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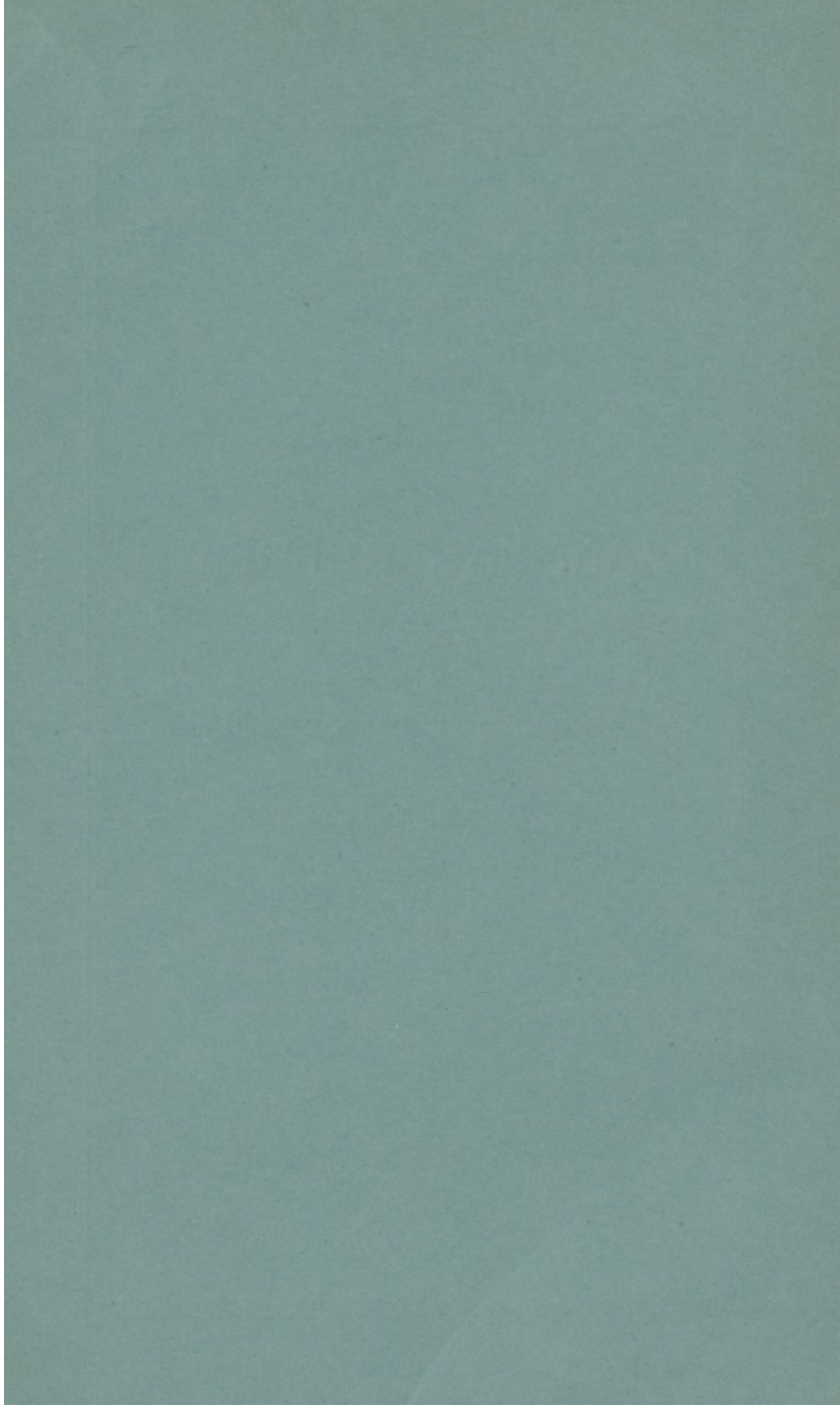
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STATE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS
OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF POPLAR.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1950. The undermentioned items call for particular comment.

General Standard of Health.

The general standard of health of the inhabitants of the Borough continued to be satisfactory. The total number of notifications of compulsorily notifiable disease showed a considerable decrease as compared with last year, mainly due to the decreased number of cases of Measles.

Vital Statistics.

The Population for the year is given by the Registrar-General as 74,050 as compared with 74,640 for the previous year.

The Birth Rate for the year is 16.7 per 1,000 estimated population, that of the previous year being 18.3, and of the country as a whole 15.8.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is 27.6, the rate for England and Wales being 29.8.

The Recorded Death Rate for the Borough is 10.8 per 1,000 estimated population, that for England and Wales 11.6, a decrease in comparison with the previous year due to the decrease in deaths from diseases of the circulatory and respiratory systems.

Housing.

The provision of adequate housing accommodation is still a major problem in the Borough but in this connection the Council is making every effort consistent with its resources to improve the situation.

During the year work has progressed on the Lansbury Neighbourhood in which the exhibition of Live Architecture will form part of the Festival of Britain Exhibition and in this connection it is possible to place on record that the efforts being made to improve the environmental conditions in this badly blitzed borough are taking shape and will provide on completion for a healthier and happier existence to those who withstood the trials of an intensive air war so bravely and who have suffered so much as a result thereof.

A survey of two areas included in the preliminary survey of 1949 has been completed and indications as to procedure given.

Food Hygiene.

The activities of the department to stimulate improved standards of hygiene in all food establishments and in those taking part in the production, handling and distribution of foodstuffs have continued throughout the year and have included an exhibition of educational films both at the local cinemas and food factories at which short addresses have in addition been given to employees.

It is gratifying to note that included among the recommendations of the Catering Trade Working Party, whose report is now receiving consideration by the Central Government, is one which recommends the registration of all food premises as a prerequisite to the improvement of food hygiene standards.

Rodent Control.

The Rodent Control Scheme continued to operate successfully during the year. Sewer Maintenance Treatments were again carried out in accordance with the conditions laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the Council for the interest shown in the activities of the Public Health Department, to my colleagues in other departments for their co-operation and to my own staff for unfailing loyalty and assistance.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. T. DONOVAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1951.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area (excluding water)	2,136 acres
Population, estimated mid-year	74,050
Number of inhabited houses (according to Rate Books) ...	17,135
Rateable Value	£549,975
General Rate (1950-51)	18/4 in £
Sum represented by a penny rate (1950-51)	£2,178

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

					Males	Females	Total
Live Births:	Legitimate	...	...	...	600	594	1,194
	Illegitimate	...	...	...	22	17	39
Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population:							
	Recorded	...	...	...	...	...	16.7
	Standardised	...	...	...	...	...	16.3
Stillbirths:	Legitimate	...	...	...	18	11	29
	Illegitimate	...	...	...	—	—	—
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births					...	...	23.0
Deaths	...	...	...	...	443	354	797
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population :							
	Recorded	...	...	...	...	...	10.8
	Standardised	...	...	...	...	...	12.3
Deaths of Infants under one year of age:							
	Legitimate	...	...	...	23	9	32
	Illegitimate	...	...	...	—	2	2
Death rate of Infants under one year of age:							
All infants per 1,000 live births					...	...	27.6
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births					...	...	26.8
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births					...	...	51.3

TABLE I.
CAUSES OF DEATH.

CAUSE OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	15	16
2. Tuberculosis, other	—	1
3. Syphilitic disease	7	1
4. Diphtheria	—	—
5. Whooping cough	1	1
6. Meningococcal infections	1	—
7. Acute poliomyelitis	—	1
8. Measles	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	—
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	8	15
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	30	6
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	12
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	5
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	53	31
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	2	—
16. Diabetes	2	—
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	30	50
18. Coronary disease, angina	57	31
19. Hypertension with heart disease	15	17
20. Other heart disease	41	56
21. Other circulatory disease	15	17
22. Influenza	—	5
23. Pneumonia	17	14
24. Bronchitis	50	22
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	3	3
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	9	3
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea... ..	2	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	6	4
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	7	—
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—
31. Congenital malformations	7	4
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	41	26
33. Motor vehicle accidents	7	1
34. All other accidents... ..	11	9
35. Suicide	4	2
36. Homicide and operations of war... ..	1	—
	443	354
	797	

TABLE II.

BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY AND CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1950.

(Provisional figures based on Quarterly Returns.)

	England and Wales	126 C.B.'s and Great Towns inc. London	148 Smaller Towns. (Resident Population 25,000-50,000 1931)	London Administrative County
Rates per 1,000 Home Population.				
Births:—				
Live Births	15.8	17.6	16.7	17.8
Still Births	0.37	0.45	0.38	0.36
Deaths:—				
All causes	11.6	12.3	11.6	11.8
Typhoid and paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping cough	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis	0.36	0.42	0.33	0.39
Influenza... ..	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.07
Smallpox	—	—	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis (including polioencephalitis)	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01
Pneumonia	0.46	0.49	0.45	0.48
Notifications (corrected)				
Typhoid fever	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Paratyphoid fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Meningococcal infection	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03
Scarlet fever	1.50	1.56	1.61	1.23
Whooping cough	3.60	3.97	3.15	3.21
Diphtheria	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03
Erysipelas	0.17	0.19	0.16	0.17
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	—	—
Measles	8.39	8.76	8.36	6.57
Pneumonia	0.70	0.77	0.61	0.50
Acute poliomyelitis (including polioencephalitis)—				
Paralytic	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.08
Non-paralytic	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05
Food Poisoning	0.17	0.16	0.14	0.25
Rates per 1,000 Live Births.				
Deaths:—				
All causes under 1 year of age	29.8(a)	33.8	29.4	26.3
Enteritis and diarrhoea under 2 years of age ...	1.9	2.2	1.6	1.0
Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births.				
Notifications (corrected)				
Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia	5.81	7.43	4.33	6.03

(a) Per 1,000 related live births.

TABLE II—*continued.*

MATERNAL MORTALITY IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

	Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births		Rates per million women aged 15-44	
Abortion with sepsis ...		0.09		7
Other abortion		0.05		4
Complication of pregnancy and delivery		0.54		—
Sepsis of childbirth and the puerperium		0.03		—
Other complications of the puerperium		0.15		—

TABLE III.

AGE AT DEATH — ALL CASES 1950.

						Under 1 year	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65-75	Over 75	Total
MALES	...	...	...	...	...	23	6	7	3	33	136	117	118	443
FEMALES	...	...	...	...	...	11	1	—	6	22	73	100	141	354

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. (a) Staff.

The personnel of the staff of the department is set out on page 5 of the Report.

(b) Laboratory Facilities.

During the year all bacteriological examinations for the Public Health Department have been undertaken as part of the National Scheme by the Public Health Laboratory Service (directed by the Medical Research Council for the Ministry of Health) at the Laboratories at 134, Denmark Hill, S.E.5.

(c) Ambulance Facilities.

The London County Council is responsible for the provision of ambulance transport within the administrative County of London.

2. Hospitals.

The undermentioned Hospitals are situated in the Borough and responsibility for their administration rests upon the North East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

					Total bed complement.*
St. Andrew's Hospital	...	...	...	...	642
St. Clement's Hospital	...	...	...	...	154
Poplar Hospital	...	...	...	...	120

The Poplar Chest Clinic, Wellington Way, E.3, which was formerly a service provided by the Borough Council, continued to operate under the control of the North East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

3. Personal Health Services.

The Personal Health Services are under the control of the Local Health Authority (the London County Council) and the following information and statistics relating to these services in respect of the year 1950 have been supplied by the Divisional Medical Officer (Division 5) London County Council.

* The full complement of beds is not necessarily staffed and in use.

(a) Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Ante-natal:

Ruston Street, E.3	...	...	Wed. : p.m.
Wellington Way, Bow Road, E.3			Mon. : p.m.
154, Poplar High Street, E.14	...		Tues.: a.m.
54, West Ferry Road, E.14	...		Mon.: a.m. Fri.: p.m.
Trinity Hall, Upper North Street, E.14	...	...	Thur.: a.m.

Artificial Sunlight:

Wellington Way, Bow Road, E.3	Tues.: a.m. Fri.: p.m.
154, Poplar High Street, E.14	Tues.: p.m. Fri.: a.m.

Infant Welfare:

Ruston Street, E.3	...	...	Thur. : a.m. and p.m.
Wellington Way, Bow Road, E.3			Wed.: p.m. Thur.: p.m.
154, Poplar High Street, E.14	...		Mon. : p.m. Tues. : p.m.
54, West Ferry Road, E.14	...		Wed.: a.m. and p.m.
Trinity Hall, Upper North Street, E.14	...	...	Wed.: a.m.
All Hallows Hall, Devons Road, E.3	...	...	Tues.: p.m.
St. Michael's Hall, Ullin Street, E.14	...	...	Mon. : a.m. and p.m.

Diphtheria Immunisation:

Wellington Way, Bow Road, E.3	Wed.: p.m.
54, West Ferry Road, E.14	Mon.: p.m.

Vaccination:

Wellington Way, Bow Road, E.3	Wed.: p.m.
54, West Ferry Road, E.14	Mon.: p.m.

Whooping Cough Immunisation:

Wellington Way, Bow Road, E.3	Wed.: p.m.
54, West Ferry Road, E.14	Mon.: p.m.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough immunisations also carried out at Infant Welfare Sessions.

(b) Statistics.

(1) Infant Welfare Centres.

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

Under 1 year of age	...	...	...	...	1,031
1—5 years of age	...	...	...	...	172

Total number of children who attended and who at the end of the year were

Under 1 year of age	...	...	...	...	894
1—5 years of age	...	...	...	...	2,203

Total attendances by children

Under 1 year of age	...	...	...	...	15,497
1—5 years of age	...	...	...	...	9,818

(2) Ante-natal and Post-natal Clinics.

Ante-natal consultations:—

No. of women who attended for the first time	...	...	...	...	404
No. of women who attended	...	...	...	...	674
Total attendances	3,785

Post-natal consultations:—

No. of women who attended	135
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(3) Dental Clinic.

	Expectant and Nursing	Poten- tial
No. of expectant and nursing mothers treated
No. of cases in which general anaesthetic for extractions was administered
No. of teeth extracted
No. of teeth filled
No. of pre-school children treated
No. of cases in which general anaesthetic for extraction was administered
No. of temporary teeth extracted
No. of temporary teeth filled

Urgent
cases
treated at
St. Andrew's
Hospital

(4) Health Visitors.

No. of infants under one year of age visited for first time	...	...	...	1,157
Total visits to infants under 1 year of age	...	...	...	12,099
Total visits to children 1 to 5 years of age	...	...	...	31,432
No. of expectant mothers visited	...	...	...	525
Total visits to expectant mothers	...	...	...	1,931

(5) Infant Life Protection.

No. on Register, 1st January, 1950:—				
Foster mothers	...	...	...	3
Foster children	...	...	...	5
No. on Register, 31st December, 1950:—				
Foster mothers	...	...	...	11
Foster children	...	...	...	10

(6) Child Minders (Daily Guardians).

No. of Daily Guardians:—				
Statutory	...	...	...	...
Voluntary	...	...	...	41
No. of Children Minded:—				
Statutory	...	...	...	...
Voluntary	...	...	...	36

(7) Care of Premature Infants.

No. of premature births during the year	...	...	...	67
No. of deaths under 1 month	...	...	...	6

(8) Immunisation.

No. of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation at *ad hoc* clinics :—

Under 5 years of age	...	...	1,014
5-14 years of age	...	...	468
No. of children who were given a secondary or re-inforcing injection	...	...	1,242

(9) Vaccination.

No. of children successfully vaccinated	323
No. found to be insusceptible to vaccination	Nil.

(10) Domestic Help Service.

The service covering the Boroughs of Bethnal Green, Poplar and Stepney has been divided into three districts, irrespective of Borough boundaries and the statistics for each separate Borough are not available.

The following figures refer to the "Eastern" District which comprises the Borough of Poplar plus areas of Bethnal Green and Stepney east of the canal.

No. of cases in which help was provided:—

Maternity	...	...	...	...	...	34
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	12
Other	...	...	...	...	...	441

(c) Supply of Nutrients and Appliances.

During the year dried milk and other nutrients have been issued from the Maternity and Child Welfare Centres. Small appliances such as bandages, belts, teats, etc., for which a charge has been made, have also been available.

In addition the Ministry of Food has been responsible for National Dried Milk, National Milk Cocoa and Concentrated Orange Juice, in accordance with their recognised scale of charges.

4. Notification of Births.

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

1,243 live births (614 male and 629 female) and 31 stillbirths (18 male and 13 female) were notified during the year. These figures represent corrected totals after adjustment for inward and outward transfers.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. Water Supply.

The domestic water supply for the Borough is provided by the Metropolitan Water Board. No complaints with regard to the condition of the water were received during the year.

Routine chemical and bacteriological examinations of samples of the water supplied are made at the Board's laboratories.

During the year 408 water supply certificates were granted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

79 plans of drainage work to new and existing buildings were submitted and approved during the year.

3. Public Cleansing.

The arrangements for collection, removal and disposal of refuse are under the control of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor who has supplied the following information.

Refuse. During the year 23,878 tons of House, Trade, Street, Gully and Market refuse were collected and disposed of at the controlled tip.

In addition 18,656 tons of refuse from a neighbouring borough were also dealt with at the Council's Refuse Disposal Depot.

Street Cleansing. Two mechanical street sweeper collectors are employed for sweeping and three machines for street washing and watering.

Gully Cleansing. Four gully emptiers are in service and the number of gully cleansings carried out during the year totalled 11,662.

4. Closet Accommodation.

The water carriage system is in operation throughout the Borough.

Arrangements for the supervision of the sanitary conditions at a Fairground which is established in a part of the Borough from time to time have continued as in previous years. Elsan closets are in use during the period of the Fair.

Routine inspections are carried out by the staff of the department.

TABLE IV

* Housing Inspector also engaged on Inspections, etc., in connection with Slum Clearance Areas.

Disinfestation of Persons and Clothing.

Details of the work carried out at the Disinfecting and Cleansing Station during the year are shown in the following table:—

TABLE V.

					Verminous	Scabies	TOTAL
Persons:							
Adults	...	...	...	...	29	49	78
Children	...	...	...	...	738	47	785
TOTAL					767	96	863
Clothing: Articles					9,515	1,446	10,961

Disinfection and Verminous Premises.

(a) Disinfection.

The following is a summary of the work carried out during the year:—

TABLE VI.

	Infectious Disease	Tuberculosis	Verminous	Miscellaneous	TOTAL
Premises disinfected ...	276	63	—	149	488
Articles disinfected ...	1,657	244	9,515	78,014	89,430
Premises visited ...	—	—	—	—	523

(b) Verminous Premises.

During the course of inspection 13 premises were found to be verminous. In all instances appropriate action was taken.

Rodent Control.

The Council's Rodent Control Scheme has continued and particulars of the work carried out during the year, in accordance with the methods approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, are given below:—

(a) Dwelling Houses.

601 complaints of rats or mice relating to 501 premises were investigated and 1,904 treatments were applied.

4 complaints relating to 7 premises were outstanding and receiving treatment at the end of the year.

656 inspections and revisits and 3,005 visits to apply treatments were made by the Rodent Staff.

(b) *Business and Other Premises (Contributory Scheme).*

Number of Contributors: December, 1950 ... 207.

Treatments carried out: 1,798 treatments to the 240 premises of 214 contributors, plus 32 treatments to 7 Poplar Borough Council premises.

79,136 prebait and 10,655 poison baits were laid; 1,246 traps were set, and 553 rat-sticker boards were used.

1,766 inspections and revisits and 8,995 visits to apply treatments were made by the Rodent staff.

(c) *Others.*

297 inspections and revisits and 27 test baitings were carried out at premises not participating in the Scheme.

(d) *Sewers.*

The 13th and 14th Sewer Maintenance Treatments were carried out in June and December in conjunction with the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department, neighbouring Local Authorities and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Infestation Division).

1,870 manholes and 1,735 manholes were baited in June and December treatments respectively.

6. **Shops Act, 1950.**

464 visits were made under the provisions of this Act and in 5 instances notices were served in respect of the w.c. accommodation.

5 exemption certificates under the Act were issued during the year.

7. **Factories, Workshops, etc.**

The following tables give details of the work carried out in connection with the Factories Act, 1937:—

TABLE VII.
INSPECTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH
(Including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

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	41	41	14	—
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	644	198	13	—
3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority... ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	685	239	27	—

TABLE VIII.
CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

PARTICULARS	No. of Cases in which defects were:				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	by H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness	27	17	1	5	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	1	—	—	1	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	1	—	—
Ineffective drainage to floors ...	3	—	—	1	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	28	24	—	14	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	1	3	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	4	5	3	2	—
TOTAL	64	49	5	23	—

TABLE IX.

NATURE OF WORK	SECTION 110			SECTION 111		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sec. 110 (1) (c) (3)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
Wearing { Making, etc.	109	—	—	2	2	—
apparel { Cleaning and Washing	2	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	108	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	219	—	—	2	2	—

8. Houses let in lodgings.

Number of Houses on Register at end of year	...	...	141
House-to-house visits for registration purposes	...	...	Nil
Inspections—on complaints	...	...	71
Reinspections	...	...	222
Miscellaneous visits, enquiries, etc.	...	...	14

9. Common Lodging Houses.

There are two licensed Common Lodging Houses, with accommodation for 295 and 33 males respectively, in the Borough.

48 inspections were made during the year.

10. Seamen's Lodging Houses.

There are three licensed Seamen's Lodging Houses, providing accommodation for 124, 45 and 26 males respectively, in the Borough.

Inspections made during the year totalled 39.

11. Smoke Abatement.

21 complaints of nuisance from smoke were received during the year. 219 smoke observations were carried out, and as a result 5 Intimations and 1 Statutory Notice were served. Legal proceedings were necessary in one instance.

12. Swimming Baths and Pools.

The water in the Council's swimming baths is subjected to continuous filtration and chlorination. Samples of swimming bath water are submitted periodically for bacteriological examination.

All samples taken during the year proved satisfactory.

13. Eradication of Bed Bugs.

The following is a summary of disinfestation work carried out in the Borough during the year:—

Inspections:

Number of visits	...	...	...	...	...	1,148
Premises requiring treatment	...	...	...	...	...	807
Furniture requiring treatment	...	...	...	...	...	402
Reinspections after disinfestation	...	...	...	...	...	81
Miscellaneous visits and revisits	...	...	...	...	...	1,267

Disinfestation carried out:

Rooms (in 730 premises)	...	...	...	...	...	1,973
Beds, Bedding, etc., articles	...	...	...	...	...	6,806
Furniture, articles	...	...	...	...	...	5,804
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	965

14. Offensive Trades.

There are two Dressers of Furskins and one Soap Boilers established in the Borough.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

SLUM CLEARANCE.

Arising out of the findings of the slum clearance survey that was carried out in the borough in 1949 consideration has been given to the possible redevelopment of the Willis Street/Tetley Street and Bazely Street areas comprising some 420 properties and in this connection a survey has been carried out and indications given as to the suggested method of dealing with the various properties either by way of Part III or Part V of the Housing Act, 1936.

CLOSING ORDERS.

During 1950, as a result of Police Court proceedings instituted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936, by the Department to secure the abatement of nuisances, the Magistrate made 31 Closing Orders in respect of certain premises in the Borough.

In addition, in 9 instances Closing Orders in respect of part of the house were made by the Council under the Housing Act, 1936. Included in this category are underground rooms and similar dwellings which do not comply with the regulations under the Housing Act, 1936.

UNDERGROUND ROOMS.

Arrangements provide for the inspection of such premises and rooms that have been closed as unfit for habitation showed that no insanitary conditions existed therein.

HOUSING ACT, 1949.

Provision is made for the inspection of premises, in respect of which application is made for a grant under the above mentioned act, as to the suitability or otherwise of such premises having regard to the requirements of the act.

OVERCROWDING (Housing Act, 1936).

Particulars of overcrowding and abatement of cases of overcrowding in the Borough during the year are as follows:—

Number of new cases reported during the year	258
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	200*
Number of persons concerned in such cases	755

* (a) Rehoused by L.C.C. 161
(b) Rehoused by P.B.C. 39

200

NEW HOUSING.

Details of new housing accommodation provided in the Borough during the year are given in the following table:—

Estate	By whom provided	No. of tenements
Windward House, St. Vincent Estate	L.C.C.	24
Cayman House, St. Vincent Estate ...	L.C.C.	26
St. Christopher House, St. Vincent Estate	L.C.C.	28
St. Lucia House, St. Vincent Estate ...	L.C.C.	30
Ashcombe House, Downs Estate ...	L.C.C.	20
Shillingford House, Downs Estate ...	L.C.C.	40
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In addition to the above the Poplar Borough Council has been responsible for the erection of 130 new tenements during the year.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

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

Total number of houses in the Borough	17,135
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)	4,223
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	22,009
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	123
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	123
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	40
(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	3,687
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	1,869
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 1,818
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:—
 - (a) By owners 1,030
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil
- (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 18
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 5
- (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 9
 - (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit Nil
- (e) Proceedings under Section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936:—
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses included in Clearance Areas 9
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished as a result of Clearance Area procedure Nil

REHOUSING PROGRAMME.

The following particulars relate to the number of families and persons rehoused by the Housing Committee during the year:—

	Families.	Persons.
Pre-war Council flats and houses ...	12	44
Post-war Council flats and houses ...	51	216
Temporary bungalows	2	6
Temporary hutments	8	21
Requisitioned and other properties ...	44	138
Total ...	117	425

Applications for housing accommodation registered up to 31st December, 1950 4,530

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

(1) Inspection of premises.

211 inspections of dairies and other premises in the Borough used in connection with the distribution of milk were made during the year by the Inspectors. Conditions at the premises inspected were satisfactory.

(2) Registration and Licensing.

Details of registrations and licences issued during the year under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, and the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949, and Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949, respectively, are given in the tables below.

TABLE X.

	Number of registrations under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949
Dairies	16
Distributors:—	
(a) Inside the Borough ...	130
(b) Outside the Borough ...	24

TABLE XI.

	Number of Licences issued under the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949, and Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.		
	Sterilised	Pasteurised	Tuberculin Tested
Dealers' Licences	129	65	18
Dealers' Supplementary Licences ...	25	22	19
Pasteurisers' Licences	—	2	—
TOTALS	154	89	37

(3) Milk Sampling.

91 formal samples of milk were submitted to the Public Analyst for chemical examination. None of the samples was found to be adulterated.

132 samples of designated milk were also examined and the results are shown in the following table:—

TABLE XII.

CLASS OF MILK	Number tested	Phosphatase test		Methylene Blue test			Tur-bidity test
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Void	
Pasteurised ...	107	107	—	98	1	8	—
Tuberculin Tested	2	—	—	2	—	—	—
Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised ...	10	10	—	9	1	—	—
Sterilised ...	13	—	—	—	—	—	13

(4) Milk delivered to Schools.

110 samples of milk were taken in accordance with the arrangements for sampling milk delivered to London County Council Schools.

55 of this number were submitted for chemical examination and were reported genuine.

55 were submitted for bacteriological examination and all were found to be satisfactory.

(b) Meat and other Foods.

Visits made during the year to shops and other premises where food is sold, prepared for sale or stored totalled 2,354.

At 20 of these premises unsatisfactory conditions were found to exist and appropriate action was taken.

TABLE XIII.

INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES.

PREMISES						INSPECTIONS
Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	221
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	139
Fried Fish Shops and Fish Curers	...	...	...	...	...	44
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	266
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	54
Ice Cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	296
Other Food premises	...	...	...	...	...	1,344
TOTAL						2,354

(c) *Unsound Food.*

Examination of unsound food, details of which are given in the table below, were carried out by the Food Inspector on 210 occasions during the year and appropriate action taken.

Legal proceedings were taken in two instances in which tomatoes intended for but unfit for human consumption were exposed for sale. A penalty of 10s. 0d. and costs 10s. 0d. were awarded in each case.

TABLE XIV.
UN SOUND FOOD.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE	QUANTITY		
	Tons	Cwts.	Lbs.
Bacon	—	—	61½
Confectionery	—	8	51
Fish	—	3	24
Fruit (Fresh and Dried)	—	7	43
Lemon and Orange Skins	8	12	76
Meat	—	14	17
Milk (Dried)	—	—	56
Offal (Butchers)	—	1	58½
Rabbits	—	—	25
Sausages	—	—	45
Suet	—	—	42
Vegetables	4	16	2
	15	5	53

OTHER FOODSTUFFS—

Eggs	180
Fish, Fish Pastes, etc.	375 tins
Fruits, Fruit Juices, etc.	3,095 tins, 350 jars, 46 bottles
Jams, Preserves, etc.	8 tins
Meats	3,983 tins
Milk	1,204 tins
Pickles, Sauces, etc.	4,372 jars, 276 tins, 10 bottles
Sausages	146 tins
Soups	19 tins
Vegetables	2,531 tins
Sundry Foods	109 tins, 10 packets, 5 cartons, 2 jars

(d) *Food and Drugs Act.*

During the year the total number of samples procured under the Food and Drugs Act and submitted for analysis by the Public Analyst was 757 (136 formal and 621 informal). Of this number 31 (11 formal and 20 informal) were found to be adulterated.

TABLE XV.
SUMMARY OF ANALYST'S REPORTS.

SAMPLE	FORMAL			INFORMAL			TOTAL
	No.	Genuine	Adult.	No.	Genuine	Adult.	
1. Drugs, etc.							
Antiseptic Throat							
Pastilles ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Aspirin ...	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Bicarbonate of Soda ...	—	—	—	4	4	—	4
Boil Cure Tablets ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Boracic Ointment ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Borax and Honey ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Camphorated Oil ...	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Chest and Lung Balsam	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Cleansing Herbs ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Compound Rhubarb							
Pills ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Cough Mixture ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Cream of Tartar ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Digestive Peppermints	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Dispirin ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Epsom Salts ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Eucalyptus Oil ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Glycerine ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Glycerine, Lemon and							
Ipecacuanha Balsam	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Grape Saline ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Iodine ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Iodised Throat Tablets	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Menthol Linctus ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Milk of Magnesia							
Tablets ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Olive Oil ...	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Opas Stomach Digestive							
Tablets ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Peppermints ...	1	—	1	1	—	1	2
Phensic ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Saccharine Tablets ...	1	1	—	1	1	—	2
Soda Mints ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Sulphur Ointment ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Sulphur Tablets ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Vapour Rub ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Yeast Tablets ...	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Yeast and Sulphur							
Tablets — Orange							
flavour ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Yellow Basilicon Oint-							
ment ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Zinc and Castor Oil							
Cream ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
2. Beer, Spirits and Wines							
Ale ...	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Brandy ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
British Wines ...	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Cider ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Ginger Wine ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Liqueur ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Portade ...	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
Ruby Wine ...	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Rum ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Whisky ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Wine Cocktail ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Carried forward ...	2	1	1	57	55	2	59

TABLE XV—Continued.

SAMPLE	FORMAL			INFORMAL			TOTAL
	No.	Genuine	Adult.	No.	Genuine	Adult.	
<i>Brought forward ...</i>	2	1	1	57	55	2	59
3. Cordials, Minerals, etc.							
Coca Cola	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Cream Soda	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Grape Fruit Squash ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Lemonade	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Lemon Squash... ..	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Lime Juice	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Lucozade	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Orange Flavour	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Orange Squash	2	1	1	4	4	—	6
Pineapple Flavour ...	1	1	—	1	1	—	2
4. Other Articles							
Almonds, Ground	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Bacon	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Baking Powder	—	—	—	3	1	2	3
Barley, Pearl	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Beans in Tomato Sauce	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Beef and Mutton, Corned	1	1	—	2	2	—	3
Beetroot, canned	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Biscuits, Ships	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Blancmange Powder ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Brawn	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Bread	—	—	—	4	4	—	4
Breakfast Spread	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Butter	15	12	3	21	16	5	36
Butter Beans, canned ...	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Cake, etc., Mixtures ...	—	—	—	9	9	—	9
Cakes, Pastries, etc. ...	—	—	—	18	18	—	18
Cereals	—	—	—	3	3	—	3
Cheese	—	—	—	4	4	—	4
Cheese, Processed	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Chillies	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Chocolate Spread	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Christmas Pudding	—	—	—	3	3	—	3
Cinnamon, Ground	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Cochineal	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Cocoa	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Coconut, Desiccated ...	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Coffee	—	—	—	4	4	—	4
Coffee and Chicory Essence, etc.	—	—	—	11	11	—	11
Cooking Fat	—	—	—	19	19	—	19
Confectionery	—	—	—	23	23	—	23
Cornflour	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Curry Powder	—	—	—	3	3	—	3
Custard Powder	—	—	—	5	5	—	5
Dripping	—	—	—	4	4	—	4
Eels, Jellied	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Eggs, Dried	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Fish, Canned, Bottled, etc.	—	—	—	16	16	—	16
Fish, Smoked	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Fishpaste	—	—	—	7	7	—	7
Flavourings, Essences, etc.	—	—	—	6	6	—	6
<i>Carried forward ...</i>	21	16	5	264	255	9	285

TABLE XV—Continued.

SAMPLE	FORMAL			INFORMAL			TOTAL
	No.	Genuine	Adult.	No.	Genuine	Adult.	
<i>Brought forward ...</i>	21	16	5	264	255	9	285
Flour, Selfraising, etc....	3	2	1	10	9	1	13
Fruit Juices, Syrups, etc.	—	—	—	4	4	—	4
Fruits, Bottled, Canned, etc.	—	—	—	16	16	—	16
Fruits, Dried	—	—	—	8	8	—	8
Fruits, Glace	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Gelatine	—	—	—	5	5	—	5
Ginger, Ground	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Golden Raising Powder	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Ham	—	—	—	3	3	—	3
Ham and Veal Loaf ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Honey	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Ice Cream	—	—	—	52	52	—	52
Jams	—	—	—	11	11	—	11
Jellies and Crystals, Table	—	—	—	8	8	—	8
Lard	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Lemon Curd and Cheese	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Lemonade Powder and Crystals	—	—	—	3	3	—	3
Margarine	2	2	—	22	20	2	24
Marmalade, Diabetic ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Matzos	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Meat Extract	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Meat and Gravy, Canned	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Meat, Luncheon, Canned	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Meat Paste	—	—	—	3	3	—	3
Meat Pie and Pudding...	—	—	—	4	4	—	4
Milk	91	91	—	1	1	—	92
Milk, Condensed	—	—	—	13	13	—	13
Milk, Dried	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Milk, Evaporated	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Milk, Whipping Com- pound	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Mincemeat	—	—	—	6	6	—	6
Mustard	—	—	—	5	5	—	5
Nutmeg, Ground	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Oatmeal	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Oils, Edible	—	—	—	4	4	—	4
Pate de Foie Gras, Canned	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Patent Foods	—	—	—	3	3	—	3
Peanut Butter	—	—	—	3	3	—	3
Peanuts	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Peas, Canned	—	—	—	7	7	—	7
Peas, Dried	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Pease Pudding	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Pectin	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Peel, Candied	—	—	—	3	3	—	3
Pepper	2	—	2	6	4	2	8
Pepper Compound ...	1	1	—	5	5	—	6
Pickles	—	—	—	19	19	—	19
Plums	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Pork, Chopped, Canned	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Pork, Luncheon Meat	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Potato Crisps	—	—	—	3	3	—	3
Rabbits, Canned	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Rice	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
<i>Carried forward ...</i>	120	112	8	529	515	14	649

TABLE XV—Continued.

SAMPLE	FORMAL			INFORMAL			TOTAL
	No.	Genuine	Adult.	No.	Genuine	Adult.	
<i>Brought forward ...</i>	120	112	8	529	515	14	649
Rye Bread ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Sage ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Sage and Onion Stuffing	—	—	—	3	3	—	3
Salad Cream and Dress- ing ...	—	—	—	13	13	—	13
Salami ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Salt ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Sandwich Spread ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Sauces and Ketchup ...	—	—	—	13	13	—	13
Sausage, Liver ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Sausage, Luncheon ...	—	—	—	3	3	—	3
Sausage Meat, Beef ...	1	1	—	1	1	—	2
Sausage Meat, Pork ...	2	1	1	3	2	1	5
Sausages, Beef ...	8	8	—	5	5	—	13
Sausages, Pork ...	1	—	1	4	3	1	5
Soups, Canned ...	—	—	—	5	5	—	5
Soya Flour ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Steak, Stewed, Canned	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Suet, Shredded ...	4	3	1	12	8	4	16
Suffolk Haslett ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Sugar ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Tapioca... ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Tea ...	—	—	—	2	2	—	2
Tomatoes, Canned ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Tomato Juice ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Treacle ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Turmeric ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Vinegar, Malt ...	—	—	—	10	10	—	10
Vinegar, Non-Brewed...	—	—	—	3	3	—	3
TOTALS ...	136	125	11	621	601	20	757

TABLE XVI.

ACTION TAKEN IN REGARD TO SAMPLES REPORTED BY THE
PUBLIC ANALYST TO BE NOT GENUINE.

Sample No.	Article	Result of Analysis	Action	Result
5 (Inf.)	Pork Sausage Meat	Contained preservative—not declared	Formal Sample taken (No. 26)	—
13 (Inf.)	Margarine	Excess water 0.3 per cent.	Formal Sample taken	Genuine
26	Pork Sausage Meat	Contained preservative—not declared	Letters to vendor and manufacturer	—
35 (Inf.)	Baking Powder	Deficient in carbon dioxide 50 per cent.	Remainder of stock surrendered and destroyed	
47	Self - raising flour	Deficient in carbon dioxide 12.5 per cent.	Letter to vendor and manufacturer	—
56	Orange Squash	Deficient in sugar 50 per cent.	Letter to manufacturer	—
73 (Inf.)	Self - raising flour	Deficient in carbon dioxide 40 per cent.	Formal Sample taken	Genuine
79 (Inf.)	Peppermints	Deficient in magnesium carbonate 70 per cent.	Formal Sample taken (No. 92)	—
92	Peppermints	Deficient in magnesium carbonate 80 per cent.	Letter to manufacturer	—
172 (Inf.)	Margarine	Excess water 1.0 per cent.	Formal Sample taken	Genuine
185 (Inf.)	Shredded Suet	Deficient in fat 3 per cent.	Formal Sample taken (No. 202)	—
202	Shredded Suet	Deficient in fat 2 per cent.	Letter to manufacturer	—
383 (Inf.)	Butter	Excess water 0.3 per cent.	Formal Sample taken	Genuine
399 (Inf.)	Butter	Excess water 0.3 per cent.	Formal Sample taken (No. 415)	—
415	Butter	Excess water 0.2 per cent.	Letter of caution to blenders	—
448 (Inf.)	Shredded Suet	Deficient in fat 10 per cent.	Formal Sample taken	Genuine
493 (Inf.)	Shredded Suet	Deficient in fat 4 per cent.	Formal Sample taken	Genuine
534 (Inf.)	Butter	Excess water 0.2 per cent.	Formal Sample taken	Genuine
624 (Inf.)	Baking Powder	Deficient in carbon dioxide 30 per cent.	Remainder of stock surrendered and destroyed.	

TABLE XVI—Continued.

Sample No.	Article	Result of Analysis	Action	Result
671 (Inf.)	Butter	Excess water 0.2 per cent.	Formal Sample taken	Genuine
676 (Inf.)	Shredded Suet	Deficient in fat 5 per cent.	Formal Sample taken	Genuine
678 (Inf.)	Pork Sausages	Deficient in meat 12.5 per cent.	Formal Sample taken (No. 759)	—
682 (Inf.)	Butter	Excess water 0.2 per cent.	Formal Sample taken	Genuine
725	Butter	Excess water 0.2 per cent.	Letter to distributors	—
726	Butter	Excess water 0.3 per cent.	Letter to distributors	—
744 (Inf.)	White Pepper	Wheat flour 25 per cent.	Formal Sample taken (No. 749)	—
747 (Inf.)	Portade	Benzoic acid 150 parts per million	Formal Sample taken	Genuine
749	White Pepper	Wheat flour 25 per cent.	Legal Proceedings	Discharged on payment of costs £5 5s.
752 (Inf.)	White Pepper	Ground Ginger 75 per cent.	Formal Sample taken (No. 754)	—
754	White Pepper	Ground Ginger 75 per cent.	Legal Proceedings	Penalty £5. Costs £5 5s. Appeal pending.
759	Pork Sausages	Deficient in meat 11.5 per cent.	Legal Proceedings	Discharged on payment of costs £3 3s.

(e) *Preservatives in Food.*

Contravention of the Preservatives in Food Regulations occurred in connection with two samples of Pork Sausage Meat which contained sulphur dioxide preservative. Appropriate action was taken.

(f) *Ice Cream.*

At the end of 1950 the number of premises in the Borough registered for the manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream was as follows:—

Manufacture and sale	...	...	31
Sale and storage	...	...	116
			<hr/> 147 <hr/>

296 inspections of ice cream premises were made during the year. Conditions at these premises were satisfactory.

60 samples were submitted to the Methylene Blue test and the results were as follows:—

Grade 1	...	...	22
„ 2	...	...	17
„ 3	...	...	15
„ 4	...	...	6

(g) *Food Premises.*

- (1) Margarine, Margarine-Cheese, Butter and Milk Blended Butter.

The following table shows the number of factories and wholesale premises on the register at the end of the year.

TABLE XVII.

	Margarine	Butter
Wholesale Dealers	15	—
Factories	—	2

- (2) Premises used for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled, or preserved food.

At the end of the year the number of such premises on the register was 42. No applications for registration were made during the year.

(h) *Slaughterhouses.*

There are three licensed slaughterhouses in the Borough none of which were in use during the year.

(i) *Food Poisoning.*

During the year 10 cases of food poisoning, 7 of which were confirmed, were notified.

In no instance was a specific cause established, the consumption of various foods alleged to be responsible.

(j) *Clean Food Campaign.*

Activities of the Council's Officers to maintain a satisfactory standard of hygiene in relation to the sale and distribution of food were continued throughout the year, 2,354 visits being paid to food premises. In addition arrangements were made through the medium of the Central Office of Information and the film distributors for the exhibition at cinemas of a film entitled "Another Case of Food Poisoning." This film was also exhibited at food factories in the Borough and was preceded by a short explanatory talk to the employees of these food factories.

Educational films were shown at Bromley Public Hall to members of the food trade in the Borough.

Advantage was taken of the Metropolitan Boroughs Golden Jubilee Exhibition setting out progress in local government during the past 50 years to show the progress with regard to the production of food and food hygiene generally.

The report of the Catering Trade Working Party is now receiving consideration by the Central Government and included among the recommendations of the Working Party is one which recommends the registration of all food premises as a prerequisite to the improvement of food hygiene standards.

Similarly the report of Manufacture of Meat Products Working Party is receiving the consideration of the Ministries of Health and Food.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

There has been no change during 1950 in the infectious diseases compulsorily notifiable to the Medical Officer of Health.

During the year the total number of notifications received was 1,342 as compared with 2,160 in 1949. This decrease is accounted for by the decrease in the number of cases of the following:—

		Measles	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis All forms	Scabies
1949...	...	1,220	155	153	39
1950...	...	423	100	82	12

There was an increase however in the number of cases of the following:—

		Whooping Cough	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Zymotic Enteritis
1949...	...	354	85	11	44
1950...	...	481	99	24	61

8 cases of Acute Poliomyelitis, 5 of which were confirmed, were notified during 1950. One case proved fatal. Corresponding figures for 1949 were 11 cases notified, 9 of which were confirmed. There were no deaths.

The arrangements under which the Medical Officer of Health is informed by the Hospital Authorities of any change in the original diagnosis continued during the year. Particulars of such changes of diagnosis are included in the following table of notifications received.

TABLE XVIII.
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

DISEASES	NOTIFICATIONS								Total notified	Removed to Hospital	Deaths	Corrected figures
	0-1 year	1-2 years	2-5 years	5-15 years	15-25 years	25-45 years	45-65 years	65- years				
Scarlet Fever	—	3	38	55	4	—	—	—	100	19	—	99
Whooping Cough	33	40	248	158	2	—	—	—	481	23	2	480
Acute Poliomyelitis (Para.)	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	3	3	1	3
Acute Poliomyelitis (Non-Par.)	—	—	—	1	3	1	—	—	5	5	—	2
Measles	33	50	204	134	2	—	—	—	423	34	—	419
Diphtheria	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	4	4	—	2
Acute Pneumonia	8	4	20	13	3	16	17	18	99	9	31	99
Dysentery	1	1	14	8	1	1	—	—	26	14	—	25
Erysipelas	1	—	—	1	2	7	10	3	24	5	—	24
Meningococcal Infection	1	—	2	2	—	1	—	—	6	6	1	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	3	3	—	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	2
Zymotic Enteritis	30	15	16	—	—	—	—	—	61	35	—	50
Scabies	—	—	—	2	2	2	4	2	12	—	—	13
Acute Encephalitis (Post-Inf.)	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
Tuberculosis, Pulmonary	—	1	5	2	30	24	6	6	74	—	31	—
Tuberculosis, Other forms	—	—	—	3	3	2	—	—	8	—	1	—
TOTALS	109	114	550	382	53	57	38	29	1,332	162	67	1,226

Diphtheria.

Four cases of diphtheria, two of which were not confirmed, were notified during 1950.

There were no fatal cases.

In 1949 seven cases were notified, diagnosis being confirmed only in respect of five cases.

Cancer.

During 1950 the number of deaths certified as being due to Cancer was 160 (91 male and 69 female) as compared with 162 (94 male and 68 female) in 1949.

Tuberculosis.

During the year 82 cases of tuberculosis (74 respiratory, 8 non-respiratory) were notified under the Regulations.

Details of the age and sex incidence of these cases are given in the following table.

TABLE XIX.

AGE PERIODS	PRIMARY NOTIFICATIONS													TOTAL
	0-	1-	2-	5-	10-	15-	20-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-	
Respiratory, males...	—	1	5	1	—	4	4	8	7	2	2	4	1	39
Respiratory, females	—	—	—	1	—	9	13	5	4	2	—	1	—	35
Non-respiratory, males	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
Non-respiratory, females	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	5

In addition to the above 39 other cases were added to the register as a result of information received from the following sources:—

Registrar-General's Death Returns

(transferable deaths)	...	...	...	4
Local Death Returns	...	...	...	2
Transfers from other areas	...	...	...	27
Other sources	...	...	...	6

During the year there were 32 deaths certified as being due to tuberculosis.

The following table shows the number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1949, variations which have taken place during the year, and the number of cases remaining on the Register on the 31st December, 1950:—

TABLE XX.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		TOTAL
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
No. of cases on register, 31.12.49	340	226	59	49	674
No. of cases notified during 1950	39	35	3	5	82
Other cases added to register during 1950	20	13	3	3	39
	399	274	65	57	795
No. of cases removed from register during 1950	69	64	7	7	147
Remaining on register, 31.12.50	330	210	58	50	648

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