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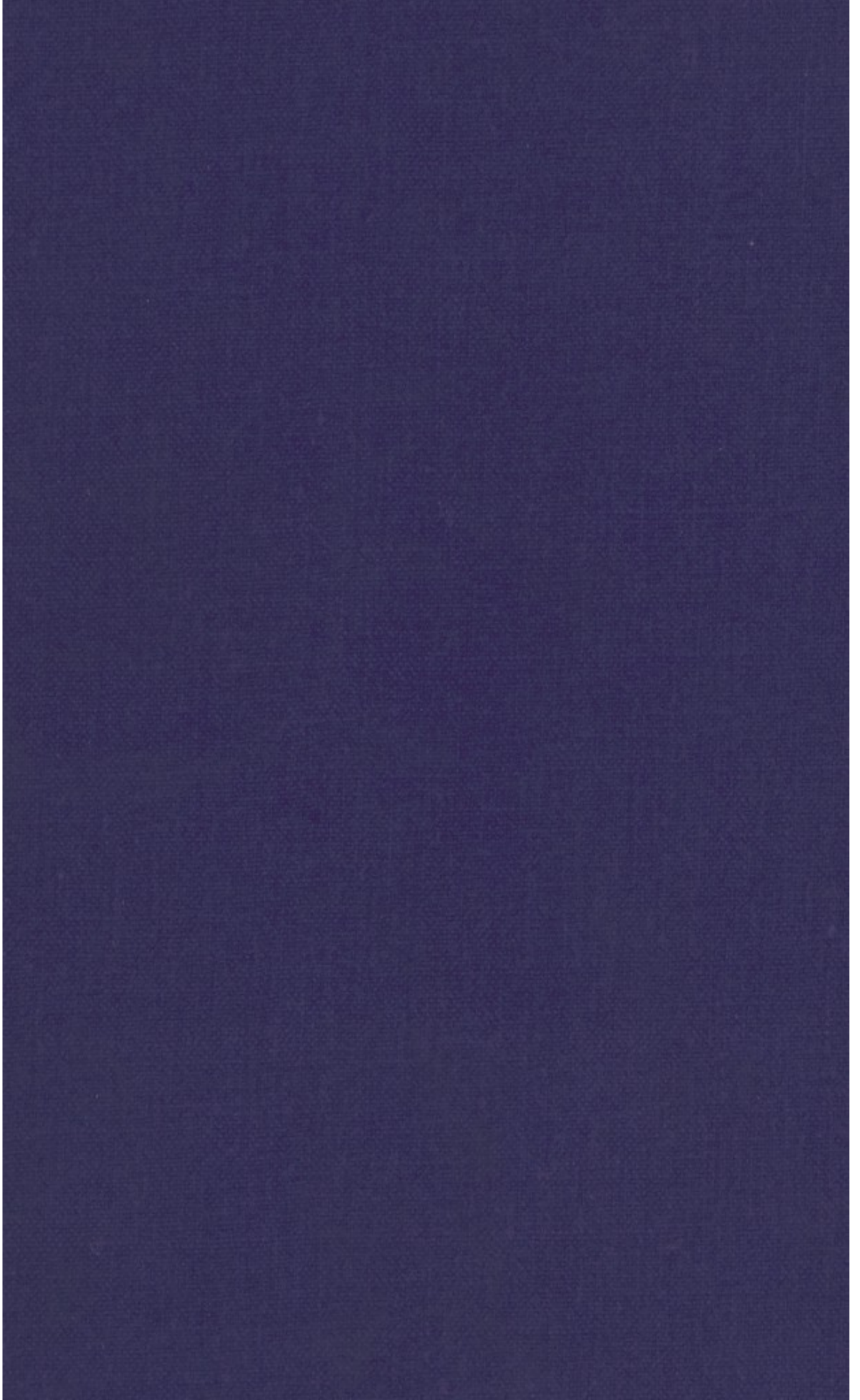
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Deputy Mayor - - - - - Alderman W. PREYE.

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a Certificated Sanitary Inspector.

b Certificate of Meat and Food Inspector.

c Inspector under the Petroleum Acts.

d Inspector of Canal Boats.

e Certificate of Smoke Inspector.

f R.S.I. Sanitary Science as applied to Buildings and Public Works.

PREFACE.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
TOWN HALL,
EDMONTON, N.9.

HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR, ALDERMAN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF EDMONTON.

YOUR WORSHIP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in presenting my tenth Annual Report for the year 1944, and the fifth under War-time conditions.

The Report is compiled in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circulars and therefore once again contains only a brief outline of information.

The BIRTH RATE continues to increase and it is a great pleasure to note the low MATERNAL MORTALITY and complete absence of any deaths from puerperal infection.

The health conditions of the Borough in general are quite satisfactory, and I would like to say that quite a number of people in Edmonton live well into the 70-80 years of age group. During the War years when enemy action was at its highest the conduct and bearing of the Edmonton Citizens was a fact which I greatly admired; under very difficult circumstances there were no signs of panic at any time, and at all times good feeling and cheerfulness prevailed.

A matter that was of great concern to me, and for which I should express my gratitude and admiration, was the devotion of the General Practitioners of the Borough to their work both night and day. Many of them also served on Civil Defence duties, and there was no instance in which anyone of them failed to respond to the call of need when the enemy visited the Borough. I would like to thank them very heartily for their co-operation.

My thanks are due to the Members of the Council for their help and assistance in getting through what was an exceedingly difficult year. I would also like to thank my Staff for their unfailing efforts and devotion to duty during these very trying times.

I have the honour to be, Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,,

D. REGAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,896
Population—								
Census of 1921	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66,809
Census of 1931	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77,652
Estimated by the Registrar-General for mid-year 1944	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	91,590
Number of inhabited houses and tenements at the end of 1944	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25,950
Number of inhabited houses and tenements at the end of 1943	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26,000
Rateable value, April, 1944	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£738,578
Estimated product of 1d. in the £ for the year ending March 31st, 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£3,000
Rates in the £ for the year ending March 31st, 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15s. 2d.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The extent of unemployment may be estimated by the following figures relating to :—

- (1) the number of free dinners given to schoolchildren, and
 - (2) the actual figures supplied by the Director of Public Assistance.
- No. 1 is given purely on economic grounds.

(1) Number of free dinners during 1943	...	...	...	...	88,457
" " paid " " 1943	...	...	...	...	725,313
" " free " " 1944	...	...	...	...	67,007
" " paid " " 1944	...	...	...	...	590,916

The reduction in the number of dinners supplied compared with 1943 due to second evacuation owing to flying-bomb attacks.

(2) Figures <i>re</i> out relief :—				Persons.	Amount.
For the year 1943—					
(a) Ordinary out-relief	1,669	£18,953
(b) Unemployed out-relief...	13	8
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				1,682	£18,961
For the year 1944—					
(c) Ordinary out-relief	2,163	£21,295
(b) Unemployed out-relief...	Nil	Nil
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				2,163	£21,295

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.				M.	F.	Total.	Grand Total.
Legitimate	973	858	1,831	
Illegitimate	...	...	...	45	45	90	1,921
Birth-rate per 1,000 of population	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.97

Stillbirths.							
Legitimate	...	...	...	26	16	42	
Illegitimate	...	...	...	1	1	2	44
Total of live and stillbirths	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,965
Rate per 1,000 total births	...	...	...	...	...	...	22.39

Deaths.							
Number	...	...	...	497	480	977	
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.66

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.				Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and stillbirths).
Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis	—	0.00
Other maternal causes	2	1.01
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				2	1.01
				<hr/>	<hr/>

Death rate of infants under one year of age.

	M.	F.	Total.
Number	37	24	61
All infants per 1,000 live births	31.75
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	32.22
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	22.22
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	175
" " Measles (all ages)	1
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	4
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	5

The following causes of death are supplied by the Registrar General and refer to deaths which were registered during the calendar year :—

Cause of Death.	M.	F.	Total
Typhoid and para-typhoid fevers ... ..	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal fever	2	...	2
Scarlet fever ... ..	...	...	...
Whooping cough	2	2	4
Diphtheria ... ..	...	...	...
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	31	23	54
Other forms of tuberculosis	5	6	11
Syphilitic diseases	2	2	4
Influenza	1	3	4
Measles ... ..	...	1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polio-encephalitis ... ..	...	...	...
Acute infective encephalitis ... ..	...	...	...
Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus (M.) Uterus (F.)	6	7	13
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	14	13	27
Cancer of breast ... ..	...	14	14
Cancer of all other sites	69	52	121
Diabetes	6	9	15
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	31	41	72
Heart disease	102	111	213
Other diseases of the circulatory system	19	14	33
Bronchitis	37	27	64
Pneumonia	18	24	42
Other respiratory diseases	7	5	12
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	14	5	19
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	3	2	5
Appendicitis	1	1	2
Other digestive diseases	10	17	27
Nephritis	10	8	18
Puerperal and post-abortion sepsis ... ..	...	...	...
Other maternal causes ... ..	...	2	2
Premature birth	10	5	15
Congenital malformations, birth injuries, infant diseases	18	8	26
Suicide	1	3	4
Road traffic accidents	6	...	6
Other violent causes	31	26	57
All other causes	41	49	90
	497	480	977

The two tables overleaf give the deaths of those registered during the 52 weeks ended 30th December, 1944.

The slight difference between the tables overleaf in respect of the causes of death and the one supplied by the Registrar General is that the Registrar General is in possession of additional information on the matter.

MALES.

Causes of Death	ALL AGES	— to 1	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 to 75	75 and over
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	32	...	...	...	...	1	5	8	6	9	1	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	7	...	...	...	...	2	1	2	2	...	...	...
Syphilitic Diseases ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...
Influenza ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	2
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	5	2
Cancer of all other sites ...	71	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	12	19	23	11
Diabetes ...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	1
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	26	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	5	2	8	8
Heart Disease ...	103	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	9	26	31	31
Other Circulatory Diseases ...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6	10
Bronchitis ...	36	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	5	13	12
Pneumonia ...	17	2	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	...	6	4
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	3	2
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	8	...	1
Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Appendicitis ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Other Digestive Diseases ...	11	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	2	4	1
Nephritis ...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	3	3
Premature Birth ...	11	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cong. mal., birth injuries, infant dis. ...	18	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suicide ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Road Traffic Accidents ...	6	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	1	1
Other violence ...	31	...	...	1	2	2	3	5	7	2	2	7
All other causes ...	37	1	...	...	3	...	1	1	4	4	9	14
Totals ...	498	38	1	1	10	8	17	38	62	90	121	112

FEMALES.

Causes of death	ALL AGES	— to 1	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 to 75	75 and over
Whooping Cough ...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	26	...	...	...	...	6	6	6	4	2	...	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	5	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	...
Syphilitic Diseases ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Influenza ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Measles ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cancer of Uterus ...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	3	1
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	4	6	3
Cancer of Breast ...	14	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	5	4	3	...
Cancer of all other sites	51	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	8	13	11	15
Diabetes ...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	5	4
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	14	19
Heart Disease ...	111	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	5	10	25	63
Other Circulatory Diseases	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	10	...
Bronchitis ...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	12	14
Pneumonia ...	24	6	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	5	7
Other Respiratory Diseases	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Appendicitis ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Other Digestive Diseases	17	...	...	...	2	1	2	3	2	...	2	5
Nephritis ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	2	1	2
Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Maternal Causes	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Premature Birth ...	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cong. mal., birth injuries, inf. dis.	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suicide ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1
Road traffic accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other violence ...	25	2	...	...	2	3	3	3	2	...	3	7
All other causes	48	...	1	1	...	3	5	1	5	5	8	19
Totals ...	479	22	4	3	5	17	26	26	42	53	105	176

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The deaths of infants under one year of age were as follows :—

							M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	23	59
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
							—	—	—
							37	24	61
							—	—	—

The death rate of all infants per 1,000 live births was 31.75. The death rate of all infants under one month of age per 1,000 live births was 20.82.

A detailed sub-division of the causes, etc., of these DEATHS is as follows:—

MALES.

Causes of Death	Under 1 week	Second Week	Third Week	Fourth Week	Total under 1 month	1—3 months	3—6 months	6—9 months	9—12 months	Total under 1 year
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Diarrhoea ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	3
Pneumonia ...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	2
Bronchitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
Premature Birth ...	8	1	1	1	11	...	...	...	...	11
Atelactasis ...	9	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	9
Congenital Malformations ...	2	2	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	5
Other causes ...	1	...	...	1	2	3	...	...	...	5
Totals ...	20	3	2	3	28	4	5	1	...	38

FEMALES.

Causes of Death	Under 1 week	Second week	Third week	Fourth week	Total under 1 month	1—3 months	3—6 months	6—9 months	9—12 months	Total under 1 year
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage ...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
Pneumonia ...	1	...	...	...	1	2	2	1	1	7
Congenital Malformations ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2
Premature Birth ...	4	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5
Atelactasis ...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
Bronchitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Gastro-enteritis ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Violence ...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1
Totals ...	10	1	...	1	12	4	3	1	2	22

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS.

The Registrar-General has forwarded provisional figures relating to the country as a whole and to London, enabling comparisons to be made as follows :—

	Birth-rate per 1,000 population	Death-rate per 1,000 births.	
		From diarrhoea, etc., under 2 years	Total deaths under 1 year
England and Wales ...	17.6	0.50	4.8
London	15.0	0.42	10.1
Edmonton	20.97	0.48	2.6
			46
			61
			31.75

Annual Death Rate per 1,000 of Population.

	All Causes	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Influenza
England and Wales	11.6	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.12
London	15.7	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.08
Edmonton	10.66	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.02

The following table gives the number of births and deaths (registered) sub-divided into the four Wards of the Borough. It should be remembered that births are only those which occurred in Edmonton of residents; these are registered in Edmonton. Births which take place outside the Borough are not included; this fact accounts for the difference between these figures and those supplied by the Registrar-General. The deaths include those taking place outside the Borough, the information being given quarterly by the Registrar-General.

Ward	Births		Deaths		Infant Deaths	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Bury Street	245	208	144	136	12	7
Church Street	181	149	111	121	8	5
Angel Road	156	141	121	101	7	5
Silver Street	211	201	127	141	11	5
Vagrants ... ..	...	...	2	...	...	...
	793	699	505	499	38	22

Laboratory Facilities.

The Laboratory Services have again proved of great value by giving results at the shortest possible notice, on the spot. Both Practitioners and Staff have no difficulty in getting their specimens to the laboratory, and in that way immediate results, particularly in relation to Maternity and Day Nurseries, have proved of immense value.

Medical Practitioners continue to make good use of the facilities at their disposal.

The following examinations were carried out in the Bacteriological Laboratory :—

Nature of Examination.	Positive.	Negative.	Total.
Blood—Bleeding Time	—	—	1
Blood—Coagulation Time	—	—	2
Blood Counts	—	—	155
Blood—Fragility of Red Blood Cells	—	—	1
Blood—Sedimentation Rate	—	—	1
Blood—Urea Content	—	—	1
Blood—Van den Bergh Reaction	—	—	1
Blood—Widal Reaction	—	—	1
Breast Milk—Fat Content	—	—	14
Ear Swabs for presence of organisms	—	—	4
Eye Swabs for presence of Gonococci	1	6	7
Eye Swabs for presence of organisms	—	—	30
Faeces for presence of Blood	—	2	2
Faeces for presence of Dysentery Bacilli	35	288	323
Faeces for presence of Ova	—	3	3
Nasal Swabs for presence of Haemolytic Streptococci	—	12	12
Sputa for presence of Tubercle Bacilli	6	35	41
Swabs for presence of <i>C. Diphtheriae</i> :—			
(a) From Suspect cases	29	484	513
(b) From Contacts	1	264	265
(c) From Carriers and old cases	6	36	42
Throat Swabs for presence of Haemolytic Streptococci	—	44	44
Throat Swabs for Vincent's Angina... ..	4	2	6
Urine—Bacteriological Examinations	—	—	134
Urine—Chemical Examinations	—	—	221
Urine—Microscopical Examinations	—	—	186
Urine for presence of Tubercle Bacilli	—	2	2
Vaginal Smears for presence of Gonococci	—	10	10
Vaginal Smears for <i>Trichomonas Vaginalis</i>	—	3	3
Vaginal Smears for presence of organisms	—	—	9
Total Number of Examinations			2,034

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

173 Samples of Designated Milks were examined in the Laboratory. Results were as follows :—

Accredited Milk.

3 Samples were examined and all satisfied both the prescribed tests.

Pasteurised Milk.

69 Samples were examined and 65 satisfied both the prescribed tests.

1 Sample failed to pass both the Phosphatase Test and the Bacterial Count Standard.

3 Samples failed to pass the Phosphatase Test only.

Tuberculin Tested Milk.

64 Samples were examined and 49 satisfied both the prescribed tests.

12 Samples failed to pass both the Methylene Blue and Coliform tests.

2 Samples failed to pass the Methylene Blue Test only.

1 Sample failed to pass the Coliform Test only.

Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk.

37 Samples were examined and 35 satisfied both the prescribed tests.

2 Samples failed to pass the Bacterial Count Standard only.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Council possesses four ambulances, housed at Willis Garage, Weir Hall, and the following figures give some idea of the work carried out during the year :—

Private cases	...	...	...	...	...	6,597
Accident cases	...	...	...	...	...	732
Maternity cases	...	...	...	...	...	192
School Medical Dept. (Tonsils)	...	...	...	...	...	223
Maternity and Child Welfare (Tonsils)	...	...	...	...	...	78
Not required	...	...	...	...	...	148
False calls	...	...	...	...	...	13
Bedside Apparatus	...	...	...	...	...	51
Analgesia	...	...	...	...	...	76
Special services	...	...	...	...	...	381
						<hr/> 8,497 <hr/>

Children's Accidents 146. Factory Accidents 113. Street Accidents 226.

First Aid was rendered on 338 occasions. The resuscitating apparatus was in use on 6 occasions.

The total mileage of the vehicles was 40,546 miles.

Transport.

A 2-ton Bedford Coach conveys the deaf and dumb and partially blind children to and from school, picks up a few other children in the morning, taking them to a spot to meet the guide.

Nursing in the Home.

This has been described in previous reports.

Hospitals.

Infectious diseases are admitted into the Enfield, Edmonton and Potters Bar Joint Isolation Hospital, situated in Enfield.

Arrangements for the treatment of ear, nose, and throat disorders amongst school children are made with the E.M.S. Hospital, Goodmayes, Essex, and later in the year with the Royal Waterloo Hospital. Both hospitals served us very well under the very extenuating circumstances which they had to work.

Nursing Homes Registration.

There is one Nursing Home registered by the Council. This is kept under supervision by the Medical Officer of Health. No new applications to be placed on the register were received during 1944.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The water supply of the Borough has at all times been satisfactory both in quality and quantity.

The Metropolitan Water Board is responsible for the supply which is piped direct to every dwelling-house throughout the Borough, and serves the entire population.

The co-operation of the Board has at all times been of the fullest.

SANITARY INSPECTION IN THE AREA.

Five District Sanitary Inspectors and one woman Sanitary Inspector are engaged in the sanitary supervision of the Borough, working under the supervision of the Senior Sanitary Inspector. The Senior Sanitary Inspector supervises the work of the Borough and is Inspector under the Canal Boats Acts.

At the outbreak of hostilities the Senior Sanitary Inspector was appointed Controlling Officer for Emergency Petrol Supplies and also the Authorised Officer for the Decontamination of Food (Food Decontamination Officer).

Sanitary Conveniences.

There are seven Public Conveniences in the Borough which are kept under constant supervision by the Public Health Department.

Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919. Infestation Order, 1943.

Under this heading your Senior Sanitary Inspector, as Officer-in-Charge, Rodent Control, reports as follows :—

In February last, when the Act came into operation in this Borough, the Council appointed two Rodent Operatives and a Junior Clerk, and appointed the District Sanitary Inspectors Rodent Officers.

Up to the end of the year, 2,504 visits and re-visits have been made by the Rodent Operatives, in connection with complaints as to alleged rat infestation. Seventy-four Intimation Notices have been served—owing to the fact that the Occupiers did not appear to be taking effective measures to eradicate the vermin; and one Statutory Notice was served.

Defestation has been carried out on request at 106 premises and at the end of the year 26 premises were in process of "Defestation."

The District Sanitary Inspectors in cases where there was a possibility of the infestation being due to defective drainage visited the premises and tested the drainage and any defects discovered were dealt with through the usual channels.

Of 193 cases of Rat Infestation referred to the District Inspectors, owing to the possibility of defects in the drainage, in 101 cases defects were discovered and as one can quite appreciate entailed quite a large amount of work.

Middlesex County Council (General Powers) Act, 1938, Section 71, Hawkers, Etc.

This Act came into operation on the 1st January, 1939, the Council together with other Local Authorities considered the adoptive sections and put the necessary resolutions and action into being regarding Sections 70 and 71. No new applications were received during 1944.

Disinfection and Disinfestation.

The following table gives some idea of the work carried out :—

Number of journeys to collect bedding	274
" " " " " return bedding	266
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	730
" " " " phthisis	104
Disinfestation carried out after vermin	216
Bedding, clothing, etc., disinfected after infectious disease	4,427 articles
Bedding, clothing, etc., disinfected after phthisis	650 "
" " " " " other cases	2,690 "

The Council distribute a disinfecting powder and fluid to residents who apply for same at the Town Hall Yard. During the year, the applicants numbered 10,015. One hour daily is allowed for such distribution with the exception of Fridays and Saturdays. A Formalin Chamber is used for the disinfection of books, leather goods, etc., articles that would be damaged by steam. The number of books and other articles thus disinfected was 413.

Five Council houses and 101 other houses were found to be infested and the total number of rooms disinfested was 216. The whole of the work is carried out by the Department, the materials used being Block Disinfestators combined with the use of Insecticides.

Petroleum (Regulations) Acts, 1928 and 1936.

During the year one new licence and 104 renewals were granted by the Council. The following is a list of particulars of quantities, etc., affected by these licences :—

Petroleum spirit	...	...	...	...	461,683 gallons.
Petroleum mixtures	...	...	...	...	8,028 „
Carbide of calcium	...	...	...	...	1 ton 17 cwts. 78 lbs.

Mortuary.

During the year 86 bodies were deposited in the Mortuary, 76 by order of the Coroner and 10 for sanitary reasons.

Inspections.

The following tabular statement gives the number and nature of the inspections made during the year :—

Complaints	...	...	...	...	1,742
Infectious disease	...	...	...	...	358
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	54
Factories with mechanical power	...	...	...	...	318
Factories without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	15
Other premises under the Factories Act	...	...	...	...	2
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	324
Schools	...	...	...	...	—
Offensive trades	...	...	...	...	6
Shops and Stalls	...	...	...	...	326
Shops Act (Primary)	...	...	...	...	12
Shops Act (Re-inspections)	...	...	...	...	10
Sanitary conveniences and urinals	...	...	...	...	466
Smoke observations	...	...	...	...	30
Stables	...	...	...	...	25
Piggeries	...	...	...	...	56
Petroleum	...	...	...	...	17
General inspections	...	...	...	...	256
Sundry Visits	...	...	...	...	2,239
Cinemas and Halls	...	...	...	...	7
Visits to canal	...	...	...	...	5
A.R.P. Shelters	...	...	...	...	57
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	5,142

Inspection of Places where Food is Prepared.

Butchers	...	...	...	...	201
Fish shops	...	...	...	...	35
Coffee shops	...	...	...	...	112
Dairies and milkshops	...	...	...	...	94
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	73
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	45

Number of Notices Served.

Preliminary or Informal Notices	...	...	1,332
Statutory Notices	...	...	295

Defects Remedied.

Houses repaired, cleansed, etc.	...	...	378
D.W. cisterns repaired, covered	...	...	13
Water fittings repaired	...	...	115
Drains examined, tested, etc.	...	...	620
Drains cleared, trapped, repaired	...	...	427
Drains reconstructed	...	...	59
Chambers inserted	...	...	51
Chambers sealed down	...	...	29
Soil and vent pipes repaired	...	...	42
W.C.s repaired, cleansed, etc.	...	...	183
Flushing cisterns repaired	...	...	131
Waste pipes repaired, etc.	...	...	80
Sinks repaired or renewed	...	...	52
Roofs repaired	...	...	318
Gutters and R.W.P.s repaired	...	...	182
Yards paved or repaved	...	...	73
Scullery floors repaired	...	...	40
Spaces under floors ventilated	...	...	63
Dampness remedied	...	...	90
Floors repaired	...	...	82
Coppers and stoves repaired, etc.	...	...	99
New dustbins supplied	...	...	177
Accumulation of refuse removed	...	...	37
Nuisances from animals abated	...	...	6
Other nuisances abated	...	...	254
Water supply restored	...	...	7

Canal Boats Acts.

During the year 4 visits were paid to the Canal and 5 boats were seen, but of this number none was fitted or used as a dwelling or registered under the Acts.

Places of Public Entertainment.

Seven inspections of cinemas and other places of entertainment were made in accordance with the Circular of the Ministry of Health of 1920. Conditions were found to be generally satisfactory.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

The following work has been carried out under the above Act :—

1.—Inspections for the Purpose of Provisions as to Health.

Premises	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	318	12	...
Factories without mechanical power	15	...	...
Other premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering and construction but not including out-workers' premises)	2	...	...
Totals	335	12	...

2.—Defects Found.

Particulars	Number of defects			No. of defects in respect of which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	31	31	...	...
Overcrowding ... ..	...	...	...	...
Unreasonable temperature ... ..	...	...	...	...
Inadequate ventilation ... ..	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Conveniences :				
Insufficient	1	1	...	...
Unsuitable or defective	45	45	...	...
Not separate for sexes	2	2	...	...
Other offences	1	1	...	...
(Not including offences relating to Home work or offences under Sections mentioned in the schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937.)				
Totals	80	80	...	...

3.—Outwork in Unwholesome Premises.

Nature of Work.	Instances.	Notices Served.	Prosecutions.
Wearing Apparel—			
Making, etc.	—	—	—
Cleaning and washing	—	—	—

FACTORIES.

Defects Remedied.	
W.C. walls cleansed	30
W.C. cisterns repaired	5
W.C. Seats repaired or renewed	16
W.C. Flush pipes repaired	4
W.C. doors repaired	5
W.C. pans replaced	8
Roofs repaired	4
Workrooms cleansed	2
Sanitary accommodation improved	2
" " for Sexes provided	1
Urinals cleansed	3

HOUSING—HOUSING ACT, 1936.

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)	1,173
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	4,697
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (including under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	—
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	—

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation...	—
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to above under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	937
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	762
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	94
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	43
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	19
B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	42
(2) Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	25
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	12
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	—
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	—
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	—
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit.	—

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

Seventy-four visits were paid and the carcasses and organs of 342 pigs were inspected during or shortly after slaughter, permission for slaughter having been obtained from the Area Meat and Livestock Officer, and the following surrendered :—

2 Carcasses (Weight 140 lbs.).
 92 Plucks („ 40 lbs.).
 1 Head.
 5 Livers.
 15 Sets of Lungs.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

Various licences were granted as under :—

	Primary.	Supplementary.
Pasteurised	11	7
Tuberculin tested	7	5
	—	—
	18	12
	—	—

One of the above retailers is licensed to bottle Tuberculin tested milk and one firm is licensed to pasteurise and bottle milk on the premises ; one firm is licensed to bottle pasteurised milk on the premises.

Supplementary licences are granted to retailers who live outside the Borough but who sell milk in the Borough ; the primary licence is granted by the Authority in which they reside.

Unsound Food.

The following is a list of the food surrendered for examination and retained as unfit for human consumption :—

426 tins milk.	9 rabbits.
160 tins beans.	257 lbs. prunes.
450 tins canned fish.	93 lbs. sugar.
293 tins canned meat.	62 tins Yorkshire pudding flour.
56 pots jam.	22 tins egg substitute.
15 tins fruit.	47 bottles pickles.
13 cwt. "Soya" flour.	72 pkts. biscuits.
395 pkts. Glenmar Products.	25 lbs. raisins.
312 lbs. Goteborg Sausage.	292 lbs. pork.
3 doz. "Tesco" bun flour.	200 lbs. tripe.
12 calves livers.	72 tins pancake mixture.
247 lbs. rolled oats.	32 tins beetroot.
12 boxes tomatoes.	16 tins soup.
3 boned legs of pork.	19 lbs. tea.
1 leg mutton.	40 tins Yorkshire peas pudding.
82 lbs. mixed fish.	3 boxes haddock.
5 stone roe.	3 boxes flats.
1 cwt. dog fish.	3½ stone herrings.
2 boxes skate.	60 lbs. fillets.
	1 cwt. cod.

Together with various small consignments of miscellaneous foods. The above items do not include the food dealt with at shops subjected to damage on account of "Enemy action."

Shops Acts.

The Shops Acts Inspector submits a monthly report to the Public Health Committee, and the following is a short summary :—

Visits to shops, licensed street traders, etc.	...	3,241
Contraventions ... ..	...	—

Chemical and Bacteriological Examinations of Food.

The only examinations carried out by the Council are those for designated milks. The matter has been discussed previously.

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Measles and Whooping Cough.

These diseases were made compulsorily notifiable in October, 1939. 253 cases of Measles and 261 cases of Whooping Cough were notified during the year. There was one death from Measles and 4 deaths from Whooping Cough.

Diphtheria.

I am happy to report the continued low incidence of this disease. Thirty cases were notified during the year compared with 92 in 1943. There were no deaths.

Scarlet Fever.

This disease continued to occur throughout the year in a mild form; there were 256 cases compared with 540 in 1943; there were no deaths.

"Return" cases numbered 2 allowing for an interval of 28 days between a patient returning home from the Isolation Hospital and the onset of the disease in another inmate of the house.

Smallpox.

No cases of smallpox were notified during the year.

Poliomyelitis.

No cases of this disease were notified during the year.

Dysentery.

Ninety-nine cases were notified during the year of the Sonne type, and investigation failed to reveal the cause of infection. The increase of this disease over 1943 was due to an outbreak occurring in the North Middlesex County Hospital during the first two months of the year (52 cases). There were no deaths from this disease.

Cerebro Spinal Fever.

Seven cases were notified during the year. These cases were carefully investigated and precautions taken to prevent the spread of infection. Two deaths took place.

Puerperal Pyrexia and Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

These are referred to later on under the heading of Maternity and Child Welfare.

Food Poisoning.

No cases were notified during the year.

Pneumonia.

Forty-four cases were notified during the year.

Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age.

The death rate per 1,000 live births for London was 10.1 whilst that for Edmonton was 2.6 as compared with 10.4 and 7.29 respectively last year.

IMMUNISATION.

Diphtheria.

During the year, 1,280 appointments were made—1,115 children completed treatment under the Council's arrangements; of these 858 were under 5 years of age. Twenty-three children were Schick tested. In 1943, 2,671 children completed immunisation treatment.

Measles.

Measles Immune Globulin. None was issued to general practitioners during the year.

Whooping Cough.

Edmonton children are immunised against Whooping Cough. The material used is "Vaccine A," and during the year, 751 appointments were made for this treatment—488 children completed treatment.

The following table gives the age, incidence, etc., of those suffering from notifiable diseases, excluding tuberculosis which is dealt with separately.

It must be noted that the figures in the second column "No. removed to hospital" includes those already under treatment at a hospital, for instance, the North Middlesex County Hospital.

This remark applies more particularly to the infections associated with parturition and includes puerperal pyrexia and ophthalmia neonatorum.

The number of deaths from Pneumonia includes all forms of this disease.

Disease	Total No. of Cases	No. Removed to Hospital	Deaths	— to 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	256	230	...	...	1	9	18	15	149	39	5	12	5	3	...
Diphtheria	30	30	...	...	...	1	2	1	7	9	5	4	...	1	...
Puerperal Pyrexia	81	81	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	60	15	...	...
Pneumonia	44	4	41	4	1	1	1	...	5	3	3	5	6	11	4
Erysipelas	43	15	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	1	6	12	15	4
Ophth-Neonatorum	20	18	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery	99	77	...	1	11	4	5	2	13	2	5	18	3	15	20
Whooping Cough	261	10	4	24	43	30	36	35	77	10	1	5	1	1	...
Measles	253	6	1	8	27	20	20	37	116	13	5	6	1	...	...
C.S.F.	7	7	2	3	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...

The following table indicates the Wards from which the various cases were notified :—

Disease	Bury Street Ward	Church Street Ward	Angel Road Ward	Silver Street Ward	N. Middx. C. Hosp.	Other Instns.	Total
Scarlet Fever	61	107	25	59	4	...	256
Diphtheria	18	2	3	7	...	...	30
Puerperal Pyrexia	10	3	5	5	54	4	81
Pneumonia	27	6	7	4	...	...	44
Erysipelas	13	3	12	14	1	...	43
Ophth-Neonatorum	3	...	...	4	12	1	20
Dysentery	18	5	5	18	52	1	99
Whooping Cough	76	73	59	53	...	...	261
Measles	69	70	80	34	...	...	253
C.S.F.	3	...	...	2	2	...	7

CANCER.

The incidence of Cancer relative to the various organs of the body is given as under :—

					Males.	Females.
Breast	...	...	...	...	—	14
Uterus	...	...	...	...	—	7
Buccal cavity and oesophagus	...	...	...	...	6	—
Stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	14	15
All other sites	...	...	...	...	71	51
					91	87
					—	—

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS.

Cases of ophthalmia neonatorum are promptly visited and, if thought necessary, are removed to hospital for treatment. No cases of blindness have arisen during the year due to this cause.

As provided by Section 176 (1) of the Public Health Act, 1936, arrangements exist with the Middlesex County Council for the treatment at the school clinics of adolescents who are ascertained at school to be suffering from defective vision.

ORTHOPAEDIC TREATMENT.

Details of this scheme were set out in my Report for 1939. Financial assistance was rendered for the supply of surgical appliances in 2 cases during the year.

ESTABLISHMENTS FOR MASSAGE OR SPECIAL TREATMENT.

In 1941 the Council resolved that Part 7 of the Middlesex County Council Act, 1934, be put into operation in the Borough.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The table below gives details of the ages and sex of new cases of Tuberculosis, also deaths from the disease ; this latter figure includes the deaths of non-notified cases.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1—5 years	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	1
5—15 "	3	2	5	3	...	...	...	1
15—25 "	18	21	2	6	1	6	2	2
25—35 "	13	10	...	...	5	6	1	...
35—45 "	16	8	1	...	8	6	2	...
45—55 "	7	2	1	...	6	4	2	...
55—65 "	9	2	...	...	9	2	...	1
65 years upwards	1	2	...	...	3	2	...	...
	70	49	9	10	32	26	7	6

In addition 5 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis previously notified in other areas, moved into Edmonton.

The total number of names added to the Register for the first time during the year, excluding of course, non-notified deaths was :—

	Males.	Females.
New cases (respiratory)	70	49
(non-respiratory)	9	10
Transferred cases (respiratory)	3	2
(non-respiratory)	1	—
	—	—
	83	61
	—	—

The cases dying of Tuberculosis and not previously notified were :—

	Males.	Females.
Respiratory	4	3
Non-respiratory	1	—

There were thus 8 non-notified deaths out of a total of 71 persons registered as dying of tuberculosis (Registrar's figures). Regarding the non-notification of the above cases, there was no suggestion of wilful neglect or of refusal to notify.

The non-respiratory forms of tuberculosis notified were :—

	Males.	Females.
Genito-urinary tract	1	1
Other bones and joints	1	3
Meningeal	—	2
Glands	4	2
Spine	2	—
Abdomen	1	1
Peritoneum	—	1

The Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, relate to tuberculous employees in the milk trade ; whilst section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, gives power to the Local Authority to remove to hospital certain cases of tuberculosis which are dangerous to other people.

No occasion during the year had occurred in which it has been necessary to invoke those powers.

Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1930.

The number of cases of tuberculosis on the Register at the end of 1944 was :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Pulmonary forms	294	250	544
Non-pulmonary forms	76	69	145
	—	—	—
	370	319	689
	—	—	—

The corresponding figures at the end of 1943 were :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Pulmonary forms	325	267	592
Non-pulmonary forms	86	88	174
	—	—	—
	411	355	766
	—	—	—

Corresponding figures for previous years were :—

					Males.	Females.	Totals.
1942	...	...	...	...	348	304	652
1941	...	...	...	...	355	293	648
1940	...	...	...	...	349	313	662
1939	...	...	...	...	357	301	658
1938	...	...	...	...	363	297	660
1937	...	...	...	...	336	260	596
1936	...	...	...	...	315	252	567
1935	...	...	...	...	330	265	595
1934	...	...	...	...	339	281	620
1933	...	...	...	...	320	281	601

COUNCIL'S EMPLOYEES.

During 1944 the Medical Officer of Health paid a total of 286 visits to those employees who had been on the sick list for longer than a fortnight and, when necessary, at fortnightly intervals. Of these 58 were "not at home" and one had already resumed duty.

Also, during the year, two persons were examined prior to their appointment to permanent posts.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

Chairman : Councillor Mrs. A. M. GLOVER.

Councillors Mrs. F. LONG (Mayor), Ald. W. PREYE (Deputy Mayor).

Councillors J. A. BEATTIE, L. E. BERRIDGE, Mrs. E. F. JOHNSON, Mrs. E. M. MOSS, Mrs. E. N. NEWSHAM, W. PULLEN and J. WARD, J.P.

STAFF.

D. REGAN, B.A. B.Sc. M.B. Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.H. (L'pool).

H. R. HAY, M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.), D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer.
(Left May, 1944).

C. A. GOGGIN, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer.

K. M. HART, M.B., B.S. (Lond.), M.D., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer.

M. SUTCLIFFE, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., T.C.D., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer. (Commenced February, 1944).

J. A. CHOLMELEY, F.R.C.S. (Eng.), Orthopaedic Surgeon.

R. LESLIE DODDS, F.R.C.S., Consulting Accoucheur. (On Active Service).

Miss K. ROBINSON, F.R.C.S. (Acting for Mr. DODDS).

E. UNDERHILL, L.D.S., R.C.S., Dentist.

Health Visitor/School Nurses (Combined Service).

abde Miss A. BINTCLIFFE, Lady Superintendent, Health Visitor/School Nurses.
(Retired September, 1944).

bcdi Miss S. BRIGGS, Lady Superintendent, Health Visitor/School Nurses.
(Commenced November, 1944).

de Miss A. NAYLOR.

bd Miss M. DRUCE.

bcd Miss M. R. HAZELTON

bcd Miss R. BULLOCK.

acd Miss J. M. ANDERSON.

bcd Miss B. F. LISTER.

bcd Miss V. GARRETT

bcd Miss I. JONES

bcd Miss J. PATERSON

c Miss A. FAHY (School work only).

Mrs. C. TONKIN (School work only).

Masseuse.

Miss G. KERR, Chartered Masseuse, Orthopaedic Clinic (Part-time).

Municipal Midwives.

cdfg Mrs. R. K. M. WINGROVE, Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives.

cdg Mrs. M. FITZJOHN, Senior Midwife.

cdg Mrs. D. S. C. GAZZARD.

cdg Miss A. G. WALKER.

cdg Miss K. M. JAMES.

cdg Miss D. M. LEWIS.

cdg Miss V. UMMEN.

cdg Mrs. A. M. BURTON.

cd Miss S. SIMPSON.

cdg Mrs. E. DENNISON.

cdg Mrs. E. LAUHLIN. (Commenced January, 1944).

d Miss D. V. CURTIS. (Commenced February, 1944).

d Miss K. A. BLIZARD. (Commenced May, 1944).

a Maternity and Child Welfare
Certificate.

f Teacher's Certificate of
Midwifery.

b New-Health Visitor's Certificate.

g Certificate for Gas and Air.

c State Registered Nurse.

h Nursery Nurses Diploma.

d State Certified Midwife.

i Diploma of Hygiene.

e Sanitary Inspector's Certificate.

j Reg. Sick Children's Nurse.

CLERICAL.

Miss R. S. SAUNDERS (Senior Clerk).
 Miss N. A. EYRES.
 Miss H. P. TURTON.
 Miss W. S. BEATTIE. Left September, 1944.
 Miss J. BLATTER.
 Mrs. V. CARTER.

MATRONS—NURSERIES.

Fore Street ...	...	...	h	Miss M. W. BETTERIDGE.
Hertford Road ...	...	...	cj	Mrs. I. DRUMMOND.
Florence Road ...	...	...	c	Mrs. L. MYERS.
Silver Street ...	...	...	c	Mrs. MUNDY.

The following information gives details of the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics at the end of 1944 :—

- (1) Ante-Natal Clinic at Brookfield House, Fore Street (adjoining the Town Hall). Six sessions weekly.
- (2) Child Welfare Centres :—
 - (a) Brookfield House. Three sessions weekly.
 - (b) Methodist Church Hall, Bush Hill Park. One session weekly.
 - (c) St. Edmund's Church Hall. Two sessions weekly.
 - (d) Weir Hall. Two sessions weekly.
 - (e) St. John's. One session weekly.
- (3) Post-Natal and Advisory Clinic at Brookfield House. One session weekly.
- (4) Dental Clinic at Croyland Road School Clinic. Two sessions weekly.
- (5) Orthopaedic Clinic at Methodist Central Hall, Fore Street. Two sessions weekly.
- (6) Obstetric Surgeon attends once a fortnight at Brookfield House.

The following information will give some indication as to the work carried out by the Department during the year 1944 :—

Births.

The total number of births notified during 1944 was as follows :—

Live births notified by midwives	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,406
" " " doctors and parents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	115
Still-births " " midwives	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	83
" " " doctors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
								2,607

These figures include births which have taken place in the North Middlesex County Hospital, both of Edmonton and non-Edmonton residents ; excluding these latter the notified births of Edmonton residents are :—

Live births notified by midwives	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,191
" " " doctors and parents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	111
Still-births " " midwives	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
" " " doctors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
								1,328

Number of live Edmonton babies born in outlying institutions	...	...	...	...	...	...	216
Number of still-born Edmonton babies born in outlying institutions	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
							<hr/> 217 <hr/>

The following table includes births of Edmonton residents and those born and registered in other districts :—

					Male.	Female.	Total.
Live Births	...	...	...	...	793	699	1,492
Still-births	...	...	...	...	15	13	28
					<hr/> 808 <hr/>	<hr/> 712 <hr/>	<hr/> 1,520 <hr/>

Premature Babies. Circular 20/44.

Consideration was duly given to Circular 20/44 issued by the Ministry of Health regarding the care of premature infants. Arrangements have been made for additional care and supervision to be given and special records kept in future. Premature children in need of hospital care will be admitted to the North Middlesex County Hospital, as in the past.

VISITS PAID BY THE HEALTH VISITORS.

The following table gives details as to the visits paid by the Health Visitors :—

To expectant mothers :—

First visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
Total visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	53

To children under 1 year of age :—

First visits	1,622
Total visits	10,909

To children between 1 and 5 years of age

	12,310
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Infant Protection visits to children 5-9 years

	63
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Visits re adoption

	31
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23,366

Ante-Natal Clinic.

This clinic was held six times weekly and the following are the figures for the year :—

Total number of sessions in the year	..	...	...	256
Number of prospective mothers	...	...	...	2,103*
Number of consultations	...	...	...	8,916
Total number of attendances	...	...	...	11,129

Average number of attendances :—

(a) Per session	...	...	...	...	43.47
(b) For consultation	...	...	...	...	34.82

In September a session was started for new cases and general enquiries, but no doctor in attendance. Fifteen sessions were held and 118 new patients attended. A total of 176 mothers attended this clinic.

* Included in this total are 418 referred from the North Middlesex County Hospital under the scheme of co-operation with that hospital.

Post-Natal Clinic.

Number of sessions	...	...	...	...	...	48
Actual number of mothers who attended	...	...	...	...	...	574
Number of consultations	...	...	...	...	...	1,145
Total attendances at clinic	...	...	...	...	...	1,187
Average attendance per session	...	...	...	...	...	24.72

Specialist's Clinic.

The Consulting Specialist made 25 visits during the year and saw 201 cases, making an average of 8.04 per session.

Child Welfare Clinics.

The figures relating to attendances are :—

	Brookfield House.	Methodist Hall.	St. Edmunds.	Weir Hall.	St. Johns.
Number of sessions	188	54	104	103	16
New cases—(a) Under 1 year	604	203	265	339	39
(b) 1—5 years	82	20	45	25	4
Attendances—(a) Under 1 year	10,720	3,871	4,265	5,854	810
(b) 1—5 years	5,001	2,419	1,909	4,303	285
	15,721	6,290	6,174	10,157	1,095
Average attendances	83.62	116.48	59.36	98.64	68.43
Doctor's consultations	4,732	1,270	2,300	2,730	320

Orthopaedic Clinic.

The Clinic is held twice weekly and the following are the figures for the year :—

Number of sessions	...	...	...	...	...	84
New cases referred during the year	...	...	...	...	...	81

Attendances.

Surgeon's days	...	...	...	...	...	193
Treatment days	...	...	...	...	...	429
Total attendances	...	...	...	...	...	622

In-patient Treatment.

Six children were admitted to Stanmore during 1944. Five children were still in hospital at the end of December, 1944.

Dental Clinic.

Details of the work carried out are :—

	Mothers.	Children.
Number of sessions	103	81
Number of attendances	946	260
Number of new cases	310	130
Total number treated	918	256
Fillings	78	—
Dressings	20	405
Scalings	71	—
Extractions (Number of teeth)—		
(a) Under Gas	1,133	174
(b) Local Anaesthetic	31	—
Number of gas cases	349	93

Dentures.

Number supplied—77 of whom 55 paid the full cost, 4 were half cost, one was three-quarter cost and 17 were free of charge.

Sunlight Clinic.

641 children were referred during the year for sunlight treatment and 2,880 treatments were given.

Ophthalmic Clinic.

Eighty-two children under 5 years of age attended this clinic during the year. Fifty-three attendances were made for Refraction, 62 for re-examination and 14 for Examination.

Birth Control Clinic.

Four women were referred to this clinic during the year.

Speech Clinic.

Arrangements are made with the Education Committee for children under five years of age to attend the Speech Clinic and 5 children were referred during the year.

Details of Distribution of Milk, Cod Liver Oil, etc.

Distributed by the Maternity and Child Welfare Department apart from any scheme of the Ministry of Food.

Trufood	...	...	...	...	...	...	195 tins.
Ostermilk	...	...	...	...	...	...	467 "
Cow and Gate	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,317 packets.
Cod Liver Oil and Malt	...	...	...	...	...	...	45 cartons.
Haly-calcyne	...	...	...	...	...	...	76 packets.
Glucose	...	...	...	...	...	...	66 "
Fersolate	...	...	...	...	...	...	26 "
Bemax	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 "

Free Meals.

During the year 5 applications were received, 3 of whom were granted the supply of free meals at the British Restaurants.

Convalescent Cases.

Six children were sent away under the contract with the Invalid Children's Aid Association and one child was still away at the beginning of the year who had been sent during 1943.

Tonsils and Adenoids.

Thirty-two children were admitted to hospital for the removal of tonsils and adenoids; of these 18 paid the full cost, one was free of charge, and 13 were through the Hospital Savings Association.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Twenty cases were notified during the year and of these 16 occurred in the North Middlesex County Hospital, 4 of which were Edmonton cases. Of 3 cases which occurred in the district, one was removed to hospital; and one notified from outside district.

Puerperal Pyrexia.

Eighty-one cases were notified during the year and of this number 71 occurred in the North Middlesex County Hospital of which 16 were Edmonton cases. Six cases occurred on the district and all were removed to the Isolation Hospital, and 4 further cases were notified from the Mothers' Hospital, Clapton.

MIDWIFERY SERVICE.

Analysis of work.

Actual confinements attended by midwives	740	(Of this number 644 as midwives and 96 as Maternity Nurses).
Attended by midwives, but women admitted to hospital before or during confinement	157	
Left district before confinement or mothers evacuated through L.C.C. scheme, etc.	244	(Attention and supervision given by Municipal midwives during Ante-Natal period).

Medical Aid.

The number of claims made by doctors for Medical Aid during the year 1944 was 102, of this number 18 cases were granted free of charge, 9 at half cost and the remainder paid the full fee.

Gas and Air Analgesia.

One hundred and one cases were booked during the year of which 3 were free of charge, one was half cost, and the remainder paid the full cost. Seventy cases had the Gas and Air administered and 31 were cancelled for various reasons.

Evacuation of Expectant Mothers under the Government Scheme at the eighth month of pregnancy.

The department is responsible for the arrangements in connection with the evacuation of expectant mothers under the Government Scheme and in 1944, 340 mothers applied to be sent away. By December 31st, 242 women had been sent to reception areas for their confinement. Thirty-eight cancelled the arrangements for various reasons.

Home Helps.

One hundred and twenty-eight women had the services of a Home Help during 1944, 109 paid the full cost, 7 paid half cost, and 12 had the services free of charge.

Ante-Natal Scheme of Co-operation between the Council and the North Middlesex County Hospital.

Under an arrangement with the Middlesex County Council the Health Visitors visited 48 homes during the year where women applied to the North Middlesex County Hospital for admission and the Authorities desired to have a report on the home circumstances.

Sterilised Maternity Outfits.

Six hundred and fifteen sterilised maternity outfits were issued during the year, 543 were paid for, 28 paid half cost, and 44 were granted free of charge.

X-Rays.

Fifteen mothers were referred to the hospital for X-Ray Examination during the year, 12 of whom paid the full cost, 2 half cost, and one was free of charge.

CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OF AGE DISCHARGED FROM THE NORTH MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Fifteen visits were paid to children under 5 years of age who had been discharged from the hospital and it was necessary for them to remain under supervision.

ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN. CIRCULAR 2866.

During the year discussions took place with regard to the position of the illegitimate child and its mother, on the lines indicated by Circular 2866 from the Ministry of Health. Every effort is made to assist the women, and a contract has been made with the Middlesex County Council for the admission of women and babies to suitable Hostels.

INFANT LIFE PROTECTION.

Each Health Visitor employed by the Council is an Officer for Infant Life Protection and great care is taken by them in supervising this part of the work. The number of persons on the register at the end of 1944 was 21 and the number of children 25.

Adoption of Children (Regulation) Act, 1939.

The Health Visitors are now responsible for the carrying out of this work, viz. :—

Number of persons who gave notice under Section 7 (3) during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Number of children in respect of whom notice was given	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Number of children under supervision at the end of the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

War-time Nurseries.

Attendances for the whole year were :—

Fore Street	...	...	...	15,149
Hertford Road	...	...	...	10,948
Florence Road	...	...	...	9,226
Silver Street	...	...	...	9,788 (Opened 1st March, 1944)

PRIORITY DOCKETS FOR SHEETS.

This scheme commenced in November, 1944, and up to the end of December 24 dockets had been issued.

BOROUGH OF EDMONTON

Education Committee

1944

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Whole-Time Medical Staff.

D. REGAN, B.A., B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.H. (L'pool), School
Medical Officer, Medical Officer of Health and Supervisor of Maternity
Services.

H. R. HAY, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Deputy School Medical Officer and
Deputy Medical Officer of Health. (Left on May, 1944).

C. A. GOGGIN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Assistant School Medical Officer and
Assistant Medical Officer of Health.

K. HART, M.B., B.S. (London), M.D., D.P.H., Assistant School Medical
Officer and Assistant Medical Officer of Health.

Whole-Time Dental Surgeons.

J. F. ARDOUIN, L.D.S., R.C.S., Senior Surgeon Dentist.

E. UNDERHILL, L.D.S., R.C.S., Assistant Surgeon Dentist.

F. H. S. WEISS, L.D.S., R.C.S., Assistant Surgeon Dentist (now serving
with His Majesty's Forces).

Consultants.

J. A. CHOLMELEY, F.R.C.S. (Eng.), Orthopaedic Surgeon.

Miss L. M. SMITH-CLARK, M.B., Ch.B., Ophthalmic Surgeon.

J. BROWNING-ALEXANDER, F.R.C.P., Rheumatic Specialist.

W. IBBOTSON, F.R.C.S., Aural Specialist.

V. A. F. GREENISH, L.D.S., R.C.S., Orthodontic Specialist.

Part-Time Staff.

Miss M. F. COZENS-WALKER, Chartered Masseuse. (Left December, 1943).

Miss B. N. OLDREY, M.S.S.T., Speech Therapist.

Miss G. KERR, Chartered Masseuse, commenced January, 1944.

School Nurses and Health Visitors.

Miss A. BINTCLIFFE (Superintendent). Retired September, 1944.

Miss S. BRIGGS (Superintendent). Commenced October, 1944.

Miss A. NAYLOR.

Miss B. LISTER.

Mrs. C. TONKIN.

Miss V. GARRETT.

Miss A. FAHY.

Miss J. PATERSON.

Miss M. R. HAZELTON.

Miss M. DRUCE.

Miss J. ANDERSON.

Miss R. BULLOCK.

Miss I. JONES.

Miss BUTTERFIELD.

Dental Attendants.

Miss O. BROOKS.

Miss J. COLLYER.

Clerical Staff.

B. R. ALLEN, School Medical Clerk. (Now serving with H.M. Forces).
H. A. CARLESS, Acting School Medical Clerk.
S. E. WOODFOFFE, Clerk. (Now serving with H.M. Forces).
Miss A. SAVILL, Clerk/Shorthand-typist.
Mrs. E. R. TAYLOR, Clerk.
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Miss V. D. BRUTON, Clerk.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Tenth Annual Report, for the year 1944, on the work of the School Medical Department. As requested by the Ministry of Education the report will be brief, in that it only deals with salient facts, changes in the Department's services, etc.

Great difficulties have been experienced during this year in obtaining satisfactory hospital treatment for Tonsil and Adenoid cases. With reference to the treatment, we no longer content ourselves with excising tonsils and adenoids. On the advice of our Aural Consultant many cases did not derive the benefit from tonsillectomy that was expected owing to the secondary infections of the sinuses or deformities of the nasal passage. We have sought and obtained the permission of the Ministry of Education to carry out these extra operations. In the few cases that we have had, very satisfactory results have been obtained.

The rest of the School Medical Services are dealt with in my previous reports.

Much has been done and will continue to be done in order to raise the standard of efficiency and to take the medical services to all the school population.

I would like to express my thanks to the Education Committee for their unfailing courtesy and help on all occasions. It is with regret that this is the last year of our existence as a Local Education Authority. I would also like to say to my staff in general a very hearty "thank you" for their efforts and co-operation during the war years. Without their assistance it would have been impossible to carry on.

I have the honour to remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. REGAN,

School Medical Officer.

1. STAFF.

There are no staff changes to report for the year 1944.

2. CO-ORDINATION.

The co-ordination between the various Departments, general practitioners, Education Offices, and teaching staff ran smoothly as in previous years.

3. SCHOOL HYGIENE.

There are no changes to report regarding school hygiene, except in old schools, the sanitary accommodation is old and needs attention.

4. MEDICAL INSPECTION.

The number of children who received full routine medical inspections for all groups during the year 1944 was 4057.

The analysis of the age groups was as follows :—

Entrants	...	...	...	...	...	968
Second Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	2,358
Third Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	731

5. FINDINGS OF MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

(a) Malnutrition.

The following table shows the classification of nutrition for children inspected in the routine age groups during the year 1944 :—

Number Inspected	A.	B.	C.	D.
4,057	610	2,728	707	12

(b) Cleanliness.

The cleansing of heads and the treatment of scabies continued to be carried out at the Town Hall Inspection Clinic. Scabies reached very high proportions during the year.

(c) Minor Ailments and Diseases of the Skin.

The only Clinic in this district for the treatment of Minor Ailments is at Croyland Road. The attendances for 1944 were 16,040.

(d) Visual Defects and External Eye Diseases.

The clinic for the treatment of visual defects was held, as usual, at the Central Hall, Fore Street, N.9.

Statistics are given at the back of this report.

(e) Nose and Throat Defects and

(f) Ear Diseases and Defective Hearing.

Mr. William Ibbotson attended the Aural Clinic at the Croyland Road Clinic twice each month. The yearly attendances were :—

New Cases : 188. Old Cases : 197. Total 385.

Children recommended for the removal of their tonsils and/or adenoids were admitted to the E.M.S. Hospital at Barley Lane, Goodmayes, and the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, N.21.

The number of children who received operative treatment during 1944 was 93.

Arrangements were also made for children to see the Specialist at the North Middlesex County Hospital, when parents preferred this, and the number of operations carried out there during 1944 was 61.

Cases of speech defects were dealt with by the Speech Therapist, and the following is an account of the year's work :—

“ The speech clinic continued throughout 1944 holding four sessions per week even during the height of the ‘ flying bomb ’ period ; attendances were naturally very low during the latter half of June and July but those children who did attend benefitted from the individual treatments which the therapist was able to give them. It is to be regretted that the number of discharges shows a decrease on last year's figure but this is explained by the following :—

(a) Thirty-two children who were attending prior to June 14th have not been seen since, of these only five are actually known to have been evacuated. We have adopted the plan of only partly filling the vacancies so caused in order to minimise the possibility of being unable to re-admit regular attendants returning from evacuation. We have admitted the more serious cases from the waiting list,

giving them more individual treatment than has been our custom in the past ; this has meant that every ' old case ' returning from evacuation has been immediately readmitted for regular treatment.

- (b) The second factor contributing to a lower discharge figure has been the effect of the raids and consequent nervous tension on the children, particularly the stammerers. The raids in the early spring had a very marked effect on the children.

On January 1st, 1944, there were 139 cases on the books, there have been 92 new cases and 5 re-admitted (previously discharged or defaulted).

Total 236 : these are accounted for thus :—

Discharged	...	...	...	51
Deleted	...	...	...	37
Evacuated	...	...	...	22 (while undergoing treatment)
Evacuated	...	...	...	13 (while awaiting treatment)
Waiting list	...	...	...	31
Treatment	...	...	...	82
				236

One hundred and forty-three school children have received treatment and we start the New Year with 148 cases on the books.

ANNUAL COMPARISONS

	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
New Cases	61	66	57	52	96	74	92
Received Treatment	52	85	93	93	122	125	143
Discharged	20	32	23	33	46	61	51
Waiting	100	83	50	45	58	49	44

The Maternity and Child Welfare have referred 7 cases during the year ; of these 2 are not considered suitable for immediate treatment but will be recalled for inspection at regular intervals ; one has not attended since June and has probably gone away on account of the raids, 3 are receiving regular weekly treatment ; one child was found to be in need of a plastic operation before treatment in the speech clinic could be successfully carried out, this child has been admitted to hospital for the operation and as soon as he is well enough he will be re-admitted to the speech clinic for regular weekly treatment.

This is the seventh year since the Clinic was opened in 1937. Every effort is made to co-operate with other departments of the School Medical Service especially in connection with those children requiring medical, surgical and dental treatment. It is also very satisfactory that the Child Guidance Clinic has been established in the Borough where further help can be given to those children needing it.

The co-operation of the teachers and other members of the staff has been satisfactory.

It may interest the Education Committee to know that 630 children have been seen in the Speech Clinic, the results of which have given great satisfaction to the parents and teachers.

(g) **Dental Defects.**

The treatment of dental defects was carried out at the Croyland Road and Hazelbury Road Dental Clinics. Particulars of attendances, etc., are given at the end of the report.

Orthodontic cases were treated at the above two Clinics, and the attendances for 1944 were :—

New Cases.	Old Cases.	Total.
152	1,052	1,214

(h) **Orthopaedic and Postural Defects.**

Orthopaedic defects were, as in previous years, treated at the Special Clinic held at the Central Hall, Fore Street, N.9.

Mr. J. A. Cholmeley, the Orthopaedic Specialist, attended the Clinic monthly and Miss Kerr, the Masseuse, attended on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

The number of attendances during the year was 2,134.

The Surgeon saw 115 New Cases and 208 Old Cases—Total 323.

More sessions are needed in order that cases may be followed up and doubtful cases referred in the future.

(i) **Heart Diseases and Rheumatism.**

Dr. J. B. Alexander, F.R.C.P., attended the Clinic, held once monthly, for the purpose of examining children suffering from rheumatism and diseases of the heart. Where necessary, arrangements were made for children to be admitted to Heart Homes.

The attendances for 1944 were 100 New Cases and 108 Old Cases—Total 208.

(j) **Tuberculosis.**

I must extend my most grateful thanks to the Tuberculosis Officer for the co-operation he has given to this Department when dealing with cases referred to him.

The number of notified cases and the mortality of children of school age during 1944, taken from the records of the Public Health Department, was :—

			Notified.		Deaths.	
			M.	F.	M.	F.
Pulmonary ...	...	...	1	2	—	—
Non-pulmonary ...	...	...	4	3	—	1

(k) **Other Defects and Diseases.**

These cases were dealt with as in previous years.

6. FOLLOWING-UP.

The same arrangements were in effect as in previous years.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TREATMENT.

The arrangements for treatment at the various Clinics were as follows :—

Croyland Road Minor Ailment Clinic.

A doctor was in attendance each morning to advise parents.

Rheumatic Clinic.

Held the third Thursday in each month—by appointment.

Aural Clinic.

Held the second and fourth Friday in each month—by appointment only.

Ophthalmic Clinic.

Held every Monday, with occasional extra sessions. New Cases by appointment only.

Orthopaedic Clinic.

Held the first Friday in each month. By appointment only.

Dental Clinics.

Held at Hazelbury Road and Croyland Road Clinics. By appointment only.

Orthodontic Clinic.

Held once a month at each Clinic. By appointment only.

Speech Clinic.

Four sessions held each week at Hazelbury Road School. By appointment only.

Ultra Violet Light.

Held at Central Hall. By appointment only.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Children suffering from infectious diseases were dealt with in the same manner as in previous years.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Medical Inspection and Treatment Returns.

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

Table I.

MEDICAL INSPECTIONS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

A.—Routine Medical Inspections.

(1) Number of Inspections in the Prescribed Age Groups :—	
Entrants	968
Second Age Group	2,358
Third Age Group	731
Total	4,057
(2) Number of other Routine Inspections	Nil
GRAND TOTAL	4,057

B.—Other Inspections.

Number of Special Inspections and Re-Inspections	2,157
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Table II.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE NUTRITION OF CHILDREN INSPECTED DURING THE YEAR IN THE ROUTINE AGE GROUPS.

Number of Children Inspected.	A.		B.		C.		D.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
4,057	610	15.04	2,728	67.24	707	17.43	12.	.29

Table III.

GROUP I. Treatment of Minor Ailments (excluding uncleanness).

Total Number of Defects treated or under treatment during the year under the Authority's Scheme	5,961
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GROUP II. Treatment of Defective Vision and Squint.

Errors of Refraction (including squint)	Under the Authority's Scheme
Other defect of disease of the eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I.)	1,051
Total	—
	1,051

Number of children for whom spectacles were :—

(a) Prescribed	998
(b) Obtained	994

GROUP III. Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat.

Received Operative Treatment... ..	154
Received Other Forms of Treatment	385
Total Number Treated	539

Table IV.

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.

(1) Number of children inspected by the Dentist :—								
(a) Routine Age Groups	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,450
(b) Specials	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,539
	Total (Routine and Specials)							10,989
(2) Number found to require treatment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,018
(3) Number actually treated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,124
(4) Attendance made by children for treatment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,536
(5) Half-days devoted to :—								
Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
Treatment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	782
	Total							835
(6) Fillings :—								
Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,058
Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84
	Total							2,142
(7) Extractions :—								
Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,106
Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,478
	Total							4,584
(8) Administrations of general anaesthetics for extractions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,307
(9) Other Operations :—								
Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	320
Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,730
	Total							4,050

Table V.

VERMINOUS CONDITIONS.

(1) Average number of visits per school made during the year by the School Nurses or other authorised persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
(2) Total number of examinations of children on the schools by School Nurses or other authorised persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42,783
(3) Number of <i>individual</i> children found unclean	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,022
(4) Number of individual children cleansed under Section 87 (2) and (3) of the Education Act, 1921	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	767
(5) Number of cases in which legal proceedings were taken :—								
(a) Under the Education Act, 1921	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) Under School Attendance Byelaws	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

Table VI.

BLIND AND DEAF CHILDREN.

Number of totally or almost totally blind and deaf children who are *not* at the present time receiving education suitable for their special needs.

	At a Public Elementary School.	At an Institution other than a Special School.	At no School or Institution.
Blind Children	—	—	—
Deaf Children	—	—	—

SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

RETURNS IN RESPECT OF CHILDREN ATTENDING SECONDARY AND JUNIOR TECHNICAL SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

A.—Cases in which a full examination has been made.

Age.	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Boys	—	1	124	153	136	144	100	33	19	3	—
Girls (Sec.) ...	—	—	149	170	115	99	89	25	4	—	—
(Tech.) ...	—	—	—	1	70	19	34	9	1	—	—
Total ...	—	1	273	324	321	262	223	67	24	3	—

B.—Classification of the Nutrition of Pupils Inspected During the Year, in Ages.

Ages.	Number of Pupils Inspected.	A (Excellent)	B (Normal)	C (Slightly Subnormal)	D (Bad)
10	1	—	1	—	—
11	273	47	193	32	1
12 (Sec.) ...	321	63	219	39	—
(Tech.) ...	1	—	1	—	—
13 (Sec.) ...	251	60	163	28	—
(Tech.) ...	70	11	50	9	—
14 (Sec.) ...	243	71	147	25	—
(Tech.) ...	19	3	15	1	—
15 (Sec.) ...	193	63	119	11	—
(Tech.) ...	34	1	28	5	—
16 (Sec.) ...	56	18	36	2	—
(Tech.) ...	9	1	5	3	—
17 (Sec.) ...	23	10	11	2	—
(Tech.) ...	1	—	1	—	—
18	3	—	3	—	—
Total (Sec.) ...	1,364	332	891	139	1
(Tech.) ...	134	16	100	18	—

C.—Defective Vision and Squint (excluding minor eye defects treated as minor ailments).

	Number of Defects dealt with.		
	Under the Authority's Scheme.	Otherwise.	Total.
Errors of Refraction (including squint) ...	162 (Sec.) 38 (Tech.)	— —	162 38
Other defect or disease of the eyes (excluding those recorded as minor ailments)...	— (Sec.) — (Tech.)	— —	— —
Totals	162 (Sec.) 38 (Tech.)	— —	162 38

Total Number of Children for whom Spectacles were Prescribed :—

(a) Under the Authority's Scheme	162 (Sec.) 33 (Tech.)
(b) Otherwise	— (Sec.) — (Tech.)

Total Number of Children who Obtained or Received Spectacles :—

(a) Under the Authority's Scheme	154 (Sec.) 32 (Tech.)
(b) Otherwise	— (Sec.) — (Tech.)

D.—Dental Defects.

(1) Number of pupils who were :—

(a) Inspected by the Dentist :—

Ages.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Secondary	—	42	102	102	103	56	26	8	—
Technical	—	—	18	76	46	9	—	—	—

Total	Secondary—439 Technical—149
Specials	Secondary—66 Technical—15
Grand Totals	Secondary—505 Technical—164
(b) Found to require treatment	Secondary—305 Technical—101
(c) Actually treated	Secondary—246 Technical—82
(2) Half days devoted to :—	
Inspection (Sec.) 3 (Tech. 1)	
Treatment (Sec.) 47	Secondary—50
" (Tech.) 8	Technical—9
(3) Attendances by pupils for treatment	Secondary—539 Technical—190
(4) Fillings :—	
Permanent Teeth	Secondary—475
Permanent Teeth	Technical—148
Temporary Teeth	Sec. & Tech. —
Total	Secondary—475 Technical—148

(5) Extractions :—								
Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	...	Secondary—150	
Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	...	Technical — 61	
Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	...	Secondary— 16	
" "	...	...	...	...	...	...	Technical — —	
Totals	...	...	...	...	...	...	Secondary—166	
							Technical — 61	
(6) Administrations of general anaesthetics for extractions :—							Secondary— 74	
							Technical — 33	
(7) Other Operations :—								
Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	...	Secondary—149	
Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	...	Technical — 33	
Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	...	Sec. & Tech. —	
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	Secondary—149	
							Technical — 33	

Group 1. Minor Ailments (excluding uncleanliness).

Disease or defect.	Number of Defects treated, or under treatment during the year.					
	At Minor Ailment Clinic.		Otherwise.		Total.	
	Sec.	Tech.	Sec.	Tech.	Sec.	Tech.
<i>Skin—</i>						
Ringworm—Scalp X-Ray ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Body ...	12	—	—	—	12	—
Scabies ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Impetigo ...	12	—	—	—	12	—
Other skin disease ...	82	3	—	—	82	3
<i>Minor Eye Defects—</i>						
External and other, but excluding cases treated at Ophthalmic Clinic ...	54	10	—	—	54	10
<i>Minor Ear Defects</i> ...	8	10	—	—	8	10
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>						
(E.g., minor injuries, bruises, sores, chilblains, etc.) ...	103	21	—	—	103	21
Total ...					271	44

