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AND  
SURVEYOR'S & SANITARY INSPECTOR'S  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER 1887

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE  
AUTHORITY.

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TO THE  
TIVERTON  
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year ending 31st December, 1947.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF  
THE AREA.

AREA. 114,139 Acres.

POPULATION estimated 20,160.

RATEABLE VALUE, £76,150.

SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE, £333 7s. 7d.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS. Agriculture being the chief occupation of the inhabitants, conditions are on the whole good.

SLAUGHTERING INDUSTRIES.

Government Slaughterhouse, Tiverton Junction.



EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF  
THE YEAR.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births	Legitimate	365	188	177	} Birth Rate per 1000 of the population—19·5
	Illegitimate	27	13	14	
Still Births	Legitimate	9	7	2	} Rate per 1000 total (live and still-births) births—28·0
	Illegitimate	2	1	1	
Deaths	... ..	277	144	133	} Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population— 13·7

Deaths from diseases & accidents } from sepsis            Nil.  
of pregnancy & child-birth        } ,, other causes Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All infants per 1,000 live births	45·9
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	46·5
Illegitimate infants deaths under one	1
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	1
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil.
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	1
,, ,, Cancer...	44

STATISTICS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

Births per 1,000 of population	} Live 20·5 Still 0·50
Deaths ... ..	12·0
Deaths under one year of age	41

EXCESSIVE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR.

Nil.

The Birth rate is the highest recorded for many year .

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN  
THE AREA.

1. NURSING in the Home. No change.
2. NUMBER OF MIDWIVES practising in the Area. The District Nurses of which there are 16 act in this capacity.
3. LABORATORY FACILITIES. Clinical material is examined at the County Laboratories as before.
4. LEGISLATION IN FORCE. There has been no major change during the past year with regard to Legislation in Force throughout the Area.
5. THE TIVERTON JOINT HOSPITAL FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES. The position in the above is unsatisfactory. There is a chronic shortage of staff which renders this institution useless.

GENERAL SURGICAL and Medical Cases are sent to the Tiverton and District Hospital or the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. These have always proved adequate in accommodation.

MATERNITY CASES requiring hospital treatment usually are admitted to the Tiverton & District Hospital. Admissions have to be limited owing to danger of overcrowding.



## INOCULATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

It is calculated that since 1938 1497 children under 5 have been fully immunised.

2963 between the ages 5 to 15.

This makes a total of 4460.

## SCABIES.

The incidence of this disease has declined during the year.

## SECTION C.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

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### WATER SUPPLIES.

Water Supplies generally are fairly satisfactory, and many farmers are taking advantage of Grant Aid to improve their farm supplies.

The Regional Water Scheme has been satisfactory although there have been occasional reports of shortages in the Bradninch, Silverton and Thorverton areas. The causes of this are under investigation.

Extensions to the Regional Water Scheme are being considered or have been carried out in the following Districts: Cullompton, Uffculme, Burlescombe, Uplowman, Whitnage, Hele, Silverton, Thorverton, Butterleigh and Bickleigh.

SHOP ACT. No action taken.

SMOKE ABATEMENT. Complaints have been received and are being investigated concerning an alleged smoke nuisance in the Hemyock area.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The Disposal of Sewage throughout the District is fairly satisfactory although there is need for improvement.

Schemes are urgently required for Bampton, Culmstock, Hemyock, Ashill, Kentisbeare, Sampford Peverell and Willand, and Schemes have been prepared and submitted to the Ministry for Bampton, Halberton, Willand and Sampford Peverell.

#### SCAVENGING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL.

Refuse is collected in 24 Parishes and is dealt with by controlled tipping at Gaddon Down, Uffculme. The present scheme is satisfactory but improvements could be effected and more Parishes included, with weekly collections made at Willand, Halberton, Culmstock and Hemyock.

#### SCHOOLS.

The general condition and sanitation of schools are satisfactory.

#### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Houses cleansed and redecorated	...	...	14
Nuisances from Cesspools and Waste Deposits	...	...	12
Wells closed	...	...	14
Number of Cowsheds on the Register at the end of Year	...	...	756
Number of Inspections—Cowsheds	...	...	80
„ „ Dairies	...	...	14
Milk Samples Taken	...	...	Nil.
Bakehouse Inspections	...	...	16
Shops and Food Stores	..	..	39
Slaughterhouse Inspections	...	...	520
Inspection of Butchers and Other Shops	...	...	30
„ „ Hide Stores	...	...	8
No. Carcases Examined	...	...	14,467
Amount of Unsound Meat	...	30 tons 8 cwts.	
Inspection of Schools	...	...	11
Disinfections—Infectious Diseases	...	...	25
„ Verminous	..	..	7
Knacker Yard	...	...	20
Nuisances and Complaints	...	...	102
Rats and Mice	...	...	30



1.—INSPECTION FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS  
AND WORKPLACES.

*Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.*

PREMISES. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers prosecuted (4)
Factories ... .. (Including Factory Laundries)	8	Nil	Nil
Workshops ... .. (Including Workshop Laundries)	10	2	Nil
Workplaces .. .. (Other than Outworkers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total ... ..	18	2	Nil

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS  
AND WORKPLACES.

Insufficient W.C. accommodation 2. One was not  
complied with at the end of the year.

Lime Washing required. 4 complied with.

## HOUSING.

### 1. *Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year:—*

- |   |      |
|---|------|
| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..  | 1102 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose  | 1320 |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... ..       | 907  |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose  | 994  |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...                                      | 53   |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head, and found to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... .. | 854  |

### 2. *Remedy of Defects during the Year 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 during the Year:—*

A.—Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

- |   |      |
|---|------|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... | 7    |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:      |      |
| (a) By owners (work in hand) ...  | 7    |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..  | Nil. |



B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

- |   |      |
|---|------|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... .. | 9    |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:                 |      |
| (a) By owners ... ..  | 7    |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..  | Nil. |

C.—Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

- |  |      |
|--|------|
| (1) Number of houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted ... .. | Nil. |
| (2) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition order ... ..    | Nil. |

D.—Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act of 1936 ... .. Nil.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

The systematic inspection of houses of a rateable value of under £16, for sanitary defects, continued throughout the year. As will be seen from the above figures, considerable progress continues to be made.

SECTION E.—INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) MILK SUPPLY.

Some progress has been made in the renovation of cowsheds during the year.

Applications for Building Licences in connection with Milk Production have been granted in all cases by the Local Authority for work under £100.

The support of the Authority has been given to work connected with new cowsheds, or re-construction, to the Ministry of Works for Licence Applications over £100.



Milk Sampling is now carried out by the Devon County Council, under the direction of the County Medical Officer of Health.

(b) MEAT INSPECTION.

*Meat Regulations and Slaughterhouses (R. D. C.) Order, 1924.*

The Tiverton Junction Abattoirs has been the only one in use throughout the year.

A large proportion of one Inspector's time has been devoted to this work.

All carcasses and offal have been inspected at the time, or just after, slaughter.

The quality and quantity of the meat has been rather lower than in previous years due no doubt to shortage of Animal Feeding products.

Attention has been drawn several times to the need of more care in the handling of carcasses, and the cleaning of the slaughterhouse.

Informal Notice was served regarding unsatisfactory lavatory accommodation, and was complied with.

Considerable improvement has been made with reference to the lighting arrangements and small day to day repairs received attention.

*Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.*

No action has been needed under the above Act. The electroleather is used for the stunning of sheep and pigs, and the Cash Captive Bolt for bullocks and calves.

(c) ADULTERATION.—No action taken under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

(d) CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD.  
No Action taken.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1947 giving age incidence.

Under 1 Year.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Whooping Cough.	Measles.	Pneumonia.	Erysipelas.	Para Typhoid.	Dysentery. (Sonné)	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.	Ac Polio-myelitis
0—1	—	—	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—3	—	—	5	36	1	—	—	—	—	1
3—5	2	—	3	55	2	—	—	—	—	—
5—10	13	—	6	164	2	—	—	—	—	1
10—15	10	—	1	32	1	—	—	—	—	—
15—25	2	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—
25—30	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
30—35	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
35—45	2	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55	—	—	—	1	4	1	—	—	—	—
55 - over	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—
Age Unknown	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>

PUERPERAL PYREXIA. 1 case.

TUBERCULOSIS. New Cases and Mortality during 1947.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
20	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
25	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
35	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
45	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
65 up	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

All the above deaths have been notified according to the Regulations.

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925. No action was taken.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1925, SECTION 62. No action was taken.

I am indebted to the officers of the Council for their help during the year.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. NICHOLSON.



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