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"Rushbrook" Totnes.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1952 on the health of the Totnes Rural District.

The live birth rate was 14.3 per 1,000 estimated resident population as compared with 12.7 in 1951, the rate for England and Wales being 15.3.

The infant mortality rate was 20.0 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 16.9 in 1951, the figure for England and Wales being 27.6.

The death rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births was 20.9

The crude death rate for the year was 11.3 per 1,000 estimated resident population, the figure for 1951 being 13.2 and that for England and Wales 11.3 General Statistics.

| Area (Acros)   |  | 80,987    |
|--|--|-----------|
| Population - Census  | 1921   | 11,918    |
| - Census   | 1931   | 12,362    |
| Registrar General's<br>Number of inhabited<br>Rateable Value | 1951 estimated resident population houses (1931) | 3,348<br> |

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.

| T.dam 1 |       |                     |  | M           | F       | TOTAL              |  |
|---------|-------|---------------------|--|-------------|---------|--------------------|--|
| Livo    | DIPCI | Logitin<br>Illogiti |  | 97<br>6     | 94<br>3 | 191                |  |
|         |       |                     |  | -           | -       | 0                  |  |
|         |       |                     |  | 103         | 97      | 200                |  |
|         |       |                     |  | _           | -       |                    |  |
| 01133   |       |                     |  | M           | F       | TOTAL              |  |
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| Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population         | 14.3         |
|--|--------------|
| Birth rate per 1,000 (England & Wales)                     | 15.3         |
| Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population         | 11.3         |
| Doath rato per 1,000 (England & Wales)                     | 11.3         |
| Deaths from diseases & accidents of prognancy & childbirth | 0            |
| Doath rate of infants under 1 year of age:-                |              |
| All infants per 1,000 live births                          | 20.0<br>27.6 |
| Logitimato infants por 1,000 logitimato livo births        | 20.9         |
| Doaths from cancer (all ages)                              | 25           |
| Doaths from Moasles (all Ages)                             | NIL          |
| Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)                      | NIL          |
|  |              |

# Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculesis)

|                             | Total | Admitted to hospital   | Died |
|-----------------------------|-------|--|------|
| Scarlet Fever               | 8     | -  | -    |
| Diphthoria                  | -     | -  | -    |
| Enteric Fever               |       | Fline  | -    |
| Pneumonia                   | -     | - "  | -    |
| Puerperal Fever             |       | - Lines - armed  | -    |
| Puerperal Pyrexia           | -     | The state of the s | -    |
| Erysiplas                   |       | -  | -    |
| Acute Anterior Poliomolitis | 3     | 3  | -    |

All the Scarlet Fever cases were of a very mild nature and adequate preventive measures were taken for them to be nursed at home.

# Public Health (Provention of Tuberculesis) Regulation, 1925.

|   |      | Now C   | asos |             |      | Doa     | ths  |               |
|---|------|---------|------|-------------|------|---------|------|---------------|
| AGE PERIOD                              | Rosp | iratory | Non- | rospiratory | Rosi | iratory | Non- | respiratory   |
|   | M    | F       | M    | F           | M    | F       | M    | F             |
| 0                                       | 0    | 0       | 0    | 0           | _    | -       | -    | -             |
| 1                                       | 0    | 0.      | 0    | 0           | -    | -       | -    | Alle ber Alle |
| 5                                       | 0    | 0       | 0    | 0           | -    | -       | -    |               |
| 10                                      | 0    | 0       | 0    | 0           | -    | -       | -    |               |
| 15                                      | 0    | 0       | 0    | 0           | -    | -       | -    | -             |
| 20                                      | 0    | 0       | 0    | 0           | -    | -       | -    | - 9           |
| 25                                      | 0    | 1       | 0    | 0           | -    | -       | -    |               |
| 35                                      | 0    | 0       | 0    | 0           | -    | -       | -    | -             |
| 45                                      | 1    | 1       | 0    | 0           | -    | -       | -    | -             |
| 55                                      | 2    | 1       | 0    | 0           | 1    | -       | -    | -             |
| 20<br>25<br>35<br>45<br>55<br>65 & over | 0    | 0       | 0    | 0           | -    | -       | -    | -             |
| TOTAL                                   | 3    | 3       | 0    | 0           | 1    | 0       | 0    | 0             |

|  | CAUSES OF LEATH   | М                                       | F                                      |
|--|---|---|--|
| 1.<br>2.<br>3.<br>4.<br>5.<br>6.<br>7.<br>8.<br>9.<br>10.<br>11.<br>12.<br>13.<br>14.<br>15.<br>16.<br>17.<br>18.<br>19.<br>20.<br>21.<br>22.<br>23.<br>24.<br>25.<br>26.<br>27.<br>28.<br>29.<br>29.<br>29.<br>29.<br>29.<br>29.<br>29.<br>29.<br>29.<br>29 | Tuberculesis - other Syphilitic disease Diphtheria Whooping Gough Moningococcal infections Acute Poliomyelitis Measles Other infective and parasitic diseases Malignant Neoplasm. Stemach Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Brenchus Malignant Neoplasm, Breast Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms Leukaemia, Aloukamia Diabetes Vascular Lesions of Nervous System Corenary disease, Angina Hypertension with heart disease Other Circulatory disease Influenza Phuemenia Brenchitis Other disease of respiratory system Ulcer of Stemach & Duedenum Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea Nephritis & Nephresis Hyperplasia of Prestate Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abertion Congenital Malformations Other defined & ill-defined diseases Meter Vehicle accidents All other accidents Suicide Homicide and operations of war | 100000000000000000000000000000000000000 | 00000004010700010112070220000002120200 |
|  | ALL CAUSES  | 87                                      | 71                                     |

WATER SUPPLY The South Devon Water Board has increased its activities in the Rural District during the year and as time goes on the bulk supply of moorland water will be available in parishes not at present enjoying this amenity

| Cornworthy                           | Churston Forrers                            | Buckfastleigh West      | Barry Pomercy                               | Ashprington<br>(Tuckonhay)           | Ashprington                                 | Parish  | WATER SUPLEY                            |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Satisfactory                         | (1) Estato Supply )-<br>(2) Paignton U.D.C) |                         | Private supply owned<br>by Duke of Somerset | Private supply owned by paper mills. | Doubtful                                    | Quality   | 1                                       |  |
| for this parish Insufficient         |   |                         | t d   | lod                                  | Insufficient                                | Quantity  | 100000000000000000000000000000000000000 |  |
| 0 1                                  |   | ,                       | 1   | deve va                              | da dala                                     | Results of Examination  | 2                                       |  |
| 76 2                                 | BULO MA                                     |                         | . 1.  | 1 700                                | 1200001.10<br>10000000000000000000000000000 | Flumbo Solvency   | 3                                       |  |
| New 3" A.C.main<br>from Abbey spring |   | Purchased by<br>Council | 1   | ,                                    | New pipe from spring to reserveir           | Action taken  | 4                                       |  |
| 26                                   | -3  | 14                      | 1   | 1                                    | ‡   | No. of houses supplied (Acc. to rate book) (a) direct (b) standpi (a) (b)   | 5                                       |  |
| 22                                   | LEN   | LIM                     | t   | 1                                    | 15  | No. of houses supplied (Acc. to rate book) (a) direct (b) standpipe (a) (b) |   |  |

|             |   |                 |                 |            |                     |               |                           |                  |                                     |             | *   |  |         |  |   |
|-------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---|--|---------|--|---|
| North Haish | Morloigh  | Marldon         | Idttlohompston  | Kingsweer  | Holno (froe supply) | Harbertonford | Herborton                 | Halwell          | Dittishen                           | Diptford    | Doan Prior                                | Dertington   | (0)     | Parish   | 1 |
| 1           | 1   | Paignton U.D.C. | Privately owned | 1          | sco(111 & 1v)       | Satisfactory  | Satisfactory              | Satisfactory     | Satisfactory                        | Bulk supply | Bulk supply from Lord Churston.           | Bulk supply from Dartington<br>Hall Estate.<br>Satisfactory Satisf |         | Quality  | 1 |
| Doubtful    | Inadoguato  |                 |                 | Inadoquato | Satisfactory        | Doubtful      | Sufficient                | Doubtful         | Doubtful                            |             |   | rtington<br>Satisfactory   |         | Quantity   |   |
| ,           | 1   | 1               | 1               | 1          |                     | - 1           | 1                         | (2) Satisfactory | 1                                   | 1           | 1   | Bact. samples:- (1) Satisfactory (2) Very Satisfactory             |         | Result of<br>Examination   | 2 |
| 1           | 1 storpotential                                     | 1               | 1               | - Southers | Plumbo solvent      | 1             | Surphy of                 | 1                |                                     | 1           | 1   | 1 1  |         | Plumbo Solvency  | 3 |
| 1           | Sth. Dovon Water<br>Board supply<br>available scon. | Mains scraped   | -               | 1          | Existing limestone  | 1             | Ran supply<br>constructed |                  | New 3" C.I. main<br>in Manor Street | 1           | New 3" A.C. main & 2000 gallon Roservoir. | Now 3" A.C. main<br>at Barracks Hill                               |         | Action take,   | 4 |
| CO          | Hand pump and                                       | 163 38          | CO              | 296        | 1                   | 136 11        | 14 18                     | 14 11            | 138 34                              | 17 19       | 12 1                                      | 161 N11  | (a) (b) | No. of houses supplied (Acc to rate book) (a) direct (b) standpipe | 5 |

| No. of houses supplied (Acc. to rate book) (a) direct (b) standpipe (a) (a) (b) | 2 hand pumps.  | 10 25                                   | 22<br>213<br>213 222   |                                      | 225 44                                 |  |
|---|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 4. Action taken   | Mein supply<br>provided by<br>Sth. Dovon<br>Wator Board.<br>Main supply<br>constructed fron<br>Marley Hoad.  | Supply teken from<br>Weter Beerd's mein | Electric pump instelled for becsting. Contract supply not available during holiday season. Council pumps as reserve.   | Mains scraped)                       |  | ~  |
| Plumbo Solvency   | Attacks - State of the state of | 1 1                                     | Machania Mac | - openstationed                      | 1 101                                  |  |
| Rosult of<br>Exemination  | The factor of th | odunto                                  | t<br>11day   |                                      | 1 1 1                                  |  |
| 1<br>Quantity   |  | Fairly adoquate                         | adequate adequate Contract supply not available during holiday sonson.   | Hydraulic<br>gradient.<br>available. | adoguato                               | - Anna Anna Anna Anna Anna Anna Anna Ann |
| Quality   | Now good   | Satisfactory<br>Now good                | Bulk sup; ly Bulk sup; ly Paignton U.D.C. Satisfactory   | Satisfactory                         | Setisfactory<br>Setisfactory           | fulling wind                             |
| Parish  | Avomaick<br>Rattory  | South Brent " (Aleh)                    | Stavorton<br>(Monory Gross)<br>(Villago)<br>Stoke Gabriel  | Ugberough<br>(Village)               | " (Bittaford) " (Grangaton) " (FRINOW) | (277777)                                 |

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# Sewerage and sewage Disposal

Churston Ferrors - A sowerage and sowage disposal scheme is in course of construction.

Marldon - A sowerage and sowage disposal scheme is in course of construction. The Contractor has now been in the parish for over 2 years but the scheme is nearing completion.

#### Food

# Moat and other foods

There are no public slaughter-houses in the rural district and only one Knacker's Yard which is maintained in good condition and is inspected periodically.

## Ico Croam

There are 32 licensed retailers of Ice Cream but no manufacturers have premises in this district. All the retailers are provided with refrigorators and only sell ice cream wrapped and as supplied from the factories.

# Food Poinsoning Outbroaks

There were no outbreaks of Food Poisoning in 1952.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

Octobor, 1953