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A. Manning, Supervisor.

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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,

In submitting my Annual Report for the year 1951 I am glad to be able to take the opportunity of thanking the Mayor and the Members of the Public Health Committee for their kindness and help during the year, and the staff for their good work which they have carried out with, as usual, unfailing cheerfulness and integrity.

I am, Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. M. CONNAN.

I.—VITAL STATISTICS.

AREA.

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

POPULATION.

Census		Estimate of Registrar-General	
1931	1951	to 30th June, 1950	to 30th June, 1951
111,542	60,661	59,810	60,380

BIRTHS.

The total number of births belonging to the borough registered during 1951 was 1,062 consisting of 564 males and 498 females. The number for 1950 was 1,146. The birth-rate for 1951 was 17.6 per thousand persons living, compared with 19.2 for 1950.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Year	Whole Borough		London	
	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Births	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Births
1941	32	61	1,543	57
1942	38	47	2,035	50
1943	49	53	2,284	51
1944	56	66	2,250	51
1945	44	52	2,011	44
1946	53	39	2,527	38
1947	50	33	2,454	34
1948	20	16	1,869	31
1949	33	29	1,517	27
1950	23	20	1,372	26
Average for years 1941-1950	40	42	1,986	41
1951	27	25	1,333	25

TUBERCULOSIS OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.

In the following Table will be found particulars of deaths from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System since the year 1941.

Sub-District	Bermondsey	Rotherhithe	St. Olave	Whole Borough		London	
Year	No.	No.	No.	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1941.. ..	34	17	1	52	1.18	2552	1.10
1942.. ..	34	13	1	48	0.93	2164	0.90
1943.. ..	30	15	4	49	1.08	2204	0.88
1944.. ..	30	16	1	47	1.05	2073	0.84
1945.. ..	28	15	2	45	0.96	2033	0.78
1946.. ..	23	8	1	32	0.57	1940	0.62
1947.. ..	26	21	5	52	0.88	2044	0.62
1948.. ..	26	12	7	45	0.74	1900	0.57
1949.. ..	32	8	1	41	0.68	1585	0.47
1950.. ..	15	7	1	23	0.38	1225	0.36
Averages for years 1941-1950 ..	28	13	2	43	0.84	1972	0.71
1951.. ..	16	5	—	21	0.35	1154	0.34

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1951 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 etc. 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
1941	44,220	756	17.1	23	44	874	19.8	569	259	432	1,047	23.7
1942	44,440	814	18.3	36	44	673	15.1	520	285	285	673	15.1
1943	45,440	925	20.6	31	34	713	15.7	517	228	276	761	16.7
1944	44,800	846	18.9	28	33	722	16.1	453	209	296	809	18.1
1945	47,040	848	18.0	13	15	582	12.4	357	147	251	686	14.6
1946	56,320	1,353	24.0	18	13	728	12.9	424	191	242	779	13.8
1947	59,040	1,531	25.9	22	14	766	13.0	421	198	209	777	13.2
1948	60,410	1,218	20.2	16	13	676	11.0	332	166	200	710	11.8
1949	60,440	1,140	18.9	16	14	664	11.0	301	108	170	726	12.0
1950	59,810	1,146	19.2	10	9	731	12.2	413	181	175	725	12.1
Averages for years 1941-1950	52,196	1,058	20.1	21	23	713	13.9	431	197	254	769	15.1
1951	60,380	1,062	17.6	10	9	723	11.9	417	180	200	743	12.3

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1951.

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 under 75	75 and up- ward
All Causes	{ Certified Uncertified	743 —	27 —	1 —	2 —	5 —	7 —	48 —	178 —	231 —	244 —
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System		21	—	—	—	—	—	9	9	2	1
Tuberculosis, Other Forms		4	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—
Syphilis and its Sequelæ		2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Typhoid Fever		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cholera		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery, All Forms		2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Scarlet Fever and Streptococcal Sore Throat		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infections		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Plague		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhus and other Rickettsial Diseases		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Other Diseases Classified as Infective and Parasitic		1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Malignant Neoplasms, including Neoplasms of Lymphatic and Hematopoietic Tissues		147	—	—	—	1	2	11	52	57	24
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms		3	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—
Diabetes Mellitus		1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Anæmias		2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Vascular Lesions affecting Central Nervous System		83	—	—	—	—	—	2	16	26	39
Non-Meningococcal Meningitis		1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rheumatic Fever		1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease		11	—	—	—	1	1	4	3	1	1

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1951—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 under 75	75 and up- wards
Arteriosclerotic and Degenerative Heart Disease	162	—	—	—	—	1	8	29	57	67
Other Diseases of Heart	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	13	7
Hypertension with Heart Disease	22	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	7	10
Hypertension without mention of Heart	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Influenza	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	1
Pneumonia	88	6	1	1	—	—	1	16	27	36
Bronchitis	57	—	—	—	—	—	1	14	19	23
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2
Appendicitis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
Gastritis, Duodenitis, Enteritis and Colitis, except Diarrhoea of the Newborn	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Cirrhosis of Liver	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	10	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	2	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Congenital Malformations	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Birth Injuries, Post-Natal Asphyxia and Atelectasis	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infections of the Newborn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases peculiar to Early Infancy, and Immaturity Unqualified	11	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Senility without mention of Psychosis, Ill- Defined and Unknown Causes	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
All Other Diseases	24	—	—	—	1	—	1	8	5	9
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	1
All Other Accidents	13	1	—	—	—	1	2	4	—	5
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injury	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—
Homicide and Operations of War	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	743	27	1	2	5	7	48	178	231	244

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Deaths from Stated Causes at Various Ages under One Year of Age, 1951.

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 and Streptococcal Sore Throat	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculous Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Meningococcal Infections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Tuberculous Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilis and its Sequelæ	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	1	—	1	2	—	2	—	2	6
Other Respiratory Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gastro Enteritis and Colitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital Malformations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Birth Injuries, Post-Natal Asphyxia and Atelectasis	7	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	7
Infections of the Newborn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases peculiar to Early Infancy and Immaturity Un- qualified	11	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	11
Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2
TOTALS	18	1	—	1	20	1	2	1	3	27

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS, 1951.

Births.

Registered—				Total	Males	Females
Live Births	{	Legitimate ..	..	1,012	540	472
		Illegitimate	..	50	24	26
				Total	Males	Females
Stillbirths	{	Legitimate ..	..	30	16	14
		Illegitimate	..	2	2	—
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births						29

Notified within 36 hours of birth—

(1) Live Births, 1,049 (2) Stillbirths, 29 (3) Total, 1,078

						Total	Males	Females
Deaths	..	..	..	..	..	743	414	329

Maternal Deaths.

				Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) birth
Deaths from complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium				1	0.91

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age.

All Infants per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	..	25
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	..	..	..	..	28
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	..	..	..	..	—

Day Nurseries.

Number of day nurseries 4.

Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms (all ages)	..	..	147
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	..	..	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	..	..	Nil

II.—INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following diseases are notifiable :—

Disease.	Authority for Notification.
Acute Encephalitis	Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 143). Regulation (No. 2259) made by the Minister of Health, 1949 (1.1.50)
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 143). Regulation (No. 1207) made by the Minister of Health, 1927 (1.1.28).
Acute Primary Pneumonia —	do.
Acute Poliomyelitis	Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 143). Regulation (No. 2259) made by the Minister of Health, 1949 (1.1.50)
Anthrax	L.C.C. Order—Public Health (London) Act, 1936 (Section 305)
Cholera	Public Health (London) Act, 1936 (Section 304).
Continued Fever —	do.
Diphtheria	do.
Dysentery —	Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 143). Regulation (No. 1207) made by the Minister of Health, 1927 (1.1.28).
Enteric Fever (includes Typhoid and Paratyphoid).	Public Health (London) Act, 1936 (Section 304). Regulation (No. 1207) made by the Minister of Health, 1927 (1.1.28).
Erysipelas —	Public Health (London) Act, 1936 (Section 304).
Food Poisoning	Food and Drugs Act, 1938 (Section 17).
Glanders —	L.C.C. Order—Public Health (London) Act, 1936 (Section 305).
Hydrophobia in Man —	do.
*Leprosy ..	Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 143). Regulation (No. 1036) made by the Minister of Health, 1951 (22.6.51).
Malaria —	Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 143). Regulation (No. 1207) made by the Minister of Health, 1927 (1.1.28).
Measles —	Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 143). Regulations made by the Minister of Health, 1938 and 1940.

*Notification to be sent to Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health.

Disease.	Authority for Notification.
Membranous Croup — — —	Public Health (London) Act, 1936 (Section 304).
Meningococcal Infection	Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 143) Regulation (No. 2259) made by the Minister of Health, 1949 (1.1.50)
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	L.C.C. Order—Public Health (London) Act, 1936 (Section 305).
Plague — — — — —	Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 143). Regulations of Local Government Board, 1900.
Puerperal Pyrexia	Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 143). Regulation (No. 1081) made by the Minister of Health, 1951 (1.8.51).
Relapsing Fever..... — — —	Public Health (London) Act, 1936 (Section 304).
*Scabies — — — — —	County of London (Scabies) Regulations, 1943.
Scarlatina or Scarlet Fever	Public Health (London) Act, 1936 (Section 304).
Small-pox — — — — —	do.
Tuberculosis	Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 143). Regulation (No. 704, made by the Minister of Health, 1952 (1.5.52).
Typhus Fever — — — — —	Public Health (London) Act, 1936 (Section 304).
Whooping Cough — — —	Public Health Act, 1936 (Section 143). Regulations made by the Minister of Health, 1938 and 1940.

* A notification is not required where to the knowledge of the medical practitioner, a case of scabies has occurred in the house and has been notified within the four weeks immediately preceding the date on which he first became aware of the disease in the case he is attending.

FOOD POISONING

Seven cases of food poisoning were notified to me during the year under The Food and Drugs Act, 1938, Section 17. None of these cases could be classified as an "outbreak," and there were no deaths.

DISINFECTION.

The figures showing the work done in the disinfecting station are set out below.

Beds	.....	81	Pillows	.....	509
Blankets	.....	1,513	Pillows (cases)	.....	262
Bolsters	.....	33	Quilts	.....	311
„ (cases)	.....	8	Sheets	.....	565
Books	.....	769	Miscellaneous	.....	25,602
Cushions	21	Verminous Clothing	1,326
Overlays	343			

Number of rooms disinfected	608
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Number of mattresses and other articles destroyed	445
Furniture, Floorcloth, etc., destroyed	30 Loads

CLEANSING STATION.

Verminous persons cleansed	.....	Adult Females	.....	31
		Adult Males	.....	124
		Children	.....	1,432

Persons treated for Scabies :—

	Number treated	Number of baths given
Adult Females	8	20
Adult Males	7	18
Children, Females (School Age)	15	58
Children, Males („ „)	6	14
Children, Females (Under School Age)	1	1
Children, Males („ „ „)	2	7

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1951.

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 & up-wards																
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
Erysipelas ..	9	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	3	1	2	2	1	2	3	—	—	8	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ..	82	1	29	47	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	8	5	5	2	2	23	8	35	12	55	2	1	1	4	17
Meningococcal Infection	6	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	2	1	1	—	—	5	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	3
Enteric Fever ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ..	131	4	79	27	3	—	1	10	2	1	1	3	19	15	24	15	4	5	82	7	20	18	45	3	1	—	4	18
Acute Polio-Myelitis	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	18	—	—	—	—	3	6	6	3	—	—	—	—	1	2	5	2	—	10	5	—	1	6	1	1	—	2	10
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia (Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal) ..	28	1	5	5	—	—	1	3	3	—	1	9	3	7	11	1	—	1	23	1	1	1	3	—	2	—	2	—
Whooping Cough ..	75	18	41	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	2	9	6	3	—	36	15	16	7	38	1	—	—	1	6
Measles ..	1197	59	852	268	13	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	115	109	173	169	69	57	692	143	147	152	442	43	20	—	63	27
Scabies ..	6	—	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	3	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis—Respiratory System	89	—	4	2	—	7	19	22	10	8	11	6	6	13	13	14	6	7	59	9	8	3	20	4	6	—	10	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis	9	—	3	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	3	1	3	8	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	1656	87	1020	366	21	14	34	43	22	15	14	20	165	160	243	226	87	75	956	188	228	197	613	55	31	1	87	84

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEARS 1942-1951.

Notifiable Disease.	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
Small Pox	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	72	74	30	31	22	34	37	65	3	2
Erysipelas	39	21	17	14	15	12	13	7	9	9
Scarlet Fever	128	197	108	95	82	152	199	85	72	82
Meningococcal Infection	2	7	7	—	5	3	1	—	1	6
Acute Polio-Myelitis and Acute Polio-Encephalitis	—	2	1	2	4	27	7	4	3	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	7	3	4	10	2	5	3	—	1
Anthrax	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	2	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Fever	—	3	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	10	6	7	8	4	5	5	4	18
Dysentery	7	15	23	32	12	4	2	1	4	131
Malaria	—	1	1	1	4	—	1	1	—	—
Malaria (Induced)	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia (Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal)	55	112	99	66	54	52	57	43	16	28
Whooping Cough	93	208	224	42	233	297	237	40	267	75
Measles	600	345	345	544	521	334	899	771	367	1197
Scabies	—	283	489	366	253	81	42	7	2	6
Tuberculosis—										
Respiratory System	100	109	111	126	129	100	105	120	105	89
Other forms of Tuberculosis	19	14	18	14	14	16	27	12	10	9
Totals	1,120	1,411	1,482	1,349	1,366	1,125	1,638	1,164	863	1,656

III.—TUBERCULOSIS.

In Table I are set out particulars of new cases and deaths during the year, and Table II shows the state of the Notification Register.

TABLE I.
TUBERCULOSIS, 1951—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	1	—	—	—	—
2	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	—
5	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15	1	7	—	1	—	—	—	—
20	10	14	1	1	—	—	—	—
25	10	16	1	1	4	3	2	—
35	8	5	—	1	2	—	—	—
45	10	1	1	—	2	—	—	1
55	12	1	—	—	6	1	—	—
65	3	1	1	—	2	—	1	—
75 and upwards	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	—
	59	50	6	7	16	5	3	1

TABLE II.
TUBERCULOSIS, 1951—NOTIFICATION REGISTER

	Respiratory System		Other Forms	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number of Cases on Register at commencement of Year	333	265	50	48
Number of Cases Notified during Year	49	40	2	7
Inward Transfers, Un-notified Deaths, etc., during Year	10	10	4	—
Number of Cases Removed from the Register during Year	69	54	12	10
Number of Cases Remaining on the Register at end of Year	323	261	44	45

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1930.

Summary of Notifications during the period from the 1st January, 1951, to the 31st December, 1951.

Age Periods	Formal Notifications													Total (all ages)
	Number of Primary Notifications of New Cases of Tuberculosis													
	0 to 1	1 to 2	2 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 to 75	75 and up- wards	
Pulmonary, Males	—	—	2	1	—	1	9	8	7	7	11	2	1	49
„ Females	—	—	2	1	—	6	10	14	3	1	—	1	2	40
Non-Pulmonary Males	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
„ Females	—	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	7

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 2	2 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 to 75	75 and up- wards	Total
Pulmonary, Males	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	1	3	1	1	—	10
„ Females	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	2	2	—	1	—	—	10
Non-Pulmonary Msles	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	4
„ Females	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

IV.—PROPAGANDA.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION LECTURES AND FILM DISPLAYS

The following lectures and film displays were given during the year :—

To Youth Clubs and Children's			
Organisations.....	.....	27	attended by 3,865
„ Adult Organisations	.....	112	„ 5,184
		139	9,049
		139	9,049

Included in the above figures are 12 lectures given by the Sanitary Inspector responsible for catering establishments to factory canteen staffs, caterers and their staffs, etc. This series began in the latter part of the year and opened an intensified campaign for the clean handling of food. Each lecture was illustrated by film strips and cine film. Over 400 persons attended these lectures.

ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Assistance was again given to the Road Safety Sub-Committee during the year, the number of film displays given being 20 with a total attendance of 4,930.

CIVIL DEFENCE CORPS

Films, film strips and lantern slides have all been used by lecturers and instructors in training members of the Civil Defence Corps. Such means of teaching are invaluable and it is regretted that there are not more good films available for this purpose. There were 16 lectures illustrated by films during the year.

SUMMARY

The total number of lectures with films and film displays given during 1951 was 175 with an attendance of 14,290. These necessitated the use of about 125 films, some of which were of general interest as well as those of specific propaganda and teaching value. Audiences varied from about 30 women at a "Mothers' Meeting" or 50 adolescents at a Youth Club to 300 adults at displays in the Council's halls. Wherever an audience was to be found or got together propaganda of one kind or another was carried on.

V.—SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

HOUSING.

During the year 1951 no insanitary areas have been reported or declared by the Council, but Demolition Orders under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, have been made on 12 unfit houses, and Closing Orders under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936, have been made on 2 parts of houses, involving altogether the displacement of 45 persons. 6 Closing Orders were determined during the year.

A block of 41 flats and 1 shop was completed at Neckinger Estate continuation.

Accommodation for 117 families was provided during 1951 in properties controlled by this Council and 291 exchanges or transfers were arranged, providing improved accommodation for tenants.

A further 313 Bermondsey families were accommodated by the London County Council during 1951, 75 of these having been specially recommended by the Bermondsey Borough Council. Notification has been received that one Bermondsey family has been re-housed in a New Town.

HOUSING ACT, 1936—OVERCROWDING.

The following new cases of overcrowding have been encountered during the year :—

In private dwellings	.....	50
In Bermondsey Borough Council dwellings	.....	12
In London County Council dwellings	.....	9
	Total	71

Total number of cases of overcrowding at present on the Register	695
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ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

The following table shows the fumigations carried out during 1951 :—

	Infested	Disinfested
Council houses or flats	110	110
Other houses or flats	221	221

INSPECTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, ETC.

Hereunder will be found particulars of Inspections, Proceedings, etc., for the year 1951 :—

INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR :—

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 4,470
- (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose 23,554
- (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 560
- (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose 560
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 12
- (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 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 3,159

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	Nil
(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 4,510

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—

(a) By owners	1,351
(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 12

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 3

(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 2

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit..... 6

REGISTERED PREMISES—

Premises	Number on Register at end of 1951	Number of Inspections	Number of Prosecutions
Common Lodging Houses ..	2	94	—
Seamen's Lodging Houses ..	—	—	—
Milkshops.. ..	109	287	—
Houses let in lodgings	397	28	—
Ice Cream Premises	140	63	—
Offensive Trades (including Poultry Slaughter-houses)	9	62	—

SMOKE NUISANCES—

Number of observations	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	412
Number of notices	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	Nil
Number of complaints	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	2
Number of summonses	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	Nil

WATER SUPPLY TO TENEMENT HOUSES—

Premises supplied	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	Nil
Prosecutions	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	Nil

SALE OF FOOD—

Number of premises used other than ice-cream premises, milk-shops and cowsheds	.....	.....	.....	.....	368
Number of inspections	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,330

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

There are no factories in the District where rag flock is used.

DRAINAGE WORK.

Particulars of work carried out by the Drainage Inspector during 1951 :—

Drains Tested	447
Other Visits	1,301
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							Total visits 1,748

WORK OF DISTRICT INSPECTORS, 1951.

		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	Rats	Outworkers' Inspection	Drains Tested	Other Calls and Visits	Chimneys watched	Bakehouses	Common and Seamans Lodging Houses	Butchers	Fishmongers, Friers and Curers	Food Stores	Fruiters and Green grocers	Ice Cream	Markets	Restaurants and Eating Houses	Destruction of Food	TOTALS	
																					Visits	Ints.
District No. 1	.....	75	342	1008	304	141	18	82	3067	81	4	69	57	5	60	8	4	6	54	83	5468	598
„ No. 2	.....	157	822	697	252	31	20	20	4453	9	12	20	72	27	84	9	15	61	46	62	6869	831
„ No. 3	.....	113	613	569	239	75	7	64	3012	55	7	1	49	12	83	26	31	9	40	24	5029	299
„ No. 4	.....	29	458	624	320	68	16	127	3051	1	7	—	18	8	38	10	7	21	2	41	4846	618
„ No. 5	.....	34	243	349	148	16	10	39	1329	—	4	—	19	—	32	8	3	—	15	20	2269	285
„ No. 6	.....	152	1179	663	305	100	33	67	2604	7	5	4	75	12	70	—	3	47	37	114	5477	528
Totals	.....	560	3657	3910	1568	431	104	399	17516	153	39	94	290	64	367	61	63	144	194	344	29958	3159

FACTORIES AND OTHER PREMISES.

HOMEWORK.

NATURE OF WORK	Section 110			Section 111		
	Number of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel—						
Making — — — — —	59	—	—	—	—	—
Cotton Bags — — — — —	20	—	—	—	—	—
Sacks — — — — —	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paper Bags — — — — —	11	—	—	—	—	—
The making of Boxes or other Receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper — — — — —	8	—	—	—	—	—
Brush making — — — — —	2	—	—	—	—	—
Publishers — — — — —	7	—	—	—	—	—
Artificial Flowers — — — — —	5	—	—	—	—	—
Carding of Buttons, etc. — — — — —	12	—	—	—	—	—
Christmas Crackers — — — — —	2	—	—	—	—	—
Fancy Goods — — — — —	11	—	—	—	—	—
Total — — — — —	137	—	—	—	—	—

**FACTORIES AND OTHER PREMISES.
INSPECTION.**

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	284	130	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	464	1920	13	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	8	20	—	—
Total	756	2070	14	—

DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars	Number of Cases in which Defects were found				Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6.)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)—					
Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
Unsuitable or Defective	11	11	—	7	—
Not separate for Sexes	3	3	—	—	—
Other Offences	—	—	—	—	—
(Not including offences relating to Home Work)					
Total	14	14	—	7	—

BAKEHOUSES.

In Use		Not in Use	
Underground	Above ground	Above ground	Underground
1	28	—	—

29 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 1951 :—

Disposal	Loads	tons	cwts.	qrs.
House Refuse to Barge	8,853	15,171	14	2
Trade Refuse to Barge	2,895	3,990	—	—
Street Markets Refuse to Barge	274	272	2	—
Open Markets Refuse to Barge	130	141	12	—
House Refuse to Southwark Shoot	27	52	6	—
Trade Refuse to Southwark Shoot	17	22	18	—
Totals	12,196	19,650	12	2

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The offensive trades on the Register are as follows :—

Fellmongers	3	Fatmelters	1
Glue and size makers	1	Dresser of Fur Skins	4

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 Regional Hospital Board 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	25

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

It is the duty of the Borough Council under Section 50 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, to cause to be buried or cremated the body of any person who has died or been found dead in the Borough in any case where no suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body have been or are being made.

The number of burials of such bodies arranged during the year was 2.

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

Inspections	2000	2001	2002	272
Notices served	2000	2001	2002	107
Re-visits	2000	2001	2002	478

During the year 12 lectures with film shows were given to managements and staff of catering establishments ; the total number attending was 420.

WORK OF THE FACTORIES AND SHOPS INSPECTOR.

Shops.

Visits	162
Notices served under Shops Act, 1934	Nil
Notices served under Public Health (London) Act, 1936	2

Factories (with mechanical power).

Visits	320
Notices under Factories Act, 1937	11
Notices under Public Health (London) Act, 1936	5

Factories (without mechanical power).

Visits	130
Notices under Factories Act, 1937	1
Notices under Public Health (London) Act, 1936	3

Workplaces.

Visits	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	40
Notices under Public Health (London) Act, 1936								2

Visits to Offensive Trade premises	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	62
Smoke observations	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	245
Visits to Conveniences and Urinals	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	574
Other calls and visits	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	906

RODENT CONTROL

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

	Type of Property			
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	All other (including Business and Industrial)	Total
I. Total number of properties in Local Authorities District	33	16,807	1,846	18,686
II. Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1951 as a result of (a) of notification or (b) otherwise.	(a) 5	399	110	514
	(b) 3	58	389	450
III. Number of properties (under II) found to be infested by rats.	Major 7	—	212	219
	Minor—	311	118	429
IV. Number of properties (under II) found to be seriously infested by mice	1	138	28	167
V. Number of infested properties (under III and IV) treated by the Local Authority.. .. .	8	449	315	772
VI. Number of Notices served under Section 4 :—				
1. Treatment	—	—	3	3
2. Structural Works (i.e. Proofing)	—	—	1	1
Total	—	—	4	4
VII. Number of cases in which default action was taken by Local Authority following issue of Notice under Section 4.	—	—	—	—
VIII. Legal Proceedings ..	—	—	—	—
IX. Number of “ block ” control schemes carried out ..				8

STREET AND OPEN MARKETS

Number of licences in operation during 1951 :—

Street markets	102
Open markets	287
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Total	389
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Income for 1951 :—	£	s.	d.
Street markets	1,127	5	6
Open markets	4,578	6	0
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Total	£5,705	11	6
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The markets have run smoothly during the year ; income was up by £273 17s. 6d. on 1950 ; there were no prosecutions against licensed traders.

There were 387 successful prosecutions against unlicensed traders, all “ barrow boys ” trading in the London Bridge area. Fines totalling £705 9s. 6d. were imposed with costs amounting to £277 15s. 6d. Thirteen further summonses were dealt with as follows : 3 were adjourned *sine die* owing to the continued illness of police witnesses, 2 were adjourned *sine die* as the defendant had been called up for military service, 4 were dismissed as the magistrate was not satisfied that the evidence was conclusive, and 4 were marked “ Not separately dealt with ”, the defendants having been convicted and fined for offences committed on the same day.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948—SECTION 47

On Friday, 9th November, 1951, I was asked by the District Sanitary Inspector to visit a flat in Bermondsey, his attention having been drawn to the conditions there by the owners who had visited in connection with its redecoration.

The flat consisted of a small kitchen, a smaller bedroom, a separate W.C. and a tiny scullery. The premises were exceedingly dirty and verminous ; there was almost no furniture, but there was a small iron bedstead in the bedroom and another in the kitchen on each of which was a filthy mattress but no bed-clothes. The two occupants, both old women, were not related to one another ; they were personally filthy and did not appear to have washed for many days. I endeavoured to persuade these two old ladies, whose respective ages were 86 and 73, to agree to be removed to an Institution where they could get proper care and cleansing, and I promised that while they were away the flat would be redecorated and prepared for their return. I suggested that this would require at least a fortnight, but both old ladies refused to consider going away.

I visited the flat on three subsequent occasions and eventually persuaded one of the ladies to go to relatives, and the other one promised at the same time to go into an Institution. Unfortunately, in the first case, the relatives refused to take her, and she was ultimately removed to Newington Lodge Institution, S.E.17, with her own consent. In the meantime the other lady had disappeared and could not be found ; when she did return to the flat she was helplessly drunk. I visited her again with the Chief Inspector and found her still too drunk to stand or speak coherently, and there was on the table in front of her a teacup one-third full of methylated spirits and three empty bottles which appeared also to have held methylated spirits. Later on the same day I visited again, accompanied by the Chief Inspector and Dr. Mary Nixon of St. Olave's Hospital, and Dr. Nixon and I signed a certificate in accordance with Section I (1) of the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, and the necessary Order under Section 3 of that Act was made by a Justice of the Peace for the County of London for a period of fourteen days, whereupon she was removed by ambulance to Newington Lodge Institution, S.E.17.

The owners of the flat were notified and the flat was disinfected in preparation for the workmen, after which it was redecorated.

The old lady who had voluntarily entered an Institution returned to the flat after its redecoration. The one removed by the Order decided to remain in the Institution and is still there.

VI.—FOOD CONTROL.

PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937/48.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

PHARMACY AND MEDICINES ACT, 1941.

Seventy-eight samples were taken during the year by the Wharves Inspectors.

Article Examined	No. of Samples	Purpose of Examination	Result	Action
Beans, White	1	To ascertain condition	Satisfactory	Released
Caviar, Italian	1	For metallic contamination	"	"
Cheese, Swiss Gruyere with Ham	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Cherries, Canned	7	For metallic contamination and presence of preservatives	"	"
" "	3	To ascertain condition	"	"
" Drained	4	For metallic contamination	"	"
Crab, Norwegian Dressed	2	" "	"	"
Fruit, Dried Mixed with Sugar	1	For presence of preservatives	"	"
Haarlem Drops	1	To ascertain composition	"	Released with warning to importer re labelling
Ham, Belgian Canned	1	For presence of preservatives	"	Released
" French Canned	1	" "	"	"

Article Examined	No. of Samples	Purpose of Examination	Result	Action
Hors D'oeuvres	1	For metallic contamination	Satisfactory	Released
Jam, Polish Strawberry	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Jelly, Table	1	For presence of preservatives	"	"
" "	1	To ascertain composition	Setting power slightly below standard	Released with warning to importer
Lambs Tongues, New Zealand	2	For presence of preservatives	Satisfactory	Released
Liver Paste with Pork, French	1	To ascertain composition and metallic contamination	"	"
Lobster, Bottled	1	To ascertain condition and presence of preservatives	"	"
Macaroni Sauce, Italian	2	For metallic contamination	"	"
Macaroni Sauce with Ham, Italian	1	" "	"	"
Macaroni Sauce with Meat, Italian	1	" "	"	"
Macaroni Sauce with Mushroom, Italian	1	" "	"	"
Mackerel Fillets	1	To ascertain condition and metallic contamination	"	"
Marshmallow Powder	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Meat Loaf, Australian	1	For presence of preservatives	"	"
Milk Cocoa	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Mushrooms, Dried	2	To ascertain nature	"	"
Meat Gravy	1	To ascertain condition	"	"

Article Examined	No. of Samples	Purpose of Examination	Result	Action
Meat Gravy with Onion	1	To ascertain condition	Satisfactory	Released
Onion Powder, dehydrated Egyptian	2	For metallic contamination	"	"
Orange Curacao	1	To ascertain whether contaminated by river water	"	"
Peas, Canned	1	To ascertain condition	"	"
Pickle, Indian	1	For presence of preservatives	"	"
Pork Brawn	1	" "	"	"
Potato Strips, Dehydrated	1	To ascertain condition	"	"
Powder contaminating Almonds	1	To ascertain composition	Powder harmless	Almonds cleaned and released
Raspberries, Canned German	1	For metallic contamination	Satisfactory	Released
Raspberries in Syrup	1	To ascertain condition	"	"
Ravioli	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Red Currants, Preserved	1	For metallic contamination and presence of preservatives	"	"
Salad Cream, Dutch	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Salt Tablet	1	" "	"	"
Sardines, French Moroccan	1	For metallic contamination	"	"
" "	1	" "	Lead 9 parts per million	Re-sampled
" "	1	" "	Lead 2 parts per million	Released
" Portuguese	5	" "	Satisfactory	"

Article Examined	No. of Samples	Purpose of Examination	Result	Action
Sausages, Vienna	1	To ascertain condition and presence of preservatives	Satisfactory	Released
Strawberries, French Canned	1	For metallic contamination	"	"
" " Preserved	1	For metallic contamination and presence of preservatives	"	"
Sweet Fat	3	To ascertain composition	"	"
Tomato Ketchup, Danish	1	To ascertain composition and metallic contamination	Tomato solids 3.6% Copper on dry solids 14 p.p.m.	Do not conform to the Food Standards (Tomato Ketchup) Order, 1949. Detained.
" "	1	" "	Tomato solids 3.9% Copper on dry solids 16 p.p.m.	
" "	1	" "	Tomato solids 4.0% Copper on dry solids 14 p.p.m.	
Tomato Puree	1	For metallic contamination	Satisfactory	Released
Tomato Sauce with Cockles	1	For metallic contamination and presence of preservatives	"	"
Tomato Sauce with Meat	1	To ascertain composition and metallic contamination	Meat consisted of coarse lumps of cartilage and animal tissue resembling lungs	Surrendered by importer for destruction

Haarlem Oil.—

In November one case of Haarlem Oil was imported from Holland into the borough. On examination by the Wharves and Food Inspector at the wharf the bottles were found to contain a preparation known as "Dutch Drops" and a sample was submitted for analysis. The accompanying literature made claims some of which were in contravention of the Pharmacy and Medicines Act, 1941. The labels did not disclose the names of the ingredients used, and a "Stop" Notice was placed on the goods. Subsequently the importer was interviewed and gave an undertaking to destroy the literature and have the labels corrected to comply with the Act.

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 or disposed of for purposes other than human food.

Description of Food	Weight			
	tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Fish	—	1	—	18
Meat	—	2	1	19
Meat, Canned	1	12	3	4
Offals	—	7	1	10
Bacon	—	1	1	—
Preserves	—	—	2	7
Fruit, Canned	2	3	2	9
Various	—	6	3	19
Total	4	16	—	2

**PHARMACY AND POISONS ACT, 1933 AND
PHARMACY AND MEDICINES ACT, 1941.**

Sixty premises were entered on the Council's list for the year under report.

As a result of samples being purchased, it was found that seven contraventions of the Act occurred, poisons being sold wrongly by unlisted vendors. Warnings were given in all cases.

MILK PREMISES.**FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.****MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.**

Six milk sellers were registered under the above Acts during 1951, and 6 were removed from the Register. There were 109 milk sellers on the Register at the end of the year.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.**MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED) REGULATIONS, 1949.****MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1949.**

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

Dealers' Licences.

To sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	26
To sell Pasteurised Milk.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57
To sell Sterilised Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	99

Supplementary Licences.

To sell Pasteurised Milk.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
To sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
To sell Sterilised Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	18

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 1951 was 728, of which number 103 were taken from schools.

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

Liquid Milk, undesignated	.....	.....	.....	.....	34
Sterilised Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	131
Pasteurised Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	210
Condensed Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
Tuberculin Tested	.....	.....	.....	.....	—
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	44
Channel Islands Milk	36
South Devon Milk	15
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For Bacteriological Examination.

For tubercle bacilli	8
For brucella abortus	4
					<u>12</u>

For Examination under Milk (Special Designations) Regulations

Pasteurised Milk (from schools)	.....	.....	.....	.....	108
Pasteurised Milk (other than from schools)	.....	.....	.....	.....	48
Tuberculin Tested	.....	.....	.....	.....	—
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	.....	.....	.....	.....	31
Heat Treated	.....	.....	.....	.....	—
Sterilised Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	41
					<u>228</u>

ICE CREAM.

108 samples of ice cream have been examined, with the following results :—

1. Bacterial Count.

Up to 500 per 1 c.c.	.....	8
Over 500 to 1,000 per c.c.	.....	7
Over 1,000 to 5,000 per 1 c.c.	.....	21
Over 5,000 to 10,000 per 1 c.c.	.....	14
Over 10,000 to 50,000 per 1 c.c.	.....	23
Over 50,000 to 100,000 per 1 c.c.	.....	2
Over 100,000 to 200,000 per 1 c.c.	.....	4
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
Over 1,000,000 per 1 c.c.	—
Over 2,000,000 per 1 c.c.	—
Over 3,000,000 per 1 c.c.	1
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2. Presence of B. Coli.

B. Coli present in 1 c.c., 1 10th c.c. and 1 100th c.c.	3
B. Coli present in 1 c.c. and 1 10th c.c.	—
B. Coli present in 1 c.c.	—
B. Coli absent in 1 c.c., 1 10th c.c., and 1 100th c.c.	80
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3. Methylene Blue Grading.

Grade 1	38
2	15
3	11
4	19
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4. CHEMICAL ANALYSIS.

Twenty-five samples of ice cream were submitted for chemical analysis under the Food Standards (Ice Cream) Order, 1951. Seventeen samples were satisfactory and eight were not of the standard laid down by the Order.

FOOD AND DRUGS.

During the year 1,356 samples were submitted by the Food and Drugs Inspector. In 31 cases the analysis disclosed an infringement of the law.

No.	Date purchased	Sample	Infringement	Remarks
345	4.1.51	Dried Mint	Moulds growing on sample which was damp and caked	Warning to retailer. Remainder of stock surrendered
361	5.1.51	Tomato Sauce	Contained only 3.6% of tomato solids instead of 6%	Letter to manufacturer
515 516	12.2.51	Norwegian Spread Cod Roe and Cod Liver Spread	Contained 3.7% of starch not included in the list of ingredients on the label	Letter to importer drawing attention to omission
604	26.2.51	Baking Powder	Contained only 5.43% of available Carbon Dioxide instead of 8%	Warning to retailer
613	3.3.51	Mixed Spice	Contained 16 parts per million of lead	Letter to Wholesaler.
694	29.3.51	Pork Sausages	Was 14% deficient in meat and the 2.6% of added milk powder did not compensate for the loss of food value in reducing the meat content below 65%	Prosecution. Fine £5. Costs £3 3s. 0d.
711	2.4.51	Dried Parsley	A living maggot was found	Warning to retailer. Remainder of stock examined and found satisfactory
777	12.4.51	Cheese Spread	Moisture content 58.2%	Letter to importers
869	30.4.51	Processed Cheese	Moisture content 59.3%	Retailer and supplier informed
888	2.5.51	Ice Cream	10% deficient in sugar	Warning to manufacturer
955	16.5.51	Pork Sausages	36% deficient in meat	Prosecution. Fine £10. Costs £3 3s. 0d.
62	18.6.51	Continental Sausage	Was a coarse fish product and should not be called a "Sausage"	Warning to retailer

No.	Date purchased	Sample	Infringement	Remarks
73	19.6.51	Ice Cream	32% deficient in fat and 24% deficient in sugar	Prosecution. Fine 40s. Costs £1 1s. 0d.
216	12.7.51	Ice Cream	90% deficient in sugars for sweetening	Prosecution. Fine 40s. Costs £1
227	15.7.51	Ice Cream	48% deficient in fat	Prosecution. Fine 40s. Costs £1
229	15.7.51	Ice Cream	Slightly deficient in sugars	Warning to manufacturer
230	15.7.51	Ice Cream	26% deficient in fat	Prosecution. Fine 40s. Costs £1
231	15.7.51	Ice Cream	60% deficient in sugars for sweetening and completely deficient in sucrose	Prosecution. Fine 40s. Costs £1
232	15.7.51	Ice Cream	13% deficient in sugars for sweetening	Warning to manufacturers
219	12.7.51	Prescription	Deficient in Magnesium Sulphate and Sodium Bicarbonate 5 grs. and 2 grs. respectively per $\frac{1}{2}$ fl. oz. and contained 2 grs. Sodium Sulphate in excess	Letter to dispenser
278	20.7.51	Tomato Ket-Ketchup	Contained copper to the extent of 36 parts per million in excess of the limit of 50 parts per million on the dry solids	Letter to manufacturer
383	10.8.51	Curry Powder	Contained 23 parts per million of lead Limit 10 parts per million	Prosecution. Dismissed, warranty proved
401	14.8.51	Prescription	Deficient in Magnesium Sulphate and Sodium Sulphate 6 grs. and $1\frac{1}{2}$ grs. respectively per $\frac{1}{2}$ fl. oz.	Letter to dispenser

No.	Date purchased	Sample	Infringement	Remarks
562	24.9.51	Tomato Ketchup	Contained copper to the extent of 17 parts per million in excess of the limit of 50 parts per million on the dry solids	Letter to retailer
563	24.9.51	Table Jelly	Setting power was unsatisfactory	Warning to retailer
646	5.10.51	Processed Gruyere Cheese	Contained excessive moisture and insufficient butter fat as judged by the recommendations of the Food Standards Committee of the Ministry of Food	No action
659	8.10.51	Chop Sauce	Surface of sauce in the bottle was covered with a considerable growth of mould	Warning to retailer. Remainder of stock surrendered
798	1.11.51	Boracic Lint	Deficient in Boric Acid to the extent of at least 58%	Re-sampled and found satisfactory
874	14.11.51	Baking Powder	18.7% deficient in available Carbon Dioxide	Warning to retailer
889	19.11.51	Pork Sausages	17.5% deficient in meat	Prosecution. Absolute discharge. Costs £3 3s. 0d.

PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937/48.

	Disposed of for purposes other than human food				Destroyed				Removed for sorting under Sanitary Authority				Re-exported			
	T.	Weight C.	Q.	L.	T.	Weight C.	Q.	L.	T.	Weight C.	Q.	L.	T.	Weight C.	Q.	L.
Bacon ..	1	16	1	24	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barley ..	3	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beans ..	19	4	2	8	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Biscuits ..	7	13	2	19	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Butter ..	—	—	—	27	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cake, ..	—	1	2	—	—	2	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cake Filling	—	—	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cake Mixture	—	11	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capers ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capsicums ..	—	12	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Casings ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	—	—	—
Cereals ..	—	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cheese ..	—	3	1	—	9	19	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cherries, Drained ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
Chillies ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cocoa Beans	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	5	—	—	2	14	2	—
Coconut, Desiccated..	—	5	1	8	—	1	3	4	2	11	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coconut, In Syrup ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Confectionery	17	11	3	8	2	12	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coriander ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Corn, Sweet	—	—	—	—	—	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cornflour ..	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—
Crab Paste ..	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Custard Powder ..	—	3	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eggs, Albumen	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ Dried..	—	—	—	—	3	5	2	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ Frozen	—	—	—	—	1	4	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ Liquid	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ Shell ..	—	—	—	—	19	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fish, Canned	—	10	3	18	1	3	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Flour ..	138	—	3	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fondant ..	1	10	—	—	1	19	—	—	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—
Fruit, Bottled	—	—	—	—	9	8	2	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ Canned	—	1	1	—	178	15	—	2	32	—	—	—	86	10	—	—
„ Dried	—	14	2	—	—	4	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ Fresh	—	—	—	—	5	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ Juice & Pulp..	—	—	—	—	31	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ginger ..	—	—	2	1	—	1	3	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lard.. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lentils ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
Meat, Canned	11	—	2	2	32	18	1	22	4	11	—	13	4	—	1	12

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPORTED FOOD REGULATIONS, 1937/48—continued.

	Disposed of for purposes other than human food				Destroyed				Removed for sorting under Sanitary Authority				Re-exported			
	T.	Weight C.	Q.	L.	T.	Weight C.	Q.	L.	T.	Weight C.	Q.	L.	T.	Weight C.	Q.	L.
Meat Not																
Canned	—	4	2	1	—	3	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	22
Milk, Canned	—	—	—	22	—	10	1	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ Powdered	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nuts... ..	21	14	2	23	—	5	—	2	—	12	3	18	—	—	—	—
Offals ..	—	18	1	15	1	1	2	25	2	—	—	—	6	—	—	—
Onions ..	—	—	—	—	143	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pastry Mix ..	—	2	—	—	3	14	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peas ..	—	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pea Pickings	230	11	3	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peel, Candied	—	—	—	—	—	17	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pickles ..	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pimento ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poultry ..	—	—	—	—	—	13	2	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Preserves :																
Jam ..	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jelly ..	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lemon Curd	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marmalade	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mincemeat	—	—	—	—	—	15	3	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rice ..	16	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salad Cream	—	—	—	—	1	7	2	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salami ..	2	8	2	—	—	—	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Soups ..	—	—	—	—	—	8	3	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sweetened Fat	3	14	3	15	—	3	1	—	8	15	—	7	—	—	—	—
Tapioca ..	1	12	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—
Tea ..	—	9	—	20	—	—	—	—	4	19	1	6	15	3	2	1
Tomatoes,																
Canned ..	—	—	—	—	18	10	2	16	—	—	—	—	60	8	1	20
Tomato Puree	—	—	—	—	39	1	1	5	6	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomato Sauce	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vegetables,																
Canned ..	—	—	—	—	2	7	3	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Various ..	91	10	3	1	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whalemeat ..	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	612	4	3	1	519	17	3	13	68	1	—	17	209	6	3	27

WORK OF THE WHARF AND FOOD INSPECTORS, 1951.

Visits	1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11										
	Food Factories			Food Stores	Food Wharves and Depots	Ice Cream Premises	Milk sellers	Pharmacy and Poisons	Condemnation of Food	Nuisances Found	Intimations Served	Various	Number of Samples taken for Analysis										
	Jam	Butter and Margarine	Other										Chemical			Bacteriological							
													Food and Drugs	Imported Food Regulations	Pharmacy & Medicines	Pharmacy & Poisons	Milk (Special Designation) Regulations	Milk for Tubercle Bacilli	Milk for Bacillus Abortus	Ice Cream	Jellied Eels	Microscopical (PolishBacon)	
Mr. Toll	—	—	256	556	1458	—	—	—	266	—	—	176	—	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Mr. Butcher ..	5	7	209	625	1623	—	—	—	509	3	3	210	—	14	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mr. Tapsfield ..	45	1	299	609	1229	—	—	—	536	—	—	47	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mr. Bailey	—	—	6	176	368	93	287	85	37	—	—	445	1345	9	—	18	228	8	4	83	12	—	—
Mr. Knott	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals .. —	50	8	770	1966	4678	93	287	85	1348	3	3	878	1358	75	1	18	228	8	4	83	12	—	6

