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I have to honour to submit my Annual Report for 1944
on the health of the Totnes Rural District.

The live birth rate was 14.5 as compared with 13.0 in 1943,
the rate for England & Wales being 17.6

The infant mortality rate was 29.7 per 1,000 live births, as
compared with 27.7 in 1943, the figure for England & Wales being 46.

The death rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate
live births was 32.2.

The crude death rate for the year was 12.2 per 1,000
estimated resident population, the figure for 1943 being 12.0, and that
for England & Wales 11.6.

General Statistics.

Area (Acres)	80, 978
Population - Census 1921	11, 918
- Census 1931	12, 362
Registrar General's estimated resident population ..	13, 800
Number of inhabited houses (1931)	3, 348
Rateable value	£74, 371
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£318. 5. 0.

The population is chiefly agricultural, and there is no
occupation which has any particular influence on health. There is
very little unemployment in the area.

Vital Statistics.

Live births	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Legitimate	104	82	186
Illegitimate	6	10	16
	<u>110</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>202</u>
Still births	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Legitimate	2	3	5
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	14.5
Birth rate per 1,000 (England & Wales)	17.6
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	12.2
Death rate per 1,000 (England & Wales	11.6
Deaths from diseases & accidents of pregnancy & childbirth	NIL
" " " " " (England & Wales)	2.29
Death rate of infants under 1 year of age:-	
All infants per 1,000 live births	29.7
All infants etc. (England & Wales)... ..	46.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	16.1
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	28
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	NIL
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)... ..	NIL

Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

	Total	Admitted to hospital	Died
Scarlet Fever	23	20	-
Diphtheria	4	3	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Pneumonia	6	-	-
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulation, 1925.

AGE PERIODS	New cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
1	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
5	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	1
10	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
15	0	1	0	0	-	-	-	-
20	2	1	1	0	-	-	-	-
25	3	3	0	0	-	-	-	1
35	5	1	0	0	1	-	-	-
45	1	3	0	0	-	1	-	-
55	2	2	0	0	2	-	-	-
65 & over	3	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	16	11	1	0	3	1	-	2

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	M.	F.
All Causes	89	80
1. Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-
2. Cerebro spinal fever	-	-
3. Scarlet fever	-	-
4. Whooping cough	-	-
5. Diphtheria	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of the respiratory system ..	3	1
7. Other forms of tuberculosis ..	-	2
8. Syphilitic diseases ..	-	-
9. Influenza ..	-	1
10. Measles	-	-
11. Acute poliomyelitis and polio-encephalitis...	-	-
12. Acute infantile encephalitis.	-	-
13. Cancer	2	2
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum...	3	2
15. Cancer of breast	-	3
16. Cancer of all other sites ..	7	9
17. Diabetes	-	-
18. Intra cranial vascular lesions ..	15	11
19. Heart disease	21	21
20. Other diseases of the circulatory system ..	3	2
21. Bronchitis	9	5
22. Pneumonia	4	-
23. Other respiratory diseases ..	-	1
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	3	1
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years of age...	-	-
26. Appendicitis	-	-
27. Other digestive diseases	1	4
28. Nephritis ..	6	2
29. Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis...	-	-
30. Other maternal causes ..	-	1
31. Premature birth ..	1	-
32. Infantile disorders	1	-
33. Suicide	1	-
34. Road Traffic Accidents ..	-	-
35. Other violent causes	3	2
36. All other causes	6	10
	<u>89</u>	<u>80</u>
TOTAL ALL CAUSES		

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I am, your obedient Servant.

Stanley Gillies

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1945.

11	Causes	100	100
10	Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers	10	10
9	Cerebro spinal fever	10	10
8	Scarlet fever	10	10
7	Whooping cough	10	10
6	Diphtheria	10	10
5	Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	10	10
4	Other forms of tuberculosis	10	10
3	Syphilitic diseases	10	10
2	Influenza	10	10
1	Measles	10	10
0	Acute poliomyelitis and polio-encephalitis	10	10
0	Acute infantile encephalitis	10	10
0	Cancer	10	10
0	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	10	10
0	Cancer of breast	10	10
0	Cancer of all other sites	10	10
0	Diabetes	10	10
0	Intercranial vascular lesions	10	10
0	Heart disease	10	10
0	Other diseases of the circulatory system	10	10
0	Arteriosclerosis	10	10
0	Pneumonia	10	10
0	Other respiratory diseases	10	10
0	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	10	10
0	Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	10	10
0	Appendicitis	10	10
0	Other digestive diseases	10	10
0	Nephritis	10	10
0	Puerperal and post-parturient sepsis	10	10
0	Other maternal causes	10	10
0	Premature birth	10	10
0	Infantile disorders	10	10
0	Scalds	10	10
0	Road Traffic Accidents	10	10
0	Other violent causes	10	10
0	All other causes	10	10
TOTAL ALL CAUSES		100	100

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John P. [Signature]

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