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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ULVERSTON.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

ULVERSTON,

My Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1945 on the sanitary circumstances, administration and vital statistics of your area.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	3,196
Population	9,752
Number of Inhabited Houses	2,760
Rateable Value	£56,488
Amount produced by a Penny Rate....	£222

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

There were 128 births, 65 male and 63 female, giving a birth-rate of 13·1 per 1,000, compared with a rate of 16·1 per 1,000 in 1944. Sixteen of the total births were of illegitimate children. There were, in addition, 5 still-births.

DEATHS.

One hundred and fourteen deaths of residents were registered during the year, giving a death-rate of 11·42 per 1,000, compared with a rate of 14·2 per 1,000 in 1944.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There were 6 deaths of infants under one year of age, 5 male and 1 female, giving an infantile mortality rate of 21·3 per 1,000 live births. Particulars in respect of these deaths were :

1 male, aged 10 minutes, died from intracranial haemorrhage.

1 male, aged 5 hours, died from Prematurity and severe maternal toxaemia.

1 male, aged 1 day, died from Prematurity and maternal toxaemia.

1 male, aged 3 days, died from Convulsions, Cerebral Irritation, and birth injury.

1 male, aged 1 month, died from Dehydration, vomiting, and Pyloric Stenosis.

1 female, aged 4 months, died from Meningocele.

DEATHS FROM DIARRHOEA AND ENTERITIS UNDER
2 YEARS OF AGE :—None.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were no deaths notified as being due to Pregnancy.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE, OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

—None.

TUBERCULOSIS.—Pulmonary, 5.

DISEASES OF THE HEART AND BLOOD VESSELS.

Of the 70 deaths ascribed to these diseases, 36 were of the heart, 13 of cerebral thrombosis, 12 of cerebral haemorrhage, 2 of arterio-sclerosis, 6 of coronary thrombosis, and 1 of aneurism aorta.

DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.

There were three deaths from pneumonia.

CANCER.

There were 16 deaths from cancer, brief particulars of which are given below :—

<i>Site of Disease.</i>	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>
Stomach	2	2
Rectum	1	2
Breast	—	2
Oesophagus	1	1
Mediastinum	1	—
Breast and Lungs	—	1
Gall Bladder and Liver	—	1
Cervix Uteri	—	1
Prostrate	1	—
	—	—
	6	10

OTHER CAUSES OF DEATH.

Five cases of Senility, 2 Pernicious Anaemia, 1 Nephritis, 1 Accidentally Strangled, 1 Asphyxia following an Epileptic Fit, 1 Mediastinal Tumour, 1 Pulmonary Oedema, 1 Toxaemia, 1 Acute Enteritis.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE DURING THE FIVE YEARS, 1940—1944, COMPARED WITH THAT FOR 1945.

Disease	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945		
						No. of Cases	Removed to Hospital	Died in Hospital
Scarlet Fever	4	9	22	12	8	6	5	—
Diphtheria	12	9	24	4	6	1	1	—
Typhoid and Para-typhoid	—	7	2	—	3	1	1	—
Measles	16	—	26	54	158	20	—	—
Whooping Cough	49	2	—	15	3	14	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	3	5	7	2	2	1
Encephalitis								
Lethargica	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Polio-myelitis	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever or Pyrexia	—	1	—	—	2	1	1	—
Ophthalmia								
Neonatorum	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	—	5	2	—	3	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	7	2	—
TOTALS	83	35	80	92	191	53	13	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1945								
Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Years								
0—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
10—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
15—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—	1	6	—	—	1	—	—	—
35—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
55—	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	4	10	3	2	4	1	—	—
	14		5		5		0	
	19				5			

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During 1945, a total of 156 children completed the full course of immunisation, namely, 113 under 5 years of age, and 43 between the ages of 5 and 15.

No cases of Diphtheria have been notified in immunised children in the whole Ulverston Combined Sanitary District.

SCABIES.

A small number of people have been treated for scabies at the High Carley Isolation Hospital.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Bacteriological investigations are still carried out on behalf of the Council by the Pathologist at the Ministry of Health Emergency Pathological Service Laboratory established at the High Carley Sanatorium.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Hague, is appended.

I am, My Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES ROBERTSON,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

ULVERSTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1945.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee :—

Gentlemen,

I beg to present herewith a brief summary of the work relating to Public Health Administration carried out by the Department during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1945.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS, ETC.

Thirty-six cases have been dealt with by means of non-statutory notices, and numerous cases dealt with by direct contact. The non-statutory notices served relate to the following cases :—

Insufficient and insanitary accommodation for House Refuse.....	2
Defective drains and w.c.s.....	14
Defective condition of premises.....	5
Defective water supply.....	3
Accumulation on, or obstruction to, Highways.....	2
Condemnation of unfit food.....	9
Miscellaneous	1
	—
Total cases	36

HOUSING, ETC.

Twenty Temporary Bungalows have been allocated to this authority. As the life of these dwellings is stated by the Ministry to be ten years, the Council did not wish to sterilise land suitable for permanent houses, so decided on a site situated in North Lonsdale Road, between the Police Station and Kennedy Street. A layout plan was prepared for the "Tarran" Bungalows, and

approved by the Ministry of Health. The accommodation road, main footpaths (with exception of kerbing and surfacing) has been constructed and the sewers, water, etc., connections laid to the site by the Council.

The Ministry's contractors have constructed the concrete raft foundations and services for the bungalows.

On completion of these works the Council received a communication from the Ministry asking them to substitute the "Arcon" type of bungalows in place of the "Tarran," owing to delay in the production of the latter.

Owing to the urgency of the housing situation, the Council reluctantly agreed.

This alteration will entail additional expense to the Ministry in adapting the present services, etc., to the "Arcon" bungalow, and I think it is generally agreed though the accommodation is practically identical, the exterior is not as pleasing.

No bungalows have yet been delivered.

PERMANENT HOUSING.

After protracted discussions the Council decided to purchase a site of 15 acres, known as Watery Lane Estate, which was eventually sanctioned by the Ministry of Health after an inquiry by a Ministry Inspector.

The Council have also appointed a member of the Surveyor's Staff—Housing Architect.

A layout has been approved which provides for 150—160 Houses, and a contract has been let for the erection of 24 three-bedroom type and 4 two-bedroom type Houses.

SLUM CLEARANCE IS STILL IN ABEYANCE.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

The system has received the usual attention and inspection, and has been maintained in an efficient state. Close inspection of drains and sewers laid by local contractors has been carried out. A length of 9ins. diameter sewer has been laid by the

Department, connecting the Temporary Housing Site with the main sewer in North Lonsdale Road.

SHOPS ACT AND FACTORIES ACT.

Close liaison has been kept with H.M. Inspectors, and the cases arising have been dealt with appropriately.

REFUSE DISPOSAL AND SALVAGE COLLECTION.

This work has been carried out efficiently. The controlled tip has been maintained in a clean and orderly condition, and no complaints of any nuisance have been received. Salvage to the value of £409 10s. 7d. has been collected, sorted, and sold during the year, the details being as follows:—

	T.	C.	Q.
Paper, Cardboard, etc.	53	2	0
Textiles	1	15	3
Bones	1	5	1
Kitchen waste	19	12	0

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Premises have been fumigated as follows:—

Infectious diseases	8
T.B.	11
Other causes	7

—
Total 26

WATER SUPPLY.

A pure and efficient supply has been maintained without interruption.

RATS.

The issuing of rat poison free of charge to Ratepayers, and assistance to tenants and property owners by this Department has been continued as in the past.

With the assistance of the Rodent Officer of the Combined Sanitary District, the whole of the Sewers, Settling Tanks,

Tips, etc., were treated in accordance with the instructions issued by the Infestation Division of the Ministry of Food, and in addition a number of Provision and other business premises known to be rat infested were also treated, with satisfactory results.

The Rodent Officer referred to has since resigned, and the Council have agreed to have one of their employees trained for the work, and instructions given to prepare a schedule of charges for treating private premises.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

C. TELFORD HAGUE,

SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR.



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