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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1940.

Chairman	Councillor	E. J. GIBSON	..	1939-40, 1940-41
Vice-Chairman	"	S. R. WEIGHTMAN		1939-40, 1940-41
Alderman	M. Mahoney	Councillor	C. J. Lee	
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"	A.M. Downing	"	Mrs. W. L. Miller	
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"	Mrs. L. A. Glasson	"	Mrs. J. V. Snowdon	
"	Mrs. F. Humphreys		A. E. Winch	
"	A. V. Kidd			

Ex-officio :

Councillor A. G. R. HENLEY, J.P., Mayor of Bermondsey,
1939-40, 1940-41

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE, 1940.

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Chairman ..	Alderman	Mrs. L. Jones, 1940-41
Vice-Chairman	Alderman	Mrs. L. Jones, 1939-40
Vice-Chairman	Councillor	Mrs. F. A. Powell, 1940-41
Alderman	Mrs. L. M. Brown	Councillor Mrs. L. A. Glasson
Councillor	D. Bradley	" Mrs. F. Humphreys
"	Miss I. Condon	" Mrs. R. E. Laker
"	Mrs. M. Cushing	" Mrs. M. F. Lowery
"	E. J. Gibson	" Mrs. J. V. Snowdon

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Mrs. E. B. Childs	Mrs. A. M. Hatcher
Rev. L. Davidson	Mrs. A. P. Henley

Ex-officio :

Councillor A. G. R. HENLEY, J.P., Mayor of Bermondsey,
1939-40, 1940-41

STAFF :**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.**

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 (Retired May, 1940)

J. G. Frankson, Senior Inspector

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

H. E. Butcher, Wharves and Food Inspector

W. C. Tapsfield, Wharves and Food Inspector

F. L. Richardson, Drainage and Markets Inspector

H. J. Bailey, Food and Drugs Inspector

W. A. Campbell, Factories and Shops Inspector

District Inspectors.

F. J. Carpenter

W. A. Pilson

A. W. Hancock

O. W. R. Smart

L. T. Knott

W. F. Smith

C. E. Lockley (Resigned May, 1940)

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—*H. T. Levi, M.B., Ch.B.

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 (Resigned August, 1940) and Elsie Watkins (Resigned August, 1940)

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.

Health Visitors.

Barbara Anderson

Elizabeth Lawrence

Rosa Bache

Olive Oram

Avis Baird

Kathleen Parry

Sarah Bowles

Gwendolen Riches

Lucy Brown

Edith Riley

Florence Carter

Florence Robson

(Resigned July, 1940)

Edith Crundwell

Florence Wadds

Phyllis Hesketh

Isabel White

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.)

X-RAY SECTION.

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

Radiographer—C. F. Lumley.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT :

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.

CLERICAL STAFF.

A. I. Fair, Chief Clerk (Retired August, 1940)	H. J. Smith, General Clerk
F. W. Smith, Chief Clerk	C. H. Harris, General Clerk
C. W. Whye, General Clerk	*J. W. J. Seward, General Clerk
A. Manning, General Clerk	Alice Jones, General Clerk
F. R. Parker, General Clerk	F. Cornwell, General Clerk
J. A. Blake, General Clerk	*H. D. White, General Clerk
J. F. M. Brooker, General Clerk	*J. L. Springett, General Clerk
C. F. Yaxley, General Clerk	*F. H. Mummery, Junior Clerk
Rose Dutch, Clerk and Dispenser (Retired November, 1940)	Joyce Field, Junior Clerk
	*S. R. Weightman, Junior Clerk
	Nellie Simms, Junior Clerk (Commenced August, 1940)

DISINFECTING AND CLEANSING STATION :

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 1940. In accordance with the instructions of the Minister the Report has been made as brief as possible and therefore consists almost solely of statistics. During the year the two Committees which are mainly concerned with the work of this Department, namely, the Public Health Committee and the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, have continued to meet though with less frequency than usual. I am grateful for the support and encouragement which I have received from the members and wish particularly to express this gratitude to the two Chairmen. It is always the privilege of a chief official to come into close contact with the Mayor, and in war-time this relationship is closer than at other times. I may therefore be permitted to say how greatly we have missed the friendly, cheerful and encouraging presence of the late Mayor, Councillor A. G. Henley, J.P., who was killed by enemy action on the 11th May, 1941.

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 rateable value of the borough on the 31st December, 1940 was £873,847, the product of a penny rate being £3,445.

POPULATION.

Census		Estimate of Registrar General	
1921	1931	to 30th June, 1939	to 30th June, 1940
119,452	111,542	†95,500 ‡90,210	71,590

† For calculation of Birth Rate.

‡ For calculation of Death Rate.

BIRTHS.

The total number of births belonging to the borough registered during 1940 was 1,232, consisting of 615 males and 617 females. The number for 1939 was 1,275.

The birth rate for 1940 was 17·2 per 1,000 persons living, compared with 13·4 for 1939.

The death rate for 1940 was 21·7 per 1,000 persons living, compared with 11·2 for 1939.

MARRIAGES.

The figures have been supplied by the Superintendent Registrar. This makes a marriage rate of 33.13 per 1,000 of the population, compared with a marriage rate last year of 26.35.

Year						No.	Rate
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
1939	..	..	..	..	..	1,258	26·35
Average for years 1930—1939 ..						1,030	19·85
1940						1,186	33·13

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for the year 1940 has been calculated on the figure of 1,146 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
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
1939	45	37	2,409	47
Average for years 1930-1939 } ..	93	57	3,550	61
1940	40	35	2,062	48

TUBERCULOSIS OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.

In the following Table will be found particulars of deaths from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System since the year 1930.

Sub-District	Bermond-sey	Rother-hithe	St. Olave	Whole Borough		London	
Year	No.	No.	No.	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
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	0.63	2590	0.64
1939.. ..	38	21	6	65	0.72	2650	0.70
Averages for years 1930-1939 ..	63	26	6	9	0.90	3188	0.76
1940.. ..	43	21	4	68	0.95	2687	0.87

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1940 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
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
1939	* 95,500 ‡ 90,210	1,275	13.4	40	31	968	10.7	445	201	243	1,010	11.2
Averages for years 1930-1939	104,347	1,607	15.3	75	46	1,132	10.9	663	185	318	1,265	12.1
1940	71,590	1,232	17.2	35	28	1,483	20.7	829	304	373	1,551	21.7

* For calculation of Birth Rate,

‡ For calculation of Death Rate.

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CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1940.

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	1551	40	13	21	47	106	205	412	707				
	Uncertified	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever						—	—	—	—	—				
Cerebro-spinal Fever						2	—	—	—	—				
Scarlet Fever						—	—	—	—	—				
Whooping Cough						1	1	—	—	—				
Diphtheria						—	—	—	—	—				
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System						68	—	1	—	13	19	30	5	
Tuberculous — other forms						3	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	
Syphilitic Disease						10	1	—	—	—	3	4	2	
Influenza						7	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	
Measles						—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis ..						—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Acute Infectious Encephalitis						—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (Males only)						18	—	—	—	—	—	5	13	
Cancer of Uterus						—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum						38	—	—	—	—	1	19	18	
Cancer of Breast						10	—	—	—	—	—	8	2	
Cancer of all other sites						72	—	—	—	1	4	29	37	
Diabetes						6	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions						91	—	—	—	—	1	2	25	63
Heart Disease						279	—	—	—	1	4	6	67	201

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1940—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 up wards
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System ..	34	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	25
Bronchitis	140	1	1	—	1	—	5	41	91
Pneumonia	90	7	3	3	2	3	6	26	40
Other Respiratory Diseases	15	—	1	—	1	—	3	7	3
Ulceration of the Stomach or Duodenum ..	19	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	9
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Appendicitis	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	1
Other Digestive Diseases	30	2	1	—	—	—	3	10	14
Nephritis	104	—	—	—	—	—	6	11	87
Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Other Maternal Causes	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
Premature Births	12	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital Malformations, Births, Injury, Infantile Diseases	6	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Suicide	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1
Road Traffic Accidents	4	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	—
Other Violent Causes	417	7	5	16	39	77	122	95	56
All Other Causes	61	—	1	1	1	3	11	14	30
	1551	40	13	21	47	106	205	412	707

DEATHS FROM ZYMOTIC DISEASES, 1940.

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
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
1939	1010	11.2	17	.19	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	.08	2	.02	—	—	8	.09
Average for years 1930-1939	1265	12.1	52	.49	—	—	17	.16	1	.01	8	.08	6	.06	1	.01	18	.17
1940	1551	21.7	3	.04	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	.01	—	—	2	.03

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Deaths from Stated Causes at Various Ages under One Year of Age, 1940.

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
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Tuberculous Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other forms of Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Tuberculous Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Pneumonia (all forms)	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	3	7
Other Respiratory Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3
Congenital Debility and Malformation,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Premature Birth	10	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
Injury at Birth	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4
Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	2	2	9
Totals ..	13	2	—	—	—	3	7	6	9	40

II.—INFECTIOUS DISEASES, ETC.

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 PREVENTION.

The appended table shows the attendances at the Schick Clinics during the year

Clinic	No. of Sessions	No. of new patients	Total Attendances
Public Health Centre, Grange Road	37	79	461
Public Air Raid Shelters	2	50	50
Totals ..	39	129	511

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	566	Pillows (cases) ..	1,312
Blankets	5,481	Quilts	925
Bolsters	455	Sheets	1,155
„ (cases)	257	Furniture	1,192
Books	51	Miscellaneous	4,747
Mattresses	2	Verminous Clothing ..	642
Overlays	1,427	„ Bedding	6,603
Pillows	1,651	Scabies, Clothing ..	6,157

26,044 new tabs were used to replace those taken off mattresses, palliasses, and cushions before disinfection.

Number of rooms disinfected	1,798
Number of air raid shelters disinfected	96

Number of mattresses and other articles destroyed ..	774
Furniture, Floorcloth, etc. destroyed	101½ Loads

CLEANSING STATION.

Verminous persons cleansed ..	Adult Females ..	121
	Adult Males ..	51
	Children ..	1,664

Persons treated for Scabies:—

	Number treated	Number of baths given
Adult Females	152	305
Adult Males	75	153
Children, Females	195	1,049
Children, Males	173	1,027

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 three, one for scarlet fever, one for scabies and one for temporary insanitary condition of house, the total number of persons accommodated being 19.

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			
			Positive		Negative	
	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940
DIPHTHERIA (specimens taken by Medical Officer of Health)	149	34	3	—	146	34
Ditto (taken by general practitioners)	793	388	34	17	759	371
DIPHTHERIA (total specimens taken)	942	422	37	17	905	405
PTHTHISIS	939	510	146	80	793	430
VARIOUS	229	94	18	7	211	87
Total specimens taken	2110	1026	201	104	1909	922

FOOD POISONING.

Five 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-nine patients have been supplied during the year as compared with thirty-three patients in 1939.

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	26	423	7	110	33	533
Broncho pneumonia ..	5	92	2	28	7	120
Bronchitis	10	115	1	13	11	128
Influenza	31	408	2	15	33	423
Measles	7	140	2	38	9	178
Whooping Cough ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis :—						
(a) Respiratory						
System	27	2,325	8	241	35	2,566
(b) Other Forms ..	1	106	—	—	1	106
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	1	36	2	44	3	80
Puerperal Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pregnancy and Labour	25	390	7	67	32	457
Diseases of the Digestive						
System	14	127	—	—	14	127
Infantile Diarrhoea						
(under 2 years)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Discharging Ears ..	3	49	—	—	3	49
Discharging Eyes ..	1	10	2	41	3	51
Post-operative cases :—						
(a) Tonsils & Adenoids	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Other cases ..	3	19	3	24	6	43
Other diseases	20	222	3	30	23	252
Totals	174	4,462	39	651	213	5,113

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1940.

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)	56	3	19	17	9	2	2	3	—	1	—	—	10	16	7	6	5	1	45	5	—	2	7	—	3	1	4	55
Erysipelas	43	1	1	—	—	1	3	9	9	8	8	3	11	6	6	1	2	3	29	6	5	—	11	2	—	1	3	27
Scarlet Fever	243	3	116	59	26	19	7	10	1	1	1	—	39	51	40	9	18	19	176	31	13	11	55	10	2	—	12	230
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	29	3	3	—	1	11	4	2	2	2	1	—	4	2	6	3	4	—	19	3	3	3	9	—	1	—	1	27
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Fever ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	11	—	—	—	—	1	3	5	2	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	—	4	2	4	—	6	—	1	—	1	6
Enteric Fever	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
Dysentery	6	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia (Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal) ..	104	6	23	3	2	4	5	11	11	11	10	18	18	19	22	11	2	5	77	5	14	6	25	1	1	—	2	35
Whooping Cough ..	25	9	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	5	2	—	2	14	3	2	2	7	1	3	—	4	17
Measles	229	23	167	33	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	70	29	31	18	12	13	173	17	4	15	36	10	10	—	20	184
Tuberculosis—Respiratory System	97	—	2	2	1	14	16	28	11	12	8	3	10	16	13	12	5	8	64	8	11	10	29	3	1	—	4	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis	6	—	—	1	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	5	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	855	51	347	115	44	56	43	71	39	37	28	24	167	141	133	66	52	52	611	82	62	49	193	27	22	2	51	587

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEARS 1931-1940.

Notifiable Disease.	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
Small Pox	3	16	21	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	263	263	386	372	273	207	167	187	135	56
Erysipelas	49	49	68	73	53	39	28	57	35	43
Scarlet Fever	310	446	640	597	367	266	167	200	112	243
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	9	9	4	2	2	4	10	3	8	29
Acute Polio-Myelitis and Acute Polio-Encephalitis	1	3	1	—	—	—	1	1	7	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	14	10	7	6	5	6	1	10	5	2
Anthrax	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	—
Enteric Fever	1	2	2	2	3	15	5	2	—	2
Puerperal Fever	13	8	6	2	3	6	1	1	—	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	37	27	24	13	19	9	13	10	9	11
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	2	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	1	—	3	1	43	26	2	6
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria (induced)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Pneumonia (Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal)	167	102	136	121	113	125	170	112	121	104
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	103	275	101	383	25
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	7	85	889	39	229
Tuberculosis :—										
Respiratory System	175	177	182	141	129	142	147	112	94	97
Other forms of Tuberculosis	40	35	34	32	34	34	31	18	20	6
Totals	1,083	1,149	1,512	1,371	1,004	966	1,145	1,730	973	855

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, 1940—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	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
5	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
15	4	10	—	2	2	6	—	1
20	7	16	2	1	2	3	—	1
25	19	13	—	2	7	3	—	1
35	9	4	—	—	6	3	—	—
45	10	2	—	—	8	2	—	—
55	6	3	—	—	15	5	—	—
65 and upwards .. .	2	2	—	—	2	3	—	—
	60	53	3	6	42	26	—	3

TABLE II.
TUBERCULOSIS, 1940—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	7	2	9	13·23	—	1	1	33·33
0·1 month ..	6	2	8	11·77	—	1	1	33·33
1·3 months	4	2	6	8·82	—	1	1	33·34
3·6 months	—	1	1	1·47	—	—	—	—
6·12 months	4	4	8	11·77	—	—	—	—
1·2 years ..	3	3	6	8·82	—	—	—	—
2·5 years ..	9	7	16	23·53	—	—	—	—
Over 5 years	9	5	14	20·59	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	42	26	68	100·00	—	3	3	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 ; 2,672 visits were paid by the nurses in 1940. A limited provision is made for the supply of extra nourishment to tuberculous persons, and this usually takes the form of eggs and milk ; 68 patients received help in this way during the year. The scheme for the provision of shelters has been continued, and 5 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.

RETURN SHOWING THE WORK OF THE DISPENSARY DURING THE YEAR 1940.

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	34	29	—	—	1	4	2	2	35	33	2	2	72	
(b) Diagnosis not completed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	5	
(c) Non-tuberculous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	162	104	8	6	280	
B.—CONTACTS examined during the year :—														
(a) Definitely tuberculous	6	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	6	6	—	1	13	
(b) Diagnosis not completed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
(c) Non-tuberculous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	26	15	16	72	
C.—CASES written off the Dispensary Register as														
(a) Recovered	14	9	5	4	—	6	5	5	14	15	10	9	48	
(b) Non-tuberculous (including any such cases previously diagnosed and entered on the Dispensary Register as tuberculous) ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	177	130	23	22	352	
D.—NUMBER OF CASES on Dispensary Register on December 31st :—														
(a) Definitely tuberculous	263	217	29	28	31	37	37	30	294	254	66	58	672	
(b) Diagnosis not completed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	5	

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1. Number of cases on Dispensary Register on January 1st.. 731
2. Number of cases transferred from other areas and cases returned after discharge under Head 3 in previous years 9
3. Number of cases transferred to other areas, cases not desiring further assistance under the scheme, and cases "lost sight of" 44
4. Cases written off during the year as Dead (all causes) .. 61
5. Number of attendances at the Dispensary (including Contacts) 2,353
6. Number of Insured Persons under Domiciliary Treatment on the 31st December 110
7. Number of consultations with medical practitioners :—
 - (a) Personal 109
 - (b) Other 230

8. Number of visits by Tuberculosis Officers to homes (including personal consultations) 715
9. Number of visits by Nurses or Health Visitors to homes for Dispensary purposes *1,048
10. Number of :—
 - (a) Specimens of sputum, etc., examined 510
 - (b) X-ray examinations made in connection with Dispensary work 790
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 275

* In addition to these visits 480 visits were made by the Lady Almoner.

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1930.

Summary of Notifications during the period from the 1st January, 1940, to the 31st December, 1940.

Formal Notifications														
Number of primary notifications of new cases of Tuberculosis														Total Notifications
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 (all ages)		
Pulmonary, Males	—	2	1	—	4	3	16	8	10	6	1	51	62	
„ Females	—	—	1	1	10	13	12	3	2	2	2	46	50	
Non-Pulmonary Males	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	
„ Females	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	4	4	

New cases of Tuberculosis coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the abovementioned 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	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	1	—	—	1	9
„ Females	—	1	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	1	—	7
Non-Pulmonary Males	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
„ Females	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2

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

1st QUARTER, 1940.

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter	351	271	87	95
Number of Cases notified during Quarter..	19	12	—	2
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	3	2	1	—
Number of Cases removed from the Register	25	10	3	5
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter	348	275	85	92

2nd QUARTER, 1940.

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter	348	275	85	92
Number of Cases notified during Quarter..	17	14	1	2
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	3	1	—	—
Number of Cases removed from the Register	28	22	6	8
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter	340	268	80	86

3rd QUARTER, 1940.

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter	340	268	80	86
Number of Cases notified during Quarter ..	10	7	—	—
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	1	3	—	2
Number of Cases removed from the Register	6	10	—	2
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter	345	268	80	86

4th QUARTER, 1940.

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Quarter	345	268	80	86
Number of Cases notified during Quarter..	5	13	1	—
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc.	2	1	—	—
Number of Cases removed from the Register	7	12	1	3
Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of Quarter	345	270	80	83

IV. LIGHT TREATMENT, ELECTRO-THERAPY AND MASSAGE.

The following table shows the work done in the Solarium during 1940. No diathermy treatments have been given since September, as Defence Regulations do not permit the use of the apparatus without adequate screening. This screening is now completed and the machines will be in use again shortly.

Total Number of Attendances	..	..	..	11,943
Number of Treatments	..	..	..	23,504
Massage	..	..	..	2,104
Physical Exercises	..	..	..	392
Medical Electricity	..	..	..	904
Diathermy	..	..	..	1,557
Q-Ray Pad	..	..	..	230
Mechanical Vibratory Massage	..	..	..	14
Local Treatments—				
Radiant Heat and Ultra Violet Light	..	..	6,360	
Number of Medical Examinations	..	..	1,117	
Number of New Cases	..	..	494	

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 206, a decrease on the figures for 1939.

Number of women admitted	..	..	101
Number of babies admitted	..	..	58
Number of toddlers admitted	..	..	47

OBSTETRIC AND PUERPERAL FEVER CONSULTANTS.

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

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

CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

During the year 15 visits were paid by the visitor to 4 foster-mothers with 4 children. These children were subsequently evacuated and at the end of the year there were no foster-children in the borough.

HEALTH VISITORS.

The following table shows the work done by the Municipal and Voluntary Centres and Health Visitors during 1940 :—

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		Pri- mary Visits	Re- visits	Puerperal Pyrexia & Fever	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Measles	Whooping Cough	Tuberculosis	Post-Infectious Disease			
			Under 1 year	1-5 years											
Miss Anderson	86	76	347	527	34	41	1	—	5	1	127	—	11	113	—
Miss Bache	72	85	483	665	57	145	5	2	2	1	64	—	161	219	—
Miss Baird	73	61	213	174	25	27	—	—	7	9	53	2	65	101	—
Miss Bowles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	505	—
Miss Brown	70	50	112	382	25	30	2	—	—	—	82	—	103	132	—
Miss Carter	62	37	150	195	8	5	—	—	—	—	16	—	59	62	—
Miss Crundwell	54	74	285	415	32	22	—	—	4	2	48	—	52	94	—
Miss Hesketh	—	10	29	51	2	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	201	81	—
Miss Lawrence	103	115	259	392	11	2	1	—	2	—	144	—	148	127	—
Miss Oram	68	67	389	614	24	49	—	—	28	1	101	—	340	196	—
Miss Parry	58	71	367	567	41	133	—	—	27	1	63	—	68	209	—
Miss Riches	65	67	98	1199	27	6	—	2	—	1	27	—	47	66	—
Miss Riley	40	40	213	309	11	23	—	—	53	4	61	—	18	92	—
Miss Robson	66	50	278	540	23	36	—	—	—	1	63	—	22	103	—
Miss Wadds	77	62	284	364	31	40	—	—	4	—	42	—	23	352	—
Miss White	51	62	846	1354	61	208	1	8	86	4	131	—	72	144	—
Miss Williams	16	23	27	114	—	—	—	—	31	3	24	—	—	33	—
Salomon's Centre	—	—	—	—	61	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	961	950	4380	6862	473	815	10	12	249	28	1048	2	1390	2629	—

ATTENDANCES AT MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

The following table shows attendances at Maternity and Child Welfare Centres during 1940 :—

Name of Centre	Children's Consultations						Ante-natal Clinic				Sewing Class		Gynaecological 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	160	234	35	3,929	2,718	2,863	102	207	6	1,128	—	—	47	91	291
98 Rotherhithe New Road	105	159	16	2,520	1,669	2,383	65	131	6	767	—	—	4	3	14
Community Centre	49	50	12	762	840	914	4	—	—	—	35	532	—	—	—
Bermondsey Gospel Mission	87	93	6	1,553	1,333	1,791	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salomon's Centre	—	—	—	—	—	—	152	336	159	1,825	—	—	—	—	—
Fulford Street ..	100	142	34	1,765	958	1,683	76	129	1	779	—	—	—	—	—
Central Hall ..	177	186	41	2,491	1,798	2,616	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	678	864	144	13,020	9,316	12,250	401	803	172	4,499	35	532	51	94	305

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS, 1940.

Births.

Registered—

		Total	Males	Females
Live Births	Legitimate ..	1,200	600	600
	Illegitimate ..	32	15	17
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population .. 17.2				
		Total	Males	Females
Stillbirths ..	..	48	22	26
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births .. 37				
Notified within 36 hours of birth—				
(1) Live Births, 977. (2) Stillbirths, 36. (3) Total, 1,013				
(1) By Midwives, 890*. (2) By Parents and Doctors, 123.				
* Including 368 births delivered by midwives in Hospitals.				

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Deaths	1,551	795	756
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population .. 21.7			

Maternal Deaths.

Calculated on the figure of 1,194 (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.. ..	1	0.84
Other puerperal causes ..	3	2.51
Total	4	3.35

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age.

Calculated on the figure of 1,146 live births furnished by the Registrar-General.

All Infants per 1,000 live births	35
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	34
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	62

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

To Expectant Mothers	(1) First Visits, 473.	(2) Total Visits, 1,238
To Infants under 1	(1) First Visits, 950.	(2) Total Visits, 5,330
To Children, 1—5 .. .. .	.. .. .	Total Visits, 6,862

Convalescent Homes for Children under 5.

Number of Beds, 16. Number of Children under 5 received during the year, 105.

Day Nurseries.

Number of day nurseries Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	138
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	2

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 1940

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	170	157	463	7	141	1	—	—	273
	Over 5 years	364	332	902	125	242	128	2	—	774
										—
	Totals ..	534	489	1365	132	383	129	2	—	1047
98, ROTHERHITHE NEW ROAD.	Under 5 years	104	86	421		102	4	—	—	203
	Over 5 years	177	113	437	63	113	59	1	—	369
	Totals ..	281	199	858	63	215	63	1	—	572
Totals both Centres		815	688	2223	195	598	192	3	—	1619

DENTAL TREATMENT CARRIED OUT DURING 1940

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	713	666	1910	433	195	94	17	208	63	1614
	Women ..	880	819	1329	698	94	188	20	79	90	1428
	Men	1488	1438	2825	1294	112	176	33	216	149	2775
	Tuberculosis Cases	12	9	22	6	2	5	1	3	2	17
	Children (Table I.)	534	489	1365	132	383	129	2	—	—	1047
	Totals ..	3627	3421	7451	2563	786	592	73	506	304	6881
98, ROTHERHITHE NEW ROAD	Maternity Cases	195	243	885	89	130	28	8	62	23	605
	Women ..	221	242	551	164	68	63	6	25	14	386
	Men	234	304	677	216	48	40	7	58	22	574
	Children (Table I.)	281	199	858	63	215	63	1	—	—	572
	Totals ..	931	988	2971	532	461	194	22	145	59	2137
Totals both Centres		4558	4409	10422	3095	1247	786	95	651	363	9018

VII.—CONSULTATION AND OTHER CLINICS.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT.

The number of patients examined in this Department was much smaller than in 1939. This was mainly due to the reduction in the population since September.

Total number of Attendances	..	..	..	1,263
Number of Individual Cases	..	..	..	1,096
Number of New Cases	..	..	..	843
Number of Screenings	..	..	..	1,037
Number of Films	..	..	..	1,653

Analysis of Films :—

Chests	..	..	..	..	790
Bones	..	..	..	..	148
Barium Meals	..	..	..	..	72
Barium Enemas	..	..	..	..	9
Hearts	..	..	..	..	50
Kidneys	..	..	..	..	8
Abdomens	..	..	..	..	12
Gall Bladders	..	..	..	..	2
Sinus	..	..	..	..	1
Oesophagus	..	..	..	..	1
Urinary Tract	..	..	..	..	3

POST-NATAL AND SPECIAL CLINICS FOR WOMEN.

The total number of attendances at the Gynaecological Clinic was 305 ; of these 94 patients attended for the first time.

The majority of the patients were suffering from some gynaecological disorder and were either treated at the clinic or recommended to their own doctor or hospital.

The sixteen patients who were not suitable for the clinic were referred back to their own doctor.

Seven patients sought advice for sterility.

Twenty-four patients attended on account of menstrual irregularities, and the remainder were suffering from some minor disorder due to menopause, such as backache, high blood pressure, and displacements.

FOOT CLINIC.

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

Clinic	Men	Women	Total
Bermondsey	1,434	3,757	5,191
Rotherhithe	1,089	2,979	4,068
Totals	2,523	6,736	9,259

VIII.—PROPAGANDA.

During the year 1940 lectures and demonstrations illustrated by cinema films were given as follows:—

Lectures	..	..	70
Persons attending	..		4,320

Since the beginning of the war the whole of the activities of the Propaganda Section have been devoted to A.R.P. work. Open air illustrated demonstrations have had to be abandoned, and school lectures cannot take place under existing conditions. Early in 1941 arrangements were made through the Bermondsey Shelter Council for Film Shows to be given as a regular feature in the Public Shelters during the winter evenings, and a report on this will be given next year.

IX.—SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

HOUSING.

During the year 1940, no areas were represented or declared by the Council.

One hundred and forty-two flats were erected during the year. Particulars of these are given hereunder :—

Redriff Estate	..	1 flat
Arnold „	..	30 flats
Neckinger „	..	22 „
Kirby „	..	50 „
Lockyer „	..	22 „
St. Mary's „	..	17 „

HOUSING ACT, 1936—OVERCROWDING.

Owing to changes in the occupation of houses, due to war damage, London County Council and private evacuation, it is impossible to give any reliable figures relative to overcrowding.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Sulphur Dioxide Gas, and the proprietary agent "Pyagra," 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 explain to the tenants the importance and means of preventing infestation.

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

	Infested	Disinfested
Council houses or flats	183	183
Council houses on Insanitary Areas during decanting	171	171
Houses disinfested prior to demolition	—	40
Other houses or flats	86	126

INSPECTIONS. PROCEEDINGS, ETC.

Hereunder will be found particulars of Inspections, Proceedings, etc., for the year 1940 :—

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR :—

- | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 3,791 |
| (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose | 21,769 |
| (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 .. | 1,752 |
| (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose | 2,049 |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .. | Nil |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .. | Nil |

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	700
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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 | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :— | |
| (a) By owners | 47 |
| (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 | 1,339 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :— | |
| (a) By owners | 639 |
| (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 .. Nil

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.. .. Nil

(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 Nil

(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 18,258

Number of houses occupied by the working classes 18,014

REGISTERED PREMISES—

Premises	Number on Register at end of 1940	Number of Inspections	Number of Prosecutions
Common Lodging Houses	3	20	—
Seamen's Lodging Houses	2	6	—
Milkshops	210	503	—
Houses let in lodgings	748	1,260	—
Ice Cream Premises	151	201	—
Offensive Trades (including Poultry Slaughter-houses)	13	115	—

SMOKE NUISANCES—

Number of observations 23

Number of notices —

Number of complaints 2

Number of summonses Nil

WATER SUPPLY TO TENEMENT HOUSES—

Premises supplied 2

Prosecutions Nil

SALE OF FOOD—

Number of premises used other than ice-cream premises, milk shops and cowsheds 489

Number of inspections 1,092

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

There are four premises in the District where rag flock is used and six 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 two 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, 1940.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
		House-to-House	Special Inspections	Complaints	Infectious Diseases	Outworkers' Bi-Annual Inspection	Drains Tested	Other Calls and Visits	Chimneys watched	Bakehouses	Common and Seamen's Lodging Houses	Butchers	Fishmongers, Friers and Curers	Food Stores	Fruiters and Greengrocers	Ice Cream	Markets	Restaurants and Eating Houses	Destruction of Food	Various	TOTALS	
																					Visits	Ints
District	No. 1 ..	156	1623	155	44	—	1	556	—	11	5	3	2	3	1	2	—	1	2	—	2565	98
"	No. 2 ..	287	1803	377	60	19	4	2035	3	7	—	12	7	28	6	16	11	5	1	—	4681	275
"	No. 3 ..	64	222	192	32	9	1	649	—	6	2	7	6	2	3	—	5	3	1	1	1205	193
"	No. 4 ..	10	116	86	24	1	5	617	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	861	149
"	No. 5 ..	315	1704	174	36	—	19	1224	—	3	—	6	2	18	4	—	—	8	1	—	3514	127
"	No. 6 ..	305	1557	238	29	13	17	657	4	4	6	3	3	6	4	4	—	3	1	—	2854	154
"	No. 7 ..	342	1912	190	100	41	2	1944	2	8	1	19	3	70	10	17	6	12	2	—	3781	167
"	No. 8 ..	273	1493	198	104	22	7	766	2	6	11	6	1	4	—	8	35	3	—	—	2939	176
Total ..		1752	10430	1610	429	105	56	7548	11	45	25	56	24	132	28	48	57	35	8	1	22400	1339

FACTORIES AND OTHER PREMISES.

HOMEWORK.

NATURE OF WORK	Outworkers' Lists, Section 110										Outwork in Unwholesome Premises Section, 111			
	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	Prosecu-tions	
	Lists	Outworkers			Failing to keep lists				Failing to send lists					
		Resident in Bermondsey		Resident in other Districts										
	(1)	(2)	Con-tractors		Work-men	(4)	(5)	Con-tractors	Work-men	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Wearing Apparel :—														
(1) Making, etc.	4	—	25	45	6	41	2	—	—	3	3	—		
(2) Cleansing and washing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Fur pulling	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—		
Umbrellas, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—		
Sacks	4	—	42	38	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	—		
Paper, etc., Boxes, Paper Bags	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—		
Brush making	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—		
Combs, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Leather Goods	3	—	5	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Surgical Instruments	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Coathangers	1	—	2	6	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Carding of buttons, etc	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Onion Peeling.. . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Games and Toys	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Artificial Flowers	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Total	14	—	74	98	9	73	2	—	—	7	7	—		

**FACTORIES AND OTHER PREMISES.
INSPECTION.**

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power ..	3,661	11	
Factories without mechanical power	1,668	6	—
Other Premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises)	189	—	—
Total ..	5,518	17	—

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.)	4	4	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.) ..	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6.)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)—				
2 Insufficient	2	2	—	—
Unsuitable or Defective	29	29	—	—
Not separate for Sexes	—	—	—	—
Other Offences	7	7	2	—
(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)				
Total	42	42	2	—

BAKEHOUSES.

In Use		Not in Use	
Underground	Above ground	Above ground	Underground
11	27	9	3

34 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 1940 :—

Disposal	Loads	tons	cwts.	qrs.
House Refuse to Barge ..	12,807	14,842	17	2
Trade Refuse to Barge ..	3,134	2,147	4	2
Street Markets Refuse to Barge	1,395	1,035	0	3
Totals ..	17,336	18,025	2	3

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	26

STREET MARKETS.

The market scheme continues to work smoothly and satisfactorily.

Number of Licences in operation	..	..	..	379
Income	..	..	..	£1,802 11s. 6d.

There have been 3 prosecutions during the year.

DRAINAGE WORK.

Hereunder will be found particulars of drainage work, &c., carried out by the Drainage Inspector during 1940:—

Drains Tested	..	..	..	..	..	405
Visits to Underground Conveniences	..	..	..	..	..	168
Other Visits	..	..	..	..	..	1,029

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

Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	454
Notices served under Shops Act, 1934	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Notices served under Public Health (London) Act, 1936	..	..	..	..	..	..	23

Factories (with mechanical power).

Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	302
Notices under Factory Act, 1937	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Notices under Public Health (London) Act, 1936	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

Factories (without mechanical power).

Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	162
Notices under Factory Act, 1937	..	..	..	..	..	..	—
Notices under Public Health (London) Act, 1936	..	..	..	..	..	..	2

Workplaces.

Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	200
Notices served	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Visits to Offensive Trade premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	115
Various Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	76
Chimneys watched	..	..	..	..	..	..	12

X.—FOOD CONTROL.

PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937.

Twenty-three samples were taken during the year by the Wharves Inspectors, action being taken in connection with the following cases:—

Article Examined	Result	Action
Portuguese Sardines ..	Lead 8 parts per million	A warning was given to the merchant in all cases to communicate with shipper to eradicate metallic contamination,
Portuguese Sardines ..	Lead 8 parts per million	
Chinchards	Lead 10 parts per million	
Portuguese Sardines ..	Tin 0.2 grains per pound	
Portuguese Sardines ..	Lead 8 parts per million	

UNSOUND 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	21
Fruit	—	—	4	8
Meat	1	15	1	21
Poultry	—	—	—	6
Total	1	19	2	0

MILK PREMISES.**MILK AND DAIRIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1922.
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938,**

Nineteen milk sellers were registered under the above Acts during 1940, and 62 were removed from the Register, making a total of 210 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 sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	..	..	..	..	17
To sell Pasteurised Milk	..	..	..	..	26

Supplementary Licences.

To sell Pasteurised Milk	..	..	..	..	11
To sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	..	..	..	..	6

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 1940 was 618 of which number 52 were taken from schools.

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

Liquid Milk, undesignated	..	..	..	..	372
Liquid Milk, undesignated (informal)	..	..	..	..	6
Sterilized Milk	..	..	..	..	68
Pasteurised Milk	..	..	..	..	24
Pasteurised Milk (informal)	..	..	..	..	15
Condensed Milk (informal)	..	..	..	..	20
					<hr/> 505 <hr/>

For Bacteriological Examination.

Tuberculin Tested Milk	..	..	..	..	42
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk	..	..	..	..	7
Pasteurised Milk (from schools)	..	..	..	..	26
Pasteurised Milk (other than from schools)	32
For tubercle bacilli	4
For brucella abortus	2

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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.	..	..	..	..	3
Over 500 to 1,000 per 1 c.c.	..	..	..	..	1
Over 1,000 to 5,000 per 1 c.c.	..	..	..	..	7
Over 5,000 to 10,000 per 1 c.c.	..	..	..	..	6
Over 10,000 to 50,000 per 1 c.c.	..	..	..	..	25
Over 50,000 to 100,000 per 1 c.c.	..	..	..	..	15
Over 100,000 to 200,000 per 1 c.c.	..	..	..	..	6
Over 200,000 to 1,000,000 per 1 c.c.	..	..	..	..	1
Over 1,000,000 to 2,000,000	..	..	..	..	2
" More than five million"	..	..	..	..	5
					<hr/> 71

2. Presence of B. Coli.

B. Coli present in 1 c.c., 1/10th c.c., and 1/100th c.c.	26
B. Coli present in 1 c.c., and 1/10th c.c.	4
B. Coli present in 1 c.c.	3
B. Coli absent in 1 c.c., 1/10th c.c., and 1/100th c.c.	38
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3. Chemical Analysis.

Fat 1.75 per cent.	1
Fat 3.03 per cent.	1
Fat 3.80 per cent.	1
Fat 6.35 per cent.	1
Fat 7.09 per cent.	1
Fat 8.84 per cent.	1
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PHARMACY AND POISONS ACT, 1933.

Thirty-eight premises were entered on the Council's list for the year under report.

As a result of informal samples being purchased, it was found that two contraventions of the Act occurred, poisons being sold wrongly by listed vendors. A warning was given in both cases.

FOOD AND DRUGS.

During the year 1383 articles were submitted for analysis, of which number the following 20 were found to be adulterated :—

Camphorated Oil	..	..	..	..	..	1
Curry Powder	..	..	..	..	..	1
Gin	..	..	..	..	..	5
Lard	..	..	..	..	..	1
Milk	..	..	..	..	..	6
Sausages	..	..	..	..	..	1
Shredded Suet	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rum	..	..	..	..	..	2
Vinegar	..	..	..	..	..	1
Whisky	..	..	..	..	..	1
						<hr/> 20 <hr/>

PROSECUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH SAMPLES TAKEN DURING 1940.

No.	Sample	Adulteration or or Infringement	Remarks
243	Milk	52.6% deficient in fat ..	Fine £2 Costs £2 2s. (Taken in conjunction with previous sample)
244	Gin	4.0% excess water ..	Fine £3 Costs £3 3s.
245	Gin	11.4% excess water ..	Fine £5 Costs £3 3s.
246	Rum	16.0% excess water ..	Fine £6 Costs £3 3s.
247	Sterilized Milk ..	5.4% added water ..	Fine £2 Cost £3 3s.
248	Milk	43.0% deficient in fat ..	Case dismissed—first offence

SUMMARY.

				£	s.	d.
Fines	..	..	..	18	0	0
Costs	..	..	..	14	14	0
				<hr/> £32	14	0 <hr/>

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	103	11	2	23	10	14	2	11	049	9	1	14	-	-	-	-
Dairy Produce	27	13	0	20	278	18	3	5	164	18	0	8	-	-	-	-
Fruit	73	6	3	16	134	8	3	6	56	4	0	0	-	-	-	-
Fish	3	6	3	2	98	6	0	5	-	-	-	-	25	0	0	0
Nuts	183	11	2	3	-	-	-	-	4	6	1	5	-	-	-	-
Vegetables ..	2	6	2	17	94	12	1	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cereals	3505	11	1	11	10	0	3	3	7	9	0	0	-	-	-	-
Various	8	2	1	2	119	5	3	10	31	8	3	13	62	0	0	0
Total	3907	13	0	25	746	7	1	3	1313	15	2	12	87	0	0	0

WORK OF THE WHARF AND FOOD INSPECTORS, 1940.

Visits	1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13							
	Food Factories			Fish Curers	Food Stores	Food Wharves and Depots	Milk-sellers	Pharmacy & Poisons	Destruction of Food	Nuisances Found	Intimations Served	Food Control	Various	Ice Cream Premises	Number of Samples taken							
	Jam	Butter and Margarine	Other												Food and Drugs	Imported Food Regulations	Milk (Special Designation) Order	Samples of Milk for presence of Tubercle Bacilli	Ice Cream (Bacteriological Examination)	Samples of Milk for presence of Bacillus Abortus	Imported Food (Bacteriological Examination)	Pharmacy & Poison
Mr. Toll ..	—	30	411	—	352	2113	—	—	302	2	2	—	153	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mr. Butcher	38	56	105	6	199	1142	—	—	132	13	2	—	207	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mr. Tapscott	14	10	140	—	14	375	310	57	58	—	—	69	59	20	738	—	78	2	10	1	—	12
Mr. Bailey	—	—	5	—	284	—	193	45	248	—	—	976	40	61	646	—	29	2	61	1	—	7
Totals	52	96	661	6	849	3630	503	102	740	15	4	1045	459	81	1384	23	107	4	71	2	—	19

XI.—HEALTH SERVICES.

The detailed list of health services shown in previous Annual Reports has not been published this year, owing to the frequent changes in the services necessitated by war conditions.

All services will be maintained as fully as possible, and up-to-date information regarding the time-tables of all Centres and Clinics, the Ambulance Facilities afforded by the London Ambulance Service of the London County Council, Obstetric and Puerperal Fever Consultants and other services will be supplied on application to the Medical Officer of Health, Telephone No. BERmondsey 2109.