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## HEALTH OF EALING.

#### FORTIETH

# ANNUAL REPORT

(1914)

BY

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Medical Officer of the Borough of Ealing.

TOGETHER WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT OF

THOMAS HILL, ... Chief Sanitary Inspector.

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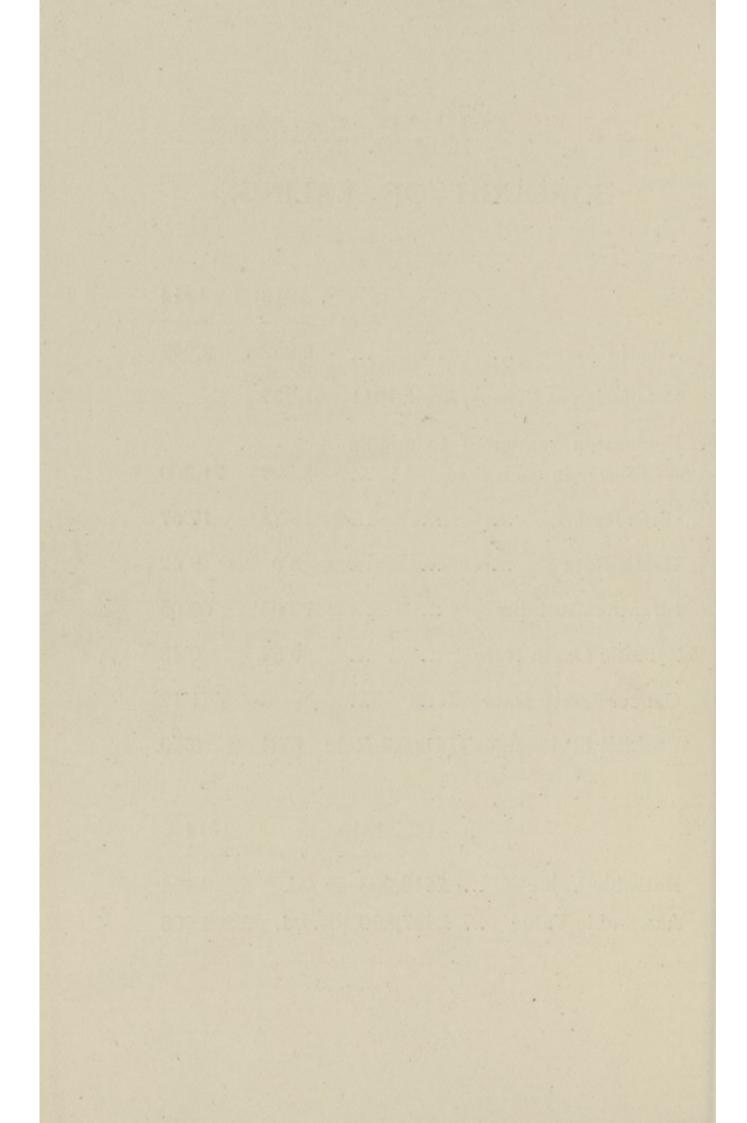
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1913-14. BOROUGH OF EALING.

	1913	1914
Area in Acres	2,947	2,947
Population at Census, April, 1911	61,235	
Population estimated to middle of year in each case	68,500	71,300
Birth Rate	18'23	17.57
Death Rate	8.9	9.42
Infantile Mortality	72.05	59.05
Zymotic Death Rate	0.54	0.43
Cancer Death Rate		1.12
Phthisis (Tuberculosis) Death Ra	te 0'54	0.20
1913	3	1914
Rateable Value £518,968 5	5s 0d.	£526,454
Assessable Value £497,850 1	0s. 0d.	£505,608



### BOROUGH OF EALING.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

TOWN HALL, EALING, W.

March 15th, 1915.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report (the fortieth) of the Sanitary and Health conditions of this Borough during the year 1914, with the usual vital statistics appertaining thereto, and I trust a consideration of these will prove that, on the whole, the general health state of the Borough during the year will be considered quite satisfactory.

The general death rate remains at a favourable level, there is a greatly diminished infantile rate of mortality, but the birth rate is slightly lower. It will be seen that the Borough, with its acreage of 2,947 acres (with a density of population of about 24.1 to the acre) and a rateable value of £526,454, continues to make a steady increase of population, and to meet this increase a considerable addition has been made to the number of dwellings. At the middle of last year, it is calculated that 14,339 houses were in occupation. During the year 280 new houses have been passed for occupation, and of this number one was constructed as a flat, to accommodate six families, one for three families, and three were constructed to accom-This shows a reduction of new modate two families. buildings of thirty-two compared with the previous

year. No building of large size has been erected, and the northern and western parts of the district received the larger proportion of the newly-erected dwellings.

In former reports I have alluded to the question as to whether there is any marked deficiency of suitable residences for the working classes, and, on the whole, I am still of the opinion that there is no actual dearth of such, although, in a large number of instances, rents are considerably higher than the tenants are able to meet, without more or less difficulty. The municipal dwelling houses already existing are greatly appreciated, and afford satisfactory accommodation at reasonable rentals. The physical conditions of this Borough continue little unaltered, and I think no detailed remarks on this point are necessary.

The main drainage, water supply, etc., continue as efficient as usual.

#### POPULATION (71,300).

I have estimated the population of this Borough for the past year at 71,300, and on this number the various vital statistics are calculated.

The natural increase of population, viz., the excess of births over deaths, registered, was 581.

#### DEATHS.

The total number of deaths registered in the Borough during 1914 was 566, and to this number must be added 123 residents whose deaths were registered outside the district, making a total of 689, but from this number must be deducted seventeen deaths of non-residents (transferred to their respective districts), making the actual total of deaths upon which to calculate the death rate, 672. This affords a death rate of 9.42 per 1,000, or one death in every 106.1 of the population compared with 111.2 for 1913. The same rate for England and Wales was 13.9 per 1,000, and for the ninety-seven large towns, including

London, of which we form a unit, was 14.6 per 1,000, and 145 smaller towns 12.8 per 1,000, while the death rate of London was 14.4, so that our own general death rate affords much satisfaction. The distribution of the deaths are as follows, for the separate wards, viz.:—

	In the Borough.	utside the Borough.
MANOR WARD	 139	 38
LAMMAS WARD	 118	 20
GRANGE WARD	 86	 25
CASTLEBAR WARD	 80	 19
MOUNT PARK WARD	 68	 8
DRAYTON WARD	 58	 13
Total	 549	123

The causes and ages at death of our fatal cases are fully set forth in the official Table No. 3. In Table 1, it will be seen that fifty-six more deaths occurred than in the previous year, raising our death rate .5 above 1913. Cancer claimed eighty deaths, being seven more than in 1913, and giving a death rate of 1.12 per 1,000 of the population compared with 1.06 in 1913. Diarrhœa and Enteritis caused twelve deaths, being nine less than in 1913. Of the total number of these fatal cases, ten were of infants under one year of age. The occurrence of this class of disorder was favourably affected by the generally temperate climatic conditions of the summer season. Heart and lung diseases claimed many victims, especially among those in advanced life or of very early ages.

#### PHTHISIS.

There were thirty-six deaths recorded from Phthisis. This affords a death rate of .50 per 1,000 of the population, being .12 less in comparison with 1913. Visits are paid following notification when deemed expedient, and advice is tendered in the majority of cases, including those of contacts.

I have more than once mentioned that Ealing had been selected by the County as one of the areas for the establishment of a Tuberculosis Dispensary. Good progress has been made, and ere long the establishment will be organised and in working order under the Tuberculosis Officer, Dr. F. R. B. Atkinson. There has been no difficulty or delay in obtaining the needful treatment for each patient when referred to this official, and there is no question that the earlier attention each patient receives and the precautionary measures adopted by patient and contacts will show beneficial results.

#### BIRTHS.

One thousand two hundred and thirty-four births (males, 593; females, 641) were registered in the Borough during the year, including twenty-nine illegitimate births, and to this number must be added nineteen outside births, making a total of 1,253 births (males, 603; and females, 650). This affords a birth rate of 17.5 per 1,000 of the population. In England and Wales the rate was 23.6, and in London 24.6.

Our local birth rate for the past three years has declined from 20.6 in 1912, 18.3 in 1913, to 17.5 in 1914. A total of forty-five illegitimate births were recorded. The births are distributed in the various Wards as follows, viz.:—

		Males.	13	Female	es.	Total.
LAMMAS		177		189		366
MANOR		135		141		276
DRAYTON		70		83		153
GRANGE		89		77		166
CASTLEBAR		77		97		174
MOUNT PARK		45		54		99
INWARD TRAN		10		9		19
						-
Tota	als	603		650		1,253

No. of illegitimate births, 1914, 29 (males, 11; females, 18).

#### MARRIAGES.

Four hundred and sixty-nine marriages were celebrated in the Borough during the year.

#### NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of notifications received compared with 1913. Seven hundred and sixty-four were received, being an increase of 153 over the year 1913, and additional Scarlatina attacks were mainly responsible for this. Scarlatina has been prevalent more or less throughout the past year, but during the last four months of the year it became more rife, reaching, indeed, the proportions and character of an epidemic. The disease has been usually of a benign type, and only two deaths arose from it and its complications among our patients. The number of each class of infectious notifiable disease is clearly shown on Official Form, Table No. 2, and the cases are distributed in the various Wards as follows, viz.:—

DISEASE,	Drayton.	Lammas.	Manor.	Grange.	Castlebar.	Mount Park	Total.
Scarlet Fever	32	190	153	58	57	21	511
Diphtheria	11	32	22	7	6	4	82
Erysipelas	8	12	9	4	2	4	39
Enteric Fever	1	2	1	1		2	7
Ophthalmia				1000			
Neonatorum	1	5	2	1			9
Cerebro-Spinal							
Meningitis		1					1
Puerperal Fever			2				2
Pulmon. Tubercul.	10	27	25	13	10	6	91
Other forms ,,	5	5	3	4	4		21
Total	68	274	217	88	79	37	763

Among the non-notifiable disorders, Measles was prevalent during the latter part of the year, and there were many cases of Whooping Cough.

Our Zymotic death rate equalled .43 per 1,000. The increase of knowledge, among certain classes, relative to the seriousness of Measles, has, I consider, led to much more care and attention being paid to the children attacked by this disorder, and its frequent dangerous complications are better recognised and treated. In all cases of Measles early medical attention should be sought. Of the total number of 765 notifiable cases, 475 were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

#### INFANTILE DEATH RATE.

Owing to favourable climatic conditions, there was a marked absence of epidemic summer Diarrhœa and allied disorders among young children, and we have the satisfactory low infantile death rate of 59.0. Much is being done to educate the mothers of infants with reference to the proper bringing-up of their little ones, and the good work accomplished by Mrs. Copeland the Sanitary Inspector, in connection with this important work, deserves great praise, and is, I feel sure, no mean factor in the preservation of infant life. It is gratifying to learn that, on the health visitor's re-visits, she finds her instructions and advice have been carefully attended to and acted upon.

#### ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

This institution continues to be of valuable service for the reception of the majority of the notifiable infectious disorders, such as Scarlatina, Diphtheria, and Enteric Fever. During the year 459 cases of Scarlatina (including forty-seven from Hanwell) and seventy-nine cases of Diphtheria (inclusive of nineteen from Hanwell, and one from Chiswick) received treatment,

and, in addition, four Enteric Fever patients were admitted. There were two deaths from Scarlatina, three from Diphtheria, and no fatal cases of Enteric Fever. Owing to the extensive outbreak of Scarlatina during the last quarter of the year, the resources of the Hospital were, for several weeks, severely tried, and the Contact Huts at Perivale proved very serviceable for the accommodation of Convalescents. This is the first occasion since the existence of the Hospital that the accommodation has not proved equal to the demands on it. During the year five additional bedrooms were added for nurses, who look for separate sleeping accommodation. The administration of the Hospital during a period of much difficulty reflected great credit on the Matron and staff.

#### House to House Inspection.

The Chief Sanitary Inspector's report on this important work gives such full details that it is unnecessary for me to do more than add a few comments. It will be shown by Mr. Hill's report that, although the full standard of efficient inspection was, as usual, carried out, it was impossible to attain the number of visits desired. This result was largely due to the exceptional number of visits which had to be paid to dwellings in connection with the occurrence of infectious disorders, more particularly during the last quarter of the year. The fact must not be overlooked that these visits comprise much more than mere inquiries concerning the cases of infection, but include inquiries and inspection regarding the sanitary arrangements of the dwellings, and where defects and nuisances are detected, these are immediately ordered to be remedied, so that a great deal of useful, if informal, sanitary work is accomplished.

Notwithstanding certain delay in the work, a large portion of the older class of houses has been carefully visited, and improved. No house has had to be con-

demned, and no compulsory powers have been sought to enforce our sanitary requirements, so that it will be seen by reference to the Inspector's appended Returns, that a very large amount of useful and important work has been performed by the Public Health staff during the year. One hundred and ninety-five houses were inspected under the "Housing and Town Planning Special inspection of premises were made on 882 occasions, and the re-inspections necessary to ascertain that the defects discovered were being remedied numbered 6,163, making a total of 7,045 visits. In addition to these must be added visits to premises where meat, fish, etc., are purveyed, to places under the Factory and Workshops Act, and to dairies, cowsheds, and milkshops, making a total of 11,658 visits and inspections completed during the year.

The following Table affords information of the sanitary defects discovered in the course of House-to-House inspections:—

Total defects discovered, 1613.

#### FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACT.

The places included under this heading are fully set out in Mr. Hill's report. There are no factories of large size, but several dressmakers' workrooms in connection with large establishments exist, and are generally found in proper condition for their purpose. All defects or insanitary matters are at once remedied, and, generally, all these shops, workrooms, etc., are in a satisfactory condition. Regular supervision is continually exercised. When female labour alone is employed, the places are put in charge of the female Sanitary Inspector, who reports to me and the Chief Inspector. Mrs. Copeland's report on her duties connected with this work is appended.

#### DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS ORDER.

Very careful and systematic inspection of these places has been given throughout the year, and with one or two important alterations and improvements in certain dairies, their condition can be generally stated as quite adequate and suitable for their retail purposes. The greater portion of our milk supply is, of course, imported from country farms and dairies, and no fault has been discovered reflecting in any way upon the supply. It can safely be assumed that the business premises which are associated with the distribution of milk are all in a fit and proper condition. I reiterate my advice, that it is a prudent and reasonable prevention to bring all milk intended for drinking purposes, especially, to the boiling point for a single moment before it is consumed. When "Pasteurisation" is practicable that, of course, is a still more desirable practice. I may add that in no single instance have I been able to trace milk as a cause of disease.

#### GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The Sanitary Inspector's report and appended Tables prove that, in the Public Health Department,

much activity has been shown in inspectorial work and the remedying of nuisances and sanitary defects. The general health conditions of the Borough throughout the year have not been unsatisfactory, as evidenced by a low death rate and greatly decreased infantile mortality.

The School Clinic continues to carry out excellent work, which is reflected in an improved condition of health in many children, and must be widely evidenced as time goes on. Dr. Arthur, School Medical Inspector, speaks in very encouraging terms of the good results of the Clinic treatment. The Ealing Creche deserves support for useful work in its special direction.

On the subject of matters coming under the Borough Surveyor's Department, so far as they may be said to concern the Public Health, nothing but praise can be given, and it is always pleasant to acknowledge this.

The system of collection of house refuse is in itself a large undertaking most satisfactorily carried out, and the ultimate destruction of this refuse in the Southern Works Destructor to the amount of 13,747 tons, in addition to 4,878 tons of pressed sludge last year, is evidence of the great call upon this department. At the Northern Works, 900 tons of pressed sludge were dealt with. It is contemplated, owing to the increase in the bulk of both house refuse and sludge, which tries the capacity of the works to their utmost, to add additional cells to the destructor. The sewage effluents from both North and South Works have maintained their high standard, as certified by Professor Kennood, but, in addition, samples of the effluent from the Northern Works are daily examined in the small laboratory attached to the Borough Surveyor's Department. Another improvement which should be noted, is the extension of the policy of laying

the carriageways of the Borough with an impervious surface. This practice mitigates to a very great extent the "dust nuisance," and tends to a decrease in the amount of slop and other detritus removed from the roads. This is a very important point when it is remembered that sites for shoots for road sweepings in this neighbourhood are becoming more difficult to obtain year by year. The flushing and ventilation of the sewerage systems have been well maintained.

It now only remains for me to express my thanks to the Public Health Committee and the Council and its staff for their invariable help and support, and to acknowledge with much pleasure the energetic way in which the members of my department have carried out their important duties, and given me ready assistance at all times.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. A. PATTEN,

Medical Officer of Health.

#### BOROUGH OF EALING.

SANTIARY WORK	1914.
ADOPTIVE ACTS:	
Infectious Disease Notification Act, 18 Infectious Disease Prevention Act, 18 Public Health Acts Amendment Act,	90.
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, and certain sections comprised in Pa	1907, Parts 5 and
BYE-LAWS:	
Common Lodging Houses.	
Slaughter-houses.	
Tents, Vans, Sheds and similar Structs	ures.
Prevention of Nuisances arising from Ashes and Rubbish, and for the Pr Animals in any premises so as to be	revention of Keepin a nuisance.
Removal of Faecal or Offensive Matter	through the Borough
New Streets and Buildings. Cleansing of Earth Closets, Privies an	d Commonto
REGULATIONS:	d Cesspools.
With respect to Dairies, Cowsheds and	Milkshops.
STAFF EMPLOYED:	
Same as last year.	
FORM I.	
INSPECTIONS—	
Number of Premises Inspected on Complaint Number of Premises Inspected in connection	with Infectious
Diseases	75
Number of Premises under Periodical Inspection Food Inspections	43
Houses Inspected from House-to-House	19
Total Number of Inspections and Re-inspections	made 11.65

#### DWELLING HOUSES AND ACTION UNDER H. AND T P. ACT, 1909-Number of Houses dealt with under Sect. 15 126 Number of Houses found to be in a state Dangerous or Injurious ... 6 6 ACTION TAKEN (other than under H. and T.P. Act)-Cautionary or Intimation Notices Given ... Statutory Orders Issued ... ... 509

115

#### FORM II.

	FOR	M II.					
N	OVABLE DWELLINGS, ON Number Observed during the Year	CAR		NS,	TEN	rs,	
	Number Removed			***			2 2
B	AKEHOUSES—						
	Number in District						28
	Contravention of Factory Acts						15
S	LAUGHTER-HOUSES-						
	Number on Register						5
	Number of Inspections made Frequency of Inspection						20
-		Qu	arterry	and a	t times	01 51	aughter,
C	OW-SHEDS—						
	Number on Register Number of Inspections made						5 20
	Frequency of Inspection					200	uarterly
	Number of Milch Cows in District						bout 140
D	AIRIES AND MILK-SHO	PS-					
	Number of Inspection		***				
	Number of Inspections made Frequency of Inspection				three	times	148 a year.
	Contraventions of Regulations						23
U	NSOUND FOOD—						
	Meat (including organs) seized and	surre	ndered				15½ lbs.
	Fish seized and surrendered						3321bs.
	Fruit and Vegetables seized and sur Method of Disposal	rrende	red	C		s Des	319lbs.
0	FFENSIVE TRADES—				o di ilori	5 Des	iluctor.
0	Number of Premises in District						12
	Nature of Trades						Frying 12
	Number of Inspections made Contraventions of Bye-Laws						Weekly
***					***	***	9
VV	ATER SUPPLY AND WA	TER	SER	VIC	E-		
	Percentage of Houses supplied from CISTERNS—Cleansed, Repaired, Co	vered	&c Wate	er Ser	vice	***	100%
	Draw-Taps placed on Mains	***					72
	Percentage of Houses supplied on C	onstar	nt Syste	m			100%
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1						
	FORM						
DI	RAINAGE & SEWERAGE OF						GS-
	WATER CLOSETS—Repaired, Suppli Improved				otherv	vise	331
	Percentage of Houses provided with	Wate	r Close	ts			100%
	Drains - Examined, Tested, Expos Unstopped, Repaired, Tra	ed, &	800				28
	Waste Pipes, Rain Water F	ipes, I	Disconn	ected	Repai	red.	162
	&c						190
	New Soil Pipes or Ventilat Existing Soil Pipes or Ven	tilatin	g Shaft	s Rep	aired		218 11
	Disconnecting Traps or Ch	amber	s Insert	ted			216
	Reconstructed CESSPOOLS—Rendered Impervious, I	Emptie	d. Clea	nsed	800		67
	Percentage of Houses Draining into	Sewer	S				99-9

DISINFECTION-			703
ROOMS DISINFECTED-Ordinary Infectious Diseases			37
Phthisis			274
Rooms Stripped and Cleansed		***	212
ARTICLES DISINFECTED OR DESTROYED			5,787
Ordinary Infectious Disease	***		214
Phthisis			
DUST-			00
at D: Descrided		***	82
TT - Descriptive is Dust Removed from each flouse:		W	leekly.
Number of Complaints of Non-Removal received			39
Method of Disposal		Dest	ructor.
Method of Disposat			
SUNDRY NUISANCES ABATED-			
			9
Overcrowding	**		36
A commulations of Refuse	***		3
Foul Ditches, Ponds, &c., and Stagnant Water	***		23
Foul Pigs and other Animals	***		211
Dampness—Damp-proof Courses			221
Yards Repayed or Repaired			339
Other Nuisances			
REMARKS—			00
Roofs Repaired			88
House Walls Pointed Down	***	***	8
Eaves Gutters Repaired or Renewed			171
Floors Repaired			96
Ventilation under Floors			74
Windows made to open			71
Windows made to open		***	39
New Scullery Sinks provided			7
Additional W.O.S. Constitution			

## BOROUGH OF EALING.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, WORKPLACES, AND HOMEWORK.

#### 1.-INSPECTION.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

of Nursances.		Written
	Inspections.	Notices.
FACTORIES (including Factory Laundries) .	194	11
WORKPLACES (other than Outworkers promise	15	_
	237	11

#### 2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Nuisances under the Public Health	Acts-	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.
Want of Cleanliness		 22	12	_
Want of Drainage of Floors		 3	3	
Other Nuisances Sanitary Accommodation—		 31	31	-
Unsuitable or Defective		 10	10	- 4
Total		 66	66	7.3
		_		

#### 3.-HOME WORK.

0	U	TI	N	0	R	K	E	R	S	L	IST	TS.	Section	107.
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Lists received from I Wearing Apparel-	Twice	e in the year. Outworkers.	Once in the year. Lists. Outworkers			
Making, &c. Cleaning and		 g	 6 2	21 14	16	32
Household Linen Stuffed Toys			 2	5	1	= 1/4
	T	otal	 10	40	17	32

#### 4.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on the Register (s. 131) at the end of the year-

Dressmakers				 	 		25 112
Tailors				 	 	***	16
Millinery	***	***	***	 	 	***	16
Miscellaneous	***	***	***	 ***	 ***		25

#### 5.-OTHER MATTERS.

Underground Bakehouses (s. 101)-				
In use at the end of the year	 	***	***	 6

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1914 and Previous Years.

BOROUGH OF EALING.

			BIRTHS.		TOTAL REGISTE			TERABLE THS.	NETT DEATHS BELONGING THE DISTRICT.			NG TO
Year.	Population estimated	Un-	Ne	tt.			of Non-	of Resi-	The second second second	1 Year Age.	At all	Ages.
rear.	to Middle of each Year.	Corrected Number.	Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	residents registered in the District.	dents not registered in the District.	Number.	Rate per 1000 Nett Births	Number.	Rate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1909 1910 1911 1912 1913	52550 54259 61723 €4500 68500	1184 1272 1246 1308 1214	1184 1272 1246 1331 1249	22·5 23·4 20·2 20·6 18·2	557 440 722 511 520	10:5 8:1 11:6 7:9 7:3	7 3 8 13 14	82 96 110 119 110	90 83 152 90 90	76 0 65 · 2 121 · 7 67 · 6 72 · 0	632 533 714 630 616	12·0 9·8 11·5 9·7 8·9
1914	71300	1234	1253	17.5	566	7.9	17	123	74	59.0	672	9.4

Area of District in acres (land and inland water)-2947.

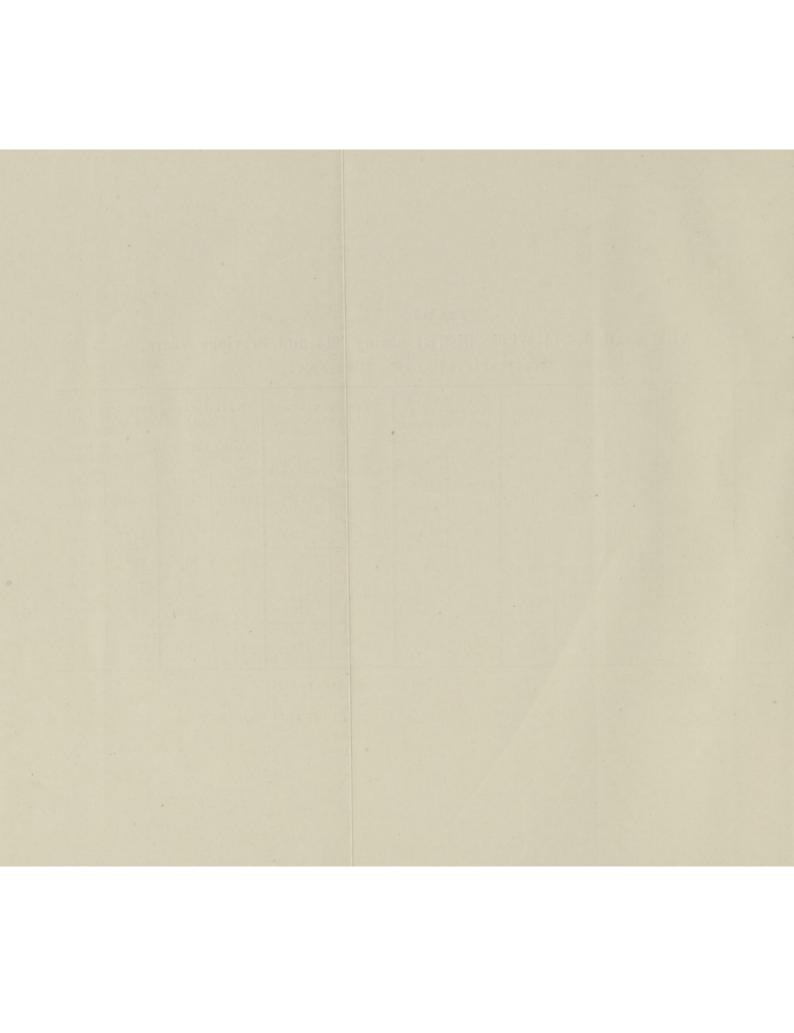


Table II. Cases of Infectious Disease Notified during the Year 1913.4 BOROUGH OF EALING

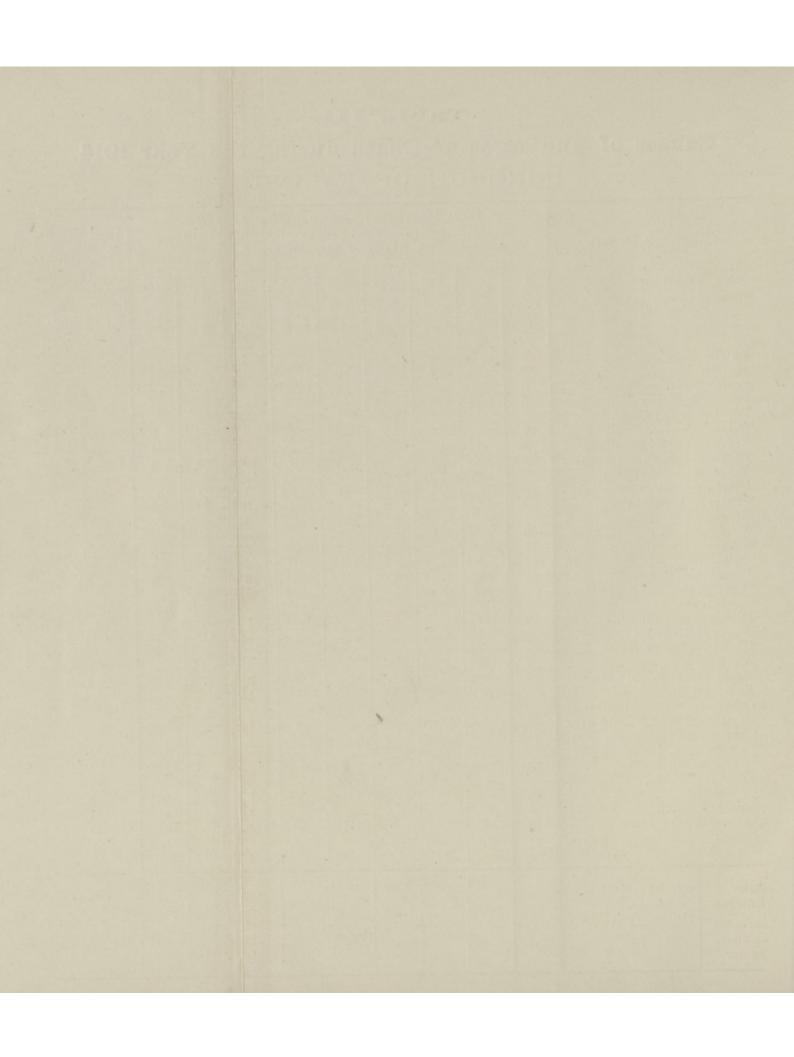
		N	JUMBER	OF CASES	Notifi	ED.			T	OTAL C	LOC LOC	OTIFIE ALITY.		EACH	Total cases
NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	At all At Ages—Years.								ton rd.	rd. mas		rd. rd. rd. rd.		Mount Park Ward.	removed to Hospital.
	Ages.	Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 45.	45 to 65.	65 and upwards.	Drayton Ward.	Lammas Ward.	Manor Ward.	Grange Ward.	Castlebar Ward.	Mo Pa Wg	
Diphtheria (including Membranous croup) Erysipelas Scarlet fever Enteric fever Cerebro-spinal Meningitis Ophthalmia Neonatorum Pulmonary Tuberculosis Other forms of ,,	83 39 511 7 2 1 9 91 21	1 3  - 9 1	13 3 92 — — — — 3 5	51 5 352 1 — — 10 7	11 2 41 3 1 — 11 4	8 9 23 3 1 1 1 49 4	11    15	- 8 - - - - 2 1	11 8 32 1 — 1 10 5	32 12 190 2 - 1 5 27 5	22 9 153 1 2 - 2 25 3	7 4 58 1 — 1 13 4	6 2 57 — — — — 10 4	4 4 21 2 — — 6 —	59 412 4 —————————————————————————————————
Totals	764	14	116	426	72	98	26	11	68	274	217	88	79	37	475



#### Table III.

## Causes of, and Ages at Death during the Year 1914. BOROUGH OF EALING.

Causes of Death.			SIDENT	THS AT s," WHI	KTHER	OCCURI	RING W			Total Deaths whether of "Residents"
All Certified Causes Uncertified	All ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 2.	2 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 45.	45 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	or "Non- Residents" in Institutions in the District.
Enteric fever Measles Scarlet Fever	1 8 2 5 1 7 2 36 6 5 80 1 2 75 44 38 9 12 8 10 1 19 1 3 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19	- - 1 - 1 - - 1 4 4 4 - 10 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	-5 -3 -1 -1 -1 -5 	- 1 1 - - 2 1 - - 1 - - - - - - - - - -	-3 1 -1 -3 1 -1 -3 1 -1 -4	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1			
Sub- Entries. included in above figures.  Cerebro-spinal . Meningitis Poliomyelitis	_	=	_	-	=	=	=	=	=	=



#### Table IV.

#### Infant Mortality during the Year 1914.

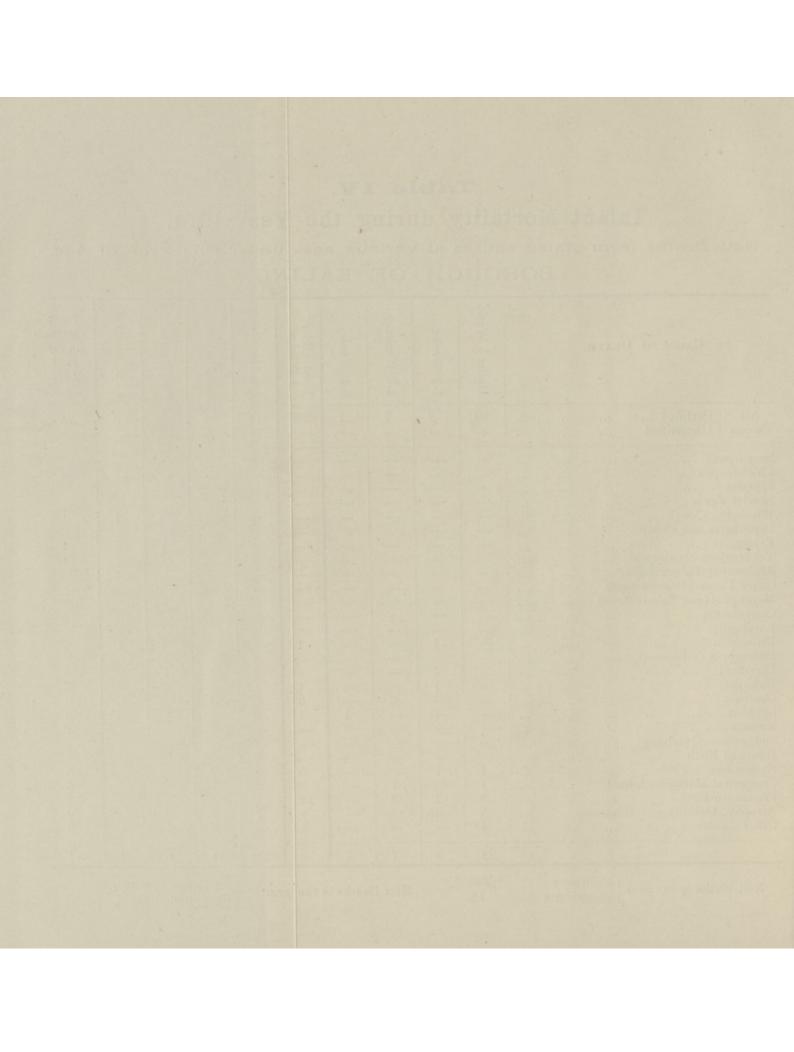
Nett Deaths from stated causes at various ages under One Year of Age.

BOROUGH OF EALING.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 4 Weeks.	1-3 Months.	3.6 Months.	6-9 Months.	9-12 Months.	Total Deaths under One Year.
All Certified Causes Uncertified	22	8	7	1	38	14	11	8	3	74
Small-pox	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		3 - 1 3 - 1 3 - 1		- - - - - - - 1 1 3 1 - - 5 2 13 7	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -				1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Other Causes	22	8	7	1	38		11	8	3	74

Nett Births in the year | legitimate ... 1,208.

Nett Deaths in the year of { legitimate infants ...



#### MRS. COPELAND'S REPORT.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

TOWN HALL, EALING, W.

March 20th, 1915.

Dr. C. A. PATTEN, Medical Officer of Health.

SIR,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of my work to December 31st, 1914.

The number of my visits make a total of 2,124, namely:—

To homes where births have occurred	1,859
To Workshops, Laundries (Factory and Workshop Act) where women are employed,	
and homes of outworkers	106
Visits, Public Health (Tuberculosis Regulations, 1908 and 1911)	103
	100
Miscellaneous visits, and periodical visits to	
Women's Conveniences	56
Total	2,124

The visiting of the homes where births have occurred has been continued. The visits are well received and looked forward to, and the advice given is much appreciated. Of the babies visited:-

80.0 per cent. were breast-fed;

14.3 per cent. were bottle-fed;

5.7 per cent. were partly breast-fed and partly bottle-fed.

When visiting it was found that in sixty-four cases it was necessary to advise that the child should be taken to a doctor. On the whole, however, the babies were found to be in a healthy condition.

Only a few mothers were found giving boiled bread and biscuits to very young babies.

I am glad to say that I found fewer fathers out of work than in the previous year.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum became compulsorily notifiable on April 1st, 1914. Since then, nine cases have been reported. These I have immediately visited.

In February, 1914, one hundred mothers, with their babies, were invited to a tea held in the Long-field Hall. A very enjoyable time was spent, and the mothers very much appreciated the interest taken in them. Dr. Patten, the Medical Officer of Health, briefly addressed a few encouraging words to the mothers, and remarked upon the fine and healthy appearance of the babies.

In April, the Victoria Hall Trustees increased the grant for milk for necessitous mothers from £5 to £10. This has enabled me to supply a larger number with milk. Forty-two mothers have been supplied with milk for varying periods, from two weeks to four months. This supply of milk has proved very beneficial; for example, a mother with twins, who had three other children, and whose husband earned only £1 weekly, was allowed the milk for four months, and

was thus enabled to breast-feed both children satisfactorily.

The mothers appear to be taking a far greater and more intelligent interest in the feeding, clothing, and care of their babies.

I have also to thank Mrs. Dunnett, M.B., for the kindly interest which she takes in the welfare of the babies of Ealing.

I have continued to visit the women and children under the Tuberculosis Regulations, 1908 and 1911. One hundred and three visits were made to the patients. On October 17th, the Tuberculosis Medical Officer of Health examined at the Town Hall twenty-five of the contacts; this necessitated a large number of visits being made.

Overcrowding was found in two of the homes visited.

In connection with the workshop inspection twentyeight defects were found. The workshops generally were found to be in a good condition.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MABEL COPELAND,

Sanitary Inspector.

### CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, THE ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF EALING.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in submitting for your consideration my Annual Report of the work carried out in this department, in conjunction with the Medical Officer of Health, during the year ending December, 1914.

As in previous years, I have tabulated a list of the sanitary defects remedied and other nuisances abated as the result of an inspection of premises, following either a verbal or written complaint, some of which were found to be somewhat of a minor character, and are sometimes considered trivial from a health point of view, although, in a large majority of cases, they constituted a nuisance under the Public Health Acts, hence the reason for immediate action to enforce a remedy. At times, owners and others regard them as being of no importance, and that no action, either of the Sanitary Inspector, or that of the Town Council, was necessary; in consequence, there is occasionally some delay in the execution of the work usually specified by an intimation notice.

It is, however, somewhat encouraging to note that some owners appreciate the timely warning of minor matters in connection with their property, in preference to waiting the more serious developments; such persons recognise the true principle associated with the old saying, "Prevention is better than cure."

During the year there were 168 complaints of various nuisances, of which thirty-nine were in respect

of non-removal of house refuse, which, together with all complaints of smells emanating from sewer ventilators, etc., were referred to the Borough Surveyor, whose department has control of all such ventilators and removal of house refuse. Each complaint was immediately and carefully investigated, and, where necessary, an intimation notice was sent to the person responsible for the abatement of the nuisance, and, in the event of non-compliance, the matter was reported to the Public Health Committee, and authority obtained to serve statutory notice, and which has had the desired effect. The works and matters attended to under this heading are classified as follows:—

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Storage water cisterns cleansed and	covere	d		3
Draw taps fixed to main				6
Choked drains cleared and cleansed				31
Drains re-constructed				5
Drains repaired				6
Access chambers constructed				13
Disconnecting traps fixed to drains				7
Ventilating pipes fixed to drains				20
Rain water pipes disconnected from				4
New soil pipes fixed				4
New iron covers fixed to drains				13
Eaves gutters and down pipes renew	ed or	renaired		15
New sinks and waste pipes		ориноа		12
New w.c. pans fixed		100		17
Foul w.c. pans cleansed				6
New w.c. constructed	***			1
Light and ventilation provided to w.				1
W.C. supplied with water			***	1
Flush cisterns to w.c.'s renewed or re	naire			26
Damp proof courses to house walls	pance			13
Ventilation under floors provided			•••	5
Surface of yards paved and drained				37
Elegan vancinal			•••	12
Roofs repaired	***			11
Walls and ceilings repaired, stripped	and a	loopeed		
	and c	leansed		120
Accumulations of refuse removed	***			22
Animals so kept as to be a nuisance				21
Windows				19
0				3
Bad smells from sawars attended to				9
Bad smells from sewers attended to				3
Miscellaneous nuisances abated				45
Total				
10131				511

#### INSPECTIONS.

The total number of inspections and re-inspections made during the year was 11,613 as compared with 13,246 in 1913, the decrease being largely due to the diversion of work of your Inspectors in connection with the outbreak of Scarlet Fever during the autumn part of the year, and the additional supervision necessary in connection with the sanitary works carried out, following the House-to-House and other inspections of the property dealt with during the year.

The necessity for more frequent visits to premises during the progress of the works has been more marked than heretofore, in order to ensure that the works are carried out in such a manner as will prevent, for some time to come, a recurrence of the nuisance dealt with.

The appended Table shows the number of inspections and re-inspections, made up as follows:—

(quarterly) Slaughter-houses  Premises inspected periodically  Re-inspections of premises during progress of works	
1	1,658

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE INSPECTIONS UNDER THE HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING, ETC., ACT, 1909.

The following tabular statement shows the particulars of the various nuisances dealt with in connection with this important part of the Public Health work. It will be seen that, in a large majority of houses inspected, there was the absence of an efficient horizontal damp-proof course in the external walls of the house, also a vertical damp-proof course to the external surface of the walls, which, in consequence, has been the cause of a considerable amount of damp showing on the internal surface of the said walls, and as I have pointed out previously, such work entails a great amount of expense, therefore, very careful consideration is given to this branch of work, not only in giving special attention to the work while in progress, but in every decision when ordering such work to be carried out, as in some instances we have found the damp due to other causes than the want of a damp-proof course.

The most regrettable part of this business is that the property is often in the hands of persons of rather poor circumstances, who have very little means of a livelihood other than the rent of a house, or perhaps two. In this respect, local authorities have to consider one important point, and that is, whether the house is in every respect reasonably fit for human habitation; if the answer is in the negative, then it is the duty of the local authority to see that it is put into a condition, in all respects, reasonably fit, for it has often been said, "It is not the prosperity of the owner that must receive first consideration, but the health of the inhabitants."

During the year, and under the above heading, there were 195 houses inspected, and 1,613 nuisances discovered. Of the number of houses so inspected, four have been demolished, also two other houses, which were left in abeyance since 1913. There were no closing orders issued for this purpose; the owners voluntarily pulled them down following the service of statutory notices to carry out, in three instances, very extensive structural repairs. The houses were let at a weekly rent of five shillings, and one at four shillings and sixpence.

ISPECTIONS AND RE-INSPECTIONS FOLLOWING NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

In consequence of the increased number of cases of Infectious Diseases, 1,910 visits and re-visits were paid to premises in conjunction with the Medical Officer of Health, where one or other of the notifiable diseases occurred. Much time and attention was required in dealing with the epidemic of Scarlet Fever during the autumn, in order, as far as practicable, to prevent the spread of the disease. For some time, inspections in other directions were impracticable in consequence.

It may not be considered out of place to briefly mention here the work in dealing with a case of Infectious Disease.

On the receipt of an intimation of a case, either by telephone, notification form sent by post, or delivered by hand, the particulars of the notification, if the patient is recommended for removal to the Isolation Hospital, are at once telephoned to the Matron, and instructions are given to the ambulance driver to proceed to the Hospital forthwith. An Inspector visits the home of the patient and obtains, as far as they can be ascertained, the particulars as to the date of attack, last at work or school, the school attended or place of work, list of other inmates in the house, schools attended, occupations and places of work, milk and water supply, library books, laundry, dates of recent visits to other houses, suspected source of infection. Arrangements are made for the disinfection of the room or rooms, bedding, clothing, etc. tions are sent to the dairymen, laundry, schools, library, employers of contacts, and to the owner of the house in respect of any nuisance he may be responsible for.

Where there are proper means of isolation of the patient at home, and it has been decided and arranged for by the medical attendant, instructions are given in respect of the precautions to be taken, the use of

all utensils, waste food, infected linen, etc., books and papers, the use of disinfectants, and a disinfected wet sheet hung over the outsde of the door of the patient's room, although such instructions are usually given by the doctor attending the patient.

Disinfection of bedding, clothing, etc., is carried out by this department at intervals during the patient's illness, when requested to do so, and, finally, on the receipt of an intimation from the medical attendant, stating that, in his opinion, the patient is free from infection.

The Table showing the sanitary defects discovered and other matters attended to in connection with infectious disease, I herewith append:—

Walls and ceilings stripped and cle	hood			074
	anseu			274
Draine renained				12
Access chambara construct 1	•••			6
Access chambers constructed				17
New iron eovers to access chamber	S			7
New ventilating pipes to drains				31
Intercepting traps fixed to drains				6
New soil pipes fixed				8
Eaves, gutters, and down pipes r	enewe	ed or	re-	
paired				10
New sinks and waste pipes				18
Drains cleared and cleansed				9
Rain-water pipes disconnected from	drain	S		3
New w.c. pans fixed				27
New flush cisterns to w.c.'s				14
Flush cisterns repaired				18
New w.c.'s constructed				6
W.C. pans cleansed		•••		1
Draw taps fixed to main		•••		22
Covers to storage water cisterns		•••		
Yards paved and drained				2
Floore renained		•••		62
Damp.proof courses inserted in hou				10
Damp-proof courses inserted in hou Ventilation under floors	se wal	IIS		31
				12
Roofs repaired				14
New galvanized iron dustbins suppli	led .			24
Animals so kept as to be a nuisance.				4
Accumulations of refuse removed .				2
Windows made to open				2
Miscellaneous nuisances abated .				47
Total number of rooms fumigated .				740
Articles disinfected on destroy ad			6.	,001
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IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED TO HOUSES, INCLUDING SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS.

The summary of the general sanitary work is given on Form III., which gives a fair idea of the matters that have engaged the attention of your Inspectors.

During the year, sixty-eight obstructions were removed from the house drains, after which they were thoroughly flushed and cleansed. The smoke test was applied to twenty-two house drains, and six were exposed, under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875. In all these cases special reports were made to the Public Health Committee, and instructions

obtained in respect of same.

The number of house drains reconstructed during the year was sixty-seven, and those repaired, or partially reconstructed, were fifty-one. Of these, nineteen were in respect of the combined system. In some instances, the drainage works were carried out following exposure of the original drain, with a view to carrying out some minor repairs, when it was found necessary to reconstruct the whole. In conjunction with these works, sixty-five intercepting traps were fixed, and 151 water-tight access chambers constructed, 218 soil pipes and ventilating pipes fixed, 163 new w.c. pans, and 113 flush cisterns to same either renewed or put into proper working order.

PAVING OF YARDS AND OTHER CAUSES OF DAMP.

The paving and drainage of yards, passages, and areas, the want of efficent or repairs to eaves, gutters, and rain-water pipes, leaky roofs, and the damp walls of houses have, as heretofore, received special attention, as a nuisance arising from either of the above causes cannot fail to be an important factor in the cause of the insanitary condition of some of the dwelling-houses, and which may have an injurious effect on the health of the occupants. A properly paved and drained surface in connection with the dwelling-house is conducive to cleanliness, since there is less dirt and filth conveyed into the house, it encourages the house-wife, and lessens the risk of contaminaton of foods by

dust and flies. The old excuse for finding a heap of sludge or other offensive matter, swept off the unpaved surface into one corner of the yard, or against the back wall of the house, is no longer to be tolerated.

The number of yards, passages, and areas paved during the year was 221. There were 171 eaves, gutters, and rain-water pipes partially renewed, eighty-eight repairs to roofs, and 211 damp walls attended to. In some instances, it was found necessary to place both horizontal and vertical damp-proof courses to the walls, also re-point down the external surface of the house walls, as the jointing of the brick work was extremely bad.

## FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACT, 1901.

The number of workshops on the Register, including bakehouses, is 216. These, on the whole, have been kept in a satisfactory condition. The usual visits have been paid, and all sanitary matters and cleansing were attended to without service of statutory notices. The homes of all out-workers have been visited by the female Sanitary Inspector, and found to be kept in a satisfactory condition.

The number of bakehouses on the Register is twenty-eight as against twenty-nine last year; two bakehouses have been closed voluntarily, and one new one was opened during the year. The six underground bakehouses are still in use and have been kept in a

satisfactory condition.

The matters attended to during the year are as follows:—

IOWS.				
Walls and ceilings cleansed		 		22
New w.c. pan fixed		 		1
W.C. pans cleansed		 		20
Accumulations		 		2
Cover to storage water cist	erns	 		1
Draw tap to main		 		1
New dustbin supplied		 		1
Floors repaired		 	•••	3
Flush cisterns to w.c's. repa	aired	 		9
Stagnant water removed	•••	 •••	•••	1
Other nuisances	* ***	 		5

## DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS.

During the year four persons applied for registration in connection with the transferring of dairy businesses. The number of cowsheds in the Borough remain as heretofore, namely, five. These have been kept in good condition throughout the year. The number of cows kept during the year has been at times below 150, and these, to all external appearance, are in good condition.

During the year, one large cowshed, the interior of which was re-modelled and brought up to as near a model cowshed as was practicable to do so.

The number of milkshops on the Register is forty-eight. These have been visited as usual. In connection with one milkshop, this was closed the greater part of the year; the last person applying for registration to carry on the trade as a purveyor of milk was a phthisical patient. Needless to say, the application was refused. The plea put forward on behalf of the patient was that it was light work, and it would keep the patient out in the air.

The following are the matters attended to during the year as the result of inspections:—

					-
Drains re-constructed					 1
2014111010101					 1
Access chambers constru		•••			 2
New soil and ventilating	g pipes	fixed			 2
Premises limewashed					 8
W.C pans cleansed					 2
New w.c. pans fixed					 1
New flush cisterns fixed					 1
New sinks and waste pi	pes				 2
Yards paved and drained	d				 3
Roofs repaired					 1
Rain-water pipes discon	nected				 2
Eaves gutters and rain-v	water p	ipes re	paired		 3
Accumulation removed				**1	 1
Other nuisances abated					 3

#### OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There is no alteration under this heading. The offensive trade carried on is in respect of fish-frying only, twelve shops, and from which there has been no complaint. Lime-washing, and other matters, have been attended to when required without service of notice.

With regard to fish offal, nearly the whole of this is removed daily by contract. Special galvanised iron tins are supplied by the contractor to the fishmonger, a clean tin being left each morning.

#### MANUFACTURE OF ICE-CREAM.

The conditions under which this commodity was prepared were found to be well maintained. At the premises of one confectioner's, where ice-cream is made and sold in the shop during the summer months, it was found necessary to reconstruct the drains in conjunction with other sanitary improvements.

The street barrows from which this article was sold were also visited, and the water used for washing the glasses was occasionally requested to be changed.

#### SLAUGHTER-HOUSES AND FOOD INSPECTIONS.

Of the thirty-seven butcher's shops in the Borough five have private slaughter-houses attached. These, as in previous years, have been kept under observation, frequent visits were paid while slaughtering was in progress, and in connection with the slaughtering of cattle and pigs no case of tuberculosis was detected. During the year I frequently received an intimation from the butchers that slaughtering would be carried out at a certain time, and would like the carcases inspected before being removed to the shop.

In respect of two other butchers, who slaughter in private slaughter-houses outside the Borough, I received similar intimations, and that the carcases would be brought home at a stated time, although the meat is inspected where slaughtered.

The premises where the various foodstuffs are sold, whether cooked or uncooked, have received my attention, and it is satisfactory to record that no case was reported to the Public Health Committee for proceedings to be taken in respect of diseased or unsound food.

The list of unsound food voluntarily surrendered for destruction during the year I herewith append, and I have continued my usual practice when dealing with unsound foods surrendered, by issuing a certificate stating the article had been destroyed. This, I may repeat, enables the tradesman to get the money he paid for the article destroyed refunded.

# Table of Unsound Food Surrendered.

No.	PARTICULARS OF SURRENDER	₹.	Weight.	CONDITIO	on.	METHOD OF DISPOSAL.					
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	2 ,, ,, cherries 1 Trunk of fish—codlin 1 Barrel of fish—salt herrings 1 Fish—hake 1 Ox liver Sausages—seized and destroyed of Justice 20 Boxes of cherries 1 Box of smoked haddocks 1 Fish—salmon	by order	91 48 84 224 4 9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 180 11 9	Unsound  ''  ''  Diseased  Unsound  ''  ''  ''  ''  ''  ''  ''  ''  ''		Council's	destructor				

### CLERICAL WORK.

Number	of	letters and intimations	writter	D	919
79	5757	statutory notices serve	d		115
9797	9797	notifications to school	teacher	5	541
5/5/	27.50	notifications to Librari	es		13
77	5/5/	transferred deaths	***		17
19	55	monthly reports to Pub Committee	lic He	alth	12
5176	3/37	letters received and future reference	filed	for	439

In conclusion, I beg to sincerely thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee, also the Town Council, for the very kind attention and support you have always given to any matter I have had occasion to lay before you.

I would also like to express my appreciation of the very valuable assistance I received during the past year from the Medical Officer of Health and the staff of this department, from the Town Clerk's department, and that of the Borough Surveyor, who are ever willing to give every possible assistance.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS HILL, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

## HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING ACT, 1909.

Summary of the work done at the end of year 1914, following House to House Inspection.

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STREETS.	Number of houses.	Cisterns cleansed and covered.	Draw taps fixed to main.	W.c. pans cleansed,	Additional w.c.'s constructed	New w.c. pans fixed.	Flush cisterns repaired or renewed.	External light and ventilation provided.	Drains cleared and cleansed.	Drains re-constructed.	Drains repaired.	Drains intercepted and ventilated,	Access chambers constructed	Rainwater pipes disconnected.	New soil pipes fixed.	New ventilating pipes fixed.	New sinks and waste pipes.	Eaves, gutters and down pipes repaired or renewed,	Windows made to open.	Horizontal and vertical damp	Ventilation under floors provided.	Yards, areas and passages paved and drained.	Roofs repaired.	External walls re-pointed down.	New dustbins supplied.	Walls and ceilings stripped and cleansed,	Floors repaired,	Houses demolished volun- tarily,	Annual St. Statement
alfour Road	3	***	***		***	1	2		***		***		***	***	***	3		3	***			2	2	764	1	24		***	
aker's Lane	4	***	1	***	****	***			700	***	***		***				***			8		4		440	2				
hurch Place	4	***	2	***		1	1996	1	***		***			***		1	2	***	2	8	5		1	***	1	3		6	
ccleston Road	44	***	24	5	1	15	7	***	3	10	2	30	46	12	11	38	28	15	12	32	27	60	9	***	4	6	1		
ope Road	1	***	1	***	7000		***	***		***			1000				2	***	100						***	8	2		
orthfield Road	12	***	6	***	***	4	3		***	3	1414	5	4	5		4	5	-4	n	22	9	10	4		2	13	6		
ountfield Road	14	3	2	1			2			***	2		3			1	100		6	12	7	2	4		1	18	4		
ak Street	20	***	3		200	9	2	-3	3	6		***	9	1		1	***	26	24	23	11	4	17	20	3	26	12		
xford Road	48	3	2			9	3	1	2	4	2	6	12	1	. 4	3	1	3	7	56	10	24	13	1	3	32	I		
t. Matthew's Rd.	7	1		1	1000	7	4			***		1	2			1		12		6	6	9	5		3	7	4		
'illiams Road	1	1	***	***		1	1	***		1		1	1			1	2					1	1000		***		1		
Totals	158	8	41	7	1	47	24	5	8	24	6	48	77	19	15	53	40	63	62	167	75	116	55	21	20	137	31	6	

