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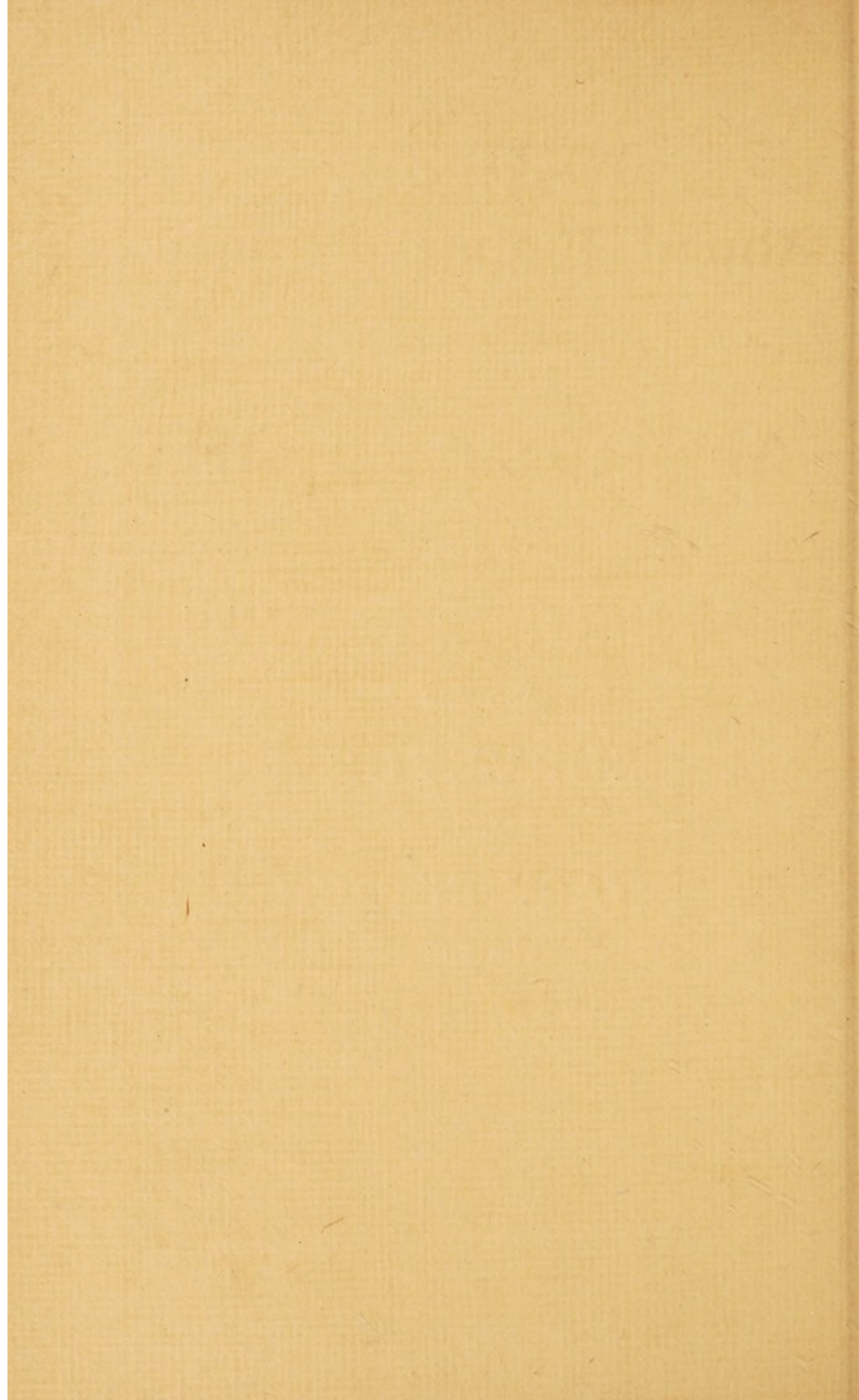
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Wetherby Rural District Council.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

TO THE WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you the following Report upon the Health of your District during the year 1925.

Natural and Social Conditions.

The Natural and Social conditions of the District remain the same as in my previous reports. There is an increase in the residential population, judging by the private houses erected; during the past year 49 Non-Subsidy houses have been erected, making a total for the past five years of 129 Non-Subsidy houses.

The following General Statistics regarding area, population, etc., are of interest:—

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	64,638
Population (Census 1921)	14,624
Population 1925 (estimated by Registrar General)	14,580
Number of inhabited houses (1921)	3,475
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921)	3,500
Rateable Value	£121,456
Sum represented by a penny rate	£344/3/4

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

The following Vital Statistics show the Birth, Death Rates, etc., and a comparison with the County generally.

	Total.	M.	F.	
Births—Legitimate ...	233	125	108	
Illegitimate ...	17	8	9	Birth Rate 17.14
Deaths	191	103	88	Death Rate 13.1

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Deaths of Infants under One year of age:—

Legitimate	14
Illegitimate	2
	—
Total	16
	—

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births, 64.

	Birth Rate.	Death Rate.	Infantile Mortality per 1,000 Births.
England and Wales	18.3	12.2	75
105 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	18.8	12.2	79
157 Smaller Towns (1921 Adjusted, Popu- lations 20 000—50,000)	18.3	11.2	74
London	18.0	11.7	67
Wetherby Rural District	17.14	13.1	64

The principal diseases causing Death are shown in the following Table, which also shows a comparison with the previous four years.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Enteric Fever	1	—	—	—	—
Small Pox	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	1	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	1	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	2	1	—	—	1
Diphtheria	4	1	—	1	—
Influenza	7	11	1	15	10
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	1	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	5	15	6	4	5
Other Tuberculous Diseases	2	3	2	3	5
Cancer, Malignant Disease	18	9	27	30	28
Rheumatic Fever	—	—	—	—	1
Diabetes	2	—	1	4	4
Cerebral Hemorrhage, etc.	12	12	7	14	12
Heart Disease	28	27	21	19	32
Arterio-Sclerosis	13	11	15	22	15
Bronchitis	9	4	8	9	7
Pneumonia (all forms)	11	15	4	11	10
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	3	4	2	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	—	1	—	3	1

CAUSES OF DEATH.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Diarrhœa, etc. (under 2 years) ...	—	1	1	1	3
Appendicitis and Typhilitis ...	2	—	—	1	—
Cirrhosis of Liver ...	—	1	1	—	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis ...	6	3	4	6	3
Puerperal Sepsis ...	—	1	—	1	—
Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition ...	—	—	1	—	—
Congenital Debility and Malformation Premature Birth ...	7	8	5	7	8
Suicide ...	1	1	—	—	1
Other Deaths from Violence ...	5	5	1	6	3
Other defined Diseases ...	31	25	35	31	40
Causes ill-defined or unknown ...	1	1	1	—	—
Totals ...	169	160	146	190	191

The age period at which death occurred during the past year was as follows:—

0	1	2	5	15	25	45	65 & over.
16	2	4	2	7	19	45	96
Total deaths 191.							

Table Showing Number of Deaths over 65.

65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76
7	5	6	3	4	3	5	5	2	5	9	3
77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
5	6	4	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	3	4
89				91	93	94					
1				1	2	1					

The total deaths in the District were 191, and of these
50.26 per cent. were 65 years of age and upwards.
37.17 " " 70 " " "
12.56 " " 80 " " "
2.09 " " 90 " " "

The Death Rate.

I desire to call your attention to the Death Rate of the District. The rate of 13.1 per thousand is higher than the average of England and Wales, and also higher than the County Boroughs, smaller Towns, and London.

The figures from which the Death Rate is prepared are supplied by the Registrar General, and consist of the number of Deaths in the District, and the estimated population in the middle of 1925. The number of Deaths supplied by the Registrar General—191—agree with our own record.

There is reason to believe the actual population is higher than the estimate of the Registrar General, owing to the building operations carried on during the last five years.

The Census population in 1911 was	14,995
" " " " 1921 "	14,624
Decrease in 10 years	371
Registrar General's estimated Population in 1925 ...	14,580
" " " Decrease since 1921 ...	44
Total number of Houses in 1921 were	3,475
Number of Houses erected	284
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TOTAL ...	3,759
Number of Houses closed	8
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Number of Houses in 1925	3,751
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It will be seen there is a net increase of 276 houses. The average number of persons per house in the 1921 Census was 4.21. Upon this calculation it would appear there would be an increase of population of 1,161, making a population in 1925 of 15,785.

The various rates calculated upon this figure would be as follows:—

Death Rate 12.1 per 1,000.

Birth Rate 15.83 „

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1925 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Year	Population estimated Middle of each Year.	BIRTHS.		TOTAL DEATHS Registered in the District.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.		NETT DEATHS Belonging to the District.				
		Un-corrected Number.	Nett. Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Of Non-residents registered in the District.	Of Residents not registered in the District.	Under 1 Year.		At all Ages.	
									No.	Rate per 1000 Nett Births.		Number.	Rate.
1911	16210	—	331	20.41	198	12.20	9	19	33	99.69	208	12.83
1912	16236	—	299	18.41	175	10.77	—	16	17	58.85	191	11.76
1913	15149	—	251	16.56	171	11.22	5	20	10	39.84	186	12.27
1914	15226	—	264	17.33	169	11.09	13	21	21	79.54	177	11.62
1915	15226	—	253	16.61	175	11.49	7	19	18	71.14	187	12.28
1916	15107 B 13885 D	—	235	15.55	169	14.33	3	30	13	56.31	196	14.11
1917	14101 B 12650 D	—	205	14.53	165	13.04	13	29	16	78.04	181	14.30
1918	14119 B 12601 D	—	205	14.52	191	15.15	16	18	15	73.12	193	15.31
1919	13241 B 12711 D	—	171	12.90	166	13.05	6	22	8	46.78	182	14.31
1920	13217	—	203	15.35	158	11.95	16	25	19	93.59	167	12.71
1921	14320	—	255	17.80	153	10.61	8	24	18	70.59	169	11.10
1922	14380	—	265	18.42	158	10.98	13	15	11	41.50	160	11.12
1923	14430	—	250	17.32	150	10.39	27	23	10	40.00	146	10.11
1924	14560	—	242	16.62	170	11.67	12	32	10	41.32	190	13.04
1925	14580	—	250	17.14	173	11.86	20	38	16	64.00	191	13.10

NOTE.—In accordance with the Ministry of Health's suggestion, the figures for 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, and 1921 are based upon the Registrar General's calculations.

Area of District in acres (land and inland water)	...	...	64638
Total Population at all ages (1921 Census)	...	...	14624
Total Families or separate occupiers (1921 Census)	...	...	3500

INFANT MORTALITY, 1925.

Nett Deaths from stated Causes at various ages under 1 year of age.

Cause of Death.	Under 1 week.	1-2 weeks.	2-3 weeks.	3-4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months.	3 months and under 6 months.	6 months and under 9 months.	9 months and under 12 months.	Total Deaths under 1 year.
All Causes										
Certified										
Uncertified										
Small Pox										
Chicken Pox										
Measles										
Influenza ... ..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
Scarlet Fever										
Whooping Cough ... ..	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1
Diphtheria and Croup										
Erysipelas										
Tuberculosis Meningitis...										
Abdominal Tuberculosis ...										
Other Tuberculous Diseases..										
Meningitis (not Tuberculous).										
Convulsions... ..										
Laryngitis										
Bronchitis										
Pneumonia (all forms) ... ..	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	3
Diarrhoea	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2
Gastritis										
Syphilis										
Rickets... ..										
Suffocation—Overlying										
Injury at Birth	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2
Atelectasis										
Congenital ... ..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
Malformation										
Premature Birth	3	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	3
Atrophy, Debility, &c.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
Other Causes	1	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	2
TOTALS	9	.	.	.	9	1	3	3	.	16

Nett Births Registered during the Calendar Year	{	Legitimate	233
		Illegitimate	17

250

Nett Deaths Registered during the Calendar Year	{	Legitimate Infants ...	14
		Illegitimate Infants ...	2

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STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF PAUPERS RELIEVED ON THE 1st JANUARY, 1926.

Paupers in Institutions—

(Indoor, excluding Casuals).					1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Adults	(1)—Ordinarily able-bodied	...	...	...	—	—	1	—	—
"	(2)—Not able-bodied	...	...	...	49	48	49	51	51
"	(3)—Children under 16	...	...	...	17	13	11	7	9
"	(4)—Insane...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	1
"	(5)—Total	...	...	...	67	62	62	59	61
"	(6)—Lunatics in County and Borough Asylums, Registered Hospitals, and Licensed Houses	...	...	...	27	34	33	30	28

Out-door Paupers—

(Excluding Casual Paupers).					1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Adults	(7)—Relieved on account of sickness or accident or bodily or mental infirmity	...	...	...	24	27	33	36	33
"	(8)—Relieved on account of other causes	...	...	...	15	17	11	14	14
"	(9)—Women relieved with their husbands	...	...	...	5	3	6	7	7
"	(10)—Wives living apart from their husbands	...	...	...	2	—	—	1	1
"	(11)—Children under 16, including Boarded-out	...	...	...	49	58	47	61	52
"	(12)—Insane...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—
"	(13)—Total	...	...	...	95	105	97	119	107
"	(14)—Relieved on account of Unemployment (Man, wife, and 10 children).	...	...	...	—	—	1	—	—
"	(15)—Casual Paupers	...	...	...	21	14	14	9	17
"	(16)—Total Paupers relieved	...	...	...	210	215	207	217	213
"	(17)—Increase as compared with the number in the previous year	...	...	...	11	5	—	10	—
"	(18)—Decrease as compared with the number in the previous year	...	...	...	—	—	8	—	4

	1922.			1923.			1924.			1925.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cost of In-maintenance year ended 30th September, 1925—	2343	6	10	1876	19	7	1649	1	1	1750	10	1
Amount of Out-door Relief for the Wetherby Union year ended 30th September, 1925—	1167	19	6	1162	3	2	983	3	4	1005	17	8
Boarded-out Children—	247	14	3	341	8	9	255	16	0	257	19	10
Cost of Maintenance of Lunatics year ended 30th September, 1925—	2372	15	0	2687	5	8	2377	10	2	1991	4	8

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

There are no Hospitals in the District provided or subsidized by the Local Authority or County Council. Tuberculosis is dealt with by the County Council in their own Hospitals. Maternity cases either in the Leeds Maternity Hospital, General Infirmary, or Poor Law Institutions. Children are dealt with in the General Hospitals at either Leeds, Harrogate, or York.

The provision for Infectious Diseases by the Harrogate, Knaresborough, and Wetherby Joint Isolation Hospital Committee is undertaken by their Hospital, which is situated at Thistle Hill, Knaresborough. It is a modern, efficiently equipped Hospital, with accommodation for 32 cases of Scarlet Fever, 14 of Diphtheria, and 8 of Enteric Fever. Provision for Small Pox is made at the above Committee's Small Pox Hospital, situated at Killinghall Road, Killinghall, where there are 16 beds available.

There is no Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants, and homeless children, other than that provided by the Board of Guardians.

Ambulance Facilities.

(a) For Infectious cases:—

This is provided for by the Harrogate, Knaresborough, and Wetherby Joint Isolation Hospital Committee.

(b) For Non-Infectious and Accident cases:—

The Rural District Council and the Board of Guardians have made arrangements for the use of the Red Cross Ambulance stationed in the District, when required.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

There is a Child Welfare Centre in Wetherby, worked under the West Riding County Council. It assembles fortnightly in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, with an average attendance of 27. There are no Day Nurseries. School Clinics are worked under and by the Staff of the County Council. The nearest Tuberculosis Dispensary is at Harrogate, provided by the County Council, and under the supervision of Dr. Crowley, to whom we are greatly indebted for his able, and invariably kind assistance.

The nearest centre for the treatment of Venereal Diseases is at the General Infirmary at Leeds, and fully meets the requirements of the District.

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

The only Officer, in addition to myself, is your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Thos. V. Gray, to whom we are all indebted for many valuable services. Mr. Gray, in addition to his Sanitary Inspector's Certificate, holds special certificates on Building Construction, Brickwork, Masonry, Plumbing, Hygiene, and Physiology, and is a full time Official with no other public appointments.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

Professional Nursing in the Home is provided for the District by the various Nursing Associations, and in many instances by professional Nurses engaged by the patients or their friends.

The District Nursing Associations practically cover the whole District. Many of the Nurses serve several parishes; they are almost all Registered Midwives.

There are nine of them stationed in the District, and the average population is about 1,600 to each Nurse.

Some of the parishes are associated with a Nursing Association outside this area.

The headquarters of the Nurses are as follows: Harewood, Thorner, Bramham, Boston Spa, Marston, Spofforth, Kirkby Overblow, and Wetherby (2).

No direct financial support is given by the Council to these Associations, although Nursing assistance is at times provided by your Council during outbreaks of Infectious Disease, such as Measles, etc.

No Midwives are employed or subsidized by your Council, and the supervision of the Midwives of the District is under the control of the County Council.

There is a Child Welfare in Wetherby, at which a certain amount of pre-natal work is done.

There is also a Health Nurse associated with it, employed by the County Council.

Legislation in Force.

The following is a list of the Adoptive Acts, Bye-laws, and local Regulations in force in the District, or in particular parishes in the District:—

ACT AND SECTION.	PARISH.	DATE OF ORDER.
Sec. 149 of the P.H.A. '75	Whole of Rural Area.	6th May, 1912
Isolation Hospitals Acts, 1893 and 1901	do. do.	22nd May, 1924
Secs. 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 26 and 27, Part 2, of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 (which relates to Streets and Buildings)	do. do.	5th May, 1920
Secs. 39, 40, 41, 42, 47, 48 and 51, Part 3 (which relates to Sanitary Provisions of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907) ...	do. do.	5th May, 1920
Part 4 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 (which relates to Infectious Diseases other than Section 68)	do. do.	5th May, 1920
Secs. 32 and 34 L.G. Act, 1858 ...	Clifford with Boston Spa	2nd June, 1875
Sec. 44 Sanitary Law Amendment Act, 1874		2nd June, 1875
Sec. 42 P.H. Act, 1875 (re House Scavenging)		15th June, 1889
Sec. 42 P.H. Act, 1875 (re Street Watering)		11th July, 1895
Sec. 57 L.G. Act, 1888 (re Division of Township)		21st Dec., 1895
Sec. 66 P.H. Act, 1875	Boston Spa	21st June, 1900
Do.	Bardsey	do.
Do.	East Keswick	do.
Do.	Collingham	do.
Do.	Linton	do.
Do.	Micklethwaite	do.
Do.	Wetherby	do.
Secs. 32 and 34 L.G. Act, 1858 ...	Wetherby	2nd June, 1875
Secs. 42, 44, 157, 158, P.H. Act, 1875	Bramham	16th Feb., 1878
Do.	Thorner	7th Oct., 1882
Sec. 42 P.H. Act, 1875 (re House Scavenging)	Bramham	15th June, 1889
Do.	Thorner	do.
Do.	Wetherby	do.
Private Street Works Act, 1892 (re Sandringham and Grosvenor Terraces)	Wetherby	8th June, 1912
Private Street Works Act, 1892 (re St. James' Street and Providence Street)	Wetherby	9th Dec., 1893
Sec. 42 P.H. Act, 1875	Wetherby	31st July, 1894

ACT AND SECTION.	PARISH.	DATE OF ORDER.
Sec. 34 Sanitary Law Amendment Act, 1874	Wetherby	2nd June, 1895
Land Clauses Act	Tockwith	5th April, 1898
Sec. 60 (1) L.G. Act, 1894	Boston Spa	12th Dec., 1902
Secs. 169 (2) & 170 P.H. Act, 1875	Boston Spa	8th April, 1903
Do.	Bramham	do.
Do.	Clifford	do.
Do.	Collingham	do.
Do.	Dunkeswick	do.
Do.	East Keswick	do.
Do.	Harewood	do.
Do.	Kirkby Overblow	do.
Do.	Rigton	do.
Do.	Spofforth	do.
Do.	Tockwith	do.
Do.	Thorner	do.
Do.	Thorparch	do.
Do.	Wetherby	do.
Do.	Wighill	do.
Sec. 44 P.H. Act, 1875	Collingham	8th April, 1903
Do.	East Keswick	do.
Do.	Harewood	do.
Do.	Kirkby Overblow	do.
Do.	Kirk Deighton	do.
Do.	Rigton	do.
Do.	Spofforth	do.
Do.	Thorparch	do.
Do.	Tockwith	do.
Do.	Weeton	do.
Sec. 66 P.H. Act, 1875	Bramham	26th Aug., 1903
Do.	Clifford	do.
Do.	Kirk Deighton	do.
Do.	Thorner	do.
Sec. 42 P.H. Act, 1875 (re House Scavenging)	Spofforth	16th Sept., 1909
Sec. 157 P.H. Act, 1875	Bardsey	19th Feb., 1912
Do.	Collingham	do.
Do.	East Keswick	do.
Do.	Kirkby Overblow	do.
Do.	Linton	do.
Do.	Rigton	do.
Do.	Spofforth	do.
Do.	Weeton	do.
Secs. 169 (2) (3) & 170 P.H. Act, 1875	Linton	22nd May, 1912
Do.	Sicklinghall	do.
Sec. 42 P.H. Act, 1875 (re House Scavenging)	Collingham	22nd Oct., 1910
Sec. 60 (1) L.G. Act, 1894	Thorner	17th Feb., 1914
Sec. 19 10) L.G. Act, 1894	Dunkeswick	21st July, 1914
Sec. 160 P.H. Act, 1875 (re naming of Streets and Numbering of Houses)	Wetherby	22nd Mch., 1915

ACT AND SECTION.	PARISH.	DATE OF ORDER.
Sec. 42 P.H. Act, 1875	Weeton	7th Sept., 1908
Sec. 66 P.H. Act, 1875	Kirkby Overblow	10th Jan., 1916
Secs. 29, 30, 31 P.H. Acts Amendment Act, 1890	Boston Spa	22nd May, 1912
Do.	Bramham	do.
Do.	Clifford	do.
Do.	Collingham	do.
Do.	Dunkeswick	do.
Do.	East Keswick	do.
Do.	Harewood	do.
Do.	Kirkby Overblow	do.
Do.	Linton	do.
Do.	Rigton	do.
Do.	Sicklinghall	do.
Do.	Spofforth	do.
Do.	Thorner	do.
Do.	Thorparch	do.
Do.	Tockwith	do.
Do.	Wetherby	do.
Do.	Wighill	do.
Secs. 15, 16, 17, 27 (2) P.H. Acts Amendment Act, 1907	Boston Spa	5th May, 1920
Do.	Bramham	do.
Do.	Clifford	do.
Do.	Thorner	do.
Do.	Wetherby	do.
Secs. 39, 40, 41, 42 (3) P.H. Acts Amendment Act, 1907	Boston Spa	5th May, 1920
Do.	Bramham	do.
Do.	Clifford	do.
Do.	Clifford	do.
Do.	East Keswick	do.
Do.	Thorner	do.
Do.	Weeton	do.
Secs. 39, 40, 41, 42, 47 (3) P.H. Acts Amendment Act, 1907	Wetherby	5th May, 1920
Secs. 92, 93, 94 (10) P.H. Acts Amendment Act, 1907	Boston Spa	5th May, 1920
Do.	Wetherby	do.
Secs. 92, 93 P.H. Acts Amendment Act, 1907	Collingham	5th May, 1920
Sec. 21 (3) P.H. Acts Amendment Act, 1907 (which relates to the alteration of the names of Streets)	Wetherby	5th Aug., 1920
Sec. 157 P.H. Act, 1875 (re Bye-laws as to Walls, etc., of New Buildings)	Bardsey	10th July, 1924
Do.	Collingham	do.
Do.	East Keswick	do.
Do.	Linton	do.
Sec. 47 (3) P.H. Acts Amendment Act, 1907 (which relates to Public Lavatories and Conveniences)	Boston Spa	5th Aug., 1920

BYE-LAWS.

IN RESPECT OF	PARISH.	DATE APPROVED.
Common Lodging-houses	Whole of Area.	17th May, 1905
Slaughter-houses	Boston Spa	17th May, 1905
Do.	Bramham	do.
Do.	Clifford	do.
Do.	Collingham	do.
Do.	Dunkeswick	do.
Do.	East Keswick	do.
Do.	Harewood	do.
Do.	Kirkby Overblow	do.
Do.	Rigton	do.
Do.	Spofforth	do.
Do.	Thorner	do.
Do.	Thorparch	do.
Do.	Tockwith	do.
Do.	Wighill	do.
Do.	Wetherby	do.
Nuisances	Bramham	17th May, 1905
Do.	Boston Spa	do.
Do.	Clifford	do.
Do.	Collingham	do.
Do.	East Keswick	do.
Do.	Harewood	do.
Do.	Kirkby Overblow	do.
Do.	Kirk Deighton	do.
Do.	Rigton	do.
Do.	Spofforth	do.
Do.	Thorparch	do.
Do.	Thorner	do.
Do.	Tockwith	do.
Do.	Weeton	do.
Do.	Wetherby	do.
Dairies, Cowsheds & Milkshops ...	Whole of Rural Area.	9th Mch., 1905
Removal of House Refuse and Cleansing of Earth Closets Privies, Ashpits, and Cesspools	Whole of Rural Area other than the Parishes of Boston Spa, Bramham, Clifford, Spofforth Thorner, and Wetherby.	17th May, 1905
New Streets and Buildings	Whole of Rural Area.	17th Nov., 1925

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water.—The Wetherby District Water Company undertaking is the chief source of water supply in the District. Their mains supply 15 Parishes. Three other parishes are supplied by the Leeds City Council, and another parish has a private piped supply, and one by your own Council. There are 17 parishes in the District without a piped supply. These parishes are dependent upon wells. Some parishes are so thickly populated, and the houses so scattered, as to render a piped supply impracticable economically.

The estimated number of houses (and Institutions) in the District in 1925 is 3,950; of these 2,343 have a piped supply, a percentage of 59.31. The percentage in 1915 was 50.01.

The Company's supply is taken from a well and deep bore in the millstone grit, and is a water of marked organic purity. Complaints have persisted for many years of the occasional muddy appearance of the water; this appearance has been markedly improved by the adoption of improved filtering arrangements.

Complaints persist in the higher regions of the District in regard to intermittent supply, which at times causes serious inconvenience. No trouble has arisen from plumbo solvent action.

Your Council has urged the Company to remedy this defect. The Company have made various efforts, but have not yet solved the problem. I hope your Council will persist in its efforts to secure a constant supply for the areas in question.

There are several parishes without a piped supply in which such a supply could be provided. I have been urging the importance of an improved supply of water to these parishes for some years, and again desire to impress your Council with the importance of the question in regard to Spofforth, North Deighton, Ribston Little, Tockwith, Marston, Wighill, Sicklinghall, and Wike.

TABLE OF WELLS FOUND TO BE CONTAMINATED
DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

Year.	Contaminated.	Closed.	Cleansed.
1925.	5 (one by lead)	4	1 (iron pipe substituted)
1924.	6	4	2
1923.	3 (one by lead)	3	— (iron pipe substituted)
1922.	3	3	—
1921.	2 by lead. 3 suspicious	2 —	— 3

WATER SUPPLIES.

a Parishes.	Inhabited Houses.					Number of Houses Supplied.														
	1901.	1911.	1921.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.						
Wetherby ...	456	538	515	436	438	439	435	450	458	460	472	480	495	504						
Boston Spa ...	336	347	346	340	340	341	345	345	346	347	349	351	354	354						
Thorparch ...	61	70	62	31	38	46	50	51	51	51	51	51	51	51						
Collingham ...	83	125	144	131	131	131	132	132	133	135	139	146	148	149						
East Keswick ...	101	122	126	111	111	111	109	109	109	109	109	111	113	115						
East Rigton ...	—	—	—	21	21	21	20	20	20	20	21	21	22	23						
Bardsey ...	63	69	70	20	20	20	19	19	19	22	30	47	62	87						
Linton ...	35	35	44	30	30	30	30	30	32	33	35	40	50	68						
Kirk Deighton ...	75	79	73	16	27	29	44	53	53	54	54	54	54	54						
Clifford ...	176	187	189	109	111	122	128	138	138	140	149	152	158	163						
Bramham ...	225	233	237	127	129	129	137	138	138	139	143	146	146	151						
Scarcroft ...	57	65	67	29	29	29	30	32	35	37	38	38	38	43						
Thorner ...	225	233	258	127	128	129	133	137	138	147	159	160	170	175						
Walton ...	39	40	42	38	38	39	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	41						
Micklethwaite ...	17	16	17	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13						
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1958	2181	2190	...	1577	1602	1627	1661	1703	1719	1743	1798	1846	1910	1991						
*Weeton ...	99	117	130	110	110	103	103	103	104	109	125	125	135	141						
*North Rigton ...	87	94	101	6	6	11	11	11	11	11	10	10	10	10						
*Wigton ...	49	55	69	52	52	46	46	46	46	34	34	37	37	45						
†Harewood ...	126	131	144	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101						
†Kirkby Overblow ...	66	75	72	19	29	30	31	31	36	36	39	39	45	49						
†Spofforth ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6						
2385	2673	2706	...	1865	1900	1918	1953	1995	2017	2034	2107	2158	2238	2343						

a Supplied by the Wetherby District Water Company.

* Supplied by the Leeds City Council.

† Private Supply of the Earl of Harewood.

‡ Supplied by the Wetherby Rural District Council.

Rivers and Streams.

The pollution of rivers and streams in your area has been much improved; only one case is on record at the present time.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Considerable attention has been given to drainage and sewerage within your area. 14 parishes are provided with suitable works, most of them of a highly efficient character; a population of 9,370 is thus provided for. In addition to these many properties are provided with private works constructed on modern lines, and a population of 434 is served by twelve works of this character; interesting particulars regarding these sewerage works will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Very careful consideration has been given during the year to the parishes of Bardsey, Linton, and Collingham, with a view of providing either:—

- (a) Separate works for each parish.
- (b) A combined scheme for the three parishes.
- (c) A combined scheme linked up with Wetherby.

A special Sub-Committee was appointed, many meetings were held, and Engineers consulted. It was found that the cost rendered any scheme presented to the Council prohibitive at the present time, owing to the low Assessable Value.

Closet Accommodation.

We have no definite information as to the approximate number of each type of privy and closet accommodation in the District. Persistent effort has been made for many years past to convert, wherever possible, faulty privies into water closets. In the last eight years 160 conversions have been made. I quite agree with your Sanitary Inspector that the time has come when your Council should put into operation in the populous villages the powers under the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.

The following Table shows the number of conversions during the last five years, along with the character of closet accommodation provided for the new houses erected during that period.

TABLE OF CONVERSIONS, ETC.

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Conversions from Privy Middens and					
Pail Closets to W.C.'s	10	35	27	17	13
New W.C.'s built	32	34	36	40	40
New Earth Closets erected with New					
Houses	14	5	7	6	3
New W.C.'s erected with New Houses	19	53	47	63	77

Scavenging.

Public scavenging is undertaken by your Council in eight parishes. The work has been performed to the satisfaction of your Council except in one instance, where a new Contractor had to be obtained. The parishes of Bardsey and East Keswick are developing, and in my opinion the time has arrived when your Council should obtain powers to carry out Public Scavenging in these parishes.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

There has been a systematic Sanitary Inspection of the District during the year; 468 nuisances have been found and 456 abated. The unabated nuisances have increased from 61 to 73.

The following table, taken from the Report of the Sanitary Inspector, shows the amount of work done in this department, the nature of the defects discovered, and the result of the action taken by your Council.

TABLE OF NUISANCES REPORTED AND ABATED

During the Year ending 31st December, 1925.

Houses	Dirty	9
"	Overcrowded	6
"	Damp and Dilapidated	23
"	Badly Drained	21
"	Without sufficient Privy Accommodation	4
"	Dilapidated Privies	76
"	Drains temporarily stopped	55
"	Dilapidated Pumps	5
"	Want of Cesspools	—
"	Want of Water for Domestic Purposes	23
"	Obstructive Buildings	—
No. of	Offensive Accumulations	5
"	Offensive Cowsheds, Stables, Pigsties, etc.	32
"	Pollutions to Rivers, Streams, etc.	1
"	House Drains removed from Streams, etc.	17
"	Polluted Wells	5
"	House Nuisances found	329
TOTAL	number of Nuisances found	468

No. of House-to-House Inspections made under the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919	...	...	...	...	120
" Houses thoroughly Inspected for Zymotic Disease	...	...	...	...	22
" Other House Inspections (Drainage)	...	...	...	...	21
" New House Inspections (for Certificate)	...	...	...	...	79
" Notices and Letters served	...	...	...	...	1449
" Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	38
" Statutory Notices (abated)	...	...	...	...	33
" Dwelling-houses Cleansed	...	...	...	...	9
" Dwelling-houses Overcrowded dealt with	...	...	...	...	4
" Old Privy Middens repaired	...	...	...	...	2
" Old Privy Middens converted to Water Closets	...	...	...	...	4
" Old Privy Middens converted to Pail Closets	...	...	...	...	9
" Old Privy Middens abolished	...	...	...	...	14
" Pail Closets converted to Water Closets	...	...	...	...	9
" Pail Closets and Water Closets repaired	...	...	...	...	19
" New Water Closets built	...	...	...	...	40
" New Pail Closets built	...	...	...	...	-
" New Urinals	...	...	...	...	2
" New Galvanised Iron Dust Bins	...	...	...	...	53
" New Drains constructed	...	...	...	...	253
" Drains re-constructed	...	...	...	...	7
" New Connections to Sewer	...	...	...	...	25
" New Inspection and Disconnection Chambers	...	...	...	...	57
" Drains Disconnected from Outfall	...	...	...	...	253
" New Cesspools constructed	...	...	...	...	-
" Cesspools abolished	...	...	...	...	-
" Private or Public Wells abolished	...	...	...	...	2
" Private or Public Wells cleansed	...	...	...	...	2
" Private or Public Pumps repaired	...	...	...	...	5
" Direct Pollutions to Rivers, Streams, etc., abated	...	...	...	...	1
" Offensive Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	5
" Backyards concreted	...	...	...	...	-
" Cowsheds, Stables, etc., repaired or drained	...	...	...	...	28
" Slaughterhouses (visits 178)	...	...	...	...	19
" Workshops (visits 116)	...	...	...	...	90
" Cowsheds (visits 664)	...	...	...	...	229
" Houses for work done	...	...	...	...	212
TOTAL Number of Nuisances Abated	...	...	...	...	456

Other Sanitary Conditions requiring Notice.

The provision of Public Lavatory accommodation for Boston Spa has been under consideration for several years. No definite progress has been made in regard to it.

The Village is very popular as a holiday and excursion resort; large parties in charabancs and other conveyances visit it at week-ends and holiday periods. There is no public convenience for them, although accommodation at Cafes and Licensed premises has been much increased in recent years.

The provision of Public Lavatories at Wetherby has proved very beneficial, and as the income has been greater than the expenditure, they have incurred no financial burden to the

parish. I see no reason why the same should not apply to Boston Spa, and I hope steps will soon be taken to meet a requirement it should be the duty of your Council to provide.

Schools.

No particular difficulty has arisen in connection with the Elementary Schools in the District.

The following Schools have been closed for definite periods owing to epidemic disease, and in the majority of cases the Schools were disinfected during the period of closure.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DURING 1925.

	Influenza. Weeks.	Measles. Weeks.	Chicken Pox. Weeks.	Whooping Cough. Weeks.
Bardsey	2	—	—	—
Bilton	—	—	—	3½
Boston Spa	2½	—	—	—
Collingham	1½	—	—	—
Harewood	1½	—	—	—
Kirk Deighton	2½	—	—	—
Long Marston	2½	—	—	—
Sicklinghall	2½	—	—	—
North Rigton	3	—	—	—
Spofforth	3	2½	—	—
Thorner (Church)	1½	—	2	—
Do. (Council)	1½	—	2	—
Wetherby (Church) ...	3½	—	—	—
Do. (Council) ...	3½	—	—	—
Weeton	1½	—	—	—
Thorparch	1½	—	—	—
Tockwith	1½	—	—	—
	35½	2½	4	3½

Housing.

The general housing conditions in the area have received considerable attention by a special Committee of your Council, which has done excellent work and shown a progressive policy.

The total number of houses erected in the year was 79, and is the greatest number erected in one year in the history of your Council; Building took place in 16 parishes. The progress made in the last five years is shown by the following figures:—

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
New Houses erected	39	51	50	65	79

The following particulars are interesting as showing the type of houses erected:—

	1	with	2	rooms.
6	„	4	„	
34	„	5	„	
18	„	6	„	
20	„	7	„	

Private enterprise was responsible for the erection of 48 houses without subsidy; 11 others were erected under a subsidy, the remaining 20 being erected by your Council.

The following Tables show (a) the parishes in which houses have been built during the last five years, with the number of houses erected in each parish; (b) the number of rooms in the houses built during the last five years.

TABLE A.

Parish.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Bardsey	13	13	14	18	25
Boston Spa	1	1	1	4	—
Bramham	—	5	2	1	4
Clifford	6	3	3	4	1
Collingham	2	3	5	3	1
Kearby	—	3	—	—	1
Keswick East	—	—	2	1	2
Kirkby Overblow	—	1	—	1	1
Linton	2	1	4	15	12
Long Marston	—	—	1	—	—
Micklethwaite	—	—	—	1	1
Rigton	—	—	—	1	—
Scarcroft	—	—	—	1	4
Sicklinghall	1	—	—	4	—
Spofforth	—	—	1	1	7
Thorner	—	—	1	1	2
Tockwith	1	—	—	—	2
Walton	—	—	—	—	4
Weeton	12	16	2	1	—
Wetherby	1	4	9	8	11
Wighill	—	—	—	—	1
Wigton	—	1	5	—	—
	39	51	50	65	79

TABLE B.

NO. OF HOUSES.

No. of Rooms.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	Total.
With 2 Rooms	2	—	—	1	1	... 4
„ 3 „	2	2	—	1	—	... 5
„ 4 „	12	6	12	11	6	... 47
„ 5 „	14	18	12	22	34	... 100
„ 6 „	6	13	11	14	18	... 62
„ 7 „ or over	3	12	15	16	20	... 66
	39	51	50	65	79	284

Enquiries have been made in every parish in the area in regard to the shortage of houses, and in order to ascertain the shortage as accurately as possible, applications from people requiring houses in each parish have been solicited.

Applications were received from 19 parishes, with requests for 182 houses.

The following Table gives a list of the applications received, and the 19 parishes from which they were received; a second column gives the number of houses approved by the Ministry of Health in the Schemes sent up by your Council to meet the deficiencies.

Applications which have previously been received and complied with by your Council, in houses already erected by the Council, are not included in these figures.

APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSES (UNCOMPLIED WITH).

Parish.	Applications. No. received.	No. of Houses approved by the Ministry.
Bardsey	5	—
Bilton	4	6
Boston Spa	2	—
Bramham	11	6
Clifford	2	4
Collingham	2	—
East Keswick	14	—
Kirk Deighton	2	—
Kirkby Overblow	21	3
Linton	1	—
Long Marston	4	4
North Rigton	4	4
Scarcroft	3	—
Spofforth	21	6
Thorner	17	8
Tockwith	7	—
Walton	8	—
Weeton	12	4
Wetherby	42	24
	<hr/> 182	<hr/> 74

It will be seen that 20 houses have been erected during 1925 by your Council; 74 more have been approved, leaving a deficiency of over a hundred houses. Your Housing Committee is considering this matter at the present time.

There have been no important changes in the population, and there is no reason to anticipate any such change in the future, beyond the probable increase in the residential portion of the population.

Overcrowding.

There is no great overcrowding in your District. The Census returns in 1911 showed 96 overcrowded houses; in 1921 there were 67. Steps have been taken wherever possible to reduce overcrowding, four cases being dealt with during the past year. It is hoped that when the housing schemes of the Council are completed a further great improvement will have been made.

Fitness of Houses.

The general standard of housing in the area is good. The average class of house is good, and the new type of house erected by your Council is very satisfactory and has met with approval by many observers. While considerable building has taken place of a residential character, apart from your Council little has been done in the erection of houses for the artisan classes. The shortage of houses suitable for the working classes has held up the policy of your Council of improving the standard of this class of house; it has been found impossible in many instances to proceed with the closing of houses unfit for human habitation because of the impossibility of finding accommodation for the inhabitants to be displaced.

The general character of the defects found to exist in unfit houses has been general dilapidation, dampness, faulty roofs, lighting, ventilation, floors, staircases, etc. They have arisen generally from the effect of age upon the property. The houses we have had to condemn are mostly very old ones, and so generally dilapidated as to be beyond repair.

The general action taken as regards unfit houses has been to deal with them under the Public Health Act, 1875.

No great difficulties have been met with in regard to general repairs of property, the owners usually complying with all reasonable requests without the necessity of reverting to Statutory Notices.

Difficulties have been met with in regard to Water supply to new houses in several instances. Your Council experienced considerable difficulty in the erection of the Council houses at Spofforth owing to the need of a supply of water in the parish; this was eventually overcome by the sinking of a well.

Drainage is often a difficulty in houses erected in isolated positions. It is generally overcome by the adoption of some bacterial method of treatment.

No complaints have been received or representation made in regard to unhealthy areas in your District.

The Building Bye-laws were revised and brought up to date in October, 1925, and no serious difficulty has arisen in regard to the Bye-laws in operation.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1925.

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b) ...	79
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts—	
(i) By the Local Authority	18
(ii) By other bodies or persons	5

1. Unfit dwelling-houses. Inspection.

(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	120
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	120
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	3
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	37

2. Remedy of defects without service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	37
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3. Actions under Statutory Powers.

(A) Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	3
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By owners	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	—
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	—

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ...	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which defects were remedied after service for formal notices:—	

(C) Proceedings under Sections 11, 14, and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	3
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	3
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwellinghouses having been rendered fit	—
(4) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	—

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The wholesomeness of the Milk produced within the District is generally satisfactory; the arrangements for supply and distribution have also proved satisfactory, and a constant supervision has been maintained under the various Acts and Orders affecting the District.

There are 229 Cowsheds registered within the District, an increase of 20 in the year. Five Cowsheds have been removed from the Register; 2 were closed and demolished after the death of the owner; 1 was closed after removal of the occupier; and 2 were closed by your Council because of the difficulty in reconstructing them to standard.

There were 664 visits of Inspection made during the year. Satisfactory progress is being made in the systematic inspection and reconstruction of Cowsheds; 112 have now been completed and permanent certificates granted in regard to them.

There are 117 in which the alterations have not yet been completed, and to whom temporary certificates only have been given; it is hoped the permanent alterations in these cases will soon be carried out, as all the preliminary work has been completed.

- (i) No definite steps have been taken to deal with Tuberculous cattle.
- (ii) Two Licenses have been granted under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923—one Grade A, issued by the West Riding County Council, and one Certified (Tubercular Tested), issued by the Ministry of Health.

No pasteurised milk is produced in the District.

Meat.

A considerable amount of work has been carried out under the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, and important information regarding it will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's Report. Satisfactory arrangements have been made with the various Slaughter-houses in regard to time of slaughter, etc., so that efficient inspection may be made.

The farmers have complied with the Regulations, I believe, in a satisfactory manner. Some of the carcasses submitted by them have been found diseased, unfit for food, and destroyed. Seven carcasses were surrendered and destroyed during the year.

There are 19 Slaughter-houses in the District, and to these 178 visits have been paid. The following are the particulars of the number of Slaughter-houses on the Register, and the visits paid to them during the last five years.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Number on Register	17	17	17	19	19
Number of visits of Inspection ...	168	160	109	110	178

Other Foods.

No difficulties have arisen in regard to other foods; 38 samples were taken for analysis by the County Council officials. All the samples were found to be genuine. 5 were Milk, 8 Drugs, and 25 applied to other foods.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Disease.

Infectious Diseases.—No serious outbreak of Infectious Disease has occurred, the actual number of cases of Zymotic Disease being the lowest of which we have any record. Particulars of the distribution of the Disease will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

In the following Table will be found particulars relating to the Notifications, cases removed to Hospital, and deaths arising from Notifiable Diseases during the last five years:—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Small-pox	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	38	23	17	21	23
Diphtheria	33	12	30	9	3
Enteric Fever	2	—	2	1	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	18	28	19	38	28
Erysipelas	4	6	4	2	3
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	1	—	1	3	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	1	1	2	—
	96	70	74	76	59

Disease.	Cases admitted to Hospital.				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Small-pox	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	20	21	11	16	13
Diphtheria	30	11	28	6	3
Enteric Fever	2	—	1	—	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	—	—	—	2	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	—	1	—
	52	32	40	25	16

Disease.	Total Deaths.				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Small-pox	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	1	—	—	—
Diphtheria... ..	4	1	—	1	—
Enteric Fever	1	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	14	15	4	11	10
Erysipelas... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	1	—	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—
	16	17	5	12	10

Diphtheria Anti-toxin is provided by your Council, and a supply is kept constantly on hand in order to be of immediate avail when required.

The examination of Pathological and Bacteriological specimens is carried out by the West Riding County Council at their Laboratory in Wakefield. I desire to again express my appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. Kaye's staff, and the invaluable help we receive.

Your Sanitary District again in 1924 (as in 1923) sent more specimens to the Laboratory for examination than any other Sanitary District in the West Riding. The following are the number of specimens sent to the Laboratory during the five years 1920 to 1924:—

	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
Number of Specimens	80	298	275	989	910

No use has yet been made of the Schick and Dick tests in Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever.

The number of successful Primary Vaccinations of infants was 165; there were 52 Declarations under Section 1 of the Vaccination Act, 1907, and 28 children whose vaccination was postponed on account of the condition of the health of the child.

Influenza was the chief non-notifiable disease; it was extensively prevalent in the early part of the year. It caused 10 deaths, and was so common amongst school children that it was necessary to close 16 schools. Measles occurred in Spofforth, Whooping Cough in Bilton, and Chicken Pox in Thorner.

The following Table gives the number of schools closed for Infectious Disease during the last five years, along with the total period of closure.

SCHOOL CLOSURE.

Disease.	Number of Schools Closed.				
	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Mumps	—	—	1	—	—
Diphtheria	2	—	—	1	—
Chicken Pox	—	—	—	1	1
Whooping Cough	10	1	2	2	1
Influenza	7	5	1	9	15
Measles	1	1	4	1	2
Scarlet Fever	1	—	—	—	—
	21	7	8	14	19

Total period closed 78½ wks. 18 wks. 23 wks. 40 wks. 47 wks

Cancer Malignant Disease.

The extent of prevalence of Cancer in your District is worthy of examination. There is a general belief that cancer is more prevalent in this area than in many others; this general belief has been shared also in scientific quarters. A careful examination of the figures for the years 1914 to 1923 fail to support this view.

The following Table gives a comparison of the death rates from Cancer in the Wetherby Rural District with the Administrative County of the West Riding, and with England and Wales.

CANCER.

Death Rate per 1,000 Population.

Year.	Wetherby Rural District.	Administrative County.	England and Wales.
1914.	1.24	0.94	1.07
1915.	1.05	0.97	1.12
1916.	1.19	1.11	1.17
1917.	1.58	1.15	1.21
1918.	1.34	1.11	1.22
1919.	1.51	1.05	1.14
1920.	1.28	1.07	1.16
1921.	1.25	1.11	1.21
1922.	0.62	1.15	1.23
1923.	1.87	1.16	1.27
Average 1914-1923	1.29	1.08	1.18
1924.	2.06	1.19	1.30
1925.	1.92	—	no records
Average 1914-1925	1.40	—	—

The above shows the death rate from Cancer in the Wetherby area higher than the Administrative County or England and Wales. It should be borne in mind that owing to the residential character of the District, there is a greater

proportion of the inhabitants of the Cancer age than in most other Districts. The Census for 1921 shows the number of people over 40 years of age in the Wetherby District to be 5,416, working out at 370.3 per thousand of the total population.

There are therefore 49.3 persons per 1,000 more of the Cancer age in the Wetherby District than in the Administrative County. If a correction is made on this basis, and the Administrative figures taken as a standard, it will be seen that the death rate from Cancer is practically the same in your District as for the rest of the County.

Tuberculosis.

There has been a slight increase over last year in the cases of Tuberculosis notified. There are now 18 cases on the Register, 11 of which are Pulmonary, and 7 other forms of Tuberculosis.

Particulars of the new cases of Tuberculosis, and of deaths from the disease in the area during 1925, are as follows:—

TUBERCULOSIS.

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

Workshops.

The following is a list of the Workshops registered in the District:—

WORKSHOPS.

Bakers, etc.	11	Laundries	7
Boot Repairers	6	Plumbers and Tinnerns ...	6
Blacksmiths	9	Painting Work	1
Coopers	1	Saddlers	3
Dressmakers	4	Sawmills	1
Engineers (Motors)	15	Tailors	6
Weaving	1	Printing Works	2
Gas Manufacture	1	Stonemasons	1
Joiners	15		—
			90
			—

It will be seen there are now 90 workshops in the District, an increase of three in the year; 116 visits of Inspection have been paid, and no serious defects were found.

I have again to thank you for your great courtesy and assistance during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. A. HARGREAVES.

TABLE C. 1925.

Nuisance Inspections—

Total No. of Inspections made in 1925, for Nuisances only—1,679.

Nuisances reported in 1925—468.

Nuisances in hand, end of 1924—61.

Total needing abatement—529.

Abated during 1925—456.

Outstanding end of 1925—73.

Notices served, Informal—295. Complied with—285.

Notices served, Statutory—19. Complied with—14.

Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings—None.

Common Lodging Houses—

No. in District —	No. on Register —	Total No. of Inspections made —
		General Condition —
Legal Proceedings (if any) —		

Houses let in Lodgings—

No. in District —	No. on Register —	Total No. of Inspections made —
		General Condition —
Legal Proceedings (if any) —		

Canal Boats—

No. in District —	No. on Register —	Total No. of Inspections made —
		General Condition —
Legal Proceedings (if any) —		

Knackers Yards—

No. in District—1.	No. on Register—1.	Total No. of Inspections made—12.
		General Condition—Satisfactory.
Legal Proceedings (if any)—None.		

Tents, Vans and Sheds—

No. in District —	No. on Register —	Total No. of Inspections made —
		General Condition —
Legal Proceedings (if any) —		

Offensive Trades—

No. in District —	No. on Register —	Total No. of Inspections made —
		General Condition —
Legal Proceedings (if any) —		

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades—No.

Drainage and Sewerage—

Any developments during 1925?—Thorparch Scheme for two Public Institutions completed.

Developments still needed as to (a) Want of Sewers—Bardsey, Collingham, and Linton.

(b) Improvement of defective Sewers—No.

Sewage Disposal Works (a) Any inadequacy—No.

(b) Any complaints—No.

Any sink wastes still needing disconnection?—A few, but number not definitely known.

Closet Accommodation—

No. of Privies with open middens ——

No. of Pail or Tub Closets ——

No. of Privies with covered middens ——

No. of Water Closets ——

Waste-water Closets ——

No. of Privies re-constructed during 1925—(a) as w.c.'s—13; (b) other—9.

No. of additional Closets provided for old property in 1925—(a) w.c.'s—40; (b) other—none.

No. of Closets constructed in 1925 for new houses (a) w.c.'s—77; (b) other—3.

Scavenging—

Any change during 1925?—No.

Performed by (a) Council—2 Parishes; (b) Contractor—6 Parishes; (c) Owners or Occupiers—Remainder of District.

How is refuse disposed of? No. of loads to (a) Destructor—See Report; (b) Tips—See Report; (c) Farmers—See Report. Total annual cost—See Report.

Is there any inadequacy, and where—No.

Any utilization of waste material?—Yes. If so, what?—Sale to Collectors.

Water Supply—

Any developments during 1925?—Extension of main to meet building developments.

Restricted in any way?—No. If so, No. of days?—No. Hours of day when cut off?—No.

Any general insufficiency, and where?—East Rigton, Spofforth, Wighill, and Wike.

Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where?—None.

Any new sources added?—No. Any disused sources re-used?—No.

Milk Supply—

Are two Registers being kept by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act? (a) For retailers; (b) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders—Yes.

Have any Licences been granted under the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, to distributors of:—
“Certified” milk—No. “Grade A”—No. “Grade A (Tuberculin Tested)”—No. “Grade A (Pasteurised)” —No. “Pasteurised”—No.

Have you had any samples of Graded Milk tested? Give No. and kind—No. Result—No.

Have any retailers been removed from the Register?—No.
No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for analysis under F. & D. Acts — No. adulterated —

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination —

What arrangement for periodical Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows?—None.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1925?—None.
No. of Cowkeepers in district producing and selling milk —140. No. Registered—146.

No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cowkeepers—107.
No. who are Milk Retailers only—3.

Total No. of Retail Milk Sellers Registered—110.

Total No. of Cowsheds—229.

Total No. of Inspections in 1925—664.

Date of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Regulations? —1905. Any Legal Action?—No.

Any Inspection of other action by Districts to which Milk is sent?—Yes.

Other Foods—

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of S.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs Acts —
No. adulterated —

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt?—No.

No. of seizures of unsound food — Kind and quantity —
No. of Prosecutions —

Any Public Abattoir?—No. What accommodation? —

No. of Slaughterhouses—19. Registered — Licensed—19.

Unsatisfactory, structually or in bad position?—No.

Total inspections—178.

No. of Prosecutions (a) Food and Drugs — (b) Unsound Food — (c) re Slaughter Houses —

Bakehouses, No.—11. Any underground?—None. Total No. of Inspections—30.

Schools—

No. of Schools in district—23. No visited by M.O.H. —
Action taken — Schools closed by M.O.H.—16.

Factories and Workshops—

No. of Smoke observations taken — No. of Cautions —

Legal Notices — Summonses —

No. of Workshops—90. No. of times each Workshop inspected — Total inspections—116.

Any Industrial Welfare Workers appointed—No.

Adoptive Acts in force in District—

Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890; Public Health Acts (Amendment) Acts, 1890 and 1907; Private Streets Works Act, 1892—See Report, 1925.

Public Health Act, 1925—All that may be adopted by a Rural Authority.

Any Urban Powers obtained in 1925?—None.

Bye-laws and Regulations in force in the District—

Cleansing of Footways and Pavements—Approved 1905.

Scavenging—8 Parishes.

Prevention of Nuisance—Approved 1905.

Common Lodging Houses—Approved 1905.

New Streets and Buildings—Approved 1925.

Alteration of Buildings—Approved 1925.

Slaughter-houses—Approved 1905.

Infectious and other Diseases—

Diseases specially prevalent in 1925?—Nil.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list?—None.

Any influences threatening the health of the District?—Nil.

Any undue prevalence of Venereal Diseases?—Nil.

Any prevalence of Jaundice, and at what ages?—Nil.

Hospitals and other Institutions—

(a) General: Accident — Address —

Children — Address—Marguerite Home,
Thorparch, Boston Spa.

(b) Local: Hospital, Cottage — Address —

(c) Infections, General—Yes. Address—The Harrogate, Knaresborough and Wetherby Joint Isolation Hospital, Knaresborough.

Smallpox—Yes. Address .do.

(d) Maternity — Address —

Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever Cases?—None.

(e) Clinic and Treatment Centre not provided by County Council Scheme —

Whether any other disease (e.g. Pneumonia) is treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital?—No.

Any change or extension of (a) General Infectious Hospital?—No; (b) Smallpox Hospital—No.

Tuberculosis. Procedure by M.O.H. or his Staff after Notification—

- (1) Inspection of patient's home and workshop—Yes.
- (2) Examination for contacts—Yes.
- (3) Is house disinfected?—Yes. When?—As requested by Medical attendant.
- (4) Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed—Yes.
- (5) Action re spitting—Yes.
- (6) Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary?—Yes.
- (7) Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum—No.
- (8) Are the requirements of Tuberculosis Regulations as to notification observed by general practitioners?—Not as could be desired.

Bacteriology (County Laboratory)—

Any suggestions?—No.

Infant Mortality—

Any suggestions?—No.

Any voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare?—No.
County Centre, Wetherby.

Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1925—No.

Supply of Milk to Mothers and Infants. Any action?—
No.

Suggestions will be welcomed regarding (a) Maternity and Infant Welfare Schemes — ; (b) Ante-natal Schemes —

Vital Statistics—

No. of Still Births during 1925 —

Deaths during 1925—(1) Gross Deaths, i.e., Total actually registered in the District without any correction—
Males 103, Females 88. (2) No. of uncertified deaths (included above)—None.

Mortuaries. What accommodation—

(a) for accidents—None.

(b) for infectious cases other than hospital—None.

(c) For other purposes—None.

Any suggestions made by M.O.H.—None.

Sanitary Staff—

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.?—£133.

Name of Sanitary Inspector—Thos. V. Gray.

Annual Salary as Inspector—£300.

Other appointments held—Building Surveyor.

Salary for such other appointments—£110.

Any Assistants?—Clerical Assistance.

Is Staff sufficient?—Yes.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health?—Yes.

Clinics. Any suggestions?—

- (a) Tuberculosis—No.
- (b) Venereal Diseases—How advertised and if any difficulty in reaching nearest—No, as the disease is very rare.
- (c) Child Welfare—Nil.
- (d) Ante-Natal—Nil.
- (e) School—Nil.
- (f) Dental—Nil.
- (g) Ophthalmic—Nil.

Any Remarks as to—

- (a) Voluntary Agencies for social betterment—No.
- (b) District Nursing Association—Most of the District is covered.
- (c) Any Dispensary—No. Purpose of —
- (d) Health Visiting (co-operation with local M.O.H.)—Yes.
- (e) Tuberculosis, Home Visiting do. do. and medical attendant—No.
- (f) Dental Services—No.
- (g) Midwifery Services—No.
- (h) Propaganda work re Tuberculosis, Child Welfare, or Venereal Diseases—No.

Housing—

See Table D—but please state No. of Certificates given under Increase of Rent (Restriction) Act, 1920, Sec. 2 (2)—None.

Special Reports and Investigations on any Subjects—None.

Supplementary Remarks as to Sanitary requirements of District, suggestions of M.O.H., and extended notes on any of the foregoing entries—None.

TABLE D.

SUMMARY OF HOUSING WORK DURING 1925.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1924—

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. Section 28, 1919;
Section 10, 1923—None.

Houses (recorded under “Housing”) with minor defects.
(Public Health Acts)—None.

Houses totally unfit. (Section 17 and 18) 1909—19.

Houses inspected for “Housing defects” in 1924 under Acts
and Regulations—

Total inspected and recorded—120.

Houses found satisfactory on inspection—83.

Houses needing further action—37.

Houses not reasonably fit—None.

Action under Public Health Acts in cases of houses with minor defects not remediable under Section 28, 1919; Section 10 of 1923—

Houses with defects—37.

Houses remedied without service of formal notice—37.

Houses in regard to which formal notices were served—None.

Houses made satisfactory after formal notice—None.

Unfit houses. Action under Sections 17 or 18, 1909—

Houses found to be totally unfit—3.

Houses closed voluntarily—None.

Unfit houses remedied without formal notice—None.

Houses represented to Council for closing orders—None.

Houses in respect of which closing orders were made—3.

Houses closed after service of closing order—None.

Houses made fit and closing order determined by Council—None.

Houses demolished voluntarily—None.

Houses for which demolition orders were made by Council—None.

Houses demolished compulsorily—None.

Appeals—None.

Houses with defects not disposed of at end of 1924—

Houses not reasonably fit for habitation. Section 28, 1919; Section 10, 1923—None.

Houses (recorded under “Housing”) with minor defects. (Public Health Acts)—None.

Houses totally unfit. (Sections 17 and 18) 1909—22.

Other action in regard to Housing—

Total number of houses in district—3,619, 175 Houses with Shops and 32 Institutions.

Number of working-class houses—1,957 under £8 prior to Rent Act, 787 over £8 but under £16 prior to Rent Act, 1,098 over £16.

General standard compared with that of the Ministry of Health in Manual Vol. I., 1919—Good.

Obstructive buildings—

Any building represented by M.O.H. under Sec. 38 (1) of 1890 Act?—None.

Result of action (if any)—None.

Any buildings represented by Local Government Electors under Sec. 38 (2) of 1890 Act?—None. Result—None.

Unhealthy Areas—

Any building representations under part I. or II. of the 1890 Act? If so give particulars—None.

Re-construction Schemes—

Have L.A. directed any to be prepared under Sec. 39 of 1890 Act?—None.

Conversion of Houses—

Any houses acquired for division into separate tenements, under 1919 Act? If so give particulars—None.

Penalty on re-letting houses ordered to be closed—

Any action under Sec. 12 of 1925 Act?—None.

Unfit Houses—

Any complaints by Local Government Electors under Sec. 31 of 1890 Act as amended by the 1923 Act?—None.

Any complaints by Parish Councils under Sec. 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1894?—None.

Any action under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1923?—None. If so, how many houses sanctioned?—None. Completed—None.

Any scarcity of houses? If so, where?—General shortage being gradually overtaken.

Any overcrowding in houses, and where?—Only a few odd cases.

Any special activity in house building, and where?—Bardsey, Linton, and Wetherby moderate.

Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Sec. 17 (7) 1909 Act?—No. Any action thereunder?—No.

Total number of houses built in the district under State aided and all conditions in 1925 (a) Working-class dwellings—59 with under 7 rooms; (b) other—20 over 7 rooms.

State-aided Housing Schemes—

A. Scheme under 1919 Act. Number of houses erected in 1925. (1) By Council—18. (2) By Private Builders' Subsidy—5.

B. Scheme under 1923 Act. Have Council propounded a scheme under this Act?—No.

(a) By lump sum—Yes. If so, how much?—£75 per house.

(b) By annual payments for 20 years of £ —

(c) By periodical payments to a Building Society—None.

Number of houses completed by Local Authority under this scheme in 1925—None. By Private Persons—5. By Public Utility Societies—None.

C. Scheme under 1924 Act. No. of houses provisionally approved by Ministry—54. Specially approved by Ministry—54. Completed under special conditions—18. Purchased with approval of Ministry—None.

Total number of houses provided under all State aided schemes in 1925—23.

Town Planning—

Have Council joined a Regional Town Planning Committee?

—Yes. If so, which?—Leeds and Bradford.

Have Council passed a resolution in 1925 deciding to prepare a scheme?—No. If so, when?—No.

Any scheme contemplated? — If so, for whole or part of district? — If for part, what part? —

Has a scheme been finally approved by the Ministry of Health in 1925?—No.

Has a scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health in 1925?—No.

Has a preliminary statement been prepared and submitted to the Ministry for approval in 1925?—No. If so, has it been approved?—No.

Name and address of Officer designated to make inspections under Article II. of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910—Thos. V. Gray.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances)—

Factories (including Factory Laundries) —

Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)—90.

Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises) —

Total inspections—116.

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces—
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts—None.

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Wetherby Rural District Council.

REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

Health Department,
Council Offices,
WETHERBY.

March, 1926.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE WETHERBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit for your information and consideration my nineteenth Annual Report as your Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, giving details of the work in your Health Department for the year ending December 31st, 1925.

The work in regard to the provision of new houses outlined in my last report has been more than maintained, and a few years' continuance at the same rate of progress should provide the requisite accommodation for the population of your district, and also enable definite steps to be taken to close and demolish the few old dilapidated and condemned cottages that are still in occupation.

A year ago I reported a record year in regard to new house construction with a total of 65 houses certified for habitation; however, the period under review has easily surpassed this total, as no less than 79 were completed during 1925.

The average number of persons per house in the area according to the 1921 Census was 4.20, therefore the new accommodation provided is equal to 330 persons.

It is pleasing to note that 24 of these houses were erected by your Council, this making, with the 6 completed during 1924, a total of 30, whilst a further 2 were almost ready for occupation and other 16 had foundations completed, and contracts were let for 6 more to be commenced forthwith.

The ensuing year should see the completion and occupation of all these houses, which will then give a total of 54, which will prove useful as a first instalment.

In addition to the houses completed, there were 43 new houses in course of erection upon December 31st, but this is not so good as the 52 of twelve months ago. The outlook for the coming year does not look as favourable as a year ago; the progress of private development in the district is tending to show a diminution instead of the gradual expansion of the past few years.

One half of the completed houses are directly occupied by persons who were already resident in the district, as compared with only one third last year, which is a decided gain so far as eliminating overcrowding, etc.; this is of course largely accounted for by the Council houses erected.

The Milk and Dairies Amendment Act, 1922, has again taken up a large amount of my time, and much useful progress has been made, as is outlined in detailed later.

The continued reduction in the Zymotic Disease rate is remarkable, there being only 30 cases notified during the year, apart from Tuberculosis and the Public Health (Pneumonia, etc., Regulations, 1919), which are dealt with under separate headings.

This is actually the lowest upon record for a period covering over 30 years, and is especially worthy of note, even considering the year as a quiescent period in the usual cycle of intensity and virulence of these specific diseases.

The greater community of interest betwixt your district and the large industrial population of the West Riding has been greatly accelerated during the last three years by the advent of the Motor Bus, which has developed upon very extensive and useful lines within this period, and must always be kept in view in considering Zymotic outbreaks.

It is therefore obvious that it is not within the province of actual probability to anticipate much further reduction.

The general sanitary improvement in the sanitary condition of your district in regard to water supply, drainage, and sewage disposal, and the condemnation and removal of many old insanitary dwellings in the past, has assisted greatly to bring about such a satisfactory condition.

However, I feel that the extensive movement that now takes place in the population, due to easier travelling facilities, will tend to accelerate the conveying of infectious disease into your district, and great vigilance will be necessary to locate initial cases, with prompt action in regard to their isolation, treatment, and the efficient disinfection.

The notifications were 30, compared with 38, 55, 42 and 78 respectively in previous years.

The abolition of privy-middens, with the erection of new w.c.'s, or the conversion of existing privies into water closets, continues very satisfactory, especially considering the difficult financial condition.

The Ministry of Health held an Inquiry on February 18th in regard to the proposal to provide sewers and sewage disposal for the two large Public Institutions at Thorparch.

The Scheme was subsequently approved, and at the close of the year the work was nearing completion, and should prove a boon to the Grange School and the Marguerite Home, as well as to pedestrians upon the Thorparch-Walton highroad.

The new Meat Regulations and Slaughter-house Orders duly came into operation during the year, and are a real advance in the legislation of food supervision. Much labour has been involved and very useful work accomplished in connection therewith.

The re-modelling of the Building Bye-laws took up much time during the year, but have been finally agreed upon, and have received the formal sanction of the Ministry of Health, and are now in operation.

The sewage disposal works have continued to give satisfactory results, except East Keswick, and some trouble at Weeton in regard to the dosing and distribution arrangements.

At Bramham and Clifford sewage works the river embankment has been causing much anxiety for some years, and it was decided to put in hand repairs during 1925.

The work has been carried out by direct labour and has been a satisfactory proposition, both financially and so far, also from the engineering view point.

Several small sewer extensions have been carried out, viz.: East Keswick, Linton, and repairs to existing sewers at Ribston Little, whilst the whole of the sewers in the several villages have been kept in efficient repair and maintenance.

Public Lavatories at Wetherby.

These conveniences have again proved of practical use to the community, and the cost during the year (exclusive of capital charges, which were met out of current rate three years ago at the time of their construction), has been £23 6s. 6d., and the total receipts £27 18s. 1d., which is obviously satisfactory.

The conveniences for which a charge is made registered 6,697 users, as compared with 6,353 and 5,202 in the two previous years, excluding of the free accommodation.

Nuisances.

During the year 468 nuisances were found and 456 abated, which raises the totals outstanding from 61 to 73.

1,487 letters and notices were issued, of which 38 were statutory notices, and of these 33 were abated during the period under review.

House Drainage, etc.

Only 21 houses were found to be insufficiently drained and had new schemes provided.

253 new drains were constructed, and in conjunction therewith 57 new inspection or disconnection chambers were built; a good portion of this drainage work was in connection with alterations to farm buildings.

This work is entirely distinct and independent of the drainage work carried out in connection with the 79 new houses completed during the year.

The work of converting existing privies and privy middens is progressing upon the right lines, although the rate of conversion is not so rapid as I should like to see, but I do not anticipate much acceleration until the Council decide in the populous villages to put in operation their powers under the Public Health Amendment Act, 1907.

The average of 55 new w.c.'s or conversions per annum during the past seven years is good for a rural area; also it is noteworthy that 3 e.c.'s and 77 w.c.'s were provided in conjunction with the 79 new houses erected, and which latter is not included in the following Table.

TABLE OF CONVERSIONS TO W.C.'S.

Year.	Privy Middens to W.C.'s.		Pail Closets to W.C.'s.		New W.C.'s.		Total.
1925	...	4	...	9	...	40	53
1924	...	4	...	13	...	40	57
1923	...	18	...	9	...	36	63
1922	...	27	...	8	...	34	69
1921	...	5	...	5	...	32	42
1920	...	18	...	22	...	29	69
1919	...	12	...	2	...	21	35
1918	...	2	...	2	...	5	9
	—	90	—	70	—	237	397
	—		—		—		

There were 19 pail closets and W.C.'s repaired, and 53 new galvanised iron dust bins provided, during 1925.

The question of the drainage of Bardsey was investigated by Mr. Weekes on behalf of the Ministry of Health on June 4th, whilst Mr. Rodwell was appointed Engineer to the Scheme prior to this.

Collingham and Linton drainage has been continually before your Sub-Committee during the year.

I herewith give a list of the village schemes and private sewage disposal works within your district, and the estimated population connected to each.

This shows that 67.33 per cent. of the population is very satisfactory in regard to the provision of sewers and sewage treatment.

These works are all kept under careful supervision and have given little cause for complaint.

LIST OF SEWAGE WORKS. VILLAGE SCHEMES.

Villages..	Estimated Population.	Mode of Treatment.
Boston Spa	1,400	Intermittent downward Filtration, Land.
Bramham	950	Liquefaction Tanks and then as above.
Clifford	800	Liquefaction Tanks and then as above.
East Keswick	400	Entirely Bacteriological, no land.
Spofforth	650	Entirely Bacteriological (Pumping Scheme), no land.
Thorner	950	Bacteriological and Land.
Tockwith	400	Liquefaction Tanks and Land.
Thorparch	210	Liquefaction Tanks and Land.
Do. (No. 2 Scheme)	200	Liquefaction Tanks and Land (not complete).
Weeton	400	Bacteriological entirely.

LIST OF SEWAGE WORKS. VILLAGE SCHEMES.

Villages.	Estimated Population.	Mode of Treatment.
Wetherby	2,200	Broad irrigation, no initial treatment.
Wighill	100	Liquefaction Tanks and Land.
Wigton	140	Bacteriological and Land.
Kirkby Overblow	230	Land.
Do. (Walton Head)	60	Broad irrigation.
Collingham (Dalby)	60	Tank and Land.
Do. (Ingleby)	160	Land.
Do. (Langwith Park)	60	Bacteriological and Land.
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PRIVATE WORKS.

Villages.	Estimated Population.	Mode of Treatment.
Bramham Park	30	Entirely Bacteriological.
Collingham (Langwith Spa)	20	Tank and Land.
Do. (Maggs)	10	Tank and Land.
Stockeld (Foster)	20	Entirely Bacteriological.
Woodhall (Whitehead)	20	Entirely Bacteriological.
Spofforth (Hacking)	10	Entirely Bacteriological.
Scarcroft (Watson)	12	Entirely Bacteriological.
Weeton (Lupton)	20	Entirely Bacteriological.
Harewood North	250	Land.
Harewood House	?	Bacteriological.
Wetherby (Grange)	12	Entirely Bacteriological.
Wothersome (Kennels)	30	Entirely Bacteriological.
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House Construction and New Buildings.

I have already outlined the satisfactory progress made under this heading, and the following detailed Table will show where building operations are most active and the type of dwelling being erected.

DETAILS OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED.

PARISH.	House.	Number of Rooms.	Other details.	
			W.C.	E.C.
Bardsey	(S) 1	6	1	—
"	1	6	1	—
"	1	6	1	—
"	1	6	1	—
"	(S) 1	6	1	—
"	(S) 1	6	1	—
"	1	6	1	—
"	1	7	2	—
"	1	5	1	—

DETAILS OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED.

PARISH.				House.	Number of Rooms.	Other details. W.C.	E.C.
"	...	...	(S)	1	4	1	-
"	...	...	(S)	1	4	1	-
"	...	...	(S)	1	4	1	-
"	...	...		1	7	1	-
"	...	...		1	7	1	-
"	...	...	(S)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...	(S)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...		1	7	1	-
"	...	...		1	6	1	-
"	...	...		1	6	1	-
"	...	...		1	6	1	-
"	...	...		1	6	1	-
"	...	...		1	6	1	-
"	...	...		1	6	1	-
"	...	...	(S)	1	5	1	-
Bramham	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
Clifford	...	...		1	2	-	1
Collingham	...	...		1	7	1	-
East Keswick	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
"	"	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
Kearby	...	...		1	7	-	1
Kirkby Overblow	...	...		1	4	-	1
(Temporary Building)							
Spofforth	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
Scarcroft	...	...	(S)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...	(S)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...		1	4	1	-
"	Conversion of						
	Maltkiln			1	4	1	-
Thorner	...	...		1	7	1	-
"	...	...		1	7	1	-
Tockwith	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
Micklethwaite	(Conversion of Laundry)			1	5	1	-
Walton	...	...		1	5	1	-
"	...	...		1	5	1	-
"	...	...		1	5	1	-
"	...	...		1	5	1	-
Wighill	...	...		1	6	1	-
Wetherby	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-
"	...	...	(C.S.)	1	5	1	-

DETAILS OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED.

PARISH.	House.	Number of Rooms.	Other details. W.C.	E.C.
"	1	6	1	-
"	1	6	1	-
" (C.S.)	1	5	1	-
" (C.S.)	1	5	1	-
"	1	5	1	-
"	1	5	1	-
"	1	7	1	-
Linton	1	7	1	-
"	1	7	1	-
"	1	7	1	-
"	1	7	1	-
"	1	6	1	-
"	1	7	1	-
"	1	7	1	-
"	1	7	1	-
"	1	7	1	-
"	1	7	1	-
"	1	7	1	-
"	1	7	1	-
Spofforth	1	5	1	-

All the dwellings are of a good type and of a permanent character, with the exception of a temporary wood bungalow for which a certificate of occupation for 5 years was granted, and two instances of the conversion of existing structures into dwellings.

The preceding Table shows the houses erected by means of subsidy assistance, whether by private individuals or your Council, and the number of principal rooms, excluding sculleries, bathrooms, larders, boxrooms, cellars, etc.

Several additions, reconstructions, and extensions to existing buildings were carried out in addition to the foregoing.

The following Table shows the number of houses in course of erection at the end of the year.

LIST OF HOUSES AND BUNGALOWS IN COURSE OF ERECTION AT CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

PARISH.	Private.	Subsidy.	Council.	Total.
Bardsey	3	3	-	6
Boston Spa	1 (Conversion to House)	-	-	1
Collingham	2	-	-	2
East Keswick	4	-	-	4
Kirkby Overblow ..	-	1	2	3
Linton	5	-	-	5
"	1 (Conversion to House)	-	-	1
Scarcroft	2 (Conversion to House)	-	-	2
Tockwith	-	-	2	2
Weeton	-	-	2	2
Wetherby	2	1	12	15
	20	5	18	43

TABLE OF PLANS APPROVED, With Corresponding Details for Three Previous Years.

No. of Plans.				Type of Building.	No. of Buildings upon such Plans.			
1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.		1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
31	54	68	35	New Houses	42	65	114	52
—	—	—	1	Council Houses	—	—	—	22
—	5	3	2	Conversions into Houses ...	—	6	6	2
—	—	—	1	Reconstruction of existing Houses	—	—	—	1
16	13	31	19	Additions to Houses	16	13	31	19
3	8	5	7	New Cowsheds, Stables, etc.	10	20	19	11
8	9	—	14	Workshops, Garages	10	9	—	14
12	27	24	13	Miscellaneous	12	27	28	13
—	—	—	1	Chapel	—	—	—	1
5	8	5	14	Temporary Buildings under Public Health Amendment Act, 1907	5	8	5	14
75	124	136	107		95	148	203	149

SUMMARY OF WORK UNDER HOUSING ACTS.

Number of houses inspected	120
Number of houses condemned 1924, but not yet closed (Bramham)	5
Number of houses condemned, but not yet closed 1925 (Tockwith)	3
Number of houses condemned 1914, closed 1922, but not demolished (Spofforth)	5
Number of houses condemned but not yet closed (Spofforth) ...	13
Number of houses condemned 1921, but not yet closed (Thorner)	1
Number of houses condemned 1921, closed 1922, but not demolished (Clifford)	1
Damp walls prevented	12
Walls re-pointed, repaired, etc.	11
Roofs, spouts, repaired	7
Drainage and conveniences, etc.	15
Dirty houses	9
Overcrowded houses	4
Houses found unsatisfactory	37
New doors, windows, etc., and improved lighting	4
Total number of houses condemned during 1925	3
Dilapidated outbuildings	—

Three cottages at Tockwith have been condemned during the year and closing orders issued, but the tenants were still in occupation upon December 31st, although one of the occupants has been allotted a Council house for occupation upon completion.

Not one of these tenants had paid a rent of 2/- per week prior to the condemnation of the cottages.

Rag and Flock Act, 1911.

No action has been necessary in regard to the above.

Water Supplies.

No serious difficulty has arisen in regard to the above, although careful attention has been given continually during the twelve months.

Eighty-one additional houses have been added to those obtaining their supply from the Wetherby District Water Co., and 14 houses have been connected to the Leeds Corporation mains in your district, and 4 to the Council's own supply at Kirkby Overblow.

This gives a full total of 2,343 houses having a definite piped supply.

Taking the total number of houses in the district, also shops with a dwelling-house in connection therewith, and Public Institutions as 3,950 at the close of 1925, this gives a percentage of 59.31 occupied buildings now having a piped supply, as compared with 3,729 houses and 1,865 supplied in 1915, with a percentage of 50.01 in 1915.

This I feel sure will be considered a great improvement, especially in consideration of the nature of your district, which in several parishes is purely agricultural and with only scattered farm houses, which it is practically impossible to link up with a definite piped supply because of the enormous financial cost.

The figures show out even more strikingly when analysed in the following manner:—

The average number of persons per house at the 1921 Census was 4.20; there are also in the number supplied 9 Public Institutions with a population of 608, which gives an estimated population of 10,510 persons residing in the 2,343 houses supplied as above, which gives a percentage of 72.18 of the population which have a supply laid on to the house under pressure.

It is also satisfactory to know that practically all these houses have the water laid on to the sinks, as nearly all stand taps, etc., in the district have now been abolished.

The parish of Spofforth has absorbed much of the time of your Committee, and I trust the result of their deliberations will at an early date enable a supply to be provided to this Parish, and the adjoining township of Sicklinghall.

The parishes of Wighill, Wike, also North Deighton and Ribston, would also be greatly benefited if the supply could be extended to these parishes, but so far, despite careful consideration, it has been impossible to overcome the financial difficulties.

Number of Samples taking during recent Years.

1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
11	18	11	14	14	17	23	22	18	20

Twenty samples were taken for chemical analysis, and of these 14 were pure and 6 contaminated.

In the latter, 4 of the wells were closed, and in 3 cases new borehole wells were sunk and provided a pure and wholesome supply, and in one case the piped supply from the Water Company was laid on.

In another case, where lead to the extent of $\frac{1}{8}$ th of a grain per gallon was found in a water containing only 4 degrees of hardness, the whole of the lead piping and pump were removed and replaced with iron.

In the sixth instance the well was thoroughly cleansed, which proved efficient.

Infection and Disinfection.

There were only 30 cases of Zymotic disease reported during the year, exclusive of Tuberculosis, Pneumonia, etc., which is a surprisingly small number, and is easily a record for your district. Further comment is I think unnecessary, except to point out that a perusal of the annual reports of the past few years prove conclusively the healthy condition of your district.

There were 23 cases of Scarlet Fever, all of sporadic nature, and the fact that they were distributed over no less than 13 separate parishes will show the beneficial result of the measures adopted to limit the infection to the individual initial cases notified.

56.52 per cent. of the cases were removed to the Isolation Hospital for treatment; this is a much lower percentage than usual.

Diphtheria accounted for 3 cases only, which is very good, compared with 9 and 30 respectively during previous years. These all came from separate townships, again proving efficiency of control in preventing a single contact case; all were removed to Hospital, giving 100 per cent.

There were 3 cases of Erysipelas and one of Puerperal Fever notified.

Tuberculosis Regulations, 1912.

There was an increase in the number of cases notified compared with a year ago, the total being 14, of which 7 were Pulmonary and 7 other forms.

There are now 18 cases upon the Register, of which 11 are Pulmonary and 7 other forms.

The procedure as outlined in other reports has been continued during the past year, literature distributed, disinfectants, sputum flasks, and paper handkerchiefs given out as required; also clothing and premises disinfected upon request by Medical Attendant or family.

Public Health (Pneumonia, Malaria, Dysentery, etc.) Regulations, 1919.

Only 29 cases have been notified, as shown in the following Table, as compared with 38 in the previous year, which is certainly satisfactory.

Acute Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	1
Influenzal Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	1
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	—
Bronchial Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	11
Acute Lobar Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	11
Lobar Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	3
Malaria	...	...	...	...	1
					—
					29
					—

Dairies, Cowsheds, etc.

Continued progress has been made during the year under the Dairies and Cowsheds (Amendment) Act, 1922, the number of cowsheds upon the register being 229, compared with 209 a year ago, whilst 5 have been removed from the register during the year.

No less than 664 visits of inspection have been made, which shows somewhat the extent of the work involved under the new regulations.

160 farms have now been examined, and measurements taken of the buildings, lighting, ventilation, drainage, water supply, etc., and it is satisfactory to record that 112 of the cowsheds have now had the necessary work carried out to bring them up to the requirements of the Act, and permanent certificates granted.

117 have still alterations necessary to bring them up to the new standard, and to these only a temporary certificate has been granted, but in practically all these cases the work has been promised, and the current year should see many more transferred to the former permanent certificate.

Of the cowsheds closed two were closed because of the death of the owner, and have since been demolished for

building operations; one closed by removal of occupier, and the other two were closed by your Council because of the impossibility of having the necessary alterations carried out.

Two new cowsheds were erected during the year; one of these will abolish two small, low, and altogether unsuitable sheds that did not lend themselves for any reconstruction scheme.

Four of the buildings had work carried out which amounted practically to reconstruction.

Many alterations were in hand and other promised for commencement early in the ensuing year.

LICENSES ISSUED.

Wholesale	3	Permanent	2	Temporary	1
Producers	140	"	77	"	63
These affect	229	Cowsheds	112	"	117
Retailers	110	"	73	"	37

LICENSES ISSUED UNDER THE SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS ORDER.

Grade 'A' issued by the West Riding County Council ...	1
Certified (Tuberculin tested), issued by the Ministry of Health	1

A further cowshed has been added to the Farm which produces under Licence from the Ministry of Health Certified (Tuberculin Tested) Milk.

This shed was an old barn, and has been entirely gutted and modernised, and is certainly quite a good cowshed and equal to any within the district.

Several applications have been made to the County Council for Licenses to produce Grade 'A' Milk, but only one has been issued to date.

Foods and Drugs Act.

I am indebted to Dr. J. R. Kaye, the County Medical Officer of Health, for the following information.

Thirty-eight samples were taken by the County Council's Inspector, and all of these proved to be genuine.

The nature of the samples were as follows:—

MILK.	DRUGS.	OTHER FOODS.
5	8	25

Slaughter-houses.

The Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924.

The Rural District Council (Slaughter-House) Order, 1924.

The above new regulations, which became operative on April 1st, 1925, have given much greater control over the slaughter-houses within the district, and also greatly facilitated

the examination of meat, and given a greater standard of cleanliness in the handling and transport thereof.

I am pleased to report that the butchers generally have accepted the new conditions in the right spirit, and readily accepted the regulation of definite days for slaughtering, and also limited the hours of slaughter to quite reasonable proportions, which has enabled a much greater percentage of animals and carcasses to be examined.

The number of Slaughter-houses upon the Register remain at 19, although one addition has been made during the year.

All the old Licenses have been withdrawn and new ones issued to expire on December 31st, 1926, when they are to be renewed annually.

The farmers have also endeavoured, I think, to carry out the regulations loyally, and considerable numbers of notifications of occasional slaughter have been sent to me; this is greatly to the advantage of the consumer, as several of these animals have had to be condemned and destroyed.

The work has entailed a large amount of additional work, and is likely to do so in the future.

178 visits of inspection have been made to the Licensed Slaughter-houses, and a considerable number of farms to examine carcasses, under occasional and emergency slaughtering.

The following amount of meat was found to be diseased or unsound, and was surrendered for destruction:—

April 2nd	...	Mutton	...	1 Sheep	...	60 lbs.
" 2nd	...	do.	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ do.	...	30 "
" 24th	...	do.	...	1 do.	...	50 "
May 4th	...	Pork	...	1 Pig	...	224 "
" 7th	...	Veal	...	1 Calf	...	120 "
June 3rd	...	Beef	...	1 Heifer	...	502 "
July 13th	...	Mutton	...	1 Sheep	...	45 "
Nov. 23rd	...	do.	...	1 do.	...	40 "

TOTAL 1,071 lbs.

Workshops.

There are 90 workshops upon the Register, compared with 87 a year ago, and to these 116 visits of inspection were made and no difficulties have been met with.

The following Table gives a detailed list of the workshops in the district:—

TABLE OF WORKSHOPS.

Bakers, etc.	11	Laundries	7
Boot Repairers	6	Plumbers and Tinnern ...	6
Blacksmiths	9	Painting Work	1
Coopers	1	Saddlers	3
Dressmakers	4	Sawmills	1
Engineers (Motors)	15	Tailors	6
Weaving	1	Printing Works	2
Gas Manufacture	1	Stonemasons	1
Joiners	15		—
			90
			—

House Scavenging.

The scavenging work, which is performed by your Council in 8 parishes, has again been carried out in a satisfactory manner.

The work continues to create some difficulty in the parish of Bramham, where again a new Contractor had to be appointed during the year, and the new man has for the period of six months proved quite satisfactory.

There is always more difficulty in regard to thorough efficiency where the work is let by Contract than where carried out by direct labour, although the former is always done at a less cost, but I am very doubtful as to whether it is economy to make the financial aspect the more serious consideration.

The tips have been kept in as good condition as possible without undue expense, and careful attention has been given to disposal of saleable salvage, and also the destruction of rats both at the tips and sewage disposal works.

The education of the community is very desirable in this work, as the burning of paper, waste food, cinders, etc., would greatly reduce the cost and the difficulty in keeping the tips free from nuisance.

The continued growth of the parish of Bardsey raises the question as to the advisability of adding this area, also East Keswick, to those already under the control of your Council in regard to scavenging within the next year or two.

It will be noted that a great increase has taken place in the amount of refuse in the parish of Wetherby. This is due to an increase in the number of houses within the area, and also the extending of scavenging to a number of houses in the parish of Linton.

An inspection of the old Quarry, where this refuse is dumped, will at any time show how the individual ratepayer

can materially assist this work. Scores of loads per annum are carted there and dumped which could easily have been consumed in the domestic grate at no very great trouble to the householder, and yet to his mutual advantage.

TABLE OF REFUSE REMOVED WITH THE PREVIOUS SIX YEARS RETURNS FOR REFERENCE.

LOADS REMOVED—ASHPITS.

	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Boston Spa ...	659	615	597	645	725	790	841
Bramham	209	263	266	296	306	282	327
Clifford	477	550	433	263	259	240	236
Collingham ...	259	261	255	267	240	290	264
Spofforth	183	230	326	328	322	242	131
Thorner	378	414	393	351	300	247	298
Weeton	362	354	329	344	362	332	361
Wetherby	877	877	898	997	946	986	1324

LOADS REMOVED—CESSPOOLS.

	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Boston Spa ...	8	8	14	22	38	36	10
Bramham	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Clifford	101	164	146	124	78	58	51
Collingham ...	287	223	311	264	233	233	202
Spofforth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorner	33	37	40	12	33	52	39
Weeton	3	—	—	3	4	18	12
Wetherby	464	678	612	414	538	408	314

Petrol and Carbide of Calcium Regulations.

The number of Licenses issued for the storage of Petrol were 53, compared with 52, 43, 38 and 32 respectively, and the amount covered by these Licenses 16,900 gallons, as against 12,560, 7,690, and 6,350 in the previous years.

In regard to Calcium Carbide Licenses there were 33 Licenses issued, which is one less than the previous year, and the quantity of Carbide allowed was 10 tons 8 cwts., which is a reduction altogether of about 3 tons.

No infringements have been met with of a serious nature, neither has there been any accident.

I again wish to express my best thanks to the Council, Medical Officer of Health, and all Officials for their assistance and hearty co-operation. Such generous help, freely extended at all times, has materially assisted in the accomplishment of the work herein tabulated.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. V. GRAY.

TABLE OF NUISANCES REPORTED AND ABATED
During the Year ending 31st December, 1925.

Houses Dirty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
" Overcrowded	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
" Damp and Dilapidated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
" Badly Drained	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
" Without sufficient Privy Accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" Dilapidated Privies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76
" Drains temporarily stopped	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55
" Dilapidated Pumps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
" Want of Cesspools	—
" Want of Water for Domestic Purposes	23
" Obstructive Buildings	—
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No. of Offensive Accumulations	5
" Offensive Cowsheds, Stables, Pigsties, etc.	32
" Pollutions to Rivers, Streams, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" House Drains removed from Streams, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
" Polluted Wells	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
" House Nuisances found	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	329
TOTAL number of Nuisances found	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	468
No. of House-to-House Inspections made under the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
" Houses thoroughly Inspected for Zymotic Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
" Other House Inspections (Drainage)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
" New House Inspections (for Certificate)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79
" Notices and Letters served	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1449
" Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
" Statutory Notices (abated)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
" Dwelling-houses Cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
" Dwelling-houses Overcrowded dealt with	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" Old Privy Middens repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" Old Privy Middens converted to Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
" Old Privy Middens converted to Pail Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
" Old Privy Middens abolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
" Pail Closets converted to Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
" Pail Closets and Water Closets repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
" New Water Closets built	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
" New Pail Closets built	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
" New Urinals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
" New Galvanised Iron Dust Bins	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53

No of	New Drains constructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	253
"	Drains re-constructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
"	New Connections to Sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
"	New Inspection and Disconnection Chambers	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
"	Drains Disconnected from Outfall	...	...	...	...	...	...	253
"	New Cesspools constructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
"	Cesspools abolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
"	Private or Public Wells abolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
"	Private or Public Wells cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
"	Private or Public Pumps repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
"	Direct Pollutions to Rivers, Streams, etc., abated (17 Houses affected)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
"	Offensive Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
"	Backyards concreted	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
"	Cowsheds, Stables, etc., repaired or drained	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
"	Slaughterhouses (visits 178)	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
"	Workshops (visits 116)	...	...	...	...	...	...	90
"	Cowsheds (visits 664)	...	...	...	...	...	...	229
"	Houses for work done	...	...	...	...	...	...	212
TOTAL	Number of Nuisances Abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	456

