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# Borough of Finchley



## ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the year 1952



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*Medical Officer of Health.*





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

AUGUST, 1953.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1952.

The vital statistics are highly satisfactory. The birth rate (13.6) has increased, the death rate (11.1) has decreased.

The infantile mortality rate (11.5) is extremely low and there was only one death in children of 1-5 years. The maternal mortality is nil.

A Finchley resident contracted and succumbed to Poliomyelitis outside the Borough, but otherwise there was no death from the common infectious diseases.

It is now 7 years since we had a case of Diphtheria.

The position regarding Tuberculosis shows very little change.

The record of the work of the Sanitary Inspectors is set out in some detail.

Much time has been devoted to such matters as the improvement of housing conditions, safeguarding food supplies, education in food hygiene, destruction of pests and vermin, and the betterment of sanitary conditions in general and no small measure of success has been achieved.

I tender my thanks to all the staff of the Health Department for willing and efficient work throughout the year and particularly to Mr. Gray and Mr. Legge for their help in preparing this report.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. A. TURNER,

*Medical Officer of Health.*



## STATISTICS

Area (in acres) ... ..	3,478
Population, 1952 (Registrar-General's Estimate) ...	70,290
Number of Inhabited Houses (1952) ... ..	19,812
Rateable Value (1952) ... ..	£930,016
Sum represented by a Penny Rate ... ..	£3,822
Total Live Births ... ..	953
Birth Rate per 1,000 home population ... ..	13.6
Birth Rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales) ...	15.3
Total Stillbirths ... ..	23
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births ... ..	23.6
Total Deaths ... ..	782
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 home population ... ..	11.1
Standardised Death Rate ... ..	10.2
Death Rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales) ...	11.3
Infant Deaths ... ..	11
Infant Mortality Rate ... ..	11.5
Infant Mortality Rate (England and Wales) ... ..	27.6
Maternal Deaths ... ..	—
Maternal Mortality Rate ... ..	—
Maternal Mortality Rate (England and Wales) ... ..	0.72

<i>Live Births :</i>				<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	476	435	911
Illegitimate	...	...	...	24	18	42
				—	—	—
				500	453	953
				—	—	—

Birth rate 13.6 per 1,000 estimated home population.

					Males	Females	Total
Stillbirths	...	...	...	...	13	10	23
	Rate 23.6 per 1,000 (live and still) births						

					Males	Females	Total
Deaths	...	...	...	...	382	400	782
Rate 11.1 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	...	...	...	11.5
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	12.1
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	—

*Deaths from Cancer (all ages)* ... .. 153

*Deaths from Measles (all ages)* ... .. —

*Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)* ... .. —

*Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)* ... .. —

#### POPULATION

The Registrar-General has estimated the home population to be 70,290 which is 100 more than in 1951.

#### BIRTHS

There were 953 registered live births in 1952, as compared with 915 in the previous year while the birth rate was 13.6 as compared with 13.0. The rate for England and Wales was 15.3.

#### STILLBIRTHS

There were 23 stillbirths, and all of them took place in hospital.

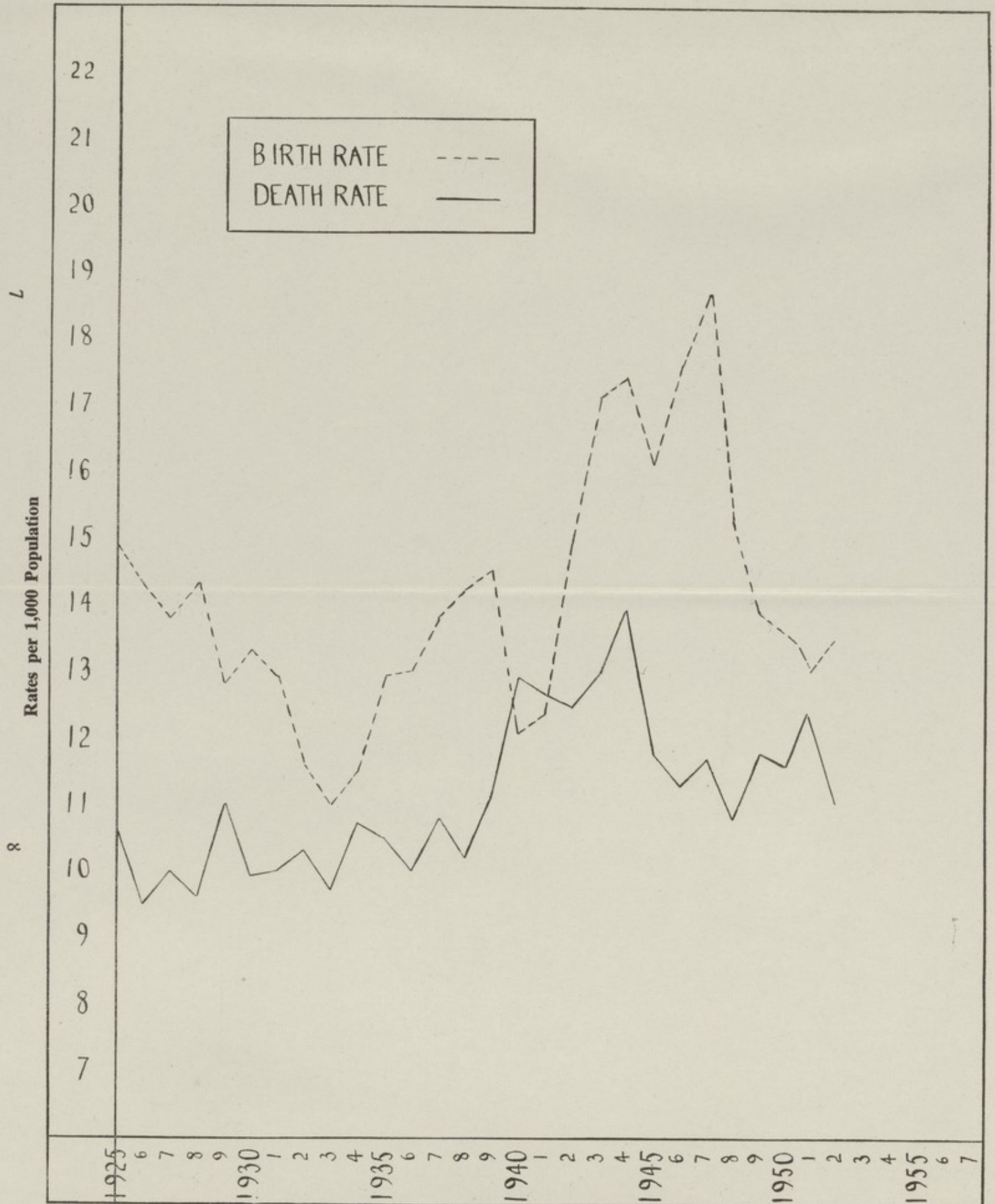
The stillbirth rate for the Borough was 0.33 per 1,000 of the home population, and for England and Wales it was 0.35.

#### INFANTILE MORTALITY

There were only eleven deaths of infants under one year of age giving an infantile mortality rate of 11.5 per 1,000 live births. This is by far the lowest rate ever recorded and I am of the opinion that this record will stand for a good many years as the scope for further reduction has now become very limited indeed. The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 27.6.



# BIRTH AND DEATH RATES SINCE 1925







## MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no maternal deaths in 1952.

## DEATHS

There were 782 deaths in 1952—95 less than 1951. A comparable drop took place over the whole country. The standardised death rate was 10.2, and the death rate for England and Wales was 11.3. The decrease in the mortality rate in Finchley was largely accounted for by a decline in the number of deaths from diseases of the heart and blood vessels, Influenza, Nephritis and accidents.

There were 32 fewer deaths in the age group 65-75 years and 59 less in ages over 75. Out of the total of 782 deaths 530 were of persons over 65 years of age.

## MORTUARY

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

# INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1952

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 5 months	5-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	TOTAL
All Causes	Certified Uncertified	9 —	— —	— —	— —	9 —	— —	1 —	1 —	— —	11 —
Smallpox ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chicken Pox ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria & Croup	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculous Meningitis ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningitis (not Tuberculous)	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Convulsions ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Laryngitis ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteritis ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gastritis ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilis ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rickets ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suffocation, Overlying ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Injury at Birth ...	...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Atelectasis ...	...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital Malformations ...	...	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Premature Birth ...	...	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Causes ...	...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	2
TOTALS ...		9	—	—	—	9	—	1	1	—	11

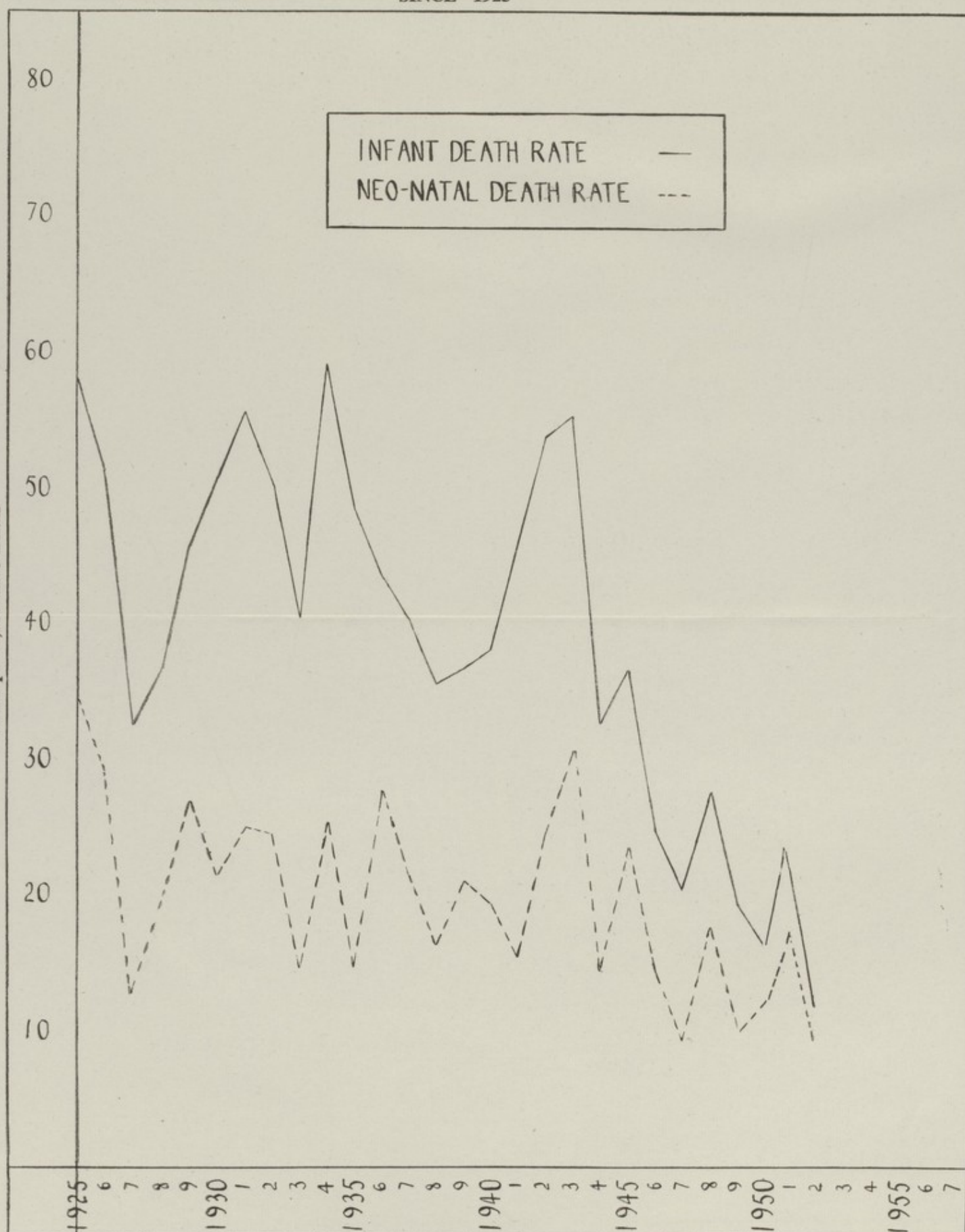


# INFANT DEATH AND NEO-NATAL DEATH RATES SINCE 1925

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Rates per 1,000 Live Births

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# CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT DEATH DURING THE YEAR, 1952

CAUSES OF DEATH				NET DEATHS AT THE SUBJOINED AGES OF "RESIDENTS" WHETHER OCCURRING WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE DISTRICT									
No.				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	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	1	5	6	3	2
2.	Tuberculosis, Other	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3.	Syphilitic Disease	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6.	Meningococcal Infections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
8.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9.	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	5	3
11.	" " Lung, Bronchus	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	11	6
12.	" " Breast	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	5	1
13.	" " Uterus	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	...
14.	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	...	80	...	...	...	...	...	7	23	29	21
15.	Leukæmia, Aleukæmia	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	...
16.	Diabetes	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...	...	95	...	...	...	...	1	3	20	25	46
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	121	...	...	...	...	...	2	31	42	46
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	18
20.	Other Heart Disease	...	...	130	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	22	88
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	...	...	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	7	24
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	31	...	...	1	...	1	...	9	7	13
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	13	24
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	1
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhœa	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	3
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31.	Congenital Malformations	...	...	8	3	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	...
32.	Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	...	...	65	7	1	...	2	3	4	15	17	16
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	7	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	2	2
34.	All Other Accidents	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	2	6
35.	Suicide	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	1
36.	Homicide and Operations of War	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Total ...				782	10	1	1	3	7	29	201	206	324





# 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	—	—	—
1952	953	13.6	782	11.1	11	11.5	—	—	—

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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

	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
Diphtheria ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ... ..	62	124	132	99	93
Smallpox ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever } Meningococcal Infection }	1	1	2	1	2
Poliomyelitis ... ..	4	26	3	5	3
Pneumonia ... ..	60	65	48	72	48
Measles ... ..	888	381	730	647	577
Whooping Cough ... ..	254	88	361	240	273

### DIPHTHERIA

It is now 7 years since a case of Diphtheria occurred in Finchley. There is no doubt that this is due to immunisation and once again I stress the duty of all parents to ensure that their children are immunised not only in their own interests but in the interest of the whole community as it is only by having a high proportion of the child population immunised that the disease can be kept at bay.

During the year 688 children were immunised by General Practitioners and Medical Officers of the Local Health Authority and in 325 of these a combined Diphtheria prophylactic and Whooping Cough vaccine was used.

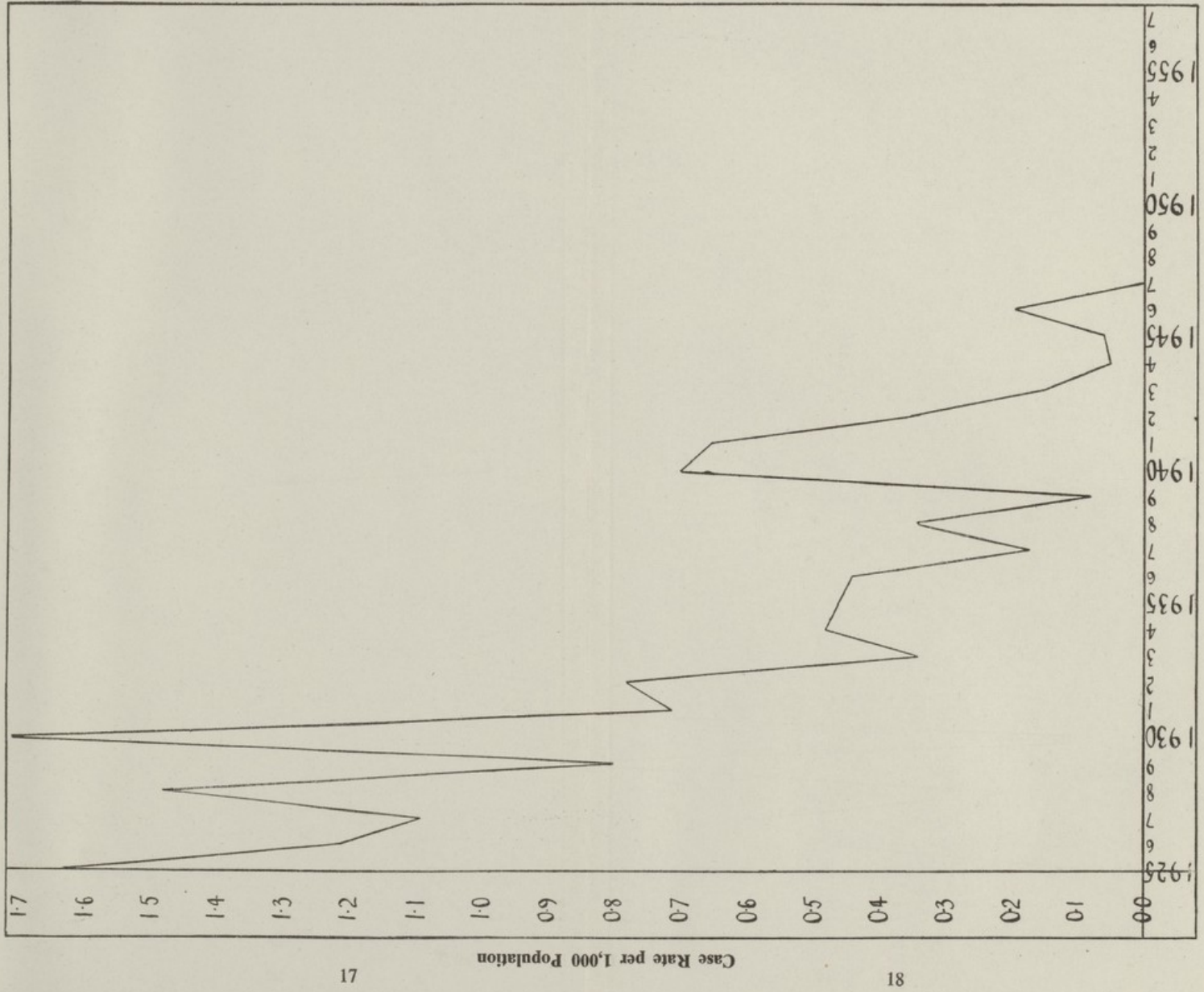
Seven hundred and twenty-eight children were given "booster" doses of diphtheria prophylactic at the age of 5 years.

### SCARLET FEVER

There were 93 cases of Scarlet Fever, 6 fewer than in the previous year. The known cases were mild in character and there is



# INCIDENCE OF DIPHTHERIA SINCE 1925





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 3 cases of poliomyelitis all of which were paralytic. The death of a young man who died outside the district was allocated to Finchley.

#### MEASLES

There was a decrease in the number of notifications, there being 577, compared with 647 in 1951. There were no deaths.

#### WHOOPING COUGH

Whooping Cough continued to be prevalent as in 1950 and 1951. The notifications numbered 273 in 1952, and there were no deaths.

During the year, 289 children were immunised by General Practitioners and Medical Officers of the Local Health Authority.

#### PNEUMONIA

Forty-eight cases were notified in 1952 and there were 31 deaths, 20 of which were persons of 65 years of age and over.

#### MALARIA

One case of malaria in a soldier who had served abroad was notified.

#### PUERPERAL PYREXIA

The total number of cases notified during the year was 44. Forty-three cases occurred at the North Middlesex Hospital Annexe in The Bishop's Avenue and the remaining one, at home.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The following cases were also notified:

Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	17
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	6
Paratyphoid B	...	...	...	...	...	1



## BACTERIOLOGICAL WORK

The following table shows the number and nature of the specimens examined at the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, during 1952.

				<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>
Throat/Nose Swabs:					
Diphtheria Bacilli	...	...	—	}	200
Hæmolytic Streptococci	...	...	77		
Vincent's Angina	...	...	—		
Fæces:					
Sonne Dysentery	...	...	28	}	146
Salmonella	...	...	9		
Protozoa	...	...	—		
Sputum:					
T.B. Smear	...	...	10	}	64
Other Organisms	...	...	14		
Whooping Cough:					
Cough Plate	...	...	—	}	17
Post-nasal Swab	...	...	3		
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			141		427

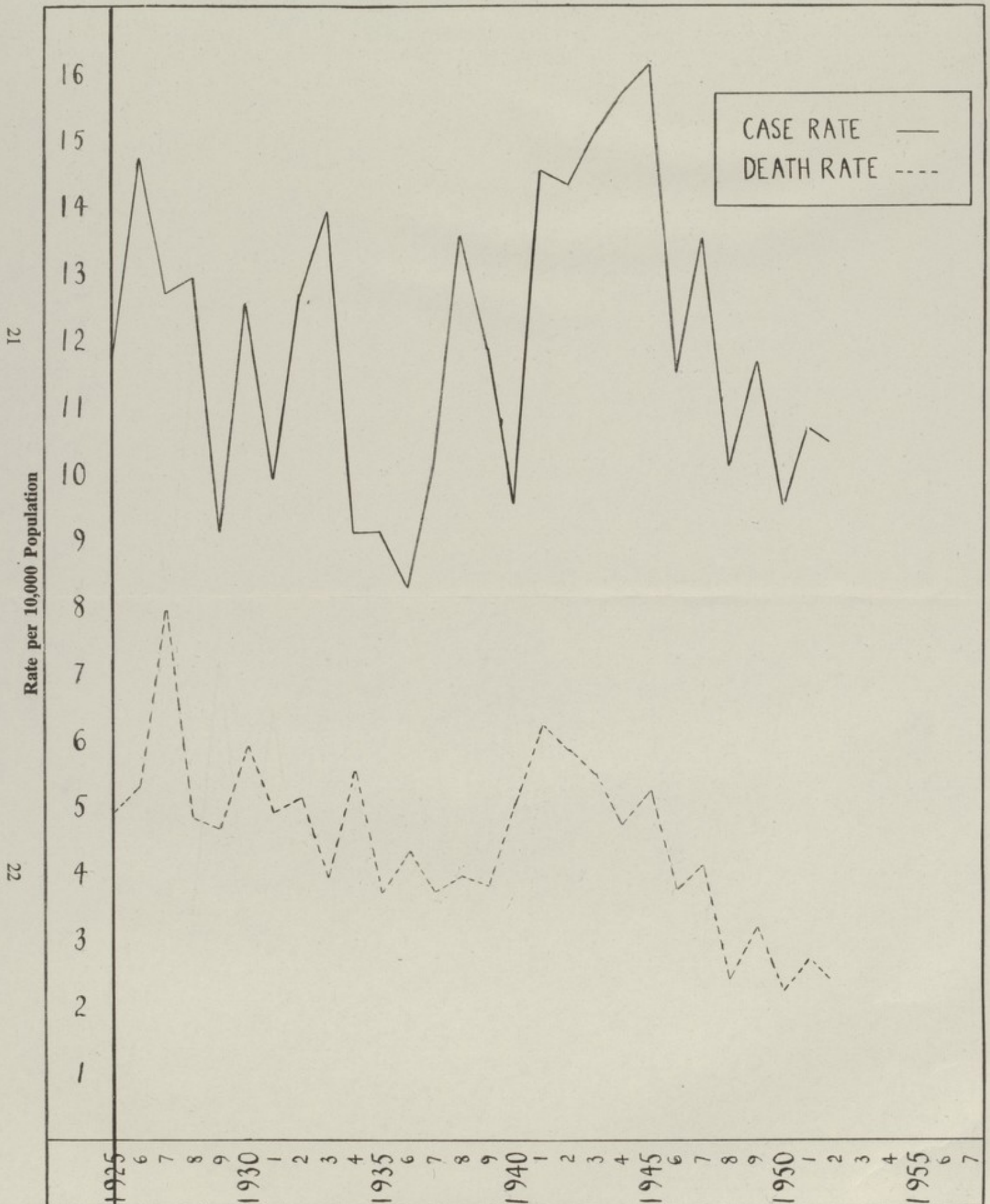
## TUBERCULOSIS

Sixty-four cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified in 1952 as compared with 67 in 1951, and 10 non-pulmonary as compared with 8 in the previous year.

There were 17 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis, one more than in 1951.

There were no deaths from non-pulmonary tuberculosis as compared with 3 in the previous year.

# TUBERCULOSIS (ALL FORMS)







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
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
1952	43	21	4	6	15	2	—	—

#### MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Twenty-two persons were examined on appointment to the Council's staff and 20 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*

Two burials were 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 1952 :

### HOUSING STATISTICS

#### 1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses :

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	1,398
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	5,765
(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 ... ..	—
(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 ... ..	673

#### 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 ... ..	601
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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	9
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a) By owners ... ..	6
(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	... ..	25
(2) Number rendered fit:		
(a) By owners	... ..	27
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	... ..	4

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	... ..	1

HOUSES UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION

1188, High Road, N.20.

A demolition order which was served upon the owner in 1951 was complied with and the house demolished in the early part of the year, the tenants being re-housed by the Council.

Elmshurst Cottage, East End Road, N.2.

The above house was demolished by the Council and the tenants re-housed.

5 Plowmans Cottages, Chapel Street, N.2

This house, which is one of a pair, was found during 1951 to be unfit and incapable of repair at reasonable cost. The tenants were re-housed by the Council and, as the premises are within the East Finchley Re-development area, demolition has been deferred until the adjoining property is dealt with, the windows and doors being boarded up and the premises made reasonably secure by the owner.

Farm House, Ken Wood, Hampstead Lane, N.W.3.

A scheme for reconditioning the derelict portion of this old octagonal farm building was carried out by the London County Council, the premises being modernised internally whilst preserving the character of the old building. Accommodation was provided for two families in separate dwellings.



## INSPECTIONS

The total number of inspections made during the year was 16,634. At 706 of the houses and other premises visited, defects or nuisances to the number of 2,178 were discovered, and at the end of the year 2,555 including a number outstanding at the end of 1951 had been remedied or abated. The work in connection with 276 was in hand and 1,230 were outstanding. In order to ascertain that the sanitary defects were being properly remedied 1,607 visits were paid to the respective premises while the work was in progress.

I must again draw attention to the difficulty which owners of rent controlled property are having in meeting the present day costs of repairs, resulting in a large number of cases in the deterioration of the houses.

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	...	...	...	...	10
Special Inspections	...	...	...	...	3,752
Reinspections	...	...	...	...	2,993
Inspections of Works in Progress	...	...	...	...	1,607
Inspections of Factories and Workplaces (including Bake-houses and Restaurant Kitchens)	...	...	...	...	450
Visits to Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	1
Inspections of Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	23
Inspections of Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	99
Inspections of Meat, Fish and other Food Shops	...	...	...	...	669
Inspections of Shops (Shops Act)	...	...	...	...	119
Visits re Infectious Disease and Vermin	...	...	...	...	781
Visits re Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	5,322
Visits re Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	247
Visits re Building Licences	...	...	...	...	5
Visits re Hawkers	...	...	...	...	76
Visits to Hairdressers' Premises	...	...	...	...	26
Visits to Houses Let in Lodgings	...	...	...	...	6
Visits re Pet Animals Act, 1951	...	...	...	...	9
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	439
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## SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT

### DRAINAGE

Repairs or amendments to existing drains	...	...	...	46
Drains or gullies unstopped or cleansed	...	...	...	265
Length in yards of stoneware drains laid	...	...	...	586
Length in yards of iron drains laid	...	...	...	10
Manholes provided	...	...	...	33
Manholes repaired	...	...	...	7
Manhole covers provided	...	...	...	40
Intercepting traps fixed	...	...	...	1
Fresh air inlets provided or repaired	...	...	...	7
New gully traps fixed	...	...	...	75
Gully curbs provided or repaired	...	...	...	11
New soil pipes and ventilating shafts fixed	...	...	...	3
Soil pipes and ventilating shafts repaired	...	...	...	12
Water tests applied	...	...	...	201
Smoke tests applied	...	...	...	21
Air tests applied	...	...	...	14

### WATER CLOSETS AND SANITARY FITTINGS

New W.C. Basins fixed	...	...	...	76
W.Cs. unstopped, cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	50
New flushing boxes fitted to W.Cs.	...	...	...	7
Existing flushing boxes repaired	...	...	...	24
New W.C. accommodation provided	...	...	...	2
New W.C. apartments provided	...	...	...	2
W.C. apartments cleansed	...	...	...	1
Urinals provided	...	...	...	1
Urinals cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	7
Lavatory basins provided	...	...	...	28
Baths provided	...	...	...	10
New impervious sinks provided	...	...	...	19
New waste pipes fixed	...	...	...	41
Waste pipes trapped, repaired or unstopped	...	...	...	27
Ventilated lobbies provided	...	...	...	2

### MISCELLANEOUS

New Roofs provided	...	...	...	1
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	213



Eaves gutters renewed, cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	92
Stack pipes provided, repaired or unstopped	...	...	...	34
Damp walls remedied	...	...	...	120
Walls repointed, repaired or underpinned	...	...	...	94
Ventilation under floors provided or unstopped	...	...	...	4
Yards paved	...	...	...	3
Paving of yards repaired	...	...	...	14
Floors of rooms relaid	...	...	...	3
Floors of rooms repaired	...	...	...	60
Rooms cleansed, distempered or repapered	...	...	...	584
Plasterwork repaired	...	...	...	581
Windows repaired and/or made to open	...	...	...	158
New windows provided	...	...	...	12
New sash cords provided	...	...	...	271
Window sills repaired or provided	...	...	...	29
Doors provided or repaired	...	...	...	40
Doorsteps provided or repaired	...	...	...	8
Handrails to staircases provided	...	...	...	5
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	15
New ranges and stoves provided	...	...	...	14
Stoves and ranges repaired	...	...	...	46
Coppers repaired	...	...	...	5
Cisterns provided	...	...	...	7
Cisterns repaired, cleansed and covered	...	...	...	19
Water service pipes repaired	...	...	...	19
Movable sanitary dustbins provided	...	...	...	73
Nuisances from keeping of animals abated	...	...	...	1
Accumulations of refuse removed	...	...	...	15
Waterheaters provided	...	...	...	9
Various	...	...	...	130

#### PAVING OF YARDS ETC. (Finchley Urban District Council Act, 1908)

A service road at the rear of a parade of shops and flats was made up, the road being concreted and surface water gullies provided.

#### NOTICES SERVED

Informal notices	...	...	...	...	609
Statutory notices	...	...	...	...	39



## ENQUIRIES—OUTSTANDING SANITARY NOTICES

One thousand three hundred and fifty-one letters were received during the year from the Town Clerk enquiring whether or not there were any outstanding 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	...	139
Number of articles disinfected	... ..	2,567
Number of verminous premises dealt with	... ..	22
Verminous rooms disinfested	... ..	50

Seven hundred and eighty-one visits were made by 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 slight decrease in the number of premises infested with bugs, 14 cases having been dealt with, compared with 15 in 1951.

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

	Premises
Bugs	14
Fleas	1
Cockroaches	4
Beetles	3
Ants	7
Wasps	81
Miscellaneous	6

The number of verminous rooms which were dealt with was 50 compared with 62 in 1951.

## HOUSES LET IN LODGINGS

During the year no addition was made to the Register of Houses Let in Lodgings.

The number of registered premises in the Borough is 78.

## SANITARY CONVENIENCES

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

A new public convenience for both sexes was opened on the Glebe Land, North Circular Road, during 1952. There are now 14 public conveniences in the Borough, including those in recreation grounds. Thirteen of these conveniences provide accommodation for both sexes and one for males only.

## COMPLAINTS

One thousand four hundred and forty-seven complaints were received with reference to the following matters, viz.:

Absence of, or defective condition of, dustbins	...	9
Accumulation of refuse or manure	... ..	27
Blocked or defective drains	... ..	180
Defective roofs	... ..	60
Defective W.Cs.	... ..	27
Defective yard paving	... ..	1
Dirty milk bottles	... ..	2
Flooding	... ..	13
Foreign matter in food	... ..	1
Insanitary or defective condition of houses	... ..	281
Noise	... ..	6
Non-removal of refuse	... ..	1
Nuisances from dampness	... ..	48
Nuisances from pig bins	... ..	2
Nuisances from the burning of refuse	... ..	7
Nuisances from the keeping of animals or poultry	...	8
Pollution of stream	... ..	1
Premises infested with insects	... ..	41
Premises infested with rats or mice	... ..	462
Shops Act	... ..	2
Smoke nuisances	... ..	2
Unsatisfactory Housing Conditions, including Over-crowding	... ..	71
Unsound food	... ..	19
Vermineous condition of houses	... ..	8
Wasps' nests	... ..	84
Water supply	... ..	9
Other complaints	... ..	75



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 ...	148	124	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	212	232	2	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	2	2	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	362	358	3	—



## 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) ... ..	11	10	1	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—					
(a) Insufficient ...	2	2	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ... ..	17	17	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ... ..	2	1	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ... ..	5	5	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>

The total number of Factories and Workplaces on the Register is 362, made up as follows:

Bakehouses ... ..	27
Boot Repairers ... ..	28
Builders' Workshops ... ..	23
Cycle Makers or Repairers ... ..	4

Farriers and Blacksmiths	...	...	...	...	...	2
General Engineers and Motor Engineers	...	...	...	...	...	62
Glass Blowers	...	...	...	...	...	2
Laundries	...	...	...	...	...	3
Monumental Masons	...	...	...	...	...	4
Plastic Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	3
Prepared Meat Factories	...	...	...	...	...	2
Printers and Printers' Accessories	...	...	...	...	...	12
Restaurant Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	77
Tailors and Dressmakers	...	...	...	...	...	19
Timber Merchants and Sawyers	...	...	...	...	...	9
Tyre re-treading	...	...	...	...	...	3
Upholsterers	...	...	...	...	...	10
Watch and Clock Repairers	...	...	...	...	...	3
X-Ray Apparatus	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other trades	...	...	...	...	...	68

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 re-constructed	...	...	...	...	...	13
Ventilated lobbies provided	...	...	...	...	...	3
Artificial lighting to W.Cs. provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
New W.C. pans provided	...	...	...	...	...	2
W.Cs. cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	23
Flushing cisterns provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Urinals cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	5
New sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	11
New sink wastepipes	...	...	...	...	...	8
Drains unstopped or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
Yards cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Premises cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	8
Accumulations of refuse removed	...	...	...	...	...	2
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	5



## FOOD

### FOOD POISONING

Two single cases of Food Poisoning were reported in 1952 and both were due to organisms of the Salmonella group but in neither case was the infecting article of food identified.

### FOOD HYGIENE

Continuing the Winter programme in the Clean Food Campaign, four talks and film shows for traders and the general public were given in January. A total of five hundred and ninety three letters were sent, including thirty-three to Head Offices of multiple firms; posters were exhibited on Council notice boards, and, in addition, a circular letter was sent to nineteen local organisations.

The response was poor as may be seen from the following table:

Date	Letters Sent	Attendance : Traders and General Public
8.1.52	173	8
16.1.52	171	28
22.1.52	108	8
29.1.52	141	2
Totals ...	593	46

#### *Lectures to Organisations*

One lecture was given to a Women's Organisation and an audience of twenty members attended.

#### *Lectures and Film Shows to School Children*

In the Spring, lectures to classes of senior school children were arranged at four schools, and the audience totalled 137 children. Further lectures were arranged in the Summer at Christ's College and 50 scholars attended. In November a talk was given and films were shown at another school to 67 children.



### *Course of Evening Lectures at Finchley County School*

In conjunction with the Borough Education Officer a course of evening lectures at the Finchley County School was arranged. This course, which commenced in the Autumn and continued into 1953, consisted of ten weekly lectures, each lecture being of 1½ hours duration. The lectures were given by your Sanitary Inspectors.

Public response was again rather poor, as at the beginning of the course only seventeen students attended. This number was reduced to three at the last lecture.

### *Display of Dog Notices in Food Shops*

Notices for exhibition have been supplied to all food shops in the district, pointing out that the presence of dogs is 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:

Bacon bench repaired	...	...	...	1
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	3
Extractor Fan provided	...	...	...	1
Flue pipe repaired	...	...	...	1
New composition floor in shop	...	...	...	1
New frying ranges	...	...	...	2
New washing facilities	...	...	...	1
Notices in W.Cs. re handwashing	...	...	...	6
Premises cleansed	...	...	...	8
Refrigerator provided	...	...	...	1
Shopping bag rests provided	...	...	...	1
Sinks and draining boards provided	...	...	...	3
Sneeze screens provided	...	...	...	2
Towels provided	...	...	...	8
Waste pipe and trap provided	...	...	...	1
Waterheaters provided	...	...	...	9

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

## 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. Following such an investigation, one application for registration was refused.

The number of barrow boys operating in the district is now only 5.

One thousand and sixty-four visits were made to various food premises and improvements have been carried out in a number of cases.

including the following:

1	Bacon bench repaired
3	Dustbins provided
1	Extractor Fan provided
1	Flue pipe repaired
1	New composition floor in shop
2	New frying ranges
1	New washing facilities
	Notices in W.C. re handwashing provided
	Premises cleaned
	Refrigerator provided
	Shopping bag rests provided
	Sinks and draining boards provided
	Shower screens provided
	Towels provided
	Waste pipe and trap provided
	Watchmen provided



# CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed ... ..	—	—	1	—	41
Number inspected ... ..	—	—	1	—	41
All diseases except Tuberculosis :					
Whole carcasses con- demned ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	1
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	2.44
Tuberculosis only :					
Whole carcasses con- demned ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	—



# UNSOUND FOOD CONDEMNED, 1952

## TUBERCULOSIS

### CATTLE

1 Hindquarter

### OTHER DISEASES

### PIGS

1 Pluck (Pneumonia and Pericarditis)

## UNSOUND

### CATTLE

530 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. Beef  
28 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. Ox Liver  
10 lbs. Beef Sausage Meat

### PIGS

39 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. Pork  
52 lbs. 1 oz. Leg of Pork  
29 $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs. Pork Sausages

### SHEEP

206 lbs. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  ozs. Mutton  
1 $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs. Lambs Liver

## TINNED ARTICLES

Apples	...	...	255	Blackberries	...	...	4
Apples and Cranberries	...	...	233	Blackcurrant Jelly	...	...	1
Apple and Rhubarb Puree	...	...	19	Blackcurrants	...	...	18
Apple Sauce	...	...	1	Brisling	...	...	13
Apricot Conserve	...	...	12	Calves' Tongues	...	...	1
Apricots	...	...	23	Carrots	...	...	22
Asparagus	...	...	2	Celery	...	...	1
Asparagus Sauce	...	...	1	Cherries	...	...	301
Baby Foods	...	...	40	Chicken	...	...	1
Bananas	...	...	2	Chinchards	...	...	1
Beans	...	...	97	Coconut Drops	...	...	3
Beef, Brisket of	...	...	4	Coconut in Syrup	...	...	1
Beef Loaf	...	...	23	Coconut, Shredded	...	...	1
Beetroot	...	...	4	Cottage Pie	...	...	1
Bilberries	...	...	5	Crab	...	...	4

Crab Paste ... ..	12	Mincemeat ... ..	3
Cucumber, Sliced ... ..	10	Mixed Vegetables ... ..	10
Damsons ... ..	35	Mushroom ... ..	1
Fruit Salad ... ..	6	Mushroom Soup ... ..	1
Gherkins ... ..	3	Orange Juice ... ..	12
Golden Corn ... ..	2	Oranges ... ..	353
Gooseberries ... ..	40	Ox Tongue ... ..	1
Grapes ... ..	30	Peaches ... ..	26
Grapefruit ... ..	24	Pears ... ..	7
Grapefruit Juice ... ..	38	Peas ... ..	405
Grapefruit Segments ... ..	3	Pilchards ... ..	8
Greengages ... ..	476	Pineapple ... ..	51
Ham ... ..	49	Pineapple Juice ... ..	2
Ham Loaf ... ..	1	Plums ... ..	495
Ham and Veal Loaf ... ..	2	Pork ... ..	1
Hearts ... ..	2	Pork and Beef ... ..	3
Herrings ... ..	10	Pork Butts ... ..	21
Herring Roes ... ..	124	Pork Liver ... ..	1
Herring and Tomatoes ... ..	1	Pork and Vegetables ... ..	2
Horseradish and Beet ... ..	1	Prunes ... ..	18
Irish Stew ... ..	5	Raspberries ... ..	17
Jam ... ..	79	Ravioli ... ..	14
Jellied Veal ... ..	14	Rhubarb ... ..	1
Kidneys ... ..	19	Rock Lobster ... ..	9
Kipper Snacks ... ..	1	Salmon ... ..	23
Lambs' Tongues ... ..	1	Sardines ... ..	84
Lemonade Powder ... ..	46	Sauerkraut ... ..	3
Lobster ... ..	3	Sausages ... ..	31
Loganberries ... ..	5	Scotch Broth ... ..	2
Luncheon Meat ... ..	278	Semolina ... ..	1
Macaroni ... ..	1	Sheep's Tongues ... ..	1
Mango Slices ... ..	34	Soft Roes ... ..	4
Marmalade ... ..	75	Soup ... ..	59
Mashed Potato Powder ... ..	1	Soused Herrings ... ..	2
Mayonnaise ... ..	1	Spaghetti ... ..	29
Meat, Cooked ... ..	5	Spinach ... ..	8
Milk ... ..	256	Steak and Vegetables ... ..	1
Minced Beef ... ..	11	Stewed Steak ... ..	71



Strained Food	...	...	2	Tomato Soup	...	...	19
Strawberries	...	...	56	Tometti	...	...	18
Succotash, cream style	...	...	1	Tongue	...	...	3
Sweet Corn	...	...	6	Treacle	...	...	1
Tomatoes	...	...	249	Veal and Ham	...	...	7
Tomato Juice	...	...	227	Vegetables Mixed	...	...	1
Tomato Paste	...	...	1	Vegetable Soup	...	...	3
Tomato Puree	...	...	1				

#### MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

Anchovies in Brine	2 jars	Curry Spread	2 jars
Apricots	9 jars	Dates	62 packets
Apricots, dried	26½lbs.	Dutch Chocolate	
Biscuits	2 packets	Figures	1834 lbs.
Biscuits, Chocolate	30 lbs.	Egg Noodles	1 packet
Blackberries	1 jar	Eggs (Liquid Frozen)	28 lbs.
Blackcurrants	2 jars	Figs, Dried	3 lbs.
Blueberry Preserve	2 jars	Fish	24½ stone
Bovril	1 jar	Fish Paste	2 jars
Butter	4 ozs.	Flavouring Essence	2 bottles
Cabbage, Pickled	26 jars	Flour	9 lbs.
Calves Feet Jelly	1 jar	Fondants	240 lbs.
Cereals	26 cwts.	French Mustard	1 jar
Cheese	915 portions	Fruit Salad	48 jars
Cheese	9¾lbs.	Fruit Squash	15 bottles
Cheese Spread	148 boxes	Gherkins	3 jars
Chicken Essence	1 jar	Ham	13¼lbs.
Chickens	10	Herring Roes	220 lbs.
Chocolate	164 bars	Herrings	2½lbs.
Chocolate	32 lbs.	Honey	2 jars
Christmas Pudding	1	Horseradish and Beet	13 jars
Cocoa	1 packet	Horseradish Cream	2 jars
Coconut Drops	3 lbs.	Jam	2 jars
Coconut Ice	5¼lbs.	Jellied Veal	8 ozs.
Coconut Squares	7	Junket Powder	47 packets
Crab	3 jars	Lemon Cheese	14 jars
Cucumber, Pickled	2 jars	Luncheon Meat	1¼lbs.
Currants	5 cases	Macaroni	1 packet



Macaroni Paste	32 packets	Rakusens Farfals	3½lbs.
Macaroon Paste	214½lbs.	Rennet ... ..	21 bottles
Malt Extract ...	1 carton	Rice ... ..	70 lbs.
Marshmallow Caps	47	Salad Cream ...	1 bottle
Marzipan ...	1 packet	Salt ... ..	3 packets
Matzo Meal ...	4 packets	Salted Nuts ...	3 lbs.
Matzos ... ..	2 packets	Sandwich Spread	20 jars
Mayonnaise ...	2 bottles	Sausages ...	28 lbs.
Olives ... ..	1 jar	Semolina ...	1 packet
Olives ... ..	4½lbs.	Shredded Suet ...	39 packets
Oats ... ..	11 packets	Smoked Salmon	1½lbs.
Peaches ... ..	8 jars	Sprats ... ..	4 lbs.
Peanut Butter ...	1 jar	Strawberry Conserve	2 jars
Pears ... ..	4 jars	Tomato Ketchup	5 bottles
Pickles ... ..	9 jars	Tomato Paste ...	1 jar
Pineapple ...	3 jars	Turkey ... ..	1
Plums ... ..	1 jar	Vegetable Salad	1 jar
Prunes ... ..	612 lbs.	Vermicelli ...	2 packets
Prunes ... ..	6 packets	Walnuts, Pickled	1 jar

## 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 1952 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.

## BAKEHOUSES

The number of bakehouses in the Borough is 28.

At 25 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.

At one bakehouse extensive repairs were carried out, including a conversion of two ovens from solid fuel to gas firing.

## DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS

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

In one large dairy a new bottle washing machine and a capping machine were installed.

## MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS

Licences were granted by the Council in respect of designated milk for the year ended 31st December, 1952, as follows:

Dealers' Licences to sell milk as Tuberculin Tested ...	...	17
"    "    "    "    "    "    " Pasteurised ...	...	16
"    "    "    "    "    "    " Sterilised ...	...	20
Supplementary Licences to sell milk as Tuberculin Tested ...		7
"                    "    "    "    "    "    " Pasteurised ...		8
"                    "    "    "    "    "    " Sterilised ...		8

Three samples of Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) milk, two samples of Pasteurised and two samples of Sterilised were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination.

All these samples complied with the prescribed conditions.



# FOOD SAMPLING

The following table has been furnished by the Middlesex County Council Public Control Department relative to samples taken in accordance with the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938:

Article	Total samples	
	procured	Unsatisfactory
Milk, various ... ..	334	33
Almonds, ground ... ..	1	—
Baking Powder .. ...	1	—
Cakes, various ... ..	31	—
Coffee and Chicory Essence ...	1	—
Curry Powder ... ..	1	—
Drugs ... ..	3	—
Fish Cake ... ..	1	—
Fish ... ..	21	4
Flour ... ..	1	—
Frying Oil ... ..	1	—
Herrings in Sauce ... ..	1	1
Ice Cream ... ..	3	—
Jam ... ..	3	—
Jelly ... ..	2	—
Liqueur Truffles ... ..	2	2
Marmite ... ..	1	—
Meat Pies ... ..	1	—
Meat, Cooked ... ..	4	—
Prunes ... ..	1	—
Rice ... ..	1	—
Sausages ... ..	24	—
Soup ... ..	2	—
Suet ... ..	1	—
Tomato Ketchup ... ..	1	—
Victoria Plums ... ..	2	2
Vinegar ... ..	14	1
Whisky ... ..	8	—
High Protein Food ... ..	1	—
	468	43



The 33 milk samples were all samples of raw new milk, delivered by 8 farmers to the A.1. and Dollis Dairies Ltd., of Whetstone and 2 to the Express Dairy Company Ltd., at College Farm. The samples were each low in fat or low in milk solids-not-fat or both; in no case to a considerable extent. There was no added water nor was there evidence in any case of abstraction. In some cases the slight deficiency was in one churn out of many associated in the delivery and no further action was taken. In other cases the deficiencies were drawn to the attention of the farmers concerned, the receiving firm and the Milk Marketing Board.

The 4 samples of fish relate to two cases of alleged sales of smoked cod for smoked haddock. One trader was prosecuted in respect of two such sales contrary to Section 3 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 and for applying a false trade description "Haddock Fillets" to cod exposed for sale, contrary to Section 2(2) of the Merchandise Marks Act, 1887. She was fined a total of £15 and ordered to pay £3 3s. 0d. costs. The other trader was prosecuted but the two summonses (under Section 3 of the 1938 Act) were dismissed upon a conflict of evidence.

The sample of herrings "in wine sauce" was reported upon as unsatisfactory because the amount of proof spirit was insufficient, in the opinion of the Public Analyst, to justify the description "wine sauce". Upon the undertaking of the firm satisfactorily to amend the description in future a caution only was issued.

The two samples of "liqueur truffles" were examples of false description by one firm in that the sweets were non-alcoholic flavoured chocolates. An official caution was issued upon an undertaking by the makers and the labellers to discontinue the description.

The two samples of Victoria plums relate to the exposure for sale by two retail fruiterers of Giant Prune Plums labelled "Victorias". In each case an official caution was issued.

The sample of unsatisfactory "Vinegar" relates to a sale of coloured, dilute acetic acid for vinegar. A warning was given the trader.

## ICE CREAM PREMISES

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

Only one person makes ice cream within the Borough, and employs the method known as "complete cold mix" which only requires the addition of water.

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

There are 144 premises registered for the sale of ice cream. Thirty-five 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

This business is established at 8 premises, one business closing down during the year.

## GAME LICENCES

Twenty 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 1952	...	...	...	873
Number closed	...	...	...	10
New shops	...	...	...	28
Number on Register at end of 1952	...	...	...	891
Changes of occupancy	...	...	...	25



## 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 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 11 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 1 sample was 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 4 houses serving a population of 10 which are served by stand-pipes.

## POLLUTION OF STREAMS AND WATERCOURSES

Arising from investigations and complaints regarding the pollution of streams in and adjoining the district, in conjunction with the Borough Engineer and Surveyor an examination of the surface water sewers was made in various parts of the Borough and samples of the effluent taken in an endeavour to trace the source of the pollutions.

The sanitary inspectors made 556 visits to various premises and arising therefrom it was found that at 26 of the premises inspected various soil fittings, etc., as set out below were discharging into the surface water sewers.

School. All soil fittings (W.Cs., urinals and wash-basins)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wastepipes from sinks and baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Potato peeling machines	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Waste from box washing at fish shop	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Waste from public house bar	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Blocked soil drains overflowing into surface water drains	...	...	...	...	...	...	3



Oil from domestic heating apparatus ... ..	3
Wastes from electric washing machines ... ..	2

All these contraventions were dealt with without recourse to legal action.

With the increasing use of oil fuel for domestic heating, serious nuisance can arise from pollution of sewers, streams, etc., if the plant is not correctly installed. In the absence of legislation with regard to the fixing of such installations this matter presents some difficulties.

#### SMOKE ABATEMENT

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

At one bakehouse two ovens were converted from solid fuel to gas firing.

#### RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

The above Act, which came into operation on the 1st November, 1951, controls premises in which rag flock and other filling materials are used in the making of new articles. There is only one trader whose premises come within the definition of the Act, and are registered.

#### PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

This Act, which came into operation on 1st April, 1952, empowers a local authority to license persons for the sale of pets. In determining the granting of a licence, regard shall be had to the following conditions :—

- (a) that animals will at all times be kept in accommodation suitable as respects size, temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness;
- (b) that animals will be adequately supplied with suitable food and drink and (so far as necessary) visited at suitable intervals;
- (c) that animals, being mammals, will not be sold at too early an age;
- (d) that all reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent the spread among animals of infectious diseases;
- (e) that appropriate steps will be taken in case of fire or other emergency.

An inspection of the pet shops within the district was carried out and in consequence thereof 3 persons have been licensed.

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Legal proceedings were taken in the following instances:

- (1) Three street traders were summoned for 5 offences including 1 case of failure to register as a hawker under Section 11 of the Middlesex County Council Act, 1950, and 4 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 £6-0-0 and costs totalling £2-2-0 were imposed.
- (2) Proceedings were instituted against the owner of premises for failure to comply with a Statutory Notice served under the Public Health Act 1936, requiring the abatement of a nuisance arising from a defective roof. An application for an Order to be made against the Council to do the necessary repairs, in default of the owner, was granted.



## RODENT CONTROL

During the year 462 complaints were received. Three hundred and eight of these dealt with rat infestations and the remaining 154 with mice infestations.

The following table shows that, in comparison with last year, rat complaints decreased whilst mice complaints slightly increased.

	Premises from which complaints have been received		Premises where infestation was confirmed		Premises where infestation was not confirmed	
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
Rats ... ..	319	308	229	223	90	85
Mice ... ..	141	154	130	149	11	5
Total ... ..	460	462	359	372	101	90

Arising from these complaints, rats were found at 101 additional premises.

There were 48 instances of rats found in and around places where poultry was kept. This figure represents 14.81% of the infestations.

## SUMMARY OF INFESTATIONS

								Rats	Mice
Visits in connection with infestations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4285	1037
Number of confirmed infestations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	324	149
Prebait	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4985	—
Zinc Phosphide	...							289	20
Arsenic	...	...				P		57	—
						O			
Red Squill	...	...				I		24	—
						S			
A.N.T.U.	...	...				O		60	—
						N			
Barium Carbonate						S		6	—
Warfarin	...	...						246	131

Twelve smoke tests were applied to rat runs, revealing defects in drains or sewers at two premises.

During the year, Warfarin has been used in connection with the destruction of rats and mice, and has proved to be very successful.

A complaint of rats and mice was received from a large factory. A servicing firm had been employed at these premises for many years and there is no doubt that a poison prejudice had been set up by inefficient work. This prejudice caused a great amount of unnecessary work, but, although at the end of the year the premises were not free from rats, the number of rats within the curtilage was considerably reduced.

I am pleased to report that the Sewage Works and Refuse Destructor are now practically free from rats.



## 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 when 1,053 manholes were baited. The results were as follows:—

	First Treatment	Second Treatment
Total number of manholes baited ... ..	501	552
Number of poison takes ...	22	29

The poison takes in each treatment amounted to 4.39% and 5.25% of the number of manholes baited.

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