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FOR THE YEAR 1948.

To The Chairman, and Members of the
Wisbech Rural District Council

Gentlemen,

I have the honour of submitting to you my report on the general health of the district for the past year, ending the 31st December, 1948.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area, 49,841 acres
Estimated resident population, mid-1948, 12640
Rateable value £27,774
Sum realised by a penny rate £122.17.6.
Number of inhabited houses about 3,570.

	Total	M.	F.	
Live Births (Legitimate	223	116	107	) Birth rate per 1000 of the estimated resident mid-1948 population 18.6.
(Illegitimate	13	4	9	
Still Births (Legitimate	5	1	4	) Rate per 1000 (live and still) births 26.2
(Illegitimate	1	1	-	
Deaths	122	71	51	Death rate per 1000 of the estimated average population 9.6
Deaths from puerperal causes:-		Deaths		Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births
Puerperal sepsis		0		0
Other puerperal causes		0		0

Death rate of infants under 1 year of age:-

All infants per 1000 live births	16.5
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	17.9
Illegitimate infants per 100 illegitimate live births	0
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	23
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years of age)	1

For this area there is one School Clinic, a Tubercular Clinic, a General Hospital, an Infectious Diseases Hospital and an Orthopaedic Clinic held bi-monthly at the North Cambridgeshire Hospital.

Excellent motor ambulance facilities are available, whilst Diphtheria Antitoxin, and Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are provided when necessary.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Number of children under the age of five years who have completed a full course of immunisation against Diphtheria during the year: 135

Housing

Number of houses completed during the year:-

72 Council 7 Private

Number of Houses under construction at the end of the year:-

61 Council 5 Private

Unfit Houses. There are still approximately 340 unfit houses in the district inhabited by about 1,360 persons.

WATER SUPPLY

Extensions of water mains carried out in 1948

Leverington	324 yds
Christchurch	74 yds
Friday Bridge	17 yds

Connections made to the main during the year.

Tydd and Newton	28	Parson Drove	1
Murrow	19	Guyhirne	13
Gorefield	6	Outwell	6
Leverington	23	Elm	6
Christchurch	1	Wisbech St. Mary	4
Fridaybridge	16		

Certificate of Analysis, (copy) Wisbech Water Works Co.

Physical Characters.....Good
Reaction.....pH 7.2

The sample contained :- parts per 100,000

Chlorine.....	2.8
Ammonia (Free and Saline).....	absent
Ammonia (Albuminoid).....	0.0004
Oxygen absorbed in 3hrs at 37 C.....	0.0349
Nitrates (expressed as Nitrogen).....	0.70
Nitrates.....	absent
Poisonous Metals.....	absent

Bacteriological Examination.

Coliform organisms absent in 100 mls.

Number of microorganisms per ml developing on Agar @ 37 C - Nil

Number of microorganisms per ml developing on Agar @ 21 C - 1

Microscopical Examination of Deposit

None

Total Hardness.....17.38 degrees (grains per gallon)

Notifiable Diseases during the year:-

	Total cases notified	Deaths
Small Pox	0	0
Scarlet Fever	21	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Pneumonia	7	4
Erysipelas	1	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0
Enteric Fever	0	0
Measles	152	0
Whooping Cough	16	1

Notification of Tuberculosis

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
25	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
35	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
65 & over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	4	1	2	0	3	2	1	0

I remain, Gentleman,

Very faithfully yours,

(Sgd) H. Leslie Groom

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Medical Officer of Health.

Date		Description		Amount	
1890	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
1890	Jan 15	Received from A. B. C.		50.00	
1890	Feb 1	Received from D. E. F.		25.00	
1890	Mar 1	Received from G. H. I.		75.00	
1890	Apr 1	Received from J. K. L.		100.00	
1890	May 1	Received from M. N. O.		150.00	
1890	Jun 1	Received from P. Q. R.		200.00	
1890	Jul 1	Received from S. T. U.		250.00	
1890	Aug 1	Received from V. W. X.		300.00	
1890	Sep 1	Received from Y. Z. A.		350.00	
1890	Oct 1	Received from B. C. D.		400.00	
1890	Nov 1	Received from E. F. G.		450.00	
1890	Dec 1	Received from H. I. J.		500.00	
1890	Total			2500.00	

Received of the Treasurer of the
 National Association of
 Manufacturers
 for the year ending
 1890
 the sum of \$2500.00
 in full for the year
 1890
 Wm. H. Smith
 Secretary