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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF

BETHNAL GREEN

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman: Councillor A. Stocks

Vice-Chairman: Councillor R.T. Bell

Alderman	Mrs. A.M. Sivill	Councillor	P.A. Hart
Councillor	E.F. Berry	"	W.R. Johnson
"	J. Docherty	"	R.H. May
"	G.A. Hadley	"	J.D. Sivill
"	R.H. Hare	"	Miss R. Sleigh

Ex-Officio Members:

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor A.W. Hastings, J.P.)

Alderman H.J. Stubbs, J.P.

Councillor L.A. Coan

" C.F.F. Fleet

" A.C. Jacob

Council's Representatives on the London County Council
(Division 5) Health Committee:

Alderman Mrs. A.M. Sivill.

and

Councillor A. Stocks

STAFF OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:

S.A. BOYD, M.D. (Vienna), D.P.H.

Public Health Inspectors

Senior Public Health Inspector:	F.C. Sharpe	ø m
Senior Housing Inspector	:	
and Deputy Senior Public	:	
Health Inspector	: S.R. Slater	ø m
Housing Inspector	: E.F. Swash	ø
Sampling Officer and Food	:	
Inspector	: G.E. Gould	ø m
District Inspectors	: L.G. James	ø m (Resigned April, 1958)
	: W. Johnson	ø

Administrative and Clerical Staff:

Chief Clerk	:	J.E. Pestell
Senior Clerk	:	S.A. Wright
Assistant Clerks	:	R.F. Marshall
	:	C.W. Foxton
	:	F.S. Frid
	:	Mrs. J.E. Ingrey
Junior Clerk	:	Mrs. L. Payne (Resigned Oct. 1958)
Pupil Public	:	
Health Inspector	:	A.V. Sullivan (commenced July 1958)

Other Employees:

Disinfectors.....	3
Female Cleansing Attendant.....	1
Rodent Operatives.....	4
ø Certified Public Health Inspector	
m Certified Meat, etc., Inspector	

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Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Bethnal Green, E.2.

May, 1959.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Metropolitan Borough of Bethnal Green.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Borough for the year 1958.

Staff. At the beginning of the year, the Department was still three short of its establishment of nine public health inspectors. In April, one of the Inspectors left to take up another appointment and for the remainder of the year there were four vacancies. During the year, the Council approved the appointment of a pupil public health inspector for training with the Department.

The work of the Public Health Department is summarised in the report which follows and the L.C.C. Divisional Medical Officer, Dr. G.O. Mitchell, has again kindly supplied me with some particulars of the personal health services which are, of course, the responsibility of the London County Council.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support and encouragement during the year. I am also grateful to my colleagues in other departments for

- their willing assistance and my particular thanks are due to my own staff for their loyal assistance and support at all times.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

S.A. BOYD,

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION A

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area	760 acres
Population, estimated mid-year	49,830
Number of Dwellings	15,301
Rateable Value	£649,852
General Rate	20s. 4d.
Sum represented by a penny rate	£2,525

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births: Legitimate.	422	385	807
Illegitimate	37	25	62
Live Birth rate per 1,000 population .			17.4
Stillbirths: Legitimate.	10	7	17
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Stillbirths rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths			0.36
Total live and stillbirths			17.8
Infant Deaths: Legitimate	8	6	14
Illegitimate	2	-	2
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births:			
Total			18.4
Legitimate			17.3
Illegitimate			32.2
Neo Natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births (first four weeks) ..			11.5
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births			7.1
Maternal Mortality: There were no deaths associated with pregnancy or childbirth.			
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population			11.4

During 1958 the Registrar General estimated the population as 49,830, which is 1,110 less than in the previous year.

The death rate was 11.4 per 1,000 persons as compared with a rate of 11.3 for 1957. Both births and deaths depend to some extent on the proportions of young and old people and of males and females in the area, and in order to make comparisons between one area and another the Registrar General gives Area Comparability Factors which take into account these variations in age and sex. Using this factor the adjusted death rate for Bethnal Green would be 11.4 as compared with 11.7 for England and Wales.

The birth rate during 1958 was 17.4 as compared with 15.7 during the previous year. The adjusted rate for comparison with other areas is 16.2 as compared with 16.4 for England and Wales.

The infant mortality rate was 18.4 as compared with the rate of 22.6 for England and Wales. It is, in Bethnal Green, however, calculated on a very small number of infant deaths and is consequently subject to large variations from year to year and as an indication of child care the figure should be used with some caution.

The causes of death are shown in Table 1, which follows.

Notification of Births

Arrangements continued in operation during the year whereby the London County Council furnished to the Borough Council a weekly return of births (including stillbirths) notified to them as the Local Health Authority under the National Health Service Act, 1946.

During the year 889 live births (467 male and 422 female) were notified and in addition there were 18 stillbirths (12 male and 6 female).

These figures represent corrected totals after the addition of inward transfers and the deduction of outward transfers and the difference between these figures and those set out previously is due to the fact that births must be registered within 6 weeks and it is not uncommon for a child to be born and notified in one calendar year but not actually registered until the following year.

TABLE 1
CAUSES OF DEATHS

Causes of Death	under 1 year		1 to 4		5 to 14		15 to 24		25 to 44		45 to 64		65 to 74		75 and over		Totals	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
All causes	10	6			1		1		8	9	104	49	87	72	97	128	308	264
1 Tuberculosis, respiratory											3	1		1	3	1	6	3
2 Tuberculosis, other																	-	-
3 Syphilitic disease											1		1				2	-
4 Diphtheria																	-	-
5 Whooping Cough																	-	-
6 Meningococcal infections															1		1	-
7 Acute Poliomyelitis																	-	-
8 Measles																	-	-
9 Other infective and parasitic diseases									1			1					1	1
10 Malignant neoplasm, stomach										1	1	4	5	4	3	6	9	15
11 Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus											21	1	8	2	3		32	3
12 Malignant neoplasm, breast										4		6		1		2	-	13
13 Malignant neoplasm, uterus												2				1	-	3
14 Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms									1		12	9	8	1	13	6	34	16
15 Leukaemia, aleukaemia												1		1			-	2
16 Diabetes												1		2	1	2	1	5
17 Vascular lesions of nervous system									1		4	7	5	8	4	20	14	35

18 Coronary disease, angina									1		19	2	15	17	20	18	55	37
19 Hypertension with heart disease											1		1		1	3	3	3
20 Other heart disease											4	5	7	4	7	24	18	33
21 Other circulatory disease									1		2		2	7	2	12	7	19
22 Influenza											1					1	1	1
23 Pneumonia	1	3									5	2	10	4	12	9	28	18
24 Bronchitis									1		16	2	16	5	17	10	50	17
25 Other diseases of respiratory system																	-	-
26 Ulcer of stomach and duodenum											5		2	1	1	4	8	5
27 Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1										2			4		2	3	6
28 Nephritis and nephrosis												1	1	2			1	3
29 Hyperplasia of prostate															3		3	-
30 Pregnancy, childbirth abortion																	-	-
31 Congenital malformations	2	1			1												3	1
32 Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	2								1	3	2	5	4	5	7	19	16
33 Motor vehicle accidents							1			1	1		1				3	1
34 All other accidents											1			4	1		2	4
35 Suicide									2	1	2	2					4	3
36 Homicide and operations of war										1							-	1

S E C T I O N B

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH

Water Supply

Water for domestic purposes in the Borough is obtained in all cases from the Metropolitan Water Board.

Bacteriological and chemical examination of the water is carried out at frequent intervals by the Metropolitan Water Board.

Notices were sent to the Board in 76 cases where wastage of water due to defective pipes or fittings was observed.

During the year 641 new premises were certified as having a proper and sufficient water supply in accordance with Section 95 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936.

In addition to the supply from the Metropolitan Water Board, there are five wells used for purposes other than drinking. These are:-

Attached to Council's Public Baths	1
Attached to a hospital	1
Supplementary supply for industrial purposes ...	3

Sanitary Inspection of the Borough

Following the 1,869 complaints of insanitary conditions, defects were found requiring the service of Intimation Notices in 1,045 cases. Of these Statutory Notices were required in 400 instances and legal proceedings were instituted in 42 cases. In addition, 28 notices in accordance with the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1955, three under Section 26 and twentyfive under Section 27, were served. In twentyfour cases the necessary work was carried out by the Council and the expenses incurred recovered from the owners of the properties.

In connection with the supervision of drainage works a total of 2,497 inspections were made during the year. 44 notices in accordance with Section 25 of the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1955, were served and in twentyone instances the necessary work was carried out by the Council and the expenses incurred recovered from the owners of the properties.

T A B L E 2

RECORD OF VISITS

Notifiable Infectious Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	486
Non-notifiable diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Food Poisoning	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Complaints as to insanitary conditions	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,869
Aged and Infirm persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
Factories	..	..	..	..	..	..	787
Milkshops	..	..	..	..	..	..	235
Other Food Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,588
Outworkers' houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Tenement houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	156
Drainage work	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,497
Smoke observations	..	..	..	..	..	..	69
Enquiries with regard to housing	..	..	..	..	..	..	704
Other inspections and special work	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,802
Re-inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,718
Shops Act inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	254
Total							<u>16,240</u>

T A B L E 3

SANITARY DEFECTS IN CONNECTION WITH
WHICH NOTICES WERE SERVED

Dirty and/or dilapidated rooms	..	..	..	..	..	825
Defective drains and choked w.c.'s	..	..	..	..	..	101
Defective and dirty w.c.'s	..	..	..	..	..	497
Defective water supply	..	..	..	..	..	40
Defective paving	..	..	..	..	..	98
Defective gutters and rain water pipes	..	..	..	..	..	392
Defective roofs	..	..	..	..	..	555
Dampness	..	..	..	..	..	547
Defective dustbins	..	..	..	..	..	89
Smoke Nuisances	..	..	..	..	..	-
Other defects	..	..	..	..	..	<u>1,943</u>
Total						<u>5,069</u>

Supply of Dustbins

In 22 cases during the year notices were served upon the owner in accordance with Section 12 of the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1954.

Legal Proceedings

It was found necessary on 42 occasions during the year to take legal proceedings to enforce compliance with the requirements of Notices served.

In 11 of these cases Abatement Orders were made by the Justices with the infliction of costs amounting to £32.11s.0d. Brief details are set out below.

Abatement Orders

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Offence</u>	<u>Result of Proceedings</u>
3/12, Quinn Square	Non-compliance with Nuisance Notice	Abatement Order made (14 days) £3.3s.0d costs
27, St. Peter's Avenue	do.	do. do.
16, St. Peter's Close.	do.	Abatement Order made (21 days) £3.3s.0d costs
144/146, Bethnal Green Road	do.	Abatement Order made (28 days) £3.3s.0d costs
28, Darling Row	do.	do. do.
17/28, do.	do.	do. do.
11, Quinn Square	do.	do. do.
18, Sewardstone Road	do.	do. do.
138, do.	do.	do. do.
41, Cheshire Street	do.	do. £1.1s.0d. costs
10, Temple Dwellings	do.	Abatement Order made (56 days) £3.3s.0d costs

In 31 cases summonses were withdrawn owing to the nuisances being abated prior to the date of hearing, the defendants paying expenses amounting to £56.14s.0d.

Rent Act, 1957

During the year, the following applications were received in accordance with the First Schedule of the Act.

Part 1 - Applications for Certificates of
Disrepair

(1) Number of applications for certificates	76
(2) Number of decisions not to issue certificates	Nil
(3) Number of decisions to issue certificates	82
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	29
(b) in respect of all defects	53
(4) Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	39
(5) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule. . .	3
(6) Number of Certificates issued	55

Part 11 - Applications for Cancellation of
Certificates

(7) Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	15
(8) Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	7
(9) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objection	Nil
(10) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	8

Factories, Workshops and Workplaces

The provision of the Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948 are administered by H.M. Inspector of Factories of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, in conjunction with the local sanitary authority. Close co-operation is maintained between the two, and defaults found in the course of visits to factories are notified between one and the other according to the body responsible for remedial measures.

The principal duties of the sanitary authority are the enforcement of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 of the Factories Act, 1937, insofar as non-power factories are concerned, and Section 7 only in respect of power factories.

Factories and Workplaces in this Borough carrying on a variety of trades number 1,446, and a total of 646 inspections and re-inspections were made during the year.

127 investigations were made in regard to drainage and applications under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947,

The following Tables give details of work carried out under the Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948, during the year:-

TABLE 4

INSPECTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	573	186	23	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	867	460	53	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	6	-	-	-
TOTALS	1,446	646	76	-

TABLE 5
CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	No. of Cases in which Defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	14	13	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:-					
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	47	33	-	12	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Acts (not including offences relating to outwork)	89	75	1	-	-
TOTALS	151	121	1	12	-

O U T W O R K

Outworkers (Section 110(I)(c))

Twice yearly, February and August, the Factories Act, 1937, requires all employers of outworkers in the Borough to forward to the Local Authority a list giving the names and addresses of all persons employed by them in homework during the previous six months.

Of the 405 names of outworkers which appeared on the lists received in August, 91 were given as residing within the Borough; in addition 121 names of outworkers residing in Bethnal Green were forwarded from other boroughs.

The following information of classes of work and numbers of outworkers employed thereon, being Bethnal Green residents, is in respect of the August lists, received from employers in the Borough, and from other Boroughs:-

Number of Outworkers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c)

Wearing apparel (making, etc .)	138
Curtains and Furniture hangings	16
Brushes	6
Boxes	31
Buttons, etc., Carding	2
Artificial Flowers	3
Christmas Crackers, etc.	13
Household Linen	2
Umbrellas	1
Total	<u>212</u>

Section 110. There was no case of default in sending list to the Council.

Section 111. There was no instance of work being carried on in unwholesome premises.

Shops Acts

During the year the Public Health Inspectors paid 173 visits to shops in relation to general sanitation, ventilation and temperature requirements. 12 notices were served in respect of unsatisfactory conditions found to exist.

Disinfection and Disinfestation

The following is a summary of the routine work carried out by the disinfecting staff during the year:-

No. of rooms disinfested	552
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc. submitted to steam disinfection	3,423
Articles disinfected by formalin	2,188
Hospital mattresses, pillows, etc. disinfected	4,173
Number of articles destroyed by request	2,544

In addition, on 379 occasions rubbish which had been dumped on open sites, etc., was sprayed with insecticide prior to removal.

The furniture and bedding of 69 families removing to Borough Council flats were disinfested.

Personal Cleansing Station

During the year, 27 adults and 1 child had baths for verminous conditions at the Personal Cleansing Station, simultaneous disinfection of clothing being carried out.

In addition, 21 adults and 16 children received treatment for Scabies at the Station. Public Health Inspectors visit and advise in all cases of Scabies and in those cases where verminous conditions persistently recur.

During the year the mobile bathing equipment for the cleansing, by consent, of aged persons in their own homes where the persons concerned are so enfeebled as not to be able to attend at the Personal Cleansing Station was used on thirty occasions.

Laundry Service for Incontinent Persons.

During the year, the Council approved the provision of a laundry service for incontinent persons in accordance with the provisions of Section 122 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936. An arrangement was made with the Hackney Borough Council for the laundering to be carried out at the Hackney Disinfection Station at a charge per garment.

Only actually contaminated articles of bed linen and personal clothing of incontinent persons are accepted for laundering. A twice weekly service is provided and collection and delivery is carried out by the Disinfecting Staff.

The arrangement is working satisfactorily and the service fills a most needed want.

The laundry of two persons was dealt with during the year under review.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

During the year, 327 complaints of infestation by rats or mice were received and in most cases smoke tests of the drainage of the premises affected were carried out by the rodent operatives under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors. One notice under section 4 (1) of the Act was served.

Systematic baiting and poisoning was carried out by the Rodent Operatives at 307 domestic premises and at 190 business premises, with satisfactory results.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, all sewers under the control of the Council were baited twice during the year, involving a total of 1,284 manholes. Positive results were obtained in 681 instances.

National Assistance Act, 1948

Under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, as amended by the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, provision is made whereby a court of summary jurisdiction may make an order for the removal of ill, infirm or incapacitated persons who are not receiving proper care and attention.

Whilst this provision is necessary in order to deal with unusual and very difficult cases it is one which should be resorted to only when all else has failed.

During the year under review it was found necessary in two following cases to use the powers of the Act:-

1. Miss L.S., aged 78 years, was found to be infirm and physically incapacitated and living in insanitary conditions. She was in need of urgent hospital treatment and was unable to devote to herself, and was not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention. She refused to enter a hospital voluntarily and, in her own interests, there was no alternative but to apply for a removal order, which was granted by the Magistrate.
2. Mr. E.H., aged about 75 years, was found to be infirm and living in insanitary conditions. He was unable to devote to himself, and was not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention. He refused to enter a suitable institution and, in his own interests, there was no alternative but to apply for a removal order, which was granted by the Magistrate. Mr. H., settled down very happily in the Home to which he was admitted and expressed no desire to leave.

During the year, 28 other cases were brought to the notice of the Department where aged persons were in need of attention. It was possible in a number of these to provide necessary care for these old people in their own homes and the Home Help service provided by the London County Council was again helpful in this connection. In other cases where it was not possible to make satisfactory provision in their own homes the old people were persuaded to enter a hospital or an institution.

The Old People's Welfare Committee, comprising representatives of the Council and the various local organisations and social settlements, continued to provide all possible assistance to old people in the Borough by the provision of clubs, home visitation, meals-on-wheels service, chiropody service, holidays and outings, etc.

Offensive Trades

There are three premises in the Borough registered for the purpose of carrying on offensive trades. One being the business of fur skin dresser and two poultry slaughterhouses. Twentytwo visits of inspection were made to these premises.

The use of the animal slaughterhouse that had been licensed for many years was discontinued during the year.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

This Act provides for the licensing by the local authority of all premises used for the manufacture and/or storage of filling materials to which the Act applies, and for the registration of certain premises where such materials are used in upholstering, stuffing or lining of bedding, toys, baby carriages, etc.

There are no premises in the Borough where rag flock or other filling materials are manufactured but 44 premises are registered for the use of such materials in the trades conducted therein.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

The operation of this Act is probably of more importance in Bethnal Green than in any other London Borough on account of the Sunday morning dog market which has been held in Bethnal Green for many years and which serves both vendors and purchasers throughout the whole of the County of London and even beyond.

During the year 15 licences were granted in respect of shops and 51 licenses in respect of stalls.

Eleven warning letters were sent in connection with various infringements of the Act.

Clean Air Act, 1956.

During the year, the Council forwarded proposals to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for approval to the making of an order declaring 136 acres of the Borough as a Smoke Control Area. The Ministry has since given provisional clearance to these proposals.

A large slum clearance area, comprising 373 privately owned dwellinghouses, comes within the proposed smoke control area and in view of the fact that its clearance is not likely to be completed until 1960, the suggested date for the coming into operation of the Smoke Control Order is 1st September, 1960.

The following is a summary of the types of properties that come within the 136 acres:-

(i) Dwellinghouses - privately owned	447	
owned by the Crown	30	
" " Borough		
Council	17	
" " L.C.C.	<u>5</u>	499
(ii) Borough Council flats		636
(iii) L.C.C. flats		266
(iv) L.C.C. pre-fabs		24
(v) Factories and Industrial Premises		38
(vi) Shops and other business premises		103
(vii) Non-business premises -		
Hospital	1	
Nurses' Home	1	
Schools	5	
Church	1	
Church Halls	2	
Meeting Halls	1	
Vicarages	2	
Manse	<u>1</u>	14

Atmospheric Pollution

A station for the monthly measurement of deposited matter and of sulphur dioxide is installed on the roof of a building at one of the Council's Depots. The apparatus used is in two parts, one instrument being a deposit gauge for the measurement of ash and grit, etc., in the atmosphere and the other a lead peroxide instrument by which the amount of sulphur dioxide is measured.

In addition, a second station for recording the daily measurement of pollution by sulphur dioxide and of smoke is installed at the Town Hall.

The results obtained from the instruments at the two stations are communicated to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Hairdressers and Barbers

Section 18 of the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1954, requires the registration of premises and the persons carrying

on the business of hairdressers or barbers thereat. At the end of the year, 53 premises were registered and 85 inspections were made to them during the year.

SECTION C

HOUSING

Clearance Areas

Areas which were represented or were the subject of Public Inquiry during the year were as follows:-

Clarkson Street	15 houses	(Bethnal Green Borough Council)			
Eastman Street	85 dwellings	"	"	"	"
Mansford Street	5 houses	"	"	"	"
Warner Place	8 houses	"	"	"	"
Bonwell Street	25 houses	(London County Council)			
Collingwood Street	241 houses	"	"	"	"
Mansford Street	5 houses	"	"	"	"
Mowlem Street	11 houses	"	"	"	"

Demolition/Closing of Unfit Houses

Having regard to the effect of demolition upon adjoining property, Closing Orders were made upon four premises in accordance with Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957, in lieu of making Demolition Orders.

Closing of Unfit parts of Buildings

Following official representation eight Closing Orders were made during the year under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957, prohibiting the use for human habitation of eight rooms.

Overcrowding (Housing Act, 1957)

Details of overcrowding in the Borough, and of cases where overcrowding was abated, are given below:-

	<u>No. of cases</u>
On register at end of 1957	439
New cases reported during 1958	<u>14</u>
Total	453
Overcrowding abated during 1958.	<u>101</u>
On register at end of 1958	<u>352</u>

	<u>Families</u>	<u>Equiv. Adults.</u>
Rehoused by London County Council	19	78½
Rehoused by Bethnal Green Borough Council	5	27
Rehoused Privately	1	3
Removed from register:-		
No longer overcrowded by reason of altered circumstances	-	-
Removed, mostly without trace	76	396½
Removed, premises demolished	-	-
Totals	<u>101</u>	<u>505</u>

In addition, of cases recommended on medical grounds 4 were rehoused by the London County Council and 18 removed without trace.

The following legal proceedings were taken during the year:-

Housing Act, 1957

Permitting the front basement room of a dwelling-house to be used for living purposes in contravention of a Closing Order made in 1957.

Defendant was fined £10, with £3.3s.0d costs.

New Housing

During the year new housing accommodation was provided as shown below:-

<u>Names of Premises</u>	<u>Provided by</u>	<u>No. of dwellings</u>
Bevin House	Borough Council	31
Lakeview Estate	do	60
Sulkin House	do	24
Trevelyan House	do	24
Wedgwood House	do	20
Apollo House	London County Council	20
Calcraft House	do	40
Cobden House	do	33
Florida Street	do	9
Johnson House	do	64
Kinsham House	do	60

<u>Names of Premises</u>	<u>Provided by</u>	<u>No. of dwellings</u>
Lysander House	London County Council	60
Pollard Street	do	71
Sherbrooke House	do	10
Sunbury Buildings (reconstructed)	do	50
Westhope House		60
Cadell House)		
Shipton House)	Private	5
Gross Total		641

Housing Statistics

General details with regard to inspection of dwelling-houses are submitted in the following tabular form.

Total number of dwellings in the Borough 15,301

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year:-

- (1)(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) 2,549
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 8,329
- (2)(a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 64
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 137
- (3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation . . . 101
- (4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 1,885

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:-

Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 803

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

(a) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 1,139

(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-

(1) By Owners 427

(ii) By Local Authority in default of Owners 45

(b) Proceedings under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 2

(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

(1) By Owners -

(ii) By Local Authority in default of Owners -

(c) Proceedings under Sections 16 and 18 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made -

(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders -

(3) Number of houses closed 1

(d) Proceedings under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(1) Number of rooms in separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made 8

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

(e) Proceedings under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(1) Number of dwellinghouses included in Clearance Areas 230

(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished as a result of Clearance Area Procedure 59

Re-Housing Programme

The following statement shows the number of families and persons accommodated by the Housing Committee during the year:-

	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Persons</u>
In Council flats and conversions	203	203	577

At the end of the year there were approximately 2,318 applications for re-housing outstanding.

SECTION D

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The following table gives the number of food premises in the Borough, by type of business, the number registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, or the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949-1954, inspections made thereat and notices served.

TABLE 6

INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES

Type	Number in Borough	Number Registered	Inspections	Notices served
Bakehouses	21	-	55	5
Bakers Shops	22	-	45	4
Butchers	47	42	191	9
Canteens	34	-	8	-
Confectioners	54	-	26	3
Eel and Pie Shops	8	6	16	-
Fish Curers	9	9	17	-
Fried Fish Shops	12	12	21	1
Fruiterers/Greengrocers	48	-	41	5
Grocers	70	3	110	8
Ice Cream Premises	151	151	219	5
Licensed Premises	131	-	110	24
Milkshops and Dairies	112	112	154	16
Miscellaneous	21	2	53	5
Other Fish Premises	8	2	25	-
Poultry Slaughterhouses	2	-	17	-
Restaurants	81	-	269	39
School Meals Kitchens	10	-	5	-
Street Stalls	233	-	238	-
Totals	1,084	339	1,620	124

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

During the year legal proceedings in respect of food unfit for human consumption were taken as follows:-

Selling loaf of sliced wrapped bread which contained two large pieces of metal.

Defendants were fined £5, with £10.0s.0d costs.

Having in possession for the purpose of sale 32 lbs. of margarine intended for but unfit for human consumption.

Defendants were fined £20, with £3.3s.0d costs.

During the year sixteen complaints were received from members of the public who alleged the unsatisfactory condition of food purchased by them. The following were the foods concerned:-

Bread.	Meat Pie.
Cakes.	Cheese.
Milk.	Acetic Acid.
Canned Salmon.	Fruit Salad.

The vast majority of the complaints were in respect of the presence of foreign matter in the foodstuff concerned.

These complaints were fully investigated and all necessary action taken. In the case of one of the bread complaints legal proceedings were taken and the result is shown above.

In addition a complaint was received concerning the sale of sherbet in very fragile glass phials. This potential source of danger to children had previously been pointed out to the manufacturer who had promised to discontinue the sale of this line in 1956. He had, however, now re-issued the article and had endeavoured to make them safe by wrapping the glass phial with a sticky label.

Upon being informed that the phials were still a danger to young children who in endeavouring to open the phials would often break the glass; the manufacturer decided to cease the sale of sherbet in these containers.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Summonses were taken out against an occupier of food premises in respect of the undermentioned offences:-

- (i) Regulation 5. Carrying on food business in unsanitary premises, the use of which, because of the condition thereof, exposed food to risk of contamination.
- (ii) Regulation 6(2). Allowing wooden containers intended for containing food in course of food business to become contaminated.
- (iii) Regulation 14 (1)(a). Failing to keep water closet at food premises in clean and efficient order.
- (iv) Regulation 14 (5). Failing to maintain in a prominent and suitable position near sanitary convenience at food premises a clearly legible notice requesting users to wash their hands after using convenience.
- (v) Regulation 23 (1). Failing to keep clean the floors, woodwork and walls of food rooms.
- (vi) Regulation 23 (1)(b). Failing to keep food rooms in such good order, repair and condition as to prevent risk of infestation by mice.
- (vii) Regulation 24. Allowing refuse and filth to accumulate in food rooms where food was stored.

The Justices imposed fines totalling £21 in the case of summonses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vi), and granted an absolute discharge in respect of summonses (v) and (vii).

In addition, it was found necessary on thirteen occasions to serve notices in respect of the following requirements of the Regulations at other food premises in the Borough:-

<u>Regulation No.</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>No. of contra-ventions.</u>
6	Unclean or defective articles of equipment	9
8	Food insufficiently protected from risk of contamination.	6
14	Sanitary conveniences either not kept clean or unsuitable	4
16	Inadequate handwashing facilities or insufficient suitable water supply or no proper water supply	5

<u>Regulation No.</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>No. of contra- ventions</u>
18	No proper storage accommo- dation for staff clothing	1
19	Inadequate facilities for washing equipment	1
23	Food rooms in unclean, unsuitable or defective condition	12
24	Unnecessary accumulations of refuse	6
27	No suitable covered receptacle for waste.	1

Milk Supply

(1) Inspection of Premises

A total of 154 visits were made in 1958, to dairies and other premises in the Borough used in connection with the distribution of milk and in 16 instances appropriate action was taken to deal with unsatisfactory conditions which were found to exist.

(2) Registration and Licensing

Details of premises on the register at the end of 1958, and the number of licenses issued during the year under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1949 to 1954, are set out as follows:-

	<u>Number of Premises on Register at end of year</u>
Dairies	13
Distributors	
(a) Inside the Borough	99
(b) Outside the Borough.	28

Number of Licenses issued under Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949 to 1953 and Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949 to 1954

	<u>Sterilised</u>	<u>Pasteurised</u>	<u>Tuberculin Tested</u>
Dealers' Licenses	99	67	35
Dealers' Supplementary Licenses	26	23	23
Totals	125	90	58

(3) Milk Sampling

During 1958, 31 informal samples of milk were submitted to the Public Analyst for examination, all of which were reported as genuine. In addition, 22 samples of heat treated milk were submitted to tests, the results of which are set out in Table 7.

T A B L E 7

Class of Milk	No. Tested.	Phosphatase test		Methylene Blue Test		
		Passed	Failed.	Passed	Failed	Void
Pasteurised	22	22	-	22	-	-

21 samples of milk were submitted to test for presence of chlorates as an indication of the efficiency of bottle washing. All were found to be free from same.

Unsound Food

During the year under review the Food Inspector examined and took appropriate action in relation to unsound food on 63 occasions. Details of the food together with quantities are set out as follows:-

	Quantity		
	Tons.	Cwts.	lbs.
Meat - Tinned	2	9	51 $\frac{3}{4}$
" - Carcase		5	68
Vegetables	1	16	50
Apples		4	82
Tapioca		1	0
Cream Fudge			60
Sago			50
Chickens.			37 $\frac{1}{4}$
Ham			10
	4	18	73

Other Foodstuffs

Ham	190 cases, 4 tins.
Grapefruit	20 crates
Grapes.	69 trays
Vegetables.	427 tins
Soup	392 tins
Fruit	115 tins
Fish	92 tins
Gherkins	30 tins, 27 jars.
Milk	28 tins
Sauerkraut.	25 tins
Meat Paste.	159 jars
Sauce	23 bottles
Various	1016 tubes, 299 tins, 54 packets, 52 bottles 9 jars.

In addition, 9 cwt. 15 lbs. of various tinned and other foodstuffs was seized at a food shop in the Borough, condemned and destroyed.

Condemned food is collected by Council and destroyed or, where suitable, used for animal food.

Food and Drugs Act

Mr. H.A. Parkes, B.Sc., F.R.I.C. of 161, Bow Road, E.3 is Public Analyst for the Borough.

Out of a total of 204 informal samples examined by the Public Analyst during 1958, 5 samples were found to be adulterated.

TABLE 8
SUMMARY OF ANALYST'S REPORTS

ARTICLE	SAMPLES TAKEN FORMALLY			SAMPLES TAKEN INFORMALLY			Total number of samples taken
	No. taken	Genuine	Adulterated	No. taken	Genuine	Adulterated	
Butter and Margarine	-	-	-	13	13	-	13
Culinary Powders	-	-	-	25	25	-	25
Drugs	-	-	-	14	14	-	14
Flour	-	-	-	7	7	-	7
Meat and Fish Paste.	-	-	-	12	12	-	12
Milk	-	-	-	31	31	-	31
Sweet Confectionary.	-	-	-	10	10	-	10
Various.	-	-	-	92	87	5	92
Total	-	-	-	204	199	5	204

T A B L E 9

Action taken in regard to samples reported by the Public Analyst to be not genuine.

Sample No.	Article	Result of Analysis	Action
20	Acetic Acid	Incorrectly labelled	Letter of caution
58	Sago	Contaminated with mouse excrement	Further sample taken - genuine
122	Malt Vinegar	Incorrectly labelled	Letter of caution
153	Mint Sauce	Contained 15.0 per cent of Ailanthus leaves	do.
172	Mint Sauce	Contained 15.0 per cent of Ailanthus leaves	do.

Preservatives in Food

The routine practice under which all samples of milk, butter, margarine and cheese submitted to the Public Analyst, are examined for the presence of a preservative was continued throughout the year and in no instance was a preservatrive found to be present.

Ice Cream

During the year, 12 applications for registration for the sale of ice cream were approved and 18 premises were removed from the register upon ceasing the sale of ice cream.

At the end of the year there were 151 registered premises in the Borough. 219 inspections of these premises were made during the year and in 5 instances notices were served concerning insanitary conditions.

9 samples of ice cream were submitted to the Methylene Blue test and graded as follows:-

Grade 1	..	..	6
Grade 2	..	..	1
Grade 3	..	..	1
Grade 4	..	..	1

The samples of ice cream Graded 2, 3 and 4 were all from the same manufacturer in the Borough. After examination it was found that a defect in the equipment was responsible for the unsatisfactory condition of the ice cream.

Basement Bakehouses

In accordance with Section 54 of the Factories Act, 1937, during the year the six basement bakehouses in the Borough, in respect of which certificates of suitability had been issued, were examined. In five cases it was considered that the conditions justified the continuance of the certificates but in the case of the sixth bakehouse the occupier was notified that the certificate of suitability in respect of his premises would cease to have effect after a period of twelve months.

Food Poisoning

Notifications (corrected) totalled three.

No food poisoning organisms were isolated. Suspected food in two cases in same household, was canned salmon; but the batch of tins from which the salmon was purchased was found in sound condition.

There were no deaths.

Milk in Schools

The arrangements for sampling milk at London County Council Schools continued without variation. A total of 19 samples were submitted for examination, all of which satisfied the prescribed tests.

S E C T I O N E

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The total number of notifications of infectious disease, excluding Food Poisoning, during 1958 was 342, as compared with 1,077 in 1957.

All four cases of poliomyelitis were paralytic. One of these did not reside in the Borough but the disease was diagnosed in a Bethnal Green hospital.

The number of cases of other diseases notified is shown in Table 10 which follows, and requires no special comment.

The arrangement whereby any variation in the original diagnosis is notified by the Hospital Authorities continued in operation during the year, and Table 10, which gives details of cases notified, has again been prepared with a column showing the corrected figures for each disease after taking into consideration the latest information supplied by hospitals.

TABLE 10
INFECTIOUS DISEASE

DISEASE	NOTIFICATIONS								Total notified	corrected Figure	Removed to Hospital.
	Under 1 year	1 - 2 years	3 - 4 years	5-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 and upwards			
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	9	18	56	1	-	-	-	85	84	14
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	3	3	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	4	4
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	4	4
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	4	4	2
Paratyphoid "B"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	9	38	17	41	8	10	3	1	127	124	19
Measles	4	15	11	12	4	1	-	-	47	46	7
Whooping Cough	3	3	2	4	-	-	-	-	12	12	3
Scabies	-	-	1	2	3	7	1	-	14	14	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	2	4	13	9	10	38	38	-
Meninges and C.N.S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other forms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	18	69	49	121	22	34	14	15	342	337	54

There was one case of Malaria contracted abroad.

Tuberculosis

During the year formal notifications (corrected) under the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, were received in respect of 38 cases of respiratory tuberculosis as compared with 41 respiratory and 2 non-respiratory cases for the previous year.

The following table gives details of the age and sex incidence of these cases:-

T A B L E 11

Primary Notifications														
Age periods	0-	1-	2-	5-	10-	15-	20-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-	Total
Respiratory males	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	5	2	3	4	5	2	24
Respiratory females	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	4	2	1	1	2	1	14
Non-respiratory males	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-respiratory females	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

In addition to the above, information was received of 28 other cases by transfers from other areas, and two by death returns from Local Registrar.

There were 9 deaths during the year certified as being due to tuberculosis.

The following table shows the number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1957, variations which have taken place during the year, and the number of cases remaining on the Register on the 31st December, 1958.

T A B L E 12

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
No. of cases on register 1.1.58	431	315	61	68	875
No. of cases notified during 1958	24	14	-	-	38
Other cases added to register during 1958	12	15	1	-	28
No. of cases removed from register during 1958	467	344	62	68	941
	58	45	3	4	110
Remaining on register 31.12.58	409	299	59	64	831

Mass Radiography

During the year, a Mass Radiography Unit of the North East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board carried out a survey in the Borough from the 23rd September to 13th October.

The first week of the survey was spent by the Unit in visits to four of the largest housing estates in the Borough. The response to these visits was most disappointing, only 588 persons attending for examination. For the other two weeks the Unit was based at the Town Hall where sessions were held for the general public and for organised groups from factories, offices, etc., when 2,242 persons attended.

The total of these figures, 2,830, compares with 2,716 persons who were X-rayed when the Unit visited Bethnal Green during 1955.

The following information has been furnished by the Medical Director of Mass Radiography Unit 6B:-

Number X-rayed on Miniature Film: Male 1,491 Female 1,339 Total 2,830

Number Recalled for Large Film Male 38 Female 22 Total 60

Number Referred for further Investigation Male 14 Female 7 Total 21

Contacts or Carriers of Infectious Disease - Sickness Benefit

Circular 115/48 of the Ministry of Health empowers the Medical Officer of Health to issue certificates to persons who have been in contact with or who are carriers of infectious disease, thus enabling them to claim sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts, when he deems it necessary to exclude such persons from work. It is only exceptionally that it is necessary to require a contact or carrier of infectious disease to stay away from work and during the year under review no certificates were issued.

It was however necessary on one occasion to exclude a food handler from her place of work whilst she was a contact of a case of infectious disease. This woman, who was not entitled to National Health sickness benefit, applied to the Council for payment of loss of earnings and the consent of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, in accordance with Section 228 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1933, was obtained to the payment of an agreed amount.

S E C T I O N F

MISCELLANEOUS

Burial of the Dead

In accordance with Section 50 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, the Council is responsible for the burial or cremation of the body of any person who had died or been found dead within the Borough, and where no private arrangements are being made for the disposal of the body. Authority is given to recover from the estate of the deceased person, or from any person who, under the Act, was liable to maintain the deceased immediately prior to his/her death, the expenses incurred in carrying out the duty, in so far as these expenses are not covered by any grant under the National Insurance Act, 1946.

During the year 10 burials were arranged by the Department at a cost of £92.5s.0d., of which £65.12.3d. was recovered up to the end of the year.

Mortuary

The arrangement between the boroughs of Hackney, Shoreditch, Stoke Newington and Bethnal Green whereby the Hackney Mortuary is the main mortuary for use by the four boroughs with the Bethnal Green Mortuary being maintained as a reserve for use in emergencies is working satisfactorily.

Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933

The provisions of the Act and the Poisons Rules relating to the sale of poisons specified in Part II of the Poisons List were administered during the year.

During 1958, the names of 43 persons were retained on, and five persons added to the Council's list of Persons entitled to sell Part II Poisons.

All applications are investigated to ensure compliance with the Act and Poisons Rules.

Swimming Baths

11 samples of water were taken during the year from the Council's Swimming Baths, 10 of which were submitted for chemical analysis and 1 for bacteriological examination. The reports showed that the water consistently maintained a high degree of purity.

Medical Examination of Council's Staff

The Medical Officer of Health carried out the following medical examinations of members of the Council's staff:-

Appointments and inclusion within	
Superannuation Scheme	63
Inclusion within Sick Pay Schemes	61
Absent through illness for over one month .	65
Others	17

International Certificates of Vaccination and Inoculation

Arrangements continued during the year for the authentication by the Medical Officer of Health of Certificates of Vaccination and Inoculation. These certificates are required by persons proceeding abroad from this country and the purpose of the authentication is to provide information to health authorities abroad that the signature of the person issuing the certificate is that of a registered medical practitioner.

Land Charges Act, 1925

Information concerning sanitary notices and Orders outstanding on premises in the Borough and also details of drainage systems is provided to the Town Clerk in respect of applications under the above Act.

Enquiries in respect of 222 premises were dealt with during the year.

SECTION G

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

1. (a) Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service (directed by the Medical Research Council for the Ministry of Health) at the laboratory, County Hall, S.E.1.

This laboratory is available for both medical and sanitary bacteriology. A stock of specimen outfits is maintained at the Public Health Department and these are issued to medical practitioners upon request.

(b) Ambulance Facilities

The London County Council which undertook responsibility for the provision of ambulance transport within the administrative County of London on the coming into force of the National Health Service Act, 1946, continued to provide this service during 1958.

2. Hospitals

The following Hospitals in the Borough continued to be administered by the North East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board:-

	<u>Total bed complement</u> *
Bethnal Green Hospital	301
Mildmay Mission Hospital	56
Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children (with branches at Shadwell and Banstead)	287

* These figures do not necessarily represent beds staffed and in use.

The London Chest Hospital designated a Teaching Hospital and under the control of a Board of Governors, is also situated within the Borough and the Tuberculosis Dispensary established at this Hospital, which serves Bethnal Green and part of the Borough of Hackney, continued to function during the year.

The Little Folks Home at Bexhill, which is associated with the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children, has a complement of 40 beds.

3. Personal Health Services

The following information regarding the operation of the personal health services in the Borough during 1958, has been furnished by Dr. G.O. Mitchell, Divisional Medical Officer (Division 5) London County Council.

(a) Services Available

Day Nurseries

Pritchards Road, E.2.

University House, Sugar Loaf Walk, E.2.

Greenwood Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Peel Grove, E.2.

School Treatment Centres:-

Bethnal Green School Treatment Centre, Lyte Street, E.2.

Rochelle Street Treatment Centre, Rochelle Street School, E.2

Foot Clinic

Bethnal Green School Treatment Centre, Lyte Street, E.2.

Monday and Tuesday afternoons - 2 - 5 p.m.

(b) Statistics

(1) Infant Welfare Centre

Total No. of children who first attended during the year and who on the date of their first attendance were under one year of age 696

Total No. of children who attended during the year and who were born in:-

(i) 1958	598
(ii) 1957	317
(iii) 1953-6	256
Total attendances by children:-	
Under 1 year of age	8,388
1 - 5 years of age	2,311

(2) Ante-natal and Post-natal clinics

Ante-natal consultations:-

No. of women who attended during year	246
No. of new cases included in above	198
Total attendances	1,480
No. of women who attended for post-natal consultations	79

(3) Health Visitors

No. of children visited during year	4,464
No. of children under one year of age visited for the first time	779
Total visits to children under 1 year of age.	6,098
Total visits to children aged 1 year and under 2 years	3,809
Total visits to children aged 2 years and under 5 years	6,229
No. of expectant mothers visited.	421
Total visits to expectant mothers	1,304

(4) Infant Life Protection

No. on register at end of year:-

Foster mothers	8
Foster children	2

(5) Child Minders (Daily Guardians)

No. of Child Minders - Statutory	-
Voluntary	24
No. of children minded - Statutory.	-
Voluntary.	41

(6) Care of Premature Infants

No. of premature live births during the year	78
No. of such children who died within 28 days of birth . . .	8

(7) Diphtheria Immunisation

No. of children who completed a full course
of primary immunisation:-

Under 5 years of age	534
5 to 15 years of age	176

No. of children given a reinforcing injection 742

(8) Vaccination

No. of children successfully vaccinated or
re-vaccinated 495

(9) Home Help Service

Home Help was provided as follows:-

	<u>Maternity</u>	<u>T.B.</u>	<u>Aged and Chronic Sick</u>	<u>Others</u>
Northern District Office - covering Bethnal Green and parts of Stepney and City of London	33	27	875	78