

Factory Department, Home Office,
20th February 1940.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. J. A. Simpson, an appointment as Examining Surgeon under the Factories Act, 1937, for the District of Alford, in the County of Aberdeen, is vacant. Latest date for receipt of applications, 12th March 1940.

Factory Department, Home Office,
24th February 1940.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the death of Dr. J. B. Mears, an appointment as Examining Surgeon under the Factories Act, 1937, for the District of Leuchars, in the County of Fife, is vacant. Latest date for receipt of applications, 12th March 1940.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 TO 1937, AND AGRICULTURE ACT, 1937 (PART IV.).

GREAT BRITAIN.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

RETURN No. 3/1940. OUTBREAKS OF SCHEDULED (NOTIFIABLE) DISEASES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE MINISTRY during the period 1st to 15th FEBRUARY 1940.

Summary of Returns of outbreaks of certain scheduled (notifiable) diseases which have been confirmed by the Ministry during the period 1st to 15th February 1940.

| Period. | Anthrax. | | Foot-and-Mouth Disease. | | Parasitic Mange. § | | Sheep Scab. | Swine Fever. | |
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| | Outbreaks confirmed. | Animals attacked. | Outbreaks confirmed. | Animals slaughtered as diseased or exposed to infection. | Outbreaks confirmed. | Animals attacked. | Outbreaks confirmed. | Outbreaks confirmed. | Swine slaughtered. |
| Period 1st to 15th February 1940... | No. 26 | No. 28 | No. 2 | No. 379 | No. 2 | No. 4 | No. 13 | No. 185 | No. 79 |
| Corresponding period in { 1939 ... | 47 | 48 | 3 | 483 | 3 | 8 | 24 | 53 | 27 |
| { 1938 ... | 50 | 53 | 17 | 1,711 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 18 | 3 |
| { 1937 ... | 36 | 41 | 1 | 84 | 13 | 27 | 24 | 62 | 39 |
| Total 1st Jan. to 15th Feb. 1940 ... | 81 | 92 | 7 | 1,002 | 7 | 13 | 49 | 527 | 221 |
| Corresponding period in { 1939 ... | 139 | 145 | 25 | 4,014 | 11 | 21 | 107 | 159 | 99 |
| { 1938 ... | 139 | 144 | 92 | 11,692 | 22 | 29 | 61 | 56 | 26 |
| { 1937 ... | 94 | 106 | 3 | 262 | 35 | 59 | 74 | 165 | 102 |

NOTE.—The figures for the current year are approximate only.

§ Excluding outbreaks in Army Horses.

NOTE.—The following diseases were eradicated from Great Britain in the years indicated:—Cattle plague, or rinder-pest (*pestis bovina*) 1877; pleuro-pneumonia (*peripneumonia contagiosa bovis*) 1898; sheep pox (*variola ovium*) 1850; rabies 1922; epizootic lymphangitis (*lymphangitis epizootica*) 1906; and glanders (including farcy) (*malleus*) 1928. Dourine (*exanthema coitale paralyticum*) has never existed in Great Britain.

No case of Fowl Pest (*pestis avium*) has been confirmed in Great Britain since the 11th January 1937, the date as from which the disease was first notifiable. So far as is known, however, Fowl Pest has not existed in Great Britain since 1933.

TUBERCULOSIS ORDER OF 1938.

Notices of Intended Slaughter have been issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Tuberculosis Order of 1938 during the period 1st to 15th February 1940 in respect of 586 bovine animals.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,
23rd February 1940.