HEALTH OF CARDIGAN.

Medical Officer of Health's Report for 1925.

Dr. Selby Clare, Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Cardigan and Port Sanitary Medical Officer, who is now recuperating at a Nursing Home after his recent severe illness, has sent the following report on the health and sanitary condition of the borough for the year 1925, to the Cardigan Town Council:—

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the Corporation.

I beg to present to you my annual report on the health of the Borough of Cardigan for the year 1925.

The town of Cardigan is situated in a cup-like depression formed by the river Teifi, on whose banks, on both sides, the town is situated, being two miles from the sea coast of Cardigan Bay, in the county of Cardigan.

During the past twelve months there was no serious outbreak of any epidemic disease, and the town, on the whole, was healthy. I regret to say, however, that I received the following notifications under the Tuberculosis Regulations, 1912 and the Notification of Diseases Act:—Three Tuberculosis of Lungs, and three of Diphtheria, which cases were inspected, found properly isolated, and being treated by a doctor.

The estimated population of the borough of Cardigan is 3,450, this number living in 947 houses, and the acreage of the borough being 4,926 acres.

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SUGGESTED RAT-WEEK.

Efforts should be made to kill the rats at the refuse tip, and I would suggest that a properly organised rat week be held. There are a few unsightly ash pits round the town and I suggest that the scavenging cart calls on certain days so that there will be no necessity for people to dump the refuse in unsightly accumulations. I would also mention that the river banks are still used as dumping grounds, but I am glad to see that the Council have erected notice boards prohibiting the dumping of rubbish.

There still is a scarcity of public urinals within the borough, and I recommend that the Council should give the matter their immediate attention. I suggest that a urinal be placed down by the bridge, another in Finch's Square, one at the Victoria Gardens and one in the Netpool Park. As matters now stand, there are only two in the town, and one of these (in the Market Buildings) is often locked.

HOUSING.

Sanitary and Building Matters.—New houses—with subsidy two, without subsidy eight and one bungalow, also five subsidy houses and one bungalow in course of erection; common nuisances, 14; notices to repair defects, six; notices re defective drains, 14; insanitarly piggeries, fowlhouses, etc., three; fumigations, three. I should like to see notices sent out to owners of properties re choked and leaking rain water troughs and down pipes, but I realise the difficulty of taking action under the Housing and Town Planning Acts owing to the lack of alternative accommodation.

There are 58 factories and 1 work-hop within the Borough all of which are satisfactory, and it was not necessary to serve any notices under this section.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Thirty-one male children and twenty-ix deren were born in the



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August 13, 1926.

SUPPLIMENTARY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1925.

Mr. Mayor & Gentlemen of the Corporation,

I beg to submit the Supplementary Report at the request of the Welsh Board of Health.

Below, I have set out, in tabular form replies to the 11 queries in their communication.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

Local Bye-laws, Public Health Acts and all other Acts incorporated therein.

RIVER AND STREAM POLLUTION.

There is no pollution in the waters of the Teifi o its tributaries within this area. The Teifi is a tidal river for a considerable distance above the town.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

There has been considerable improvements within th last 18 months in the drainage of the northern portion of the town, which now comes up to modern requirements. I remainder, the lower portion of the town, still has old sewers, with which, however, no difficulty has so far be experienced.

The upkeep for sewerage and drains is low, as evidenced by the Borough's Abstract of Accounts.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

There are 789 houses in the town of Cardigan, in which there are the following: -

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