETT HOSPITAL STOURBRIDGE.	Males	Tuesdays and Fridays	7-0 p.m.
	Females	Wednesdays	3-0 p.m.
	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.*















