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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Metropolitan Borough of Lambeth

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the 99th Annual Report on the health of the Borough. Dr. A. G. G. Thompson Medical Officer of Health since 1927 retired on 22nd September and for the remainder of the period under review the department was under the supervision of Dr. W. Stott, Medical Officer of Health of Southwark.

For this reason the contents of the report are mainly statistical, dealing with the work over a period of which I have no first hand knowledge.

The health of the Borough has remained good. The population as estimated by the Registrar General has decreased by 2,000 during the year. The birth rate is fractionally less than in 1954 whereas the death rate is slightly higher, both figures being less than for London and England and Wales. Infant mortality which is often regarded as an index of the social and environmental conditions of a community is lower than last year and is also below that for London and the country as a whole.

The care and welfare of the aged are matters which continue to engage the attention of the Public Health Department and will continue to do so for years to come. The officers have maintained close contact with all the agencies, both statutory and voluntary which can assist in alleviating and brightening the lot of those in the eventide of their lives.

In the body of the report will be found a brief account of the activities of the Lambeth Old Peoples Welfare Association an organisation in which the Council is actively interested and to which it gives financial support. Finally, I must refer to the Council's Scheme for Holidays for the Elderly which has given so much pleasure to those able to participate in it.

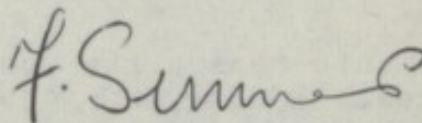
At the end of the year the inspectorial staff was two short of the establishment of nineteen. Replacement is difficult as the number of students presenting themselves for training as Sanitary Inspectors in the country as a whole falls short of requirements. The clerical staff was also two below establishment.

In conclusion, although I was not your Medical Officer during 1955, which is the period covered by the report, I would like to express my thanks to the Council and especially the Public Health Committee for the welcome they have accorded me.

I am grateful also to Dr. Stott and Dr. Moss for their help when I took office and to the Chief Officers of the Council.

Finally I wish to thank the inspectorial and clerical staff for their assistance to me since I came to Lambeth and in the preparation of this report.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

August 1956.

STAFF of the PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
DURING the YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

Medical Officer of Health

A. G. G. THOMPSON, M.A., M.D., B.C. (Cantab.), D.P.H.
 (Retired 22nd September, 1955)

W. STOTT, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.,
 Acting from 23rd September, 1955

Deputy Medical Officer (Part-time)

B. J. L. MOSS, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

PUBLIC ANALYST (part-time)

J. E. WOODHEAD, B.Sc., F.R.I.C., Ph.C.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

H. P. WRIGHT

CLERICAL STAFF

*Miss L. E. Baker, A. W. Bayley, Mrs. G. Hopkins, N. A. Jupp,
 E. F. Mannerson, Mrs. M. Rogers, Miss E. Yelverton.*

SANITARY INSPECTORS

(a) District Inspectors

J. BOWERS	Cert. S. I. E. B.	(Meat and other foods and smoke)
S. G. STARLING	..	(Meat and other foods)
D. J. HUGGINS	..	(Meat and other foods)
J. SMITH	..	(Meat and other foods)
R. A. NEWTON	..	(Meat and other foods)
R. G. CUTLER	..	
E. E. MORGAN	..	(Meat and other foods)
H. F. BRYAN	..	
J. B. SAINSBURY	..	
A. E. WHITE	..	(Meat and other foods)

SANITARY INSPECTORS - continued

(b) Food Inspectors

S. BRADLEY	Cert. S. I. E. B.	(Meat and other foods)
C. W. IDLE	..	(Meat and other foods)

(c) Housing Inspectors

S. G. FORD	..	(Meat and other foods)
B. GOOD	..	(Meat and other foods)
(Retired 28th Jan. 1955)	..	(Meat and other foods)
F. J. HEFFIELD	..	(Meat and other foods)

(d) Rodent Officer

S. F. HEAL	..	(Meat and other foods)
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(e) Women Inspectors

Miss L. E. AUGER	Cert. S. I. E. B., S. C. M., H. V. Cert.	
Miss A. F. CROMBIE

Disinfecting Station

Wanless Road, Loughborough Junction, S. E. 5.

Superintendent: L. BRANN

GENERAL ASSISTANTS

J. Leeson

W. Deamer (Assistant Rodent Officer)

L. Whiston (Rodent Operative)

(Meat and other foods)	Cert. S. I. E. B.	J. BAKER
(Meat and other foods)	..	B. G. STARLING
(Meat and other foods)	..	D. J. HUGGINS
(Meat and other foods)	..	J. SMITH
(Meat and other foods)	..	E. A. BENTON
(Meat and other foods)	..	E. G. COOPER
(Meat and other foods)	..	E. R. MORRIS
(Meat and other foods)	..	H. F. GRAY
(Meat and other foods)	..	J. B. SALMBURY
(Meat and other foods)	..	A. F. SMITH

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Summary of Vital and Mortal Statistics, etc

(The comparable figures for the previous year appear in brackets)

Area of Borough - 4087.5 Statute acres (inclusive of land and inland water, but exclusive of tidal water and foreshore), divided into 4 Registration Sub-Districts, 3 Parliamentary Constituencies and 21 wards.

Population - estimated, 1955 - 224,200 (226,200)

Density - 54.85 (55.34) persons per statute acre (inclusive of land and inland water, but exclusive of tidal water and foreshore).

Births (corrected) - 3,597 (3,684). Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population * 14.12 (14.33).

Deaths (corrected) - 2,385 (2,298). Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population * 10.74 (10.26).

Maternal mortality (corrected) per 1,000 total births (live and still) 1.08 (1.59).

Infantile mortality 20.57 (23.34).

Neonatal mortality 15.57 (17.10).

Zymotic Death-rate (corrected) 0.06 (0.04) per 1,000 population total zymotic deaths 13 (9).

Marriages - Marriage rate per 1,000 population 8.69 (8.33).

Rateable Value at 1st April, 1955 - £2,249,788 (£2,221,855).

Sum represented by 1d rate - £9,100 (£9,062).

Comparable rates for England and Wales and London:-

	England and Wales	London
Birth rate	15.0 (15.2)	17.4 (17.6)
Death rate	11.7 (11.3)	12.6 (11.7)
Infantile mortality	24.9 (25.5)	24.8 (22.5)

* As adjusted by comparability factor.

VITAL STATISTICS

The population of the Borough of Lambeth at the mid year 1955 has been estimated by the Registrar-General to be 224,200 which is 2,000 less than the estimated population in 1954. The natural increase by births over deaths was 1,212.

The following table shows the actual numbers and the percentages of deaths in various age groups from which it will be observed that 66.83% of all deaths occurred among those aged 65 years and older. Much is being done to help these elderly people from becoming a burden upon others as well as often a burden to themselves. A local authority has, at present, no power to provide services for the aged. It can only financially assist voluntary organisations who carry out the work. Infantile mortality has been reduced by a better knowledge of the nursing and feeding requirements of mothers and babies but the problem with the elderly is not the same. Children eat what they are given and their day works to a time table. Adults eat and drink what they choose and as much or little as they want or can obtain. They suit their day and mode of life to their own time table with the result that most elderly people suffer later on for their lack of care for themselves in the past.

All ages	0-1	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65-75	75 & over
2385	74	9	16	16	91	585	588	1006
100%	3.10	0.38	0.67	0.67	12.82	24.53	24.65	42.18

The principal causes of death were heart disease 668 (687) or 28.01 per cent (29.89) of the total deaths, cancer 464 (445) or 19.45 per cent (19.36), and influenza, bronchitis and pneumonia, three causes of death largely dependent upon the weather, were the cause of 355 (290) deaths or 14.88 (12.62) per cent.

During the year the number of live births corrected by inward or outward transfers was 3,597, giving a corrected birth rate of 16.04 compared with 16.29 in 1954, a decrease of 0.25 per 1,000 population.

Deaths from tuberculosis of the lungs continue to fall with better knowledge of treatment. The number of deaths from all forms of tuberculosis in 1948, seven years ago was 135 and new cases 369; the corresponding numbers for 1955 were 36 and 253 new cases. It is often forgotten that it is infectious and that overcrowding due to inadequate housing is a potent cause of spread.

The following table gives a comparison of tuberculosis of the lung and of cancer of the lung as causes of death over the past five years:-

Age Groups	Respiratory Tuberculosis					Neoplasms of the Lung or Bronchus				
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Males -										
0 -			1							
1 -			1							
5 -			-							
15 -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
25 -	26	13	5	3	5	5	2	4	4	3
45 -	37	20	18	10	10	55	49	39	51	59
65 -	10	10	9	10	7	29	21	22	27	21
75 -	3	1	4	1	3	8	3	8	10	10
TOTAL MALES	76	44	38	24	26	97	75	73	92	93
Females -										
0 -			1							
1 -			-							
5 -			-							
15 -	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 -	9	4	3	3	3	2	2	3	4	-
45 -	5	8	-	4	2	8	11	6	11	9
65 -	4	-	3	3	-	2	7	9	6	6
75 -	1	2	-	-	1	6	6	5	1	5
TOTAL FEMALES	20	16	8	10	6	18	26	23	22	20

MATERNAL MORTALITY

The maternal mortality is expressed as the number of deaths attributed to puerperal and post-abortive sepsis and other maternal causes for each 1,000 births. There were four deaths during the year 1.08 per 1,000 live and still births. Last year there were six deaths.

CAUSES OF AND AGES AT DEATH (CORRECTED) DURING 1955

MORTALITY 10.64 (10.16)

CAUSES OF DEATH		AGES (both sexes)							TOTALS		
		Under 1 year	1 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 under 75 years	75 and upwards	MALE	FEMALE
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	M	-	-	-	1	5	10	7	3	26	
	F	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	1		6
2. Tuberculosis, other	M	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
3. Syphilitic disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	2	9	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	3
4. Diphtheria	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5. Whooping Cough	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6. Meningococcal, Infection	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	M	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	
	F	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
8. Measles	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	F	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	M	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	
	F	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	4
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	-	-	-	-	2	15	10	12	39	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	9	11	12	-	32
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	M	-	-	-	-	3	59	21	10	93	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	9	6	5	-	20
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
	F	-	-	-	-	2	17	7	8	-	34

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CAUSES OF DEATH		AGES (both sexes)							TOTALS		
		Under 1 year	1 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 under 75 years	75 and upwards	MALE	FEMALE
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	M	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	2		10
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	M	-	-	2	1	5	36	29	36	109	
	F	-	-	2	-	8	34	31	40	-	115
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	M	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	5	
	F	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	6
16. Diabetes	M	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	7	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	4	-	13
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	-	-	-	1	2	24	38	52	117	
	F	-	-	-	2	2	24	38	95	-	161
18. Coronary Disease, angina	M	-	-	-	-	7	70	56	64	197	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	30	32	63	-	125
19. Hypertension with heart disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	2	13	6	21	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	18	-	28
20. Other heart diseases	M	-	-	-	-	3	25	35	72	135	
	F	-	-	-	-	3	16	25	118	-	162
21. Other circulatory diseases	M	-	-	-	-	1	11	8	31	51	
	F	-	-	-	-	1	10	15	53	-	79
22. Influenza	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	-	10
23. Pneumonia	M	2	-	-	-	4	15	22	39	82	
	F	2	1	1	-	2	5	14	39	-	64

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CASES BY AGE AND SEX AT DEATH (CORRECTED) DURING 1945

DISEASE	SEX	MORTALITY IN 1945 (BY AGE)									
		0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
24. Bronchitis	M	5	-	-	-	2	45	47	46	145	
	F	1	-	-	-	1	6	16	28	52	
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1	-	-	-	2	5	3	5	16	
	F	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	7	
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	-	-	-	-	-	7	13	10	30	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	7	10	
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	4	
	F	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	4	8	
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	M	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	14	22	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	M	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	3	9	
	F	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	5	
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	M	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
31. Congenital malformation	M	5	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	9	
	F	11	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	13	
32. Other defined and illdefined diseases	M	21	1	3	-	7	23	18	20	93	
	F	20	1	3	1	4	19	14	36	98	
33. Motor Vehicles accidents	M	-	-	1	4	5	1	1	3	15	
	F	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	4	
34. All other accidents	M	1	-	1	1	3	6	2	7	21	
	F	4	1	1	-	1	2	2	8	19	
35. Suicide	M	-	-	-	-	3	4	7	2	16	
	F	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	2	6	
36. Homicide and operations of war	M	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

THE CARE OF THE AGED

The chief agency and co-ordinating body in the borough for services devoted to the welfare of the aged is the Lambeth Old People's Welfare Association.

This body receives financial assistance from the Council and carries out welfare activities which the Council are unable to do directly.

The following details of the work of the Association have been obtained from their latest report and apply to the year ending 31st March, 1956.

MEALS ON WHEELS

This service provides old people with a meal daily during the week at 10d per meal. The balance of the cost is borne by the London County Council.

The delivery of meals is undertaken in North Lambeth by the Lambeth Old People's Welfare Association who provide the staff and transport. During the year they delivered 8,033 meals.

In South Lambeth the W.V.S. undertakes the distribution of the meals and they delivered 9,490 during the year.

CHIROPODY

There are five clinics giving 11 sessions per week. At the beginning of the year there were only two. The clinics are working to capacity and at the end of the year over 1,000 individuals were receiving treatment.

OLD PEOPLES CLUBS

There are 26 old people's clubs open in the borough.

HOLIDAYS FOR THE ELDERLY

In 1955 the Council sponsored a pilot scheme to provide a week's holiday at the seaside for pensioners resident in the borough who had not had a holiday for three years.

The administration of the project was undertaken by the Public Health Department.

The applicant contributed £1. towards the cost of a week's holiday at Brighton. In addition to the week's board and lodging tickets were given for an outing, a cinema show, a concert and the pier.

During the period 24th September to 8th October, 200 pensioners from Lambeth enjoyed a holiday by the sea under this scheme and many appreciative letters have since been received from them.

In view of the success of this venture the Council decided to continue and expand the project in 1956. It is hoped to include a fuller report on this matter in next year's annual report.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Sanitary Inspectors.

Total number of inspections	10,022
Total number of reinspections	14,892
Total number of intimation notices served	2,091
Total number of statutory notices served	1,149

Women Sanitary Inspectors

Total number of visits and inspections (factories workplaces, infectious disease, etc).	2,055
Total number of intimation notices served	54
Total number of statutory notices served.	1
Total number of revisits	418
Restaurants in which defects were found	44
Old and Infirm persons living in insanitary conditions	135

The cost of repairs particularly to old property remains a serious problem both for owners and for the Council who themselves carry out the necessary work when a Court Order is ignored, collecting rents to recoup themselves and registering a charge upon the property. At the end of the year there were 101 cases outstanding from which some £6,721 was owing while in 25 others the estimated cost of works approved but not completed was £2,250.

The opportunity given to owners of property of obtaining higher rent under the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 did not, as was envisaged, result in large numbers of applications for Certificates of Disrepair and there were also remarkably few applications for grants obtainable under the Housing Act, 1949.

SCABIES AND VERMINOUS PERSONS

Cleansing Centre.

A total of 254 persons were treated at the cleansing station and given 357 treatments, compared with 323 persons treated in the previous year.

The number of cases of scabies notified, 30, compares with 48 in 1954, 30 in 1953, 36 in 1952, 43 in 1951, 40 in 1950, 68 in 1949, 125 in 1948, 310 in 1947, 758 in 1946 and 851 in 1945. More settled conditions of life and modern treatments have both conduced to this end.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

Section 47. Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and protection.

In only one case was it necessary to apply for an order for the compulsory removal of an aged person to an institution.

Section 50. Burial or Cremation of the Dead

Arrangements were made during the year for the burial of 29 cases, of whom 21 were males. 8 were females.

All were Lambeth cases. The net cost to the Council was £191. 11. 8d.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS

During the year 1955, 954 complaints have been investigated. Of these, 733 were found to be brown (common) rats, 3 black (ship) rats, 153 mice, and 65 were found to be not justified: 1,035 baitings were carried out and in 128 cases defective or disused drains were found to be the cause of infestations and were dealt with by the Borough Engineer and the Sanitary Inspectors. No major infestations have come to light during the year. In no case has the infestation been of a serious character.

Inspections	1, 226
Revisits	1, 284
Notices served	8

Sewer treatment with poison was carried out by the Borough Engineer's department during the year in conjunction with the Rodent Officer and his staff.

There were many complaints during the year of insect infestations which were effectively combatted. The usual offenders were wood boring beetles, psocids, ants, cockroaches, drug store beetles, carpet beetles, clothes moths, weevils, clover mites and silverfish.

REHOUSING AND OVERCROWDING

2178 cases have been investigated with the following results:-

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL	Cases
Overcrowding	61
Illness	277
Insanitary conditions ..	705

LAMBETH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Health (Medical Certificates)	628
Insanitary conditions ..	217
Inquiries from other Authorities	72
During this period the L.C.C. have rehoused	218

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

This part of the report deals with the work carried out by the Food Inspectors under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924 and the Milk (Special Designation Regulations, 1949 and 1950, and the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment etc.) Regulations, 1947.

1. Sampling of Food and Drugs

(a) For Chemical analysis

Number procured formally	200
Number procured informally	1,300

Of the 200 formal samples, 168 were of milk, of the remaining 32 other samples, four were found to be adulterated.

(b) For bacteriological and other examinations

The following shows the number and types of samples submitted for bacteriological and other examinations:-

Ice Cream and Ice Cream Mix	238
Ice lolly and lolly Mix	42
Butter	4
Cheese	3
Milk Bottle	1
* Chutney	1
* Salmon (canned)	1
Coffee	1
Roast Veal	1
Potatoes	1
Yorkshire Pudding	1
* Peas	1
Parsnips	1
Apricots	1
Custard	1
Gravy	1
* Salt beef	1
Lemon drink container rinsings	1
Pork pie	2
Chinese Egg albumen	1
Marshmallow Biscuit	5
* Meat Pie	1
* Iced Christmas Cake	1
Total	311

- * These articles were suspected of having caused food poisoning.

Milk

Type of Test	Samples No. procured	No. passing test	No. failing to pass test
Methylene Blue	148	147	1
Phosphatase	148	148	Nil

2. Inspection of Food

(i) At the Slaughterhouse.

No animals were slaughtered here during the year.

(ii) At shops, stores and factories:

Large quantities of food of all varieties were inspected and as a result the following weight of food was surrendered as unfit for human consumption and unsound food certificates were issued
..... 20 tons 14 cwts. 3 qrs. 19½ lbs.

(iii) The method of disposal of condemned food.

All condemned animal products are sent to firms specialising in the making of glues and other like commodities. Such vegetable waste as is suitable is converted into pig food under the Council's Scheme.

(iv) Details of the few stocks or consignments of food specially examined are included in the food condemned or surrendered, for which unsound food certificates were issued.

Quantity examined and Condemned

	TONS.	CWTS.	QRS.
Confectionery	1	9	-

88 complaints about food were received 58 of which were justified, and a list of these is set out below.

- *1. Cakes mouldy
2. Milk bottle dirty
3. Foreign matter on sweet wrappers
4. Cheese roll containing string
5. Apples unfit for consumption
6. Mineral Water contaminated
7. Corned beef containing skin and hair
8. Biscuit containing bristle
9. Brown sugar containing metal
10. Milk bottle dirty
11. Pigmentation in pork
12. Milk bottle dirty
13. Sausage roll mouldy
14. Bread containing mouse excrement
15. Cake containing nail
16. Meat Pies mouldy
17. Bread containing string

18. Milk containing steel wool
19. Anchovies sold as sardines
20. Pork pie, unpleasant taste
21. Apples unfit for consumption
22. Bread mouldy
- * 23. Bread containing mouse excrement
24. Bread containing insect
25. Bread mouldy
26. Meat decomposed
27. Bread containing razor blade
28. Chocolate containing maggots
29. Apple tart mouldy
30. Dried fruit containing maggots
31. Meat maggoty and decomposing
32. Bread mouldy
33. Corned beef containing solder
34. Chocolates containing maggots
35. Bread containing piece of wood
36. Meat containing sisal
37. Cream containing glass
38. Bread containing a fly
39. Milk bottle dirty
40. Bread mouldy
41. Cheese cake containing insect
42. Bread containing insect
43. Mince tart containing hessian
44. Bun containing nail
45. Pineapple unfit for consumption
46. Canned raspberries containing beetle
47. Porage oats containing maggots
48. Bread roll containing string
49. Canned luncheon meat containing foreign matter
50. Sweet wrapper containing an insect
51. Metal foil in orange drink
52. Bread containing a tin-tack
53. Bread containing mice excrement
54. Meat - objectionable material in gland
55. Bread crust containing fibre
56. Rice containing mice excrement
57. Christmas cake - maggot and dirty appearance
58. Turkey - bruised condition

* Legal proceedings were instituted in the under-mentioned cases with the result shown:-

1. Cakes mouldy	Fined £10.0.0	£5.5.0	costs
9. Brown sugar containing metal	Fined £2.0.0	£4.4.0	costs
14. Bread containing mouse excrement	Fined £3.0.0	£1.1.0	costs
23. Bread containing mouse excrement	Fined £6.0.0	£2.2.0	costs

3. Ice Cream Samples (Methylene Blue Test)

Year	No. of samples	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	Grade IV
1955	236	171	42	20	3
1954	155	120	30	5	-
1953	149	123	20	6	-
1952	179	148	25	5	1
1951	196	76	15	4	1

4. Slaughterhouses

There was no licensed slaughterhouse being used in the district during the year.

Food Premises

- (i) The number of food premises by type of business in the area is as follows :-
- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Greengrocers and fruiterers | 169 |
| Fish shops wet, dry and fried | 91 |
| Bakers | 101 |
| Butchers | 168 |
| Restaurants | 223 |
- (ii) The number of premises registered under section 14 Food and Drugs Act, 1938 and Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949.
- | | |
|--|-----|
| Ice Cream... .. | 509 |
| Sausages and potted processed etc. meat | 159 |
| Registered Milk distributors | 265 |
- (iii) Number of inspections of food premises 1,319 ¹⁶⁸⁵

Clean Food Campaign

The Lambeth Clean Food Association has again increased its membership.

Since its inception there have been 383 applications for membership of which 36 were not proceeded with or withdrawn for one reason or another. 294 have been approved and accepted and 377 certificates (one for each shop) have been issued. Of these 81 have been surrendered as the premises have changed hands but 39 of the newcomers have been accepted for membership and are included in the 294 mentioned above.

The number of badges issued is 853, these being worn by those serving the public whether members or employees of members.

Qualification for membership consists of two principal requirements, first that the premises shall comply with the statutory requirements and bylaws and second that the applicant and employees agree to maintain scrupulous cleanliness of person, of clothing and of utensils. The first insures that the facilities for cleanliness are available for use and the second that they shall be properly and efficiently used.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

During the year a station was set up at the Town Hall for the daily measurement and recording of the concentration of smoke and sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere by the combined filter and volumetric method. After titration in respect of the sulphur dioxide and comparison of the smoke stained filter with the standard scale of shades the concentrations are calculated by formulæ.

In addition, at the Metropolitan Water Board, Brixton Hill, observations are made of the rainfall and deposited matter by means of the deposit gauge and measurements of sulphur dioxide with the lead-peroxide instrument. This station has been in operation since 1953.

During the year 54 complaints were received of nuisance from smoke from factory shafts which were satisfactorily handled without recourse to more than the intimation notice and by word of mouth, with the exception of one case where a statutory notice had to be served.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

Establishment Orders have been granted to two companies who carry on the offensive trades respectively of (a) fellmonger and (b) fatboiler.

- (a) Messrs. Gaston Morrell, Ferndale Road.
- (b) Messrs. Lepard, Wandsworth Road.

These two orders are renewable annually.

DRAINAGE PLANS

All plans are registered with the Borough Engineer but the Sanitary Inspectors are responsible for seeing that the work is carried out in accordance with the drainage by-laws. 59 plans of new buildings and 50 plans of alteration to existing drains were deposited. In addition combined drainage was carried out in 17 cases. There were no cases of relaying defective combined drains for which no order had been made by the Council and no plans could be found, and which therefore were deemed to be sewers repairable by the Council.

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954

Certificates of disrepair issued ..	214
Certificates of disrepair refused ..	7
Applications withdrawn	12
Revocation certificates issued ..	180
" " refused ..	36

DANGEROUS STRUCTURES

Information was forwarded to the District Surveyor on 98 occasions during the year of the presence of structures which were considered to be dangerous to life or limb.

REGISTRATIONS

Under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, 29 distributors of milk were registered. Under the Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949, and the Milk (Special Designation), (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949, there were 265 licenses with 22 supplementary licenses and two Pasteurisers licenses.

The number of persons entered or retained on the list under the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933 (Section 21) Part II was 183.

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

Under the provisions of this Act no premises were registered during the year.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Under the provisions of this Act, which came into force on the 1st January 1952, no pet animals may be sold except from registered premises. The condition in which animals, including birds, fish, reptiles, etc., must be kept if registration is granted insure that they enjoy a reasonably comfortable existence while on the premises and has greatly improved safety from fire, and other calamities. Nineteen premises have been registered and are under supervision.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933

Licensing of Slaughtermen

Under the provisions of this Act one licence was issued specifying the kind of animals which may be slaughtered by the holder of the licence and the type of instrument which may be used as required by the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954

London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1954.

Hairdressers and Barbers

On the 6th July, the Council made by-laws as to hairdressers and barbers under this Act and fixed the appointed day for their operation to be the 1st January, 1956. Sub-section 1 of Section 18 of the Act requires that as from the appointed day no person shall carry on the business of a hairdresser or barber on any premises in a borough unless he and those premises are registered by the Borough Council and in this connection 162 licenses for premises and persons were issued.

EXHUMATIONS

The Home Secretary issued licenses for the removal of three human remains from one grave to another grave in the district and four for cremation. The Sanitary Inspector was present on each occasion to see that the terms of the licenses were fulfilled and that no nuisance or danger to the public health was permitted.

STREET MARKETS

Markets are held in The Cut, Lower Marsh, Lambeth Walk and Wilcox Road in the inner wards, and in the Popes Road, Electric Avenue and Brixton Station Road. All these are inspected regularly.

REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND

SANITARY CONDITION OF HOUSES.

Housing Act, 1936, Part II.

Section 9.

Surveys made during the year	Nil
.. but no action called for	Nil
Premises made fit after service of legal notices	Nil
.. by informal schedules	Nil
.. where works were outstanding on 31st Dec.	Nil
Service of legal notices during the year	Nil

Section 10. Nil

Section 11 and Section 11 as amended by Section 10 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.

Representations (Demolition Orders) made during the year	33
Demolition Orders made (25) Undertakings accepted (3)	28
.. not made before 31st December	11
.. complied with	21
.. not yet complied with	8
Premises surveyed but not yet represented	Nil
.. but no action found to be necessary	23

Section 12.

Representations made during the year	113
(a) Underground rooms (144)	
(b) Parts of buildings (57 rooms)	

FORMAL ACTION

Closing Orders made (51), Undertakings accepted (6)	57
.. not yet made	77
.. determined (4), complied with (43)	47
.. or undertakings not yet complied with	3
Premises made fit after representation	4
.. vacated or closed after representation	Nil
.. surveyed but not yet represented	1

INFORMAL ACTION

Premises made fit after informal action	6
(a) Underground rooms (6)	
(b) Parts of buildings (Nil)	

Premises closed or vacated after informal action	Nil
.. where works are still outstanding after informal action	Nil

Premises surveyed but no action found necessary	31
Drain tests made (chemical, smoke and water)	Nil
Total visits (revisits 955)	1,798

MINISTRY OF HEALTH TABLE

1. Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	7,259
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	15,827
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above which was inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations	168
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	474
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	39
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	113

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	1,410
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices -	
(a) By owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1,149
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices -	
(a) By owners	956
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	123

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936 and Section 11 as amended by Section 10 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	25
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	21

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	51
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	4

HOUSING ACT, 1949. Section 4.

**ADVANCES FOR INCREASING HOUSING ACCOMMODATION
FORMAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND INSPECTIONS MADE WITH
POSITION AT THE END OF 1955.**

Gipsy Hill	24	} Loan not granted
Dalmore Road	8	
Goldsboro' Road	34-34a, 36-36a	
Upper Tulse Hill	133	
Alexandra Drive	35	
Josephine Avenue	13	
Dalyell Road	32	

Total 10 premises

**HOUSING ACT, 1949, Section 20 and
HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954. Section 16.**

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

PRELIMINARY INSPECTIONS.

Acre Lane	64
Acre Lane	70
Arodene Road	53
Auckland Hill	76
Barnwell Road	1
do	3
Baylis Road	31
Baytree Road	35
Beadman Street	2
do.	3
do.	4
do.	5
do.	6

HOME OFFICE TABLE

Factories and other premises.

Bicknell Road	30
Blenheim Gardens	135
Bristow Road	2
Brixton Water Lane	62
Bythorne Street	6
Calais Street	23
Caron Alms Houses (Fentiman Road)	4
Chaucer Road	36
Clapham Road	346
Cleaver Square	29
do.	38
Cosser Street	6
Craster Road	11
Crowhurst Road	25
Croxted Road	127
Deepdene Road	24
Effra Parade	114
Effra Road	45
Elm Park	43
Ferndale Road	38
Gipsy Hill	25
Hamilton Road	3
do.	5
Hargwyne Street	2
Hinton Road	92
Idmiston Road	6
do.	48
Jelf Road	1A
Kenbury Street	108
Kennington Park Road	114
Kemerton Road	5
Knights Hill	137
Ladas Road	61
Lambert Road	52
Lancaster Avenue	45
Lanercost Road	34
do.	38
Langton Road	36
Larkhall Lane	76
Leander Road	153
Lingham Street	34
Linom Road	4
Lollard Street	16
do.	17
do.	18
Maley Avenue	12
Moat Place	3
Nursery Road	45
do.	53
Park Hall Road	51
do.	53
Rattray Road	2
Regent Road	50
Rosendale Road	1
Roupell Street	52

Shakespeare Road	10
do.	285
do.	287
do.	289
do.	291
do.	293
do.	297
do.	299
do.	301
do.	303
South Island Place	37
St. Stephens Terrace	4
Strathleven Road	49
Talma Road	49
The Lodge, Herne Hill Mansions	
Thurlow Park Road	56
do.	105
Tivoli Road	69
do.	71
Tritton Road	17
Tyers Street	187
Union Road	2
Warham Street	151
Wilkinson Street	38

Total - 92 premises

FORMAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND FULL INSPECTIONS AND
REPORTS MADE WITH POSITION AT THE END OF 1955

Caron Alms Houses	
Pentiman Road	4 granted
Craster Road	11 do.
Crowhurst Road	25 do.
Gipsy Hill	25 do.
Regent Road	50 pending
Roupell Street	52 do.
The Lodge, Herne Hill Mansions	do.
Tritton Road	17 granted

Total : 8 premises

HOUSING AND RELATED ACTS (Rehousing Sections)

INSPECTIONS ARISING FROM REHOUSING

183 premises were inspected as a result of notifications received from the Directors of Housing of the Lambeth Borough Council and the London County Council of the rehousing or transfer of families to new or other properties.

Appropriate formal or informal action was taken to prevent reoccupation of unsuitable accommodation in 11 cases by the making of Demolition or Closing Orders or by other suitable action.

HOME OFFICE TABLE

Factories, and other premises.

1. - INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH
Including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
FACTORIES:				
With Mechanical power	678	252	11	-
Without Mechanical power	197	98	3	-
OTHER PREMISES under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers premises)				
	47	47	-	-
Total	922	397	14	-

2. - DEFECTS FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects			Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	No. of defects in respect of which prosecu- tions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)		
Want of cleanliness (S. 1) ..	14	14	1	1	-
Overcrowding (S. 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S. 3)	1	1	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S. 4)	1	1	-	1	-
Ineffective drain- age of floors (S. 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary					
Conveniences (S. 7)					
Insufficient ..	1	1	-	2	-
Unsuitable or defective	7	7	-	3	-
Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences ..	4	4	-	-	-
(Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of powers) Order, 1921 and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act 1937.					
Total	28	28	1	7	-

HOME OFFICE TABLE

Factories and other premises.

INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH
Including Inspectors' Reports

OUTWORK

NATURE OF WORK	No. on Register	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Wearing Apparel			
Making, etc.	241	-	-
Cleaning and washing	-	-	-
Household linen	-	-	-
Lace, lace curtains and nets . .	-	-	-
Curtains and furniture hangings	-	-	-
Furniture and upholstery	-	-	-
Electro-plate	-	-	-
File making	-	-	-
Fur pulling	-	-	-
Cables and chains	-	-	-
Anchors and grapnels	-	-	-
Cart gear	-	-	-
Locks, latches and keys	-	-	-
Umbrellas, etc.	1	-	-
Artificial flowers	1	-	-
Nets, other than wire nets	-	-	-
Tents	-	-	-
Sacks	-	-	-
Racquet and tennis balls	-	-	-
Paper bags	2	-	-
Paper, etc. boxes	21	-	-
Brush making	-	-	-
Pea picking	-	-	-
Feather sorting	-	-	-
Carding, etc. of buttons, etc.	11	-	-
Stuffed toys	18	-	-
Basket making	-	-	-
Chocolates and sweetmeats	-	-	-
Cosaques, Christmas crackers			
Christmas stockings, etc.	3	-	-
Textile weaving	-	-	-
Lampshades	51	-	-
Total	349	-	-

WATER

Section 95, Public Health (London) Act, 1936

The number of new dwellings for which applications were received for certificates that a proper and sufficient supply of water had been installed was 608 (1,124), Borough Council 172 other 436.

The water supply for the area is provided almost entirely by the Metropolitan Water Board, but there are a few deep wells of which some supply water for purposes other than human consumption while in a few cases the supply is used for potable purposes both for drinking on the premises as well as for the manufacture of beverages and for similar trade purposes. In these latter cases a comprehensive examination of the supply both bacteriological as well as chemical is made every three months at least which is deemed sufficient for ample warning of any serious changes to be observed before there is danger to health.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The mortality from infectious disease was again almost negligible; scarlet fever 0, diphtheria 0, measles 1, and whooping cough 0.

Although immunisation against whooping cough is by no means certain, even with the best prophylactics now in use, because it is at present a more dangerous disease than diphtheria it is no doubt expedient to satisfy the demand for immunisation against both diseases. If not there is a possibility that immunisation against diphtheria may be less diligently sought.

Poliomyelitis

31 confirmed notifications were received, of which 19 were paralytic, the rate per 1,000 population being 0.14 there were three deaths the rate per 1,000 population being 0.01. In no instance was it possible to trace any contact with another case.

Food Poisoning

Of the 82 cases notified during the year there were eleven houses in which more than one case occurred.

On the 10th May 1955, cases of illness attributed to food poisoning occurred at a School in the borough. It was found that

13 persons (7 staff, three canteen helpers and three pupils) had suffered from diarrhoea during the night 10/11th May. None of the persons affected received medical attention and all were better by the next morning. All had eaten the school dinner on the day before, as indeed had 250 other people. A sample dinner consisting of roast veal, vegetables, stewed apricots and custard had been set aside and saved and this meal was submitted for examination to the Public Health Laboratory Service. A report was subsequently received that a small number of Staphylococcus Aureus had been isolated on the roast veal. None of the food handlers appeared to be suffering from any condition which might lead to this kind of infection.

The outbreak was a minor one and apart from the fact that a measure of distress was suffered by a small number of people it was not of great importance. It cannot be over-stressed, however, that if all who handled the food had exercised scrupulous personal cleanliness the outbreak would not have occurred.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIONS
AND OTHER DISEASES

Although immunisation against diphtheria is in progress, even with the best prophylactic use in use, because it is at present a more dangerous disease than diphtheria is, it is expedient to call attention to the fact that the demand for immunisation is not there is a possibility of serious outbreaks of diphtheria may be seen in the future.

Polio-myelitis

Of notified cases of Polio-myelitis were received, of which 10 were paralytic. The rate per 1,000 population being 0.74 in 1952. In 1951 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1950 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1949 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1948 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1947 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1946 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1945 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1944 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1943 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1942 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1941 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1940 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1939 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1938 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1937 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1936 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1935 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1934 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1933 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1932 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1931 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1930 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1929 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1928 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1927 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1926 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1925 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1924 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1923 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1922 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1921 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1920 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1919 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1918 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1917 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1916 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1915 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1914 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1913 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1912 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1911 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1910 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1909 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1908 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1907 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1906 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1905 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1904 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1903 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1902 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1901 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11. In 1900 the rate per 1,000 population being 0.11.

Food Poisoning

Of the 23 cases notified during the year there were eleven cases in which more than one case occurred.

On the 10th May 1952 cases of illness attributed to food poisoning occurred at a school in the borough. It was found that

Tuberculosis

Notifications received during the year ended

31st December, 1955

Respiratory	232	(352)
Non-respiratory	21	(17)
Deaths certified	36	(41)

The notifications per 1,000 population for the past ten years (1946-55) have been: 1.16, 1.68, 1.63, 2.01, 1.87, 1.86, 1.55, 1.52, 1.63, 1.13.

16,075 persons were x-rayed during the visit of the Mass X Ray unit to the Town Hall (September-December).

Notifications received during the year ended

31st December, 1955

						Rate per 1,000 Population	
Scarlet Fever	139	(133)	0.62	(0.59)			
Diphtheria	1	(-)	0.00	(-)			
Erysipelas	17	(14)	0.07	(0.06)			
Puerperal Pyrexia	128	(148)	0.57	(0.65)			
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	14	(4)	0.06	(0.02)			
Measles	3,798	(482)	16.94	(2.13)			
Whooping Cough	287	(321)	1.28	(1.42)			
Primary Pneumonia	134	(134)	0.60	(0.59)			
Influenzal Pneumonia							
Malaria (relapse)	-	(2)	-	(0.01)			
Dysentery	81	(84)	0.36	(0.37)			
Food Poisoning	82	(154)	0.37	(0.68)			
Scabies	30	(48)	0.13	(0.21)			
Typhoid	1	(2)	0.00	(0.01)			
Paratyphoid	1	(1)	0.00	(0.00)			
Polio-Myelitis (Paralytic)	19	(4)	0.08	(0.02)			
(Non-Paralytic)	12	(2)	0.05	(0.01)			
Meningococcal Infection	2	(6)	0.00	(0.03)			
Encephalitis (Post-Infective)	1	(-)	0.00	(-)			

DISINFECTING DEPARTMENT

2,772 rooms and 4,894 articles of bedding and clothing were disinfected during the year, among them being the rooms and articles used by the 583 cases of various forms of infectious disease taken to hospital; 201 certificates of disinfection were issued, and 190 library books dealt with from the 4,179 premises visited during the year. The clean van was used regularly for the delivery of stores to the day nurseries and to the Welfare Centres.

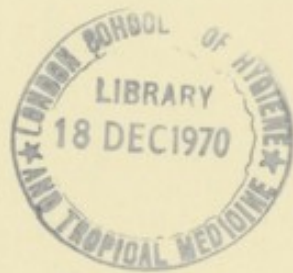
230 houses were treated for bed bugs and in them 664 separate rooms were sprayed with Vermacine, a preparation of 5 per cent. D.D.T. with Pyrethrum as a 'Knockout'. It was necessary to treat 39 houses a second time.

Statistical Report
Year ended 31st December 1955

Disease	No. of Cases	Rate per 1,000 Population
Scarlet Fever	120 (123)	0.82 (0.52)
Diphtheria	1 (-)	0.00 (-)
Erysipelas	17 (14)	0.07 (0.08)
Streptococcal Pyrexia	128 (148)	0.87 (0.65)
Staphylococcal Infection	14 (74)	0.08 (0.07)
Measles	2,706 (482)	18.04 (2.15)
Pneumonia	207 (221)	1.28 (1.43)
Whooping Cough	124 (184)	0.60 (0.58)
Polio (Infantile Paralysis)	1 (1)	0.01 (-)
Scarlet Fever	2 (-)	0.00 (-)
Whooping Cough	87 (154)	0.57 (0.66)
Measles	30 (48)	0.19 (0.21)
Scarlet Fever	1 (2)	0.00 (0.01)
Whooping Cough	1 (1)	0.00 (0.00)
Polio (Infantile Paralysis)	19 (4)	0.08 (0.03)
Scarlet Fever	12 (7)	0.08 (0.01)
Whooping Cough	2 (3)	0.00 (0.03)
Polio (Infantile Paralysis)	1 (-)	0.00 (-)

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