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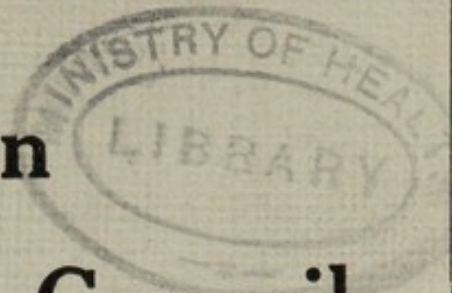
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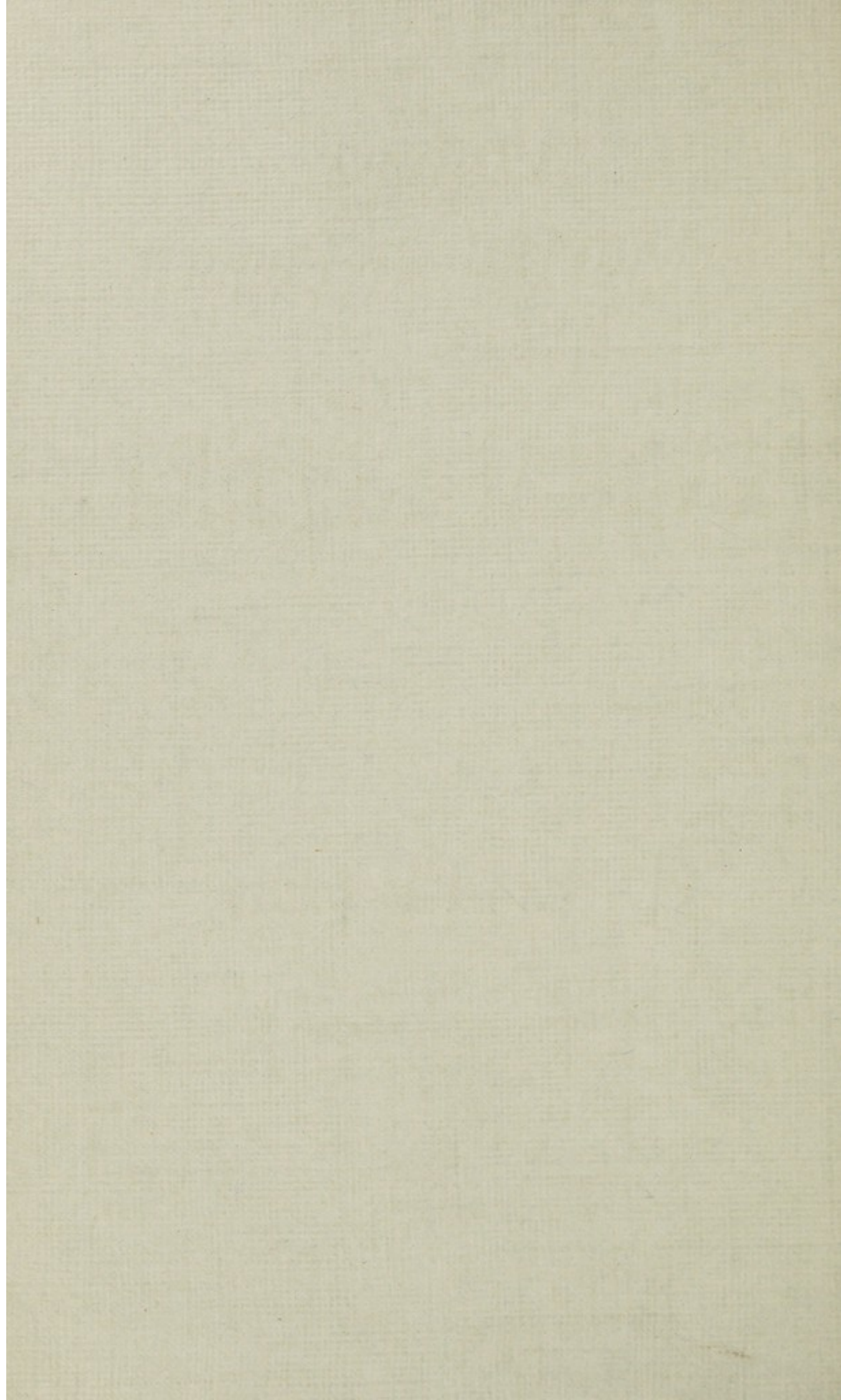
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The Medical Officer's Annual Report for 1925.

To the Urmston Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary condition of the District for the year 1925.

SURVEY REPORT.

(1) NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres 992. Population—Census 1921, 8,297 and 1925, 8,379.

Number of inhabited houses (Census 1921) is 2,048.

Rateable Value £50,586 15s. 0d., and the sum represented by a penny rate, £201 6s. 8d.

Urmston is situated 6 miles W.S.W. from Manchester, and 204 miles from London.

The soil is light and loamy and the sub-soil clay. Farming and Market Gardening are among the chief industries. The District is residential, and the inhabitants depend largely on Manchester and surrounding districts for their living.

There is no particular occupation bearing influence on public health.

A large Park and Recreation Ground has been recently provided and is much appreciated.

VITAL STATISTICS.

		Total.	Male.	Female.
Births in 1925	...	121	57	64
Deaths in 1925	...	93	45	48

Rates per 1,000 of Population.

		Birth Rate	Death Rate	Death Rate from Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	Rate of Deaths under 1 year to 1,000 Births.
Mean of 5 years—					
1895-1899	...	23.2	11.3	0.59	109
1900-1904	...	23.2	12.5	0.69	130
1905-1909	...	21.5	12.4	0.86	107
1910-1914	...	19.1	10.7	0.83	79
1915-1919	...	15.2	10.8	0.92	48
1920-1924	...	17.0	10.3	0.65	51
Year—					
1924	...	15.9	10.0	0.23	59
1925	...	14.4	11.0	0.59	41
Increase or decrease in 1925 on Mean of					
5 years 1920-1924	...	-2.6	+0.7	-0.06	-10
Previous year	...	-1.5	+1.0	+0.36	-18

The extent to which Hospital and other gratuitous and medical relief are utilised, and the amount of Poor Law Relief:—

Urmston Cottage Hospital, 112 In-Patients and 261 Out-Patients during the year.

Medical and Surgical relief also received from many Manchester Hospitals.

Union Hospital, Patricroft.

Causes of Sickness or Invalidity, specially noteworthy in the area, and any conditions of occupation or environment which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health. None.

(2) GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

For Small-Pox—£40 retaining fee, Drinkwater Park, Salford.

For Other Infectious Diseases—Scarlet Fever, Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford. Subject to accommodation being available.

Number of Beds available for Small-Pox, 2; for other Infectious Diseases, not limited.

Hospital Accommodation in the District, for:—

(a) Tuberculosis, none.

(b) Maternity Cases, Urmston Cottage Hospital, 2 beds for special reasons.

(c) Children, Cottage Hospital.

Postal Address of Union Infirmary:

Union Infirmary,

Patricroft.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centre—

Under County Control, Co-operative Assembly Room, Higher Road, Urmston. Hours: 2 to 4 p.m. (Tuesday).

Ambulance Facilities—Motor Service.

(a) For Infectious Cases, by arrangement with Salford Corporation.

(b) For Accident and Non-Infectious Cases, by arrangement with the Stretford U.D.C.

CAUSES OF DEATH

(Civilians Only).

	Males	Females		Males	Females
Influenza ...		1	Ulcer of Stomach		
Encephalitis			or Duodenum...	1	1
Lethargica ...		1	Acute or Chronic		
Respiratory			Nephritis ...	2	4
Tuberculosis ...	3	2	Diphtheria		
Other Tuberculous			Measles ...		
Diseases ...	1		Other Accidents		
Cancer ...	6	7	and Diseases of		
Diabetes ...		2	Pregnancy, etc.		1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	3	3	Congenital Debility,		
Heart Disease ...	4	7	etc. ...	1	
Arterio Sclerosis	5	1	Suicide... ..	1	
Bronchitis ...	3	4	Other Deaths from		
Pneumonia (all forms)	3	3	Violence ...	2	3
Other Respiratory			Other Defined		
Diseases ...	2	1	Diseases ...	8	7

All causes: Male 45. Female 48.

Deaths of Infants under one year ..	Total ...	3	2
	Illegitimate	0	1
Total Births	57	64
	Legitimate	57	61
	Illegitimate	0	3

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified, number of deaths from these diseases, number of cases removed to hospital, and deaths in hospital during the year 1925

CASES NOTIFIED.											HOSPITAL		
Disease.	Total cases at all ages.	under 1	YEARS.								Total cases removed to Hosp'l	Deaths in Hospital	
			1-3	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65			65 and over
Scarlet Fever	10				3	5	1		1			5	
Diphtheria	1					1			1			2	2
Pneumonia	7								1			2	
Encephalitis	1												
Opthalmia N	2	2							1	1		2	
Erysipelas	4												
Tuberculosis—													
Pulmonary	9						1	2	2			4	2
Non-Pulmonary	4					3		1				2	
Chicken-pox	1												
Totals	39	2	3	10	1	1	6	3	11	2	13	15	4

There is no excessive incidence of, or mortality from notifiable infectious diseases.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health, G. E. FRYER, Salary £84 (part time), no other appointment held.

Sanitary Inspector, J. HEATH. Salary as Inspector, £225 (part time), also Surveyor.

Assistant to Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor, E. C. Kitchen. Salary £150 (whole time).

Food Inspector, H. H. LORD, V.S. Salary £25 (part time).

Professional Nursing in the Home :

(a) General Nursing. A Nurse from the Cottage Hospital visits Patients when required by the Medical Practitioners of the District. There is no arrangement with the Urmston Council.

(b) The Council supplies a Nurse (part time) if required for cases of measles.

There is no District Nursing Association, or local scheme for the supply of Food, etc.

MIDWIVES : No Midwife is supplied by the Local Authority.

Number of Midwives on the County Council Register :—

Number on Register, 2. Number actually practising, two.

There is now a sufficiency of Midwifery Service in the District.

Legislation in Force—No Local Acts, No Local Orders.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water supply is constant, from the Manchester Corporation, quality excellent. The approximate number of dwelling houses supplied direct is 2,200, none by stand pipe. There are no possibilities of contamination and no liability to plumbo-solvent action. There is no insufficiency.

RIVERS AND STREAMS—No action has been taken with regard to the Pollution of Streams.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE—The Sewage Disposal Works are under the control of the Urmston and Flixton Joint Drainage Committee. The Sewage is treated in covered tanks, and by cinder and land filtration.

Drainage System—Water carriage, no developments during the year. There are no areas without proper drainage system.

Drain Testing—House drains water-tested.

Sewers flushed with fresh water.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION AT END OF 1925 :—

Privy Middens :—No. of Middens, 9. No. of Closets attached, 18. No. of Pail Closets, none. No. of Dry Ashpits (excluding Middens) 43. No. of Fresh Water Closets, 2036. No. of Movable Ashbins, 2051. No. of Waste Water Closets, 71. Conversions—

		1925 during year	During 5 years 1921-25
No. of Privy Closets	{ To Fresh W.C.'s	0	55
	{ To Waste W.C.'s	0	0
	{ To Pails	0	0
No. of Pail Closets ...	{ To Fresh W.C.'s	0	0
	{ To Waste W.C.'s.	0	0
No. of Waste W.C.'s to Fresh W.C.'s		1	5
No. of Houses at which Movable Ashbins have been substituted for fixed receptables		1	55

Is there any definite policy at the present time for abolishing Privy Middens and Pail Closets. Yes.

Does Council contribute towards the cost of conversion. No.

What kind of Closet accommodation is provided for new property. W.C.'s.

SCAVENGING : Scavenging is undertaken entirely by the Sanitary Authority ; team and manual labour. Collection weekly from house to house. Privy Middens are emptied by day. Refuse removed to tip. Motor vehicles are not used, and no destructor provided.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING 1925 :—Number of premises visited, 122 ; Defects or nuisances, 122 ; number abated, 113. Number of notices served (informal), none ; statutory, 105 ; legal proceedings, none.

SMOKE NUISANCE :—Number of observations, 10 ; legal proceedings, 0 ; time limit for emission of black smoke per hour, two minutes in half an hour.

OFFENSIVE TRADES : None ; Workshops and Workplaces, condition good. Schools : Sanitary condition, good ; water supply, good.

(4) HOUSING.

(1) General housing conditions, good. Extent of shortage of houses : It is considered that there is a shortage of houses. Council's Waiting List : approx. 80 names. The Council have the question under consideration of building further houses.

(2) OVERCROWDING. There is very little overcrowding in the district. Further houses should be provided as required.

(3) (a) Fitness of houses. General standard, good.

(b) General character of defects existing in unfit houses,
No houses considered unfit.

(c) Difficulties found in remedying unfitness: Council
have experienced no difficulty.

(d) Any special method of dealing with unfit back-to-back
houses, none; or other types of insanitary property, none.

(4) Conditions so far as they affect housing—

(a) Water supply, good.

(b) Closet accommodation, good.

(c) Refuse disposal, good.

(d) Measures taken during 1925, none.

IV. Unhealthy areas, none.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1925.

No. of new houses erected during the year	...	43
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With State Assistance, by other bodies	...	32
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No. of houses in course of erection under Council's Building Scheme...	...	0
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Advances been made during 1925 by subsidy? Yes, No. 32.
Amount of Subsidies, £2,400.

Unfit Dwelling-houses. Inspection :

1—Total No. of Dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects	...	19
No. found to be dangerous to health and unfit for habitation	...	0
No. found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	...	19
No. of defects without service of formal notice	...	0

Action under Statutory Powers :

No. of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	19
No. rendered fit after formal notices, by owners	...	9
No. in which defects were remedied after service of notice by owners	...	7
Closing Orders...	...	0

5—INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.—The supply is obtained partly locally and
partly from Cheshire, and is satisfactory.

The adequacy of arrangements for supply and distribution
are good. The cowsheds, dairies and milk shops have been
regularly inspected, and are good.

The date of Regulations made under the order of the L.G.B., is July, 1899. There is deficiency of air space in some cases.

Total number of Cowkeepers, 8. Inspections, 16.

Total number of Milk Purveyors, 10.

No Samples of Milk for Bacteriological Examination have been obtained.

One Cow was slaughtered, owing to tuberculosis.

Meat Inspection.—Mr. H. H. Lord, V.S., has been appointed Inspector for the Council under the Meat Regulations Act (1924).

The marking of meat is not adopted.

Private Slaughter Houses	1920	Jan. 1925	Dec. 1925
No. registered	2	2	2
No. licensed	0	0	0
Total	2	2	2

Other Foods.—Bakehouses, number 7, condition good.

Jam Works ... do.

6—PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Since the Scarlet Fever Epidemic of 1921, which attacked almost exclusively school children aged from 5 to 15 years, there has been a steady decrease in the number of cases, which is now small. Diphtheria has not been prevalent, and for the last three years has been confined to very few sporadic cases. One case of Enteric Fever occurred, which appears to have been imported from an outside source.

During the period, Infectious Cases have been slight and the mortality very low.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin.—A constant supply is kept in the district, at Rose's Pharmacy. It is used freely and promptly.

Encephalitis Lethargica.—One case was received in a terminal condition, the earlier symptoms appear to have been overlooked.

Scarlet Fever—No 'return' cases discovered.

Pneumonia—Mostly influenzal type. No cases of Malaria or Dysentery reported.

Pathological and Bacteriological Examinations are undertaken by the University of Manchester Public Health Laboratory.

Specimens examined—Blood, 1; Sputum, 5; Throat Swabs, 7

No use has been made of Schick and Dick Tests for Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever.

Chicken Pox has been compulsorily notifiable from January 1st to March 31st.

School Closure has not been adopted during the year.

DISINFECTION : Number of houses disinfected during 1925, 18.
 Method: Sulphur Candles. Houses are disinfected after
 Phthisis, but not usually after measles. Apparatus used
 for clothing, etc. : Super-heated steam. Articles disinfected
 (15 bundles), at Mode Wheel.

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1925.

New Cases. Age Periods	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary		DEATHS.			
					Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years.								
0-1								
1-5								
5-10			3					
10-15								
15-20		1						
20-25	1	1						
25-35			1					
35-45	2				3			
45-55	1	3			1	2		
55-65								
65 & upwards								
Totals	4	5	4	0	4	2		
	9		4		6		0	

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

CASES.		VISION.	IMPAIRED.
At Home.	In Hospital.	Unimpaired.	
	1	1	
	1	1	

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

G. E. FRYER,

Medical Officer of Health.

