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ON THE

HEALTH

OF THE

Metropolitan Borough of Deptford,

BY

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1921

DEPTFORD:

Gaylard & Son, 446 New Cross Road, S.E. 14.

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THE MUNICIPAL MATERNITY HOME.

Public Health Committee.

Mayor.

Alderman W. H. GREEN, J.P.

Chairman.

Councillor Rev. J. MAHONEY.

Vice-Chairman.

Councillor A. G. HOWARD.

Councillor Mrs. M. Charlton.

Councillor Mrs. B. M. Drapper, J.P.

Councillor Miss A. M. Jacob.

Alderman E. J. Knight.

Councillor W. F. Marchant, O.B.E., L.C.C.

Councillor J. P. Searle.

Councillor J. Tiffen.

Councillor Mrs. L. E. White.

Councillor E. C. Wood.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee

Chairman.

Councillor Mrs. B. M. DRAPPER, J.P.

Vice-Chairman.

Mrs. G. TIFFEN.

Consists of the Members of the Public Health Committee and the following co-opted Members :—

Mrs. G. E. Green, *Mayoress.*

Mrs. L. H. Monk.

Mrs. G. Tiffen.

Sister Constance Welch.

Staff of the Public Health Department.

Medical Officer of Health.

CHARLES S. THOMSON, M.D., D.P.H., B.H.Y.

Assistant Medical Officers of Health.

NICHOLAS M. DONNELLY, M.B., D.P.H. (Tuberculosis Officer).

GLADYS WARD, M.D., D.P.H.

(Maternity and Child Welfare Officer.)

Public Analyst.

HENRY G. HARRISON, M.A. (Cantab), F.I.C.

Sanitary Inspectors.

ROBERT D. J. SIMPSON	FREDERICK HEWETT.
PHILIP SHELLEY	HARRY ALLAM.
JOHN V. SNOWDON.	ALBERT E. YATES.
ARTHUR G. KEMP.	WILLIAM F. MAYO.

Health Visitors.

Miss A. S. BAIRD	Miss H. F. G. PIPER
Miss E. CLUBBE	Miss W. C. SMART.
Miss E. HOLLAND	Miss E. T. STOWELL

Chief Clerk.

CHARLES A. CHAPMAN.

Clerks.

HENRY J. L. SMITH	F. GILES.
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Municipal Dispensary for the Prevention of Consumption,
78 Amersham Vale, New Cross, S.E.

Nurse—Miss PORTEOUS.

Attendant—G. ABBOTT.

Municipal Maternity Home.

52 Wickham Road.

Medical Officer—GLADYS WARD, M.D., D.P.H.

Matron—Miss KATE SMITH.

Nurses—Miss E. CROSS, Miss G. TRELOAR, Miss E. M. LEE,
Miss E. C. MACAULAY.

Coroner's Court and Mortuary.

Attendant—G. W. J. WAGNER.

Disinfecting Station.

C. F. DOWSETT (Chief Disinfecter).

T. LYONS	F. SMITH	J. LLOYD
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Cleansing Station.

Bath Attendant—Mrs. WAGNER.

School Nurse—Miss WYATT.

Metropolitan Borough of Deptford.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

TOWN HALL,

NEW CROSS ROAD, S.E. 14.

July, 1922.

*To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Metropolitan Borough of Deptford.*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the Health of the Borough for the calendar year 1921. As I entered upon my duties as Medical Officer of Health late in November, I have not attempted to prepare a comprehensive report, though the usual full statistical returns will be found embodied herein.

In the next Annual Health Report I shall endeavour to make a full statement embracing the different phases of the activities of your Health Department.

The rate of infant mortality for the year 1921 is again satisfactory ; though statistically greater than that for the year 1920, the actual number of infants' deaths was less. The apparent increase was due to the heavy fall in the birth-rate for 1921 as compared with 1920.

With our present staff of Health Visitors and also voluntary workers, your Council may confidently look forward to an untiring battle waged against those factors which take their toll of infant life.

Whilst paying such attention as we can in these times to housing and respiratory diseases, it is upon the mother that we concentrate our attention chiefly. If we continue to teach our mothers wisely and patiently, our infant death-rate will continue to shrink.

During 1921, Dr. Gladys Ward threw herself with enthusiasm into her work, and I am certain that many little lives owed their security of tenure to her skill and tenacity of purpose.

The opening of the Municipal Maternity Home in Wickham Road was only to be expected from a Council which takes a serious view of its duty to expectant women, and children.

Throughout the country, the reduction in the infant mortality rate which we have witnessed in recent years has not been accompanied by a lowering of the maternal mortality rate. Many of these maternal deaths could have been averted if only the confinements had taken place under conditions admitting of the best possible surgical asepsis. If we are to have overcrowding throughout the country for some years, how can we expect puerperal infection to be diminished? The only sure and safe shield for the lying-in mother is a well-equipped and well-officered maternity home.

As Dr. Janet A. Campbell says : " The mother going into the home should experience a sense of relief and should instinctively feel assured of a successful issue." We, then, in the year of grace 1921, have placed a beautiful maternity home at the disposal of our women folk during the greatest period of their lives. There is no need to boom the home, as each successive mother, restored to the bosom of her own family and district, is a missionary who preaches the gospel of our municipal obstetrical successes. The heavy fall in the national birth-rate, whether a good or a bad thing for the country, only serves to bring home to every student of such matters the great need for safeguarding the welfare of every mother and child. Another noteworthy point is the steady increase in the number of pregnant women who are attending the Ante-natal Centre in Napier Street.

I doubt very much the wisdom of a Maternity and Child Welfare Medical Officer endeavouring to examine more than twelve women in a session ; the numbers now flocking to the Centre to be examined by Dr. Hill make it imperative that an additional session be arranged for.

Our mother and baby department is waxing strong, and with developments in the air, your Maternity and Child Welfare Committee might well smile when plaintive voices are heard asking how comes it that London has an infantile mortality rate second to none.

A successful year's work at the Tuberculosis Dispensary falls to be recorded. Dr. Donnelly has kept in touch alike with the patients and the medical men who send them. Consultations in the homes of patients have been held with family doctors, and I can testify that no stone has been left unturned to advance the interests of the affected families.

Mrs. Monk has been a pillar to every affected household and in spite of many benevolent responsibilities eating up her time, she has

none the less been able to train up a strong band of After-Care visitors. There is room still for more work at the Dispensary, and this will be forthcoming, I believe, once the medical men in practice notify their cases as required by the Tuberculosis Regulations. Medical officers hesitate to draw their Council's attention to this general failure of medical men to notify cases of Tuberculosis, partly because of the happy relations which subsist between the Medical Officer of Health and his brethren in practice. There are reasons which practitioners advance for their omissions, but the law of the land is clear on the point, and their failure in notifying is just as serious a matter as the concealment of the facts—for the sake of peace—by any Medical Officer of Health. A statement of the work for the year is embodied herein, thanks to Dr. Donnelly.

There is one machine which I am studying for the moment and which is peculiar to London; I refer to the vast network of ameliorative agencies, which covers the whole Metropolis. A mere glimpse at these gladdens the heart. How is it possible for a man to be other than an optimist when he tries to understand this massed band of help? It is a course of study in itself, and no public worker is fully equipped unless and until he is *au fait* with the hospitals, the Guardians, the Red Cross, War Pensions Committees, Invalid Childrens' Aid Association, Charity Organisation Society, Cripples' Guild, etc. These are channels through which many pass yearly to a happier dawn and a fuller life.

Here in Deptford, then, is a man's work to do. With the support of a loyal and willing staff of workers, and the encouragement and guidance of an earnest Council, let us see whether we can bring more sunshine into the lives of others.

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES S. THOMSON,
Medical Officer of Health.

Summary of Vital and Mortality Statistics for 1921.

	1921.	1920.
Area	1,563 acres	1,563 acres
Population—		
Census 1911	109,496	109,496
Census 1921	112,500	112,500
Estimated to middle of 1921	113,500	115,636
Number of inhabited houses	16,966	16,855
Average number of persons per house	6.1	6.9
Density	73 per acre	74 per acre
Length of Public Streets	53 miles approx.	53 miles approx.
Rateable Value	£654,526	£644,159
1d. Rate produces (approximately)	£2,522	£2,504
Cost of administration of Public Health Department	£4,313	£2,984
Marriages	884	1,045
Marriage Rate	7.8	9.0
Births	2,667	3,276
Birth Rate	23.5	28.3
Birth Rate, average for the last 10 years	25.1	24.7
Deaths	1,382	1,408
Death Rate	12.2	12.2
Death Rate, average for the last 10 years	15.1	15.3
Infantile Mortality	88 per 1,000 births	79 per 1,000 births
Infantile Mortality, average for the last 10 years	103 per 1,000 births	107 per 1,000 births
Zymotic Death Rate	0.8	0.8

Area and Population.

Births and Deaths.

Area and Population.

Acres.	Estimated Population.
1563 ...	113,500

The Census of 1921, originally planned for the 24th April, was unavoidably postponed until the 19th June. Unfortunately, while the latter date avoided the recognised period of industrial holidays, it is now clear that, owing to the abnormally fine weather, some holiday movement was already then in progress. This of course affected the Census Returns, as far as local population figures are concerned, and it has been therefore deemed necessary to make an adjustment by measuring the extent of the non-resident population in the more popular holiday areas and by effecting its redistribution throughout the country.

The population of Deptford to the middle of 1921 has been estimated by the Registrar-General as 113,500.

The population for each of the various wards, based on this estimate, was as follows:—

East	21,960	South	12,587
North	24,741	South-East ...	12,770
North-West ...	24,339	South-West ...	17,103

As the Borough has an area of 1,563 acres, the density of the population on this estimate is 73 persons per acre approximately.

Births.

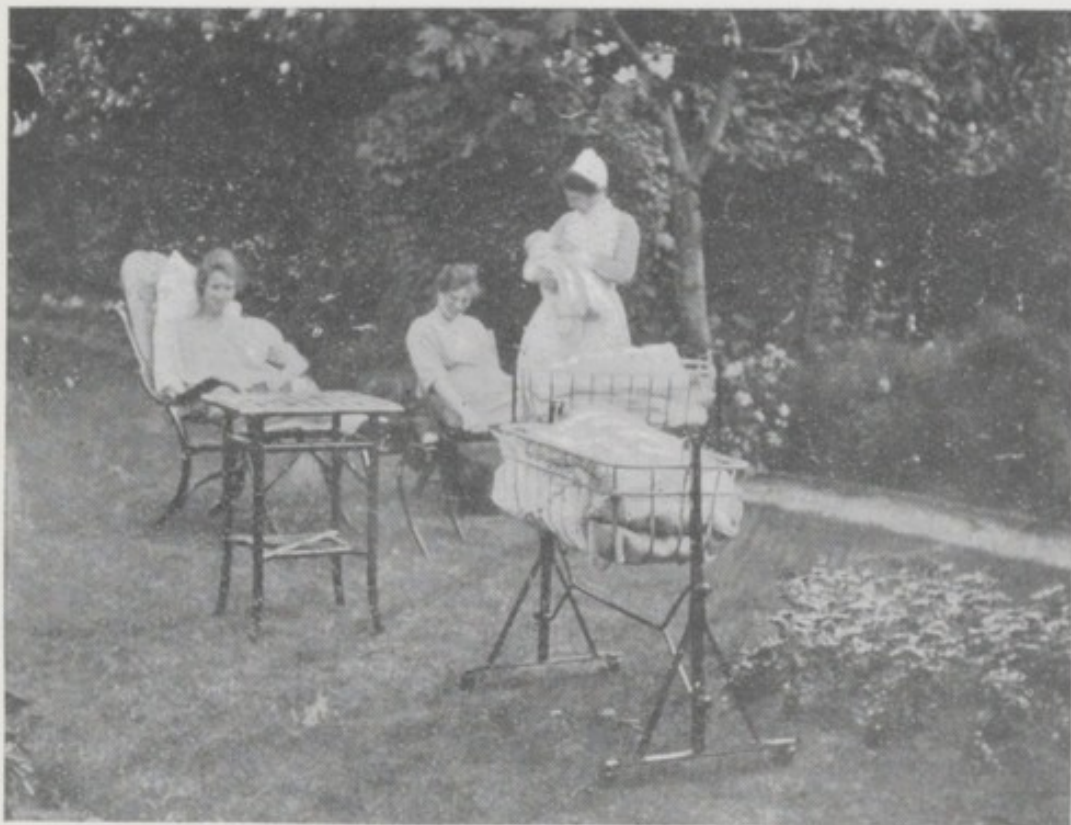
Births.	Birth rate.
2,667	23'5

The total number of births registered in the Borough was 2,549, and of these 47 were transferred to other districts as the permanent addresses of the parents were outside this Borough. 165 Births occurring outside the Borough, in maternity hospitals, etc., were similarly transferred to this district, making a total of 2,667 births in all belonging to Deptford. Of these, 1,385 were males and 1,282 were females.

The birth-rate was 23'5 per 1,000 of the estimated population, as compared with 28'3 for the previous year.

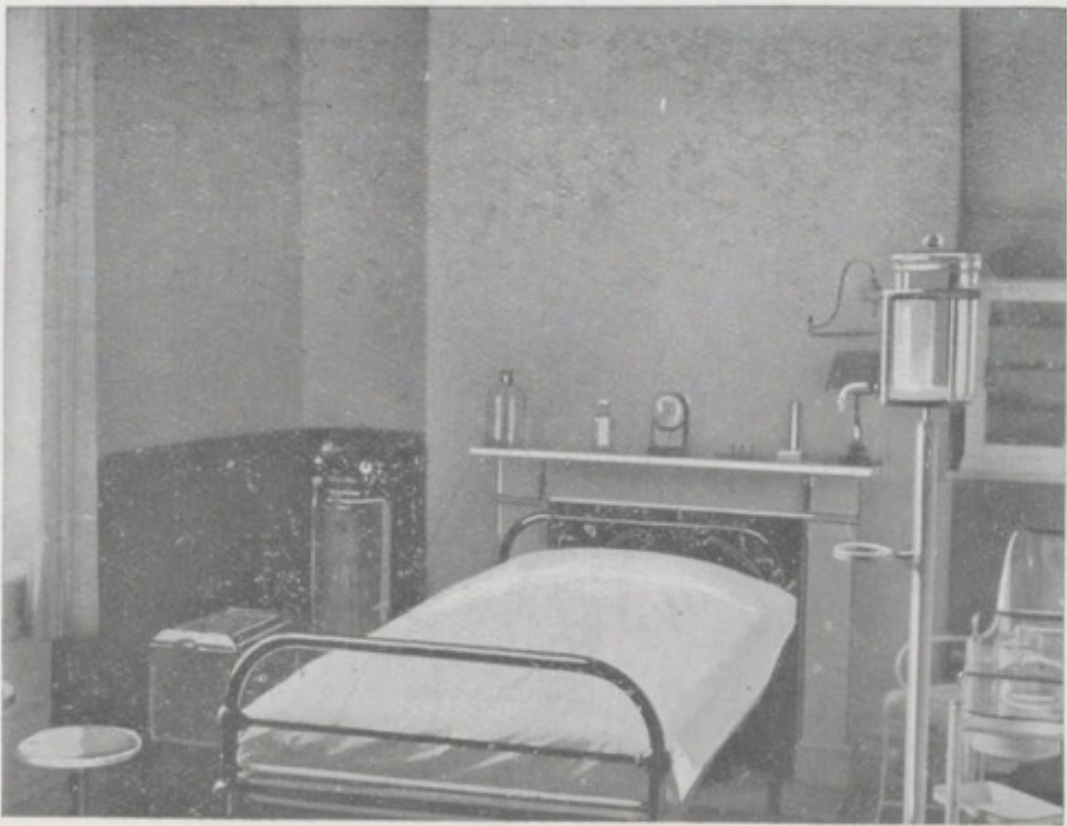
The birth-rate for England and Wales for 1921 was 22'4 for the 96 Great Towns 23'3, for the 148 Smaller Towns, 22'7, and for the County of London 22'3.

THE MUNICIPAL MATERNITY HOME.



A CORNER OF THE GARDEN.

THE MUNICIPAL MATERNITY HOME.



THE LABOUR WARD.

The following table shows the number of births, birth-rates, the deaths of children under one year of age, and the infantile mortality for the past ten years:—

Year.	Estimated population.	Births.		Deaths under one year.	
		No.	Rate per 1000.	No.	Mortality per 1000 births.
1911... ..	109,475	3001	27·4	428	143
1912... ..	109,377	2896	26·5	258	89
1913 . . .	109,280	3106	28·0	350	113
1914... ..	109,182	3121	28·6	309	99
1915... ..	110,299	2955	26·8	391	132
1916... ..	110,299	2918	26·5	258	88
1917... ..	115,403	2329	20·1	239	102
1918... ..	114,328	2093	18·3	205	97
1919... ..	115,843	2426	20·5	207	85
1920... ..	115,772	3276	28·3	259	79
Average for 10 years	111,926	2812	25·1	290	103
1921... ..	113,500	2667	23·5	234	88

Illegitimate Births.

The illegitimate births numbered 68 or 2·5 per cent. of the total births. These occurred in the several wards as follows:—

East	20	South	7
North	18	South-East ...	5
North-West ...	12	South-West ...	6

Marriages.

Marriages.
884

Marriage Rate
7·8

There were 884 marriages in the Borough during 1921, as compared with 1,045 in the previous year. The marriage rate was equal to 7·8 per 1,000 of the population as compared with 9·0 for the year 1920.

The marriages were celebrated in the following places:—

575 in Churches of England.

98 in other places of worship.

211 in the Superintendent Registrar's Office.

884 Total

Deaths.

Deaths.

1,382

Death Rate.

12·2

The deaths registered in Deptford numbered 932 equalling a death-rate of 8·2, as compared with 1,003 and a death-rate of 8·7 for the preceding year. Of this number, 213 were non-parishioners. 663 deaths of Deptford residents occurred outside the Borough in public institutions, etc., making a total of 1,382 deaths belonging to this Borough. Of these 695 were males and 687 females.

The death-rate was 12·2, compared with a similar rate for the preceding year.

The death-rate for England and Wales was 12·1, for the 96 Great Towns 12·3, for the 148 Smaller Towns 11·3, and for the County of London 12·4.

The following table shows the number of deaths which have occurred during the past ten years, with the respective rates :—

Year.	Estimated Population.	Deaths.	
		No.	Rate per 1000.
1911	109,475	1728	15·8
1912	109,377	1442	13·2
1913	109,280	1727	15·5
1914	109,182	1598	14·6
1915	110,299	1962	17·8
1916	110,299	1666	15·1
1917	*103,527	1663	16·0
1918	*102,036	1827	17·9
1919	*111,205	1469	13·0
1920	*115,636	1408	12·2
Average for 10 years	109,032	1649	15·1
1921	113,500	1382	12·2

* Civil population.

The following table gives the number of deaths belonging to each Ward, and the respective death rates. Deaths of residents occurring outside the Borough are allocated to their respective Wards:—

Ward.	Deaths.				Death Rate per 1,000.
	Males.	Females.	Children under 1 year.	Total.	
East Ward ...	169	167	81	336	15·3
North Ward ...	140	146	51	286	11·6
North-West Ward	130	112	50	242	9·9
South Ward ...	58	72	12	130	10·3
South-East Ward	100	81	12	181	14·2
South-West Ward	98	109	28	207	12·1

The proportion which the mortality at various ages bears to the total number of deaths during 1921 and the previous year is as follows:—

	1920.	1921.
Under 1 year	18·4 per cent.	16·9 per cent. deaths.
1 to 2 years	2·7 „	3·1 „ „
2 to 5 „	3·5 „	3·0 „ „
5 to 15 „	4·3 „	3·4 „ „
15 to 25 „	5·0 „	5·4 „ „
25 to 45 „	13·2 „	11·9 „ „
45 to 65 „	24·2 „	24·2 „ „
65 years and upwards	28·7 „	32·1 „ „

Infantile Mortality.

Infant Deaths.

234

Infantile Mortality.

88

234 Infants died before attaining the age of one year, *i.e.*, 88 per 1,000 of the births registered.

Of the above number, 18 or 7·7 per cent. were illegitimate, the mortality amongst them being in the proportion of 265 per 1,000.

The mortality amongst infants in the various wards is shown in the following table :—

Ward.	Births Registered.	Deaths under 1 year of age.	Infantile mortality per 1000 Births.
East	602	81	135
North... ..	607	51	84
North-West	549	50	91
South... ..	301	12	40
South-East	282	12	43
South-West	326	28	86

Comparative table of infantile deaths from Diarrhœa and Enteritis.
RATE PER 1000 BIRTHS.

	Diarrhœa and Enteritis under two years.	Total deaths under one year.
England and Wales	15'5	83
96 Great Towns	19'3	87
148 Smaller Towns	15'6	84
County of London	21'3	80
Deptford	20'6	88

TABLE SHEWING THE NUMBER OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS
IN THE BOROUGH DURING THE YEAR 1921.

BIRTHS	2667
DEATHS	1382
Excess of Births over Deaths ..	1285

NAPIER STREET CLINIC.

1921.	No. of times Clinic opened.	New Cases.				Total New Cases.	Total Old Cases.	Total New and Old Cases.	Consultations with Doctor.
		Breast Fed.	Mixed.	Hand.	Ages 1-5.				
January ..	5	14	2	4	4	24	305	329	161
February ..	4	16	6	1	4	27	293	320	139
March ..	3	22	1	3	6	32	300	332	148
April ..	4	13	2	5	7	27	246	273	137
May ..	4	19	1	2	3	25	231	256	120
June ..	4	13	2	6	6	27	244	271	126
July ..	4	11	1	3	3	18	272	290	117
August ..	4	20	..	4	4	28	233	261	131
September ..	3	9	1	2	2	14	150	164	80
October ..	5	15	2	2	1	20	195	215	102
November ..	4	18	3	1	1	23	196	219	137
December ..	3	11	..	..	2	13	129	142	76
Total ..	47	181	21	33	43	278	2794	3072	1474

ERLAM ROAD CLINIC.

1921	No. of times Clinic opened.	New Cases.				Total New Cases.	Total Old Cases.	Total New and Old Cases.	Consultations with Doctor.
		Breast Fed.	Mixed.	Hand.	Ages 1-5.				
January ..	4	9	..	1	5	15	201	216	95
February ..	4	16	..	1	3	20	207	227	94
March ..	4	7	1	1	2	11	233	244	90
April ..	4	14	..	5	5	24	223	247	105
May ..	4	14	3	1	1	19	211	230	91
June ..	5	13	..	1	6	20	313	333	119
July ..	4	12	..	4	1	17	253	270	117
August ..	5	18	2	1	2	23	336	359	148
September ..	3	4	2	2	1	9	207	216	79
October ..	4	10	..	1	5	16	272	288	111
November ..	5	4	..	..	3	7	206	213	102
December ..	3	7	..	1	..	8	136	144	81
Total ..	49	128	8	19	34	189	2798	2987	1232

GOSTERWOOD STREET CLINIC.

1921.	No. of times Clinic opened.	New Cases.				Total New Cases.	Total Old Cases.	Total New and Old Cases.	Consultations with Doctor.
		Breast Fed.	Mixed.	Hand.	Ages 1-5.				
January ..	5	24	2	10	4	40	439	479	212
February ..	4	20	4	3	3	30	381	411	151
March ..	3	6	1	4	3	14	249	263	96
April ..	4	18	3	2	7	30	351	381	137
May ..	4	21	1	4	4	30	336	366	123
June ..	4	25	2	5	8	40	376	416	133
July ..	4	19	2	1	4	26	417	443	149
August ..	4	18	5	8	3	34	452	486	163
September ..	3	3	1	2	7	13	288	301	97
October ..	5	29	2	5	8	44	521	565	171
November ..	4	13	2	2	3	20	266	286	110
December ..	3	9	2	3	1	15	231	246	93
Total ..	47	205	27	49	55	336	4307	4643	1635

HALES STREET CLINIC.

1921	No. of times Clinic opened.	New Cases.				Total New Cases.	Total Old Cases.	Total New and Old Cases.	Consultations with Doctor.
		Breast Fed.	Mixed.	Hand.	Ages 1-5.				
January ..	4	15	2	2	3	22	290	312	85
February ..	4	14	2	2	3	21	239	260	64
March ..	4	14	..	2	11	27	262	289	76
April ..	4	18	..	1	5	24	263	287	76
May ..	5	10	1	3	1	15	236	251	65
June ..	5	14	1	3	4	22	314	336	90
July ..	4	14	..	1	5	20	245	265	73
August ..	4	9	1	2	..	12	216	228	64
September ..	5	13	2	3	3	21	323	344	86
October ..	4	20	1	3	8	32	270	302	93
November ..	4	9	..	..	4	13	208	221	64
December ..	4	9	..	..	4	13	209	222	67
Total ..	51	159	10	22	51	242	3075	3317	903

GOLSMITHS' COLLEGE CLINIC.

1921	No. of times Clinic opened.	New Cases.				Total New Cases.	Total Old Cases.	Total New and Old Cases.	Consultations with Doctor.
		Breast Fed.	Mixed.	Hand.	Ages 1-5.				
January ..	4	19	3	1	1	24	439	463	159
February ..	4	16	1	8	7	32	470	502	146
March ..	4	11	4	1	5	21	488	509	146
April ..	4	18	6	4	..	28	439	467	146
May ..	4	10	4	5	2	21	353	374	113
June ..	5	23	3	7	2	35	456	491	154
July ..	4	20	3	2	5	30	359	389	136
August ..	4	18	2	4	5	29	402	431	155
September ..	4	13	5	4	5	27	441	468	148
October ..	4	20	3	2	7	32	430	462	152
November ..	4	10	1	4	3	18	400	418	158
December ..	4	12	..	5	..	17	264	281	127
Total ..	49	190	35	47	42	314	4941	5255	1740

BESSON STREET CLINIC.

1921.	No. of times Clinic opened.	New Cases.				Total New Cases.	Total Old Cases.	Total New and Old Cases.	Consultations with Doctor.
		Breast Fed.	Mixed.	Hand.	Ages 1-5.				
January ..	4	17	11	3	8	39	352	391	187
February ..	4	6	2	1	4	13	397	410	112
March ..	3	6	..	1	2	9	254	263	97
April ..	5	17	1	10	..	28	426	454	160
May ..	4	4	1	3	3	11	311	322	108
June ..	4	13	1	5	1	20	317	337	113
July.. ..	5	20	4	2	8	34	444	478	180
August ..	4	9	2	5	7	23	328	351	124
September..	4	15	2	1	5	23	370	393	131
October ..	4	11	3	4	1	19	406	425	158
November ..	4	9	..	4	1	14	288	302	110
December ..	4	6	..	2	1	9	267	276	121
Total ..	49	133	27	41	41	242	4160	4402	1601

Summary of Visits paid by Health Visitors.

Ward		E.	N.	N.W.	S.	S.E.	S.W.	Total.
Miss Baird	Visits	687	..	..	..	..	..	687
	Revisits	2459	..	..	..	..	..	2459
	Total	3146	..	..	..	..	..	3146
Miss Clubbe	Visits	..	..	..	..	..	621	621
	Revisits	..	..	..	..	..	2461	2461
	Total	..	..	..	..	..	3082	3082
Miss Holland	Visits	..	..	..	324	445	..	769
	Revisits	..	..	..	754	1360	..	2114
	Total	..	..	..	1078	1805	..	2883
Miss Piper	Visits	..	754	..	..	..	..	754
	Revisits	..	2488	..	..	..	..	2488
	Total	..	3242	..	..	..	..	3242
Miss Smart	Visits	684	..	..	..	..	..	684
	Revisits	1967	..	..	..	..	..	1967
	Total	2651	..	..	..	..	..	2651
Miss Stowell	Visits	..	..	882	..	..	..	882
	Revisits	..	..	2681	..	..	..	2681
	Total	..	..	3563	..	..	..	3563
Total	Visits	1371	754	882	324	445	621	4397
	Revisits	4426	2488	2681	754	1360	2461	14170
	Total	5797	3242	3563	1078	1805	3082	18567

SUMMARY OF WORK OF HEALTH VISITORS.

The work done by the health visitors is summarised in the following Table :—

	1st visits	Re-visits	Total
Births	2440	12491	14931
Still Births	47	3	50
Infant Deaths	201	1	202
Expectant Mothers	242	413	655
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	17	24	41
Measles	54	16	70
Infantile Diarrhoea	106	89	195
Scabies in children	11	3	14
Verminous Children	11	5	16
Puerperal Fever	11	4	15
Tuberculosis	18	5	23
Pneumonia	12	23	35
Miscellaneous	782	47	829
Unsuccessful visits	445	1046	1491
Totals	4,397	14,170	18,567

THE MUNICIPAL MATERNITY HOME.



A WARD.



NURSE AND BABY.

Births Notified, Year 1921.

Ward.	Births Notified.			Alive.	Dead.	By whom Notified.			
	Total.	Male.	Female.			Parent.	Doctor.	Midwife.	Other Person.
East ..	569	291	278	562	7	54	89	415	11
North ..	584	283	301	573	11	110	180	286	8
North-west	539	283	256	532	7	154	119	250	16
South ..	304	157	147	296	8	126	60	93	25
South-east	277	142	135	270	7	99	72	92	14
South-west	321	180	141	315	6	145	53	114	9
	2594	1336	1258	2548	46	688	573	1250	83

Milk supplied to Necessitous Mothers and Children.

During the year 3,576 applications were received and were dealt with as follows:—

Granted free	...	...	...	3125
„ at half-price	...	...	...	236
„ at three-quarter price	...	...	...	19
Refused	...	...	...	102
Referred to Guardians	...	...	...	94
				3,576

Maternity Home.

Particulars of cases admitted during the year 1921:—

Cases admitted, 35.

Average stay, Two weeks.

Cases delivered by midwives, 34.

„ „ „ doctors, 1.

Cases in which medical advice sought, 1.

(a) Ante-natal, Nil.

(b) During labour, 1 (Uterine Inertia).

(c) After labour, Nil.

(d) For infant, Nil.

Cases notified as puerperal sepsis, Nil.

Temperature rose above 100° for 24 hours with rise in pulse, 1—Influenza.

Notified as Ophthalmia Neonatorum, 1. (Recovered, no permanent impairment of vision.)

Inflammation (eyes), One.

Not entirely breast-fed, One.

Maternal deaths, Nil.

Fœtal deaths, 1 stillborn.

Table No. 1.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1921 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Year.	Population estimated to Middle of each year.	Births.			Total Deaths Registered in the District.		Transferable Deaths		Nett Deaths belonging to the District.			
		Un-corrected Number.	Nett.		Number.	Rate.	of Non-residents registered in the District.	of Residents not registered in the District.	Under 1 year of Age.		At all Ages.	
			Number.	Rate.					Number.	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births.	Number.	Rate.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1914	109,182	3,071	3,121	28·6	1,145	10·5	163	616	309	99	1,598	14·6
1915	110,299	2,891	2,955	26·8	1,406	12·7	144	700	391	132	1,962	17·8
1916	110,299	2,838	2,918	26·5	1,126	10·2	135	675	258	88	1,666	15·1
1917	108,527	2,262	2,329	20·4	1,091	10·5	161	733	239	102	1,663	16·0
1918	102,036	2,085	2,093	18·3	1,361	13·3	230	696	205	97	1,827	17·9
1919	111,205	2,396	2,426	20·5	1,051	9·5	202	620	207	85	1,469	13·0
1920	115,636	3,191	3,276	28·3	1,003	8·7	207	612	259	79	1,408	12·2
1921	113,500	2,549	2,667	23·5	932	8·2	213	663	234	88	1,382	12·2
Area of District in acres (land and inland water). 1,563. Total population at all ages 112,500. Total families or separate occupiers, 25,040. At census 1921 " " 1911												

Table No. 2.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD
CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1921.

		Nett Deaths at the subjoined Ages of "Residents" whether occurring within or without the District.								
CAUSES OF DEATH.		All Ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 2 years.	2 and under 5 years.	5 and under 15 years.	15 and under 25 years.	25 and under 45 years.	45 and under 65 years.	65 and upwards.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
All causes } Certified	..	1382	234	43	41	47	74	165	334	444
Enteric Fever	.. ..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Small Pox	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles	.. ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever	.. ..	13	1	3	3	5	..	1	..	..
Whooping Cough	.. ..	14	7	3	4	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria and Croup	.. ..	13	..	2	3	7	1	..	..	..
Influenza	.. ..	25	..	..	1	2	3	3	6	10
Meningococcal meningitis	.. ..	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	.. ..	121	..	1	1	1	32	44	38	4
Other Tuberculous Diseases	.. ..	31	5	2	6	9	4	2	3	..
Cancer, malignant disease	.. ..	145	..	..	..	..	..	18	67	60
Rheumatic Fever	.. ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
Diabetes	.. ..	7	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	1
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c.	.. ..	63	..	..	..	..	..	3	21	39
Heart Disease	.. ..	145	..	..	..	1	10	10	54	70
Arterio-sclerosis	.. ..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	8
Bronchitis	.. ..	127	15	3	1	1	..	3	25	79
Pneumonia (all forms)	.. ..	119	34	12	6	2	3	16	26	20
Other Respiratory Diseases	.. ..	14	2	1	1	..	1	3	3	3
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	.. ..	9	..	..	..	..	..	3	6	..
Diarrhœa, &c.	.. ..	65	49	6	1	..	..	2	1	6
Appendicitis and Typhlitis	.. ..	17	..	..	2	9	1	1	3	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	.. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Acute and chronic Nephritis	.. ..	23	..	..	2	..	..	6	7	8
Puerperal Sepsis	.. ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Other accidents and diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	.. ..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Premature Birth	.. ..	84	84	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suicides	.. ..	5	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..
Other deaths from violence	.. ..	37	3	2	3	2	4	8	7	8
Other defined diseases	.. ..	274	32	6	7	8	12	28	56	125
Diseases ill-defined or unknown	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		1382	234	43	41	47	74	165	334	444

Table No. 3.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.

INFANTILE MORTALITY, 1921.

Nett Deaths from stated causes at various Ages under 1 year of Age.

CAUSE OF DEATH.			Under 1 week.	1 to 2 weeks.	2 to 3 weeks.	3 to 4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months.	3 months and under 6 months.	6 months and under 9 months.	9 months and under 12 months.	Total Deaths under 1 year.
All Causes	{ Certified ..	50	15	8	6	79	43	47	29	36	234	
	{ Uncertified ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Small Pox	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Chicken Pox	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Measles	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Scarlet Fever	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	
Whooping Cough	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	2	7	
Diphtheria and Croup	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Erysipelas	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Tuberculous Meningitis	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	
Abdominal Tuberculosis	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	4	
Other Tuberculous Diseases	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Meningitis (not Tuberculous)	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	
Convulsions	.. ..	3	..	1	..	4	1	2	2	2	11	
Laryngitis	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Bronchitis	.. ..	..	1	1	1	3	7	2	3	2	17	
Pneumonia (all forms)	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	5	7	7	15	34	
Diarrhoea	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1	1	11	
Enteritis	.. ..	..	..	1	1	2	7	9	8	12	38	
Gastritis	.. ..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	3	
Syphilis	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	
Rickets	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Suffocation, overlaying	.. ..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	
Injury at Birth	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Atelectasis	.. ..	7	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	8	
Congenital Malformations	.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	3	
Premature Birth	.. ..	31	7	3	3	44	5	..	..	..	49	
Atrophy, Debility, and Marasmus	.. ..	6	7	1	1	15	7	10	..	..	32	
Other Causes	.. ..	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	3	1	8	
			50	15	8	6	79	43	47	29	36	234

Nett Births—Legitimate, 2599 ; Illegitimate, 68.

Nett Deaths—Legitimate infants, 216 ; Illegitimate infants, 18.

Table No. 4.
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.
CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1921.

Notifiable Disease	Number of cases notified.								Total cases notified in each Ward.						Total Cases Removed to Hospital.
	At all Ages	At Ages—Years							East Ward	North Ward	North-West Ward	South Ward	South-East Ward	South-West Ward	
		Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	65 and upwards							
Small-pox	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cholera... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria including Membranous Croup	363	5	97	184	43	30	4	..	67	83	98	26	35	54	357
Erysipelas	58	..	4	6	4	20	18	6	19	23	9	1	5	1	..
Scarlet fever	951	18	237	564	94	37	1	..	166	254	264	63	80	124	876
Typhus fever.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Enteric fever	9	..	..	2	5	2	..	..	3	4	2	..	..	..	8
Relapsing fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Continued fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal fever	11	..	..	..	2	8	1	..	4	4	1	1	1	..	11
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2
Poliomyelitis	4	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	225	..	2	32	57	77	51	6	79	62	40	5	25	14	189
Other forms of Tuberculosis	66	3	15	25	10	10	2	1	22	18	13	1	5	7	20
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	19	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	4	3	2	3	6
Anthrax	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Infantile Enteritis ..	109	65	44	..	..	..	..	..	26	54	17	2	6	4	..
Acute Pneumonia	47	6	5	9	6	13	8	..	25	5	8	4	1	4	..
Malaria	7	..	..	..	2	4	1	..	2	2	..	1	..	2	..
Dysentery	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Enceph. Lethargica	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Totals	1873	118	404	826	224	202	86	13	419	511	456	108	161	218	1474

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

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INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Under the provisions of the Public Health (London) Act, 1891, and the Tuberculosis Regulations, 1873 cases of infectious diseases were notified, as compared with 1,764 in 1920. This increase was due due to an increased autumnal prevalence of scarlet fever and diphtheria. In Table 4 (post) will be found a list of cases notified and their distribution in the several Wards.

To the seven principal epidemic diseases, viz.:—Small-pox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Enteric Fever and Infantile Diarrhoea, 98 deaths were ascribed, and the death-rate was 0·86 per 1,000 as against 0·74 in the preceding year. An annexed table indicates the number of deaths and the death-rates from these diseases during the past ten years.

Bacteriological Examinations

made at the Seamen's Hospital.

Material.	Total specimens examined	Number Positive.	Number Negative.
Swabs for Diphtheria ...	568	87	481
Sputa for Tuberculosis...	52	8	44
Blood for Enteric Fever ...	5	2	3
Samples from Ice Cream Shop (for Enteric Fever), comprising 1, Dust from room; 2, Cream; 3, Ice; 4, Copper contents; 5, Pan scrapings; and 6, Fæces	6	—	6
Films for Gonococcus ...	4	—	4
Blood for Wassermann Reaction	22	2	20
TOTALS ...	657	99	558

In addition to the above, 859 specimens of sputa were examined at the Council's Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Deaths and Death Rates from Principal Infectious Diseases.

Year	Enteric Fever		Small Pox		Measles		Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Diphtheria		Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years)		Total	
	No. of Deaths	Rate	No. of Deaths	Rate	No. of Deaths	Rate	No. of Deaths	Rate	No. of Deaths	Rate	No. of Deaths	Rate	No. of Deaths	Rate	No. of Deaths	Rate
1911	2	0.02	—	—	67	0.61	7	0.06	35	0.32	15	0.14	172	1.57	298	2.72
1912	2	0.02	—	—	28	0.26	6	0.05	24	0.22	11	0.10	28	0.26	99	0.91
1913	2	0.02	—	—	50	0.45	3	0.03	43	0.39	20	0.18	90	0.81	208	1.87
1914	3	0.03	—	—	50	0.46	9	0.08	9	0.08	25	0.23	88	0.81	184	1.69
1915	5	0.05	—	—	49	0.44	9	0.08	61	0.55	10	0.09	94	0.85	228	2.07
1916	1	0.01	—	—	32	0.29	5	0.05	14	0.13	13	0.12	49	0.44	114	1.03
1917	—	—	—	—	30	0.29	2	0.02	20	0.19	22	0.21	56	0.54	130	1.25
1918	2	0.02	—	—	19	0.19	3	0.03	50	0.49	12	0.12	20	0.19	106	1.04
1919	2	0.01	—	—	21	0.18	9	0.08	1	0.01	16	0.14	33	0.33	82	0.74
1920	1	0.01	—	—	19	0.16	2	0.02	16	0.14	21	0.18	39	0.34	98	0.85
Average for 10 years	2	0.02	—	—	36	0.33	5	0.05	27	0.25	16	0.15	67	0.61	155	1.42
1921	2	0.02	—	—	1	0.01	13	0.11	14	0.12	13	0.11	55	0.48	98	0.86

Small-Pox.

No cases of Small-Pox were notified during the year.

Scarlet Fever.

951 persons were notified as suffering from this disease during the year under report as compared with a total of 747 for the previous year. Included in this total are 17 nurses on the staff of the South-Eastern Hospital, and also 10 patients who, after removal to hospital, were certified to be not suffering from the disease in question.

There were 13 deaths as compared with 2, 9 and 3 in the three preceding years.

Diphtheria.

The total number of patients certified to be suffering from Diphtheria was 363 as compared with a total of 315 for the previous year. Of this number 19 were errors of diagnosis, and 22 were nurses on the staff of the South-Eastern Hospital.

There were 13 deaths as compared with 21, 16 and 12 for the three preceding years.

Enteric Fever.

Nine cases of Enteric Fever were notified, as compared with 11 in the previous year. One case was certified, after removal to hospital, to be not suffering from this disease, but from acute lobar pneumonia. There were two deaths.

Acute Primary Pneumonia and Acute Influenzal Pneumonia.

These diseases are compulsorily notifiable under the Public Health (Pneumonia, Malaria, Dysentery, etc., Regulations), 1918.

47 cases were notified during the year.

Puerperal Fever.

Eleven cases of Puerperal Fever were notified as compared with 18 in the previous year. There were 4 deaths.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Nineteen cases were notified during the year. These were visited by the Health Visitors, and, where necessary, by a Ranyard Nurse, in accordance with the Council's scheme for the provision of nursing assistance. Six cases were admitted to hospitals.

From subsequent enquiries it has been ascertained that 15 patients recovered with no apparent impairment of vision. Three patients died from other causes (pneumonia, influenza and enteritis), and at the time of writing one patient is still attending St. Margaret's Hospital with ulcer of the right eye.

Measles.

Measles is not a notifiable disease, but during the year, 54 cases were brought to the notice of the Public Health Department, either by the Head Teachers of schools or by the parents. These were visited by your Health Visitors and arrangements were made by the Ranyard Nurses' Association for daily visits of a nurse to such cases as your Medical Officer of Health deemed advisable.

Diarrhœa and Enteritis.

Infantile Diarrhœa occurring in children two years of age and under is notifiable in this Borough by Order of the Council dated 27th July, 1920. During the year 1921, 109 such cases were notified.

Diarrhœa and Enteritis caused 65 deaths during the year, and of this number, 55 were children under two years of age.

In Table 4 (*post*) will be seen the distribution of the cases in the various wards of the Borough.

Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.

Three patients were notified as suffering from this disease during the year. There were two deaths.

Acute Polio-Myelitis.

Four cases of this disease were notified. Three deaths occurred.

Encephalitis Lethargica.

One case of this disease was notified.

Malaria.

Seven cases of Malaria were notified in the persons of ex-service men who had contracted the disease in the East.

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

Dr. Donnelly reports as follows:—

During the year 1921, the total attendances at the Dispensary were 5,053, as compared with 6,615 for 1920.

The decreased number is largely due the fact that it was endeavoured to limit treatment at the Dispensary to those requiring special treatment such as Tuberculin, aspirations, etc., and to those who could not obtain other adequate medical attendance elsewhere, so that where insured patients could obtain suitable treatment from their own panel practitioners, they were put on domiciliary treatment. It was also endeavoured in doubtful cases to limit to two months the period of observation at the Dispensary before a definite diagnosis was arrived at. The increased number of sessions started at the end of 1920 have aided in this by allowing more frequent and detailed examinations.

Special appointments are made for the occasional individual who cannot attend during dispensary hours.

Of those attending, 709 were new cases, 231 being insured. This number includes 156 contacts. This is not a satisfactory number of contacts, but from personal experience of visiting at the houses of patients, I am aware of the difficulty of persuading parents to bring contact children for examination or of persuading themselves or other adult contacts to be examined. It has been suggested that while excessive interference with the liberty of the subject is to be deprecated, this matter is so important that it seems quite permissible to insist that after a death from tuberculosis, or after a notification, the head of the household should furnish the Medical Officer of Health with a certificate stating that all the contacts have been seen by a qualified medical man and undergone a proper examination, and detailing the results thereof. Such certificate would of course be provided free at the Dispensary, and in this way the majority of contacts in any area would come within the purview of the Tuberculosis Officer.

In last year's report was mentioned the intention of asking the Council's sanction for the appointment of a part-time nurse to assist in the work. This sanction was obtained and the services of a part-time nurse were secured in March for four mornings a week at the Dispensary, thus giving the whole-time nurse considerably more time for visiting work. The result is seen in the increased number of visits.

Visiting at the homes of all notified cases has for some time been carried out by the Dispensary whole-time nurse. Formerly a lot of this visiting was done by the Health Visitors on the staff of the Public Health Department. If this procedure were again adopted it would give the Dispensary nurse further opportunity for the necessary visiting and re-visiting at the homes of dispensary cases

Of the new cases, 149 were found to be suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and 20 from Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis, 167 were doubtful and kept under observation, or did not return for completion of diagnosis. The remainder was discharged as non-tubercular.

To secure the co-operation of the general practitioners, the procedure suggested by the Ministry of Health has been adopted, and on receipt of a notification a letter is sent to the practitioner asking, (1) Is the case insured? (2) Does he desire to consult with the Tuberculosis Officer as to the form of treatment most suitable to the circumstances of the case?

If the practitioner then sends the case to the Dispensary, or asks the Tuberculosis Officer to see the case at home with him, satisfactory arrangements can generally be made as to treatment, and the examination of contacts either by the Tuberculosis Officer or the practitioner. When the practitioner states that he does not desire to consult the Tuberculosis Officer, the latter cannot interfere, and it is more difficult to get satisfactory information as to contacts. Some steps were taken to reach a solution of the difficulty by approaching practitioners, but no definite result has been reached so far.

The Health Ministry have laid down that when a practitioner first notifies a case as needing treatment (? exact wording of Ministry's circular) he is to send a report to the Regional Medical Officer of the district and the latter is to forward it to the Tuberculosis Officer.

This arrangement has not so far been carried out thoroughly, only one report having been received from the Regional Medical Officer.

The practitioner is subsequently to furnish three monthly reports on cases on domiciliary treatment to the Tuberculosis Officer when a case seen at the Dispensary is put down for such treatment a report is sent to the general practitioner on the patient's condition, and he is requested to send a report in three months to the Tuberculosis Officer on Form G.P. 17.

The practitioner then can make recommendations *re* subsequent treatment or ask to have the case seen again at the dispensary.

Should the practitioner not furnish these reports after reminder from the Tuberculosis Officer, the Regional Medical Officer is to be so informed.

Co-operation between the School Medical Service and the Dispensary is maintained, and when an opinion is directly asked for as to a child's condition, or his fitness to attend school, it is given by the

Tuberculosis Officer. When a case is simply referred to the Dispensary and the child's condition remains unsatisfactory though not definitely tubercular, after a period of observation of one or two months, Form M.O.T.T. is sent with short notes if observation at school is desirable, and recommendations made *re* malt and oil or milk at school and sending child to Dispensary at a later date, or the child may be recommended for open air school or to one of the charitable organisations for convalescent treatment.

An endeavour is being made to facilitate the work of the Care Committee by securing more voluntary workers, thus leaving the Secretary more at liberty for that part of the work requiring her special experience. Many cases needing help remain unaided as there is no fund to draw upon. As regards obtaining employment for cases fit for light work, a special committee of the Labour Exchange was formed and several cases were referred to it, but results in the present unemployment crisis have been disappointing.

As regards advanced cases the institutional accommodation for these remains very deficient, but it is hoped that this will shortly be overcome by the London County Council providing a hospital for such in South London.

There has been a further increase in the number of specimens of Sputum examined at the Dispensary, both for Dispensary cases and general practitioners, viz., 859 as compared with 578 in 1920.

The preparation of these specimens is carried out by the Dispenser, and with the increased clerical duties has added considerably to her work. Details were given in the last two Annual Reports regarding the sleeping accommodation of 600 patients, showing that about one-third of the number only have separate bedrooms. Of the other two-thirds, not only were there one or two others in the rooms, but very few of the patients had separate beds.

Such conditions brought about by the shortage or proper housing accommodation tends to nullify the benefit of treatment and attempts at prevention.

Death—Notification Interval. An examination of deaths belonging to the Borough attributed to tuberculosis in the death returns reveals the following information :—

	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
Cases not notified	27	16
Cases notified at death ...	10	6
Cases notified one month before death	9	4
Cases notified three months before death	18	—
Cases notified six months before death	13	—
Cases notified more than six months before death ...	44	5

Of the cases not notified, almost all were deaths occurring in Institutions. Whatever the condition of the patient on admission, a diagnosis of tuberculosis must have been arrived at before death and ought to have been notified. It must be borne in mind that notification is the only means of bringing the disease to the knowledge of the Public Health Department, and that the earlier the notification the more valuable the information.

During the year 291 notifications (225 pulmonary and 66 non-pulmonary) were received. The distribution of the cases is shewn below :—

WARD DISTRIBUTION.

	E.	N.	N.W.	S.	S.E.	S.W.	Total.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	79	62	40	5	25	14	225
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	22	18	13	1	5	7	66
	101	80	53	6	30	21	291

This gives an incidence figure of 2·6 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.

RETURN AS TO WORK carried out in connection with the Deptford Dispensary for the period from 1st January, 1921 to 31st December, 1921.

	Insured		Uninsured		
	Males	Females	Children under 16	Adults Males	Females
1. (a) Number of persons examined for the first time during the above period at or in connection with the Dispensary	172	59	268	50	160
(b) Number included under 1 (a) who were found to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis	68	27	7	17	30
(c) Number included under 1 (a) who were found to be suffering from non-pulmonary tuberculosis	3	3	8	—	6
(d) Number included under 1 (a) who were found to be non-tuberculous ..	65	21	189	16	82
(e) Number included in 1 (a) in whom the diagnosis was found to be doubtful..	36	8	64	17	42

	Insured	Uninsured
2. (a) Total attendances at the Dispensary (including attendances at the Dispensary of persons included under 1 (a))	2171	2882
(b) Number of the above attendances at which systematical physical examinations and records were made.. ..	820	1109
3. Number of visits to patients at their own homes by the Dispensary medical officers in connection with the supervision of home conditions	125	156
4. Number of visits to patients at their own homes by the Dispensary nurses in connection with the supervision of home conditions and "following up"	1163	1838
5. Number of persons suffering from or suspected to be suffering from tuberculosis referred to the hospital to which the Dispensary is affiliated	—	2
6. Number of consultations with—		
(a) Medical Adviser of the Insurance Committee ..	—	—
(b) Consulting Physicians at the Hospital to which the Dispensary is affiliated	—	—
(c) Practitioners at the homes of patients	3	—
7. Number of written reports concerning individual patients made to—		
(a) Public authorities	515	226
(b) Practitioners	90	24
8. Number of specimens of sputum examined	571	288

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1912 AND PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS (No. 2), 1918.

Summary of Notifications for the period from 2nd January, 1921 to 31st December, 1921.

	Notifications on Form A.													Notifications on Form B.					Number of Notifications on Form C.	
	Age Periods.												* Total Notifications on Form A.	Number of Primary Notifications.				* Total Notifications on Form B.	Cases admitted to	
	0-1	1-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65 and up	Total Primary Notifications.		Under 5	5-10	10-15	Total Primary Notifications.		Poor Law Institutions.	Sanatoria.
Pulmonary—																				
Males ...	...	...	17	4	7	18	23	14	20	12	6	121	141	...	1	1	2	2	11	96
Females ...	...	2	6	3	6	26	26	14	14	5	...	102	126	...	...	...	...	1	12	70
Non-Pulmonary																				
Males ...	1	9	10	1	2	2	2	2	1	...	...	30	31	...	1	...	1	1	...	11
Females ...	2	6	8	4	4	2	5	1	...	1	1	34	38	...	1	...	1	4	...	9

The Shelter.

The Public Health (London) Act, 1891, Section 60, Sub-Section 4, imposes on the Sanitary Authority the duty of making provision for the temporary housing of persons who are compelled to leave their dwellings for the purpose of enabling such dwellings to be disinfected by the Sanitary Authority.

The accommodation provided consists of a detached building containing two separate and distinct tenements, each consisting of two bedrooms, kitchen, larder, bathroom, and w.c. The shelter was not used during the year.

Disinfection.

The disinfection of infected clothing and bedding has been carried out at the Disinfecting Station, Watson Street, by means of two machines of the Washington-Lyons pattern with independent boilers.

The number of rooms disinfected by the Council's staff during the year was 1,848.

Disinfecting fluid is supplied gratis where required in cases of infectious disease.

When necessary, the walls of the disinfected portion of the house have been stripped and the ceilings cleansed.

Table

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PREMISES, ROOMS AND BEDDING
DISINFECTED DURING THE YEAR 1921.

Date 1921	Premises.	Rooms.	Beds.	Pillows.	Bolsters.	Mattresses.	Sheets.	Blankets.	Odd articles	Articles destroyed.
January ..	144	150	90	202	65	52	88	179	190	
February ..	111	115	59	158	51	38	90	126	183	
March ..	110	112	52	152	52	36	60	93	120	
April ..	128	142	87	161	58	22	57	94	139	
May ..	131	156	76	152	46	29	72	89	150	1 bed, 2 pillows, 3 odd articles.
June ..	132	152	72	157	58	32	80	85	101	1 mattress
July ..	138	170	81	145	60	25	80	75	137	2 beds
August ..	116	137	77	138	53	21	70	51	125	1 mattress, 4 odd articles
September ..	117	132	70	150	43	22	77	76	180	2 beds, 3 mattresses, 2 palliasses, 1 bolster, 6 pillows
October ..	162	186	98	195	76	39	126	154	316	2 palliasses
November ..	168	183	101	215	69	37	139	193	372	3 beds, 2 mattresses, 1 bolster, 1 pillow, 7 odd articles
December ..	194	214	114	280	100	66	132	246	404	
Total ..	1651	1848	977	2105	731	419	1071	1461	2417	

Table
SHOWING NUMBER OF ROOMS DISINFECTED AFTER THE
FOLLOWING DISEASES.

1921 Date	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Erysipelas.	Puerperal Fever.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Measles.	Enteric Fever.	Cancer.	Scabies.	Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	Pneumonia.	Influenza.	Senile Decay.	Miscellaneous.
January ..	86	40	..	2	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
February ..	52	34	1	5	11	1	..	2	1	2	1	..	..	..
March ..	60	27	..	..	16	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..
April ..	54	31	1	1	32	..	..	1	..	1	5	..	..	1
May ..	69	25	..	1	20	..	1	6	2	..	..	1	..	..
June ..	71	23	..	..	32	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
July ..	87	22	..	..	27	1	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..
August ..	68	13	..	..	19	..	6	3	..	..	..	..	1	..
September ..	70	17	..	1	15	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	2
October ..	115	20	1	1	26	..	1	5	1	..	..	..	..	..
November ..	122	22	..	..	23	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
December ..	143	28	..	..	21	1	1	3	..	..	2	1	..	11
Total ..	997	302	3	11	261	8	10	31	6	4	9	3	1	14

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

121 premises consisting of 188 rooms were fumigated during the year.

BOOKS.

267 Library books were fumigated during the year.

CLEANSING STATION.

2,541 articles of clothing, etc., were disinfected during the year.

MIDWIVES ACT.

Disinfection of wearing apparel, etc., was carried out in one case.

Total number of Premises disinfected	..	..	..	1651
" " Rooms	..	..	..	1848
" " Beds	..	..	..	977
" " Pillows	..	..	..	2105
" " Bolsters	..	..	..	731
" " Mattresses	..	..	..	419
" " Sheets	..	..	..	1071
" " Blankets	..	..	..	1461
" " Odd Articles	..	..	..	2417

Total articles 9181

Total number of Beds destroyed	..	..	..	8
" " Mattresses	..	..	..	7
" " Palliasses	..	..	..	4
" " Pillows	..	..	..	9
" " Bolsters	..	..	..	2
" " Blankets	..	..	..	2
" " Odd Articles,,	..	..	..	19

Total 51

N.B.—The above Articles were destroyed at the request of the owners

Special Cases.

Feb.	16th—Friendly Street.	Cancer.	1 bed, 2 pillows—disinfected.
Mar.	19th—Harefield Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 4 pillows, 1 bolster—disinfected.
April	9th—Alloa Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 4 pillows, 1 bolster—disinfected.
May	6th—Camplin Street.	Cancer.	1 bed, 5 pillows, 2 bolsters, 3 sheets, 2 blankets, 10 odd articles—disinfected.
„	11th—Rollins Street.	Cancer.	1 bed, 1 odd article—disinfected.
„	21st—Prince Street.	Cancer.	1 bed, 4 pillows, 1 bolster, 2 sheets, 2 blankets, 7 odd articles—disinfected.
„	28th—Waller Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 2 pillows, 1 bolster, 1 odd article—disinfected.
July	12th—Kitto Road.	Cancer.	1 mattress, 3 Pillows, 1 bolster—disinfected.
August	4th—Drakefell Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 1 bolster, 2 blankets—disinfected.
„	23rd—Kender Street.	Cancer.	1 bed, 2 pillows, 1 bolster, 2 mattresses, 9 odd articles—disinfected.
„	30th—Reginald Road—	Cancer.	1 bed, 1 bolster—disinfected.
„	31st—Hatcham Park Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 5 pillows, 1 bolster, 1 mattress—disinfected.
Sept.	3rd—Lewisham High Road.	Cancer.	5 pillows, 1 bolster, 1 mattress, 2 blankets, 31 odd articles—disinfected.
„	27th—Napier Street.	Cancer.	2 mattresses, 2 palliasses, 4 pillows—destroyed.
„	28th—Scawen Road.	Cancer.	1 mattress, 2 pillows, 1 bolster, 1 sheet, 1 blanket, 4 odd articles—disinfected.
Oct.	5th—Woodpecker Road.	Cancer.	1 bed—disinfected.
„	8th—Barlborough Street.	Cancer.	1 bed—disinfected.
„	14th—Hunsden Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 4 pillows, 1 bolster, 2 blankets, 2 odd articles—disinfected. 2 palliasses—destroyed.
Nov.	17th—Shardeloes Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 1 mattress, 2 pillows, 1 odd article—disinfected.
„	17th—Wickham Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 3 pillows, 1 bolster, 1 sheet, 1 blanket, 6 odd articles—disinfected.
Dec.	9th—Hunsden Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 4 pillows, 1 bolster, 1 sheet, 2 blankets, 3 odd articles—disinfected.
„	31st—High Street.	Cancer.	1 bed, 2 pillows, 1 bolster, 3 blankets, 4 odd articles—disinfected.

MORTUARY REPORT for the year ending 31st December, 1921.

Bodies Received, etc.

Total.	Male.	Female.	Inquests.	Post-mortems.	Under 1 year of age.	Unknown.	Deposited to await burial only.	Infectious.
86	54	32	82	45	19	3	3	1

Six bodies were detained after inquests to await burial (advanced decomposition). Four bodies were left on deposit after inquests, to await burial. One body (infectious) was deposited to await burial. Three bodies of infants (unknown) were received, one of which was buried by order of the Coroner as a foetus, no inquest being held.

Boroughs of which deceased persons were residents.

Deptford	...	...	54	Sydenham	...	...	1
Greenwich	...	...	10	Bermondsey	...	...	10
Lewisham	...	...	5	Plymouth	...	...	1
Camberwell	...	...	2	Poplar	...	...	1
Plumstead	...	...	1	Stepney	...	...	1

Work of Sanitary Inspectors.

During the year the District Sanitary Inspectors made 26,351 visits in all to 5,768 premises. 1,412 systematic house-to-house inspections were made.

Numerous sanitary improvements and repairs were effected, as shown in the following table:—

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1921.

Table No. 1.

	Number of District.							Totals
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Complaints Received...	14	72	54	38	70	58	20	326
House-to-house Inspections...	291	354	290	290	9	59	119	1412
Total Premises Inspected ...	798	842	908	826	830	931	633	5768
Re-Inspections, Calls, Service of Notices, &c., &c. ...	3053	2869	3045	3262	3037	3371	1946	20583
Inspections under notice from Contractors, per Bye-Laws ...	16	...	33	28	48	23	20	168
Number of Cases in which Proceedings have been taken ...	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	5
"Intimations" Served ...	539	444	573	516	438	548	421	3479
"Statutory Notices" Served ...	26	27	68	13	11	6	4	155
Notices served under Section 28 Housing, Town Planning, &c., 1919 ...	23	14	27	44	9	20	4	141
Number of houses in which work was carried out by Sanitary Authority in default of owner ..	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	7
Number of houses upon which closing orders became operative...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water Closets—								
Old Closets abolished ...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	4
New Closets provided ...	3	2	...	...	1	...	...	6
" " " in Workshops ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Basin and Trap provided ...	58	19	66	52	70	49	15	329
Water Supply provided ...	6	11	...	...	1	...	...	18
Water Supply Apparatus provided	94	9	58	...	2	...	43	206
Limewashed ...	63	...	38	38	22	54	41	256
Walls Repaired ...	21	...	34	33	17	...	24	129
Floors Repaired ...	24	3	6	1	10	...	3	47
Doors provided or repaired ...	14	2	20	2	5	3	6	52
Ventilated ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
Seats provided or repaired ...	38	..	5	4	1	5	4	57
Basins Cleansed ...	...	14	...	2	3	..	17	36
Roofs repaired ...	44	...	...	22	...	...	...	66
Drains—								
Drains Re-constructed ...	17	7	31	31	18	25	5	134
Surface Drains provided ...	...	5	...	...	...	..	...	5
Cleansed and Amended ...	31	33	67	49	65	81	47	373
Gully Traps fixed ...	39	...	47	35	17	...	3	141
Soil Pipes and Vent Pipes fixed or repaired ...	25	3	22	21	43	10	4	128
Chambers built and Interceptors provided ...	7	2	11	21	1	...	...	42
Interceptors only fixed ...	...	...	...	1	..	...	...	1
Ventilated (fresh-air inlets provided, &c.) ...	12	...	9	26	1	3	...	51
Covers provided to chambers ...	...	...	...	2	..	...	...	2
Clearing Eyes ...	...	...	17	6	1	1	1	26

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTORS
FOR THE YEAR 1921—*continued.*

Table— <i>continued.</i>	Number of District.							Totals
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Sinks, Bath & Lavatory Wastes, and Rain Water Pipes— Disconnected from drains, trapped and ventilated	21	15	33	5	45	89	41	249
Cesspools— Abolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dustbins— Provided	132	97	136	136	149	125	115	890
Repaired	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	4
Yards— Paved	...	17	3	6	38	...	8	72
Surface Repaired	150	9	37	64	1	62	75	398
Urinals— Cleansed or Repaired	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	4
Scullery & Wash-house— Floors paved or repaired	28	2	40	10	9	6	18	113
Forecourts— Paved	8	...	2	...	1	...	...	11
Surface Repaired	...	...	9	11	1	10	4	35
Gutters and Rain Water Pipes Provided and Repaired	129	36	93	88	71	130	81	628
Water Supply— Store Cisterns provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Covers provided	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	4
" " Cleansed	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	3
" " abolished	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
Supply Reinstated	4	...	7	3	9	...	1	24
Fittings Repaired	29	...	63	66	56	45	19	278
New Houses Inspected for Certificates before Occupation	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
Potable Water provided from Service	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cleansing and Repairs— Houses Cleansed and Limewashed	345	159	277	312	240	205	307	1845
Houses repaired and Ventilation improved	274	46	353	204	150	188	276	1491
House roofs repaired	105	59	150	79	80	88	70	631
Dampness abated	86	...	...	51	...	...	...	137
Dung Receptacles— Abolished	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3
Provided	...	...	2	3	...	...	1	6

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTORS
FOR THE YEAR 1921—*continued.*

Table—continued.	Number of District.							Totals.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
New Sinks fixed	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	7
Sink waste pipes repaired...	...	...	...	39	...	...	...	39
Overcrowding—								
Cases Abated	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
Accumulations								
Removed	2	7	12	...	4	8	6	39
Animals—								
Ceased keeping as a Nuisance	...	...	...	...	2	3	3	8
Smoke Nuisances—								
Cases Abated	1	...	...	3	...	1	2	7
Observations	5	...	...	8	...	3	9	25
Rooms occupied in such a manner as to be a nuisance	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

District No. 1.—Inspector SIMPSON.

District No. 2.—Inspector SHELLEY.

District No. 3.—Inspector KEMP.

District No. 4.—Inspector HEWETT.

District No. 5.—Inspector ALLAM.

District No. 6.—Inspector YATES.

District No. 7.—Inspector MAYO.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE INSPECTIONS.

House-to-house inspections were made in the following streets during the year :—

Street.	Total Houses inspected.	Number in which defects were found.	Number in which no defects were found.
Addey Street	32	31	1
Albury Street	5	5	—
Alpine Road	35	30	5
Alverton Street	30	19	11
Avonley Road	13	9	4
Baildon Street	37	37	—
Berthon Street	12	12	—
Bestwood Street	7	7	—
Camplin Street	30	12	18
Canterbury Road	56	49	7
Childers Street	32	22	10
Chipley Street	5	5	—
Church Street	34	34	—
Cornbury Road	20	20	—
Croft Street ...	22	17	5
Douglas Street	69	31	38
Edale Road ...	27	25	2
Edward Street	38	33	5
Faulkner Street	35	33	2
Frankham Street	16	16	—
Giffin Street	22	21	1
Gosterwood Street	114	85	29
Glenville Grove	26	8	18
Hamilton Street	58	55	3
Harts Lane	3	3	—
Heston Street	1	1	—
Hyde Street	71	68	3
Kender Grove	4	3	1
Kender Street	119	100	19
Kender Place	8	3	5
Kerry Road ...	53	14	39
Knoyle Street	27	27	—
Lubbock Street	22	20	2
Mary Ann Buildings	3	3	—
Napier Street	20	13	7
Norfolk House	8	3	5
Railway Grove	34	19	15
Reastou Street	56	45	11
Rolt Street	82	54	28
Stanley Street	25	12	13
Warwick Street	90	30	60
White Post Lane	1	1	—
Windmill Lane	10	7	3
Totals	1412	1042	370

UNSOUND FOOD.

On November 9th, Inspector Shelley, acting on information received from a neighbouring borough, visited a yard in this borough and found deposited there in a cart, 516 tins of potted crayfish, 476 jars of potted meat and 32 tins of condensed milk, which were unsound and unfit for the food of man. The articles were accordingly seized, condemned by a Justice, and destroyed.

Legal proceedings were not instituted as it was found impossible to prove that the articles in question were intended for human consumption.

During the year, the following quantities of food were brought to the notice of this Department, voluntarily by the owners, found to be unsound, and destroyed:—

Apples	...	...	2 boxes	Herrings (tinned)	...	1 tin
Bacon	10 sides and	1½ cwt.		Kippers	...	53 boxes
Cherries	...	...	2 baskets	Pears (tinned)	...	280 „
Chestnuts	...	...	56 lbs.	Plaice	...	29½ stone
Codfish	...	...	2 boxes	Potatoes	...	3½ sacks
Condensed Milk	...	...	88 tins	Rabbits	...	140
Crabs	...	...	20	Sardines	...	1 tin
Dates	...	...	38 boxes	Skate	9 stone and	2 boxes
Dog fish	...	...	1 trunk	Soles	...	1 box and 1 trunk
Fish fillets	...	...	4 boxes	Tomatoes (tinned)	...	2 tins
Grapes	...	...	40 lbs.	Tomatoes	...	74 lbs.
Haddock	6 stone, 3 boxes,	1 trunk		Whelks	...	2 bushels
Herrings	...	2 barrels and	1 box			

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

600 samples were purchased and submitted to the Public Analyst for analysis. Of this number, 35 or 5·8 % were adulterated. In 18 instances legal proceedings were taken, and fines and costs amounting to £41 18s. were inflicted.

SAMPLES TAKEN DURING 1921.

Articles.	Number Genuine.	Number Adulter- ated.	Total.	Percentage of Adulter- ation.
Baking Powder	1	..	1	..
Brawn	2	..	2	..
Butter.. ..	50	2	52	3·8
Ground Cinnamon	4	..	4	..
Cocoa	11	..	11	..
Coffee	2	..	2	..
Preserved Cream	1	..	1	..
Custard Powder	1	..	1	..
Dripping	4	..	4	..
Flour	1	..	1	..
Ground Ginger	2	..	2	..
Lard	14	1	15	6·7
Margarine	4	..	4	..
Milk	367	26	393	6·6
Separated Milk	12	1	13	7·7
Skim Milk	1	1	2	50·0
Mustard	18	..	18	..
Pepper	18	..	18	..
Meat Paste	1	..	1	..
Salmon and Shrimp Paste..	2	1	3	33·3
Fish Paste	—	1	1	100·0
Pork Sausage	1	..	1	..
Beef Sausage	1	..	1	..
Sausage	3	..	3	..
Vinegar	36	1	37	2·7
Malt Vinegar	4	..	4	..
<i>Informal Samples—</i>				
Milk	1	1	2	50·0
Flour	1	..	1	..
Dried Milk	1	..	1	..
Fish Paste	1	..	1	..
Totals	565	35	600	5·8

PROCEEDINGS TAKEN WITH REGARD TO SAMPLES PURCHASED
DURING THE YEAR.

Sample No.	Article.	Particulars of Adulteration or Infringement.	Fine.	Costs.	Remarks.
5 A	Milk	5 per cent. abstraction of fat	£ s. d. 2 0 0	£ s. d. 1 1 0	
7 A	"	1 per cent. added water ..	—	—	Vendor cautioned.
2 H	"	1 per cent. abstraction of fat	—	—	Vendor cautioned.
5 H	"	1 " " " " ..	—	—	Vendor cautioned.
14 H	"	1 per cent. added water ..	—	—	Vendor cautioned.
17 H	"	1 " " " " " ..	—	—	Vendor cautioned.
13 K	"	13 per cent. abstraction of fat	—	—	Dismissed. Warranty proved
9 A	Skim Milk	9 per cent. added water ..	—	1 1 0	Dismissed on payment of costs
4 T	Butter	9·6 per cent. excess of water	—	—	Dismissed. Warranty proved
40 H	Milk	14 per cent. added water ..	1 0 0	1 1 0	
41 H	"	13 " " " " " ..	—	—	Dismissed.
39 O	"	Traces of colouring matter ..	—	—	Vendor cautioned
45 O	"	3 per cent. abstraction of fat	—	—	Vendor cautioned.
49 O	"	8 per cent. abstraction of fat and 12 per cent. added water	4 4 0	1 1 0	
50 O	"	7 per cent. abstraction of fat and 6 per cent. added water	4 4 0	1 1 0	
52 O	"	4 per cent. abstraction of fat and 3 per cent. added water	4 4 0	1 1 0	
53 O	"	9 per cent. abstraction of fat and 12 per cent. added water	4 4 0	1 1 0	
30 S	"	19 per cent. abstraction of fat and 8 per cent. added water	0 1 0	2 2 0	
40 SY	"	6 per cent. abstraction of fat	—	—	Dismissed on conviction of wholesale firm, samples 49-53 O
41 SY	"	Traces of colouring matter ..	—	—	Vendor cautioned.
42 SY	"	14 per cent. abstraction of fat	—	—	Dismissed on conviction of wholesale firm, samples 49-53 O
30 H	Separated Milk	8 per cent. added water ..	1 0 0	1 1 0	
33 A	Salmon and Shrimp Paste	Boric acid 12·2 grains per lb.	—	—	Vendor cautioned.
13 A	Milk	2 per cent. added water ..	—	—	Informal sample
61 S	"	4 per cent. abstraction of fat	0 1 0	2 2 0	
20 T	"	2 " " " " " ..	—	—	Vendor cautioned.
22 T	"	1 " " " " " ..	—	—	Vendor cautioned.
23 T	"	5 " " " " " ..	—	—	Summons withdrawn on Solicitor's advice
64 T	Butter	0·7 per cent. excess of water	—	—	Vendor cautioned
35 T	Fish Paste	Boric acid 4·0 grains per lb.	—	—	Vendor cautioned
76 S	Lard	2·1 per cent. excess of water	—	—	Vendor cautioned
92 O	Milk	6 per cent. abstraction of fat	—	—	Summons dismissed.
83 SY	"	Traces of colouring matter ..	—	—	Warranty proved
34 T	"	18 per cent. added water ..	4 4 0	1 1 0	Vendor cautioned
71 S	Vinegar	12 per cent. excessive water	2 2 0	1 1 0	

SUMMARY.

				£ s. d.
Fines	..	..	..	27 4 0
Costs	..	..	..	14 14 0
				<u>41 18 0</u>

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TAKEN UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND BY-LAWS.

Premises.	Offence.	Fine. £ s. d.	Costs. £ s. d.	Remarks.
2, 4, 6, 8 and 12 Kenwood Avenue	Premises without dust- bins	5 0 0	5 5 0	5 summonses
2, 4, 6, 8 and 20 Reginald Place	Do. do. ..	5 5 0	2 12 6	5 summonses
47 Windmill Lane ..	Do. do. ..	0 10 6	0 10 6	
161 Grove Street ..	Fixing w.c. pan with- out notice	—	0 10 0	Dismissed on payment of costs
40 Sandbourne Road ..	Drains in such a state as to be a nuisance	1 0 0	1 1 0	And Order for necessary work to be carried out within 28 days
42 Sandbourne Road ..	Do. do. ..	1 0 0	1 1 0	Do.
44 Sandbourne Road ..	Do. do. ..	1 0 0	1 1 0	Do.
70 Gellatly Road ..	Fixing w.c. pan and trap without notice	1 0 0	1 1 0	Do.
1 Martha Place ..	Improperly repairing drains without notice	2 2 0	1 1 0	Do.

SUMMARY					£ s. d.
Fines	..	..	..	..	16 17 6
Costs	..	..	..	..	14 3 0
					<u>£31 0 6</u>

HOUSING.

In December, 1920, the first two houses of the Council's Housing Estate, Arica Road, were completed, and were opened by His Worship the Mayor.

During the year 1921, 109 houses were completed, making a total of 111 occupied or ready for occupation at the end of the year under report. Of these, 74 are in Deptford and 37 in Lewisham Borough, and comprise the following types:—

Deptford Borough—

CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION.

Type A (non-parlour)	...	Arica Road	...	19 houses
Type B (parlour)	...	Revelon Road	...	28 „
Type B „	...	Brockill Crescent		8 „

BRICK CONSTRUCTION.

Type B (parlour)	...	Brockill Crescent	19 „
Total in Deptford			<u>74 „</u>

Lewisham Borough—

BRICK CONSTRUCTION.

Type A (non-parlour)	...	Brockill Crescent	4 houses
Type B (parlour)	...	Do.	33 „
Total in Lewisham			<u>37 „</u>

Factory and Workshops Act.

Table.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.

PROCEEDING DURING 1921.

PREMISES.	NUMBER OF PLACES—				Number of inspections	Number of notices	Number of proceedings
	On register at end of 1920	Added 1921	Re-moved 1921	On register at end of 1921			
Milk premises ...	179	33	76	136	439	15	..
Cowsheds ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Slaughter-houses ...	2	..	..	2	24	..	..
Other offensive trade premises	2	..	..	2	15	..	..
Ice cream premises ...	120	10	52	78	225	27	..
Fried fish, etc., shops	29	5	1	43	174	19	..
Restaurants ...	52	3	2	53	85	21	..
Other food premises ...	15	1	..	16	49	20	..

Table.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

TABULATION OF REPORT AS REQUIRED BY S. 131 OF THE FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, AND WORKPLACES, during 1921.

CLASS OF WORK.		NUMBER OF PLACES					Number of Inspections.	Number of Notices.	Number of Prosecutions.	
		On Register at end of 1920	Added 1921.	Re-moved 1921.	On Register at end of 1921.					
					Prem-ises.	Rooms			Under Factory Acts.	Under Public Health Acts.
Factories	Factory Laundries ...	4			4	17	5			
	Factory Bakehouses ..	11	3		14	29	57	1		
	Other Factories ...	142	39	10	171	505	241	6		
Workshops	Workshop Laundries	5			5	18	9	1		
	Workshop Bakehouses	45			45	90	198	2		
	Other Workshops ...	127	17	45	99	185	159	5		
Workplaces	Places where Food is prepared for Sale	117	6	2	121	228	314	25		
	Workplaces other than the above ...	56	5	5	56	76	72			
Home-workers' Premises ..		499	65	275	289	299	383	22		
Total ...		1006	135	337	804	1447	1438	62		

Table.**METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.**

This Table is by request of the Secretary of State.

Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for the year 1921.

ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901
IN CONNECTION WITH

**FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, LAUNDRIES, WORKPLACES,
AND HOMEWORK.**

1.—INSPECTION.

INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS OR
INSPECTORS OF NUISANCES.

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Prosecutions.
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	303	7	
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	366	8	
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises included in Part 3 of this Report)	386	25	
Total	1055	40	

2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

PARTICULARS.	NUMBER OF DEFECTS.			Number of Prosecutions
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts.</i>				
Want of Cleanliness	34	34		
Want of Ventilation				
Overcrowding	1	1		
Want of Drainage of Floors	1	1		
Other Nuisances	29	29		
Sanitary Accommodation { Insufficient	7	5		
{ Unsuitable or defective	75	75		
{ Not Separate for Sexes				
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act.</i>				
Illegal Occupation of Underground Bakehouse (sec. 101)				
Breach of Special Sanitary Requirements for Bakehouses (ss. 97 to 100)				
Other Offences (excluding offences relating to outwork which are included in Part 3 of this Report)				
Total	147	145		

Table—continued.

3.—HOME WORK.

NATURE OF WORK.	OUTWORKERS' LISTS, SECTION 107										OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES, SECTION 108			OUTWORK IN INFECTED PREMISES, SECTIONS 109, 110		
	Lists received from Employers.							Prosecutions.			Instances.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.	Instances.	Orders made (S. 110).	Prosecutions (Sections 109, 110)
	Twice in the year.			Once in the year.			Notices served on Occupiers as to keeping or sending lists.	Failing to keep or permit inspection of lists.	Failing to send lists.							
	Lists.	Out-workers.		Lists.	Out-workers.											
		Con-tractors.	Work-men.		Con-tractors.	Work-men.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Wearing apparel—																
Making, etc. ..	94	12	263	17		21	56			6						
Fur-pulling	1		1													
Umbrella making ..	1		1													
Artificial flower making ..	1		1													
Tent making	1		1													
Tennis ball making ..	3		3													
Paper bag making ..	7		7													
Total ..	108	12	277	17		21	56			6						

Table—continued.

4.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on Register (s. 131) at the end of year.	Number.
Bakehouses	45
Dressmaking	17
Laundries	5
Millinery	14
Shirtmaking	1
Tailoring	13
Wheelwrights (Smiths, &c)	12
Others	70
Total number of Workshops on Register ..	177

5.—OTHER MATTERS.

Class.	Number.
Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories— Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 133)	10
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remedi- able under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 5)	3
Notified by H.M. Inspector	3
Reports (of action taken) sent to H.M. Inspector	3
Other	—
Underground Bakehouses (s. 101) :—	
Certificates granted during the year	—
In use at the end of the year	16

CANAL BOATS ACTS.

Under Sec. 3 of the Canal Boats Act, 1884, this Council is required to submit a report each year to the Ministry of Health on the execution of the above Acts and the steps taken to enforce compliance with the provisions thereof.

The following report by Inspector Hewett, to whom is assigned the duties of Canal Boats Inspector, has been forwarded to the Ministry :—

SIR,

I beg to report for the year ending December 31st, 1921, that for the purpose of Canal Boats inspection, I made eleven visits on the following dates, viz. :—

March 31st, April 5th, May 2nd and 23rd, June 20th, July 14th and 16th, September 15th, October 7th, November 30th and December 12th.

Only one boat "Witham," registered No. 351 at Brentwood, was inspected and found to be satisfactory. No children of school age were on board.

The arrangements made for the inspection of Canal Boats are :—Periodical inspection by Sanitary Inspector duly appointed under the Canal Boats Acts, jointly with other duties as District Inspector.

Yours obediently,

(Signed) F. HEWETT.

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