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Medical Officer of Health.



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TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS
OF THE BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY

SEPTEMBER, 1949

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1948.

As a result of the National Health Service Act, 1946, certain services previously administered by the Borough Council were transferred to the County Council on the 5th July, but as there must still be a good deal of local interest in these services as well as in the School Health Service, I have considered it advisable to include certain information regarding them for the whole year.

The vital statistics are satisfactory and the position regarding infectious diseases is good. There has been an increase in the number of cases of measles and whooping cough, but this is largely accounted for by the fact that there are many more children of a susceptible age in the Borough.

Once again there has been no case of Diphtheria. The death rate from Tuberculosis is lower than it has ever been, but I have considered it necessary to utter a warning about the risk to the community arising from the lack of sanatorium beds.

Housing conditions still give cause for anxiety. It is difficult to say whether overcrowding has been reduced or increased as we have no accurate knowledge of the extent of the problem. A fairly complete picture could only be obtained by a survey of the accommodation occupied by the applicants on the Council's housing list.

The difficulty in getting work done to remedy sanitary defects has been aggravated by the raising of the limit of building repairs to houses from £10 to £100 per annum because builders can now keep their staff fully occupied with a better type of work.

Much attention has been given to the supervision of food and, in this connection, there has been close co-operation between the department and the Public Health Laboratory in an endeavour to improve the methods of handling food and the washing of crockery and utensils in canteens and restaurant kitchens.

I wish to express my thanks to all members of the staff for their willing and loyal assistance throughout the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. A. TURNER,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	3,477
Population, 1948 (Registrar-General's Estimate)	70,960
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1948)	19,400
Rateable Value (1948)	£907,007
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£3,725
Total Live Births	1,086
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	15.3
Birth Rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	17.9
Total Stillbirths	21
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	18.97
Total Deaths	763
Death Rate per 1,000 population	10.75
Death Rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	10.8
Infant Deaths	30
Infant Mortality Rate	27.62
Infant Mortality Rate (England & Wales)	34
Maternal Deaths	2
Maternal Mortality Rate	1.8
Maternal Mortality Rate (England & Wales)	1.02

<i>Live Births :</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	541	491	1,032
Illegitimate	22	32	54
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	563	523	1,086
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Birth rate 15.3 per 1,000 estimated resident population.

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Stillbirths</i>	14	7	21

Rate : 18.97 per 1,000 (live and still) births.

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Deaths</i>	341	422	763

Rate : 10.75 per 1,000 estimated resident population.

Deaths from disease and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth :

From Sepsis	—
Other maternal causes	2

Death Rate of infants under one year of age :

All infants per 1,000 live births	27.62
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	26.16
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	55.5

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	139
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	—
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	2

POPULATION

The Registrar-General estimated that the population on the 30th June, 1948, was 70,960, an increase of 250 over 1947.

BIRTHS

There were 1,086 registered live births in 1948. The birth-rate was 15.3 and the rate for England and Wales was 17.9.

There were 54 illegitimate births, which is 10 less than in 1947.

The natural increase in the population, or the excess of live births over deaths, was 323.

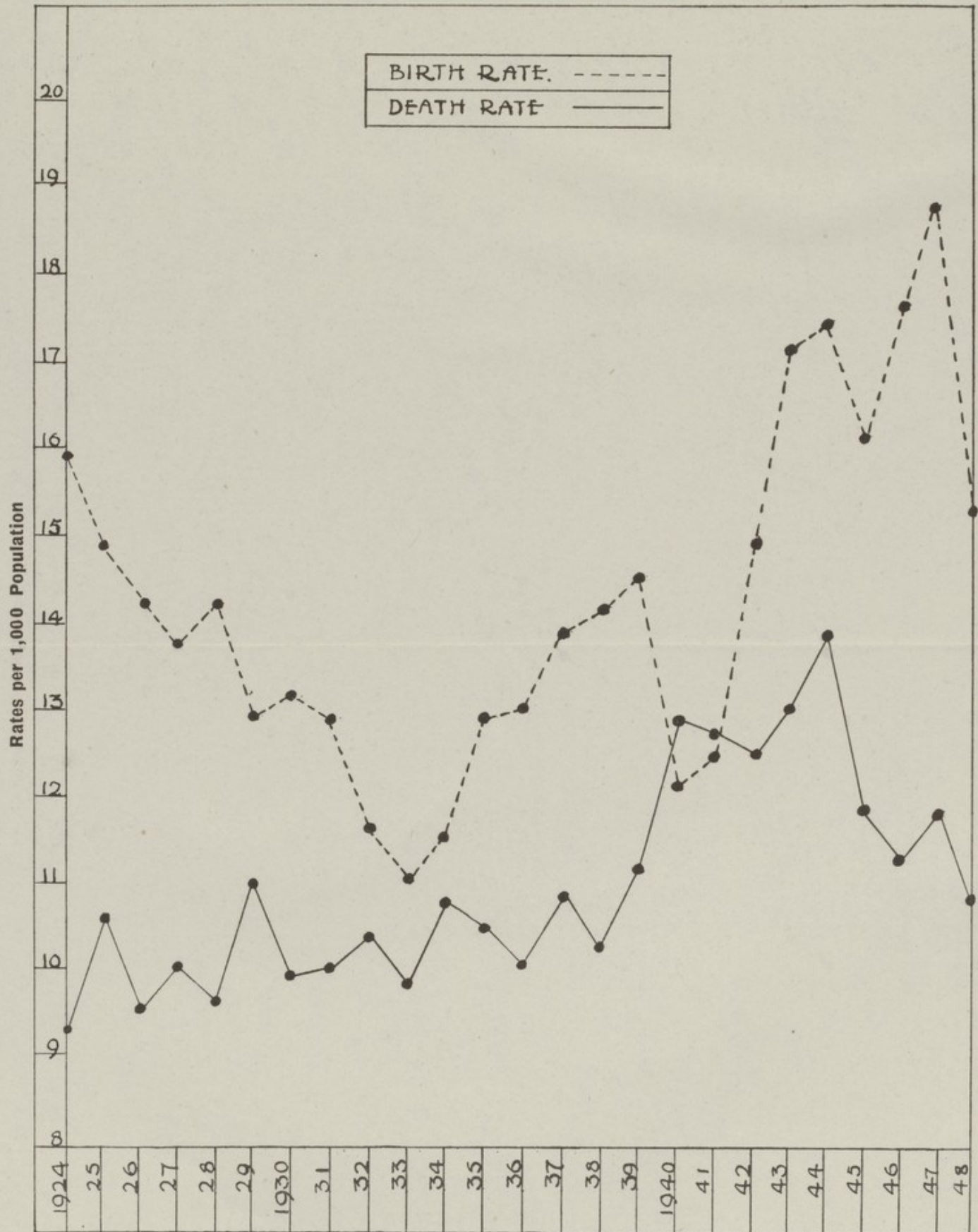
STILLBIRTHS

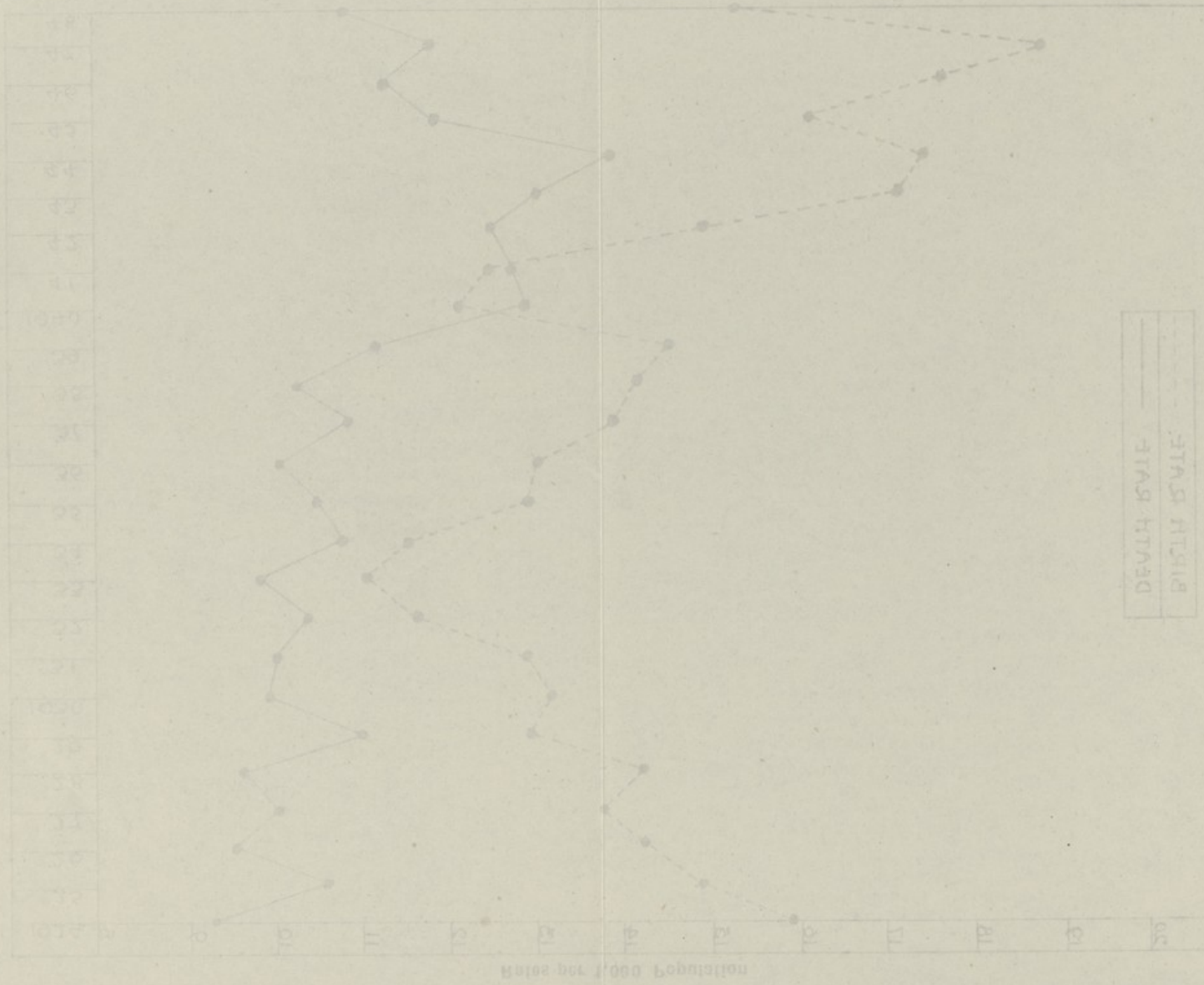
There were 21 stillbirths in 1948, giving a rate of 0.30 per 1,000 of the population as compared with 0.42 for England and Wales.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

There were 30 deaths of infants under one year of age during 1948. Nineteen died before they were one month old, 3 between 1 and 3 months, 5 between 3 and 6 months, 1 between 6 and 9 months and 2 between 9 and 12 months.

BIRTH AND DEATH RATES FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS





The causes of death were as follows :

Pneumonia	6
Premature Births	9
Enteritis	2
Congenital defects	11
Whooping Cough	1
Meningitis	1
	—
	30
	—

The infantile mortality rate was 27.62 per 1,000. The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 34. The neo-natal death rate was 17.5.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Two mothers died in 1948 giving a maternal mortality rate of 1.8 per 1,000 births. The rate for England and Wales was 1.02.

DEATHS

There were 763 deaths in 1948, 67 less than in 1947. The death-rate was 10.75 per 1,000 estimated resident population and for England and Wales is was 10.8.

The number of female deaths was the same as last year, but the number of male deaths was 67 less. There were 31 fewer deaths from Bronchitis and Pneumonia, 18 fewer from Cancer, 17 fewer from Diseases of the Heart, and 13 fewer from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and there were slight increases from other diseases.

MORTUARY

Ninety-four bodies were received in the Mortuary and 12 of these were from Friern Barnet.

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1948

Deaths from stated causes at various ages under one year of age

CAUSE OF DEATH		Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	TOTAL	WARDS		
												N	E	W
All Causes	Certified	15	...	1	3	19	3	5	1	2	30	5	11	14
	Uncertified	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chicken Pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...
Diphtheria & Croup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningitis (not Tuberculous)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...
Convulsions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Laryngitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	1	...	1	2	4	1	...	1	...	6	...	2	4
Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...
Enteritis	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Gastritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Syphilis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rickets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suffocation, Overlying	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Injury at Birth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Atelectasis	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Congenital	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malformations	...	4	...	...	...	4	2	2	...	2	10	2	5	3
Premature Birth	...	9	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	9	1	2	6
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	...	15	...	1	3	19	3	5	1	2	30	5	11	14

INFANT DEATH AND NEO-NATAL DEATH RATES FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS

INFANT DEATH RATE. ———

NEO-NATAL DEATH RATE. - - - - -

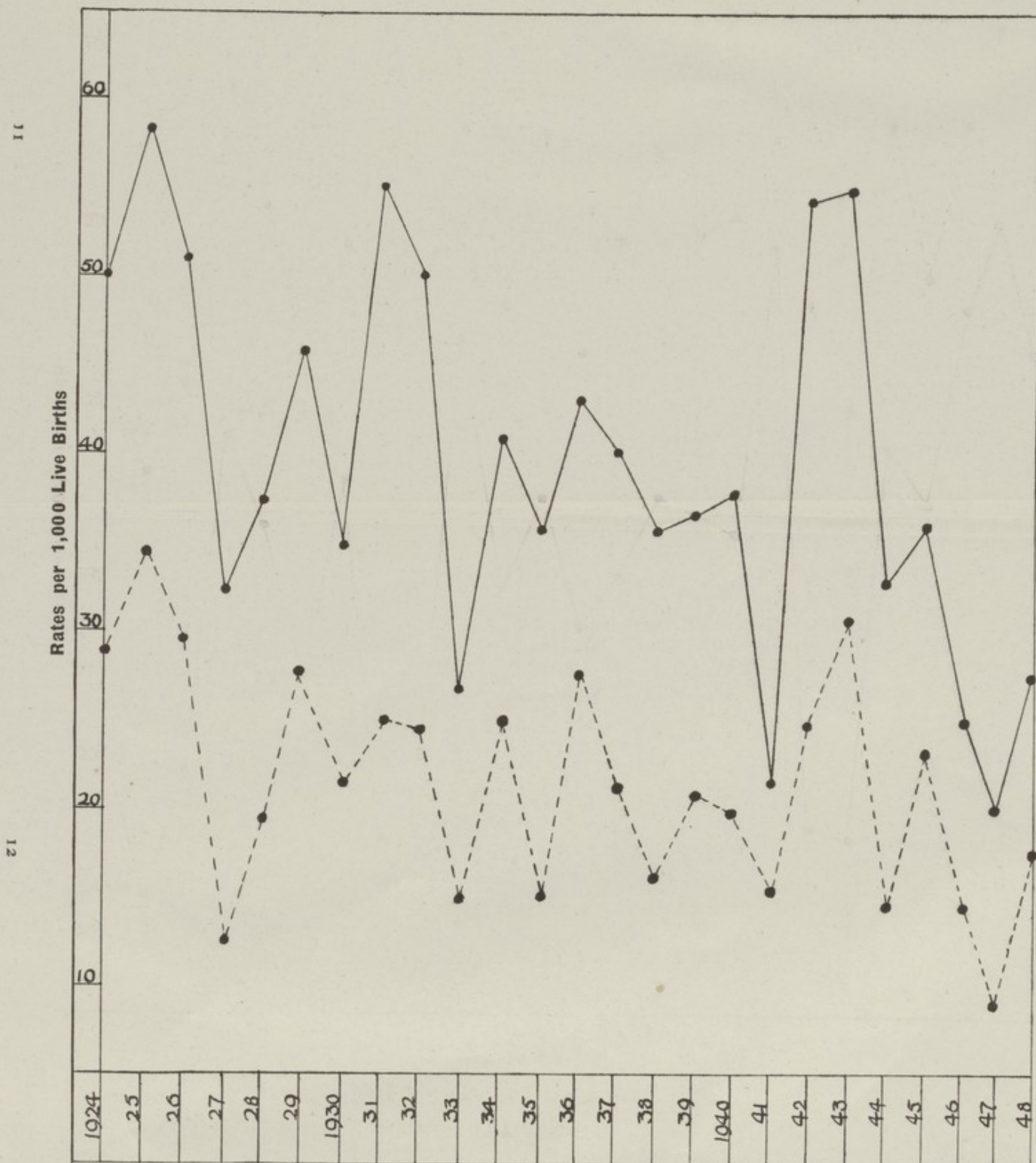


TABLE I
CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT DEATH DURING THE YEAR

No	CAUSES OF DEATH	NET DEATHS AT THE SUBJOINED AGES OF "RESIDENTS" WHETHER OCCURRING WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE DISTRICT									Total Deaths whether of "Residents" or "Non- residents" in Institutions in the District	WARDS		
		All Ages	Under 1	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		North Ward	East Ward	West Ward
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2.	Cerebro-Spinal Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3.	Scarlet Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4.	Whooping Cough ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
5.	Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	12	...	...	...	...	2	3	6	1	2	2	7	3
7.	Other Forms of Tuberculosis ...	5	...	...	2	...	...	2	1	...	1	2	1	2
8.	Syphilitic Disease ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	3	...	1
9.	Influenza ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10.	Measles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polio- encephalitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12.	Acute Infectious Encephalitis ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
13M	Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (Males only) ...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	...	1	5	3
13F	Cancer of Uterus ...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	4	...	1	3	5
14.	Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	10	1	2	9	6
15.	Cancer of Breast ...	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	7	3	5	7	6
16.	Cancer of all other sites ...	86	...	...	...	...	...	6	34	46	21	34	21	31
17.	Diabetes ...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	2	3
18.	Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions ...	103	...	...	...	...	...	2	16	85	20	39	23	41
19.	Heart Disease ...	231	...	...	...	1	1	10	43	176	37	60	88	83
20.	Other Diseases of the Circulatory System ...	34	...	...	...	...	...	2	8	24	13	9	11	14
21.	Bronchitis ...	34	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	27	3	9	6	19
22.	Pneumonia ...	28	6	1	...	...	...	...	3	18	7	8	8	12
23.	Other Respiratory Diseases ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	...	2	3	3
24.	Ulceration of the Stomach or Duodenum ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	4	3	3	2
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
26.	Appendicitis ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	1	1	1
27.	Other Digestive Diseases ...	10	...	...	...	1	...	3	4	2	5	5	3	2
28.	Nephritis ...	19	...	...	...	...	1	1	5	12	2	5	7	7
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
30.	Other Maternal Causes ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
31.	Premature Birth ...	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	2	4
32.	Congenital Malformations, Birth Injury, Infantile Disease ...	21	15	...	2	2	...	1	1	...	4	4	8	9
33.	Suicide ...	8	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	1	...	3	2	3
34.	Road Traffic Accidents ...	6	...	...	...	1	1	...	3	1	1	1	3	2
35.	Other Violent Causes ...	15	...	...	...	2	...	4	4	5	3	5	6	4
36.	All Other Causes ...	58	...	1	...	1	...	7	9	40	8	22	16	20
TOTALS ...		763	30	2	4	8	5	51	178	485	140	227	247	289

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS

Year	Total Births	Birth Rate	Total Deaths	Death Rate	Total Infant Deaths	Infantile Mortality Rate	Deaths from Measles	Deaths from Whooping Cough	Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)
1929	704	12.8	604	11.0	32	45.5	1	6	5
1930	748	13.3	557	9.9	38	50.8	5	1	7
1931	761	12.9	588	10.0	42	55.2	1	—	6
1932	698	11.6	621	10.3	35	50.0	4	3	3
1933	671	11.0	592	9.7	27	40.2	—	3	6
1934	712	11.5	658	10.7	42	59.0	1	13	4
1935	807	12.9	656	10.5	39	48.5	—	—	17
1936	833	13.0	643	10.0	36	43.2	2	1	6
1937	895	13.8	704	10.8	36	40.2	—	1	7
1938	927	14.2	662	10.2	33	35.6	4	1	5
1939	951	14.5	705	11.1	35	36.8	—	—	3
1940	725	12.1	806	12.9	27	38.0	1	—	2
1941	721	12.4	734	12.7	15	21.8	—	3	1
1942	891	14.9	751	12.5	48	53.9	1	7	3
1943	1035	17.1	790	13.0	57	55.1	1	2	4
1944	1037	17.4	830	13.9	34	32.8	—	5	5
1945	987	16.1	725	11.8	36	36.4	1	—	1
1946	1207	17.6	774	11.3	30	24.9	1	1	5
1947	1319	18.7	830	11.7	27	20.5	—	1	4
1948	1086	15.3	763	10.8	30	27.6	—	1	2

GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES

The following services are administered by the Middlesex County Council :

- (a) Maternity and Child Welfare (from 5th July, 1948).
- (b) School Health Service (from 1st April, 1945).

(a) Maternity and Child Welfare

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

There are 4 Infant Welfare Centres at which 10 sessions are held weekly.

Year	Attendances of children		Total Attendances	Seen by Doctors	Average Attendances per session
	Under 1	Over 1			
1947	18,290	7,575	25,865	6,067	71
1948	17,530	10,632	28,162	6,232	63

ANTENATAL CLINIC

Four sessions are held each week at the Health Centre, Oak Lane.

Seven hundred and thirty-four mothers attended the antenatal clinic in 1948 as compared with 882 in 1947.

The number of women attending represented 66.3 per cent. of the total notified births.

Year	No. of expectant mothers attended	No. of attendances
1947	882	4,226
1948	734	3,460

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY

There are 4 Municipal Midwives all of whom are trained in the administration of analgesia.

During the year they attended 132 cases as Midwives and 23 as Maternity Nurses.

MATERNITY ACCOMMODATION

The following table shows the known place of confinement of Finchley mothers in 1947 and 1948.

	1947	1948
Private Homes in Finchley ...	315	193
Nursing Homes in Finchley ...	129	109
North Middlesex Hospital ...	243	260
Wellhouse Hospital ...	3	3
London Hospitals ...	245	241
Nursing Homes outside Finchley	286	220
Private Homes outside Finchley	11	3
Hospitals outside London ...	66	22
	1,298	1,051

ANTENATAL EXERCISES

These exercises are conducted with a view to making confinements easier. During the year 12 mothers made 199 attendances. There can be little doubt that young mothers derive a good deal of confidence as a result of these exercises at a time when this is of great importance to them.

POST-NATAL CLINIC

This Clinic continued to serve a very useful purpose and the mothers attending for examination totalled 244 in 1948 as compared with 237 in 1947 and 164 in 1946.

SUNLIGHT CLINIC

During 1948, 106 children and 3 mothers received courses of ultra-violet radiation and made 1,132 attendances.

DENTAL TREATMENT

Dental treatment is provided at the Health Centre for children under 5 years of age and for expectant and nursing mothers. Four sessions per week are devoted to this work.

The following table shows the dental work carried out during 1947 and 1948.

<i>Mothers</i>	1947	1948
Number inspected	183	178
Number requiring treatment ...	182	177
Number treated	162	160
Number of attendances	791	784
Fillings	494	507
Extractions	351	303
Scalings and other Operations ...	156	281
Gas Administrations	38	40
Dentures supplied	74	64
Dentures repaired	12	4
Visits re dentures	—	165
<i>Children</i>	1947	1948
Number inspected	572	767
Number requiring treatment ...	228	329
Number treated	208	277
Number of attendances	430	632
Fillings	403	587
Extractions	201	306
Gas Administrations	79	109
Scalings and other Operations ...	123	136

MEDICAL TREATMENT

Children requiring orthopaedic treatment or treatment for defective vision and squint, minor ailments, etc., are dealt with at the clinics provided under the School Health Services.

PREMATURE INFANTS AND ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN

There has been no change in the arrangements for dealing with these children.

During the year the deaths of 9 infants were attributed to prematurity.

All the deaths took place in Institutions.

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

Close co-operation is maintained with the Adoption Societies and the Court Officers. The homes are visited by the Health Visitors and reports are furnished on their suitability for the reception and care of a child.

CHILD LIFE PROTECTION

At the end of the year there were 15 foster parents and 17 foster children on the register. These were visited throughout the year by the Health Visitors who act as Child Life Protection Visitors.

DAY NURSERIES

There are three day nurseries providing 140 places. There was a long waiting list at each nursery.

The health of the children was exceptionally good throughout the year.

The supply of nursery students has fallen off and staffing shortages have at times been somewhat acute.

DOMESTIC HELPS

The demand for helps has always been much in excess of the supply.

At the end of the year the equivalent of 14 whole time helps were employed and help was provided in 427 households during the year.

ORTHOPÆDIC CLINIC

During 1948, 25 children received treatment at this clinic, and made 450 attendances.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The following table shows the number of children immunised against Diphtheria during the past three years.

Children immunised	1946	1947	1948
Under 1 year	9	28	223
1—2 years	646	740	800
2—3 years	125	75	52
3—4 years	79	24	33
4—5 years	39	14	17
5—6 years	42	20	18
6—7 years	23	8	8
7—8 years	17	3	4
8—9 years	13	9	1
9—10 years	13	13	1
10—11 years	19	21	2
11—12 years	3	8	1
12—13 years	8	15	2
13—14 years	6	6	1
14—15 years	3	6	—
15 years and over ...	—	6	—
	1,045	996	1,163

The figures for 1948 include 92 children who were immunised by private doctors after the 5th July.

VACCINATION

The following table shows the number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated between the 5th July and 31st December, 1948.

	Under 1	1—4 years	5—14 years	15 years and over	TOTAL
Vaccinated	93	11	1	11	116
Re-vaccinated	—	1	12	55	68

(b) School Health Service

The following Tables which are required by the Ministry of Education record the work carried out in the School Health Service during the year.

MEDICAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT

Year ended 31st December, 1948

TABLE I

MEDICAL INSPECTIONS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING ALL SCHOOLS

A. PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

(1) Number of Inspections : Entrants	...	...	893
Second Age-group	...	...	526
Third Age-group	...	...	383
		TOTAL	1,802
(2) Number of other Periodic Inspections	...	...	237
		GRAND TOTAL	2,039

B. OTHER INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections and Re-inspections ... 2,345

C. PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT

Group (1)	For defective vision (excluding squint) (2)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Table IIa (3)	Total individual pupils (4)
Entrants	1	50	50
Second Age Group ...	63	38	96
Third Age Group ...	26	36	59
Total (prescribed groups)	90	124	205
Other Periodic Inspec- tions	15	44	59
GRAND TOTAL ...	105	168	264

TABLE II
A. RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION

IN THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1948

Defect Code No.	Defect or Disease (1)	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS		SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
		No. of defects		No. of defects	
		Require- ing Treat- ment (2)	Requiring to be kept under observa- tion but not requiring treatment (3)	Require- ing Treat- ment (4)	Requiring to be kept under observa- tion but not requiring treatment (5)
4	Skin	7	—	134	14
5	Eyes— <i>a.</i> Vision ...	105	19	138	2
	<i>b.</i> Squint ...	12	6	—	1
	<i>c.</i> Other ...	9	2	39	7
6	Ears— <i>a.</i> Hearing ...	5	1	5	22
	<i>b.</i> Otitis Media	3	—	44	43
	<i>c.</i> Other ...	2	2	32	40
7	Nose or Throat ...	21	43	39	109
8	Speech	19	4	13	13
9	Cervical Glands ...	4	7	3	10
10	Heart and Circulation	7	5	—	1
11	Lungs	1	4	5	34
12	Developmental—				
	<i>a.</i> Hernia ...	1	—	—	—
	<i>b.</i> Other ...	—	3	—	—
13	Orthopaedic—				
	<i>a.</i> Posture ...	19	4	5	—
	<i>b.</i> Flat foot ...	14	6	33	6
	<i>c.</i> Other ...	9	8	58	23
14	Nervous system—				
	<i>a.</i> Epilepsy ...	—	—	—	1
	<i>b.</i> Other ...	—	—	—	1
15	Psychological—				
	<i>a.</i> Development	—	2	6	1
	<i>b.</i> Stability ...	3	—	3	—
16	Other	32	31	101	295

B. CLASSIFICATION OF THE GENERAL CONDITION OF PUPILS

INSPECTED DURING THE YEAR IN THE AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUPS (1)	Number of Pupils Inspected (2)	A (Good)		B (Fair)		C (Poor)	
		No. (3)	% of col. 2 (4)	No. (5)	% of col. 2 (6)	No. (7)	% of col. 2 (8)
Entrants	893	581	65.06	301	33.71	11	1.23
Second Age Group	526	293	55.70	227	43.16	6	1.14
Third Age Group	383	227	59.27	151	39.42	5	1.31
Other Periodic Inspections	237	158	66.67	77	32.49	2	0.84
TOTAL	2,039	1,259	61.74	756	37.08	24	1.18

TABLE III

GROUP I

TREATMENT OF MINOR AILMENTS (excluding Uncleanliness)

(a)						Number of Defects treated, or under treatment during the year
SKIN						
Ringworm—Scalp						
(i) X-Ray treatment						—
(ii) Other treatment						1
Ringworm—Body						32
Scabies						68
Impetigo						307
Other skin diseases						164
EYE DISEASE						231
<i>(External and other, but excluding errors of refraction, squint and cases admitted to hospital)</i>						
EAR DEFECTS						215
MISCELLANEOUS						719
<i>(e.g. minor injuries, bruises, sores, chilblains, etc.)</i>						
TOTAL						1,737
(b)						
Total number of attendances at Authority's minor ailments clinics						14,404

GROUP II. DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT

						Number of defects dealt with
Errors of Refraction (<i>including squint</i>)						291
Other defect or disease of the eyes (<i>excluding those recorded in Group I</i>)						9
TOTAL						300
Number of Pupils for whom spectacles were						
(a) prescribed						217
(b) obtained						201

GROUP III. TREATMENT OF DEFECTS OF NOSE AND THROAT

	Total number treated
Received operative treatment	
(a) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	14
(b) for other nose and throat conditions	1
Received other forms of treatment	76
TOTAL	91

GROUP IV. ORTHOPÆDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS

(a) Number treated as in-patients in hospital or hospital schools	7
(b) Number treated otherwise, e.g. in clinics or out-patients departments	98

GROUP V. CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT AND SPEECH THERAPY

Number of pupils treated	
(a) under Child Guidance arrangements	17
(b) under Speech Therapy arrangements	47

TABLE IV

DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

1948

(1) Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers:—	
(a) Periodic Age Groups	3,728
(b) Specials	658
(c) Total (Periodic and Specials)	4,386
(2) Number found to require treatment	3,127
(3) Number actually treated	2,502
(4) Attendances made by pupils for treatment	5,406
(5) Half-days devoted to:	
(a) Inspection	48
(b) Treatment	645
Total (a) and (b)	693

(6) Fillings:						
Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	3,517
Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	1,230
					Total ...	4,747
(7) Extractions:						
Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	293
Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	2,195
					Total ...	2,488
(8) Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction						686
(9) Other Operations:						
(a) Permanent Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	631
(b) Temporary Teeth	...	...	...	...	...	221
					Total (a) and (b)	852

TABLE V

INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

(1) Total number of examinations in the schools by the School Nurses or other authorised persons	...	...	...	...	...	12,633
(2) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	...	...	...	...	...	196
(3) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing Notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	...	...	...	...	...	20
(4) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)	...	...	...	...	...	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of cases notified during the past five years :

	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Diphtheria	3	4	13	—	—
Scarlet Fever	125	109	102	97	62
Smallpox	3	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	1	4	2	1
Poliomyelitis	1	1	7	3	4
Pneumonia	49	38	56	48	60
Measles	83	618	403	167	888
Whooping Cough	201	57	158	138	254

DIPHTHERIA

There has not been a case of Diphtheria in the Borough since August, 1946, a fact which affords ample evidence that this dread disease can be banished from the community by adequate immunisation, and parents should realise that they can prevent its return by taking every advantage of the facilities provided for the protection of their children.

SCARLET FEVER

Scarlet Fever occurs in waves of about six years and in 1948 when there were 62 cases we had just about reached the bottom of a wave. It can therefore be anticipated that during the next few years there will be a gradual increase in the number of cases. The disease was mild in type, and there was no death.

POLIOMYELITIS

There were four cases of this disease which is commonly known by the unfortunate and misleading name of Infantile Paralysis. It is not by any means confined to infants and, in many cases, there is no paralysis. All the cases made good recoveries.

MEASLES

There were 888 cases of measles which is the highest number since the disease became notifiable in 1939. The fact that there was no death although there were many severe cases is evidence of the resistance of the children and the medical and nursing care which they received.

WHOOPING COUGH

The number of cases of whooping cough notified, 254, was higher than in any year since 1941.

There was one death.

PNEUMONIA

Sixty cases of pneumonia were notified in 1948, and there were 28 deaths.

MISCELLANEOUS

There was no case of Smallpox, Enteric Fever, or Cerebro Spinal Fever in 1948.

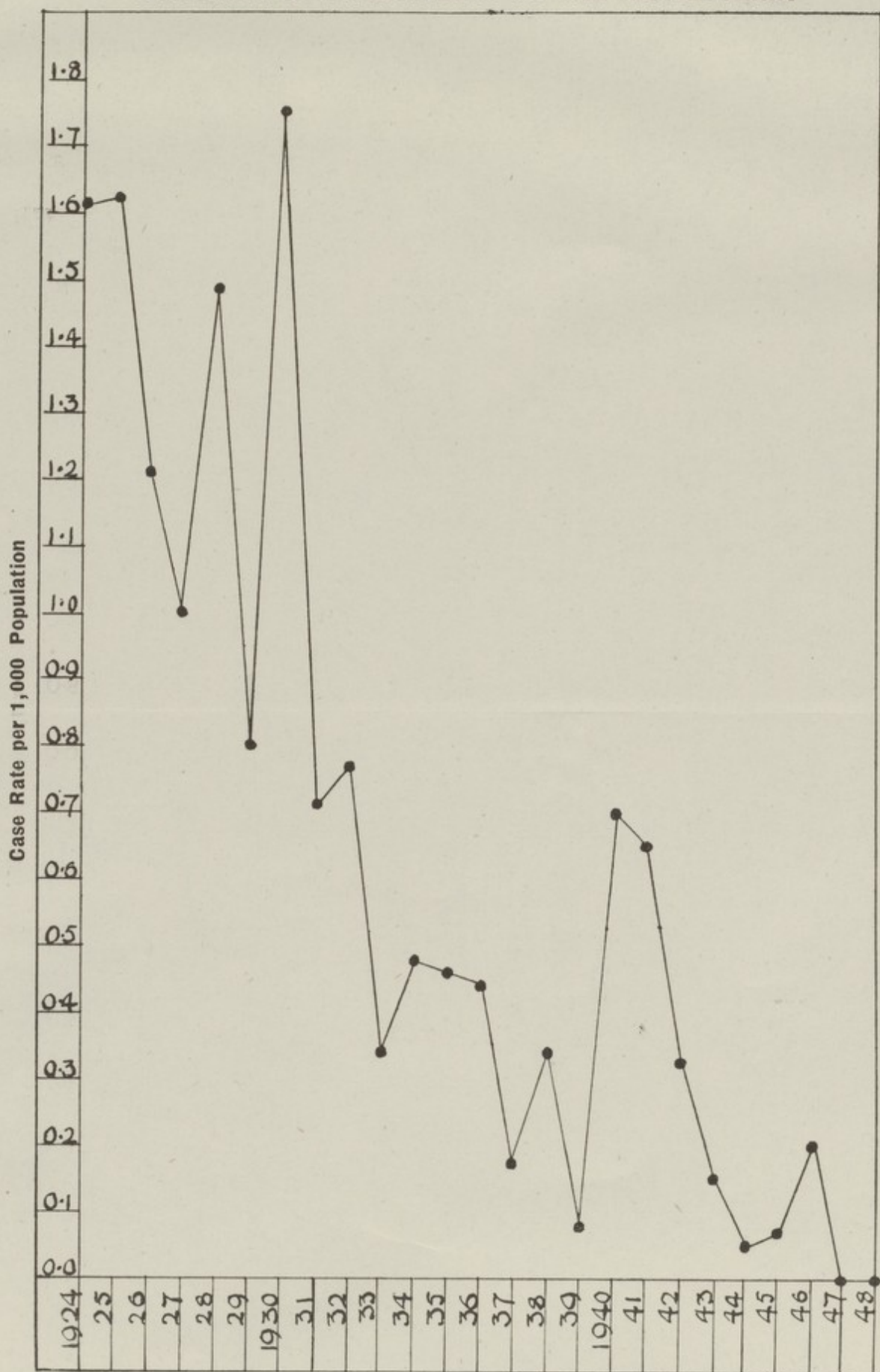
ISOLATION HOSPITAL

The Joint Isolation Hospital at Coppetts Road, N.10, which has rendered such magnificent service to the Borough for many years passed from the Management of the Joint Committee to that of the North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board on the 5th July, 1948. This is a hospital with high traditions due in no small part to the fact that over a long period it has been ably administered by a local committee possessing extensive experience in the management of a hospital of this character.

BACTERIOLOGICAL WORK

The following table shows the number and nature of the specimens examined at the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, during 1948.

INCIDENCE OF DIPHTHERIA FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS



			Positive	Negative
Throat/Nose Swabs				
Diphtheria Bacilli	...		—	212
Haemolytic Streptococci			99	
Vincent's Angina	...		2	
Faeces				
Sonne Dysentery	...	...	7	62
Salmonella	...	...	9	
Sputum				
T.B. Smear	...	...	19	68
Other Organisms	...	...	5	
Whooping Cough				
Cough Plate	...	...	—	19
Post-nasal Swab	...	...	4	
			145	361

TUBERCULOSIS

During 1948 63 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified comprising 37 males and 26 females, and 9 non-pulmonary cases, comprising 4 males and 5 females.

There were 12 deaths from pulmonary and 5 from non-pulmonary tuberculosis making a total of 17 deaths from both forms of the disease.

The death rate was 2.4 per 10,000 of the population, which is the lowest rate ever recorded.

The shortage of hospital and sanatorium beds due to lack of staff makes it necessary for many patients to be kept at home under conditions which cannot be said to be satisfactory either for the treatment of the patients themselves or for the prevention of the spread of the disease to others. If this state of affairs goes on for any length of time an increase in the number of cases of tuberculosis must be expected.

The following table shows the number of notifications and the number of deaths during the past 10 years :

Year	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1939	34	30	6	8	16	7	2	—
1940	28	21	4	4	16	10	2	2
1941	34	38	5	7	18	15	2	1
1942	40	39	4	3	14	19	1	1
1943	41	39	7	5	14	11	3	5
1944	48	30	8	8	14	9	3	2
1945	49	41	8	1	17	9	5	1
1946	43	26	2	8	14	9	1	2
1947	54	36	1	4	18	9	2	—
1948	37	26	4	5	5	7	3	2

HOUSING

STATISTICS—1948

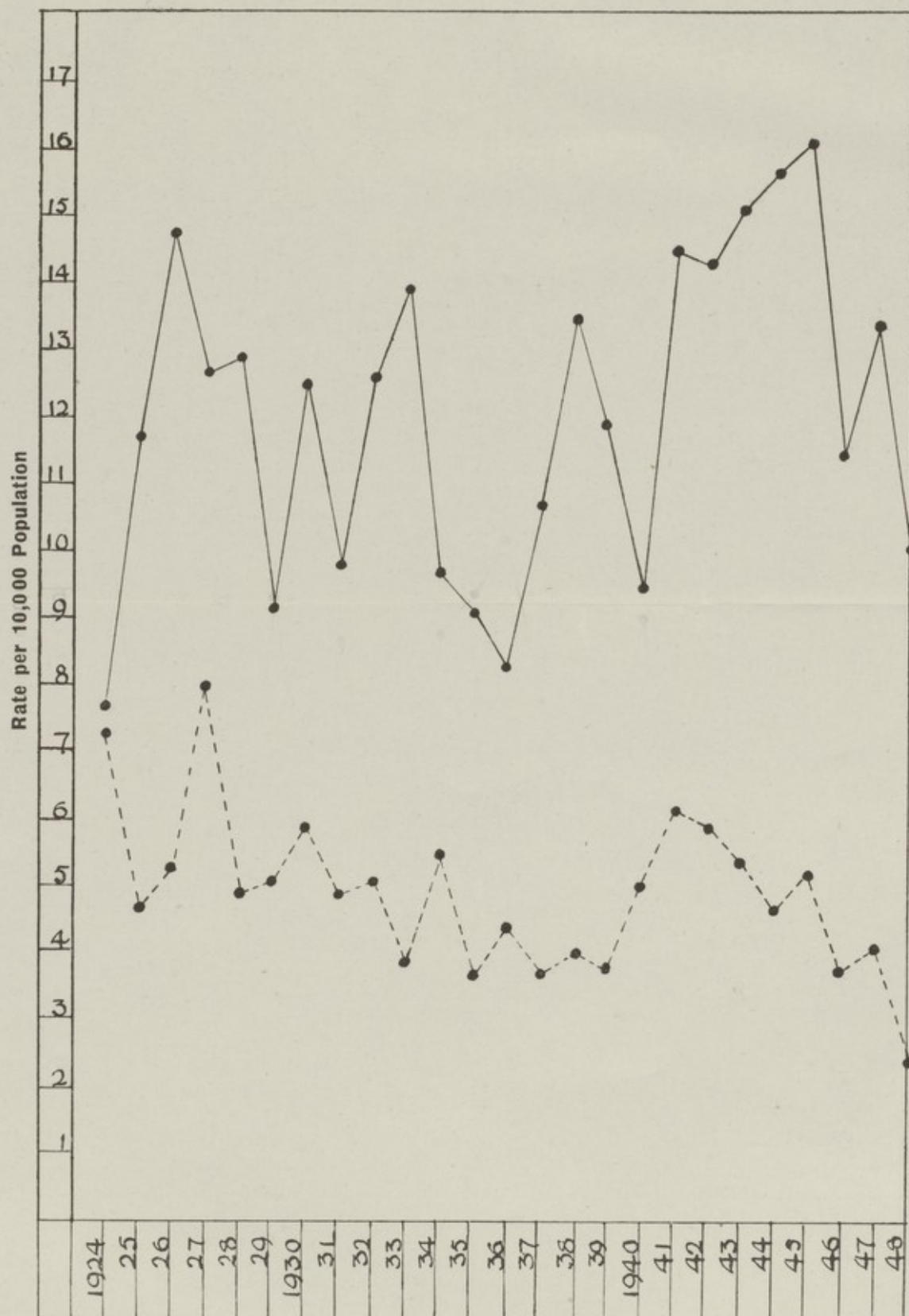
1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 1,181
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 5,045
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 —
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose —

TUBERCULOSIS (All Forms)

CASE RATE

DEATH RATE



(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	3
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	115
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	...	...	...	...	134
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					17
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :					
(a) By owners	...	...	...	...	12
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners					1
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :					
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...	11
(2) Number rendered fit :					
(a) By owners	...	...	...	...	9
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners					—
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	...				1
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...			—

OVERCROWDING

Number of overcrowded families on the 1st January, 1948	146
New cases recorded during 1948	71
Number abated	58
Number outstanding on the 31st December, 1948	159

HOUSES UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION

19 and 21 Market Place, N.2

These houses which were found to be unfit and incapable of repair at reasonable cost were purchased by your Council and the tenants rehoused. These premises were demolished during the year.

21 and 23 Granville Road, N.12

The works of repair necessary to render the above houses fit for human habitation were carried out by the Owner in accordance with undertakings accepted by the Council.

2 Granville Road, N.12

A Demolition Order was made in connection with this house towards the end of the year and an offer made by the Owners on behalf of a prospective purchaser to render the house fit was being considered by the Council. Application had been made to the County Court to rescind the Demolition Order with a view to the undertaking being accepted.

357 Regents Park Road, N.3

These premises, comprising business and living accommodation, were found to be dangerous and incapable of being repaired at reasonable cost. Representation was made with a view to closing the portion used for human habitation.

7 The Mall, Ballards Lane, N.3

The above house was found to be unfit for habitation and upon representation to the owners the house was rendered fit and modernised, without resort to formal proceedings.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The following are particulars of the work dealt with by your Sanitary Inspectors during the year 1948.

INSPECTIONS

The total number of inspections made during the year was 13,975. At 1,000 of the houses and other premises visited, defects or nuisances to the number of 3,581 were discovered, and at the end of the year 3,022 including a number outstanding at the end of 1947, had been remedied or abated. The work in connection with 384 was in hand and 2,451 were outstanding. In order to ascertain that the sanitary defects were being properly remedied 982 visits were paid to the respective premises while the work was in progress.

As from the 1st July the free limit for building repairs on dwelling houses was raised from £10 to £100. The effect of this was a considerable reduction in the number of licences issued by this department, 892 being issued in 1948 as against 1,664 in 1947. Also, greater difficulty was experienced in getting builders to carry out work in connection with sanitary notices, as the increase in the limit allowed them far greater scope to select better class work.

The total number of inspections made in regard to each section of work is recorded below, together with a summary of the sanitary improvements carried out :

Inspections under Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	15
Special Inspections	...	...	...	...	3,011
Reinspections	...	...	...	...	2,883
Inspections of Works in Progress	...	...	...	...	982
Inspections of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces (including Bakehouses and Restaurant Kitchens)	...	...	...	...	412

Visits to Slaughterhouses	9
Inspections of Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops	19
Inspections of Ice Cream Premises	66
Inspections of Meat, Fish and other Food Shops	576
Inspections of Shops (Shops Acts)	10
Visits re Infectious Disease and Verminous Premises	638
Visits re Rodent Control	3,560
Visits re Housing Act, 1936	295
Visits re Building Licences	771
Visits re Hawkers	54
Visits to Hairdressers' Premises	3
Miscellaneous	671
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SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT

DRAINAGE

Number of houses and premises re-drained	2
Repairs or amendments to existing drains	57
Drains or gullies unstopped or cleansed	123
Length in yards of stoneware drains laid	569
Manholes provided	23
Manholes repaired	45
Intercepting traps fixed	3
Fresh air inlets provided or repaired	20
New gully traps fixed	26
Gully curbs provided or repaired	37
New soil pipes and ventilating shafts fixed	3
Soil pipes and ventilating shafts repaired	25
Water tests applied	104
Smoke tests applied	6
Air tests applied	1

WATER CLOSETS AND SANITARY FITTINGS

New W.C. Basins fixed	70
W.C.s unstopped, cleansed or repaired	109
New flushing boxes fitted to W.C.s	23

Existing flushing boxes repaired	...	...	...	...	74
New W.C. apartments provided	...	...	...	...	5
New W.C. accommodation provided	...	...	...	...	1
Ventilated lobbies provided	...	...	...	...	1
Existing W.C. apartments improved	...	...	...	...	1
Urinals cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	...	5
Lavatory basins provided	...	...	...	...	21
Baths provided	...	...	...	...	10
New impervious sinks provided	...	...	...	...	19
New waste pipes fixed	...	...	...	...	15
Waste pipes trapped, repaired or unstopped	...	...	...	...	47

MISCELLANEOUS

Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	423
Eaves gutters renewed, cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	...	205
Stack pipes provided, repaired or unstopped	...	...	...	...	92
Damp walls remedied	...	...	...	...	233
Walls repointed, repaired or underpinned	...	...	...	...	180
Chimney stacks repaired and pots renewed	...	...	...	...	34
Ventilation under floors provided or unstopped	...	...	...	...	16
Yards paved	...	...	...	...	3
Paving of yards repaired	...	...	...	...	15
Floors of rooms relaid	...	...	...	...	9
Floors of rooms repaired	...	...	...	...	109
Rooms cleansed, distempered or repapered	...	...	...	...	1,153
Plasterwork repaired	...	...	...	...	1,111
Windows repaired and/or made to open	...	...	...	...	422
New windows provided	...	...	...	...	21
New sash cords provided	...	...	...	...	423
Window sills repaired or provided	...	...	...	...	89
Doors provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	101
Doorsteps provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	33
Handrails to staircases provided	...	...	...	...	7
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	...	24
Artificial lighting to staircases provided	...	...	...	...	2
Ventilated food stores provided	...	...	...	...	2
New ranges and stoves provided	...	...	...	...	30
Stoves and ranges repaired	...	...	...	...	219

Coppers provided	4
Coppers repaired	5
Workrooms (including bakehouses) cleansed and repaired	7
Cisterns provided	2
Cisterns repaired, cleansed and covered	36
Water service pipes repaired	58
Moveable sanitary dustbins provided	127
Nuisances from keeping of animals abated	5
Nuisances from smoke abated	6
Accumulations of refuse removed	31
Various	106

CONSERVANCY SYSTEM

Five houses were provided with pail closets, and at the end of the year work was in progress in connection with the abolition of 4 of these closets and the provision of new W.C. apartments.

NOTICES SERVED

Informal notices	949
Statutory notices	31

ENQUIRIES—OUTSTANDING SANITARY NOTICES

One thousand three hundred and eighteen letters were received during the year from the Town Clerk enquiring whether or not there were any outstanding sanitary notices with respect to certain properties in the district. The necessary searches were made and the required information furnished.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Number of rooms disinfected after infectious disease	167
Verminous rooms disinfested	104
Number of articles disinfected	1,529
Number of verminous premises dealt with	57

Six hundred and thirty-eight visits were made by your inspectors and disinfectors in connection with cases of infectious disease and verminous premises and the necessary investigations were made in order to obtain the detailed information required.

The number of houses found to be infested with bugs and disinfested during 1948 was as follows :

Council houses	...	...	...	—
Other houses	...	...	...	36

Insecticides containing D.D.T. were employed in treating bug infested houses. When necessary wall and/or ceiling paper is stripped off and mouldings, skirtings, etc., are eased or removed. Bedding and similar articles are removed and subjected to steam disinfection.

The houses occupied by persons about to remove to Council dwellings are examined by the Housing Manager or one of the Sanitary Inspectors and any infested articles therein are either disinfested or destroyed.

The houses which have been disinfested are revisited in order to ascertain whether or not further treatment is necessary, and the tenants are requested to co-operate with the department by keeping their houses in a cleanly state and reporting any reappearance of bugs. Since the introduction and use of D.D.T. the need for repeated disinfestation has been less frequent.

An increase in the number of houses infested with ants has occurred during the year, 16 cases having been dealt with. Only three cases of fleas were dealt with.

HOUSES LET IN LODGINGS

During the year one addition was made to the Register of Houses let in lodgings.

The number of registered premises in the Borough is now 76.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the Borough.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES

There are 24 conveniences attached to licensed houses within the Borough. These premises are inspected periodically.

There are 12 public conveniences in the Borough, including those in Recreation Grounds. Eleven of these conveniences provide accommodation for both sexes and 1 accommodation for males only.

COMPLAINTS

One thousand five hundred and seventy-nine complaints were received with reference to the following matters, viz. :

Blocked or defective drains	...	...	...	...	134
Insanitary or defective condition of houses	...	...	...	...	603
Defective roofs	...	...	...	...	79
Non-removal of refuse	...	...	...	...	3
Verminous condition of houses	...	...	...	...	10
Nuisances from dampness	...	...	...	...	55
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	145
Nuisances from the keeping of animals or poultry	...	...	...	...	11
Nuisances from the burning of refuse	...	...	...	...	3
Accumulations of refuse or manure	...	...	...	...	44
Absence of, or defective dustbins	...	...	...	...	21
Smoke nuisances	...	...	...	...	10
Premises infested with rats or mice	...	...	...	...	275
Premises infested with insects	...	...	...	...	17
Flooding	...	...	...	...	13
Noise	...	...	...	...	6
Wasps nests	...	...	...	...	52
Nuisances from pig bins	...	...	...	...	2
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	10
Unsound Food	...	...	...	...	26
Other complaints	...	...	...	...	60

The complaints were investigated promptly and in those cases in which the Council had power to intervene the necessary steps were taken to remove the cause of complaint.

PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT

In accordance with the request of the Minister of Health contained in Circular 120, the cinemas, dance halls and other places of public entertainment have been inspected, special attention being given to the condition and adequacy of the sanitary accommodation. The defects discovered as a result of these inspections were remedied after notice had been given to the persons responsible. Eighteen premises were inspected and a report was submitted to the Middlesex County Council, which is the licensing authority.

PREMISES PERIODICALLY INSPECTED

The following premises were visited periodically during the year and any matters found requiring attention were dealt with :

Description of Premises	No. in Borough
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	25
Factories, Workshops and Workplaces (including Bakehouses and Restaurant Kitchens)	371
Fried Fish Shops	7
Ice Cream Premises	78
Places of Public Entertainment	18
Public House Conveniences	24
Slaughterhouses	4
Food Shops	198
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TOTAL	725

FACTORY ACT, 1937

I. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	138	121	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	220	205	1	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	13	6	—	—
TOTAL	371	332	2	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found		Referred		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	25	21	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—					
(a) Insufficient ...	4	3	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	7	7	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	—	—	1	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	38	32	—	5	—

The total number of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces on the Register is 371.

The trades carried on at the respective premises are as follows:

Bakehouses	30
Boot Repairers	31
Builders' Workshops	20
Cycle Makers or Repairers	6
Farriers and Blacksmiths	3
General Engineers and Motor Engineers	66

Monumental Masons	4
Printers and Printers' Accessories	12
Restaurant Kitchens	59
Tailors and Dressmakers	24
Timber Merchants and Sawyers	9
Tyre re-treading	3
Upholsterers	10
Watch and Clock Repairers	6
Other Trades	88

These premises have been visited from time to time and, as a result of action taken by the department the following works have been carried out :

W.C. apartments provided or reconstructed	4
Ventilated lobby provided	1
Artificial lighting to W.C's provided	3
New W.C. pans provided	5
W.C's cleansed or repaired	17
Urinals provided	1
Urinals cleansed	1
Joints between flush pipes and W.C. pans repaired	1
New sinks provided	4
Drains unstopped or repaired	4
Floors repaired and/or cleansed	5
Workshops cleansed	16
Accumulation of refuse removed	1
Smoke nuisances abated	3
Ventilation of workshops provided	2
Miscellaneous	2

SMOKE ABATEMENT

The factory chimneys in the area have been kept under observation and generally little nuisance from smoke or grit has occurred. In one instance nuisance from the emission of black smoke was traced to a defect in the mechanical stoker.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND FOOD

The inspection of food and food preparing premises has received the special attention of the sanitary inspectors.

A survey of a number of food kitchens in the area was made in conjunction with Dr. Hobbs of the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, to investigate the methods employed in washing up, the provision of suitable and sufficient sinks and hot water supply, W.C. accommodation and personal hygiene. Samples and swabs were taken for bacteriological examination from washing up water, towels, cups, plates, spoons and forks, and the results tabulated and used as very tangible evidence of the need for effecting improvements. It is considered that a minimum of two sinks are necessary for efficient washing up, and a number of food kitchens have accordingly been so equipped.

There has been a substantial increase in the hawking of foodstuffs, especially fruit and vegetables, and 14 new registrations were granted during the year. Many of the new hawkers are "barrow boys" and live outside the Borough. Before registration is granted the Council insist upon satisfactory storage accommodation being provided and this is checked up where necessary with the Local Authority concerned.

In one case, registration was refused in connection with the proposed sale of jellied eels from a stall.

Eight hundred and sixty-nine visits have been made by your inspectors to various food premises.

The list of food condemned is shown below.

Four private slaughterhouses are licensed and occasionally slaughtering is carried on at one of them on permit from the Food Office.

UNSOUND FOOD, 1948

TUBERCULOSIS

<i>Bovines</i>	52 lbs. Silverside Beef
<i>Swine</i>	1 Pig's Head

OTHER DISEASES

<i>Bovines</i>	60 lbs. Forequarter (malignant cyst)
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UNSOUND

<i>Bovines</i>	409 lbs. Beef
	32 lbs. Beef Sausage Meat
<i>Swine</i>	1 Carcase and Offal
<i>Sheep</i>	103 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Lamb

MISCELLANEOUS

155 stones Fish	9 tins Brisling Paste
25 lbs. Lobsters	6 tins Cod Liver Paste
7 lbs. Herring Soft Roes	1 packet Vermicelli Squares
131 lbs. Rabbits	6 cartons Matzo Meal
1 Turkey	1 packet Wheat Flakes
7 lbs. Bacon	3 packets Shredded Wheat
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Suet	1 packet Oats
$\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Butter	13 packets Oat Cakes
3 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Margarine	1 Packet Barley Flakes
108 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Cooking Fat	5 packets Semolina
14 lbs. Cheese	34 packets Cake or Pudding
75 Meat Pies	Mixture
354 Eggs	8 packets Scone Mixture
1 parcel containing chicken, steak and chocolate	1 packet Pastry Mixture
2 lbs. Sugar	2 packets Sweetphat
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Tea	8 packets Dried Egg
140 lbs. Oatmeal	15 tins Dried Egg
114 lbs. Oats	7 jars Jam
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Semolina	4 jars Marmalade
12 lbs. Flour	2 jars Lemon Curd
28 lbs. Vermicelli	1 jar Chocolate Spread
5 lbs. Macaroni	1 jar Salad Dressing
1 lb. Soyaggetti	10 jars Piccalilli
	1 jar Cucumbers

23½ lbs. Sweets
 9 bars Chocolate Crisp
 2 Malt Bars
 6½ lbs. Dates
 40 lbs. Figs
 84 Oranges
 10 bags Walnuts
 53 boxes Dates
 ¾ lb. Currants
 ¾ lb. Sultanas
 35—6 lb. tins Corned Mutton
 1—12 oz. tin Corned Mutton
 19—12 oz. tins Pork
 Luncheon Meat
 19 tins Pork Sausage
 4 tins Pork
 18 tins Beef Loaf
 2 tins Ham Loaf
 19 tins Bacon
 12 tins Veal Loaf
 2 tins Brisket
 6 tins Brawn
 3 tins Galantine
 2 tins Ox Tongue
 13 tins Stewed Steak
 3 tins Meat Roll
 1 tin Braised Hearts
 1 tin Lambs Tongues
 11 tins Meat and Vegetables
 12 tins Steak and Kidney
 11 tins Meat Lunch
 16 tins Chili Con Carne
 7 tins Potted Meat
 2 tins Rabbit
 10 tins Turkey
 56 tins Soup
 12 tins Whiting
 41 tins Sardines

366 jars Mixed Pickles
 4 jars Olives
 33 jars Red Cabbage
 1 jar Gherkins
 5 jars Herrings
 8 jars Smoked Herring Roes
 1 jar Anchovies
 3 jars Paste
 1 bottle Coffee
 1 tin Cheese
 721 tins Milk
 154—6 lb. tins Corned Beef
 44—12 oz. tins Corned Beef
 1 tin Hors d'Œuvres
 5 tins Gherkins
 1 tin Pickles
 9 tins Gaffelbiters
 8 tins Pate de Foie
 6 tins Macaroni
 8 tins Spaghetti
 1 tin Sweet Corn
 235 tins Parsnips
 21 tins Carrots
 8 tins Spinach
 68 tins Baked Beans
 58 tins Beetroot
 183 tins Peas
 24 tins Mixed Vegetables
 2 tins Potatoes
 3 tins Strained Vegetables
 48 tins Horseradish and Beetroot
 85 tins Tomatoes
 2 tins Fruit Cocktail
 15 tins Apples
 24 tins Peaches
 37 tins Plums
 18 tins Apricots
 105 tins Grapefruit

38 tins Salmon	9 tins Pears
33 tins Pilchards	4 tins Grapes
2 tins Crawfish	4 tins Rhubarb
16 tins Mackerel	4 tins Gooseberries
24 tins Herrings	8 tins Apple Puree
6 tins Herring Roes	9 tins Cherries
223 tins Herring Tidbits	1 tin Blackberries
1 tin Kipperd Herrings	2 tins Prunes
5 tins Crab	1 tin Oranges
57 tins Mussels	1 tin Damsons
5 tins Cod Roe	27 tins Orange Juice
11 tins Hake	13 tins Grapefruit Juice
6 tins Anchovies	33 tins Tomato Juice
1 tin Oysters	4 tins Mincemeat
2 tins Fish Balls	30 tins Jam
4 tins Snoek	48 tins Marmalade
3 tins Shrimp	6 tins Syrup
1 tin Cape Fish	2 tins Pudding
1 tin Minced Fish	1 tin Crunchettes
10 tins Fish Spread	2 tins Cocoa and Malt

FOOD POISONING

There was no outbreak of food poisoning in 1948.

HUMANE SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS

In accordance with the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933, all animals, including sheep, slaughtered in a slaughterhouse within the district must be stunned by means of a mechanically operated instrument kept in good repair.

This method of slaughter continues to prove satisfactory.

LICENSED SLAUGHTERMEN

The Act also provides that no animal shall be slaughtered or stunned by any person who is not the holder of a licence granted by the local authority. The licences granted by the Council have to be renewed annually. The number of persons licensed under the Act during 1948 was 2.

Licence in respect of establishment at which Tuberculin Tested milk is bottled	...	...	...	...	...	1
Licences in respect of establishments in which the process of pasteurising milk is carried on	...	...	...	...	...	2
Two samples of Tuberculin Tested and three of Pasteurised milk were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination. These samples complied with the prescribed conditions.						

ICE CREAM PREMISES

The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment etc.) Regulations, 1947 control the method by which ice cream should be manufactured.

Only three persons make ice cream within the Borough, one manufacturing by the heat treatment method and two using proprietary powders known as "complete cold mix" which only require the addition of water.

Most of the ice cream sold is manufactured outside the Borough.

There are 78 premises registered for the sale of ice cream.

Twelve samples were taken during the year.

COFFEE STALLS

The number of coffee stalls in the Borough is two. Both are situated on the main roads.

They are visited at intervals and action is taken to secure the provision of a satisfactory water supply, suitable means of food storage, cleanliness of stalls and utensils and proper means for the storage and disposal of refuse.

FISH FRIERS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936, fish frying has ceased to be an offensive trade within the Borough. This business is established at 7 premises, one new one being opened during the year.

GAME LICENCES

Seventeen applications were received under Section 27 of the Local Government Act, 1894, from tradesmen in the Borough for licences to deal in game. A licence was granted in each instance.

THE SHOPS ACTS, 1912-1936

Inspection of shops in the Borough has been carried out and complaints and contraventions dealt with.

Particulars in regard to the shops on the Register are as follows :

Number on register at beginning of 1948	...	...	...	843
Number closed	...	...	...	3
New shops	...	...	...	26
No. on register at end of 1948	...	...	...	866
Changes of occupancy	...	...	...	13
Infringements recorded	...	...	...	—

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Legal proceedings were taken in the following instances :

- (1) A retailer was summonsed for selling vinegar in a dirty bottle. The defendant thereupon summonsed the wholesaler who in turn summonsed the manufacturer. The defendant was fined £5 and £2 2s. costs and the wholesaler £10 and £10 10s. costs.
- (2) A retailer was summonsed for selling a loaf of bread containing tin tacks, and he summonsed the baker who manufactured the bread. The case was dismissed, the defendants being awarded £6 6s. costs.

SWIMMING POOLS

A considerable advance in the purification of bath water has been made by the introduction of "Break Point Chlorination", and Finchley was one of the first places to adopt this method.

Numerous samples were taken from each pool throughout the summer and the bacteriological report in each case was very satisfactory.

RODENT CONTROL

					RATS	MICE	WASPS
Complaints	...	...	...	...	165	110	52
Visits	...	...	...	...	2,781	700	79
Prebaited	...	...	...	...	1,524	—	—
Zinc Phosphide	...	P O I S O N S	...	...	474	110	—
Arsenic	...		...	...	37	—	—
Red Squills	...		...	...	3	—	—
Antic	...		...	...	4	—	—
Gassing	...		...	...	59	—	54

Rats were found within the curtilage of 75 premises other than those for which complaints were received.

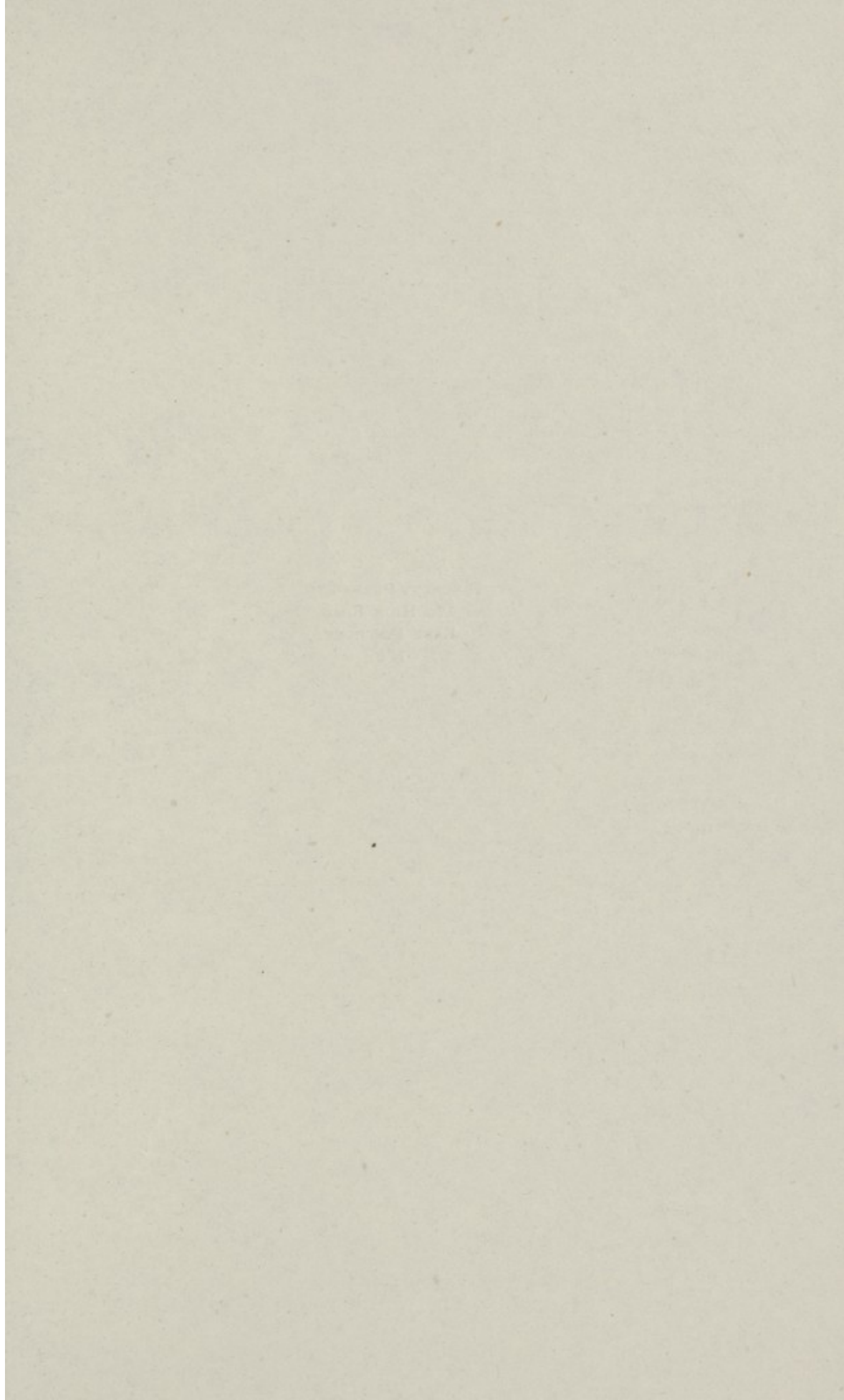
Poultry was kept at 41% of premises infested with rats. Three hundred and forty-six jobs were completed during the year.

Twelve rat infestations and 8 mice infestations were incomplete at the end of the year, while 16 cases carried forward from 1947 were completed during 1948.

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