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# ANNUAL REPORT

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# Medical Officer of Health and Public Analyst

FOR THE

Metropolitan Borough of Stepney.

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# MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ANALYST FOR THE YEAR 1916.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STEPNEY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my sixteenth Annual Report, which deals with the Vital and Sanitary Statistics of the Borough of Stepney for the year 1916.

The Report has been made shorter than usual; this is in accordance with a suggestion from the Local Government Board, and with the resolution of the Borough Council to effect an economy in labour and printing.

# Population.

The estimated population for the calculation of the death-rate is 258,395, and for the birth-rate 281,138.

The former is an estimate of the civilian population; the latter of the total population based on the assumption that the ratio between the total and the civilian population is the same in the Borough, as in England and Wales as a whole.

The war has made it impossible to adhere to the method of estimating the population hitherto in use. Men of military age have been largely drafted to military training centres, or sent abroad, and there has also been a great deal of migration of the female population.

#### Births.

The total number of births during the year was 7,121, or 385 less than in the previous year.

1,641 belonged to the Limehouse District, or at the rate of 30.4 per 1,000 of the population.

- 1,221 belonged to St. George-in-the-East, or at the rate of 25.9 per 1,000 of the population.
- 2,949 belonged to Mile End Old Town, or at the rate of 26.3 per 1,000 of the population.
- 1,310 belonged to the Whitechapel District, or at the rate of 19.2 per 1,000 of the population.

The birth-rate throughout the whole Borough was 25.3 per 1,000 of the population.

658 births occurred in the Mothers' Lying-in Home, Commercial Road :-

125 belonged to Mile End Old Town.

149 belonged to the Limehouse District.

75 belonged to St. George-in-the-East.

36 belonged to the Whitechapel District.

273 belonged to outlying districts.

391 births occurred in the London Hospital: --

65 belonged to Mile End Old Town.

47 belonged to St. George-in-the-East.

17 belonged to the Limehouse District.

49 belonged to the Whitechapel District.

213 belonged to outlying districts.

22 births occurred in the St. George's Infirmary:-

20 belonged to St. George-in-the-East.

1 belonged to the Limehouse District.

1 belonged to an outlying district.

76 births occurred in the Whitechapel Infirmary:-

31 belonged to the Whitechapel District.

6 belonged to Mile End Old Town.

2 belonged to St. George-in-the-East.

1 belonged to the Limehouse District.

36 belonged to outlying districts.

215 births occurred at the Sick Room Helps Society, 24, Underwood Street:—

63 belonged to Mile End Old Town.

53 belonged to the Whitechapel District.

31 belonged to St. George-in-the-East.

68 belonged to outlying districts.

12 births belonging to this Borough occurred in the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, 11 belonging to Limehouse and 1 to Mile End.

54 births belonging to the Borough of Stepney occurred in the City of London Lying-in Hospital; 8 in Queen Charlotte's Hospital; 5 in the General Lying-in Hospital; 4 in the Salvation Army Maternity Home, Hackney; 1 in the Clapham Maternity Charity; 2 in Paddington Workhouse; 7 in Poplar Workhouse; 1 in the New Hospital for Women; 1 in the Retreat, Mere, Wilts; and 2 in the street.

#### Marriages.

The marriages during the year numbered 2,831, or 297 more than in the previous year.

The proportion of persons married was 20.1 per 1,000 of the population.

- 109 marriages occurred in the Limehouse District, or at the rate of 4 per 1,000 of the population.
- 248 marriages occurred in St. George-in-the-East, or at the rate of 10.4 per 1,000 of the population.
- 1,126 marriages occurred in Mile End Old Town, or at the rate of 20 per 1,000 of the population.
- 448 marriages occurred in the Whitechapel District, or at the rate of 13.2 per 1,000 of the population.

#### Deaths.

After deducting the deaths of non-residents who died in the Borough, and adding those of residents who died in outlying institutions, the total number was 3795—2,112 males and 1,683 females—or 732 less than in the preceding year.

- 895 of the deaths belonged to the Limehouse District, or at the rate of 17.9 per 1,000 of the population.
- 624 of the deaths belonged to St. George-in-the-East, or at the rate of 14.0 per 1,000 of the population.
- 1,361 of the deaths belonged to Mile End Old Town, or at the rate of 13.0 per 1,000 of the population.
- 915 of the deaths belonged to the Whitechapel District, or at the rate of 15.2 per 1,000 of the population.

The death rate throughout the whole Borough was 14.6 per 1,000 of the population, while that for the whole of London was 14.3 per 1,000.

Homeless.—During the year there occurred in Lunatic Asylums the deaths of 117 persons, said to have been removed from addresses in this Borough to those Institutions, but no definite addresses could be given when the deaths were reported to the Registrars. 48 were above 65 years of age, 26 were said to have been removed from the Limehouse District; 18 from St. George's; 17 from Mile End; 56 from Whitechapel.

Five unknown persons were found drowned.

10 unknown persons were killed in the streets; 2 in Limehouse; 3 in Mile End; 5 in Whitechapel.

There were 16 deaths of unknown persons in Public Institutions in the Borough, viz.:—15 in the Whitechapel Infirmary and Workhouse, and 1 in the London Hospital.

There were 14 deaths in the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum of persons stated to have been removed from the Limehouse District, and 9 from Mile End.

#### Spies.

One spy only was shot in the Tower of London. He was a commercial traveller, aged 37, from Lima, Peru.

#### Notifiable Diseases,

5,360 notifications were received, this number included 1,221 notifications of diseases of a tubercular nature. 2,160 were removed to various Hospitals and Infirmaries. Excluding Measles—which was not a notifiable disease in 1915—the number of notifications of infectious diseases was 1,034 less in 1916 than in the previous year.

In addition to the above, 11 soldiers were notified to be suffering from infectious diseases, viz. :—7 from Diphtheria and 4 from Measles.

Of the infectious Diseases :-

- 911 belonged to the Limehouse District, or at the rate of 18·2 per 1,000 of the population.
- 902 belonged to St. George-in-the-East, or at the rate of 20·3 per 1,000 of the population.
- 1,498 belonged to Mile End Old Town, or at the rate of 14.3 per 1,000 of the population.
- 828 belonged to Whitechapel District, or at the rate of 13.7 per 1,000 of the population.

#### Wrong Diagnosis.

127 cases of Infectious Disease were removed to the Hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, which were subsequently returned home in consequence of the patients being found not to be suffering from the diseases stated on the certificates, or any other notifiable disease.

62 of the cases were notified by private practitioners, 54 from the London Hospital, and 11 from other public institutions.

This number referred to 51 cases of Scarlet Fever, 70 from Diphtheria, 5 of Enteric Fever, and 1 of Cerebro-spinal Meningitis.

#### Scarlet Fever.

661 cases were notified during the year, or 797 less than in the previous year; 658 were removed to Fever Hospitals.

118 belonged to the Limehouse District, with 4 deaths;

135 belonged to St. George-in-the-East, with 2 deaths;

232 belonged to Mile End Old Town, with 7 deaths;

176 belonged to the Whitechapel District, with no deaths;

The death rate for the whole Borough was .04 per 1,000 of the population, while that for the whole of London was .04 per 1,000.

## Diphtheria and Membranous Croup.

850 cases were notified during the year, or 180 less than in the previous year; 844 were removed to the Fever Hospitals.

164 belonged to the Limehouse District, with 11 deaths.

127 belonged to St. George-in-the-East, with 4 deaths.

285 belonged to Mile End Old Town, with 13 deaths.

274 belonged to the Whitechapel District, with 12 deaths.

The death rate for the whole Borough was ·15 per 1,000 of the population, while that for the whole of London was ·14 per 1,000.

#### Enteric Fever.

32 cases were notified during the year, exactly the same number as in the previous year.

12 occurred in the Limehouse District, with 3 deaths;
6 occurred in St. George-in-the-East, with no deaths;

10 occurred in Mile End Old Town, with 3 deaths;4 occurred in the Whitechapel District, with 1 death.

The death rate throughout the whole Borough was .02 per 1,000 of the population, while that for the whole of London was .03 per 1,000.

#### Puerperal Fever.

10 cases of Puerperal Fever were notified, or 3 less than in the previous year.

- 5 belonged to the Limehouse District, with 3 deaths
- 1 belonged to St. George-in-the-East, which was not fatal;
- 3 belonged to Mile End Old Town, with no deaths;
- 1 belonged to the Whitechapel District, which proved fatal.

### Erysipelas.

244 cases were notified, or 45 less than in the previous year.

- 59 belonged to the Limehouse District, with no deaths;
- 32 belonged to St. George-in-the-East, with no deaths;
- 86 belonged to Mile End Old Town, with no deaths;
- 67 belonged to the Whitechapel District, with 2 deaths.

# Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

42 cases were notified, or 23 less than in the previous year. 23 occurred in the Limehouse District, 3 in St. George-in-the-East, 11 in Mile End Old Town, 5 in the Whitechapel District.

## Poliomyelitis.

12 cases were notified or 7 more than in the previous year. 4 belonged to Limehouse District, 3 to St. George's-in-the-East, and 5 to Mile End Old Town.

## Cerebro-Spinal Fever.

34 patients suffered from cerebro-spinal fever during the year, but 3 of them were not notified by the doctors in attendance, due to an oversight on their part. The first intimation of the cases was information in the death returns. 4 recovered, 25 died. 5 families moved and I am not able to obtain the later history of the patients. 11 of the deaths were those of babies under 1 year of age. 6 were children between 1 and 2 years of age, 4 were between 2 and 5 years of age, 1 was between 5 and 10 years of age, and 1 was between 10 and 15 years of age. 2 deaths were those of persons between 15 and 25 years of age.

#### Measles and German Measles,

The Notification of Measles and German Measles Order, 1915, came into force on January 1st, 1916. This Order requires that parents or guardians must notify these diseases, unless they have been previously notified by medical practitioners.

The medical practitioner is not required to notify the case, if another person suffering from the disease has been notified in the same household within the previous two months.

The number of Measles notified was 2,255; 202 being under 1 year of age, and 1,463 between 1 and 5 years of age.

- 524 belonged to the Limehouse District, with 23 deaths, and a death-rate of .46 per 1,000.
- 588 belonged to St. George-in-the-East, with 20 deaths, and a death-rate of '45 per 1,000.
- 849 belonged to Mile End Old Town, with 16 deaths, and a death-rate of 15 per 1,000.
- 294 belonged to the Whitechapel District, with 4 deaths, and a death-rate of '06 per 1,000.

The death rate of the whole Borough was at the annual rate of '24 per 1,000 of the population, while that for the whole of London was '15 per 1,000.

The number of deaths from Measles in the Borough since 1901 is as follows:-

1901	 			 	 155
1902	 			 	 158
1903	 			 	 162
1904	 			 	 176
1905	 		,	 	 151
1906	 			 	 171
1907	 			 	 155
1908	 			 	 264
1909	 			 	 236
1910	 			 	 93
1911	 			 	 291
1912	 			 	 172
1913	 			 	 95
1914	 			 	 174
1915	 			 	 113
1916	 ***	***		 	 63

### Whooping Cough.

The number of deaths from Whooping Cough was 69, or 19 more than in the previous year. This corresponds to a death rate of '26 per 1,000 of the population; the death-rate for London was '16 per 1,000.

- 26 belonged to the Limehouse District, or at the rate of .52 per 1,000 of the population.
- 10 belonged to St. George-in-the-East, or at the rate of ·22 per 1,000 of the population.
- 26 belonged to Mile End Old Town, or at the rate of ·24 per 1,000 of the population.
- 7 belonged to the Whitechapel District, or at the rate ol ·11 per 1,000 of the population.

#### Summer Diarrhœa.

The number of deaths from Diarrhoea (which includes Epidemic and Zymotic Enteritis, Dysentery and Dysenteric Diarrhoea) was 144, or 116 less than in the previous year.

- 50 belonged to the Limehouse District, or at the rate of 1.03 per 1,000 of the population.
- 24 belonged to St. George-in-the-East, or at the rate of .54 per 1,000 of the population.
- 50 belonged to Mile End Old Town, or at the rate of ·47 per 1,000 of the population.
- 20 belonged to the Whitechapel District, or at the rate of ·33 per 1,000 of the population.

The death-rate for the whole Borough was .55 per 1,000.

# Zymotic Diseases.

The total deaths from diseases of a Zymotic character numbered 340. It includes deaths from Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, Enteric Fever, Puerperal Fever and Diarrhoea. This number is 186 less than in the previous year.

120 belonged to the Limehouse District, or at the rate of 2.40 per 1,000 of the population.

- 60 belonged to St. George-in-the-East, or at the rate of 1.35 per 1,000 of the population.
- 115 belonged to Mile End Old Town, or at the rate of 1.10 per 1,000 of the population.
- 45 belonged to the Whitechapel District, or at the rate of '74 per 1,000 of the population.

#### Phthisis.

961 new cases were notified or 90 less than in the previous year:-

	Notifications.	Rate per 1,000 of the Population.	Deaths.	Death Rate per 1,000.
Limehouse	213	. 4.26	95	1.90
St. George's	148	. 3.34	69	1.55
Mile End Old Town	379	. 3.63	146	1.40
Whitechapel	221	. 3.68	165	2.74

Number of deaths from Consumption from 1901 to 1916:-

		Limehouse District.	. George	's.	Mile End	1. W	hitechap	oel.	Whole Borough.
1901		123	 186		107		208		626
1902		130	 105		168		173		576
1903		123	 122		189		193		627
1904		143	 119		229		198		689
1905		98	 117		171		187		573
1906		116	 94		178		138		526
1907		98	 90		141		153		482
1908		98	 79	.,.	154		103	***	494
1909		93	 102		146		180		521
1910		74	 80		146		110		410
1911	***	109	 69		177		126		481
1912	***	74	 77		149		133		433
1913		98	 55		137		140		430
1914		90	 53		162		149		454
1915		118	 74		176		131		499
1916		95	 69		146		165		475

#### Other Forms of Tuberculosis.

260 new cases were notified or 24 less than in the previous year :-

		Notification	Rate per 1,000 Population	Deaths.	Death Rate per 1,000.
Limehouse		64	 1.28	 21	 .42
St. George's		57	 1.29	 21	 -47
Mile End Old T	own	97	 93	 28	 -26
Whitechapel		42	 -69	 19	 -31

Deaths from Diseases of a Tubercular nature, other than Phthisis, from 1901 to 1916:—

	Limehouse District.	St. George's	F	Mile End.	Whitechapel.	Whole Borough.
1901	 60	 73		54	 52 .	 239
1902	 43	 . 49		89	 52 .	 233
1903	 52	 . 37		61	 45 .	 195
1904	 44	 . 35		61	 34 .	 174
1905	 42	 . 29		53	 35 .	 159
1906	 57	 . 47		53	 57 .	 214
1907	 51	 . 50		59	 42 .	 202
1908	 38	 . 40		64	 25 .	 167
1909	 37	 . 41		40	 26 .	 144
1910	 33	 . 26		43	 35 .	 137
1911	 40	 . 40		. 59	 27 .	 166
1912	 29	 . 15		39	 22 .	 105
1913	 33	 . 32		39	 21 .	 125
1914	 . 52	 . 24		50	 26 .	 152
1915	 30	 . 24		43	 21 .	 118
1916	 21	 21		28	 - 19 .	 89

### Diseases of the Respiratory Organs.

There were 796 deaths due to diseases of the Respiratory Organs, which corresponds to a death rate of 3.08 per 1,000 of the population. This number is 260 less than in the previous year.

- 190 belonged to the Limehouse District, or at the rate of 3.81 per 1,000 of the population.
- 152 belonged to St. George-in-the-East, or at the rate of 3.43 per 1,000 of the population.
- 267 belonged to Mile End Old Town, or at the rate of 2.56 per 1,000 of the population.
- 187 belonged to the Whitechapel District, or at the rate of 3.11 per 1,000 of the population.

# Infantile Mortality.

656 infants died under one year of age or 205 less than in the previous year.

167 belonged to the Limehouse District, or at the rate of 101 per 1,000 births;

- 123 belonged to St. George-in-the-East, or at the rate of 100 per 1,000 births;
- 268 belonged to Mile End Old Town, or at the rate of 90 per 1,000 births.
- 98 belonged to the Whitechapel District, or at the rate of 74 per 1,000 births.

The infantile mortality for the whole Borough was 92 per 1,000 births, while that for the whole of London was 89 per 1,000 births.

#### Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909.

Closing Orders were made in respect of :-

- (1) Nos. 1-21, Waterloo Court, Wicker Street, and no appeal against the Closing Orders were made. Five of the houses 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, were pulled down and the remaining houses were put in habitable repair. The Closing Orders were withdrawn or determined for the houses Nos. 1-15 and 21.
- (2) Nos. 1 and 2, French Place, Wapping.—These two houses were closed and as the repairs which were carried out were not sufficient to render them habitable, the Council decided to make demolition orders.
- (3) 29 and 30, Lomas Buildings.—Closing Orders followed by demolition orders were made for these two houses
- (4) Imperial Buildings, Wapping.—These buildings have for years caused a great deal of trouble due to their insanitary condition. They ultimately became so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, Closing Orders were made on all the 32 tenements. No attempt was made to put them into habitable repair and they were demolished.

## General Sanitary Work.

47,117 houses were inspected, 4,370 being the result of house to house inspections.

9,891 intimation notices were served for the abatement of various nuisances as well as 4,857 statutory notices.

It was necessary to take police court proceedings against the owners or persons causing the nuisance in 28 cases.

48,138 revisits were made by the Inspectors to supervise the abatement of the nuisances complained of.

5,956 drains were tested with smoke or water, and 209 were re-tested; 1,623 drains were either constructed or re-constructed, cleansed or repaired, and 518 were trapped.

1,633 new soil pipes were fixed and ventilated; 806 new closet pans and traps were fixed; 1,727 closets were either cleansed or repaired or provided with additional light and ventilation; 1,460 water-closets were provided with proper flushing apparatus.

1,724 yards, forecourts and areas were paved or repaired.

Notices were served to provide 959 sanitary dust receptacles, and 18 manure receptacles; 623 offensive accumulations were removed from the rear of dwelling houses.

149 houses were ventilated under the lower floor.

30 underground rooms, which were illegally occupied, were discontinued from being used as such.

16 notices were served for the abatement of smoke nuisances.

303 visits were made to bakehouses.

3,386 notices were served to have houses cleansed; water supply was reinstated to 89 houses.

242 sink, bath or rain-water pipes, which were communicating directly with the drain, were disconnected.

5,967 miscellaneous repairs to roofs, floors, gutters, &c., were made as the result of notices served.

53 rooms were provided with additional light and ventilation, and the damp walls of 562 rooms were remedied.

There are 761 houses registered as houses let in lodgings, and 1,172 visits were made under the bye-laws.

Overcrowding.—12,417 inspections were made for the purpose of detecting overcrowding. 237 rooms were found to be overcrowded. The nuisance was abated in every instance without the necessity of taking Police Court proceedings.

The number of registered milkshops at the end of 1916 was 477, and 1,838 visits were made to inspect the condition of the premises, milk receptacles, &c.

Ice cream was manufactured at 144 premises and 305 visits were made to them

267 verminous persons were cleansed and their clothing disinfected, and 1,274 verminous premises were dealt with during the year.

Acting in co-operation with the London Hospital the premises of 598 persons who were treated at that institution for Scabies were disinfected.

269 articles of clothing were destroyed at the request of their owners in addition to half-a-ton of damaged military clothing from the Tower of London at the request of the Military Authorities.

30,519 articles were disinfected at the Disinfecting Station during the year.

### The Mortuary.

The number of bodies deposited in the Mortuary during the year was 496, 435 being removed by the Coroner for the purpose of holding inquests. 57 post mortem examinations were made; 50 bodies were deposited in the Jewish part of the Mortuary, but 19 only were officially "watched." The bodies of 9 persons who died from infectious diseases were placed in the Infectious Mortuary.

### Unsound Food Destroyed during the Year.

The following foodstuffs were destroyed during the year under the Unsound Food Series and the Public Health (Foreign Meat) Regulations, 1908.

I.—At the	Whai	rves.								
							Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Fresh Meat		3	Crates	of Rabbits			-	1	2	22
Preserved Meats	S	82,009	Tins of	f Beef			57	12	3	21
		4,757	,,	Rabbits			4	5	3	12
		866	. "	Tongues			1.	8	3	26
		296	"	Mutton		* ***	-	15	3	12
Fresh Fish		712	Boxes				49	18	0	0
Preserved Fish		26,933	Tins of	Salmon			8	13	2	22
		21,016	,,	Crayfish			5	1	3	9
		300	,,,	Herrings			_	1	1	10
		238	,,,	Lobsters			-	1	0	25
Fresh Fruit	and	15,293	Crates	of Bananas			359	2	1	0
Vegetables		43	Bags o	f Potatoes			2	3	0	0
		15	Boxes	of Oranges			-	15	0	0
		10	,,,	Tomatoes			_	1	0	8
			Ca	arried forwar	d		490	2	2	27

# Unsound Food Destroyed during the Year-continued.

					-			
			Total		554	5	3	1
	359	" Margarine			2	12	3	22
	55	Boxes of Cheese			4	9	1	4
	2	Bags of Cocoa			_	1	3	26
	37	" Soup			_	-	1	9
	384	" Condensed M	Iilk		_	3	1	20
Sundries	5,376	Tins of Assorted Car	ned Go	ods	4	16	0	0
Dried Fruits	483	Packages of Plums			9	7-	0	0
	174	" Spinach			-	3	3	15
	706	" Apricots			-	13	2	20
	1,533	" Tomatoes		***	7	14	3	24
	8,776	" Pineapples			7	17	1	0
Vegetables	2,030	" Fruit Pulp			9	19	1	14
Preserved Fruits and	13,580	Tins of Assorted F	ruits		16	2	3	16
		Brought forwar	d		490	2	2	27
1.—At the What	ves.				Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
I.—At the Whan	ves.							

II.—Diseased Meat and Offal destroyed, from Slaughter-houses and Offal Dealers:—

770	61 10 10				Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
110	Sheeps' Carcases and C	Irgans			 1	19	1	7
34	Calves' "	,			 1	3	3	16
20	Forequarters of Mutto	n	***		 _	2-	1	16
13	" Veal				 -	4	1	16
29	Bullocks' Heads				 -	7	0	7
21	Bullocks' Tripes				 _	3	2	0
2	Briskets of Beef				 	_	1	0
1	Leg of Mutton				 _	-	-	10
9	Cows' Udders				 	-	3	26
415	Sets of Sheeps' Lungs				 -	8	1	7
177	" Bullocks' "				 -	15	1	0
18	" Calves' "				 _	_	2	10
394	Sheep's Livers				 -	9	1	11
19	Bullocks' "				 _	3	2	2
15	Calves' "				 -	-	1	27
				Total	 5	19	1	15

#### Factories and Workshops.

The total number of workshops on the Register was 3,261; but this does not include factories, workplaces and out-workers' premises.

4,692 inspections to factories, workshops and workplaces revealed defects, which necessitated the service of 902 written notices. 50 of the notices, referred to factories, 843 to workshops including workshop laundries, and 9 to workplaces other than out-workers' premises.

Cleanliness.—457 notices were served to cleanse workshops.

Ventilation.—The ventilation of 46 workshops was improved.

Overcrowding.—Overcrowding was abated in 31 workshops.

Sanitary Accommodation.—The sanitary accommodation was improved in 221 workshops by providing additional and suitable water-closets.

Drainage of Floors.—The drainage of floors was found defective in two workshops.

65 other nuisances were remedied in workshops.

Out-workers' Premises.—1,861 inspections were made to out-workers' premises during the year; 248 premises were found to be insanitary, and 75 cases of notifiable infectious disease occurred.

A large percentage of addresses of out-workers was found to be incorrect, and on their being visited by the Sanitary Inspectors, it was found that the occupiers had either left the premises some considerable time previously, or had never lived there at all.

# FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, LAUNDRIES, WORKPLACES AND HOMEWORK. 1.—INSPECTIONS.

Premises.		Number of						
(1)	Inspections.	Written Notices.						
Factories	747	50						
Workshops	3,811	843						
Workplaces (Other than Outworkers' premises)	134	9						
Totals	4,692	902						

#### 2.— DEFECTS FOUND.

	Nu	mber of Def	ects	Number
Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	of Prosecu- tions.
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:-*				
Want of cleanliness	457	457		,
Want of ventilation	46	46		
Overcrowding	31	31		
Want of drainage of floors	2	2		
Other nuisances	65	65		
insufficient	21	21		
Sanitary Accommodation unsuitable or defective	184	184		
not separate for sexes	16	16		
Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :-				
Illegal occupation of underground bake- house (S. 101)				
bakehouses (SS. 97 to 100)	52	52		
Other offences	27	27		
Totals	901	901		

<sup>\*</sup> Including those specified in Sections 2, 3, 7 and 8, of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as, remediable under the Public Health Acts.

			Our	TWORKERS	s' Lists.	SECTION	v 107.			WHOLE	WORK IN SOME PR	EMISES,	INFEC	UTWORK TED PRE	MISES,
NATURE OF WORK.		Lists I	Received	from Em	ployers.		to	Prosec	utions.						10).
NATURE OF WORK.	Tw	ice in the Y	ear.	On	ce in the Y	ear.	served on iers as to or sending ists,	to per- pec- ists.	to sts.	es.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.	es.	Orders made (S. 110).	Prosecutions Sections 109, 110).
		Outwo	orkers.		Outwo	orkers.	Notices serv Occupiers keeping or s lists,	Failing keep or mit ins tion of L	Failing to send Lists.	Instances.	tices	osecı	Instances,	ders S. 1	rose
	Lists.	Con- tractors.	Work- men.	Lists.	Con- tractors.	Work- men.	No kee	Fail keer mit tion	Fa	Ins	No.	Pro	Ins	O	(Sec
Wearing Apparel—															
(1) Making, &c	130	160	712	24	2	159				240	240		70		
(2) Cleaning and Washing															
Household linen															
Lace, lace curtains and nets Curtains and furniture hangings									**				**		
	.;		• • •					**		i	i			**	
	1		1	**				**	**				.:		::
File making.		1 ::	::	**											
Brass and brass articles			::												
Fur pulling (Furriers)	i		3							1	1		2		
Cables and chains															
Anchors and grapnels															
Cart gear															
Locks, latches and keys													**		
Umbrellas, &c															
Artificial flowers				**					**			**		**	
Tonto				*:		15					**				
Sacke	*:		i	1		3		**							
n	1			-			**				**	. ::			
Paper, etc., boxes, paper bags	6		20	i	::	9	::	::		6	6		2	::	::
Brush making	2	::	2							2	2				
Pea picking		.:													
Feather sorting															
Carding, &c., of buttons, &c															
Stuffed toys															
Basket making															
Chocolates and sweetmeats														30	
Cosaques, Christmas crackers,														1.	0 *
Christmas stockings, &c.															
Textile weaving															
Тотац	141	160	739	27	2	186				250	250		75		

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# 4.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on the Regis	ter (S. 1	0 0	the end	of the y	ear 191	5.	Number. (2)
Bakehouses							156
Boot, Shoe and S	lipper	Maki	ng				159
Cabinet Making							97
Furriers							133
Hat and Cap Ma	nufacti	urers					106
Miscellaneous							404
Laundries							17
Rag Sorting, etc.							89
Wearing Appare etc., etc.)	el (Tai	ilors,	Millin			kers,	2,100
To	tal						3,261

### 5.—OTHER MATTERS.

Class. (1)										
Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factorie	es:-									
Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory an (S. 133, 1901)			Acts	14						
Underground Bakehouses (S. 101):—										
Certificates granted during the year				1						
In use at the end of the year				54						

Table showing the number of milk premises, ice-cream premises, etc., together with the number of inspections made to them.

		NUM	IBER O	Number			
PREMISES,		No. on register at end of 1915.	No. added in 1916.	No. re- moved in 1916.	No. on register at end of 1916. (4)	of inspec- tions, 1916.	Number of prosecutions 1916.
Cowsheds	 	28			28	52	
Milkshops	 	508	2	33	477	1838	2
Houses let in lodgings	 	759	2		761	1172	
Ice cream premises	 	205	4	65	144	305	

Slaughterhouses—								
Number of Inspections								11
Number of Notices								
Offensive Trades—								
								9.0
Number of Inspections Number of Notices								26
	***			•••				2
Smoke Nuisances—								
Number of observations								58
Number of nuisances and								4
Number of Notices								16
Number of summonses								-
Housing and Town Planning	Act-							
Houses dealt with under	Section	15 of I	Housing	and T	own P	lanning	Act	57
Number of Closing Order	s							57
Remedied after Closing O	rders							16
Houses demolished								41
Underground Rooms—								
Number illegally occupied	1							30
Number closed or illegal								30
21.000000000000000000000000000000000000	occupat.							
Overcrowding—								
Number of rooms overcro	wded							237
Number remedied								237
Prosecutions								-
Cleansing—								
Number of adults cleanse	d							267
Number of children clean								
Number of rooms or pren								1,274
•								
Water Supply to Tenement H	ouses-							
Premises supplied								5
Prosecutions	•••							
Inland Revenue Act (Applica	tions to	r Certi	ficates)	_				
Number of houses								1
Number of tenements inc								16
Applications granted								3
Refused								_
Deferred or withdrawn								****

#### Sale of Food-

Number of premises used	other	than i	ce crea	ım prei	mises,	milk sl	nops,	
cowsheds								409
Number of Inspections								1,286
Disinfection Shelter—								
Persons accommodated								68
Mortuary—								
Bodies received								496
Number of infectious bodi	es							9
Ophthalmia Neonatorum Regul	ations-							
Number of notifications re	ceived	during	the yea	ar from	certifi:	d midw	vives	2

#### Food and Drugs.

During the year 1,202 samples were submitted by the Inspectors for examination under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, consisting of:—850 Milks, 1 Separated Milk, 209 Butters, 2 Margarines, 8 Fresh Creams, 2 Preserved Creams, 1 Sterilised Cream, 2 Cheeses, 4 Lards, 7 Cocoas, 19 Coffees, 20 Mustards, 40 Peppers, 1 Ground Ginger, 5 Malt Vinegars, 6 Vinegars, 1 Arrowroot, 4 Pearl Barleys, 2 Oatmeals, 3 Baking Powders, 1 Custard Powder, 3 Self-raising Flours, 4 Flours, 4 Camphorated Oils, 1 Castor Oil, 1 Crushed Linseed, 1 Linseed Oil.

147 Samples or 12.2 per cent. were found to be adulterated. These consisted of:—

99 Milks, 37 Butters, 4 Fresh Creams, 1 Mustard, 4 Malt Vinegars, 1 Vinegar, 1 Baking Powder.

Proceedings were taken in 78 cases.

Total fines secured on the prosecutions £348 6s.

Total costs allowed, £62 6s.

The average fine secured on the prosecutions was £4 9s. 3d.

There were 6 prosecutions for infringements of the Margarine Acts resulting in £68 10s. fines, and £4 4s. costs.

#### SUNDAY SAMPLES.

150 Samples were taken on 25 Sundays:—141 Milks, 9 Butters, 11 Milks and 2 Butters or 8.7 per cent. were adulterated, and 8 prosecutions resulted.

#### UNOFFICIAL SAMPLES.

514 Samples purchased informally by the Inspectors were examined, consisting of:—47 Milks, 386 Butters, 1 Cocoa, 1 Coffee, 1 Pepper, 1 Sugar, 35 Baking Powders, 17 Egg Powders, 19 Self-raising Flours, 4 Saffrons, 2 Sweets. Of these, 159 Samples, or 30.9 per cent. were adulterated, 28 Milks, 127 Butters, 4 Saffrons.

30 Samples were examined for the General Public, consisting of :—10 Milks, 14 Butters, 1 Gelatine, 1 Isinglass, 1 Phosphate of Lime, 1 Baking Powder, 1 Cream of Tartar, 1 Food Colour. Of these, 7 Samples, or 23·3 per cent. were adulterated, 7 Butters.

#### PRESERVATIVES.

All Samples of Milk, Butter and Cream were tested for preservatives.

No preservatives were found in the Milks.

- 7 Butters contained small quantities of Boron preservative.
- 4 Samples of Cream contained Boron preservative.
- 2 Samples of Preserved Cream contained Boron preservative, but not in excess of the amount declared on the label.
  - 5 Samples of Milk were artificially coloured.

In addition to the samples already enumerated, 17 miscellaneous samples were examined for the Public Health Department.

#### STATISTICS OF ADULTERATION FOR THE YEAR.

Di	strict.		Number Examined.	Number Adulterated.	Number of Prosecutions.	Percentage of Adulterations.	Percentage of Prosecutions.
Whitechapel St. George's		 	335 256	36	19 19	10·7 11·7	5·7 7·4
Limehouse		 	211	30 23	10	10.9	4.7
Mile End		 	400	58	30	14.5	7.5
Total		 	1,202	147	78	12.2	6.5

RESULT OF INSPECTORS' WORK UNDER THE SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS, MARGARINE ACTS, &c., DURING THE YEAR.

INSPECTOR.	Samples taken.	Number Adulterated.	Number of Prosecutions,		nes			Costs		obstru	ses of refusing action, &c., and ander the Mar Acts.	offences	
	Sam	Ad	Pro							No of Cases.	Fines.	Costs.	
J. W. Johnson	72	5	3	£ 5	s. ()	d. 0	£ 2	s. 2	d. 0		£ s. d.	£ s.	d.
H. Quaintrell	67	11	5	10	0	0	4	4	0	1	1 0 0	1 1	0
R. H. Waterman	72	7	2	3	0	0	1	1	0				
J. Twaits	100	15	7	12	0	0	4	4	0				
G. O. Pavitt	100	11	5	3	0	0	2	2	0				
E. T. Crook	100	22	14	172	0	0	13	11	0	1	0 10 0		
R. Simpson	100	10	4	2	10	0	2	2	0				
A. W. Stiles	77	17	12	21	10	0	8	8	.0				
J. White	72	6	4	1	0	0	3	5	0				
E. W. Flint	77	4	3	9	0	0	3	3	0				
T. W. Dee	17	2											
G. Bottomley	13	1											
T. P. Wrack	90	4	2	6	10	0	2	1	0				
H. Mills	88	14	7	44	17	0	5	7	0	1	3 0 0	1 1	0
A. Cook	85	- 8	6	7	19	0	6	12	0				
W. Shepherd	72	10	4	50	0	0	4	4	0	3	64 0 0	2 2	0
Total	1,202	147	78	348	6	0	62	6	0	6	68 10 0	4 4	0

Three of the Sanitary Inspectors and six of the Clerks are serving in His Majesty's Forces, their place being occupied *pro tem*. by female clerks. The laboratory assistant and four of the disinfectors also joined the Forces. One of the disinfecting men has been killed and two of the clerks have been severely wounded.

I have again to express my indebtedness to the Sanitary Inspectors and Clerical Staff—including the temporary clerical staff—for the manner in which they have assisted me in carrying out the duties of my office.

I have the honour to be,

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

D. L. THOMAS.

Medical Officer of Health and Public Analyst.

Public Health Offices,
43, White Horse Street,

Commercial Road, E. 1.

July, 1917.



# TABLES OF STATISTICS OF THE BOROUGH DURING 1916 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Area of Borough in acres (la	nd and	d inlan	d water)	1,765.6
Total population of all ages			279,804	
No. of inhabited houses			36,217	At Census
Average number of persons	per ho	use	7.7	of 1911.
Total families or separate or	cupier	s	56,949	



#### TABLE I .- Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1916 and Previous Years.

Metropolitan Borough of Stepney.

			Вінтия.			DEATHS ED IN THE		PERABLE ATHS.	NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.						
V	Population		Ne	tt.	Dist	FRICT.	of Non-	of Residents	Under 1	Year of Age.	At all	l Ages.			
YEAR.	estimated to Middle of each Year.	Un- corrected Number.	Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	residents registered in the District.	registered in the District.	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births.	Number.	Rate			
1	2	3	. 4	5	6	7	8	9	10	. 11	12	13			
1911	279560	8798	8464	30.2	5179	18-5	1196	871	1261	148	4854	17:3			
1912	277315	8990	8579	30-9	4566	16.4	1044	722	986	110	4244	15.8			
1913	275300	8419	8165	29.6	4467	16.2	1081	775	917	112	4161	15-1			
1914	278265	8396	7983	29-2	4844	17:7	1093	799	1000	125	4550	16.6			
1915	265731	7919	7506	28.2	5065	19.0	1319	781	861	114	4527	17-0			
1916	281138 for the births and 258395	7615	7121	25.3	3893	15.0	1110	1012	656	92	3795	14:5			

<sup>\*</sup>In Column 6 are included the whole of the deaths reg stered during the calendar year as having actually occurred within the district, but excluding the deaths of Soldiers and Sailors that have occurred in hospitals and institutions in the district.

In Column 12 is entered the number in Column 9, corrected by subtraction of the number in Column 8 and by addition of the number in Column 9. Deaths in Column 10 are similarly corrected by subtraction of the deaths under 1, included in the number given in Column 9.

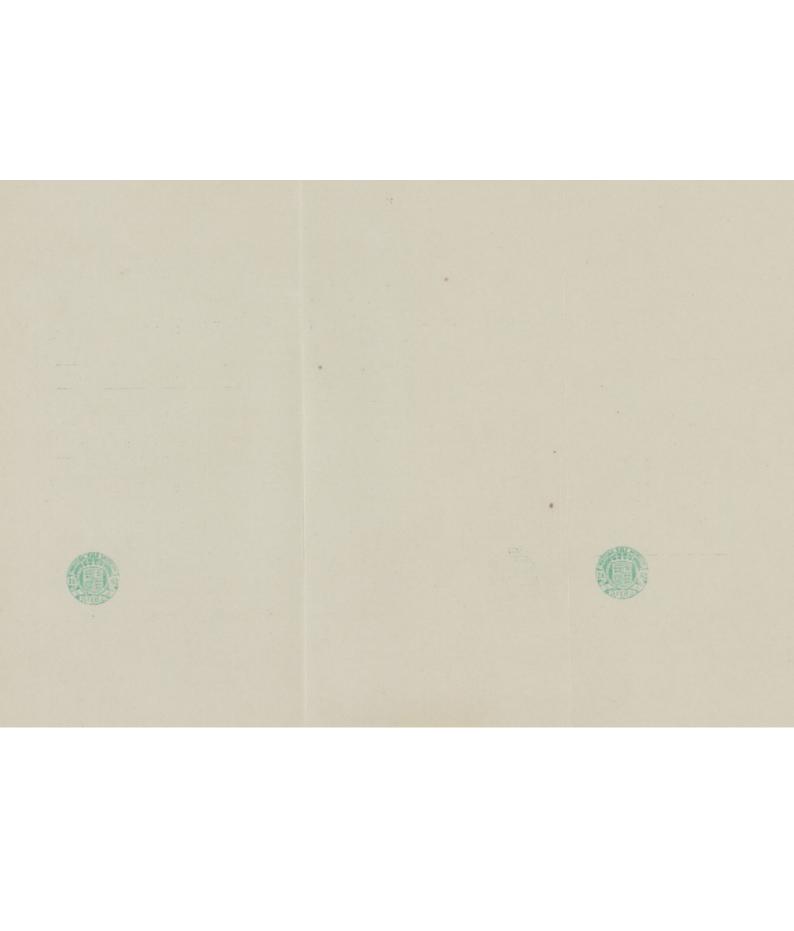
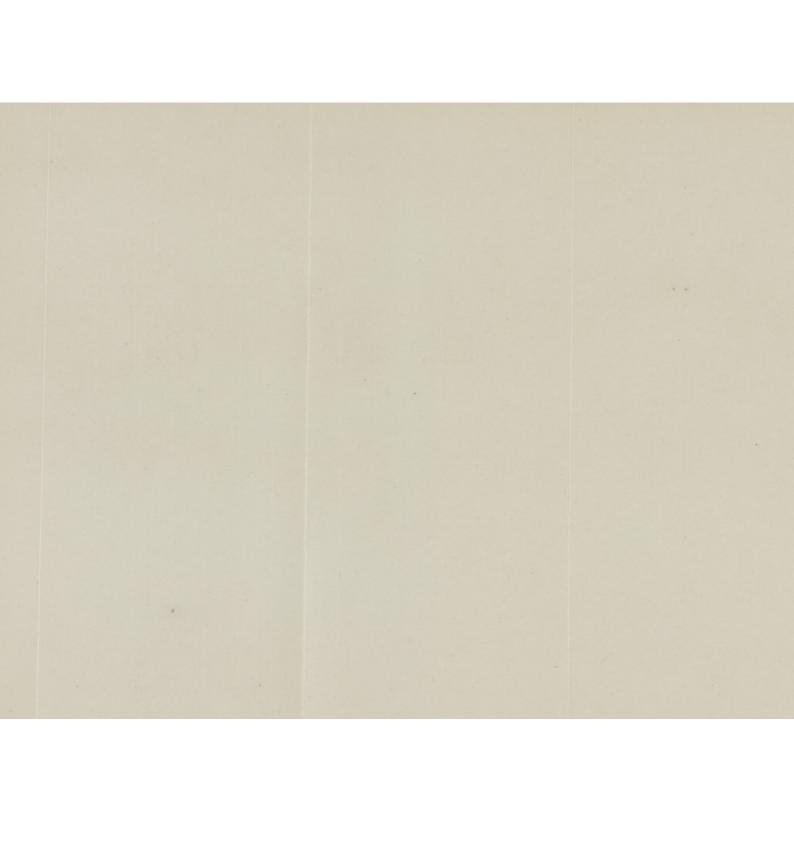


TABLE II.—Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1916.

Metropolitan Borough of Stepney.

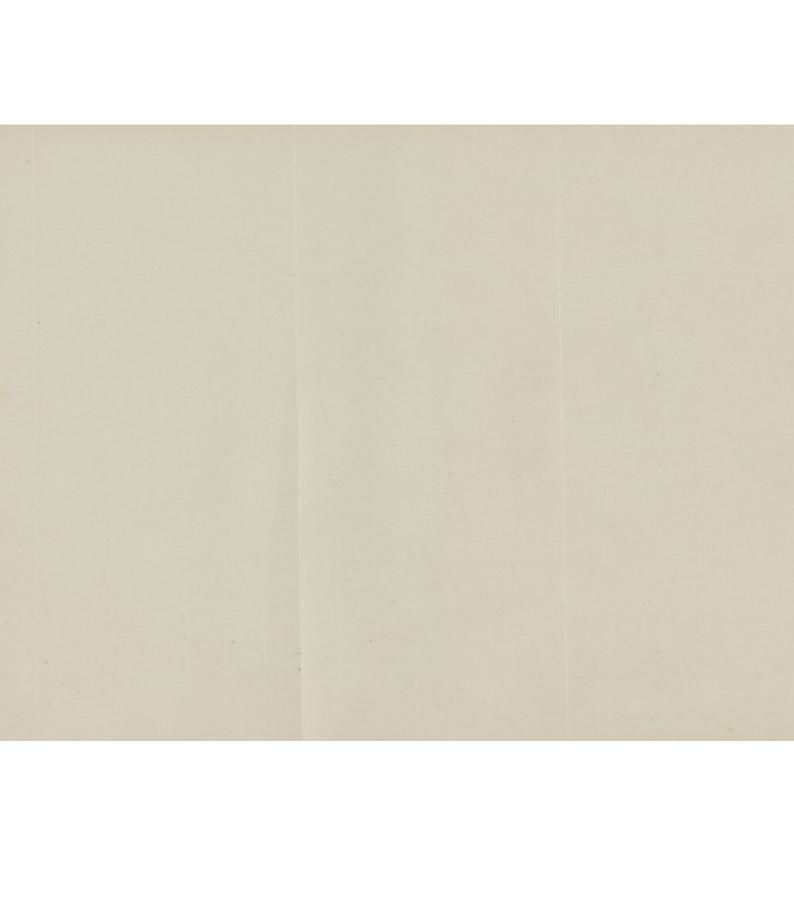
				Num	BER OF C.	ASES NOTI	TED.			Тота	L CASES NO LOCA	OTIFIED IN	EACH	Total
NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.					At	Ages—Ye	ars.			ton	2.	3.	4.	cases removed
		At all Ages,	Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 45.	45 to 65.	65 and upwards.	Lime- house.	St. George's.	Mile End.	White- chapel.	to Hospital.
Small-pox				**										
Cholera				.,										
Plague								**			.,		.,	
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)		850	25	340	409	41	32	3		164	127	285	274	844
Erysipelas		244	15	20	36	25	61	63	24	59	32	86	67	36
Scarlet Fever		661	10	206	343	91	10	1		118	135	232	176	658
Typhus Fever														
Enteric Fever		32			12	6	10	4		8	4	10	10	24
Relapsing Fever														
Continued Fever		1						1				1		**
Puerperal Fever		10				1	9			5	1	3	1	9
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis		32	13	13	_ 3	3				6	9	16	1	29
Poliomyelitis		12	2	9	1	7.				4	3	5		8
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		42	42							23	3	11	5	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-+ (	961	2	23	184	155	399 -	175	23	213	148	379	221	419
Other forms of Tuberculos	is	260	7	52	149	22	24	6		64	57	97	42	83
Measles and German Meas	les	2255	202	1463	551	27	11	1		524	588	849	294	50
Totals		5860	318	2126	1688	371	556	254	47	1188	1107	1974	1091	2160



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# TABLE III.—Causes of, and Ages at Death during the year 1916. Metropolitan Borough of Stepney.

	Nett	DEATHS AT	THE SUBJ		OF "RESID		THER OCCU	RRING WITH	IIN OR	TOTAL DEATHS WHETHER OF "RESIDENTS"
CAUSES OF DEATH.	All ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 2 years.	2 and under 5 years.	5 and under 15 years.	15 and under 25 years.	25 and under 45 years.	45 and under 65 years.	65 and up- wards.	OR "NON-RESIDENTS" IN INSTITUTIONS IN THE DISTRICT.
All causes Certified	3,795	656	235	171	146	150	512	968	957	2,325
/ Uncertified										
Enteric Fever	7				2	1	2	1	1	5
Small-pox						1.5				
Measles	63	10	35	16	2					17
Scarlet Fever	13	2	2	5	4	1.5				
Whooping Cough	69	34	19	15	1					25
Diphtheria and Croup	40	3	11	19	6		1		***	18
Influenza	27				1		2	8	16	4
Erysipelas	2	1				1				5
Phthisis (pulmonary tuberculosis)	475	1		5	11	59	190	168	41	223
Tuberculous Meningitis	52	9	12	12	15	1	3			89
Other Tuberculous Diseases	37	10	8	3	9	3	2	1	1	66
Cancer, malignant disease	232		***			4	33	121	74	182
Rheumatic Fever	5				2	2	1			2
Meningitis	25	11	6	4	2	2				21
Organic Heart Disease	403	1	1	2	14	21	59	156	150	134
Bronchitis	349	38	11	5	1	4	9	102	179	110
T)	421	94	69	42	10	16	45	95	50	220
0.1 11 1 1 1	26	2	2	1	3		10	7	1	21
	144	102	25	10	1		1	3	2	129
The state of the s	14	-		10	8	i	2	2		46
	20		* *				3	13	- 11	8
	20						2		4	
			**	11	2	3	33	: · ·	07	1
Nephritis and Bright's Disease	124		33	2		0	3	57	27	61
Puerperal Fever	9		* 1		**	1	0	2.5		17
Other accidents and diseases of Pregnancy and	0.5	1.77					0			
Parturition	25	17					8		**	16
Congenital Debility and Malformation,	000	200								
including Premature Birth	263	263	**				0.0	::		165
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide	172	19	8	12	26	7	22	41	37	120
Suicide	11					1	5	4	1	4
Other Defined Diseases	699	24	16	13	20	19	68	177	362	610
Diseases ill-defined or unknown	71	16	10	4	6	4	8	12	11	6
Totals	3,795	656	235	171	146	. 150	512	968	957	2,325
Sub-entries included in above figures Cerebro-spinal meningitis Poliomyelitis	. 25	11	6 1	4	2	2	.:			21 3



# LIMEHOUSE DIVISION.

Cause of Death.		Under 1 week	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1-3 Months.	3-6 Months.	6-9 Months.	9-12 Months.	Total Deaths under One Year.
All Causes. $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Certified} & \dots \\ \text{Uncertified} & \dots \end{array} \right.$		28	5	6	4	43	31	44	26	23	167
Small-pox	aus			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			2	3	1 3 1 2 4 9 3 1 26		2 12 1 2 9 25 36 1 1 4 20 24 7 2 167

# ST. GEORGE'S DIVISION.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1-3 Months.	3-6 Months.	6-9 Months.	9-12 Months.	Total Deaths under One Year.
All Causes. Uncertified	19	7	8	5	39	26	18	20	20	123
Small-pox Chicken-pox Measles Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough. Diphtheria and Croup Erysipelas Tuberculous Meningitis Abdominal Tuberculosis Other Tuberculous Diseases Meningitis (not Tuberculous) Convulsions Laryngitis Bronchitis Pneumonia (all forms) Diarrhœa Enteritis Gastritis Syphilis Rickets Suffocation, overlying Injury at Birth Atelectasis Congenital Malformations Premature Birth Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus Other causes Cerebro Spinal Meningitis  Totals		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3 3	1 1 1 4 4 3 1 1 6 2	1	1		7 5 2 2 1 1 5 9 22 16 1 1 1 3 4 4 17 13 5 4 17 13 5 4

# MILE END DIVISION.

CAUSE OF DEATH,	Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1-3 Months.	3-6 Months.	6-9 Months.	9-12 Months.	Total Deaths under One Year.
All ( Certified Causes. ( Uncertified		20	10	6	93	61	46	34	81	268
Small-pox		1						3 1 3 1 1 9 10 1 1 1 2 34	1 1 4 1 2 2 2 2 9 3 1 4 1 1 1 34	1 2 12 4 3 2 5 15 11 34 35 1 1 2 8 7 6 6 46 46 18 4 268

# WHITECHAPEL DIVISION.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1-3 Months.	3-6 Months.	6-9 Months.	9-12 Months.	Total Deaths under One Year.
All Causes. Certified	21	10	2	6	39	22	16	10	11-	98
Small-pox		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			1			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		3 1 2 1 7  9 11 10 2  4 2 1 23 12 4 1
Totals	21	10	2	6	39	22	16	10	11	98

# BOROUGH OF STEPNEY.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1-3 Months.	3-6 Months.	6-9 Months.	9-12 Months.	Total Deaths under One Year
All Causes. Uncertified	125	42	26	21	214	140	124	90	88	656
Small-pox Chicken-pox Measles Scarlet Fever Whooping Cough Diphtheria and Croup Erysipelas Tuberculous Meningitis Abdominal Tuberculosis (b) Other Tuberculous Diseases Meningitis (not Tuberculous) Convulsions Laryngitis Bronchitis Pneumonia (all forms) Diarrhœa Enteritis Gastritis Syphilis Rickets Suffocation, overlying Injury at Birth Atelectasis Congenital Malformations Premature Birth Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus Other causes Cerebro Spinal Meningitis  Totals	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			2	1 2 1 13 1 3 8 1 2 6 17 11 7 106 22 13 214	1 5 1 3 8 18 18 29 3 1 6 2 2 33 8 2 2 140	1 10 1 2 1 3 7 7 21 28 1 2 2 28 8 2 2 124	2 1 8  3 2 5  5 22 25 1  1  2  2 4	5 1 9 3 4 3 3 3 7 28 7 1 1 7 3 3 88	10 2 34 3  9 7 4 9 36  38 92 97 5  3 14 17 13 14 106 95 34 11

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