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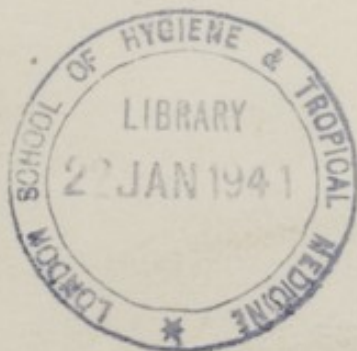
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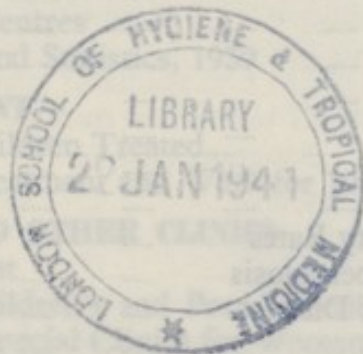
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## PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1939.

Chairman	Councillor E. J. GIBSON	1938-9, 1939-40
Vice-Chairman	„ S. R. WEIGHTMAN	1938-9, 1939-40
Alderman	M. Mahoney.	Councillor A. V. Kidd.
Councillor	Mrs. S. C. Amos.	„ C. J. Lee.
„	H. A. Beal.	„ F. W. Love.
„	J. A. W. Douglas.	„ G. Loveland.
„	A. M. Downing.	„ Mrs. M. F. Lowery.
„	F. J. W. Fielder.	„ Mrs. W. L. Miller.
„	Mrs. L. A. Glasson.	„ A. E. Smith.
„	R. E. Goodwin.	„ Mrs. J. V. Snowdon.
„	Mrs. F. Humphreys.	„ A. E. Winch.

#### *Ex-officio.*

Councillor	A. V. KIDD, <i>J.P.</i> , Mayor of Bermondsey, 1938-9.
„	A. G. R. HENLEY, <i>J.P.</i> , Mayor of Bermondsey, 1939-40.

### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE, 1939.

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Vice-Chairman		Alderman	Mrs. L. JONES, 1938-9, 1939-40.
Alderman	Mrs. L. M. Brown.	Councillor	Mrs. D. A. Green.
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„	Miss I. Condon.	„	Mrs. R. E. Laker.
„	Mrs. M. Cushing.	„	Mrs. M. F. Lowery.
„	E. J. Gibson.	„	Mrs. F. A. Powell.
„	Mrs. L. A. Glasson.	„	Mrs. J. V. Snowdon.

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Mrs. E. B. Childs.	Miss M. I. Heinrich.
Rev. L. Davidson.	Rev. W. Spencer.
Mrs. D. Downing.	Mrs. E. C. Starr.
Mrs. A. M. Hatcher.	

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Councillor	A. V. KIDD, <i>J.P.</i> , Mayor of Bermondsey, 1938-9.
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D. M. Connan, M.D., B.S. (Lond.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

**SANITARY INSPECTORS :**

W. Davis, Senior Inspector.

J. G. Frankson, Wharves and Food Inspector.

G. F. J. Toll, Wharves and Food Inspector.

H. E. Butcher, Wharves and Food Inspector.

W. C. Tapsfield, Food and Drugs Inspector.

F. L. Richardson, Drainage and Markets Inspector.

H. J. Bailey, Factories and Shops Inspector.

*District Inspectors.*

No. 1—F. J. Carpenter.

No. 5—A. W. Hancock.

No. 2—L. T. Knott.

No. 6—W. A. Pilson.

No. 3—C. E. Lockley.

No. 7—O. W. R. Smart.

No. 4—W. A. Campbell.

No. 8—W. F. Smith.

**TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.**

Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Clinical Tuberculosis Officer—

C. H. C. Toussaint, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Tuberculosis Officer—J. Marshall, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (*resigned June, 1939*).

\*H. T. Levi, M.B., Ch.B. (*commenced July, 1939*).

Tuberculosis Nurse (Open-Air School)—Celia Clapson.

**LADY ALMONER.**

Olive Pike.

**LIGHT TREATMENT CENTRE.**

Medical Officer in Charge—Florence L. Telfer, M.D., D.M.R.E.

Nurse in Charge—Mrs. Dorothy Cottier.

Solarium Nurses—Estelle Jagôt, Muriel Coleby, Joyce Hopkins, Gladys Warry, and Elsie Watkins.

**MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.**

Assistant Medical Officers for Maternity and Child Welfare—

Florence L. Telfer, M.D., D.M.R.E.

Aileen A. Nicol, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (*commenced May, 1939*).

*Health Visitors.*

Barbara Anderson (*commenced Ap. 1939*). Edith Crundwell (*commenced July, 1939*). Kathleen Parry. Gwendolen Riches.

Rosa Bache. Marie Helden (*retired July, 1939*). Edith Riley.

Avis Baird. Phyllis Hesketh (*commenced June, 1939*). Florence Robson.

Sarah Bowles. Elizabeth Lawrence. Florence Wadds.

Lucy Brown. Olive Oram. Edith Wallis (*resigned March, 1939*).

Amy Carlton (*retired March, 1939*). Isabel White.

Florence Carter.

**FAIRBY GRANGE CONVALESCENT HOME.**

Matron—Florence Child.

Sister—Ann O'Meara.

\* *At present serving in H.M. Forces.*



**POST-NATAL AND SPECIAL CLINICS FOR WOMEN.**

Consultant Gynæcologist—Gladys Dodds, M.D., D.P.H., M.C.O.G.,  
F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

**CHILDREN'S CLINIC.**

Medical Officer—Ursula Shelley, M.D., M.R.C.P. (Lond.).

**RHEUMATISM CLINIC.**

Medical Officer—Ursula Shelley, M.D., M.R.C.P. (Lond.).

**X-RAY SECTION.**

Radiologist—Florence L. Telfer, M.D., D.M.R.E.

Radiographer—C. F. Lumley.

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Municipal Dental Surgeon—Grantley Smith, L.M.S.S.A., H.D.D.,  
R.C.S. (Edin.), L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.).

Assistant Dental Surgeon—W. H. Shapland, L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.).

Dental Nurses—Winifred Lambert, Mrs. Daisy Hodgson and  
Winifred Lander.

Prosthetic Assistants—G. W. Clarke, W. B. Monger and T. H. Baggott.

**FOOT CLINIC.**

Chiropodists—Ethel Cook, Mrs. Florence Rock, Mary Bradley,  
and E. F. Part.

**PUBLIC ANALYST.**

A. Prideaux Davson, A.R.C.Sc., F.I.C., F.C.S.

**PROPAGANDA AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.**

H. W. Bush, F.I.P.A., M.R.I.P.H.H.

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A. C. Davidson, Foreman in Charge.

**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,****MUNICIPAL OFFICES,**

SPA ROAD, S.E.16.

\* *At present serving in H.M. Forces.*



# Borough of Bermondsey.

## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

*To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of  
Bermondsey.*

SIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1939. For reasons of economy the report consists virtually only of statistics. The outbreak of war, as members very well know, has led to tremendous changes in the work of the Department. Without a single exception, every member volunteered to do any kind of war work connected with the Department which might be assigned to them. Although the normal work has been in many directions much reduced, it has been, and is, the deliberate policy of the Council to maintain all the normal services as far as possible. Some of the clinics have been suspended entirely, notably the Children's Clinic and the Post-Infectious Diseases Clinic, others have been much reduced in size, and in some cases Infant Welfare Clinics have been amalgamated. In general, it is true to say that for those who remain in the borough the ordinary peace time services have been maintained. Additional war work placed upon the Department has been enormous, particularly, of course, in the direction of the maintenance and operation of the First Aid and Stretcher Party Posts, and in connection with evacuation schemes and food control. Many duties have been imposed for which the Medical Officer of Health and the staff could not be supposed to have had any previous training, and which were quite outside the scope of their ordinary work. I take this opportunity of recording my gratitude to the members of the staff, and my admiration for the many unsuspected talents which have been displayed. There

have been several changes of staff during the year, and these have been noted in the Department; in addition, several members have joined the Forces. Shortly after the outbreak of war this Department shared with other Departments the very great honour of a visit from the King and Queen, when His Majesty was pleased to express his approval of our work. The visit was greatly appreciated and gave much encouragement to the staff.

This report relates to the year 1939 only. I am confident that when the story of the borough for the year 1940 comes to be related, the heroism and endurance, confidence and courage displayed by humble and great alike—and there aren't any "great" in that sense in this borough so far as I know—have been altogether beyond any words which I command. It is not possible for any power, however ruthless and however near to omnipotence, to defeat such a spirit.

Finally, may I take this opportunity as in other years, but very specially in this year, of thanking members of the Council, but particularly the Mayor and the two Chairmen, for their cheerful and unfailing encouragement and help in every difficulty.

I am, Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. M. CONNAN.



# I.—VITAL STATISTICS.

## GENERAL.

The area of the borough (exclusive of area covered by water) is 1,336 acres.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1939 according to the Rate Books was 19,019.

The rateable value of the borough on the 31st December, 1939, was £879,238, the product of a penny rate being £3,445.

## POPULATION.

Census		Estimate of Registrar-General	
1921	1931	to 30th June, 1938	to 30th June, 1939
119,452	111,542	97,420	†95,500 ‡90,210

† For calculation of Birth Rate.

‡ For calculation of Death Rate.

## BIRTHS.

The total number of births belonging to the borough registered during 1939 was 1,275, consisting of 670 males and 605 females. The number for 1938 was 1,439.

The birth rate for 1939 was 13.4 per 1,000 persons living, compared with 14.8 for 1938.

**DEATHS.**

The total number of deaths belonging to the borough registered during 1939 was 1,010, consisting of 559 males and 451 females. The number for 1938 was 1,072.

The death rate for 1939 was 11.2 per 1,000 persons living, compared with 11.0 for 1938.

**MARRIAGES.**

The total number of marriages in the borough in 1939 was 1,258, being 317 above the number for 1938, and 254 above the average for the last 10 years.

The figures have been supplied by the Superintendent Registrar. This makes a marriage rate of 26.35 per 1,000 of the population, compared with a marriage rate last year of 19.32.

Year	No.	Rate
1929	994	17.47
1930	1,021	17.94
1931	1,001	17.81
1932	936	17.00
1933	1,007	18.77
1934	1,050	19.91
1935	1,027	20.00
1936	970	19.32
1937	1,090	22.07
1938	941	19.32
Average for years 1929—1938	1,004	18.96
1939	1,258	26.35



**INFANTILE MORTALITY.**

The Infantile Mortality Rate for the year 1939 has been calculated on the figure of 1,223 live births furnished by the Registrar-General.

Year	Whole Borough		London	
	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Births	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Births
1929 .. ..	160	71	4,995	71
1930 .. ..	130	63	4,109	59
1931 .. ..	112	57	4,270	65
1932 .. ..	103	56	4,143	67
1933 .. ..	92	61	3,377	60
1934 .. ..	100	64	3,832	67
1935 .. ..	103	69	3,229	58
1936 .. ..	92	60	3,691	66
1937 .. ..	84	59	3,309	60
1938 .. ..	65	45	3,130	57
Average for years 1929-1938	104	60	3,808	63
1939 .. ..	45	37	2,409	47

**TUBERCULOSIS OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.**

In the following Table will be found particulars of deaths from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System since the year 1929.

Sub-District	Bermond-sey	Rother-hithe	St. Olave	Whole Borough		London	
Year	No.	No.	No.	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1929.. ..	78	31	8	117	1.03	4230	0.96
1930.. ..	81	36	15	132	1.16	3826	0.87
1931.. ..	81	30	5	116	1.03	3907	0.90
1932.. ..	71	34	11	116	1.05	3564	0.82
1933.. ..	68	23	8	99	0.92	3530	0.82
1934.. ..	64	22	4	90	0.86	3227	0.76
1935.. ..	70	23	5	98	0.95	2847	0.68
1936.. ..	51	22	6	79	0.79	2848	0.69
1937.. ..	63	22	2	87	0.89	2888	0.71
1938.. ..	42	23	1	66	0.68	2590	0.64
Averages for years 1929-1938 ..	67	27	6	100	0.94	3346	0.78
1939.. ..	38	21	6	65	0.72	2650	0.70



# VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1939 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Year	Population estimated to Middle of each Year	Births		Total Deaths registered in the District				Total Deaths in Public Institutions in the District	Deaths of Non-Residents registered in Public Institutions, etc., in the District	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond the District	Net Deaths at all Ages belonging to the District	
		No.	Rate	Under 1 Year of Age		At all Ages					No.	Rate
				No.	Rate per 1,000 Births registered	No.	Rate					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1929	113,800	2,252	19.8	127	56	1,304	11.4	696	32	378	1,650	14.5
1930	113,800	2,059	18.1	90	44	1,169	10.3	686	46	365	1,488	13.1
1931	112,400	1,958	17.4	91	46	1,169	10.4	596	92	331	1,408	12.5
1932	110,100	1,831	16.6	81	44	1,147	10.4	689	189	368	1,326	12.0
1933	107,300	1,500	14.0	72	48	1,216	11.3	720	215	339	1,340	12.5
1934	105,060	1,557	14.8	77	49	1,223	11.6	784	229	310	1,304	12.4
1935	102,700	1,487	14.5	99	67	1,142	11.1	756	255	314	1,201	11.7
1936	100,400	1,545	15.4	76	49	1,136	11.3	723	175	328	1,289	12.8
1937	98,790	1,421	14.4	61	43	1,148	11.6	741	245	309	1,212	12.3
1938	97,420	1,439	14.8	60	42	1,002	10.3	488	201	271	1,072	11.0
Averages for years 1929-1938	106,177	1,705	15.9	83	49	1,166	11.0	688	168	331	1,329	12.5
1939	*95,500 ‡90,210	1,275	13.4	40	31	968	10.7	445	201	243	1,010	11.2

\* For calculation of Birth Rate.

‡ For calculation of Death Rate.

## OTHER INSTITUTIONS, Etc., Etc.

I. Institutions, etc., within the District receiving sick and infirm persons from outside the District.	II. Institutions, etc., outside the District, the Deaths in which have been distri- buted among the several localities in the District.
No. of Deaths	No. of Deaths
St. Olave's Hospital 189	All Saints' Hospital, Eastbourne 3
	All Saints' Hospital, Southwark 1
	Ambulances on way to Hospital 9
Deaths in	Archway Hospital, Islington .. 1
River Thames,	Belgrave Hospital, Lambeth .. 1
Surrey	Bexley Mental Hospital, Bexley 5
Commercial	Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill 1
Docks,	Caterham Hospital, Caterham 1
Wharves, etc. .. 8	Cathloic Nursing Institute, Lam-
	beth Road .. .. 1
Private Houses .. 4	Charing Cross Hospital .. 1
	Church Street Hospital, East-
	bourne .. .. 3
Total .. .. 201	Colony, The, Chalfont St. Peter 1
	County Hospital, Farnborough 3
	Downs Hospital for Children,
	Sutton .. .. 1
	East Surrey Hospital, Redhill .. 1
	Evelina Hospital .. .. 3
	German Hospital, Hackney .. 1
	Grand Surrey Canal .. .. 2
	Grove Hospital, Tooting .. 1
	Grove, The, Epsom .. .. 3
	Guy's Hospital .. .. 37
	Hammersmith Hospital .. 1
	Highfield Camp, Udian Farm,
	Ewhurst .. .. 1
	Home, The, Nunnery Fields,
	Canterbury .. .. 1
	Horsham Hospital, Horsham .. 2
	Horton Hospital, Epsom .. 2
	Hospital, The, Coulsdon .. 2
	Hundred Acres, Banstead .. 2
	Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford 2
	Kingston County Hospital,
	Kingston .. .. 1
	Lambeth Hospital .. .. 11
	Leavesden Hospital, Watford .. 4
	Lewisham Hospital .. .. 15
	Marillac Sanatorium, Brentwood 1
	Metropolitan Convalescent
	Home, Cooden .. .. 1
	New End Hospital, Hampstead 1
	Newington Institution, South-
	wark .. .. 2
	Northern Hospital, Southgate .. 1
	Orchard Hospital, Dartford .. 3
	Orsett Lodge, Orsett .. 1
	Park Hospital, Hither Green .. 3
	Police Station, Borough High
	Street .. .. 1



OTHER INSTITUTIONS, Etc., Etc.—*continued.*

I. Institutions, etc., within the District receiving sick and infirm persons from outside the District.	II. Institutions, etc., outside the District, the Deaths in which have been distrib- uted among the several localities in the District.
	No. of Deaths
	Poplar Hospital .. .. 1
	Princess Alice Hospital, East- bourne .. .. 1
	Princess Mary's Hospital, Mar- gate .. .. 1
	Private Houses .. .. 6
	Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshal- ton .. .. 1
	Queen Mary's Hospital, Chisle- hurst .. .. 5
	Queen Mary's (Rochampton) Hospital, Rochampton .. 1
	Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton .. .. 1
	St. Alfege's Hospital, Greenwich 16
	St. Bartholomew's Hospital .. 3
	St. Benedict's Hospital, Wands- worth .. .. 10
	St. Clement's Hospital, Poplar .. 2
	St. David's Hospital, Edmonton 1
	St. Ebbas Hospital, Epsom .. 3
	St. Francis Hospital, Camberwell 10
	St. George-in-the-East Hospital, Stepney .. .. 1
	St. Giles' Hospital, Camberwell 4
	St. James's Hospital, Battersea .. 1
	St. John's Hospital, Lewisham .. 1
	St. Mary Abbots Hospital, Ken- sington .. .. 1
	St. Matthew's Hospital, Shore- ditch .. .. 1
	St. Pancras Hospital .. .. 1
	St. Peter's Hospital, Stepney .. 3
	St. Peter's House, Lambeth .. 1
	St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester 1
	St. Thomas's Hospital .. .. 1
	Seaman's Hospital, Greenwich 1
	South Eastern Hospital, New Cross .. .. 8
	South London Hospital, Wands- worth .. .. 1
	Stanborough's, The, Watford .. 1
	Stone House, Stone, Dartford .. 1
	Street .. .. 1
	Tooting Bec Hospital .. .. 10
	West Ashford House, Westwell 1
	Western Hospital, Fulham .. 1
	Workplaces .. .. 1
	Yeovil District Hospital, Yeovil 1
	Total .. .. 243

**CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1939.**

Causes of Death		Deaths at the subjoined ages of " Residents " whether occurring in or beyond the District.								
		All Ages	Under 1	1 and under 2	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and up-wards
All Causes	{ Certified .. .. .	1,010	45	2	9	21	25	89	289	530
	{ Uncertified .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	.. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	.. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	.. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	.. .. .	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	.. .. .	7	—	—	3	4	—	—	—	—
Influenza	.. .. .	10	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	5
Encephalitis Lethargica	.. .. .	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	.. .. .	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	.. .. .	65	—	—	—	3	7	24	26	5
Other Tuberculous Diseases	.. .. .	4	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—
Syphilis	.. .. .	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
General Paralysis of the Insane, tabes dorsalis	.. .. .	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1
Cancer, Malignant Disease	.. .. .	140	—	—	—	—	—	12	61	67
Diabetes	.. .. .	9	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	6
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc.	.. .. .	98	1	—	1	—	—	2	27	67
Heart Disease	.. .. .	221	—	—	—	1	1	7	48	164
Aneurysm	.. .. .	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other Circulatory Diseases	.. .. .	20	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	16
Bronchitis	.. .. .	87	—	—	—	—	—	4	33	50



CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1939—continued.

Causes of Death	Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring in or beyond the district.								
	All Ages	Under 1	1 and under 2	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards
Pneumonia (all forms) .. .. .	87	10	—	—	2	4	4	23	44
Other Respiratory Diseases .. .. .	15	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	8
Peptic Ulcer .. .. .	9	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	5
Diarrhœa, etc. .. .. .	8	3	1	—	—	—	—	2	2
Appendicitis .. .. .	6	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	2
Cirrhosis of Liver .. .. .	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—
Other Diseases of Liver, etc. .. .. .	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Other Digestive Diseases .. .. .	18	1	1	—	—	—	3	4	9
Acute and Chronic Nephritis .. .. .	56	—	—	—	—	2	1	8	45
Puerperal Sepsis .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Puerperal Causes .. .. .	3	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformations, etc. .. .. .	22	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Senility .. .. .	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	11
Suicide .. .. .	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3
Other Violence .. .. .	46	2	—	1	6	5	10	17	5
Other Defined Causes .. .. .	46	3	—	3	4	2	8	12	14
Causes ill-defined or unknown .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1,010	45	2	9	21	25	89	289	530



# DEATHS FROM ZYMOTIC DISEASES, 1939.

Year	All Causes		Principal Zymotic Diseases		Smallpox		Measles		Scarlet Fever		Diphtheria		Whooping Cough		Enteric Fever		Diarrhoea	
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1929 .. ..	1650	14.5	62	.54	—	—	1	.01	2	.02	6	.05	33	.29	1	.01	19	.17
1930 .. ..	1488	13.1	101	.89	—	—	61	.54	7	.06	8	.07	6	.05	2	.02	17	.15
1931 .. ..	1408	12.5	24	.21	—	—	3	.03	1	.01	6	.05	5	.04	—	—	9	.08
1932 .. ..	1326	12.0	67	.61	1	.01	25	.23	—	—	11	.10	16	.15	—	—	14	.13
1933 .. ..	1340	12.5	45	.42	—	—	9	.08	4	.04	13	.12	5	.05	—	—	14	.13
1934 .. ..	1304	12.4	87	.83	—	—	38	.36	1	.01	10	.10	10	.10	—	—	28	.26
1935 .. ..	1201	11.7	54	.53	—	—	4	.04	—	—	10	.10	5	.05	—	—	35	.34
1936 .. ..	1289	12.8	56	.56	—	—	20	.20	—	—	8	.08	5	.05	4	.04	19	.19
1937 .. ..	1212	12.3	36	.36	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	.05	7	.07	—	—	24	.24
1938 .. ..	1072	11.0	30	.31	—	—	9	.09	—	—	4	.04	4	.04	—	—	13	.13
Average for years 1929-1938	1329	12.5	56	.53	—	—	17	.16	1	.01	8	.08	10	.09	1	.01	19	.18
1939 .. ..	1010	11.2	17	.19	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	.08	2	.02	—	—	8	.09

# CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT DEATH, YEAR 1939—continued. **INFANTILE MORTALITY.**

Deaths from Stated Causes at Various Ages under One Year of Age, 1939.

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1—2 weeks	2—3 weeks	3—4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1—3 months	3—6 months	6—9 months	9—12 months	Total under 1 year
Measles ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2
Diphtheria ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Tuberculous Meningitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Forms of Meningitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Tuberculous Diseases ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia (all forms) ..	1	—	—	1	2	2	1	1	4	10
Other Respiratory Diseases ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea and Enteritis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	3
Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth ..	7	3	1	—	11	1	—	—	—	12
Injury at Birth ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Other Causes ..	7	—	—	1	8	1	5	2	—	16
Totals ..	16	3	1	2	22	6	8	5	4	45

## II.—INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following diseases are notifiable :—

Anthrax	Acute Polioencephalitis
Acute Poliomyelitis	Acute Primary Pneumonia
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	Cholera
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	Continued Fever
Diphtheria	Dysentery
Enteric Fever and Typhoid	Encephalitis Lethargica
Fever	Erysipelas
Glanders	Hydrophobia in Man
Malaria	Measles
Membranous Croup	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Plague	Puerperal Pyrexia
Puerperal Fever	Scarlet Fever and Scarlatina
Relapsing Fever	Typhus
Small-pox	Whooping Cough
Tuberculosis—all forms	

### DIPHTHERIA.

One hundred and thirty-five cases of diphtheria were notified as compared with 187 cases last year ; in 24 cases the diagnosis was not confirmed ; there were seven deaths.

The appended table shows the attendances at the Schick Clinics during the year ; since the 2nd September no clinic has been held at 98, Rotherhithe New Road.

Clinic	No. of Sessions	No. of New Patients	Total Attendances
Public Health Centre, Grange Road	49	145	684
98, Rotherhithe New Road ..	33	79	439
Totals ..	82	224	1,123



**SCARLET FEVER.**

The total number of cases notified was 112, and of these 14 were returned as not suffering from the disease, giving a net figure of 98. This compares with net figure of 143 cases in 1937, which was the lowest figure recorded in this borough.

**ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS.**

Seven cases of acute anterior poliomyelitis were notified during the year; exhaustive enquiries were made without disclosing any definite link of infection. Medical practitioners were warned and requested to report all doubtful cases.

**SMALL-POX.**

There were no cases of small-pox and no re-vaccinations were made under the Public Health (Small-pox Prevention) Regulations, 1917.

**ACUTE PRIMARY AND ACUTE INFLUENZAL PNEUMONIA.**

One hundred and twenty-one cases of acute primary and acute influenzal pneumonia were notified during the year; of these 18 cases were of the influenzal variety. Home nursing was provided by the Council in 32 cases and 54 patients were sent to hospital.

**OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.**

Five cases of ophthalmia were notified during the year, as compared with ten last year. Vision was unimpaired in every case.

Cases			Vision Un- Impaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
Notified	Treated					
	At home	In Hospital				
5	4	1	5	—	—	—

### PUERPERAL FEVER AND PUERPERAL PYREXIA.

There were no cases of puerperal fever notified during the year, but there were nine cases of puerperal pyrexia. Six of these patients were treated in hospital and all made a complete recovery.

The Council provides the services of a consultant obstetric surgeon or gynæcologist, and of a nurse where this is requested by the practitioner, and in addition all forms of bacteriological examination are also undertaken free of charge.

Facilities						No. of Cases
Second Opinions ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Nursing provided ..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Bacteriological examinations	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Admitted to Hospital ..	..	..	..	..	..	6

### MEASLES.

The County of London (Measles and Whooping Cough) Regulations, 1938, were amended by new regulations on the 23rd October, 1939, which require all cases of measles and whooping cough to be notified. Thirty-nine cases of measles were notified, while a further five cases were reported to me, making a total of 44 cases.

### WHOOPIING COUGH.

The new regulations which require all cases of whooping cough to be notified came into force on the 23rd October, 1939. Three hundred and eighty-three cases were notified during the year, while information regarding 157 other cases reached me from various sources, making a total of 540 cases during the year. Eighty-seven patients were removed to hospital, and in nine of these cases the diagnosis was not confirmed; nursing was provided for seven patients at home. Two patients died.

### ANTHRAX.

One case of anthrax was notified in the borough during the year; infection was apparently due to horse hides from South America, and the patient died. The Department also assisted a neighbouring borough in the investigation of two other cases.



## DISINFECTION.

The figures showing the work done in the disinfecting station are set out below. For many years it has been the custom in this borough to insist on the disinfection of premises and articles exposed to infection in all cases of notifiable infectious disease, regard being had as far as possible to the convenience of the householder. Rooms are sealed for disinfection and beds, bedding, clothes and other articles are brought into the station for treatment.

Beds .....	551	Pillows (cases) .....	1,197
Blankets .....	3,790	Quilts .....	963
Bolsters .....	458	Sheets .....	1,197
„ (cases) .....	202	Furniture .....	3,783
Books .....	56	Miscellaneous .....	4,490
Cushions .....	163	Verminous Clothing .....	1,363
Mattresses .....	3	„ Bedding .....	12,381
Overlays .....	1,211	Scabies, Clothing .....	19,959
Pillows .....	1,385		

64,495 new tabs were used to replace those taken off mattresses, palliasses, and cushions before disinfection.

Number of rooms disinfected .....

Number of mattresses and other articles destroyed .....

Furniture, Floorcloth, etc., destroyed .....

## CLEANSING STATION.

Verminous persons cleansed .....

Adult Females .....

Adult Males .....

Children .....

Persons treated for Scabies :—

	Number treated	Number of baths given
Adult Females .....	127	244

Adult Males .....	58	98
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Children, Females .....	185	1,119
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Children, Males .....	155	950
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**SHELTER.**

Four flats are provided in The Neckinger for the temporary housing of families or persons while their premises are being disinfected. The number of families accommodated during the year was four, two for scabies and two for verminous conditions, the total number of persons accommodated being 32.

**BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY.**

The work done in the Laboratory during the year is set out in the appended table.

Examined for	Total Examina- tions		Results of Examination			
	1938	1939	Positive		Negative	
			1938	1939	1938	1939
Diphtheria (specimens taken by Medical Officer of Health ..	281	149	16	3	265	146
Ditto (taken by general practitioners) .. .. .	1,122	793	59	34	1,063	759
Diphtheria (total specimens taken)	1,403	942	75	37	1,328	905
Phthisis .. .. .	1,042	939	123	146	919	793
Various .. .. .	303	229	29	18	274	211
Total specimens taken .. .. .	2,748	2,110	227	201	2,521	1,909

**FOOD POISONING.**

Ten cases of Food Poisoning were notified to me during the year under The Public Health (London) Act, 1936, Section 182.

**INSULIN FOR DIABETIC PATIENTS.**

Under Section 227 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936, the Minister of Health has sanctioned the temporary supply of insulin for those poorer inhabitants of the borough who are suffering from Diabetes. Practitioners applying for supplies of insulin are required :—

- (a) To give the name, address, age and sex of the patient.
- (b) To supply a quarterly report to the Medical Officer of Health showing :—
  - (1) The number of doses of insulin administered.
  - (2) The results of blood and urine tests.
  - (3) The progress of the patient.

Thirty-three patients have been supplied during the year as compared with twenty-six patients in 1938.



## NURSING.

The following table shows the number of patients nursed under the Council's Scheme, the diseases from which these patients were suffering and the number of visits paid. Under this scheme the Council assists in the provision of nursing for expectant and nursing mothers, children under five, and for patients suffering from the following diseases: Measles, German Measles, Whooping Cough, Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia, Epidemic Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Influenza, Ophthalmia Neonatorum, Polio-myelitis, Encephalitis Lethargica, Malaria, Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal Pneumonia and Tuberculosis.

The fee payable by the Borough Council to the Nursing Associations is 1s. per visit.

We are very much indebted to the authorities of both Nursing Associations for the valuable help received from them in connection with this scheme, and particularly for their invaluable aid in nursing cases of measles and tuberculosis.

Disease	St. Olave's District Nursing Association		Rotherhithe Queen's Nursing Association		Totals whole Borough	
	Cases	Visits	Cases	Visits	Cases	Visits
Pneumonia .. ..	23	455	9	209	32	664
Broncho-pneumonia ..	3	35	2	80	5	115
Bronchitis .. ..	12	151	3	32	15	183
Influenza .. ..	46	476	4	42	50	518
Measles .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ..	5	61	2	26	7	87
Tuberculosis :—						
(a) Respiratory System	19	752	11	424	30	1,176
(b) Other Forms ..	5	267	—	—	5	267
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	1	3	1	12	2	15
Puerperal Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pregnancy and Labour ..	34	361	5	53	39	414
Diseases of the Digestive System .. ..	15	120	8	39	23	159
Infantile Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ..	1	17	—	—	1	17
Discharging Ears ..	7	153	4	43	11	196
Discharging Eyes ..	6	65	6	92	12	157
Post-operative cases :—						
(a) Tonsils & Adenoids	2	8	1	4	3	12
(b) Other cases ..	2	31	2	18	4	49
Other diseases .. ..	16	176	6	160	22	336
Totals .. ..	197	3,131	64	1,234	261	4,365

# CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1939.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED												BERMONDSEY							ROTHERHITHE				ST. OLAVE				Total Cases removed to Hospital
	At all Ages	At Ages—Year											1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	1	2	3	Total	St. John	St. Olave	St. Thomas	Total	
		0 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 & upwards																
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	135	1	42	57	14	9	8	3	1	—	—	—	11	15	14	11	8	24	83	19	18	7	44	5	3	—	8	135
Erysipelas ..	35	—	2	1	1	2	—	4	7	5	7	6	1	4	7	7	3	—	22	7	3	2	12	1	—	—	1	15
Scarlet Fever ..	112	1	54	30	13	9	2	2	1	—	—	—	16	8	15	23	7	3	72	5	19	12	36	3	1	—	4	109
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	8	1	1	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	1	—	—	6	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	7
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	4	—	—	—	—	1
Malaria (Induced) ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	9	—	—	—	—	1	3	4	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	3	1	2	—	3	2	1	—	3	6
Dysentery ..	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Anthrax ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Acute Poliomyelitis ..	7	—	2	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	6	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	7
Pneumonia (Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal)	121	9	19	10	10	9	6	13	9	15	13	8	5	18	19	13	8	9	72	18	14	13	45	2	2	—	4	54
Whooping Cough ..	383	46	273	60	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	22	24	44	93	29	15	227	40	69	38	147	4	4	1	9	72
Measles ..	39	9	25	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	3	3	2	—	16	1	6	14	21	1	—	1	2	14
Tuberculosis—Respiratory System	94	1	2	3	2	23	13	13	11	10	8	8	7	13	12	10	8	10	60	11	6	5	22	5	6	1	12	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis	20	—	1	2	3	3	2	4	4	1	—	—	3	1	4	3	2	—	13	2	2	3	7	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	973	74	421	171	50	61	35	43	36	31	29	22	74	86	122	173	68	62	585	105	143	97	345	23	17	3	43	424



# CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEARS 1930-1939.

Notifiable Disease.	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Small Pox .. .. .	47	3	16	21	7	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup) .. .. .	462	263	263	386	372	273	207	167	187	135
Erysipelas .. .. .	41	49	49	68	73	53	39	28	57	35
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	507	310	446	640	597	367	266	167	200	112
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis .. .. .	5	9	9	4	2	2	4	10	3	8
Acute Polio-Myelitis and Acute Polio-Encephalitis .. .. .	1	1	3	1	—	—	—	1	1	7
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .. .. .	13	14	10	7	6	5	6	1	10	5
Anthrax .. .. .	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	1
Enteric Fever .. .. .	5	1	2	2	2	3	15	5	2	—
Puerperal Fever .. .. .	14	13	8	6	2	3	6	1	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia .. .. .	19	37	27	24	13	19	9	13	10	9
Encephalitis Lethargica .. .. .	4	1	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
Dysentery .. .. .	—	—	—	1	—	3	1	43	26	2
Malaria .. .. .	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria (Induced) .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Pneumonia (Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal) .. .. .	119	167	102	136	121	113	125	170	112	121
Whooping Cough .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	103	275	101	383
Measles .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	85	889	39
Tuberculosis—										
Respiratory System .. .. .	208	175	177	182	141	129	142	147	112	94
Other forms of Tuberculosis .. .. .	46	40	35	34	32	34	34	31	18	20
Totals .. .. .	1,494	1,083	1,149	1,512	1,371	1,004	966	1,145	1,730	973

### III.—TUBERCULOSIS.

In Table I are set out particulars of new cases and deaths during the year, and Table II shows the period elapsing between notification and death.

**TABLE I.**  
**TUBERCULOSIS, 1939—NEW CASES AND DEATHS.**

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 .. ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 .. ..	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5 .. ..	1	3	—	2	—	1	—	—
10 .. ..	1	2	3	1	1	1	—	—
15 .. ..	14	9	3	—	—	3	1	1
20 .. ..	10	6	1	2	3	1	—	—
25 .. ..	12	5	2	3	11	3	—	2
35 .. ..	10	2	1	3	9	1	—	—
45 .. ..	9	2	1	—	8	4	—	—
55 .. ..	8	1	—	—	12	2	—	—
65 and upwards	6	3	—	—	5	—	—	—
	74	33	12	11	49	16	1	3

**TABLE II.**  
**TUBERCULOSIS, 1939—PERIOD BETWEEN NOTIFICATION AND DEATH.**

Period Between Notification and Death	Respiratory System				Other Forms			
	Males	Females	Total	Percentage of Total Deaths	Males	Females	Total	Percentage of Total Deaths
Not notified	4	2	6	9·23	—	3	3	75·00
0-1 month	5	2	7	10·77	1	—	1	25·00
1-3 months	6	1	7	10·77	—	—	—	—
3-6 months	4	1	5	7·69	—	—	—	—
6-12 months	2	—	2	3·08	—	—	—	—
1-2 years ..	10	3	13	20·00	—	—	—	—
2-5 years ..	5	5	10	15·38	—	—	—	—
Over 5 years	13	2	15	23·08	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	49	16	65	100·00	1	3	4	100·00



### NURSING, EXTRA NOURISHMENT AND SHELTERS.

As in previous years the District Nurses have been asked to visit many of our patients who are suffering from Tuberculosis, and are being treated at home ; 1,443 visits were paid by the nurses in 1939. A limited provision is made for the supply of extra nourishment to tuberculous persons, and this usually takes the form of eggs and milk ; 114 patients received help in this way during the year. The scheme for the provision of shelters has been continued, and 12 shelters are at present in use.

#### LADY ALMONER.

The Lady Almoner has a variety of duties which are concerned chiefly in the after-care of tuberculous patients. She arranges for assistance to be given to patients in a number of different ways, as for instance in the supply of extra nourishment, the provision of beds, bedsteads and nursing utensils. In a few cases she has been able to arrange for a period of rest in a convalescent home, or for a country holiday in the case of exhausted mothers. She regularly visits the homes of patients who are undergoing treatment in sanatoria in order to keep the relatives informed as to the patients' progress, and to see that proper provision is made for the patients' return. In addition to these duties the Lady Almoner acts as Child Protection Visitor under Part XIII of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936.

Period Between Notification and Death	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	Males	Females	Total	Percentage of Total Deaths
Totals ..	10	18	28	100.00
Over 5 years ..	13	2	15	23.08
2-5 years ..	5	14	19	15.38
1-2 years ..	10	8	18	29.00
6-12 months ..	2	4	6	3.08
3-6 months ..	4	3	7	7.88
1-3 months ..	5	1	6	10.77
0-1 month ..	5	2	7	10.77
Not notified	4	2	6	9.23

# RETURN SHOWING THE WORK OF THE DISPENSARY DURING THE YEAR 1939.

DIAGNOSIS	PULMONARY				NON-PULMONARY				TOTAL				GRAND TOTAL	
	Adults		Children		Adults		Children		Adults		Children			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
A.—NEW CASES examined during the year (excluding contacts):—														
(a) Definitely tuberculous .. .. .	45	20	4	1	5	5	2	2	50	25	6	3		84
(b) Diagnosis not completed .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—		4
(c) Non-tuberculous .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	181	104	11	12		308
B.—CONTACTS examined during the year:—														
(a) Definitely tuberculous .. .. .	7	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	7	1	—	1		9
(b) Diagnosis not completed .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—
(c) Non-tuberculous .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66	88	57	92		303
C.—CASES written off the Dispensary Register as:—														
(a) Recovered .. .. .	12	4	5	1	3	3	6	5	15	7	11	6		39
(b) Non-tuberculous (including any such cases previously diagnosed and entered on the Dispensary Register as tuberculous) .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	248	194	69	104		615
D.—NUMBER OF CASES on Dispensary Register on December 31st:—														
(a) Definitely tuberculous .. .. .	282	227	35	32	34	44	41	36	316	271	76	68		731
(b) Diagnosis not completed .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—		4
1. Number of cases on Dispensary Register on January 1st. .	778													
2. Number of cases transferred from other areas and cases returned after discharge under Head 3 in previous years. .	13													
3. Number of cases transferred to other areas, cases not desiring further assistance under the scheme, and cases "lost sight of" .. .. .	55													
4. Cases written off during the year as Dead (all causes) ..	55													
5. Number of attendances at the Dispensary (including Contacts) .. .. .	2,017													
6. Number of Insured Persons under Domiciliary Treatment on December 31st .. .. .	106													
7. Number of consultations with medical practitioners:—														
(a) Personal .. .. .	135													
(b) Other .. .. .	220													
8. Number of visits by Tuberculosis Officers to homes (including personal consultations) .. .. .														790
9. Number of visits by Nurses or Health Visitors to homes for Dispensary purposes .. .. .														*1,987
10. Number of:—														
(a) Specimens of sputum, etc., examined .. .. .														939
(b) X-ray examinations made in connection with Dispensary work .. .. .														1,061
11. Number of "Recovered" cases restored to Dispensary Register, and included in A (a) and A (b) above .. .. .														—
12. Number of "T.B. plus" cases on Dispensary Register on December 31st .. .. .														301

\* In addition to these visits 520 visits were made by the Lady Almoner and 106 visits by the School Nurse.



# **PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1930.**

Summary of Notifications during the period from the 1st January, 1939, to the 31st December, 1939.

Age Periods	Formal Notifications												Total Notifi- cations
	Number of Primary Notifications of New Cases of Tuberculosis												
	0 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 and up- wards	Total (all ages)	
Pulmonary, Males	1	2	1	—	14	9	8	9	8	7	5	64	72
„ Females	—	—	2	2	9	4	5	2	2	1	3	30	35
Non-Pulmonary Males	—	1	—	2	3	—	2	1	1	—	—	10	11
„ Females	—	—	2	1	—	2	2	3	—	—	—	10	11

New cases of Tuberculosis coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the above-mentioned period, otherwise than by formal notification :—

Age Periods	0 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 and upwards	Total
Pulmonary Males	—	—	—	1	—	1	4	1	1	1	1	10
„ Females	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3
Non-Pulmonary Males	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
„ Females	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1

**Returns rendered under the PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS)  
REGULATIONS, 1930.**

**1st QUARTER, 1939.**

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter .. .. .	370	279	91	102
Number of Cases notified during Quarter ..	19	13	5	4
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	2	—	—	1
Number of Cases removed from the Register	23	10	5	3
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter .. . . .	368	282	91	104

**2nd QUARTER, 1939.**

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter .. .. .	368	282	91	104
Number of Cases notified during Quarter ..	17	10	2	5
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	2	2	—	—
Number of Cases removed from the Register	19	10	2	3
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter .. . . .	368	284	91	106

**3rd QUARTER, 1939.**

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter .. .. .	368	284	91	106
Number of Cases notified during Quarter ..	16	1	3	1
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	4	1	2	—
Number of Cases removed from the Register	26	8	6	4
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter .. . . .	362	278	90	103

**4th QUARTER, 1939.**

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter .. .. .	362	278	90	103
Number of Cases notified during Quarter ..	12	6	—	—
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	2	—	—	—
Number of Cases removed from the Register	25	13	3	8
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter .. . . .	351	271	87	95



## IV.—LIGHT TREATMENT, ELECTRO-THERAPY AND MASSAGE.

The following table shows the work done in the Solarium during 1939. The figures given are practically those for the first seven months of the year. The department was closed for holidays in August and owing to the war did not re-open until December.

Total Number of Attendances	30,693
Number of Individual Patients	1,482
Number of Treatments	67,278
Massage	6,113
Medical Electricity	3,057
Diathermy	7,723
Physical Exercises	1,184
Local Treatments—	
Radiant Heat and Ultra Violet Light	17,732
General Ultra Violet Light	30,693
Mechanical Vibratory Massage	18
Q-Ray Pad	758
Number of Medical Examinations	3,411
Number of New Cases	805

## V.—MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

### FAIRBY GRANGE CONVALESCENT HOME.

The total number of patients received into the home during the year, including mothers, babies and toddlers, was 357, a decrease on the figures for 1938.

Number of women admitted .....	173
Number of babies admitted .....	65
Number of toddlers admitted .....	119

### MIDWIFERY SERVICE.

During the year 1939 domiciliary midwifery practice, so far as it concerns midwives, came under the control of the London County Council, and all midwives practising privately in this borough surrendered their certificates. Prior to this change, which took place in the middle of the year, the Borough Council under their own scheme then existing paid the whole of the midwives' fees in 75 cases and a portion of the fees in 36 other cases.

### OBSTETRIC AND PUERPERAL FEVER CONSULTANTS.

The number of consultations during the year was as follows :—

Obstetric Consultations .....	Nil
Puerperal Fever Consultations .....	1

### CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

The number of foster-mothers and children in this borough is happily very small, and no difficulty has been experienced in dealing with these cases during the year. There were 7 foster-mothers with 8 children and 39 visits were paid by the visitor.



# HEALTH VISITORS.

The following table shows the work done by the Municipal and Voluntary Centres and Health Visitors during 1939 :—

District	Births Notified	Visits to Infants and Children			Visits to Expectant Mothers		Visits to Cases of Infectious Disease						Unclassified or Special Visits	Attendances at Centres & Clinics	Health Talks
		First Visits	Re-visits		Primary Visits	Re-visits	Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Measles	Whooping Cough	Tuberculosis	Post-Infectious Disease			
			Under 1 year	1—5 years											
Miss Anderson ..	50	42	303	673	18	44	—	—	—	17	142	15	15	133	—
Miss Bache ..	118	114	551	874	96	136	1	—	5	74	106	71	29	261	—
Miss Baird ..	104	121	481	600	59	90	—	—	6	59	133	38	87	236	—
Miss Bowles ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	485	—
Miss Brown ..	71	71	286	530	28	58	—	—	4	46	125	42	167	200	—
Miss Carter ..	115	96	465	553	59	72	—	—	2	47	94	59	229	222	—
Miss Crundwell ..	48	45	322	564	18	37	—	—	—	10	79	6	43	97	—
Miss Hesketh ..	10	8	23	51	2	3	—	—	—	14	6	—	309	76	—
Miss Lawrence ..	81	83	438	672	32	48	1	—	2	29	262	35	303	250	—
Miss Oram ..	94	99	617	863	30	92	—	5	5	33	164	53	428	231	4
Miss Parry ..	74	68	435	582	19	96	—	—	—	44	131	57	65	220	10
Miss Riches ..	72	82	271	557	32	80	—	3	1	24	103	60	113	225	—
Miss Riley ..	48	65	473	317	25	94	—	—	—	32	101	45	11	229	—
Miss Robson ..	46	63	360	761	33	61	—	—	1	16	82	15	75	190	—
Miss Wadds ..	50	51	315	403	19	40	—	—	5	9	46	36	30	176	—
Miss White ..	54	74	597	1154	63	219	—	7	22	67	136	42	88	163	—
Salomon's Centre..	39	58	514	1281	128	91	—	—	2	3	—	—	1	217	18
Totals ..	1074	1140	6451	10435	661	1262	2	15	55	524	1710	574	1993	3611	32

# ATTENDANCES AT MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

The following table shows attendances at Maternity and Child Welfare Centres during 1939 :—

Name of Centre	Children's Consultations						Ante-natal Clinic				Sewing Class		Gynæcological Clinic		
	No. of Sessions	New Cases		Total Attendances		No. seen by Doctor	No. of Sessions	New Cases	Post-Natal Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Sessions	No. of Attendances	No. of Sessions	New Cases	Total Attendances
		Under 1 year	1-5 years	Under 1 year	1-5 years										
Public Health Centre, Grange Road	170	279	46	4,868	3,860	4,197	43	159	24	727	—	—	39	95	269
98 Rotherhithe New Road .. ..	122	180	22	2,746	2,549	2,915	52	155	24	654	—	—	36	53	134
Community Centre	70	61	22	1,088	1,384	1,257	—	—	—	—	41	833	—	—	—
Bermondsey Gospel Mission ..	85	90	26	1,691	1,528	1,877	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Roseberry Street ..	31	29	2	527	469	621	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salomon's Centre ..	93	41	4	1,351	515	767	129	289	155	1,729	—	—	—	—	—
Princess Club ..	98	87	7	1,807	1,491	2,209	20	25	5	126	28	321	—	—	—
Fulford Street ..	86	128	19	1,598	1,241	1,863	46	100	7	508	—	—	—	—	—
Central Hall ..	133	159	31	2,894	2,569	3,334	—	—	—	—	15	307	—	—	—
Totals ..	888	1,054	179	18,570	15,606	19,040	290	728	215	3,744	84	1,461	75	148	403



# EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS, 1939.

## Births.

Registered—		Total	Males	Females
Live Births	{ Legitimate .. ..	1,234	649	585
	{ Illegitimate .. ..	41	21	20
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ..				13.4
Stillbirths .. .. .		Total	Males	Females
		44	17	27
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births .. ..				33

Notified within 36 hours of birth—

- (1) Live Births, 1,244. (2) Stillbirths, 35. (3) Total, 1,279.  
 (1) By Midwives, 1,112\*. (2) By Parents and Doctors, 167.

\* Including 705 births delivered by midwives in Hospitals.

Deaths	Total	Males	Females
.. .. .	1,010	559	451
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ..			11.2

## Maternal Deaths.

Calculated on the figure of 1,267 (live and still) births furnished by the Registrar-General.

Deaths from puerperal causes :—	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births
Puerperal Sepsis .. .. .	—	—
Other puerperal causes .. ..	3	2.37
Total .. .. .	3	2.37

## Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age.

Calculated on the figure of 1,223 live births furnished by the Registrar-General.

All Infants per 1,000 live births .. .. .	37
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births .. ..	35
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births .. ..	49

## Health Visitors. Visits paid by Health Visitors during the year :—

To Expectant Mothers	(1) First Visits, 661.	(2) Total Visits, 1,923
To Infants under 1	(1) First Visits, 1,140.	(2) Total Visits, 7,591
To Children, 1—5 .. .. .		Total Visits, 10,435

## Convalescent Homes for Children under 5.

Number of Beds, 16.	Number of Children under 5 received during the year .. .. .	184
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## Day Nurseries.

Number of day nurseries .. .. .	2 (both voluntary).
Number of places for children under 5 in the nurseries :—	
Summer months .. .. .	60
Winter months .. .. .	56
Total number of attendances of children at these nurseries during the year :—	
8,593.	

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) .. .. .	140
Deaths from Measles (all ages) .. .. .	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) .. ..	2
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) .. ..	8

## VI.—DENTAL TREATMENT.

The attached tables summarise the work which has been done at the two dental centres during the year.

### TREATMENT OF CHILDREN DURING 1939.

CENTRE	Age Group	Number Examined	Number Treated	Number of Extractions	Anæsthetics		Number of Fillings	Number of Scalings	Number of Attendances for Orthodontics	Total Number of Attendances
					Local	General				
PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, GRANGE ROAD.	Under 5 years	215	210	764	7	182	4	—	—	403
	Over 5 years	445	464	1006	254	281	310	10	21	1093
	Totals ..	660	674	1770	261	463	314	10	21	1496
98, ROTHER- HITHE NEW ROAD.	Under 5 years	141	175	597	2	140	16	—	—	291
	Over 5 years	424	406	945	181	293	230	5	30	1012
	Totals ..	565	581	1542	183	433	246	5	30	1303
Totals both Centres		1225	1255	3312	444	896	560	15	51	2799



## DENTAL TREATMENT CARRIED OUT DURING 1939.

CENTRE	Type of Case	Number of Patients Examined	Number of Patients Treated	Number of Extractions	Anæsthetics		Number of Fillings	Number of Scalings	Number of Dentures Fitted	Number of Repairs to Dentures	Number of Attendances
					Local	General					
PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, GRANGE ROAD	Maternity Cases	752	752	2411	500	244	83	16	206	85	2037
	Women ..	1240	1203	2039	998	147	208	30	177	113	2566
	Men ..	2060	2024	4061	1982	109	339	59	264	149	4135
	Tuberculosis Cases	20	22	44	11	8	7	—	10	1	74
	Children (Table I.)	660	674	1770	261	463	314	10	3	—	1496
Totals ..		4732	4675	10325	3752	971	951	115	660	348	10308
98, ROTHER-HITHE NEW ROAD	Maternity Cases	365	421	1437	332	286	47	25	118	31	1212
	Women ..	289	361	599	252	119	64	10	43	22	719
	Men ..	355	507	1022	457	79	60	20	120	26	1050
	Tuberculosis Cases	1	1	9	3	—	—	—	—	2	6
	Children (Table I.)	565	581	1542	183	433	246	5	—	—	1303
Totals ..		1575	1871	4609	1227	917	417	60	281	81	4290
Totals both Centres ..		6307	6546	14934	4979	1888	1368	175	941	429	14598

## VII.—CONSULTATION AND OTHER CLINICS.

### X-RAY DEPARTMENT.

During the first six months of the year the work of the X-Ray Department showed a considerable increase over the first six months of 1938, but as the department was closed for two months after the outbreak of war the figures for the whole year are less than those of 1938.

Number of Attendances	1,558
Number of New Cases	1,069
Number of Screenings	1,333
Number of Films	2,182
Analysis of Films :—	
Bones	243
Barium Meals	68
Barium Enemas	12
Tuberculous Chests	1,061
Non-Tuberculous Chests	31
Kidneys	5
Antrums	2
Gall Bladder	5
Urinary Tract	2
Parotid Gland	1
Sinus	2
Hearts	10
Abdomen	16

### RHEUMATISM, CHILDREN'S AND POST-INFECTIOUS DISEASE CLINICS.

These three clinics were closed during most of the month of August on account of the school holiday, and they have not been re-opened. Thirty-one new patients were referred for examination to the Childrens Clinic, and there were 69 re-examinations in the Rheumatism Clinic at which the new cases numbered 12 adults and 15 children and there were 224 re-examinations.



The attached table sets out the work of the Post-Infectious Disease Clinic:—

Number of New Cases .....	55
Number of Examinations .....	172
Number of Re-Examinations .....	117
Number of Defects found .....	40

Result of Examination	Infectious Disease after which examined.				
	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Whooping Cough	Acute Primary Pneumonia
Number of patients found to be suffering from :					
Malnutrition ..	5	2	2	2	2
Heart Affection	—	1	3	—	—
Ear Affection ..	—	—	1	1	—
Nose Affection ..	2	—	—	1	—
Throat Affection	—	1	—	1	—
Tonsils, enlarged or septic ..	2	—	2	2	—
Albuminuria ..	2	4	—	—	—
Dental Caries ..	—	1	—	1	—
Spine Defect ..	—	1	—	—	—
Mental Defect ..	—	—	—	—	1

#### POST-NATAL AND SPECIAL CLINICS FOR WOMEN.

The total number of attendances at the Gynæcological Clinic was 416; of these 170 patients attended for the first time.

The major portion of the patients seen at the clinic had a gynæcological or menopausal complaint. The few patients who were found to be suffering from some condition unsuitable for treatment were transferred either to their own doctor or to hospitals.

The majority of the new patients complained of menstrual irregularities (36 cases). Only one of these had a carcinoma of the cervix and this was fortunately in an early stage.

Seven patients came for examination on account of sterility and all of these were given advice or treatment—three subsequently became pregnant.

The treatment of uterine inflammations and displacements formed, as in previous years, a major part of the work of this clinic.

### FOOT CLINIC.

Attendances during the year are shown in the following table:—

Clinic	Men	Women	Total
Bermondsey .. ..	1,932	5,058	6,990
Rotherhithe .. ..	1,597	4,310	5,907
Totals .. ..	3,529	9,368	12,897

Title of Clearance Area	Area in sq. ft. (Approx.)	No. of dwelling-houses	Population		Date decided by Council
			Families	Persons	
East Lane, No. 1, and lands adjoining	16,921	20	48	133	25/4/39
Donne Place	7,047	14	23	81	23/5/39
Wormold Place	3,427	7	8	36	23/5/39
Larnaca Street and lands adjoining	86,193	58	129	432	23/5/39

The clearing of these areas will necessitate the demolition of 129 houses and the rehousing of 208 families, consisting of 704 persons.



## VIII.—PROPAGANDA.

During the year 1939 lectures and demonstrations, in every case illustrated by cinema films, were given as follows :—

Schools .....	19
Clubs and other Institutions .....	33
Open Air (with Cinema Van) .....	30
A.R.P. ....	141
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>223</b>
Audiences numbered 25,250.	

This is the largest number of lectures and demonstrations ever given in one year, and the increase is entirely due to the help given by the Propaganda Department in the training of First Aid volunteers.

From the outset of war in September to the present date the whole of the energies of the Propaganda Department have been devoted to A.R.P. work.

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## IX.—SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

### HOUSING.

During the year 1939, eight areas were represented to the Council, comprising in all 143 dwelling-houses, and 4 dwelling-houses and shops.

The following are the areas represented :—

Title of Clearance Area	Date	Area in sq. ft. (Approx.)	Number of dwelling-houses	Number of dwelling-houses and shops
Epsom Court ..	3/1/39	2,230	6	—
East Lane, No. 1 ..	7/2/39	16,921	13	2
East Lane, No. 2 ..	7/2/39	14,307	8	—
East Lane, No. 3 ..	7/2/39	4,995	3	—
East Lane, No. 4 ..	7/2/39	12,584	9	—
Donne Place ..	7/2/39	7,047	14	—
Wormald Place ..	7/2/39	3,427	7	—
Larnaca Street ..	14/3/39	95,193	83	2

The following areas were declared by the Council, and the particulars of these are shown hereunder :—

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Two hundred and fifty-four flats and four shops were erected during 1939. Particulars of these are given hereunder :—

Position.	Number of Dwellings.
Arnold Estate .. ..	64 flats.
Cherry Garden Street .. ..	15 flats.
Kirby Estate .. ..	1 flat and 1 shop.
Lockyer Estate .. ..	17 flats and 1 shop.
Meakin Estate .. ..	24 flats.
Neckinger Estate .. ..	37 flats.
Redriff Road .. ..	10 flats and 1 shop.
St. John's Estate .. ..	41 flats and 1 shop.
Stansfeld Estate .. ..	31 flats.
Tyers Estate .. ..	14 flats.

At the end of the year 1939, the following dwellings were in course of erection by the Council :—

Position.	Number of flats and shops.
Arnold Estate, Block 2 .. ..	40 flats and 3 shops.
Arnold Estate, Block 6 .. ..	28 flats and 2 shops.
Arnold Estate, Block 7 .. ..	26 flats and 1 shop.
Prospect Street, Block 1 .. ..	1 flat and 1 shop.
Prospect Street, Block 2 .. ..	49 flats.
Neckinger Estate Extension, Block 1 .. ..	13 flats.
Neckinger Estate Extension, Block 2 .. ..	8 flats.
Lynton Mews, Block 1 .. ..	5 flats.
Elephant Lane Site, Block 1 .. ..	1 flat.
Elephant Lane Site, Block 2 .. ..	17 flats.
Redriff Estate, Block 9 .. ..	1 flat.
Kipling Street Site, Block 2 .. ..	23 flats and 1 shop.
Adams Gardens, Block 4 .. ..	4 cottages.
St. Olave's Buildings Site .. ..	59 flats.

Private enterprise has been responsible for the erection of 34 flats. Altogether, therefore, 279 flats and 4 shops were erected in Bermondsey during the year.

The houses demolished on insanitary areas number 300, and 9 houses have been demolished following the service of Demolition Orders.

#### HOUSING ACT, 1936—OVERCROWDING.

The following was the position at the end of 1939 in relation to overcrowding :—

- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ..... 1,778
- (ii) Number of families dwelling therein ..... 1,778
- (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ..... 10,512
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ..... 68  
(included in (a) (i) above) (363 persons)
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ..... 243
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ..... 1,498
- (d) No cases came to my notice during 1939 of dwelling-houses again becoming overcrowded after the Local Authority had taken steps to abate the overcrowding.
- (e) No cases of overcrowding were reported in which I considered it necessary to take statutory action.

Eight cases of overcrowding in London County Council dwellings in Bermondsey have been abated, and 47 cases in Borough Council dwellings; 92 cases have been relieved in connection with slum clearance operations. These cases are included in (c) (i) above.

#### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Sulphur Dioxide Gas, and the proprietary agent "Pyagra," the latter to the largest extent, are used as fumigants. The work devolves upon the staff of the Public Health Department, and premises occupied by families accepted as tenants by the Council are inspected before removal. Where rooms and effects are infested, fumigation is insisted upon before removal is permitted. The Sanitary Inspectors, as part of their duty, explain to the tenants the importance and means of preventing infestation.

The following table shows the fumigations carried out during 1939 :—

	Infested	Disinfested
Council houses or flats .....	254	254
Council houses on Insanitary Areas during decanting .....	283	283
London County Council Removals .....	117	117
Houses disinfested prior to demolition.....	—	267
Other houses or flats .....	86	86



**INSPECTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, ETC.**

Hereunder will be found particulars of Inspections, Proceedings, etc., for the year 1939 :—

**INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR :—**

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .....	5,900
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose .....	29,345
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 .....	2,645
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose .....	3,225
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .....	156
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding subhead) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .....	557

**REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES :—**

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers .....	1,888
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**ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :—**

(A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .....	557
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners .....	510
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .....	Nil

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .....	3,212
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners .....	1,324
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .....	Nil

(C) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .....	9
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .....	9

(D) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made .....	1
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit .....	Nil

Total number of houses in the Borough ..... 19,529

Number of houses occupied by the working classes ..... 19,385

**REGISTERED PREMISES—**

Premises	Number on Register at end of 1939	Number of Inspections	Number of Prosecutions
Common Lodging Houses ..	3	56	—
Seamen's Lodging Houses ..	3	15	—
Milkshops .. ..	253	602	—
Houses let in lodgings .. ..	955	1,876	—
Ice Cream Premises .. ..	180	299	—
Offensive Trades (including Poultry Slaughter-houses) .. ..	13	156	—

**SMOKE NUISANCES—**

Number of observations .....	281
Number of notices .....	4
Number of complaints .....	8
Number of summonses .....	Nil

**WATER SUPPLY TO TENEMENT HOUSES—**

Premises supplied .....	16
Prosecutions .....	Nil

**SALE OF FOOD—**

Number of premises used other than ice-cream premises, milk-shops and cowsheds .....	586
Number of inspections .....	1,392



# **RAG FLOCK ACT, 1911, and PUBLIC HEALTH (LONDON) ACT, 1936 :—**

There are four premises in the District where rag flock is used and eight inspections were made during the year.

## **RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919—**

No notices were served under this Act.

## **WATER SUPPLY—**

Most of the houses in the borough have the water supply either on the ground floor or in the yard, and many of these houses are inhabited by more than one family. Water supply has been installed on one of the storeys of 16 tenement houses, after service of notices.

## **WATER CLOSET ACCOMMODATION—**

Every inhabited house in the borough has one water-closet, which is, in many cases, shared by two or more families. Many of the flats have one water-closet to two families.

# WORK OF DISTRICT INSPECTORS, 1939.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
		House-to-House	Special Inspections	Complaints	Infectious Diseases	Factories & Workshops Specially Inspected	Offensive Trades	Outworkers' Bi-Annual Inspection	Underground Conveniences	Drains Tested	Other Calls and Visits	Chimney Watched	Bakehouses	Common and Seamen's Lodging Houses	Butchers	Fishmongers, Friers and Curers	Food Stores	Fruiters and Green-grocers	Ice Cream	Markets	Restaurants and Eating Houses	Destruction of Food	Various	Visits	Ints.
District	No. 1	309	682	284	44	—	—	4	—	6	1769	21	4	14	13	2	10	5	28	25	15	1	—	3236	336
„	No. 2	308	776	431	54	—	—	17	—	26	3089	92	14	—	22	11	55	19	14	36	21	—	—	4985	614
„	No. 3	282	668	425	94	—	—	5	—	14	2125	21	9	7	24	14	4	9	25	53	21	—	—	3810	442
„	No. 4	309	737	199	65	—	—	11	—	20	1502	5	10	—	19	4	17	4	12	29	7	—	—	2950	351
„	No. 5	179	810	362	43	—	—	22	—	27	2730	29	6	3	28	18	39	9	33	57	21	—	—	4416	526
„	No. 6	333	1039	585	68	—	—	24	—	27	1700	22	10	22	4	12	15	13	42	27	18	1	—	3962	587
„	No. 7	476	801	258	78	—	—	58	—	9	2343	44	8	—	44	12	116	21	37	44	25	1	—	4375	479
„	No. 8	458	494	220	36	—	—	47	—	11	2180	28	29	25	16	6	19	2	36	137	18	2	2	3766	436
Total ..		2654	6007	2764	482	—	—	188	—	140	17438	262	90	71	170	79	285	82	227	408	146	5	2	31500	3771



FACTORIES AND OTHER PREMISES.

HOMEWORK.

Outworkers' Lists, Section 110										Outwork in Unwholesome Premises, Section 111		
NATURE OF WORK	Lists received from Employers				Outworkers resident in Bermondsey received from other Districts	Notices served on Occupiers as to keeping or sending lists	Prosecutions		In-stances	Notices served	Prose-cutions	
	Lists	Outworkers		Failing to keep lists			Failing to send lists					
		Resident in Bermondsey	Resident in other Districts									
								Con-tractors				Work-men
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Wearing Apparel—												
(1) Making, etc.	10	—	87	54	—	24	6	—	—	7	7	—
(2) Cleansing and washing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fur pulling	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Umbrellas, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sacks	6	—	27	18	—	—	2	—	—	3	3	—
Paper, etc., Boxes,												
Paper Bags	2	—	11	3	—	5	2	—	—	—	—	—
Brush making	1	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	1	—
Combs, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leather Goods	2	—	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Surgical Instruments	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coathangers	2	—	5	8	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—
Carding of buttons, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	22	—	—	—	2	2	—
Onion Peeling	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Games and Toys	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Artificial Flowers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	25	—	133	90	—	60	12	—	—	13	13	—

# **FACTORIES AND OTHER PREMISES.**

## **INSPECTION.**

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
<b>Factories with mechanical power . .</b>	4,219	79	—
<b>Factories without mechanical power</b>	2,301	26	—
<b>Other Premises under the Act (in-</b> cluding works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises) . .	1,165	—	—
<b>Total . . . .</b>	<b>7,685</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>—</b>

## **DEFECTS FOUND.**

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.) . . . .	69	69	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.) . . . .	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.) . .	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.) . . .	4	4	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6.) . .	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)—				
Insufficient . . . .	7	7	—	—
Unsuitable or Defective . . . .	93	93	—	—
Not separate for Sexes . . . .	2	2	—	—
Other Offences . . . .	31	31	6	—
(Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937.)				
<b>Total . . . .</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>



**BAKEHOUSES.**

In Use		Not in Use	
Underground	Above ground	Above ground	Underground
13	32	10	3

38 of these are Factory Bakehouses

**HOUSE, TRADE AND MARKET REFUSE.**

The following table shows the amount of house, trade and market refuse disposed of during 1939 :—

Disposal	Loads	tons	cwts.	qrs.
House Refuse to Barge ..	16,473	19,582	7	1
Trade Refuse to Barge ..	3,127	2,245	14	—
Street Markets Refuse to Barge	2,236	2,104	4	1
Totals ..	21,836	23,932	5	2

**OFFENSIVE TRADES.**

The offensive trades on the Register are as follows :—

Fellmongers .....	3	Fatmelters .....	1
Glue and size makers .....	3	Dresser of Fur Skins .....	6

**MORTUARY.**

The Public Health (London) Act, 1936, Section 234, requires the Borough Council to provide a proper place for the reception of dead bodies before interment. The London County Council acts as agent for the Borough Council in this matter and receives into the mortuary at St. Olave's Hospital those bodies for which it is the duty of the Borough Council to provide. A fee of one guinea per body is paid by the Borough Council for this service.

Number of infectious bodies removed .....	Nil
Total number of bodies removed .....	28



**STREET MARKETS.**

The market scheme continues to work smoothly and satisfactorily.

Number of Licences in operation	459
Income	£2,622 14s. 9d.

There have been no prosecutions during the year.

**DRAINAGE WORK.**

Hereunder will be found particulars of drainage work, etc., carried out by the Drainage Inspector during 1939 :—

Drains Tested	673
Visits to Underground Conveniences	225
Other Visits	2,320

**WORK OF THE FACTORIES AND SHOPS INSPECTOR.****Shops.**

Visits	627
Notices served under Shops Act, 1934	4
Notices served under Public Health (London) Act, 1936	28

**Factories (with mechanical power).**

Visits	652
Notices under Factory Act, 1937	68
Notices under Public Health (London) Act, 1936	7

**Factories (without mechanical power).**

Visits	301
Notices under Factory Act, 1937	17
Notices under Public Health (London) Act, 1936	9

**Workplaces.**

Visits	429
Notices served	33
Visits to Offensive Trade premises	156
Various Visits	112
Chimneys watched	19



## X.—FOOD CONTROL.

### PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937.

Ninety-six samples were taken during the year by the Wharves Inspectors, special action being required in connection with the following :—

Article Examined	Result	Action
Anchovy Paste, in metal tubes, Yugoslavia	Tin 4.67 grains per lb. .. " 1.10 " " .. " 1.54 " " .. " 1.77 " " ..	Re-exported.
	Tin 0.22 grains per lb. .. Lead 2 parts per million ..	Owner agreed to cease importing in metal tubes.
Curry Powder, Madras	Lead 40 parts per million .. " 38 " " .. " 32 " " .. " 35 " " ..	Still under detention.
Fish Roe, Caviar Style, Denmark	Benzoic Acid, 360 parts per million ..	Re-exported.
Greengage Pulp, Holland	Copper 480 parts per million	Re-exported.
Sild, Norway ..	Tin 2.52 grains per lb. ..	Stocks destroyed.
Tomato Purée, France	Copper 140 parts per million Tin 0.66 grains per lb.	Re-exported.
Tomato Purée, Italy	Copper 165 parts per million " 160 " " " 125 " "	Re-exported.

Three samples, two of prawns and one of Chinese eggs, were submitted for bacteriological examination, with satisfactory results.

## UN SOUND FOOD.

The general inspection of food in shops and on stalls forms part of the duty of the District Sanitary Inspectors. Food, in the quantities stated, came under the notice of the Inspectors during the year, and being found unfit for human consumption was destroyed.

Description of Food	Weight			
	tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Fish .. .. .	—	2	3	14
Fruit .. .. .	—	4	—	10
Meat .. .. .	—	3	2	14
Milk .. .. .	—	—	—	5
Poultry .. .. .	—	—	—	4
Vegetables .. .. .	—	—	—	24
Total .. .. .	—	10	3	15

## MILK PREMISES.

### MILK AND DAIRIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1922.

### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

Twenty-one milk sellers were registered under the above Acts during 1939, and 24 were removed from the Register, making a total of 253 milk sellers on the Register at the end of the year under report.

### MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

During the year under report the following licences were granted :—

#### Dealers' Licences.

To bottle and sell Tuberculin Tested Milk .....	4
To sell Tuberculin Tested Milk .....	18
To sell Pasteurised Milk .....	28
<b>Supplementary Licences.</b>	
To sell Accredited Milk .....	1
To sell Pasteurised Milk .....	15
To sell Tuberculin Tested Milk .....	8

All premises used for the sale of milk are regularly inspected to ensure that the standard of cleanliness laid down is maintained.



**MILK SAMPLING.**

Samples of milk, both for bacteriological and chemical examination, are taken from milksellers, and special arrangements are made for the sampling of the milk supplied to all schools in the borough. The total number of samples submitted for analysis during 1939 was 756, of which number 74 were taken from schools.

**For Chemical (i.e., Fat and non-Fatty Solids) Examination.**

Liquid Milk, undesignated	401
Liquid Milk, undesignated (informal)	2
Sterilized Milk	92
Tuberculin Tested Milk	4
Accredited Milk (informal)	2
Pasteurised Milk	11
Pasteurised Milk (informal)	35
Condensed Milk (informal)	30
Sterilized Milk (informal)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>578</b>

**For Bacteriological Examination.**

Tuberculin Tested Milk	64
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk	8
Pasteurised Milk (from schools)	37
Pasteurised Milk (other than from schools)	59
For tubercle bacilli	5
For brucella abortus	3
Accredited	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>

**ICE CREAM.**

Seventy-eight samples of ice cream have been examined, with the following results :—

**1. Bacterial Count.**

Up to 500 per 1 c.c.	7
Over 500 to 1,000 per 1 c.c.	2
Over 1,000 to 5,000 per 1 c.c.	11
Over 5,000 to 10,000 per 1 c.c.	10
Over 10,000 to 50,000 per 1 c.c.	22
Over 50,000 to 100,000 per 1 c.c.	7
Over 100,000 to 200,000 per 1 c.c.	5
Over 200,000 to 400,000 per 1 c.c.	1
Over 400,000 to 600,000 per 1 c.c.	1
Over 600,000 to 1,000,000 per 1 c.c.	1
Impossible to count	4
" More than fifteen million "	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>

**2. Presence of B. Coli.**

B. Coli present in 1 c.c., 1 10th c.c. and 1 100th c.c.	14
B. Coli present in 1 c.c. and 1 10th c.c.	6
B. Coli present in 1 c.c.	10
B. Coli absent in 1 c.c., 1 10th c.c., and 1 100th c.c.	42
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**3. Chemical Analysis.**

Fat 2.45 per cent.	1
Fat 2.51 per cent.	1
Fat, 2.61 per cent.	1
Fat 3.85 per cent.	1
Fat, 11.78 per cent.	1
Fat 12.86 per cent.	1
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**PHARMACY AND POISONS ACT, 1933.**

Fifty-two premises were entered on the Council's list for the year under report, one being removed later.

As a result of informal samples being purchased, it was found that fourteen contraventions of the Act occurred, poisons being sold wrongly by both listed and unlisted vendors. Warning letters were sent in each case.

**FOOD AND DRUGS.**

During the year 1,421 articles were submitted for analysis, of which number the following 21 were found to be adulterated. Adulterated samples taken during the four months of war numbered 14.

Eucalyptus	1
Gin	2
Lard	2
Milk	3
Sausages	5
Sild	2
Vinegar	2
Whisky	4
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## PROSECUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH SAMPLES TAKEN

DURING 1939.

No.	Sample	Adulteration or Infringement	Remarks
238	Sausages ..	Selling Sausages containing preservative without causing them to be labelled. Selling Sausages to the prejudice of the purchaser.	Fine £5. Fine £3. Costs £3 3s.
239	Sausages ..	Ditto .. .. .	Dismissed under Probation of Offenders Act, 1907, upon payment of £2 2s. costs.
240	Whisky ..	Selling Whisky to the prejudice of the purchaser.	Fine £15. Costs £3 3s.
241	Sausages ..	Selling Sausages containing preservative without causing them to be labelled. Selling Sausages to the prejudice of the purchaser.	Dismissed under Probation of Offenders Act, 1907, upon payment of £1 1s. costs.
242	Milk ..	Selling Milk 38.6 per cent. deficient in milk fat.	Fine £2. Costs £2 2s.

## ICE CREAM.

## SUMMARY.

	Fines	Costs	Total
1	25	0	0
2	11	11	0
3	36	11	0
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**PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937. .**

Articles	Quantity Unsound															
	Disposed of for purposes other than human food				Destroyed				Removed for sorting under S.A.				Exported			
	Weight				Weight				Weight				Weight			
	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Meat ..	24	12	0	24	2	3	0	23	67	0	0	0	3	19	2	25
Dairy Produce	7	17	3	24	112	19	0	0	—	5	0	0	—	—	—	—
Fruit ..	—	—	—	—	124	7	0	14	45	0	0	0	6	10	0	0
Fish ..	—	—	—	—	14	12	0	21	—	—	—	—	2	14	0	0
Nuts ..	1	18	0	0	8	5	2	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vegetables ..	—	—	—	—	89	3	0	15	—	4	1	11	—	—	—	—
Confectionery	1	5	0	0	—	1	2	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cereals ..	63	14	3	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Various ..	—	—	—	—	44	4	1	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ..	99	8	0	4	395	16	1	4	112	9	1	11	13	3	2	25



# WORK OF THE WHARF AND FOOD INSPECTORS, 1939.

				1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12										
Visits				Food Factories														Number of Samples taken									
				Jam	Butter and Margarine	Other												Fish Curers	Food Stores	Food Wharves and Depots	Milksellers	Pharmacy and Poisons	Destruction of Food	Nuisances Found	Intimations Served	Various	Ice Cream Premises
Mr. Frankson	..	..	9	4	25	2	60	1278	—	—	157	2	2	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mr. Toll	..	..	—	6	152	—	333	2512	—	—	311	1	1	46	—	—	—	62	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mr. Butcher	..	..	44	20	129	12	133	1305	—	—	135	6	1	152	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mr. Tapsfield	..	..	—	—	1	—	—	82	602	213	3	—	—	84	74	1421	3	175	5	72	3	3	65	—	—	—	
Totals .. ..			53	30	307	14	526	5177	602	213	606	9	4	282	74	1421	96	175	5	72	3	3	65	—	—	—	

## XI.—HEALTH SERVICES.

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Visits	Number of samples taken									
	Jam	Butter and Margarine	Other	Fish Curers	Food Stores	Food Wharves and Depots	Milk-sellers	Pharmacy and Poisons	Destruction of Food	Nuisances Found
Mr. Frankson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mr. Toll	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mr. Butcher	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mr. Tapfield	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	53	30	307	14	526	5177	602	213	606	9