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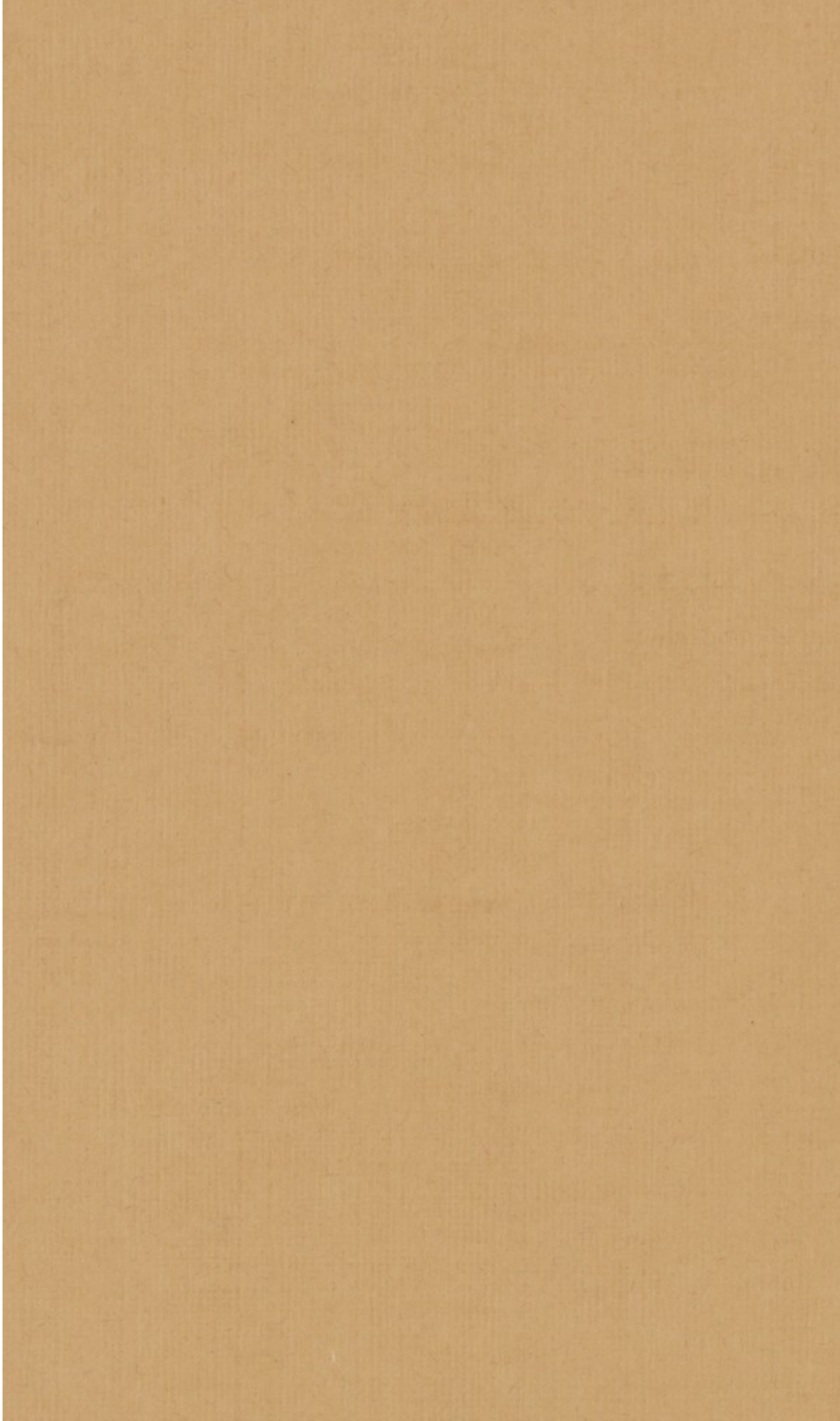
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Crayford Urban District Council.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District
Council and Health Committee.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO SUBMIT MY EIGHTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	2,698.71
Population (Census 1931)	15,896
Resident population	24,590
Number of inhabited houses	7,063
Rateable Value	£148,769
Sum represented by a penny rate	£590

	Total	M.	F.
LIVE BIRTHS—Legitimate	421	206	215
Illegitimate	12	5	7
	433	211	222

Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population
17.6.

General birth rate for England and Wales 15.1.

	Total	M.	F.
STILLBIRTHS—Legitimate	15	8	7
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 33.4.

	Total	M.	F.
DEATHS	183	100	83
Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population			
7.4.			
General death rate for England and Wales			11.6.
Deaths from puerperal causes.			
Puerperal Sepsis			1
Other puerperal causes			1
Total			2
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births ...			4.4
Death rate of infants under one year of age:—			
All infants per 1,000 live births ...			39.3
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate			
live births			40.3
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegiti-			
mate live births			—
General death rate of infants under 1			
year of age for England and Wales			53
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ...			24
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ...			—
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all			
ages)			—
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years			
of age)			—

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer of Health (part time)

C. M. Ockwell, M.D.(Lond.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.),
D.P.H.(Camb).

Sanitary Inspectors (whole time)

R. Milligan, Cert.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

F. C. Weston, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Cert.S.I.B.

F. H. Shaw, A.R.S.I., Cert.S.I.B., Sanitary
Inspector's Pupil.

Health Visitors (whole time)

Miss E. B. Kiddell.

Miss M. E. George.

No further developments have occurred in the Health Services under the following headings:—

Treatment Centres.

Hospitals.

Nursing in the Home.

Ambulance Facilities are adequate.

Laboratory Facilities.

The following specimens were sent to the County Laboratory from this district:—

Swabs	...	...	...	...	...	82
Sputa	...	...	...	...	...	83
Others	...	...	...	...	...	6
Bacteriological examination of School Milk	...	...	...	...	...	38

Child Welfare Clinics.

A start was made with a Toddlers' Clinic at Barnehurst in May, 1938. This proved so successful that similar Clinics were started at Crayford and Slade Green in October, 1938.

As a full year has not run with these new Clinics the figures below are the total attendances for infants and toddlers.

The average attendance at the Toddlers' Clinics since their inception is as follows:—

Crayford	...	...	18
Slade Green	...	...	24
Barnehurst	...	...	25

TOTAL ATTENDANCES AT THE CLINICS.

Clinic.	Total Attendance.	Average.
Crayford	3,490	69.8
Slade Green	1,302	43.4
Barnehurst	3,897	59.9

MILK.

2,968 pints and 1,681 pounds (dry milk) of milk were granted to Clinic mothers and children during the year either free or at less than cost price.

Maternal Mortality.

121 women attended the Council's Ante-Natal Clinic which is held at the Crayford Russell-Stoneham Memorial Hospital. The total number of attendances during the year was 485.

Seven cases were referred to the Obstetric Consultant. One case was treated at Guy's Hospital under his supervision and one local visit was made for an operation.

Maternity and Nursing Homes.

Of the 433 births 260 occurred at Institutions and 147 of these at The Crayford Russell-Stoneham Memorial Hospital.

Health Visiting.

During the year the Health Visitors paid 10,623 visits.

Infant Life Protection.

At the end of the year there were seven persons receiving children for reward under the Children Act, 1908, and Children and Young Persons Act, 1932.

There are eight foster children and the Health Visitor paid 47 visits to them.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.

Extensions of Water Mains have been made as follows: Spring Vale, Hazel Drive, Old Barn Way, and Old Road.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Surface Water Drainage has been completed as follows: London Road, High Street, Park Grove, and Hazel Drive.

FOUL SEWERS were completed as follows: Hazel Drive and Iron Mill Lane.

Rivers and Streams.

No complaints were received and no action taken under the above heading.

Closet Accommodation.

Approximate number of premises containing each type of sanitary convenience in the district:—

W.C.'s into drainage system	...	...	7,750
W.C.'s into Cesspools	...	...	12
Earth Closets or privvy middens	...	...	4
Pail Closets	...	...	9
Number of premises not connected to public water supplies	...	...	2

Public Cleansing.

In order to enable the cricket nuisance on the Howbury Lane Tip to be dealt with, refuse was sent away by barge from July 25th onwards.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

	No. in District	No. of visits in 1938	No. of faults & defects found	No. of faults & defects remedied
Bakehouses ...	4	23	2	2
Dairies ...	14	36	1	1
Slaughterhouses:				
Registered ...	1	585	1	1
Licensed ...	1		—	—
Other food-preparing places which are, as such, subject to inspection ...	78	314	7	7
Offensive Trades ...	—	—	—	—
Common lodging houses	—	—	—	—
Houses let in lodgings	2	4	—	—
Factories with mechanical power ...	26	66	8	8
Factories without mechanical power ...	20	52	6	6

Nuisances and defects remedied during the year (other than those enumerated in the previous tabulation).

Overcrowding	27	Buildings requiring Re-	
Keeping of Animals	1	pointing	18
Hop-Pickers' Camp	—	Miscellaneous	136
Sanitary Accommodation :		Refuse Receptacles	109
(i) Insufficient	1	Tents, Vans and Sheds	2
(ii) Defective	77	Smoke Nuisances	12
Drainage :		Yard Paving	5
(i) Re-constructed	5	Dampness	84
(ii) Repaired	11	Roofs and Rain Water	
(iii) Cleansed	89	Pipes	62
Cesspools :		Floors	22
(i) Abolished	1	Walls and Ceilings	1,294
(ii) Repaired	—	Windows and Ventilation	157
Offensive accumulations	1	Baths, Lavatory Basins	
		and Sinks	99
		Water Supplies	9

Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year 8,398

Approximate number of separate premises in area 7,573

Notices served—

Statutory	7
Informal	844
Number of houses, etc., disinfected	77
Batches of clothing	85

Shops Act, 1934.

611 visits were paid during the year. Five cases exceeding the Closing Hours were discovered, and occupiers warned. 37 notices were served. The Closing Hours for Tobacconists were extended by request to coincide with those of Sweetshops.

Smoke Abatement.

Alterations have been made in one case by the provision of smoke consumers and readjusting dampers in the factory. A set of mechanical stokers will soon be installed, which should prevent excessive smoke emission.

Swimming Baths or Pools.

The reconstruction of the Swimming Pool at Marten's Grove and the installation of filtration and ozone sterilisation plant was commenced in September.

Eradication of the Bed Bug.

Particulars of the action taken in 1938 for the eradication of the Bed Bug are as follows:—

Number of	Infested.	Disinfested.
Council Houses ...	23	22
Other Houses ...	13	13

The method employed for freeing infested houses is by (a) Spray—"Ris" liquid Insecticide, "Lethane" liquid Concentrate. (b) Fumigation—"Sanitas" Roll Sulphur Trays.

A preliminary inspection is made of all prospective Council tenants.

The work of disinfection is carried out by the Local Authority.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

(1). Inspection of dwelling-houses.

- | | | |
|-----|---|-------|
| (1) | Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... | 844 |
| | Number of inspections made for that purpose ... | 4,330 |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 ... | 355 |
| | Number of inspections made for that purpose ... | 3,529 |
| (3) | Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... | 10 |

- | | |
|--|-----|
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... | 844 |
|--|-----|

(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 ...	837
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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 | 7 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices: | |
| (a) By owners ... | 7 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... | Nil |

B. Proceedings under Public Health Act:—

- | | |
|--|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... | Nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:— | |
| (a) By owners ... | Nil |
| (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 ... | 3 |
|---|---|

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	7
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	Nil
(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
Total number of houses owned by the Local Authority	947
Number of new houses built during 1938	
(a) By the Local Authority	91
(b) By other bodies or persons	295

(4). Housing Act, 1936, Part IV.—Overcrowding.

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	24
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	25
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ...	172
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	7
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	43
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	302
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ...	Nil

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

Periodical inspections of Dairies, Cowsheds and Farms are made and all Retailers' premises. There has been no cause for complaint during the year.

Meat and Other Foods.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	66	0	113	1207	2434
Number Inspected	66	0	113	1207	2434
All Diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcasses condemned .	0	0	0	0	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ..	15	0	1	6	30
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with dis- ease other than tuberculosis	22.7%	0%	9%	.5%	1.3%
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned .	0	0	0	0	9
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ..	4	0	0	0	191
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with Tuberculosis	6.1%	0%	1%	0%	8.2%

During the year 1 ton 15 cwt. 0 qrs. 15 lbs. of food was condemned, comprising 1 ton 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs. of meat, 55 lbs. smoked bacon, 3 cwt. of vegetables, 24 rabbits, 1 box kippers, and 1 gallon of cockles.

Nutrition and General Health Education.

Supplies of Posters and Leaflets on Health matters have been received from The Central Council for Health Education. The Posters have been displayed on the Council's hoardings and leaflets distributed at the Clinics.

There is nothing further to note under the following headings :—

Adulteration.

Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

Shell Fish (Molluscan).

CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year 203 children presented themselves either for immunisation or for Schick Test, as follows :

Name of School or Clinic	Pre-School Age		School Age	
	For Immunization	For Schick Test	For Immunization	For Schick Test
Crayford C.E. Boys' School	—	—	4	—
Crayford C.E. Girls' School	—	—	7	—
Crayford R.C. School ...	—	—	8	—
Slade Green Council School	—	—	10	—
Northend Council School ...	—	—	12	—
Barnehurst Junior and Infants' School ...	—	—	79	1
Mayplace Road Junior and Infants' School ...	—	—	30	—
Crayford Child Welfare Clinic	2	2	3	5
Barnehurst Child Welfare Clinic ...	23	4	10	3
Totals ...	25	6	163	9

Alum precipitated Toxoid in two doses (0.1 cc. and 0.5 cc.) is now used as a routine. No special pressure is put upon parents to have the Schick Test done subsequently. They are told that to provide full assurance it ought to be done and facilities are offered.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year.

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Smallpox	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	49	25	1
Diphtheria	7	7	1
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	1	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	5	3	1
Pneumonia	10	1	—
Erysipelas	8	2	—
Totals ...	80	39	3

Age Groups.

Disease	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 upwards	Total
Smallpox ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Scarlet Fever	—	3	1	2	3	30	7	2	1	—	—	—	49
Diphtheria ...	—	—	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	7
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	5
Pneumonia ...	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	3	1	10
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	3	1	8
Totals	1	4	2	3	4	34	7	3	6	6	8	2	80

It will be seen that of the 49 cases of Scarlet Fever notified, only 25 were admitted to Isolation Hospital.

Public Health Act, 1936, Section 176.

No action was taken.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

CASES			Vision unim- paired	Vision im- paired	Total Blind- ness	Deaths
Notified	Treated					
	At Home	In Hospital				
—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

No action was taken.

Public Health Act, 1936, Section 172.

No action was taken.

Tuberculosis.

Age Periods			New Cases				Deaths			
			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	...	...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5	...	...	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
15	...	...	4	4	3	2	1	—	—	1
25	...	...	7	3	1	—	2	2	1	—
35	...	...	5	—	—	—	3	—	—	1
45	...	...	2	1	—	—	4	—	—	—
55	...	...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	...	...	22	8	6	4	10	2	1	2

All Tuberculosis deaths had been previously notified.

1. Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories (with mechanical power)	66	6	—
Workshops (without mechanical power)	52	7	—
Other premises under the Act ... (including works of building and engineering construction, but not including Outworkers' premises)	—	—	—
Total	118	13	—

2. Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts—				
Want of Cleanliness	5	5	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature ...	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation ...	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences—				
Insufficient	2	2	—	—
Unsuitable or defective ...	6	6	—	—
Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—
Other Offences	1	1	—	—
Total	14	14	—	—

I am,

Your obedient servant,

C. M. OCKWELL,

Medical Officer of Health.

