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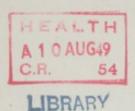
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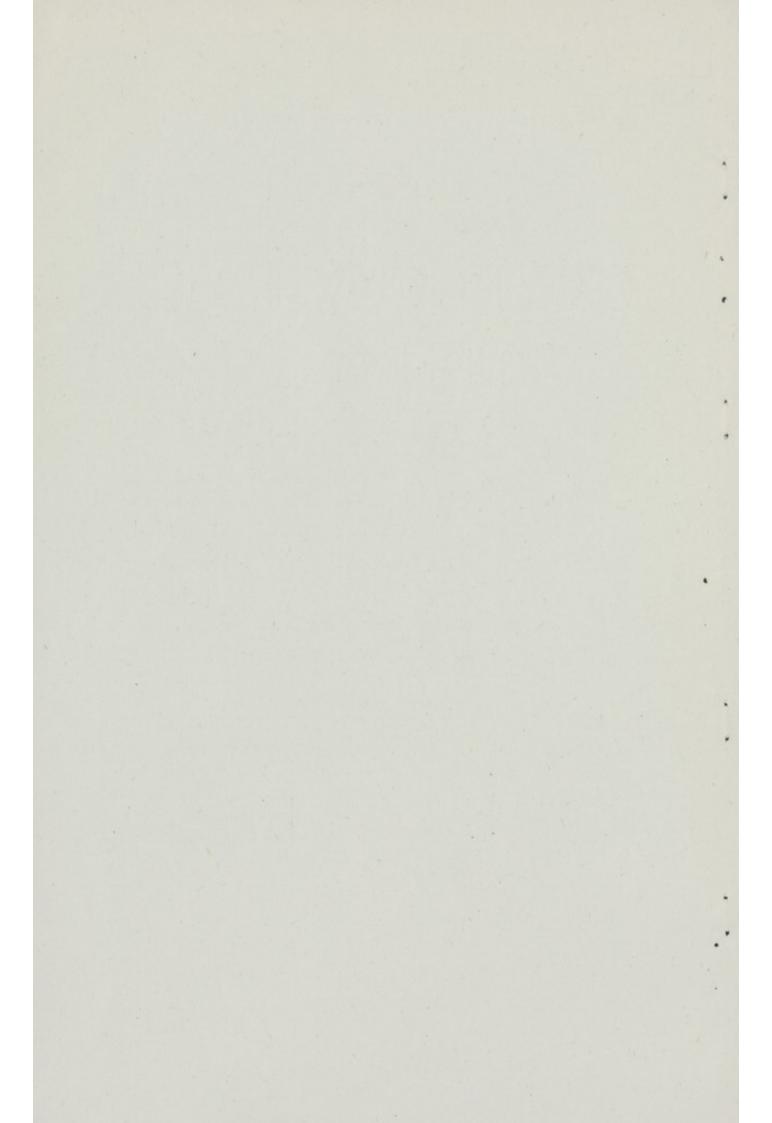
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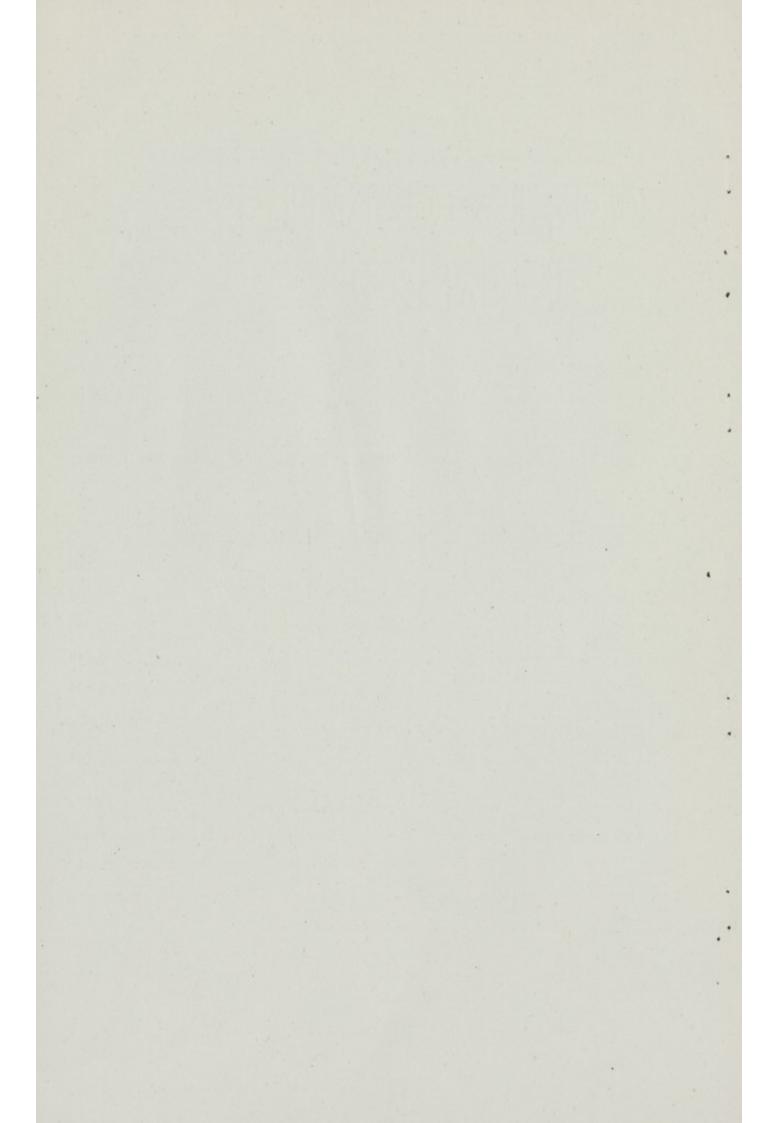
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BARNET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Public Health Department,

31 Wood Street,

Barnet.

To the Chairman and Members of the Barnet Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1948.

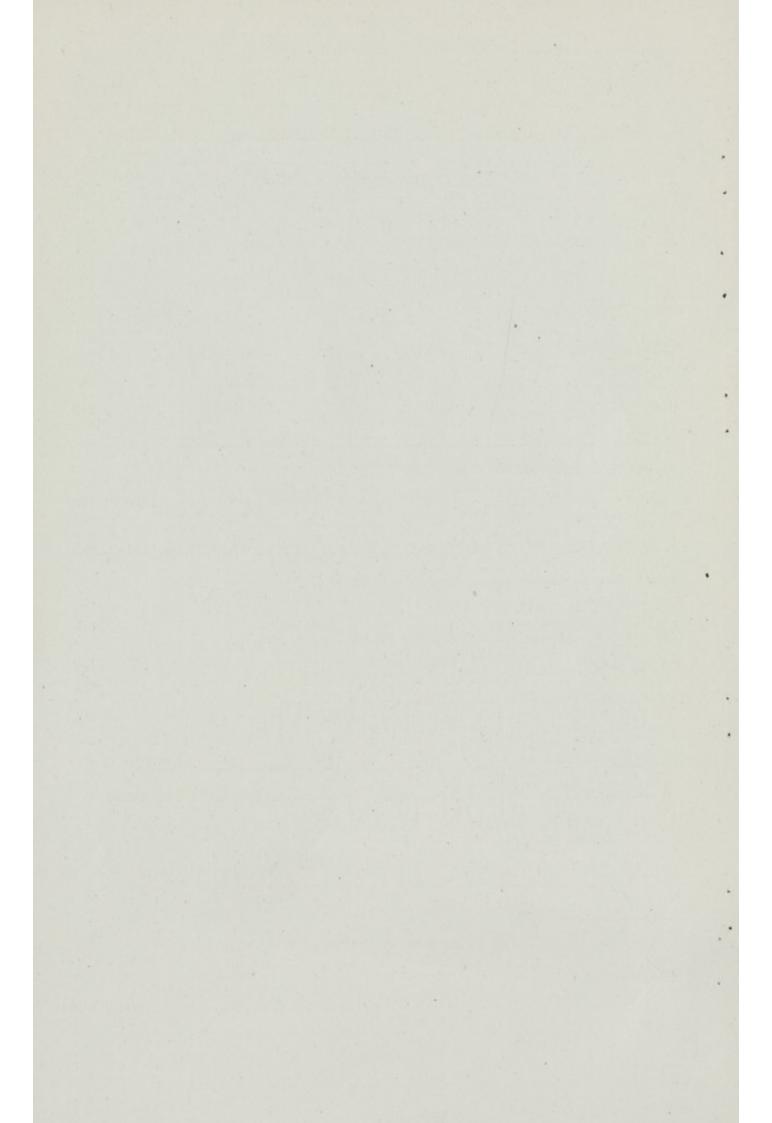
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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	4,290
Population (1931 Census)	15,064
Registrar-General's Estimate of Resident Population, mid	1948 24,550
Number of Inhabited Houses	6,740
Rateable Value	£258,624
Sum represented (excluding Totteridge and Rowley by a Penny Rate (including Totteridge and Rowley	£716 £755 £1,041

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The population is largely residential, and consists chiefly of people whose occupation lies outside the urban area. Those employed in the district, apart from the tradesmen and their employees, are mainly skilled workers at dental manufacturing, lithographic, printing and optical works.



EXTRACT	FROM VITAL	AND MOR	RTAL	STATISTICS	OF	THE	YEAR.	
					Total		М.	F.
Live Births	(Legitimate (Illegitimate				389 20		190 12	199
Birth Rate per	r 1,000 of the	estimated	reside	ent populat	ion:	6.66		
					Total.		<u>M</u> .	F.
Still Births	(Legitimate (Illegitimate				10 Nil		3 Nil	7 Nil
Still Birth R	te per 1,000 t	otal (live	and a	still) Birt	hs: 2	23-87		
					Total.		<u>M</u> .	<u>F</u> .
Deaths					262		120	142
Death Rate per	r 1,000 of the	estimated	avera	ge populati	on:]	10.67		
Deaths from p	uerperal causes	:-						
Puerperal Sep Other Puerper		Nil.	Deatl	n Rate per		total	births	
Death Rate fr	om Puerperal ca	uses per 1	1,000	total (live	and st	till)	Births:	Nil.
Death Rate of	Infants under	one year	of age	-				
Legitimate in	er 1,000 live h fants per 1,000 infants per 1,0) legitimat			s:			24·45 25·71 Nil
n n M	ancer (all ages easles (all age hooping Cough (iarrhoea (unde	all ages):		e):				55 Nil 2 Nil

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or County Council.

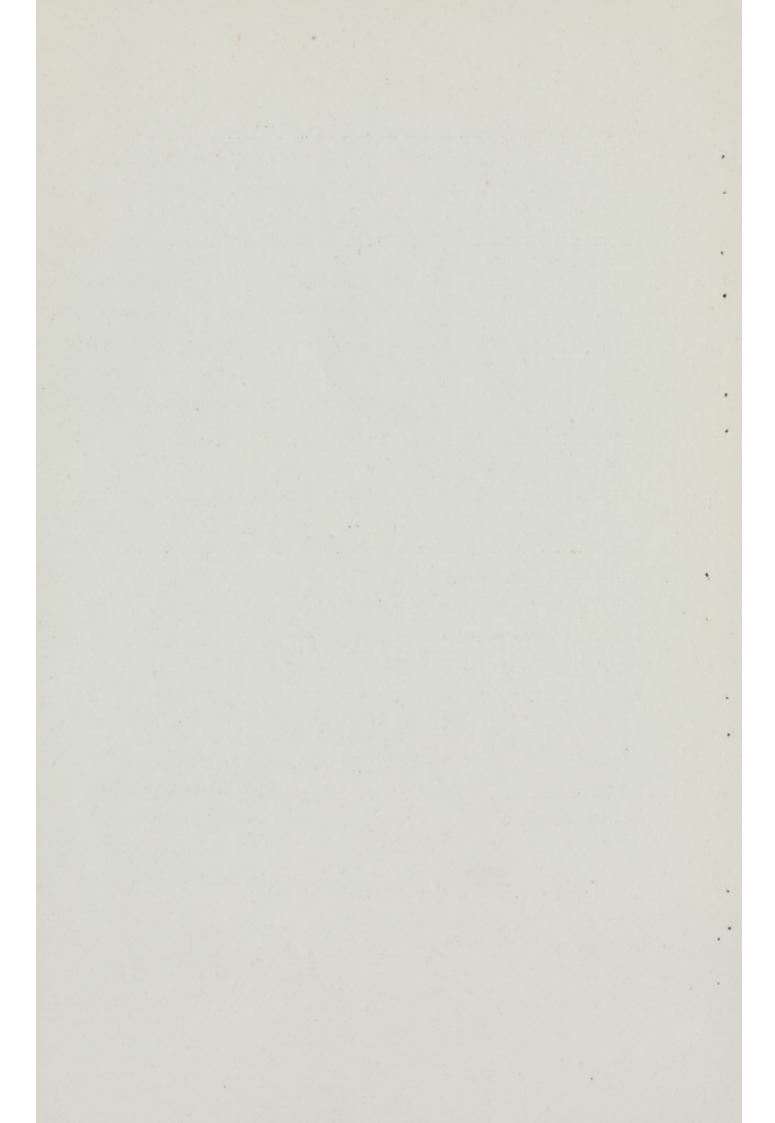
- A. (1) Infectious Diseases Isolation Hospital in Barnet.
 - (2) Smallpox Hospital at Cheshunt.
- B. (1) Tuberculosis Hospital at Ware, under North East Regional Hospital Board. (2) Maternity block with 52 beds at the Wellhouse Hospital in Barnet.

Ambulance Facilities.

Infectious Disease - Motor Ambulance at Isolation Hospital.

Non-Infectious Disease - The Motor Ambulance Service is under the control of the Hertfordshire County Council Ambulance Brigade.

By Day and Night - 'phone BARnet 2222.



Clinic and Treatment Centres.

At "Fieldways", Wellhouse Lane, a Child Welfare and Ante-Natal Clinic is held every Tuesday; a Child Guidance Clinic every Thursday; an Eye Clinic every Friday and a Clinic for Remedial Exercises on Monday afternoons, for Schoolchildren.

A Tuberculosis Clinic is held every Wednesday at the Wellhouse Hospital.

At Vale Drive, a Minor Ailments Clinic for Schoolchildren is held every morning from Monday to Friday inclusive, and every Wednesday and Friday a Speech Therapy Clinic.

At "Dollisfield", Totteridge Lane, a Child Welfare Clinic is held every Friday afternoon.

There are two Nursing Homes for paying patients.

The Barnet District Nursing Association provides three Nurses.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

Ø x Arthur L. Hyatt, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

+ Ø Charles William Hill, M.S.I.A.

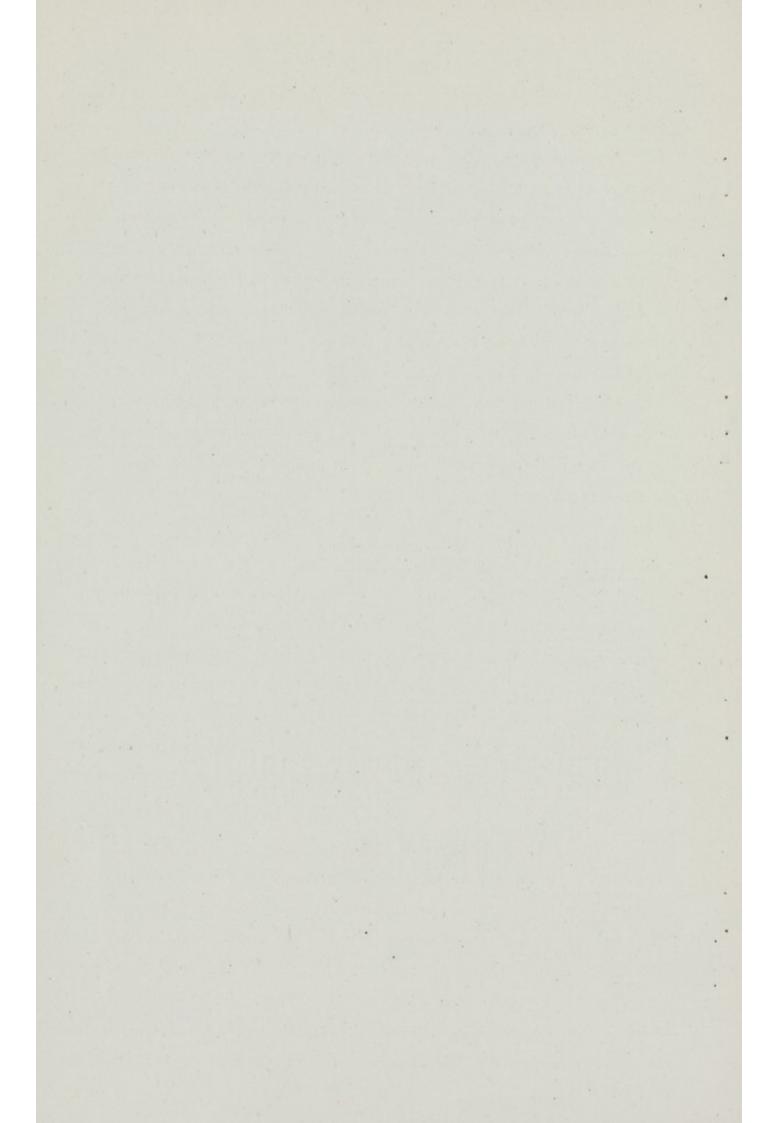
Additional Sanitary Inspectors.

- + Ø John Baillie Wilson, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.
- + Ø Alex. W. Nicol, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A. (To 31st May, 1948)
 - Ø Howard W. C. Alloway, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A. (From 1st August, 1948)

Clerical Staff.

One Clerk-Typist.

- + Holds the special qualification as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods under examination of the Royal Sanitary Institute.
- Salary Contribution of one half from Exchequer Grants.
- x Part-time Officer.



WATER SUPPLY.

The water for the District is supplied by the Barnet District Gas & Water Company and the Colne Valley Water Company.

With regard to the Barnet District Gas & Water Company, all the water is chlorinated, and a pathological staff is maintained. The water, in bulk, is examined daily, and at each pumping station once a week. 1,890 Chemical and Bacteriological examinations of the water were made during the year, of which 32 Chemical and 68 Bacteriological samples were analysed by an independent laboratory. Of the Bacteriological samples representative of supply, the percentage of first class (i.e. Coliform organisms absent in 100 millilitres) was 99.71%, which is regarded as quite satisfactory.

The Colne Valley Water Company exercises constant supervision, and members of the staff are on duty day and night throughout the year examining samples. All the water supplied by this Company is chlorinated. The water supply is satisfactory both from the Chemical and Bacteriological aspects and the supply is considered adequate.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

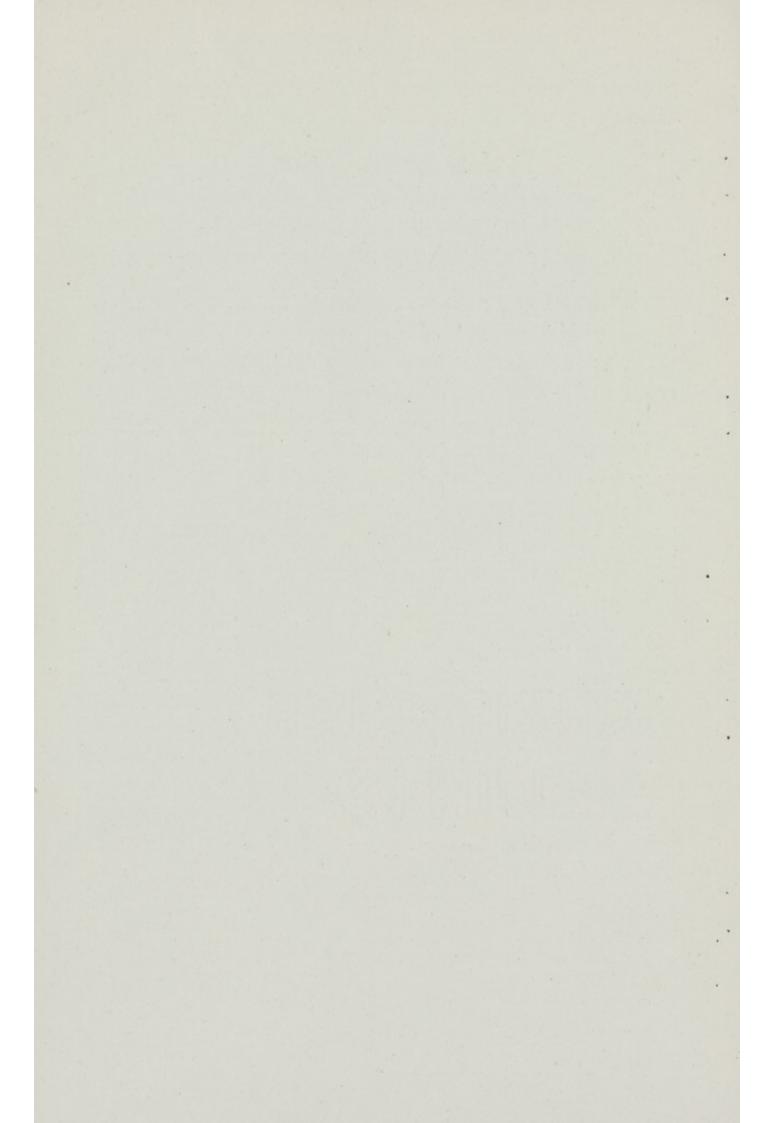
The town is drained and sewered on the separate system, excepting the older portions of the district where it is a combined system.

The sewage is conveyed to an Irrigation Farm of 56 acres, but before it is turned on the land it is screened and treated by means of detritus and sedimentation tanks, and three rotary filters. Pumping is necessary for three sewers which have their outlets at a low point on the farm. A few outlying properties are drained to cesspools, and part of Totteridge to the Finchley Borough sewers.

There are only a few pail closets in remote parts of the district.

SANITARY CONDITIONS AND WATER SUPPLY OF SCHOOLS.

There are in the district nine schools administered by the South Herts
Divisional Education Executive Committee, viz:- Queen Elizabeth's Boys and
Girls Grammar Schools; Byng Road County Council School (Secondary, Junior
Mixed and Infants Departments); Christ Church School (Junior Boys and Girls,
and Infants Departments); Wood Street Church of England School (Secondary);
Grasvenor Avenue School (Infants); Underhill County Council School (Junior Mixed
and Infants Departments); Totteridge Church of England School (Junior Mixed and



Infants Departments) and St. Catherine's Roman Catholic School (Junior Mixed and Infants Departments).

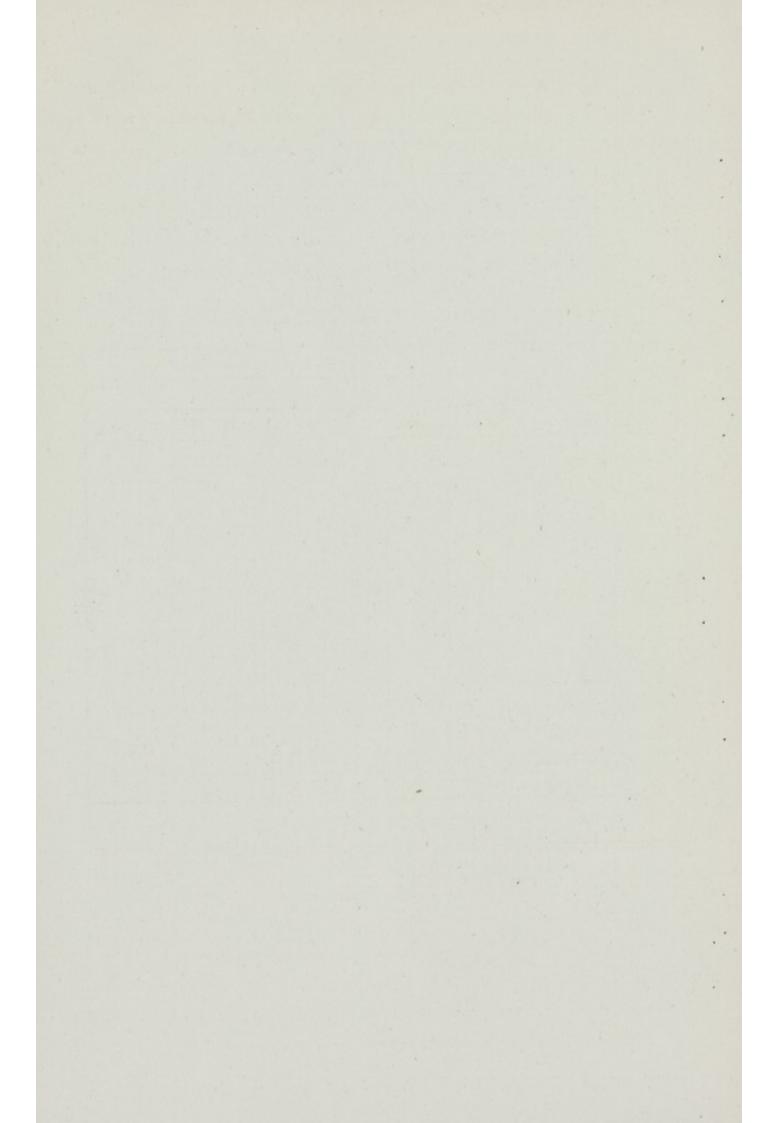
DISPOSAL OF HOUSE REFUSE.

The house refuse is collected weekly in covered mechanical conveyances and conveyed to the Council's Sewage Farm, where it is loaded into Con'r ct r's covered lorries and disposed of daily by a controlled tipping system cutside the district.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following table shews the number of Notifications to the Sanitary
Authority during the year, of each disease specified in the Public Health Act,
1936, and the Regulations, and the number removed to Hospital:-

NATURE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE	NOTIFIED	REMOVED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS
Smallpox	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cholera	Nil	Nil	Nil
Scarlet Fever	32	26	Nil
Typhus	Nil	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria and Membranous Croup	Nil	Nil	Nil
Malaria	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Nil	Nil	Nil
Erysipelas	9	3	Nil
Tuberculosis	25	17	10
Poliomyelitis	Nil	Nil	Nil
Meningitis	3	3	Nil
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	1	Nil
Encephalitis	Nil	Nil	Nil
Polioencephalitis	1	1	Nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	24	24	Nil
Pneumonia	27	20	8
Enteric	Nil	Nil	Nil
Typhoid	2	2	Nil
Dysentery	3	1	Nil
Measles	273	10	Nil
Whooping Cough	62	3	2
TOTALS	462	111	20



Of the foregoing, the following cases normally resident outside the district were notified from the Wellhouse Hospital:- Dysentery 1; Puerperal Pyrexia 22; Pneumonia 11; Meningitis 2; Whooping Cough 1; Measles 5; Policencephalitis 1; Scarlet Fever 1; Cerebro Spinal Fever 1; Typhoid 2.

The cases of Tuberculosis removed are chiefly sent to Ware Sanatorium.

The Case Rates per 1,000 of the population are as follows:- Scarlet Fever 1.26; Tuberculosis 1.02; Puerperal Pyrexia 4.77 (per 1,000 Births).

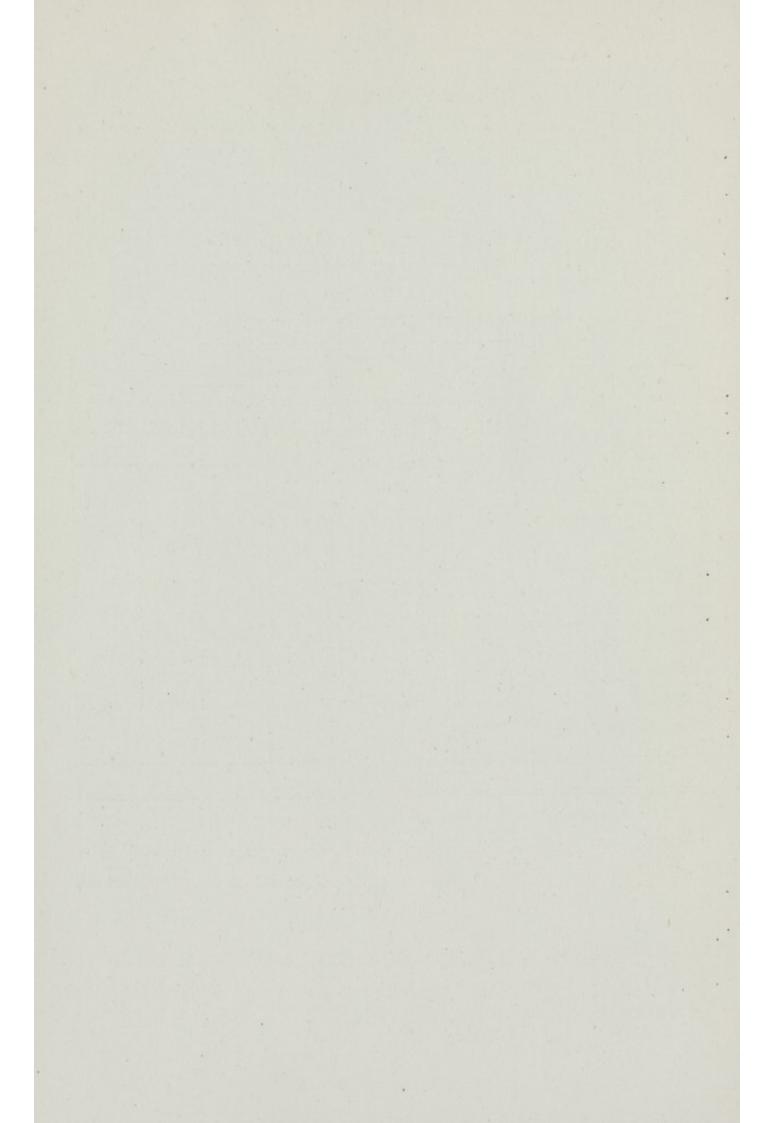
AGE INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DISEASE		NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED											
		YEARS OF AGE											
	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65-	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	1	2	2	2	21	1	2	1	-	-	-	32
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Meningitis	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
Polioencephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	8	10	5	2	11	24	1	-	1	-	-	-	62
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	3	1	9
Measles	8	21	24	19	48	143	6	1	3	-	-	-	273
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	21	2	-	-	24
Pneumonia	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	10	6	.27
TOTALS	18	37	32	24	61.	189	8	6	31	9	15	7	437

MORTAL STATISTICS.

Of 262 deaths, 10 occurred under one year of age.

The following were the chief causes of death: Heart Disease 81; Cancer 55; (16 males and 39 females); Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions 22; Bronchitis 16; Tuberculosis 10; Pneumonia (all forms) 8; Congenital Debility and Malformation 5; Suicide 2; Road Traffic Accidents 3; Other Violence 10.



CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

No use has been made of the Schick and Dick Tests in Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever.

VACCINATION.

No primary or revaccinations were performed by the Medical Officer of Health under the Public Health (Smallpox Prevention) Regulations, 1917.

TUBERCULOSIS.

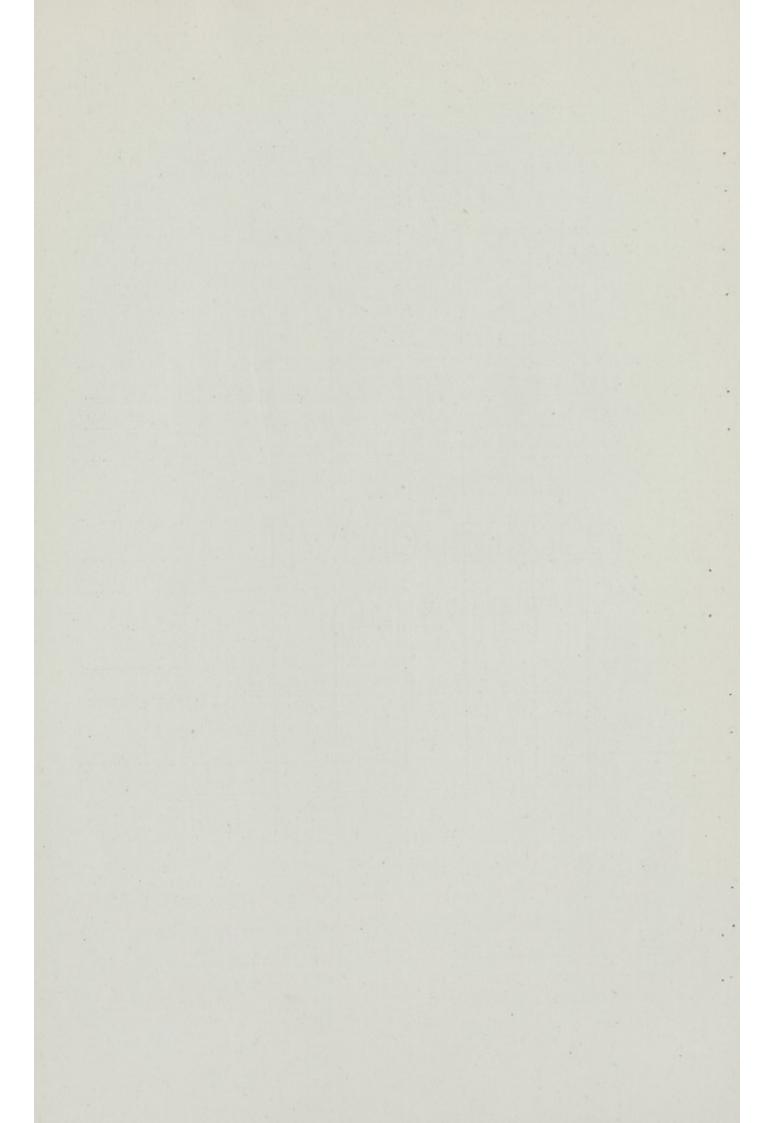
NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1948.

		NEW C	CASES		DEATHS				
YEARS OF AGE.	Pul	monary	Non-I	Pulmonary	Pul	monary	Non-P	Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	
1	-		1	-	-	-	-	-	
5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
15	3	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	
25	-	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	
35	3	2	-	_	1	3	-	-	
45	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
55	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
65 and over	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	
TOTALS	11	11	1	2	6	4		_	

The ten deaths from Tuberculosis were all previously notified cases, from which it would appear that the notification of Tuberculosis is efficiently carried out. There were no cases of wilful neglect or of refusal to notify Tuberculosis in any form.

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.

It has not been found necessary to take any action under the above Regulations, relating to Tuberculous employees in the Milk Trade.



PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 172, COMPULSORY REMOVAL TO HOSPITAL OF CASES OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

No action was necessary under the above Section.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Up to the 30th June 1948, 183 children completed the full course of Immunisation, as follows:-

Under 5 years of age: 5 - 14 years of age:

170

In addition, 153 children received a third (booster) injection.

No information is available from Herts County Council for the remaining half of the year when they took over.

SCABIES (PUBLIC HEALTH) NO. 1 ORDER, 1944.

The following are particulars of cases of Scabies treated in the district.

	Adults.	Schoolchildren.	Under 5 years
Treated at Cleansing Station:	11	4	1
Treated at home:	6	-	4
TOTALS	17	4	5

In addition to the above, 3 adults, 4 schoolchildren and 1 child under 5 years of age, who were close contacts with notified cases, received precautionary treatments at the Cleansing Station.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

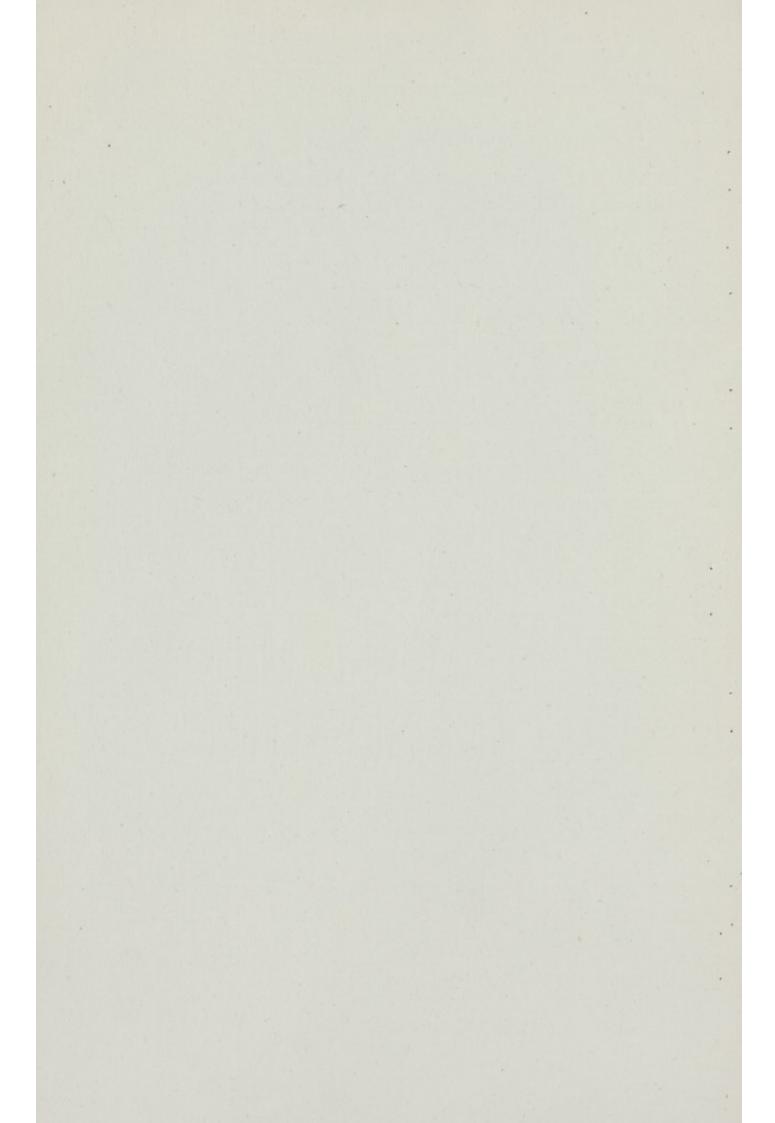
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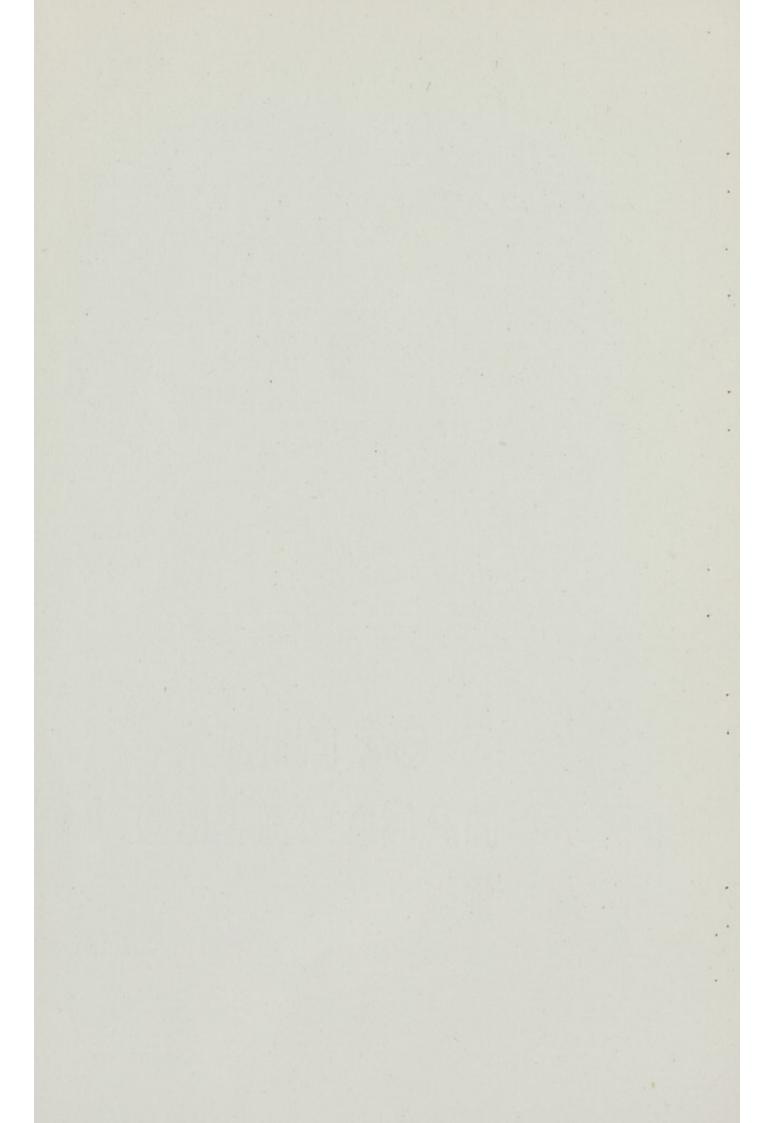


HOUSING STATISTICS.

1.		Inspe	ection of dwelling houses during the year:-	
	(a)		Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). Number of inspections made for the purpose.	441 525
			Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (a) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, and Amending Regulations, 1932. Number of inspections made for the purpose.	247 316
	(c)		Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	4
	(d)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under sub-head (c) above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	428
2,		Remed	dy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-	
	(a)		Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.	400
	(b)		Informal notices outstanding at the end of the year.	20
3.		Actio	on under Statutory Powers during the year:-	
	(a)	Pro	occeedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
		(ii)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:- (A) by owners. (B) by Local Authority in default of owners. (C) outstanding notices.	Nil 5 Nil Nil
	(b)	Pre	occeedings under Public Health Act, 1936:	
			Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	32
			(A) by owners. (B) by Local Authority in default of owners. (C) outstanding notices.	29 - Nil 7
	(c)	Pr	oceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
			Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	Nil Nil
		1	Includes 4 outstanding from previous year	



(d) Pr	occeedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	Ni Ni
4. Hous	ing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding:-	
(ii)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. Number of families dwelling therein. Number of persons dwelling therein.	
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.	-
	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. Number of persons concerned in such cases.	-
(d)	Particulars of such cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.	-



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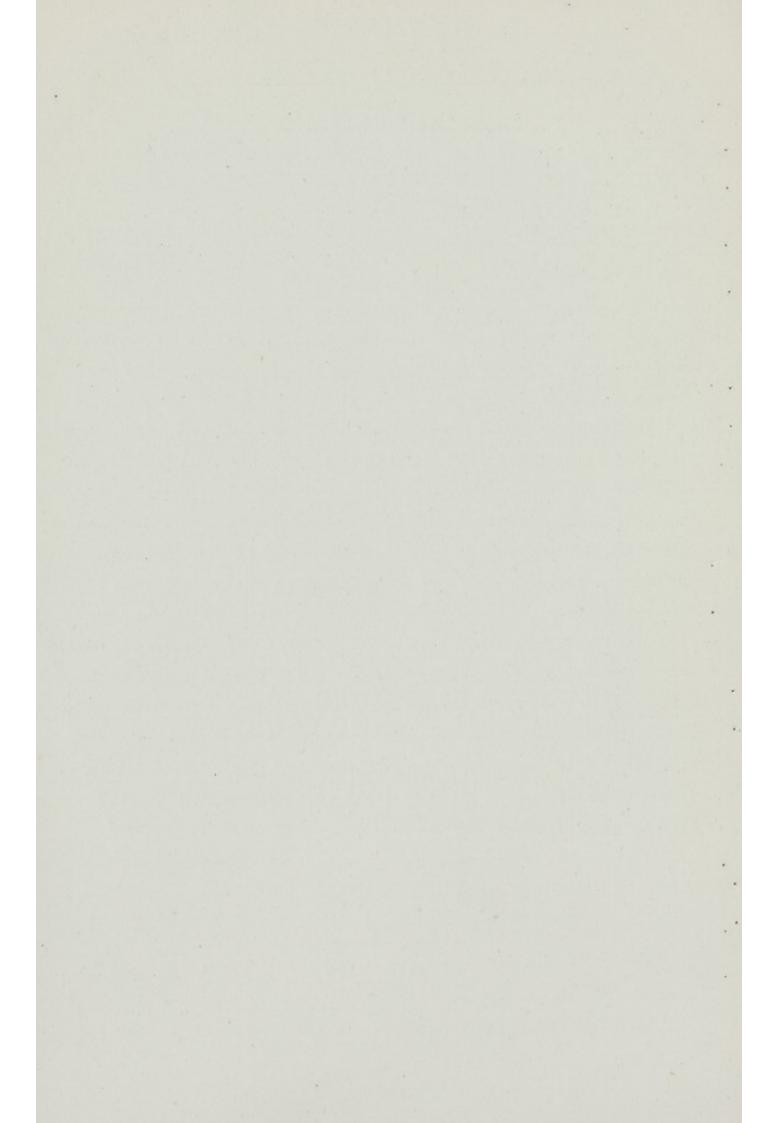
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BARNET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

by

CHARLES WILLIAM HILL, M.S.I.A.

CHIEF SANITARY AND HOUSING INSPECTOR.



BARNET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Public Health Department,

31 Wood Street,

Barnet.

To the Chairman and Members of the Barnet Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my 40th Annual Report giving particulars of the measures carried out by my Department, during the year 1948, in administering the various Acts and Bye-laws concerning Public Health, Housing, Petroleum etc. in force within the district.

Bombing and the inability to secure labour and materials during the war years has resulted in much property getting into a bad state consequently the enforcement of remedial work was impracticable.

Availability of labour and materials although not so acute, is still a limiting factor. A good deal of repair work to property has however been carried out, as the Ministry of Health has given a direction that all repairs required under Statutory Notice from the local authority must receive priority where necessary.

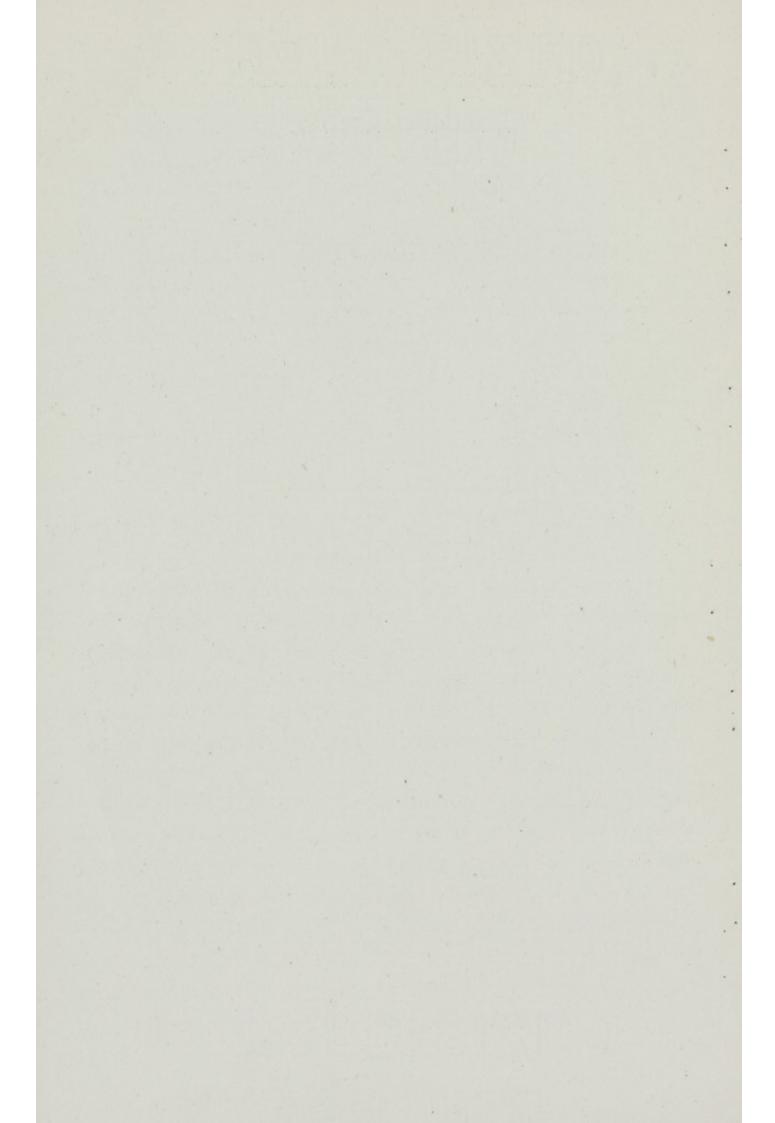
As by far the largest part of an Inspector's work is the enforcement of various Acts of Parliament concerning public health, it follows that the majority of the work is as between the Inspector and the individual concerned. This being the case it is obviously undesirable to report on many of these matters individually at the time, but as a record of the work accomplished can only come to the knowledge of the Council in a report such as this, the number of visits and work carried out is tabulated at the end of the report.

The work of the department has been set out, as far as possible, under the various Acts to which it relates.

INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

General Inspections of the District have been carried out periodically and all complaints investigated.

The process of serving a preliminary or intimation notice upon the person in



default, specifying the works necessary to remedy the defects found, is usually followed, and only if a person fails to comply with this preliminary notice, or strict legal procedure is necessary in the first instance, is the matter reported to the Council for statutory action to be taken.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE - INVESTIGATIONS AND DISINFECTIONS.

The cases of Infectious Disease enumerated below have been investigated and reported upon to your Medical Officer of Health:Scarlet Fever 31; Erysipelas 9; Tuberculosis 25.

Forty-eight houses were disinfected where necessary, and bedding sent to be steam disinfected in certain instances.

Two hundred and nineteen library books used by patients were disinfected.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

The number of persons registered to sell milk is twenty-two, viz:-

7 Dairies and Cowsheds.

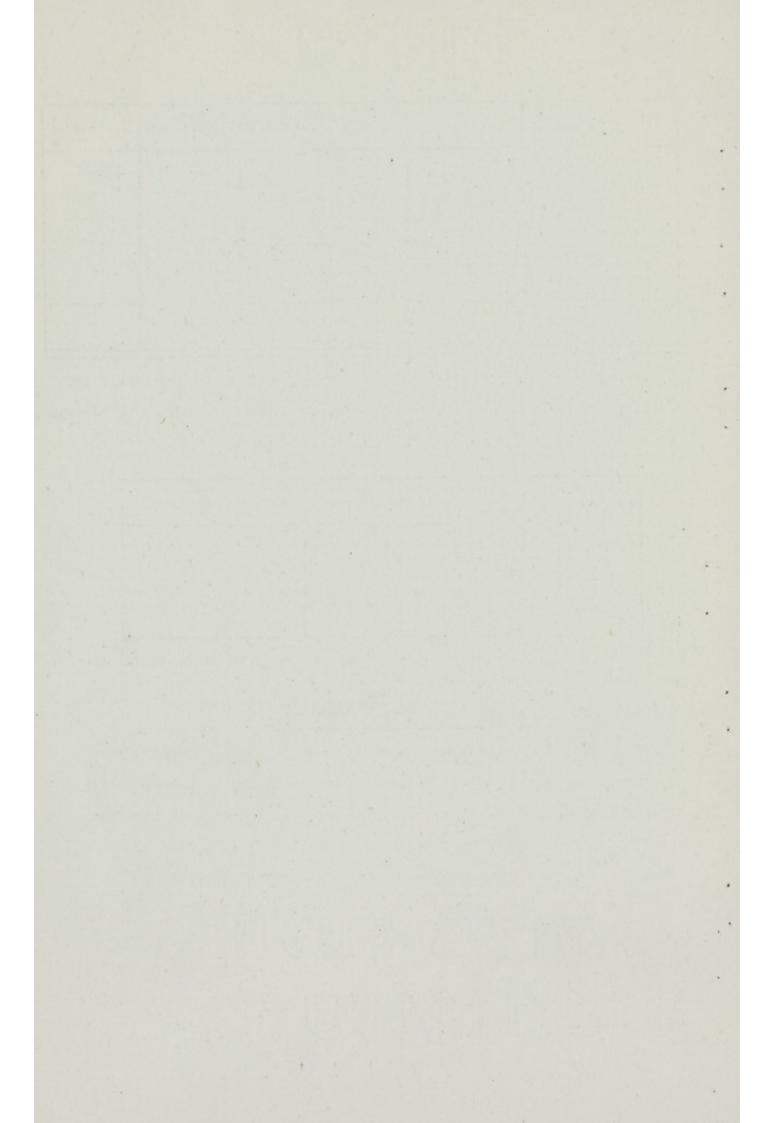
15 Milkshops and Purveyors of Milk.

Fifty-four inspections were made, and particular attention paid to the hygimic essentials necessary for a pure milk production and distribution.

Cowsheds of good construction, providing proper light, ventilation and cubic air space per cow are essential, but would be of little value unless accompanied by a proper appreciation of the importance of grooming the cow's flanks, washing the udder, cleanliness of the milker's hands and the proper washing and sterilising of milk utensils and bottles.

I am therefore pleased to record that the dairyman and his assistants are learning this lesson and are setting themselves higher standards than ever before. High bacterial counts have a real significance to them now that they have learned the causes and implications and are conscious that a dirty milk supply is a reflection on their methods and cleanliness.

Samples are taken from time to time, and the results forwarded to the dairymen. During the past year, thirty-seven samples were taken in the district, and tests appropriate to the particular Designations of milk applied with the following results.



Designation.	No. of Samples Taken.	Passed Test.	Failed Test
Tuberculin Tested.	8	5	3
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised).	6	6	-
Accredited.	11	9	2
Pasteurised.	12	12	-
TOTALS	37	32	5

Four Dealer's Licences and nine Supplementary Licences were granted for the retail sale of milk under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936 to 1946, viz:-

	Dealer's Licences.	Supplem	entary Licences
Tuberculin Tested.	2		4
Accredited	-		1.
Pasteurised	2		4

Producer's Licences for designated milks are issued by the County Council.

PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES AND SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933.

Since Food Rationing was introduced the Private Slaughter-houses in the district, three in number, have been closed, meat rationing being more easily organised and administered from one abbatoir supplying a large area than from a number of small slaughter-houses in each district. It is doubtful whether these small private slaughter-houses will again be permitted to function.

There are nine persons licensed by the Council as fit persons to slaughter animals, one less than in the previous year. These slaughtermen, although still required to be licensed by this Authority, work outside the district.

No complaint has been received from the districts in which they work concerning the conduct of any of these men.



MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

The following is a list of the articles of food condemned as unfit for human consumption during the year:-

Meat.

Beef (Imported) Beef (Home Killed)	13031	lbs.	Black Puddings Corned Beef		lbs.
Mutton (HomeKilled)	244	lbs.	Corned Mutton		lbs.
Bacon	24	lbs.	Stewed Steak	12	tins.
Beef Sausages	12	lbs.	Luncheon Meat	13	tins.
Meat Pies	44	lbs.	Miscellaneous	10	tins.

Fish.

Wet Fish (Skate, Herrings, Witches, Bream and Cod) Smoked Fish (Cod, Haddock	49월	stones.	Pilchards Herring Tidbits Smoked Herring Spread	45	9 tins. 6 tins. 7 tins.
and Kippers) Shrimps		stones.			5 tins.
Salmon Sardinos		tins.	Mussels	6	O tins.

Fruit.

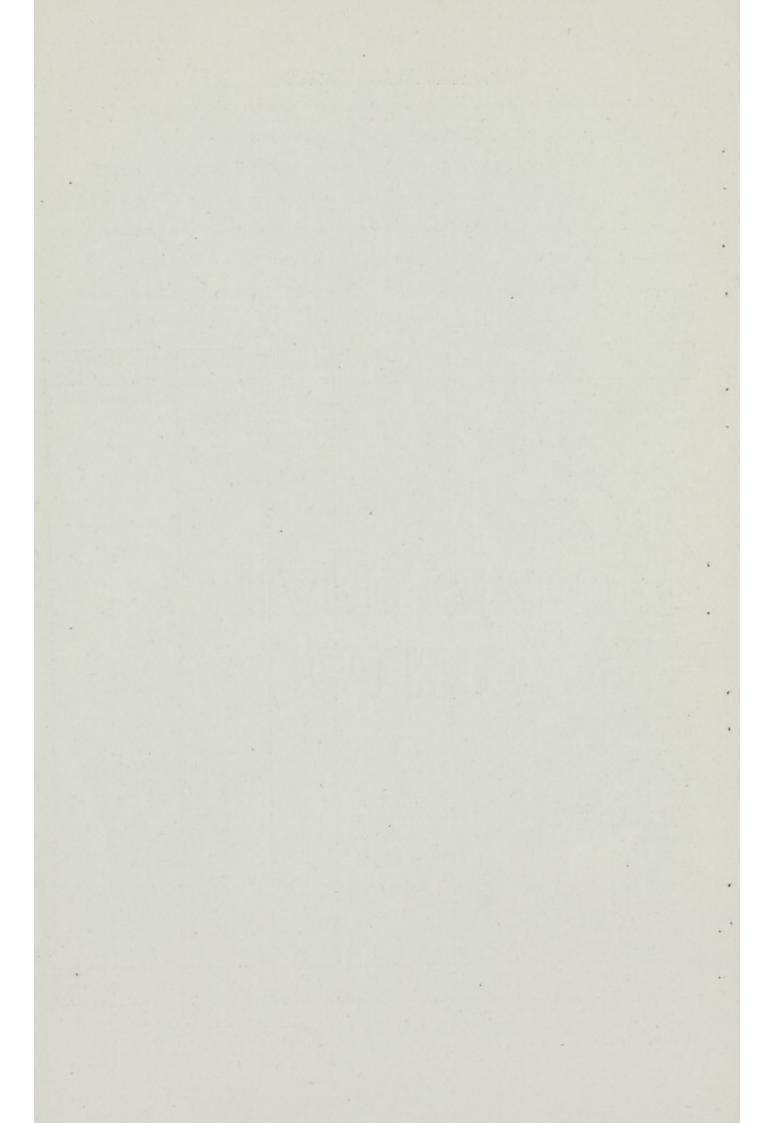
Prunes (Dried) Mixed Fruits (Sultanas,	9	lbs.	Grapefruit Plums		tins.
Currants and Peel)	23	lbs.	Apricots	21	tins.
Dates	15	boxes.	Miscellaneous Fruits		
Grapes	102	tins.	and Juices	22	tins.

Vegetables and Cereals.

Peas	59	tins.	Runner Beans	6	tins.
Carrots	16	tins.	Semolina	5월	lbs.
Baked Beans	38	tins.	Barley Flakes	21	lbs.
Spaghetti in Sauce	11	tins.	Barley Flour	7물	lbs.
Parsnips	9	tins.	Breakfast Cereals	18	pkts.
Mixed Vegetables	15	tins.			

Groceries.

Sugar	128	lbs.	Cake	9	lbs.
Cheese	17	lbs.	Biscuits	17	lbs.
Milk	199	tins.	Pickles	2400	jars.
Jam and Marmalade	80	tins.	Sauces		botts.
Soup	30	tins.	Pepper	4	lbs.
Tea	1/2	1b.	Salt	6	pkts.
Cocoa		lbs.	Rennet	3	botts.
Coffee Essence	18	botts.	Sweets (Boiled Sweets,		
Flour	12	pkts.	Toffee and Chocolates)	224	lbs.
Cake Mixture	44	pkts.			



FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

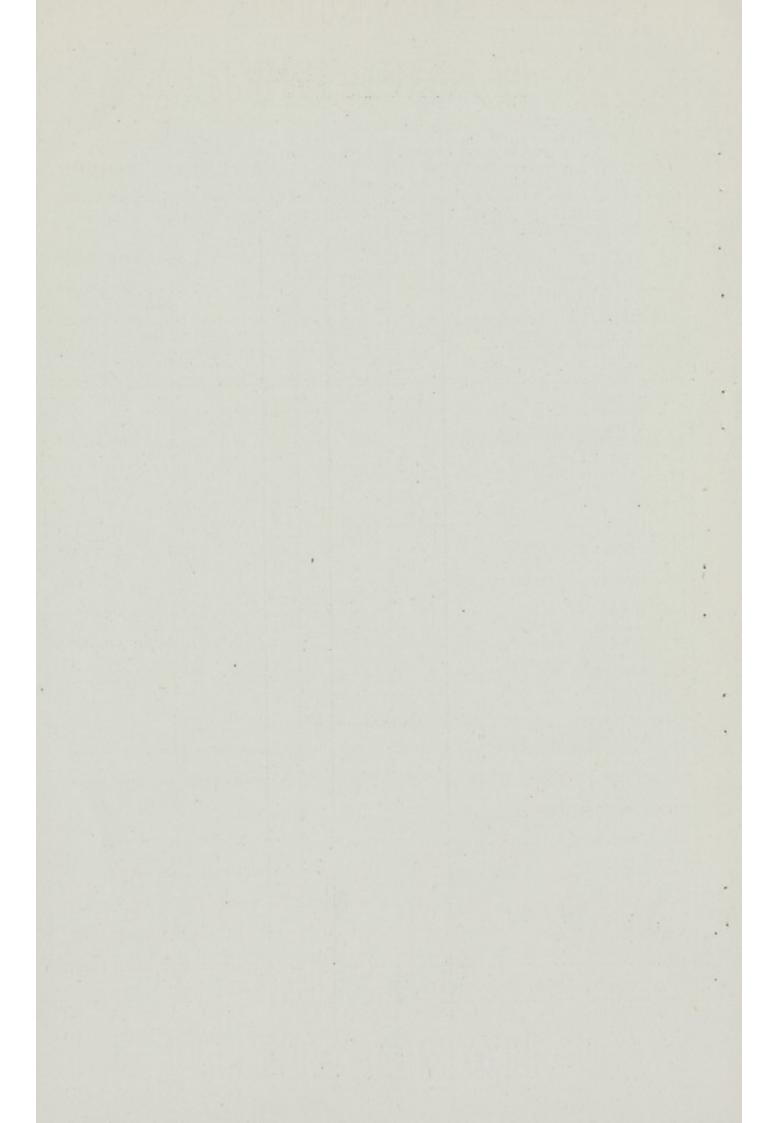
Those sections of the above Act concerning adulteration and sampling of foodstuffs are enforced by the County Authority in this district.

In my Annual Report for 1947 attention was drawn to the fact that only 13 samples were taken within this district, and that there was a lack of variety in the articles sampled. It will be noted that these comments have produced an increase in the variety of articles taken, if not in the number of each.

The following details show the number and nature of the samples taken in the Urban District of Barnet during the year, and the results of the analyses.

Article.	No. of Samples Taken.	Genuine.	Adulterated.	Extent and Form of Adulteration.
Milk	5	4	1	2% of Added Water
Ice Cream	4	4		_ +
Tincture of Rhubarb	1	1		
Ammoniated Tincture of Quinine	1	1		
Matte	1	1		_
Rockfish (Tinned)	1	1	-	_
Syrup of Figs	1	1	-	
Fruit Cake	1	1	-	-
Soya Flour	1		-	-
Lemonade Crystals	1	1	-	-
Sulphur Ointment	1	1	-	-
Gees Linctus	1	1	-	~
	1	1	-	-
Milk of Magnesia (Tablets)	1	1	-	-
Olive Oil	1	1	-	-
Pea Nut Butter	1	1	-	-
Tomato Sauce	1	1	-	-
Malt Vinegar	1	1	-	-
Self Raising Flour	1	1	_	_
Barley Flakes	1	1	_	_
Iodised Throat Lozenges	1	1	_	_
Cocoa	1	1	_	_
White Pepper	1	ī		
Sweetened Fat	1	ī		
Sandwich Spread	î	1		
Fish Paste	ī	1		
Cod Liver Oil	1	1	-	
Lemonade Powder	7	1	-	
Concentrated Ginger Wine	_			
Flavouring	1	1	-	-
Paregoric	1	1	-	-
Syrup of Figs	1	1	-	-
Arrowroot	21	1	-	-
Ground Ginger	1	1	-	-
Banana Bar	1	1	_	
Solution Acetic Acid				
(Artificial Vinegar)	1	1	-	_
Coffee and Chicory Essence	1	1	-	-
Totals	42	41	1	See Below +

⁺ No proceedings were instituted against the vendor of this sample, but a warning was given.



DRAINAGE AND SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

The drains or sanitary fittings to 106 premises were found to be in some respect defective.

In thirteen cases, the drains were found to be so defective as to necessitate their being taken up and entirely relaid. The drains to twenty-one houses were found to be stopped up and remedial action taken.

Notice was served at the end of 1947 requiring the overhaul and repair of the sewage filtration plant at St. Joseph's Convent, Totteridge. The necessary works consisting of relaying a length of drain, cleaning of the humus tank, and cleaning and renewal of parts of the filter bed and mechanism, were completed early this year after which a satisfactory effluent was being discharged into the Dollis Brook.

Remedial work in connection with all the above properties required the provision of 26 new water closets; 4 sinks; 36 water closet flushing cisterns; 18 inspection chambers and 8 soil pipes.

WATER SUPPLY.

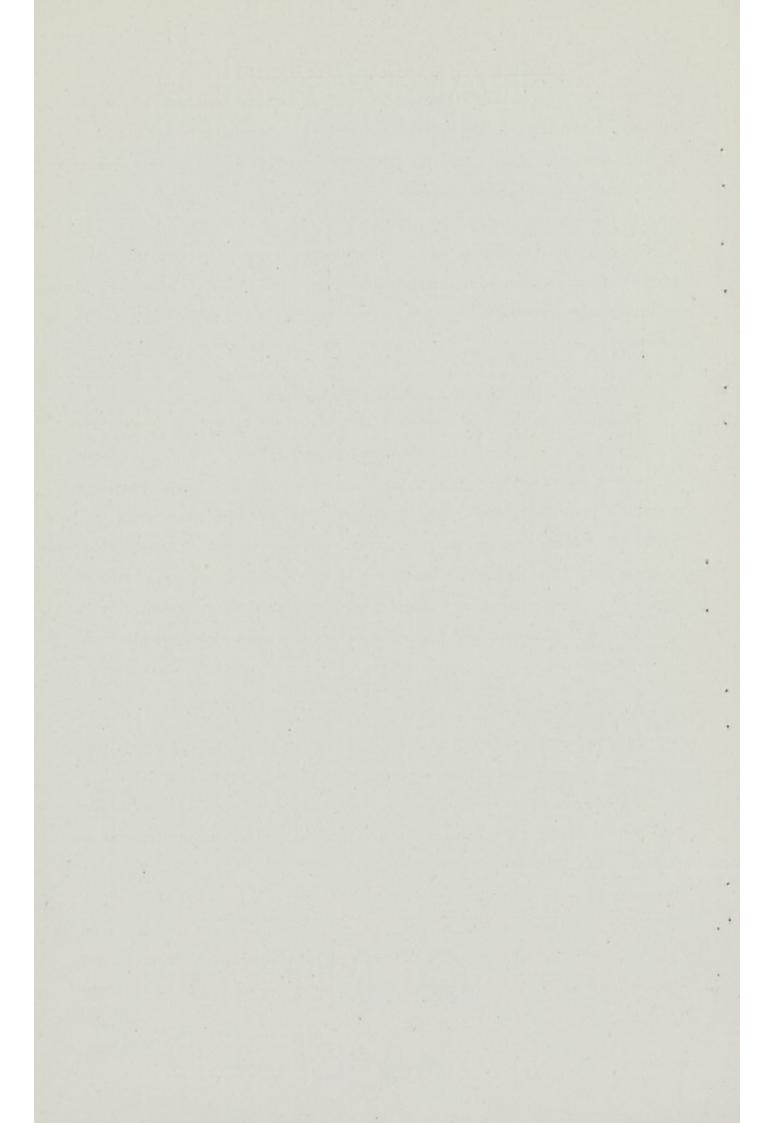
Fifty premises were reported as being without proper water supply, due mainly to bursts caused by frost.

In nine of these cases, however, the water was cut off owing to non-payment of water rates. In each case this Department was notified by the Water Company, and steps were taken which resulted in the early reconnection of the supply.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Fifty-nine inspections of factories with mechanical power and twelve inspections of factories without mechanical power were made during the year, including bakehouses.

Three notifications of contravention of the requirements of the Act were received from H.M. Inspector of Factories. A case of defective sanitary accommodation and one of dirty condition of a factory were dealt with informally, whilst one factory having insufficient sanitary accommodation was the subject of statutory action. In addition, two notices were served where defects were found contravening the Act.



MEANS OF ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE.

Section 34 of the Act requires every factory in which more than 20 persons are employed to be certified by the local authority as being provided with such means of escape in case of fire for the persons employed therein as may reasonably be required in the circumstances of each case.

At the instance of H.M. Inspector of Factories, five applications for certificates were received. These factories were inspected, and in one case improvements were required. Certificates specifying in detail the means of escape provided, together with particulars of fire fighting appliances, were issued to the occupiers after completion, where necessary, of the alterations.

HOUSING ACT, 1936 - OVERCROWDING.

In common with most other Authorities, it has been impossible to administer the provisions of the above Act with regard to overcrowding. A certain number of the most serious cases have of course been placed in new Council houses, but a good deal of overcrowding exists. 103 new files have been added during the year to the 3632 surveys carried out prior to the war, and some 300 of these latter have been revised. The information obtained will form a useful basis upon which to work when it is possible to make a fresh start with this important matter. It will also be to a large extent a guide as to the housing needs of the district.

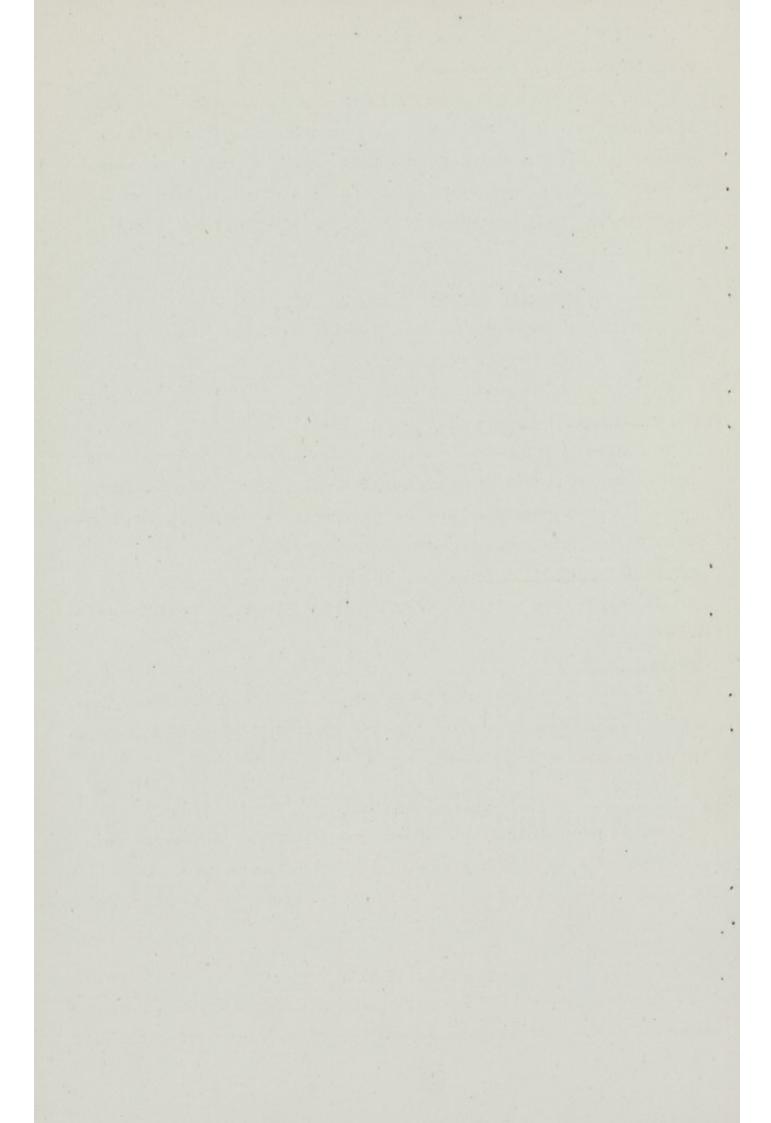
VANS USED AS DWELLINGS.

The vans which entered the district for the purpose of attending Barnet Fair were in many instances visited in order to ascertain their sanitary condition, and to enquire as to any illness which might be of an infectious character.

Temporary sanitary accommodation was provided in different sections of the Fair for the use of the caravaners and public, and attention paid to such matters as disposal of fish offal and other refuse.

SANITARY CONDITION OF CINEMAS, DANCING HALLS AND OTHER PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT.

The Halls used as cinemas, and for dancing and other entertainment, were inspected during the year, concerning their fitness for the nature of the entertainment proposed to be given as regards fire escape; ventilation; dressing,



cloakroom and lavatory accommodation.

Prior to the war I invited the Chief Officer of the Council's Fire Brigade to accompany me on these inspections, to make an examination of the fire extinguishers and other fire appliances, when instructions were given to have these overhauled where necessary. This practice will be continued in future and the co-operation of the Station Officer of the Hertfordshire Fire Service will be sought.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ACT, 1935.

Provision is made in this Act for the conduct and regulation of

- (1) Hairdressers' and Barbers' Premises;
- (2) Swimming Baths and Pools, and
- (3) Employment Agencies.

Hairdressers' and Barbers' Premises.

The Council made Bye-laws for securing the cleanliness of these premises in 1937. There are fifteen such establishments in the district. No complaints were received concerning their cleanliness or conduct nor were any serious breaches of the Bye-laws noted during inspections of such premises.

Swimming Baths and Bathing Pools.

The only swimming pool in the district, viz, at "The Barn", Barnet By-Pass, is not now in use.

Employment Agencies.

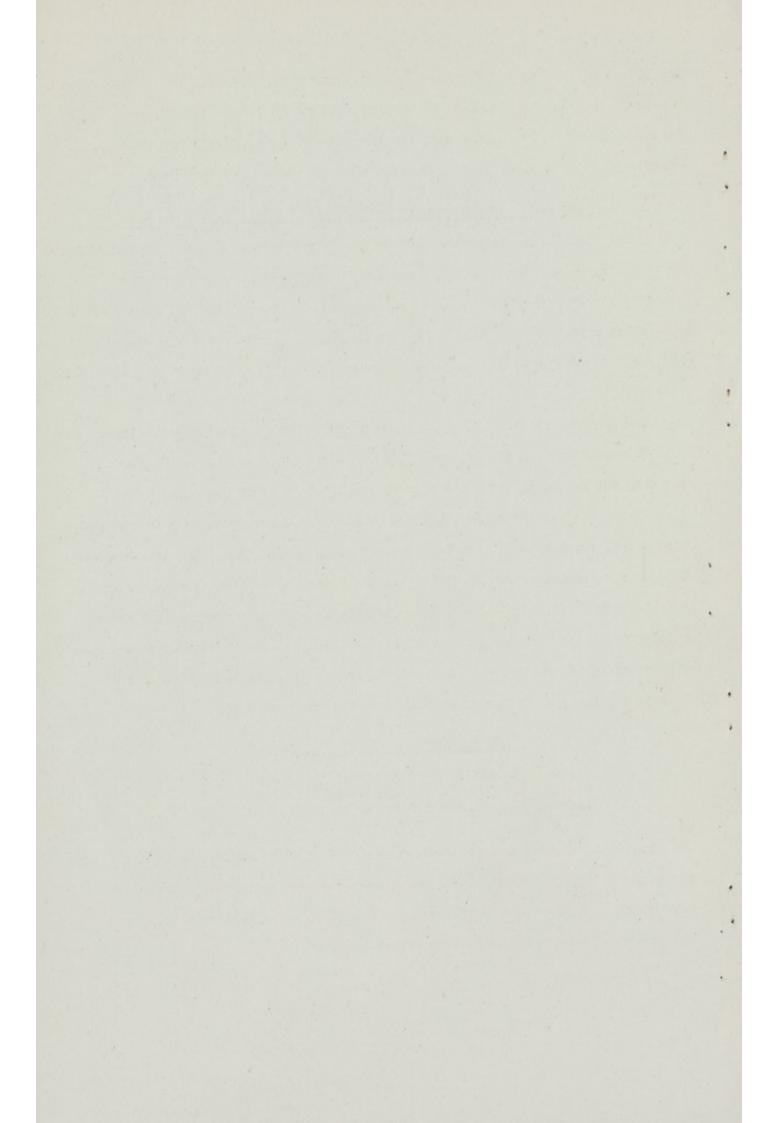
Prior to the war there were four employment agencies in the district. These, however, are no longer in existence owing to the control of labour and it seems unlikely they will be started up again.

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

Routine inspection of shops which was in absyance during and since the war, has been started and 45 visits were made. Informal action was taken where necessary. Next year it should be possible to step up this work to include all the shops in the area.

STATUTORY NOTICES.

As previously stated, in the large majority of cases preliminary or intimation notice is sufficient to secure the remedying of any defect to property or breach of



the Acts, Regulations and Bye-laws in force within the district, and it was found necessary to ask your authority to serve Statutory Notice in only 32 cases. 34 Statutory Notices have been complied with during the year, including those outstanding from last year, leaving 7 outstanding at the end of this year.

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1928 AND 1936.

There are thirty-six persons licensed to store petroleum and petroleum mixtures upon the Register; one more than last year. The Licences are for varying quantities from 18 gallons to 6,000 gallons. The total quantity of petroleum spirit and mixtures which may be kept in the various stores is 28,653 gallons. Fifty-two inspections were made, but there was no serious breach of the Regulations to report.

One Licence was issued for the storage of 100 lbs. of Carbide of Calcium.

The scale of fees for Licences to Store Petroleum ranges from 5/- for a

quantity not exceeding 100 gallons to £1 for 1,000 to 5,000 gallons.

With a view to the standardisation of electrical equipment used in connection with petrol service pumps, the Secretary of State, Home Office, has issued a Model Code of requirements. In the past, the production of satisfactory electrically operated pumps has been rendered difficult by the varying requirements of local authorities. Now the new Code will, in due course, be incorporated in the conditions attached to the issue of Licences for all premises such as garages or filling stations in which electrically operated pumps are installed.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Number of Council houses found to be infested. 2

" " " disinfested. 2

Number of other houses found to be infested. 5

" " disinfested. 5

An electric power sprayer has been used for disinfestations, employing a nonstaining and non-poisonous fluid insecticide, and has given excellent results. The Council do not undertake the work of disinfestation for private house-owners, but give all facilities possible to assist them.

I am,

Yours obediently,

CHARLES WILLIAM HILL, M.S.I.A.

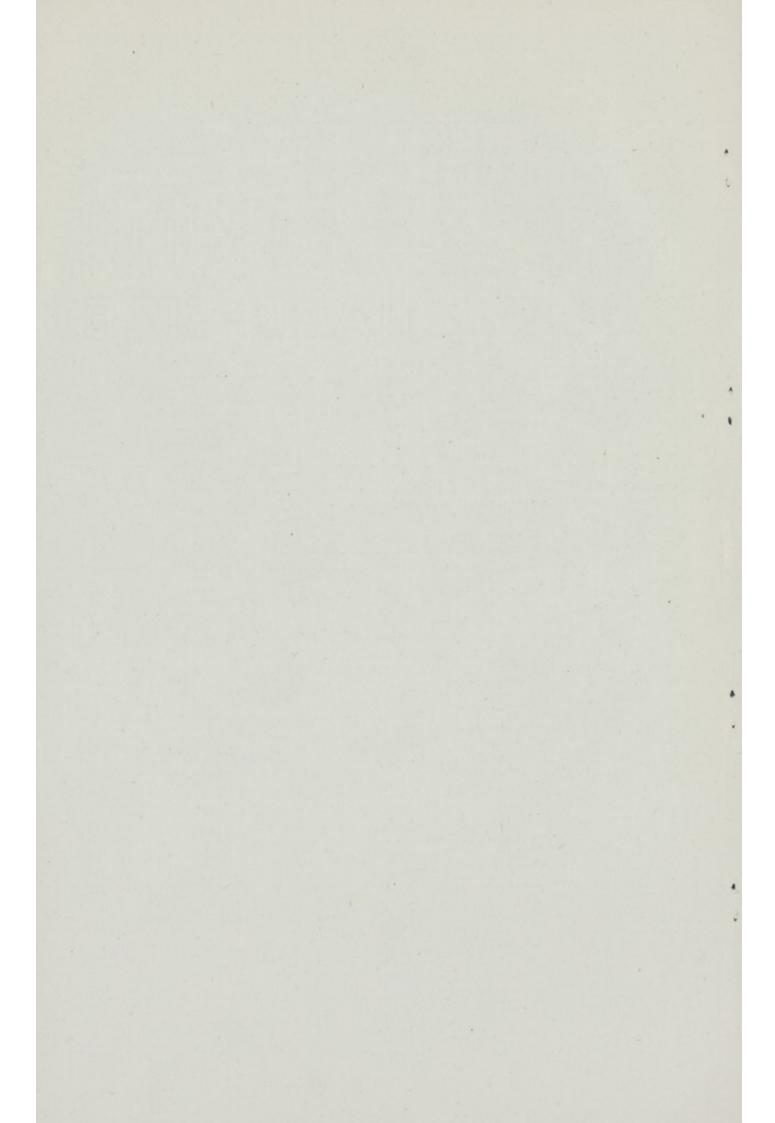
Chief Sanitary and Housing Inspector, Meat and Food Inspector, Petroleum Inspector.



SUMMARY.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF AREA.

(1) On complaint or (2) House to house. Re-inspections of house. Visits to houses on no Visits to slaughterhouse. Visits to slaughterhouses. Visits to bakehouses. Visits to outworkers! Visits to dairies, com Visits to food manufact Visits to public halls Inspections under Rent Disinfections after in Visits re: Overcrowdin "Permitted Number" Cer Visits re: Civil Build Visits to inspect meat Visits to Schools Visits re: pollution of Visits to Tents, Carav Visits under Shops Act Miscellaneous visits.	ses and vis brification sunder Pet ises	its to of information	vorks dectious lectious laundri	in pros disc	ies)	, 193	6		247 795 81 52 NIL 43 28 16 54 40 16 NIL 48 108 126
Houses.									
Roofs repaired and mad Gutters, downspouts re Brickwork, exterior, r Walls, dampness remedi Chimney stacks and pot Yard surfaces repaired Room walls and ceiling Wall plaster repaired Ceilings repaired or re Floors repaired or re Floors, defective vent Air gratings renewed . Doors and frames repai Window sashes, frames Sashcords renewed (num Glazing repaired or re Stairs, treads, balust Fireplaces repaired or Kitcheners repaired or Coppers repaired or re	paired or repaired or repaired or repaired or repaired or renewed or renewed enewed	renewed repoint or renewed and door ctified repaired ses)	wed						68 41 30 94 21 8 245 86 92 39 4 36 50 37 73 24 46 29 31
Drainage.									
Drains tested									8



Water Closets, Sinks and Baths.

W.C. pans and traps repaired or renewed Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed Flush pipes repaired or renewed Seats, doors etc. repaired or renewed Brickwork repaired or repointed Water pipes repaired or renewed Sinks repaired or renewed Sinks repaired or renewed Draining boards renewed Bath wastes unstopped, repaired or renewed Bath wastes unstopped, repaired or renewed	36 24 18 11 14 4 9
Water Supply.	
Cisterns, storage, repaired or renewed Cisterns, storage, cleansed Cisterns, storage, new covers provided Cisterns, hot water, repaired or renewed Water services, burst, repaired or renewed Stopcocks repaired or renewed Taps repaired or renewed	2 4 41 4
Miscellaneous.	
Dustbins renewed	10 5 72 7

