

M.O.H. Report in Detail As Presented to Council

Below appears the complete report of Dr. C. V. Williams, Medical Officer of Health for Georgetown, on health conditions in Georgetown during 1940. The report was presented to the Council by Dr. Williams at last week's Council meeting, and gives informative data on the various health activities which come within his scope.

Dr. Williams, who has been for years agitating for a sewer system, has deemed it inadvisable to consider this during the war. He does, however, advocate a municipal garbage disposal system, and believes that this can be achieved at a low cost.

Referring to the epidemic of mumps which started last September, the Report stresses the importance of reporting cases. 36 cases had occurred by the end of the year. (Since that time 91 new cases are reported).

The Report touches many other points on municipal health, and should be read carefully by all citizens.

To the Chairman and Members, Local Board of Health of the Municipality of Georgetown.

I beg to submit herewith my annual report upon the health and sanitary condition of the municipality for the year ending December 31st, 1940.

Statistical Statements

Our population, as shown by the Assessor's returns is 2482. According to the records of the Division Registrar, there occurred during the year, 12 births of which none were stillbirths. Deaths from all causes numbered 25. There occurred no deaths under 1 year and no maternal deaths. There were 4 deaths under the age of 60 years.

Information regarding Georgetown births and deaths occurring outside of the municipality is not available, so the above figures do not reflect the true local situation. Child and maternal mortality has been exceptionally low. Heart disease, particularly those of advancing years, and cancer account for a large percentage of deaths. Pneumonia and epidemic meningitis now have a very low mortality on account of new and effective treatment.

Financial Statement

Revenue	
Total revenue received by the Local Board of Health was Nil	
Expenditures	
The total spent during the year was \$ 400.00	
(1) Amount paid for salaries was as follows:	
Medical Officer of Health... \$ 200.00	
Public Health Nurse Nil	
Milk and Sanitary Inspector 200.00	
Other salaries Nil	
Total salaries \$ 400.00	
(2) Total amount spent on treatment and control of Communicable Diseases was Nil, of which Nil was for hospitalization.	

Summary of Progress in the Local Health Programme

In this section I wish to speak of the work accomplished during the year in general terms only, as more detailed accounts of specific projects and problems follow in the course of the report. Under the status certain duties are required of the Local Board of Health, and I shall deal with them first.

1. A. Sanitation—Due to inadequate means of waste disposal, the sanitary condition of the municipality cannot be classed as good. Domestic and factory waste is being cared for in most cases as well as possible under existing conditions, but leave much to be desired. Little more can be done to improve the situation until a sewer system is installed. It is considered inadvisable to undertake such a project during the war, so residents may be forced to bear certain unpleasant situations.

The privies and garbage dump in our park do not give visitors a good impression of town sanitation. The development of a municipal garbage collection service with some modern method of disposal will correct the latter at a low cost.

The sanitary conditions of both schools are good. The Public School is to be congratulated upon its new and effective lighting system.

Except for minor adjustments in some of the plants, dairies, butter factories, and slaughter house are in a satisfactory condition.

(B) Licensing of boarded houses—No report.

(C) Control of Communicable Diseases in General—The Local Board of Health dealt with outbreaks of disease to the number of 1. Until September the municipality had been practically free from such diseases. At that time mumps appeared and is still present although in a mild form. Since the period of quarantine is 16 days, a great deal of school time has been lost. The first case was brought to Georgetown by a visitor from Toronto and reporting was neglected. The great majority of parents have always been careful to notify the presence of communicable disease in their homes, it is the few who hide it, prevent and allow children to mix with others in churches, picture shows, skating rinks, etc. Prevention will follow those responsible for such poor citizenship.

I shall now proceed to review local health conditions in detail:

Communicable Diseases	
Disease	Cases Deaths
Construal Meningitis	0 0
Cholera	0 0
Diphtheria	0 0
German Measles	1 0
Mumps	0 0
Paratyphoid Fever	0 0
Poliovirus	0 0
Scarlet Fever	0 0

WILLKIE CHATS WITH CHAIRMAN



Mr. G.B., national chairman of the Canadian War Services Fund, campaign chats with Wendell Willkie who came especially to Canada to launch the drive for \$5,500,000.

In a super-charged address delivered at Maple Leaf Gardens on March 24, Wendell Willkie, whose advocacy of all-out aid to Britain has won him the title of "Ambassador-at-Large for Democracy" told Canada that it must — so that "every struggling man in Britain takes new cheer, and every Nazi leader gets a chill" — back up to

the limit the Canadian War Services Fund campaign for \$5,500,000.

The dynamic personality who made history last year when he polled more than 23,000,000 votes as Republican candidate for the presidency of the United States, who buried political differences after the election and called for a united front to smash totalitarianism, and who then flew to England to see the "Battle of Britain" at first hand, came especially to Canada to officially launch the united war services drive on behalf of the Dominion's fighting men.

undergo an examination, fearing that they will be found to be affected. Halton County maintains one of the lowest morbidity and mortality rates in Ontario. This can be accounted for by the comparatively high standard of living, the more general use of safe milk and the proximity of sanatoria and facilities for early diagnosis and treatment. The cost of treatment of those unable to pay is no longer borne by the municipality. Legislation has made sanatorium treatment obligatory when persons with open tuberculosis are considered a menace to others.

V.D. Control—Any cases which have occurred in 1940 have been under the care of private physicians.

Cancer Control—No report.

Health of the School Child—The Local Board of Health is vitally interested in the health of the school children. As reported, every public school child has been given the opportunity of being immunized against diphtheria and smallpox. All children are examined for gross eyeight defects, dental defects, and weights by the School Nurse and parents informed of any trouble found. Any child found as well as sent home by the School Nurse, is sent home by the parent. In this way children suffering from communicable diseases, skin rashes, colds, etc, will receive proper care and will not be a menace to other school children.

Each year parents of children suffering from communicable diseases, e.g. diseased tonsils and adenoids, deafness, etc, are asked to have their children looked after by the family physician. If this cannot be afforded they are sent to the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, for receiving their parents' consent. The Women's Institute and Local Council of Women have for some years contributed to the expense of such treatment. The Hospital for Sick Children has consented to look after these children for several years for a sum of \$1,000.00. Leon Tempa also made a donation. Five children's tonsils and adenoids were removed and one child has been attending the deaf clinic.

Dental Hygiene—In 1939 the Lions Club made a splendid effort to care for this feature. Every public school child was given a complete dental examination by dentists. Parents were notified of defects. Where attention could not be afforded the Club assumed the entire cost. It is regretted that this work was not continued in 1940.

Summary of Clinic Services

Tonoid (3 clinics) held under auspices Board of Health; number of Georgetown residents attended 39.

Vaccination clinics, under auspices of Board of Health; attended by 28. Ear, nose and throat clinic, under auspices of Board of Health; number of Georgetown residents attended by 5.

Public School Nursing

The work of School Nurse has been looked after very efficiently by Miss R. Marshall. The salary of the School Nurse is provided by the School Board and is intended to cover her attendance at the school two days per week. This is only a fraction of the time that she gives to the school. These closely associated with school children will appreciate the extra time spent for their welfare.

Sanitary Services

The sanitary inspection service is looked after by Dr. R. Leamonth.

Public Water Supplies—Total num-

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ber of samples of public supply sent for examination in 1940-41. Number of laboratory reports lower than Grade A—4.

There was a plentiful supply of water during 1940. Samples were sent from time to time to the Ontario Department of Health for the detection of impurities. Some were graded low, indicating the presence at times of intestinal organisms. These were probably of animal origin, but their presence indicates that pollution by human excreta could occur. Should such a person be a typhoid carrier, a serious situation might develop. Because the reservoir is supplied by so many streams, it is practically impossible to fix any one as occasionally being polluted. Heavy rainfalls and these carry washings from fields which may be some distance from these streams. This condition has been present for many years and no scheme has been suggested in 1940 which could be proved as due to the water. Once yearly the reservoir is emptied and cleaned under the direction of the Sanitary Inspector, Dr. R. Leamonth. There is at times a formation of scum on the water of the reservoir caused by algae plant life. This has spontaneously disappeared without requiring any specific treatment. Its presence does not constitute a health hazard.

Milk Supply

Milk By-Law No. 46A was passed in 1937. Amended in 1939. Pasteurization is compulsory. There is 1 MILK Inspector. Number of pasteurization plants 2. 100% of total supply is pasteurized. Total average daily consumption 1100 quarts. Per capita daily consumption 0.88 pints. Num-

ber of producers 16.

Milk Inspection—Visits made to producers 22. Distributors of pasteurized milk 12, total 54; samples taken: under 40. There were no infections associated with the milk supply this year.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all who have assisted me in the work of public health in our municipality during the year. I have the honour to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,
C. V. WILLIAMS,
M.O.H. for Georgetown, Ont.

CHURCH NEWS

Glen Williams United Church
R. K. Lemlay
11:00 a.m. Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. Worship service with J. O. Hunter, of Hamilton.

7:30 p.m. Communion. Rev. A. O. W. Foreman.
Come to the church in the Glen.

The United Churches of Canada
10:00 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. Public worship.
Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, R.A. Minister.

St. Mary's
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3 p.m. Public worship.
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