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WIGMORE RURAL DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

FOR THE YEAR,

1925.

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WIGMORE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I beg to lay Before you my Annual Report for 1925.

In case some of the information contained in the Report may appear to be recorded unnecessarily, I have to point out ^{that} ~~that~~ Annual Reports are for the information of the Ministry of Health as well as the Council of the District, and that a statement of local circumstances may often be needed by the former.

The area of the District is 38,609 acres, exclusive of the area under water.

The District is situated in the Northern corner of Herefordshire. It is bounded on the North and East by Shropshire, on the West by Radnorshire, on the South by Kington and Leominster Rural Districts. The District is a hilly one, Mocktree in the North-East and Willey in the West bordering on 1,000 feet. It is well-watered by the Rivers Teme, Clun and Lugg, which flow in an Easterly direction.

Geologically the District is chiefly Lime-Stone, with traces of Free-Stone here and there. The sub-soil is chiefly gravel. The hilly portions are on rock. The District is well-wooded and picturesque.

INDUSTRIES.

The Industries are almost exclusively Agricultural and the District is famous for the breeding of Hereford Cattle.

WINDING UP DISTRICT OF ...

I, the undersigned, being the Liquidator of the said ...

do hereby certify that the following is a list of the ...

names of the persons who have been appointed as ...

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LIQUIDATOR

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POPULATION.

A single estimate of population is now adopted as applicable for both births and deaths,

since the Census of 1921, when the number was 3,510, there has been an estimated increase of 100, making a total of 3,610. At the Census of 1911, the population was 3,772. This decrease is partly explained by the gravitation to towns of the young people.

The number of structurally separate dwellings occupied at the 1921 Census was 829, making an average of 4.23 per occupied dwelling. The number at the Census of 1911 was 862, with an average^{ag} number of persons per house, 4.37.

BIRTHS.

The number of births registered in the District during the year was 78, against 77 in 1924. (40 males and 38 females). Rate per 1,000 living, 21.0. The birth-rate for England and Wales was 18.3. Number of illegitimate births, 8; rate per 1,000 2.2.

As the number of legitimate births was 70, the legitimate birth-rate was 19.4.

DEATHS.

The number of deaths registered in the District during the year 1925 was 39; 17 females and 22 males.

In 1924 it was 45.

Rate per 1,000 persons living, 10.8.

POPULATION

A slight estimate of population is now adopted as

applicable for both births and deaths.

Since the Census of 1921, when the number was 2,310, there

has been an estimated increase of 100, making a total of 2,410

At the Census of 1911, the population was 2,772. This

decrease is partly explained by the migration to some of the

young people.

The number of structurally separate dwellings occupied at

The 1921 Census was 822, making an average of 4.25 per occupied

dwellings. The number at the Census of 1911 was 802, with an

average number of persons per house, 4.27.

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DEATHS

The number of deaths registered in the District during the

year 1925 was 36; 17 females and 19 males.

In 1924 it was 45.

Rate per 1,000 persons living, 10.8.

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Death-rate for England and Wales, 12.2.

Four inquests were held by H.M. Coroner, resulting in verdicts of accidental death in three cases and of suicide in the fourth case.

There were no uncertified deaths.

Four of the deaths occurred in persons who did not die in the District. All of these were in Institutions.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The number of children dying under one year of age was 4. The Infantile Mortality Rate refers to the number of children who die under one year of age per 1,000 births. Thus the death-rate for the District is 51; in 1924 it was 52. The rate for England and Wales was 75 for this year, as also for last year.

Table giving the cause of death of infants under one year of age,-----

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Accident | 1 |
| Acute Bronchitis | 1 |
| Unclassified | 1 |

There was one death in an illegitimate child, from convulsions in an Institution.

ZYMOTIC DEATH-RATE.

By the above term is meant the death from the Principal Infectious Diseases.

Death-rate for England and Wales, 1925.

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There were no unclassified deaths.

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INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The number of children dying under one year of age was 41. The Infantile Mortality Rate refers to the number of children who die under one year of age per 1,000 births. Thus the death-rate for the District is 5.1; in 1924 it was 5.2. The rate for England and Wales was 7.5 for this year, as also for last year.

Table giving the cause of death of infants under one year of age,-----

| | |
|---|------------------|
| 1 | Accident |
| 1 | Acute Bronchitis |
| 1 | Unclassified |

There was one death in an illegitimate child, from

convulsions in an institution.

INFANTILE DEATH-RATE.

By the above term is meant the death from the Principal

Infectious Diseases.

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There was one death only, and that from Whooping Cough
DIPHTHERIA.

No cases have arisen.

SCARLET FEVER

Eight cases occurred, in four different parts of the District, between the months of April and November.

ERYSIPELAS, PUERPERAL FEVER, TYPHOID FEVER, SMALL-POX.

NO cases have occurred.

There is a small Emergency Hospital containing three beds, for Small-Pox at Birtley. It is in charge of a care-taker.

The Council have gone to considerable expense to have it ready should a case arise. This expense was quite unavoidable as a m unless and until a Small-Pox Hospital is provided for the County, it is most necessary that it be available as a means of sanitary defence and for the protection of the public at large.

On the occasion when it was erected in 1903, Small-Pox had been brought into the District by a tramp. The remarks made by your Medical Officer of Health on that occasion in his Annual Report, are well worth repetition.

He wrote "During the past year your District although "threatened, was not visited by any serious epidemic.

"This calamity was averted by careful and immediate action "being taken by your Council and by your officers.

"I refer to two cases of Small-Pox which broke out in

"Leintwardine Common Lodging-House. The first of the

"cases was a man who had been resident in the house for

"four weeks, but who, unfortunately slept with a tramp who

There was one death only, and that from Whipple's Tumor

DISEASES

No cases have arisen.

SMALL-POX

Several cases occurred, in four different parts of the District, between the months of April and November.

MEASLES, ENTERIC FEVER, TYPHOID FEVER, SMALL-POX

No cases have occurred.

There is a small Hospital containing three beds, for Small-Pox at Hinton. It is in charge of a care-taker.

The Council have gone to considerable expense to have it ready should a case arise. This expense was due to uncertainty

as to when and until a Small-Pox Hospital is provided for the County, it is most necessary that it be available as a means of sanitary defence and for the protection of the public at large.

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"cases was a man who had been resident in the house for four weeks, but who unfortunately died with a trace of

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"stayed at the house for one night only".

There is always the possibility of this occurring again, under similar conditions.

There is no Isolation Hospital for other Infectious Diseases.

ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA or SLEEPY SICKNESS.

There has been one case which ended fatally.

TUBERCULOSIS.

All cases are at once reported to the Tuberculosis Medical Officer at Hereford. Bacteriological Examination of Sputum is carried out at the County Laboratory by arrangement with the County Council. The best steps are taken for the investigation of the source of infection, and for preventing its spread.

Suitable cases are recommended for and admission obtained to the County Sanatorium at Newport, Almeley, or Dispensary treatment, or for home treatment in shelters when practicable. The District is very highly favoured in its County Sanatorium alluded to above. The patients have ideal treatment and surroundings.

There have been five deaths from Tuberculosis during the year. 1 Male and 4 females.

The following table gives the number of cases notified during the year, ----

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | 5 |
| Other forms of Tuberculosis. | 2 |

There is no restriction on the number of cases notified during the year, and 4 females.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF PATIENTS.

There has been one case which ended fatally.

PREVENTION.

All cases are of course reported to the Tuberculosis Medical Officer at Hereford. Bacteriological examination of sputum is carried out at the County Laboratory by arrangement with the County Council. The best steps are taken for the investigation of the source of infection, and for preventing its spread.

Suitable cases are recommended for and admission obtained to the County Sanatorium at Hereford, Alverstoke, or Chippenham, or for home treatment in suitable when practicable. The District is very highly favoured in the County Sanatorium and the patients have ideal treatment and surroundings.

There have been five deaths from Tuberculosis during the year. 1 male and 4 females.

The following table gives the number of cases notified during the year,---

| Year | Other forms of Tuberculosis | Pulmonary Tuberculosis |
|------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1911 | 1 | 1 |
| 1912 | 1 | 1 |
| 1913 | 1 | 1 |
| 1914 | 1 | 1 |
| 1915 | 1 | 1 |

(6).

Disinfection is carried out by the Sanitary Inspector.

CANCER.

There were four deaths from Cancer. Last year there were 7. All lived in quite different localities.

NURSING.

Wigmore and Leintwardine has each a Nurse. Birtley and Lingen Districts have certified Nurses also, who work under supervision. Brampton Bryan shares one with Bucknell in Shropshire.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year.

- | | | |
|-----|-----------------------------|----|
| (a) | Total | 1 |
| (b) | As part of a housing scheme | 0. |

| | |
|---|----|
| Number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 20 |
| Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local Authority or their officers | 8 |

The answer to all the other questions submitted by the Ministry of Health, such as houses dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, the making of closing orders, orders for demolition, etc. NIL.

Detection is carried out by the Sanitary Inspector.

CANALS

There were few deaths from cancer. Last year there

were 7. All lived in quite different localities.

MURKIN

Widmore and Eastwardine has each a Nurse. Birtley and

Llangeddowal have certified Nurses also, who work under

supervision. Dr. Gwynne Ryan speaks one with Hocknell in

Shropshire.

QUESTIONS

Number of new houses erected during the year.

- (a) Total
- (b) As part of a housing scheme.

Number of houses inspected for housing defects

20

(under Public Health or Housing Acts)

Number of defective dwellings-rooms rendered

fit in consequence of informal action by the

8

Local Authority or health officers

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Ministry of Health, such as houses dangerous or injurious to

health as to be unfit for human habitation, the making of

closing orders, orders for demolition, etc.

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SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

The Slaughter Houses in the District number three;

Two in Leintwardine and one in Wigmore.

BAKE-HOUSES.

Two,--- both in Leintwardine are kept in a satisfactory state.

I append the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W.B.Darrell, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health.

Leintwardine.

July, 1926.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Prisons disinfected

Schools

STANDARD HOUSES

The standard houses in the district number three;
Two in Lainswainline and one in Lainswainline

WATER SUPPLY

Two --- both in Lainswainline are kept in a satisfactory

state.

I append the Sanitary Inspector's Report

and I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. B. Darvell, M.D.

The Sanitary Inspector, Medical Officer of Health

W. B. Darvell

July, 1888

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REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

The whole of the Bake-Houses and Slaughter-Houses within your District have been periodically inspected and found to be kept in a satisfactory condition.

The Wigmore Water Supply has been running very well. As it was the wish of some of the inhabitants to have the water analyzed, a sample was sent to the County Analyst. The report stated that the water was free from all pollution but hard.

The Whetton Water Supply-- The reservoir in Mr. Speak's orchard was found to be leaking and the same being placed in order, afterwards there was plenty of water.

LEINTWARDINE SEWERAGE.

This is attended to regularly and flushed and disinfected. The pits, two in number, have been thoroughly cleansed and disinfected. The water courses have been trimmed and cleansed and all is in working order.

WIGMORE SEWERAGE.

This is also attended to regularly. It is kept well flushed and disinfected. All the water courses upon the beds are kept trimmed and cleaned out, also the pits, and all is in working order.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

| | | |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Premises disinfected | | 8 |
| Schools | " | 1 |



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stated that the water was free from all pollution but hard.
The Water Supply--The reservoir in Mr. Spack's
orchard was found to be leaking and the same being placed in
order, afterwards there was plenty of water.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

This is attended to regularly and finished and disinfected
The pits, two in number, have been thoroughly cleaned and
disinfected. The water courses have been trimmed and cleaned
and all is in working order.

WATER RESERVOIR.

This is also attended to regularly. It is kept well
finished and disinfected. All the water courses upon the beds
are kept trimmed and cleaned too, also the pits, and all is in
working order.

WATER SUPPLY.

Presently disinfected
Reservoirs

HOUSES.

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Inspected | 625 |
| Houses erected | 1 |
| Houses cleansed, repaired | 8 |
| Overcrowding abated | 2 |

~~WATER SUPPLY.~~WATER SUPPLY.

| | |
|---|----|
| Wells deepened, repaired and cleansed | 1 |
| House Drains laid, Re-laid, cleansed or trapped | 10 |
| Spoutings, Waste-pipes, Sinks, etc. rectified | 6 |

PRIVIES AND ASHPITS.

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Converted into W.Cs. | 1 |
|----------------------|---|

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, ETC.

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Slaughter-houses inspected etc. | 3 |
| Dairies, Cowsheds inspected etc. | 6 |
| Miscellaneous Nuisances abated | 6 |

C.E. Lewis,

Sanitary Inspector,

Wigmore.

HOUSE

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| 2 | ... |
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| 5 | ... |



WATER SUPPLY

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PRIVATE AND ASSISTED

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C. H. ...

Sanitary Inspector,

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