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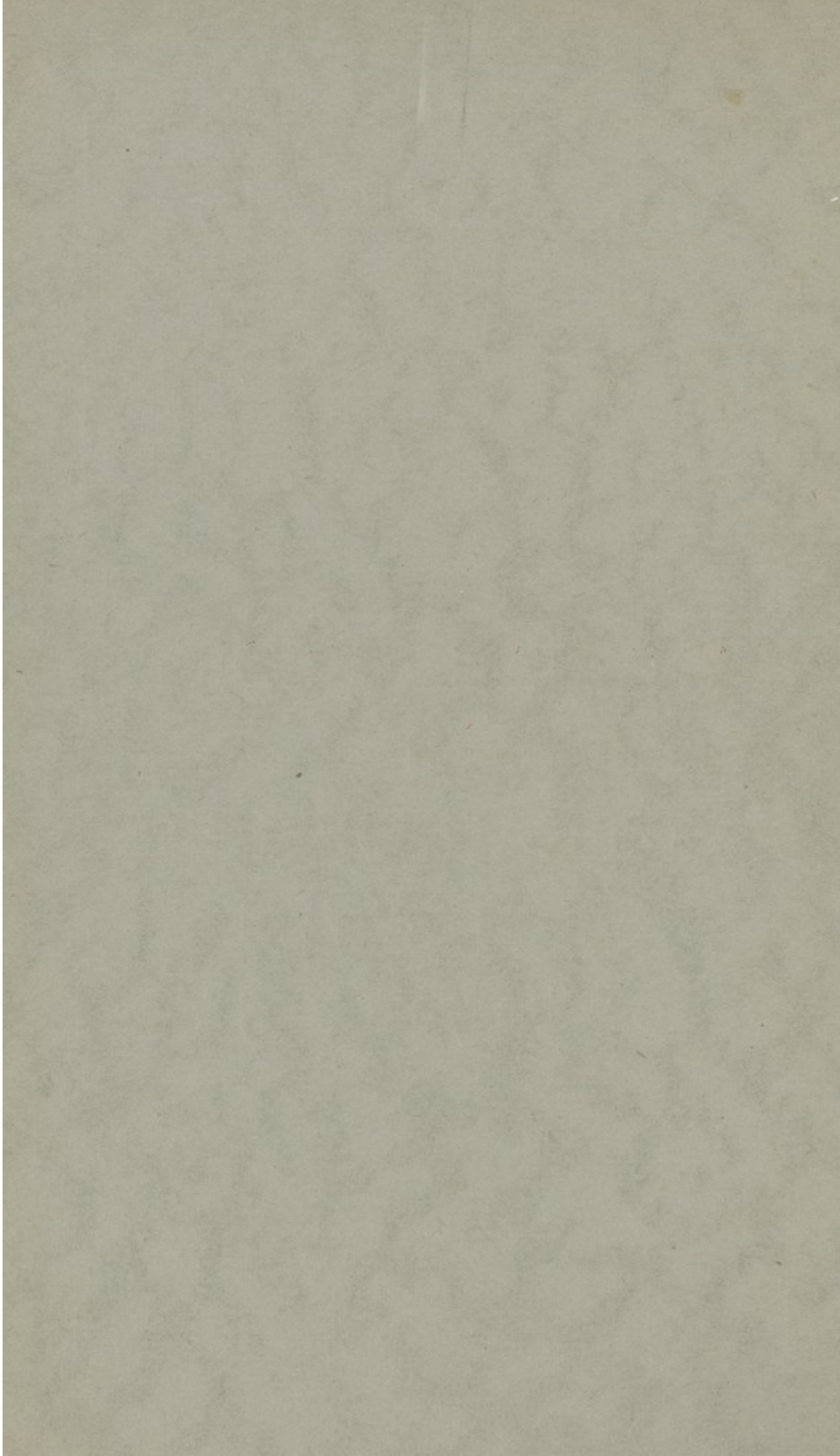
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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH
for the year 1951

A. A. TURNER, M.C., M.D., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health.



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as at 31st December, 1951

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of the
... ..

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1951

- District Sanitary Inspectors
- W. H. ...
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- E. A. ...

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

AUGUST, 1952.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1951.

The vital statistics show that the birth rate continues to fall and the death rate to rise with the result that the natural increase in the population—i.e. the excess of live births over deaths—continues to diminish. In 1951 it was only 38.

The increase in deaths was mainly due to such causes as cardio-vascular disease, Influenza, Bronchitis and violence.

The infantile mortality rate has increased from 16.6 to 24, but the stillbirth rate has decreased to a greater extent.

No mother died as the result of childbirth.

The position regarding infectious diseases was satisfactory. The 1950 epidemics of Measles and Whooping Cough continued well into 1951 but both diseases remained mild in character.

For the fifth successive year there was no case of Diphtheria in the Borough. There was only one death from infectious disease, that of an adult who died from Poliomyelitis.

There was a slight increase in the number of new cases of and deaths from Tuberculosis.

There were no cases of Food Poisoning.

A detailed account is given of the work of the Sanitary Inspectors in connection with housing, environmental hygiene, food and water, factories, rodent control etc.

Once again I express my gratitude to all members of the staff for their customary loyalty and conscientiousness throughout the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. A. TURNER,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	3,475
Population 1951 (Registrar-General's Estimate)	70,190
Census-Population (April 1951)	69,990
Number of Inhabited Houses (1951)	19,664
Rateable Value (1951)	£922,795
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£3,799
Total Live Births	915
Birth Rate per 1,000 home population	13.0
Birth Rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)	15.5
Total Stillbirths	12
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	12.9
Total Deaths	877
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 home population	12.5
Standardised Death Rate	11.5
Death Rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)	12.5
Infant Deaths	22
Infant Mortality Rate	24.0
Infant Mortality Rate (England and Wales)	29.6
Maternal Deaths	—
Maternal Mortality Rate	—
Maternal Mortality Rate (England and Wales)	0.79

<i>Live Births :</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	445	432	877
Illegitimate	16	22	38
	461	454	915

Birth rate 13.0 per 1,000 estimated home population.

<i>Stillbirths</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
... ..	8	4	12

Rate: 12.9 per 1,000 (live and still) births.

					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Deaths</i>	...	...	...	...	395	482	877
Rate: 12.5 per 1,000 estimated home population.							

Deaths from disease and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth :

From Sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

Death Rate of infants under one year of age :

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	24.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	22.8
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	52.6
<i>Deaths from Cancer (all ages)</i>	...	...	...	138
<i>Deaths from Measles (all ages)</i>	...	...	...	—
<i>Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)</i>	...	...	...	—
<i>Deaths from Diarrhæa (under 2 years of age)</i>	...	...	...	—

POPULATION

The Registrar-General has estimated the home population to be 70,190 which is 530 less than in 1950. In the Census in April, the figure was 69,990; 31,212 males and 38,778 females.

BIRTHS

There were 915 registered live births in 1951, as compared with 962 in the previous year while the birth rate was 13.0 as compared with 13.6. The rate for England and Wales was 15.5.

STILLBIRTHS

There were 12 stillbirths in 1951 giving a rate of 0.17 per 1,000 of the home population. The rate for England and Wales was 0.36.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

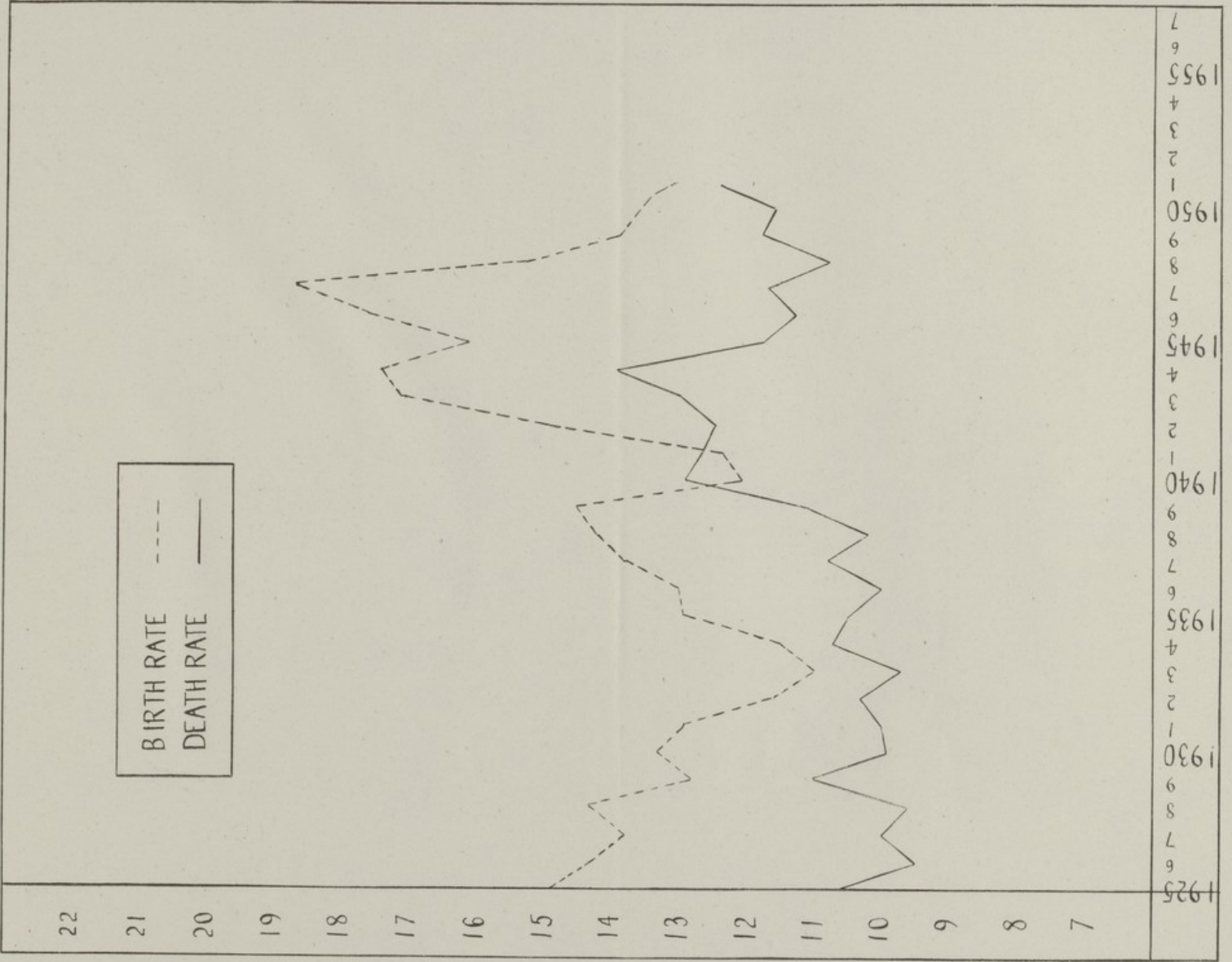
There were 22 deaths of infants under one year of age giving an infantile mortality rate of 24.0 per 1,000 live births.

The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 29.6.

The increase in the number of infant deaths is due to an increase of 6 in the number of deaths of premature infants.

This increase is more than offset by a reduction of 9 in the number of stillbirths as compared with 1950.

BIRTH AND DEATH RATES SINCE 1925



BIRTH RATE

 DEATH RATE
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Rates per 1,000 Population

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DEVIL LAKE
BIG LAKE

Population per 1000

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no maternal deaths in 1951.

DEATHS

There were 877 deaths in 1951, 58 more than in 1950. Although there were fewer deaths from Cancer there were more from diseases of the heart or blood vessels, Influenza, Bronchitis, Nephritis and Motor Vehicle Accidents than in 1950. There were 14 deaths from Motor Vehicle Accidents and 16 from other accidents. No child under 15 years of age died as the result of an accident. Twenty-seven per cent. of all deaths were of persons between 65 and 75 years of age and forty-four per cent. were over 75 years.

The crude death rate was 12.5 and the standardised death rate was 11.5. The rate for England and Wales was 12.5 Each district is allotted a comparability figure by the Registrar-General which varies according to the age and sex constitution of the population as compared with those of England and Wales as a whole.

The average age of the population of Finchley is considerably higher than that of the Country as a whole and as there are inevitably more deaths per 1,000 in an older population than in a younger one Finchley is allotted a comparability figure of 0.92 by which the crude death rate is multiplied in order to obtain the standardised death rate.

MORTUARY

One hundred and twenty-one bodies were received in the Mortuary, and 25 of these were from Friern Barnet. Post-mortem examinations were carried out in all cases except one.

Alcoholism	1
Cardiac	1
Diabetes	1
Fractures	10
Other Causes	4
TOTALS	17

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1951

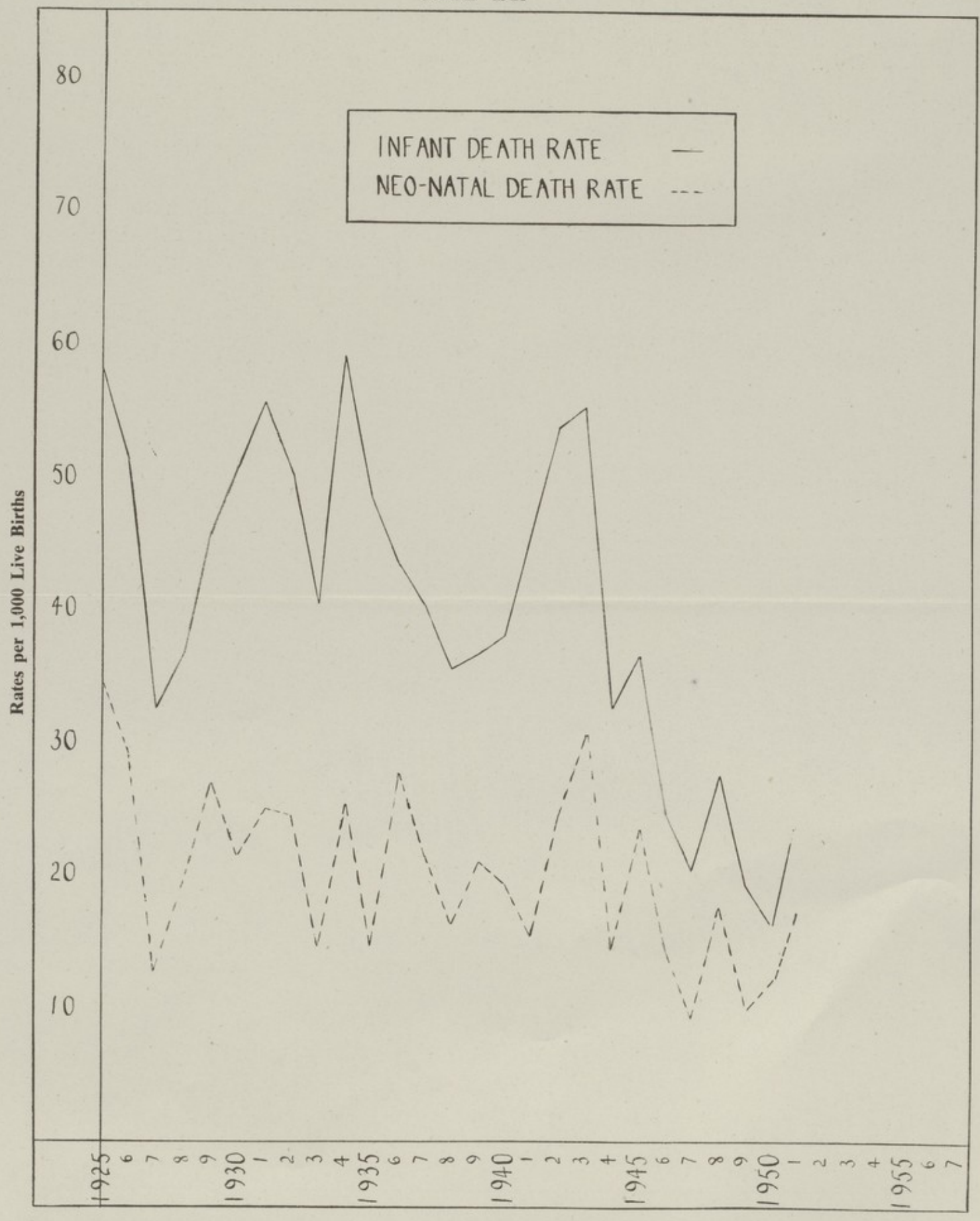
Deaths from stated causes at various ages under one year of age

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
All Causes	Certified Uncertified	15 —	— —	1 —	— —	16 —	2 —	4 —	— —	— —	22 —
Smallpox ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chicken Pox ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria & Croup ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculous Meningitis ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningitis (not Tuberculous) ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Convulsions ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Laryngitis ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia (all forms) ...		—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2
Diarrhoea ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteritis ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gastritis ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilis ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rickets ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suffocation, Overlying ...		—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Injury at Birth ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Atelectasis ...		1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital Malformations ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3
Premature Birth ...		10	—	1	—	11	—	—	—	—	11
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Causes ...		4	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4
TOTALS ...		15	—	1	—	16	2	4	—	—	22

INFANT DEATH AND NEO-NATAL DEATH RATES SINCE 1925

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CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT DEATH DURING THE YEAR, 1951

No.	CAUSES OF DEATH	NET DEATHS AT THE SUBJOINED AGES OF "RESIDENTS" WHETHER OCCURRING WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE DISTRICT									
		All Ages	Under 4 months	4 months and under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and under 75	75 and upwards
	All Causes } Certified } Uncertified										
1.	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	16	...	...	...	...	1	6	3	5
2.	Tuberculosis, Other	3	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1
3.	Syphilitic Disease	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
4.	Diphtheria ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5.	Whooping Cough ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6.	Meningococcal Infections ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
8.	Measles ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9.	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	18	...	...	...	...	1	3	7	7
11.	" " Lung, Bronchus	26	...	...	...	...	4	16	3	3
12.	" " Breast	14	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	8
13.	" " Uterus	5	...	...	...	...	1	3	1	...
14.	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	75	...	...	...	...	2	25	21	27
15.	Leukæmia, Aleukæmia	6	...	...	...	2	...	2	2	...
16.	Diabetes	11	...	...	...	1	...	2	5	3
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	104	...	...	...	...	1	18	39	46
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	150	...	...	...	...	6	34	45	65
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease	34	...	...	...	...	...	5	15	14
20.	Other Heart Disease	124	...	...	...	...	1	11	26	86
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	36	...	...	...	...	...	7	10	19
22.	Influenza	17	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	10
23.	Pneumonia	30	1	1	...	...	...	3	5	20
24.	Bronchitis	42	...	...	...	...	...	7	18	17
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	10	...	...	...	...	1	3	2	4
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	9	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	4
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	4	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	13	...	...	...	...	1	5	5	2
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31.	Congenital Malformations	8	...	3	...	1	1	1	...	2	
32.	Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	73	17	...	...	2	...	2	18	11
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	14	...	...	...	...	4	2	2	4
34.	All Other Accidents	16	...	...	...	...	1	3	4	8
35.	Suicide	7	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	3
36.	Homicide and Operations of War ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	877	18	4	1	4	9	36	184	238	383

TABLES OF AND AGES AT DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1981

TABLE 1. Males, 1981

Age	Number of Deaths	Rate per 1,000
0-1	10	1.0
2-3	15	1.5
4-5	20	2.0
6-7	25	2.5
8-9	30	3.0
10-11	35	3.5
12-13	40	4.0
14-15	45	4.5
16-17	50	5.0
18-19	55	5.5
20-21	60	6.0
22-23	65	6.5
24-25	70	7.0
26-27	75	7.5
28-29	80	8.0
30-31	85	8.5
32-33	90	9.0
34-35	95	9.5
36-37	100	10.0
38-39	105	10.5
40-41	110	11.0
42-43	115	11.5
44-45	120	12.0
46-47	125	12.5
48-49	130	13.0
50-51	135	13.5
52-53	140	14.0
54-55	145	14.5
56-57	150	15.0
58-59	155	15.5
60-61	160	16.0
62-63	165	16.5
64-65	170	17.0
66-67	175	17.5
68-69	180	18.0
70-71	185	18.5
72-73	190	19.0
74-75	195	19.5
76-77	200	20.0
78-79	205	20.5
80-81	210	21.0
82-83	215	21.5
84-85	220	22.0
86-87	225	22.5
88-89	230	23.0
90-91	235	23.5
92-93	240	24.0
94-95	245	24.5
96-97	250	25.0
98-99	255	25.5
100+	260	26.0

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS SINCE 1925

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)
1925	724	14.9	515	10.6	42	58.0	4	3	1
1926	722	14.3	480	9.5	37	51.2	2	1	3
1927	709	13.8	515	10.0	23	32.4	—	—	—
1928	760	14.3	511	9.6	28	36.8	10	7	2
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
1949	981	13.9	834	11.8	19	19.3	—	—	2
1950	962	13.6	819	11.6	16	16.6	—	—	—
1951	915	13.0	877	12.5	22	24.0	—	—	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	97	62	124	132	99
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	2	1	1	2	1
Meningococcal Infection					
Poliomyelitis	3	4	26	3	5
Pneumonia	48	60	65	48	72
Measles	167	888	381	730	647
Whooping Cough	138	254	88	361	240

DIPHTHERIA

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

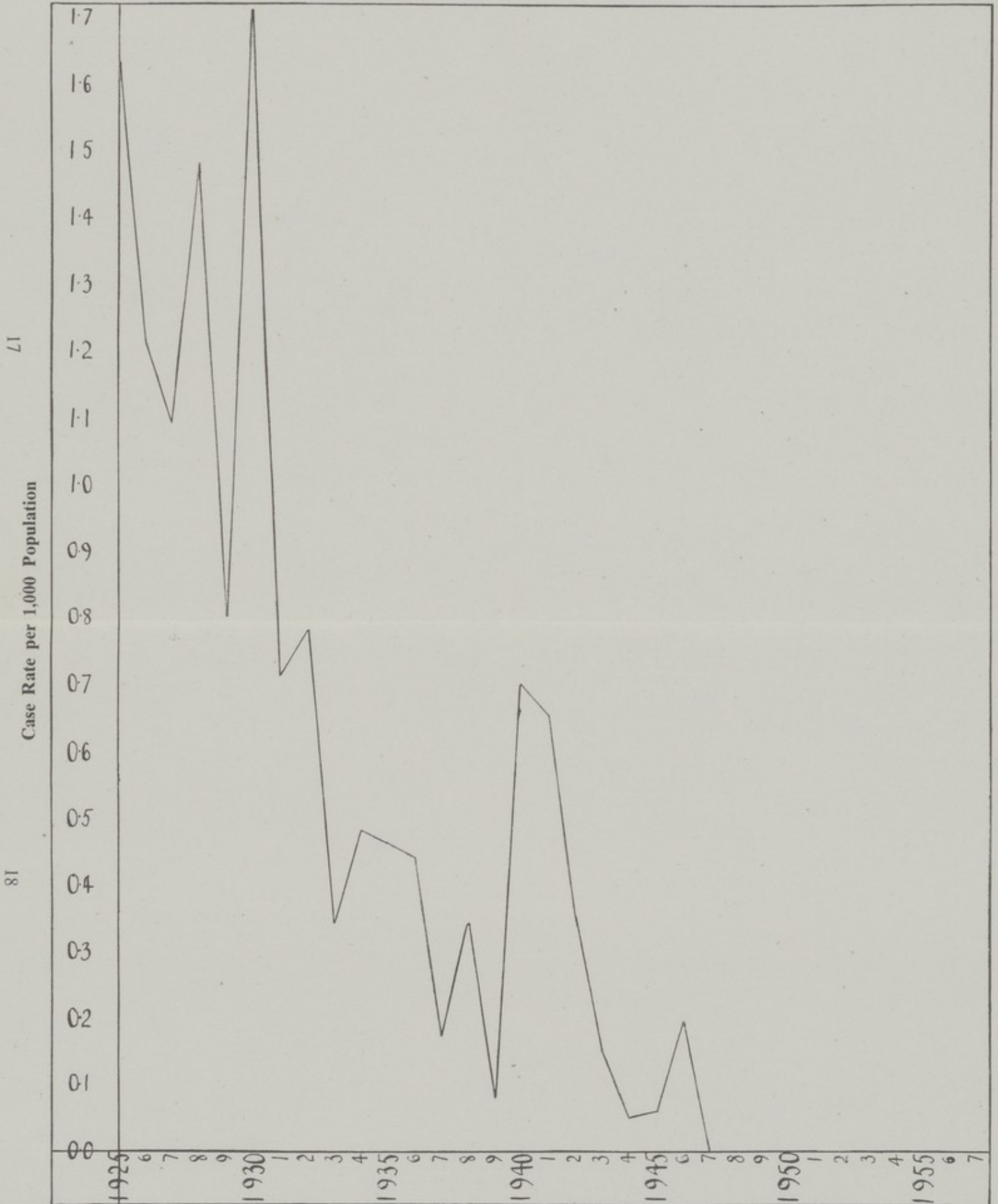
During 1951, 788 children were immunised. Of these, 381 were immunised by private practitioners and 407 at sessions arranged by the Area Medical Officer.

A combined Diphtheria prophylactic and Whooping Cough vaccine was used in the case of 153 of the total number of children immunised by private practitioners.

The number of children immunised during the previous 3 years was as follows:—

1948	...	...	...	...	...	1,163
1949	...	...	...	...	...	982
1950	...	...	...	...	...	744

INCIDENCE OF DIPHTHERIA SINCE 1925





Line graph showing data points for various categories.

SCARLET FEVER

There were 99 cases of Scarlet Fever, 33 fewer than in the previous year. The known cases were mild in character and there is little doubt that in a number of others the illness was so slight as to escape detection altogether. There were no deaths.

POLIOMYELITIS

There were 5 cases of poliomyelitis of which 4 were paralytic and one non-paralytic. All of these made good recoveries, but the death of a young woman who died while on holiday in Sussex was allocated to Finchley.

MEASLES

The measles epidemic for 1950 (730 notifications) extended into 1951 when there were 647 notifications. This is the largest epidemic that has occurred since notification started and it is gratifying no death resulted from it.

WHOOPING COUGH

Whooping Cough also was prevalent in 1950 and 1951. The notifications numbered 361 and 240 and there were no deaths.

PNEUMONIA

Seventy-two cases were notified in 1951 and there were 30 deaths, 25 of which were persons of 65 years of age and over.

MALARIA

Two cases of malaria in soldiers who had served abroad were notified.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following cases were also notified:

Dysentery	...	...	...	...	38
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	14
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	2
Paratyphoid B	...	...	...	...	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	38

BACTERIOLOGICAL WORK

The following table shows the number and nature of the specimens examined at the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, during 1951.

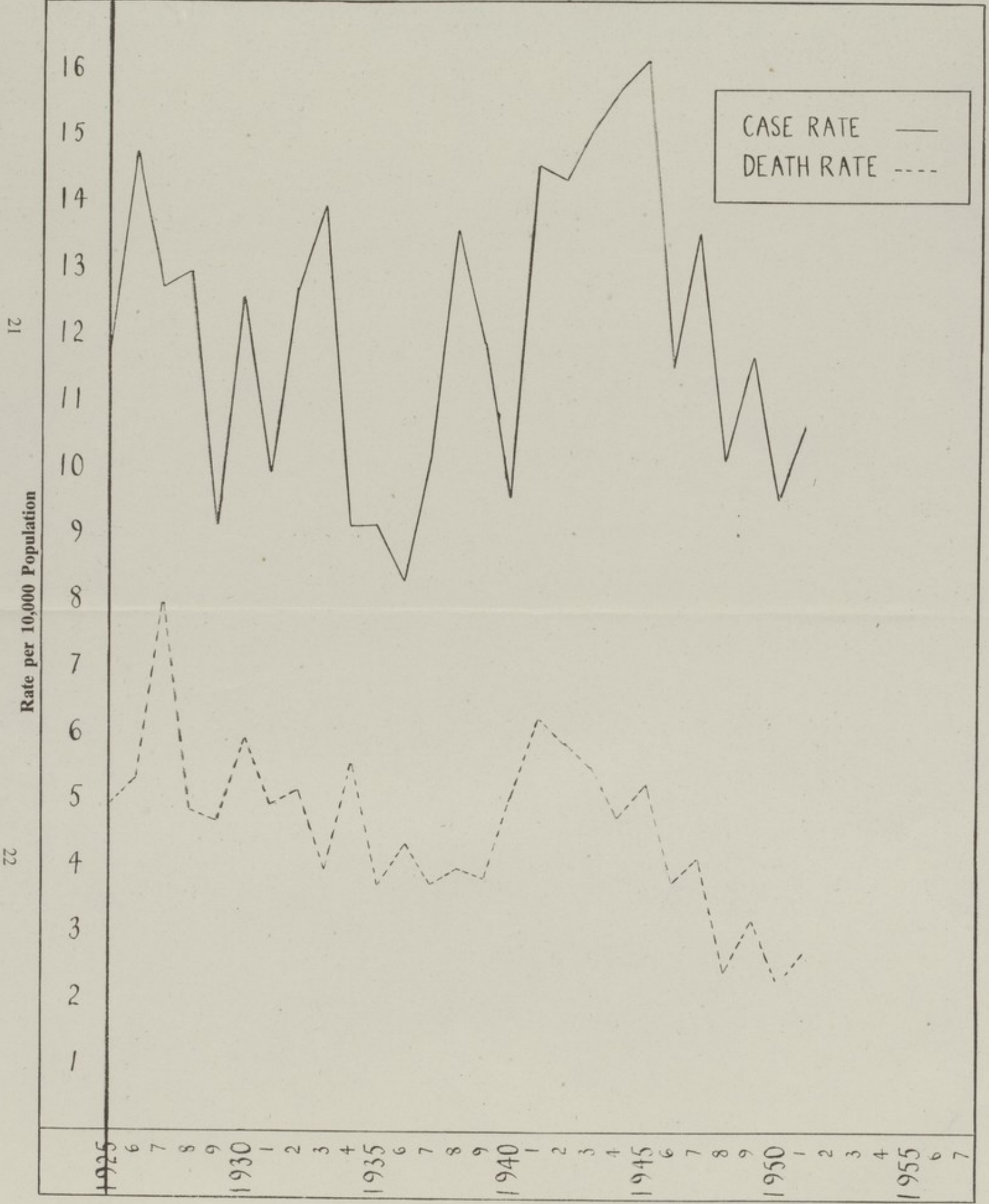
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Throat/Nose Swabs:		
Diphtheria Bacilli	—	} 239
Hæmolytic Streptococci	62	
Vincent's Angina	5	
Fæces:		
Sonne Dysentery	142	} 300
Salmonella	45	
Protozoa	—	
Sputum:		
T.B. Smear	9	} 49
Other Organisms	8	
Whooping Cough:		
Cough Plate	—	} 45
Post-nasal Swab	8	
	279	633

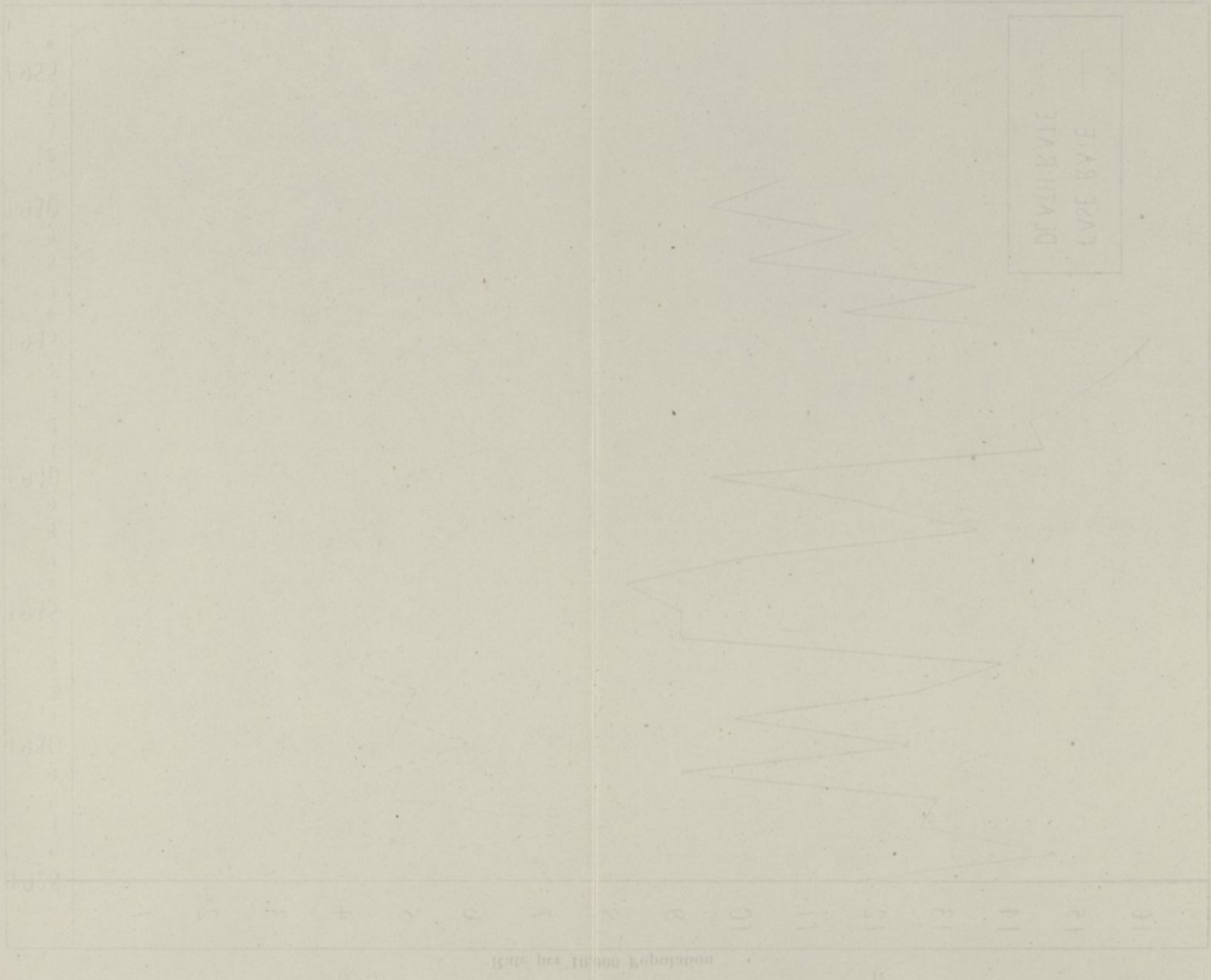
TUBERCULOSIS

Sixty-seven cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified in 1951 as compared with 58 in 1950 and 8 non-pulmonary as compared with 9 in the previous year.

Deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis increased from 14 in 1950 to 16 and deaths from non-pulmonary increased from 2 in 1950 to 3 in 1951.

TUBERCULOSIS (ALL FORMS)





U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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
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
1949	41	37	2	4	10	8	1	4
1950	37	21	2	7	9	5	2	—
1951	37	30	2	6	6	10	1	2

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Twenty-six persons were examined on appointment to the Council's staff and 56 workmen were examined with a view to their admission to the Council's Sickness Pay Scheme.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

(a) Section 47

Several cases were brought to the notice of the Department of persons who were living in insanitary surroundings and who were not receiving proper care and attention.

In each case it was possible to make satisfactory arrangements for these persons without having to resort to compulsory removal to suitable premises under the provisions of the above section.

(b) Section 50

One burial was carried out by the Council under the provisions of this section.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The following are particulars of the work of the Sanitary Inspectors during the year 1951:

HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses:

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1,559
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	6,732
(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	—
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	2
(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	881

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	655
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	10
(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	2

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	61
(2) Number rendered fit:	
(a) By owners	55
(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	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	2

HOUSES UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION

Elmshurst Cottage, East End Road, N.2.

5 Plowmans Cottages, Chapel Street, N.2.

The above premises were found to be unfit and incapable of repair at reasonable cost and were being dealt with at the end of the year.

1116 and 1188 High Road, N.20.

1116 High Road, N.20, was demolished by the owner following an order made by the Council in 1950.

1188 High Road, N.20. A demolition order was served upon the owner, and the tenants re-housed by the Council. The owner had started demolition of the property at the end of the year.

54 Alexandra Grove, N.12.

The closing order which had been made with regard to the basement flat at the above premises was rescinded, after the acceptance by the Council of an undertaking by the owner to carry out works to make the flat habitable. The necessary repairs were executed and the flat re-let.

33 Brownlow Road, N.3

This house which had been unoccupied for some years and was incapable of repair at reasonable cost was dealt with informally and demolished by the owner.

INSPECTIONS

The total number of inspections made during the year was 16,304. At 920 of the houses and other premises visited, defects or nuisances to the number of 2,998 were discovered, and at the end of the year 3,109 including a number outstanding at the end of 1950 had been remedied or abated. The work in connection with 428 was in hand and 1,883 were outstanding. In order to ascertain that the sanitary defects were being properly remedied 1,537 visits were paid to the respective premises while the work was in progress.

With costs of labour and materials still rising it is becoming increasingly difficult for owners of rent-controlled dwellings to carry out the work necessary to keep the premises in a reasonable state of repair and the time is approaching when many properties requiring major works cannot be repaired at reasonable cost.

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	...	...	...	...	52
Special Inspections	...	...	...	...	3,992
Reinspections	...	...	...	...	3,127
Inspections of Works in Progress	...	...	...	...	1,537
Inspections of Factories and Workplaces (including Bake-houses and Restaurant Kitchens)	...	...	...	...	500
Visits to Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	9
Inspections of Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	24
Inspections of Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	71
Inspections of Meat, Fish and other Food Shops	...	...	...	...	856
Inspections of Shops (Shops Act)	...	...	...	...	75
Visits re Infectious Disease and Vermin	...	...	...	...	667
Visits re Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	4,611
Visits re Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	175
Visits re Building Licences	...	...	...	...	40
Visits re Hawkers	...	...	...	...	59
Visits to Hairdressers' Premises	...	...	...	...	6
Visits to Houses let in lodgings	...	...	...	...	18
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	485
					16,304

SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT

DRAINAGE

Number of houses and premises re-drained	—
Repairs or amendments to existing drains	43
Drains or gullies unstopped or cleansed	287
Length in yards of stoneware drains laid	421
Length in yards of iron drains laid	45
Manholes provided	33
Manholes repaired	8
Manhole covers provided	41
Intercepting traps fixed	4
Fresh air inlets provided or repaired	6
New gully traps fixed	59
Gully curbs provided or repaired	14
New soil pipes and ventilating shafts fixed	11
Soil pipes and ventilating shafts repaired	12
Water tests applied	201
Smoke tests applied	28
Air tests applied	12

WATER CLOSETS AND SANITARY FITTINGS

New W.C. Basins fixed	65
W.Cs. unstopped, cleansed or repaired	30
New flushing boxes fitted to W.Cs.	14
Existing flushing boxes repaired	24
New W.C. apartments provided	1
Urinals cleansed or repaired	4
Lavatory basins provided	21
Baths provided	12
New impervious sinks provided	18
New waste pipes fixed	24
Waste pipes trapped, repaired or unstopped	39
Ventilated lobbies provided	2

MISCELLANEOUS

New roofs provided	9
Roofs repaired	285

Eaves gutters renewed, cleansed or repaired	129
Stack pipes provided, repaired or unstopped	70
Damp walls remedied	162
Walls repointed, repaired or underpinned	112
Chimney stacks repaired and pots renewed	—
Ventilation under floors provided or unstopped	14
Yards paved	5
Paving of yards repaired	14
Floors of rooms relaid	6
Floors of rooms repaired	80
Rooms cleansed, distempered or repapered	862
Plasterwork repaired	866
Windows repaired and/or made to open	255
New windows provided	7
New sash cords provided	315
Window sills repaired or provided	61
Doors provided or repaired	63
Doorsteps provided or repaired	10
Handrails to staircases provided	5
Staircases repaired	15
Artificial lighting to staircases provided	1
New ranges and stoves provided	16
Stoves and ranges repaired	97
Coppers repaired	5
Coppers provided	—
Cisterns provided	2
Cisterns repaired, cleansed and covered	47
Water service pipes repaired	27
Movable sanitary dustbins provided	66
Nuisances from keeping of animals abated	2
Nuisances from smoke abated	12
Accumulations of refuse removed	19
Accumulations of manure removed	1
Various	121
 NOTICES SERVED	
Informal notices	899
Statutory notices	86

ENQUIRIES—OUTSTANDING SANITARY NOTICES

One thousand seven hundred and sixty-four 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	...	114
Number of articles disinfected	... ..	1,566
Number of verminous premises dealt with	... ..	27
Verminous rooms disinfested	... ..	62

Six hundred and sixty-seven visits were made by the 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.

There was a substantial decrease in the number of premises infested with bugs, 15 cases having been dealt with, compared with 30 in 1950.

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

	Premises
Bugs	15
Fleas	2
Cockroaches	5
Lice	1
Beetles	4
Ants	16
Wasps	41
Miscellaneous	13

The number of verminous rooms which were dealt with was 62 compared with 112 in 1950.

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 78.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES

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

There are 13 public conveniences in the Borough, including those in Recreation Grounds. Twelve of these conveniences provide accommodation for both sexes and 1 for males only.

COMPLAINTS

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

Absence of, or defective condition of, dustbins	11
Accumulation of refuse or manure	47
Blocked or defective drains	198
Defective roofs	127
Defective W.Cs.	16
Dirty milk bottles	8
Flooding	33
Foreign matter in food	10
Insanitary or defective condition of houses	322
Noise	5
Non-removal of refuse	2
Nuisances from dampness	47
Nuisances from pig bins	1
Nuisances from the burning of refuse	9
Nuisances from the keeping of animals or poultry	7
Pollution of stream	1
Premises infested with insects	52
Premises infested with rats or mice	460
Smoke nuisances	5
Unsatisfactory Housing Conditions, including Over-crowding	53
Unsound Food	21
Verminous condition of houses	12
Wasps' nests	49
Water supply	9
Other complaints	84

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

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.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937-1948

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health made during the year.

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 ...	157	185	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	196	237	3	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	—	—	—
TOTAL	357	422	5	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	5	5	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—					
(a) Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	11	15	—	7	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	—	—	1	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	2	3	—	—	—
TOTAL	19	23	—	8	—

The total number of Factories and Workplaces on the Register is 357, made up as follows:

Bakehouses	28
Boot Repairers	28
Builders' Workshops	19
Cycle Makers or Repairers	4

Farriers and Blacksmiths	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
General Engineers and Motor Engineers	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Laundries	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Monumental Masons	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Plastic Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Prepared Meat Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Printers and Printers' Accessories	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Restaurant Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
Tailors and Dressmakers	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Timber Merchants and Sawyers	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Tyre re-treading	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Upholsterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Watch and Clock Repairers	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Other trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	73

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:

Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
W.C. apartments provided or re-constructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Ventilated lobbies provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Artificial lighting to W.Cs. provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
New W.C. pans provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
W.Cs. cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Flushing cisterns provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Urinals cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
New sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
New sink wastepipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Drains unstopped or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Yards cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Floors repaired and/or cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Premises cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Accumulations of refuse removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Ventilation of workshops provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

FOOD

FOOD POISONING

No cases of Food Poisoning were reported in 1951.

FOOD HYGIENE

Six talks and film shows for food traders were given during the winter months of the year but, in spite of letters being sent to all traders concerned and publicity by way of posters, the response was poor, as shown in the table below. It is difficult to persuade employees in the food trades, especially in the restaurant business where many of the workers are part-time women, to give up an evening of their own time.

Date	Letters sent	Replies received	Number of persons signifying intention to attend	Attendance
16.1.51	163	54	149	91
17.1.51				
30.1.51				
	63	24	62	5
				(Bad weather)
13.2.51	167	61	175	114
14.2.51				
12.3.51	118	49	132	57
10.12.51	NIL	—	—	3
17.12.51	NIL	—	—	NIL
Totals	511	188	518	270

In December two meetings for traders and the public were held. To publicise these, 53 posters were exhibited on Council Notice Boards and in food shops. These two meetings were also advertised in the local Press.

The following lectures were also given:

	<i>Attendance</i>
(a) For the School Meals Staff, Finchley and Friern Barnet areas	40
(b) For the staff of a large wholesale bakery firm (two meetings)	(1) 76
	(2) 72
(c) For other Food Traders (two meetings) ...	30
(d) For various Organisations (six meetings) ...	271

Lectures and Film Shows to School Children

A general talk with a preview of film strips was given at the Public Health Department to the Youth Officer and Domestic Subject Teachers. Lectures to classes of senior school children were arranged at five schools to an audience of 1,380 children.

Display of Dog Notices in Food Shops

Notices for exhibition in shops were sent to two hundred and forty-six traders during the year. The notices pointed out that the presence of dogs in food shops was a danger to the health of the public.

Byelaws—Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938

Copies of the Byelaws have been supplied to all traders in the district and inspections made to ascertain that the provisions thereof are being complied with.

In this connection improvements have been carried out, including the following:

Kitchens reconstructed	5
Shops modernised	4
New closed shop fronts to open shops	3
Unsatisfactory premises closed	2
New water heaters provided	13
New sanitary accommodation and washing facilities	3
Additional sinks provided	5
Refrigerators provided	6
Discontinuance of keeping cats	1

A number of traders have been prosecuted (particulars of the cases will be found under the heading "Legal Proceedings") for offences under the byelaws, including the sale of vinegar from a dirty container and the failure of hawkers to exhibit their names and addresses on their barrows.

During the year the Council adopted Section 11 of the Middlesex County Council Act, 1950, which extended Section 279 of the 1944 Act, the effect being that all hawkers of food and their premises must be registered instead of only those carrying on specified trades, e.g., the sale of meat or meat food product or fish or fruit or vegetables.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND FOOD

The inspection of food and premises where food is prepared has received special attention.

Five new registrations of hawkers were granted during the year. 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.

The number of barrow boys operating in the district has been materially reduced. Owing to new vehicle parking regulations in the side roads at North Finchley the police were able to take successful action against barrow boys for obstruction with the result that barrows have completely disappeared from that area.

One thousand two hundred and nineteen visits were made to various food premises and improvements have been carried out in a number of cases.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	—	—	—	—	111
Number inspected	—	—	—	—	111
All diseases except Tuberculosis :					
Whole carcasses con- demned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	1
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	0.9
Tuberculosis only :					
Whole carcasses con- demned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	3
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	2.7

Four Reindeer and one Scotch Deer carcasses were inspected, the whole of the deer carcase being condemned due to a severe infestation of warble fly larvæ (*Hypoderma Diana*).

UN SOUND FOOD CONDEMNED, 1951

TUBERCULOSIS

PIGS

- 1 Head
- 2 Mesenteries

OTHER DISEASES

PIGS

- 1 Pluck (Pneumonia and Pericarditis)

UN SOUND

CATTLE

- 253½ lbs. Beef
- 45 lbs. Veal

PIGS

- 4 cwt. Pigs' Feet
- 11 lbs. Pork
- 18 lbs. Pork Sausages

SHEEP

- 1 Pluck

DEER

- 1 Carcase

TINNED ARTICLES

Anchovies, Fillets of	...	50	Corn on the Cob	...	3
Baby Food	...	214	Crab Meat	...	1
Beans	...	92	Crawfish	...	1
Beef, Brisket of	...	1	Cucumber	...	1
Beef, corned (6 lb. tins)	...	29	Fish Paste	...	28
Beef, corned (12 oz. tins)	...	6	Fruit	...	764
Beef Loaf	...	24	Gaffelbiter	...	200
Beetroot	...	11	Galantine	...	1
Carrots	...	38	Golden Syrup	...	1
Celery Hearts	...	1	Hake	...	1
Chicken	...	15	Ham	...	128
Chopped Pork	...	1	Ham Loaf	...	2
Cocoa	...	1	Ham and Veal Loaf	...	2

Hearts	1	Pilchards	34
Herrings	26	Pork and Beef	4
Herring Roes	23	Pork Loin (6 lb. tins)	2
Honey	1	Potted Meat	3
Hors d'Œuvres	24	Pudding	10
Jam	80	Rabbits	5
Jellied Veal (6 lb. tins)	16	Salmon	16
Kidneys	3	Sardines	113
Luncheon Meat (4 lb. tins)	11	Sausages	24
Luncheon Meat (12 oz. tins)	191	Sheep's Tongues	1
Luncheon Meat (7 oz. tins)	11	Shredded Coconut	2
Macaroni	3	Shrimps	3
Marmalade	42	Smoked Fish Roes	346
Meat and Gravy	13	Smoked Salmon	1
Milk	517	Soup	172
Mincemeat	1	Spaghetti	43
Mixed Vegetables	36	Steak and Vegetables	5
Mushrooms	6	Stewed Mutton	1
Mutton, corned (6 lb. tins)	6	Stewed Steak	18
Mutton, corned (12 oz. tin)	1	Tomatoes	110
Ovaltine	3	Tomato Juice	13
Ox Tongue (6 lb. tins)	2	Tomato Puree	5
Peanut Butter	3	Tongue and Veal	1
Peas	522	Veal Loaf	3

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

All Bran	2 packets	Cheese	69 portions
Anchovies	1 jar	Chickens	3
Anchovies in Brine		Chocolates	1 lb.
	59-60 tons	Chocolate Bars	231
Bacon	310 lbs.	Chocolate Crunch	1½ lbs.
Biscuits	½ lb.	Chocolate Spread	2 cartons
Boiled Sweets	1 lb.	Chocolate Wafers	16 lbs.
Bovril	31 jars	Christmas Puddings	40
Butter	41 lbs.	Coconut Ice	2½ lbs.
Cheese	53 boxes	Cod Roe	1 jar
Cheese	56½ lbs.	Coffee Essence	55 bottles

Cooking Fat ...	23 lbs.	Olives ...	7 jars
Corn Flakes ...	20 packets	Pickles ...	24 jars
Curry Powder ...	18 bottles	Pickled Herrings	34
Custard Powder	4 packets	Pickled Herrings	2 jars
Dandy Sandwiches	27 packets	Pie Crust ...	22 packets
Dates ...	120 lbs.	Porridge Oats ...	18 packets
Dates ...	21 packets	Prunes ...	120 lbs.
Desiccated Coconut	2 packets	Pudding Mixture	21 packets
Eggs ...	25	Puffed Wheat ...	1 packet
Figs ...	84 lbs.	Ryvita ...	1 packet
Figs ...	87 packets	Sago ...	1 packet
Fish ...	30½ stone	Salad Cream ...	14 bottles
Fish Cakes ...	17	Self-Raising Flour	16 bags
Fish Cakes ...	10 lbs.	Semolina ...	27 lbs.
Fish Paste ...	2 jars	Shredded Wheat	4 packets
Fruit ...	111 jars	Soup ...	64 packets
Gherkins ...	4 jars	Spaghetti ...	4 packets
Ham ...	48¾ lbs.	Sponges ...	10
Herring Roes ...	274 lbs.	Sponge Mixture	36 packets
Horseradish Sauce	16 bottles	Suet ...	½ lb.
Ice Cream ...	66 packets	Suet ...	1 packet
Jam ...	3 jars	Sugar ...	62 lbs.
Jellies ...	14	Sultanas ...	30½ lbs.
Luncheon Meat	70 lbs.	Sunny Spread ...	1 jar
Margarine ...	41 lbs.	Tarts ...	4 boxes
Marmalade ...	1 jar	Tea ...	4½ lbs.
Marmite ...	4 jars	Tomato Sauce ...	5 bottles
Matzo Meal ...	1 packet	Turkeys ...	25
Matzos ...	1 packet	Vermicelli ...	2 packets
Mint Sauce ...	1 bottle	Vinegar ...	1 bottle
Olive Oil ...	24 bottles		

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The number of licensed slaughterhouses in the district is now one.

Occasional slaughtering is carried out on permit from the Food Office.

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 1951 was 2.

BUTCHERS' SHOPS

There are 48 butchers' shops in the Borough.

All the shops are provided with glass fronts.

These premises have been visited and the provisions of the Public Health (Meat) Regulations which provide for the cleanliness of the premises, apparatus, utensils and vehicles, the precautions to be taken against the contamination of meat, the storage and removal of refuse, etc., have generally been well observed.

By arrangement with the owner, the use of one unsatisfactory shop was discontinued.

One new shop was opened.

BAKEHOUSES

The number of bakehouses in the Borough is 27.

At 23 bakehouses motive power is used.

The bakehouses have been visited by the inspectors and steps have been taken to cause them to be maintained in a proper sanitary condition. The periodical cleansing of these premises, as required by statute, has generally been carried out.

Two old bakehouses of low standard have been closed.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS

There are 9 registered premises within the district, and all have been inspected from time to time.

GAME LICENCES

Twenty-three 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.

SHOPS ACT 1950

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 1951	...	...	...	885
Number closed	...	...	...	25
New shops	...	...	...	13
Number on Register at end of 1951	...	...	...	873
Changes of occupancy	...	...	...	25

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Legal proceedings were taken in the following instances:

- (1) Eight street traders were summoned for 16 offences including 5 cases of failure to register as hawkers under Section 11 of the Middlesex County Council Act, 1950 and 11 instances of failure to exhibit names and addresses as required by the byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Fines amounting to £14-10-0 and costs totalling 10/- were imposed.
- (2) A summons was taken out against a firm for the sale of vinegar in a dirty bottle. A fine of £2-0-0 was imposed and £3-3-0 costs were awarded.
- (3) Proceedings were taken against the owner of premises for failure to comply with a Statutory Notice served under the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring the repair of a drain. A fine of £5-0-0, £2-2-0 costs and a daily penalty of £2-0-0 were imposed.

SWIMMING POOLS

In co-operation with the Borough Engineer and Surveyor samples of the water were taken at intervals throughout the summer months.

On all occasions the bacteriological reports on these samples were entirely satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLY

During the year the water supply of the Borough has been satisfactory in quality and in quantity. The bulk of the water is supplied by the Barnet District Water Company and copies of reports on 10 samples which were taken by the Company during the year and submitted for bacteriological examination to the Counties Public Health Laboratory were forwarded to me. In addition 3 samples were submitted to the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale. In all cases the results were satisfactory.

All dwelling-houses in the Borough are supplied with water from public water mains direct to the houses with the exception of 10 houses serving a population of 27 which are served by stand-pipes.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

The factory chimneys in the area have been kept under observation and generally little nuisance from smoke or grit has occurred.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

The above Act, which came into operation on the 1st November, controls premises in which rag flock and other filling materials are used in the making of new articles. A survey was made of all the upholsterers' premises in the district, and it was found that only one came within the provisions of the Act.

RODENT CONTROL

During the year 460 complaints were received. Three hundred and nineteen of these dealt with rat infestations and 141 with mice infestations.

The following table shows that since last year rat complaints increased whilst mice complaints decreased slightly.

	Premises from which complaints have been received		Premises where infestation was confirmed		Premises where infestation was not confirmed	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
Rats	229	319	162	229	67	90
Mice	164	141	146	130	18	11
Total	393	460	308	359	85	101

Resulting from these complaints, rats were found at 164 additional premises.

Rats were found in and around places where poultry was kept in 46 cases. This figure represents 14.4% of the infestations.

SUMMARY OF INFESTATIONS

						Rats	Mice
Visits in connection with infestations	...	...	...	...	...	3930	681
Number of confirmed infestations	...	...	...	...	...	393	130
Prebait	...	...	...	...	...	5550	—
Zinc Phosphide	...					309	130
Arsenic	...					71	—
Red Squill	...					29	—
A.N.T.U.	...					16	—
Barium Carbonate	...					1	—

Three smoke tests were applied to rat burrows. No defects in drainage were revealed.

A Ship Rat was destroyed in a fruiterer's shop. It had been brought into the premises in a case of bananas from an infested store outside the district.

This was reported to the Ministry of Agriculture who took appropriate action.

TREATMENT OF SEWERS

Sausage Rusk with Zinc Phosphide, and Bread Mash with Arsenic were used alternately, in carrying out the maintenance treatment of sewers.

Two maintenance treatments were carried out during the year, with the following results:

	First Treatment	Second Treatment
Total number of manholes baited	396	563
Number of poison takes ...	42	72

The results of the poison takes in each treatment represent approximately 11.9% of the total number of manholes baited. This figure is a very satisfactorily low percentage.

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