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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STEPNEY

ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year

1946

(Abridged)

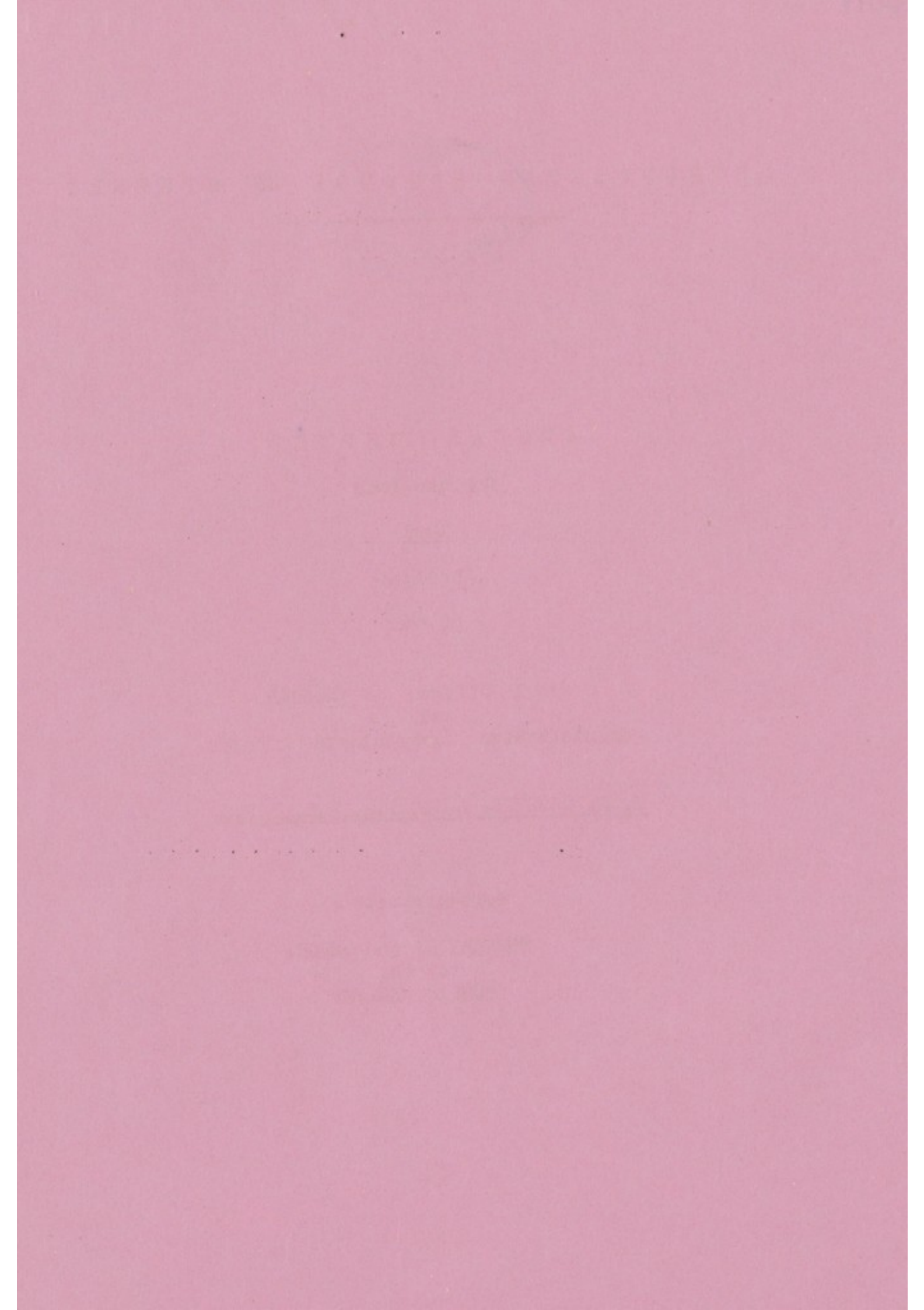
of the

Medical Officer of Health
and
Administrative Tuberculosis Officer

F. R. O'SHIEL, L.R.C.P.I., L.M., D.P.H.

Together with a

SUMMARY of the REPORT
of the
PUBLIC ANALYST



PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
43, White Horse Road,
STEPNEY, E.1.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Metropolitan Borough of Stepney.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1946. The report is again abridged in accordance with the directions of the Ministry of Health.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the Borough for the mid-year 1946 was 94,800. The population figures from the last pre-war year are as follows:-
1938- 200,500; 1939- 197,200; 1940- 136,030; 1941 - 75,010;
1942- 71,980; 1943- 72,920; 1944- 73,030; 1945 - 77,610.

The birth rate increased from 18.5 in 1945 to 22.6 in 1946, and there was a very great increase in births, viz. 1495 to 2198.

The death rate was lower than last year, 14.7 compared with 18.9.

There were four maternal deaths, giving a maternal mortality of 1.8; and the infantile mortality rate was 51.2 compared with 56.17 last year.

There was one death this year from diphtheria and one from measles; none from scarlet fever or whooping cough. Diphtheria immunisation increased from 967 to 1516 and 667 children were immunised against whooping cough.

The number of infectious diseases notified varied very little from last year, viz. 1222 in 1945, 1194 in 1946.

There were 80 deaths from pneumonia, compared with 62 in 1945.

Whooping cough decreased from 96 cases to 87. Diphtheria cases numbered 45 - one more than last year. Measles cases notified were 733 (725 in 1945).

There were no cases of smallpox, two cases of typhoid with one death.

212 cases of tuberculosis were notified, 11 less than last year. Of these cases 187 were pulmonary and 25 non-pulmonary. There were 81 deaths, 19 less than last year.

There is much difficulty in getting beds for the tuberculous sick. As this is due almost entirely to the present shortage of nursing staff, it is not easy to remedy.

There was a further decline in Scabies in 1946, formal notifications being 758 compared with 807 last year.

The control of flies and other vermin has been much simplified by the new insecticides perfected during the war. "D.D.T.", both in powdered form and in spray, is extensively used by the disinfecting staff for treating homes and furniture.

When parents become conscious of the effectiveness of good D.D.T. preparations and their extreme simplicity in use, children's heads infested with nits and lice will soon be a memory of the past. Suitable and pleasant hair creams are supplied at all the Council's infant welfare centres and day nurseries.

Road traffic deaths were reduced from 18 in 1945 to 11 in 1946 - no doubt partly attributable to the local Road Safety Campaign.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairmen and members of the Committees for their support and interest throughout the year, and to the staff for their very willing help and co-operation.

I have the honour to be, Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

F. R. O'SHEEL.

Medical Officer of Health.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
on the 31st December 1946.

Medical Officer of Health & Administrative Tuberculosis
Officer; F.ROANTREE O'SHIEL, L.R.C.P.I., L.M., D.P.H.

Deputy & Assistant Medical Officer of Health:
J.W.CRAWFORD, M.D., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Public Analyst: D.HENVILLE, F.I.C.
Deputy Public Analyst: W.M.PAULLEY, B.A., F.I.C.

Assistant Administrative
Officer: W.F.LELLOW(2)

Sanitary Inspectors:

District:

W.E.ANSTEE (1,3)	H.J.GREEN (1,2,4)	R.MAHONEY(3) (Tempy.)
J.H.BROWNLEE (1,3,4)	C.F.GUY (2)	J.G.McCARTHY (3)
J.J.COVENY (3)	W.H.HAWORTH (3)	R.ROPER (3,4)
W.CUE (1,3)	J.J.KENIRY (3)	W.F.SMITH (2,4)
R.W.G.DAY (3)	S.S.LOWTHER (3,4)	E.P.WEBBER (3,4)
G.D.FREELAND (1,3,4)	J.G.LYONS(3) (Tempy.)	(Tempy.)

Food: H.ABSON (1,2,4) T.W.DEE (2,4)
A.C.BROWN (2,4) S.VOGLER (3,4)

Other: E.J.EDWARDS (2,4). Disinfestation. (Seconded to War
Damage Department.)

Miss H.A.WHITTY (3,4,5,6,8). Disinfestation and
Female Common Lodging Houses.

Clerical Staff:

R.BACH	S.EMBLETON	W.P.HOWARD
D.J.BERRY	Miss M.FITZGERALD	Miss M.W.HUNT (McCW)
MISS G.BOULTON (McCW)	(McCW)	J.McMULLON
MISS G.A.CARTHY (McCW)	W.E.HART	P.PAYNE
W.J.DIXON	Mrs.H.HILES (McCW)	M.PLISKIN
B.REILLY	S.F.ROBERTS	

Vaccination Officers:

E.PRICE (3) E.J.ROBERTSON

Medical Officers for Maternity & Child Welfare (Part Time):

NORAH COTTER, M.B., B.Ch.	DOROTHY GIBSON, M.B., B.S.
SYBIL PRATT, M.R.C.S.,	DORIS PULLEN, M.B., B.C.
L.R.C.P.	DAISY STEPNEY, L.S.A.

Health Visitors:

Miss M.BAILEY (5,6,7). Miss E.CLEMENTS(5,6). Miss A.M.STAGG(5)
Miss A.CARTY (5,6,7). Miss V.RUBENS(5,6,7). Miss M.F.E.STYLES
(5,6,7).

Tuberculosis Officer: R.M. ORPWOOD, M.B.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Tuberculosis Visitors:

Miss E. LINDSLEY (7) Miss M.F. WEATHERILT (5,6,7)

Nurse Dispensers: Miss M. COULMAN (5,6,7,9). Miss A.O. JONES (7,8,9)

Clerk & Secretary to Care Committee: Miss M. GRANT.

Consulting Gynaecologist: R. CHRISTIE BROWN, M.B., M.S., F.R.C.S.

Dental Surgeon (part time): F.L. PAYNE, L.D.S.

Anaesthetist (part time): M.J. O'TOOLE, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

Diphtheria Immunisation:

W.W. KING-BROWN, M.B., B.S. (Lon.), Part time Medical Officer.

GUY BOUSFIELD, M.D., B.S. (Lon.), Hon. Advisory Expert.

TEMPORARY STAFF.

Assistant Medical Officer of Health:

Dr. GLADYS MONTGOMERY, M.D., D.P.H.

Assistant Tuberculosis Officer (part time):

Dr. GABRIELLE HIGHFIELD JONES, M.B., B.Ch.

Health Visitors:

Miss B.S. BEARDSON (5)	Miss H.L. HIRSCH (5)	Miss M.T. SMITHSON
Miss L.E. GODTSCHALK	Miss D. LACEY (6,8)	(5,6,7)
(5)	Miss M. PYSER (6)	Mrs. S.J. YARNELL (5)

Tuberculosis Visitors:

Miss J.P. WILSON (5,6) Miss G. BURNS (6,7)

Clerical Staff:

S.S. HARRIS	Miss R. LEVEY	Miss D.P. NASH (Tub.)
Miss T. HILES (McCW)	Miss E.M. LOVETT	Miss S. SELLIN (McCW)

Day Nurseries:

Matrons:-

Miss M.M. CLULEY (7) Mrs. M. GAMBLE (7) Miss A. MURRAY (7)

Deputy Matrons:-

Miss W.D. BLOSS (8) Miss M. OLIVE (7) Miss F. TAYLOR (8)

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| 1. Cert. Royal San. Inst. | 5. Health Visitors Cert. |
| 2. " San. Insp. Exan. Bd. | 6. State Certificated Midwife. |
| 3. " Royal San. Inst. & San. | 7. State Registered Nurse. |
| Insp. Exan. Joint Board. | 8. Trained Nurse. |
| 4. " Meat & Other Foods. | 9. Cert. Soc. of Apothecaries. |

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1946.

Area of Borough (in acres)	1902.766
Population (Registrar-General's estimate)	94,800
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1946)	
according to Rate Books	25,004
Rateable Value, 1946	£1,229,808
Sum represented by a penny rate	£4,820

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	Birth rate per 1000 of the estimated resident pop- ulation 22.6.
Live Births (Legitimate)	1972	1051	921	Rate per 1000 total (live & still) births 23.7
(Illegitimate)	175	91	84	
(Total)	2147	1142	1005	
Still Births	51	28	23	Death rate per 1000 of the estim- ated resident population - 14.7
	<u>2198</u>	<u>1170</u>	<u>1028</u>	
Deaths	1399	808	591	
Deaths from puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's Short List):-				

	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births</u>
No.29. Puerperal sepsis	1	0.4
No.30. Other puerperal causes	3	1.4
Total	<u>4</u>	<u>1.8</u>

Death rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1000 live births	51.2
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	6.6
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	102.8

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	198
" " Measles (all ages)	1
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	15

I. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA.

Public Assistance and Unemployment. The Chief Officer of Social Welfare and the Ministry of Labour have kindly supplied me with the following information:-

(a) Stepney residents in receipt of out-door relief:-

1946.	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
5th January	210	404	240	854
28th December	220	402	248	870

(b) Number of unemployed persons aged 16 to 64 years resident in Stepney who were recorded as unemployed at Employment Exchanges as at 9th December:-

<u>Men</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
755	13	38	4	810

II. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Staff. I am pleased to record that all the Sanitary Inspectors with one exception who were seconded to the Council's War Damage Department resumed their normal duties in the Public Health Department. All the staff and employees who were serving in H.M. Forces have now been demobilised and have resumed duty.

Mr. W. H. Howard, Sanitary Inspector, resigned on 27th April in order to take up another post.

The following Health Visitors resigned and took up positions elsewhere: Miss A. Clifford on 2nd February, Miss W. K. Brazier on 9th March, and Miss A. Carty on 31st December.

Nursing in the Home. The arrangement with the East London Nursing Society to undertake the nursing of children and persons suffering from certain illnesses was continued during the year. The number of visits was as follows:-

	<u>No. of Cases.</u>	<u>Revisits.</u>
To children under 5 years ...	70	735
To persons over 5 years ...	627	15,607

Insulin for persons suffering from Diabetes was provided free of cost to 17 patients of which 4 were new cases, under authority of Circular 2734 of the Ministry of Health.

TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis Dispensary.

All sessions are held at the Main Dispensary, Steel's Lane, Devonport Street, and the present time-table is as follows:-

	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
Morning		Men *	Special Cases		Men *	School Children
Afternoon	Women & Children			Women & Children	Women & Children	
Evening				Workers *		

* Double sessions.

In addition new patients are seen daily at 10 a.m. except Thursday when they attend at 6 p.m. Patients are also seen at times other than the above by special appointment.

Laboratory. The Laboratory is fully equipped for the examination of sputa, etc., both by direct microscopic method and by culturing. The service is available to all medical practitioners in the Borough as well as for the routine work of the Tuberculosis Dispensary. During the year 821 specimens of sputum were examined, 694 were negative and 127 positive. 71 specimens were cultured, 65 were negative and 6 were positive.

X-Ray. The Council continue to use the facilities at the Radiological Department at Mile End Hospital made available by the London County Council. In addition to all X-ray films taken for the Dispensary, the Department's plant is used by the Tuberculosis Officer for examination by screening in connection with the special treatment clinic held by him at the Hospital. 1655 X-ray films were taken in 1946 and 523 screen examinations were made.

Special Treatment. For some years the Council has had special arrangements with certain Chest Hospitals for the carrying out of refills for Artificial Pneumothorax, etc. These arrangements are still utilised, but an increasing proportion of this type of treatment is being undertaken by the Tuberculosis Officer at his clinic at Mile End Hospital. During 1946, 6 patients were treated

at Chest Hospitals, making 139 attendances for this purpose. 40 patients were treated at the Tuberculosis Officer's clinic, making 658 attendances. Details are given below:-

	No. of pat- ients.	No. of attend- ances.
Pneumothorax refills at Brompton Hospital	2	72
" " " London Chest Hospital	3	39
" " " Grove Park Hospital	1	28
Finsen & Sunray treatment at London Hospital	4	382

Tuberculosis Officer's Clinic at Mile End Hospital:-

No. of patients under treatment (for pneumothorax)	40
" " Artificial Pneumothorax refills given ...	587
" " Pneumoperitoneum refills given ...	69
" " Air replacements performed ...	2
" " patients screened by X-ray in connection with the above ...	523
Total attendances at the Clinic ...	658

Tuberculosis Allowances. Treatment allowances are paid to certain patients undergoing treatment for Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Payments are made weekly either at the Dispensary or at the Hospital or Sanatorium where the patient is being treated. The payments are made by the Borough Treasurer and the expenditure is reimbursed by the Exchequer through the London County Council under Ministry of Health Mem. 266/T.

No. of cases considered during 1946	...	...	769
No. of cases accepted	"	"	660
New cases considered	"	"	90
No. of patients in receipt of allowances on 31.12.46			80

Supply of Extra Nourishment. Grants to Tuberculous patients were made on the recommendation of the Tuberculosis Officers for periods of 28 days in the first instance. The grant consists of one and a half pints of Pasteurised milk per day and one pound of Ovaltine per month. During the year 628 grants were made to 235 persons.

Boarded-out Contacts. 7 children who were contacts of infectious cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were boarded out during the year.

Care Committee. The Tuberculosis Care Committee considered 204 cases at their meetings during 1946. Of these, 148 were patients who were eligible for the tuberculosis maintenance allowances and did not need any further immediate assistance. The remaining 56 patients required help in the form of pocket money whilst in sanatorium, warm clothing, fares for relatives to visit, assistance with removal expenses, etc.

The Committee was able to help in all these needy cases, thanks to the continued success of the Christmas Seal Sale, which provides practically the whole of the Committee's voluntary fund for supplying the "extras" which will always be a necessity for our patients. The 1946 Seal Sale was the most successful yet held, and the Committee would like to record its appreciation of the generous response given by local people to their appeal.

An expenditure up to £50 was sanctioned to be spent on Christmas donations to the poorest families. These gifts were very much appreciated and many letters of grateful thanks were received.

Several patients had special dinners at the Invalid Kitchens in Stepney Way. The dinners were also delivered to some bed-ridden patients at their homes for a time, and were of great help to women who were ill and had no one to cook for them.

It has not yet been possible to reopen the handicraft class at the Dispensary, but several patients are working at home on rugs, handbags, gloves, etc., when they can obtain the materials, which can only be bought with a licence, and in very small quantities.

During the year a total of over £212 has been spent as follows in making a little easier the lot of those who had the misfortune to develop this long and costly illness:-

Pocket money for small extras in sanatorium ...	£72
Fares for relatives to visit patients	£26
Warm clothing	£56
Extra comforts and Christmas gifts	£58

Institutional Treatment. The number of patients recommended to the London County Council for Sanatorium treatment has varied very little during the past seven years in spite of the drop in the population of the Borough during that period. This has been due to a smaller decrease of numbers of the tuberculous compared with the de-

crease in the rest of the population, and to the fact that the number of fresh cases each year has been relatively constant. During 1946, 255 patients were recommended for treatment in Sanatorium (compared with 237 in 1939).

The waiting time for the individual patient has increased considerably during the past two years. The average waiting period for new and early cases is approximately 3 months, the time being longer for patients with more advanced disease. Such a wait must be deplored, especially when this means that the patient must remain at home in a house or flat often overcrowded and almost always unsuitable. There is, unfortunately, no immediate remedy. The position has been brought about by shortage of staff, more particularly nursing and domestic, and the consequent closure of beds in the sanatoria. There seems no likelihood of any improvement until new methods of recruitment and administration come into being.

The position is even worse with regard to the urgent admission to General Hospitals of advanced or acutely ill cases of tuberculosis. The number of beds available in tuberculosis wards of the Hospitals in the County is wholly inadequate, and there are no wards of this type in Stepney. Advanced cases slowly going downhill often have to wait 6 months for a vacancy while harassed relatives do their best to cope with them. Only very occasionally an urgent case is found a bed at short notice, and then with great difficulty, and often in a non-T.B. ward of a general hospital.

While this situation would be serious in any area, in Stepney, with its badly housed population and its considerable number of common lodging houses, the position is even more lamentable. Lodging houses and the small, ill-ventilated and usually overcrowded dwellings, which still form a part of the Borough, are quite unsuitable places for the care of acutely ill and infectious cases of tuberculosis. It is not possible to treat such patients adequately in such surroundings, and the danger of infecting other members of the household is ever present.

The reason for the shortage of beds is, as with the Sanatoria, lack of staff. The remedy is presumably the same. It would appear possible, however, for a larger proportion of the present numbers of medical beds available to be allocated to the treatment and care of the tuberculous, and so to close a dangerous and ever-widening gap in the Tuberculosis Scheme. If no attempt is made to remedy this defect in treatment, it is not difficult to foresee an increase in this infectious disease in the future.

Return relating to the work of the Dispensary during 1946:-

Diagnosis		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulm.		Total.		Grand Total
		Ad- ults	Child -ren	Ad- ults	Child -ren	Ad- ults	Child -ren	
(A)								
1. No. of definite cases of Tuberculosis on Dispensary Register at beginning of year	M	515	68	61	62	576	130	1115
...	F	273	53	50	33	323	86	
2. Transfers from Authorities of areas outside that of Council during year	M	37	9	3	4	40	13	87
...	F	28	2	4	-	32	2	
3. Lost sight of cases returned during year	M	2	-	-	-	2	-	3
...	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	
(B) No. of New Cases diagnosed as tuberculous during the year:								
1. Class T.B. minus	M	42	9	-	-	42	9	94
...	F	29	14	-	-	29	14	
2. Class T.B. plus	M	43	1	-	-	43	1	64
...	F	18	2	-	-	18	2	
3. Non-pulmonary	M	-	-	4	5	4	5	22
...	F	-	-	7	6	7	6	
(C) No. of cases included in A and B written off Dispensary Register during year as:-								
1. Recovered	M	19	2	4	1	23	3	43
...	F	11	2	2	2	13	4	
2. Dead (all causes)	M	36	-	-	-	36	-	61
...	F	21	2	2	-	23	2	
3. Removed to other Areas	M	25	7	5	1	30	8	60
...	F	15	2	3	2	18	4	
4. For other reasons	M	26	5	3	4	29	5	60
...	F	14	2	6	3	23	3	
(D) No. of definite cases of Tuberculosis on Dispensary Register at end of year								
...	M	533	77	56	65	589	142	1161
...	F	284	64	49	33	333	97	

No.	of attendances at Dispensary (including contacts)	5811
"	" consultations with Medical Practitioners	
	(a) Personal ...	315
	(b) Other	643
"	" visits by Tuberculosis Officers (including personal consultations).	469
"	" visits by Tuberculosis Visitors for Dispensary purposes	4476
"	" Contact examinations made	900
"	" Contacts boarded out	7
"	" Patients recommended for Sanatorium	235
"	" Specimens of sputum examined: Negative...	760
	Positive...	135
	Total	895
"	" X-Ray Examinations: Films	1655
	Screening..	523
	Total	2178
"	" New Cases examined during year	595

No. of patients under treatment	40
" " Artificial Pneumothorax refills given...	587
" " Pneumoperitoneum refills given	69
" " Air replacements performed	2

DENTAL CLINIC. Summary of work carried out during the year at the Council's Clinic:- Maternity Tuberculosis

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

(1) Arrangements made for maternity and child welfare by the Council and by Voluntary Associations providing maternity and child welfare services in respect of which the Council pay contributions under Section 101 of the Local Government Act, 1929, or otherwise; and (2) giving particulars of the work done during the year 1946.

1. No. of births notified in the area,	Live births...	2158
as adjusted by any transferred	Stillbirths...	56
notifications:-	Total:	2214

2. Health Visiting.

No. of Health Visitors employed	By the Council...	12
at the end of the year:-	Voluntary Asscn..	1

No. of visits paid by all the Health Visitors:	First visits	Total visits
to expectant mothers ...	1153	2016
to children under 1 year ...	1946	7399
to children between ages 1 and 5	-	8399

3. Infant Welfare Centres.

No. of Centres provided and maintained by the Council ...	7
Do. Voluntary Associations ...	1

No. of children under 5 years who first attended the Centres during the year and who, on the date of their first attendance, were:	Under 1 year of age..	1719
	Over 1 " " " ..	583

No. of children under 5 years who attended the Centres during the year and who, at the end of the year, were :	Under 1 year of age..	1540
	Over 1 " " " ..	2262

4. Ante-natal and Post-natal Clinics.

		Ante- <u>natal</u>	Post- <u>natal</u>
No. of Clinics provided and maintained by the Council open at 31st Dec. 1946		2	2
Do. Voluntary Associations do.		2	1
No. of women who attended at the Clinics during the year		1379	137

5. Day Nurseries.

	No.	No. of approved places		No. of children on register at end of year	
		0-2	2-5	0-2	2-5
Nurseries maintained by the Council ...	3	76	94	51	76
Voluntary Assocns.	2	-	41	-	46

8. Home Helps: 3 (part-time) employed.

9. Institutions provided by
Voluntary Associations and
subsidised by the Council:-

The Council make a
grant of £200 per
annum for one bed.

No. of women admitted from the Council's area.	...	24.
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10. Maternal Deaths.

No. of women who died from sepsis	...	1
" " " " other causes	...	3

All died in institutions.

11. Illegitimate Children.

The Health Visitors work in close co-operation with the
local moral welfare workers.

12. Care of Premature Infants. (Circular 20/44).

No. of premature babies notified during
1946 whose mother is normally resident
in the Council's area.

... 218

Recommendations implemented:-

Para.2 (b) Equipment in stock if required.

(c) Most prematures cared for in hospital
where breast milk is available.

(d) No paediatrician employed but hospitals
employ them.

(e) Each Health Visitor looks after own cases.

(f) Home Helps.

Para.3. No special units or cots in hospitals but
special attention given to prematures in
local hospitals.

Arrangements made between the hospitals and the Welfare
Authority to insure the follow-up of the infants on
discharge:-

There is close liaison between hospitals, Medical
Officer of Health and Health Visitors to follow up
these infants on their discharge from hospital.

Total No. of premature babies notified who were born			
		at home	14
Do.	do.	in hospital	196
No. of those born at home who were nursed entirely			
		at home	14
Do.		who died during the first 24 hours	1
Do.		who survived at end of one month	13
No. of those born in hospital who died during the			
		first 24 hours	19
Do.		who survived at end of one month	164

(13 died after 24 hours but before the end of one month).

13. Infectious Diseases.

No. of Cases	Ophthalmia Neonatorum		Puerperal Fever		Puerperal Pyrexia	
	Domic- iliary Confinements	Instit- utional Confinements	Domic- iliary Confinements	Instit- utional Confinements	Domic- iliary Confinements	Instit- utional Confinements
Notified during the year.	1	3	3	1	3	5
Visited by officers of the Council.	1	3	3	1	3	5
Removed to hospital -	4	4	-	4	4	- 8 8

In all cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum the vision was unimpaired.

14. Child Life Protection.

Individual Foster Mothers

Receiving children under nine for reward apart from their parents at the end of the year.	...	9
No. of children under nine received during the year.	...	9
Do. at the end of the year ...		11

Two foster-mothers, included above, are guaranteed payment by
the Council.

No. of Child Protection Visitors at the end of the year:

Health Visitors .. 13. Other .. 1 female.

Proceedings taken during the year:

<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>Act and Section under which proceedings were taken.</u>	<u>Result</u>
1.	Public Health (Ldn) Act, 1936. Sec. 258, sub-Sec. 6.	Fined £2 - Obstruction of visit.
Do.	Sec. 261, sub-Sec. 1.	Refused order for re- moval of child.

15. Adoption of Children (Section 7 of the Adoption of Children (Regulation) Act, 1939).	
No. of persons who gave notice under Section 7(3)...	6
Total number of children in respect of whom notice was given under Section 7(3)	6
No. of children notified under Section 7(3) under supervision at the end of the year	6

Child Life Protection.

No. of persons who were receiving children for reward at the end of the year	9
No. of nurse children at end of the year	11
No. of Child Life Protection Visitors: Health Visitors	12
Others	1
Visits made by above to Homes of foster mothers	49
" " " " " " " " children.	112
Other Visits	56
Proceedings taken during the year	1

Day Nurseries.

There are 3 Municipal and 2 Voluntary Day Nurseries in the Borough. A summary of the accommodation and attendances thereat is given below.

	<u>Municipal</u>		<u>Voluntary</u>	
	<u>Queen Eliz. Hosp.</u>	<u>Old Church Road</u>	<u>Vallance Road.</u>	<u>St. Paul's Beaumont Hall.</u>
<u>Accommodation:-</u>				
0-2 years	16 (incl. 6 infants)	30 (incl. 10 infants)	30 (incl. 10 infants)	-
2-5 "	<u>34</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Average attendances per day:-</u>				
0-2 years	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>-</u>
2-5 "	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Highest attendances in any one day:-</u>				
0-2 years	<u>20</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>
2-5 "	<u>23</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>21</u>

VISITS BY HEALTH VISITORS. The following table shows the number of visits, etc. paid by the Municipal Health Visitors during the year.

Visits:-	Primary	...	...	...	...	1,946
Revisits:-	To infants under 1 year	...	...	...	...	5,735
	To children between 1-5 years	...	...	...	...	11,422
Ante-natal:-	Primary	...	...	...	...	983
	Subsequent	...	...	...	...	624
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		...	...	...	...	4
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	4
" Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	8
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	699
" Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	178
Scabies	...	...	...	...	...	677
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	5,739
Attempted visits	...	...	...	...	...	3,075
Child Life Protection:-	Visits to homes of foster mothers					2
	Visits to foster children	...	...	...	...	59
	Other visits	...	...	...	...	22
Total	...	...	...	...	...	29,177
Centres attended -	...	...	...	...	...	1,702
Scabies Clinic attended	...	...	...	...	...	84
Total						1,786

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES AND ANTE-NATAL CLINICS. Details of the work at the Municipal Infant Welfare Centres and Ante-Natal Clinics will be seen in the following table.

No. of Infant Welfare Sessions (total)	...	...	...	...	682
" Attendances of Infants	...	...	...	...	15,394
" " Children 1 to 5	...	...	...	...	9,268
" Infants on Registers at end of the year	...	...	...	...	1,436
" Children " " " "	...	...	...	...	2,023
" Ante-Natal Sessions	...	...	...	...	98
" " New Cases	...	...	...	...	251
" " Attendances	...	...	...	...	1,045
" " Doctors' Consultations	...	...	...	...	790

Toddlers Clinics:

No. of sessions held	...	...	...	...	12
" first attendances	...	...	...	...	82
Total attendances	...	...	...	...	151
No. of toddlers found with defects	...	...	...	...	103
Total No. of defects found	...	...	...	...	103

The local midwives have a consulting room for their patients at the centre.

SUPPLY OF MILK AND VITAMINS.

Commodity	Day Nur- series	Instit- utions	Welfare Centres	Food Office	Total
National Dried Milk Full Cream	48	1,581	16,021	14,422	32,072
National Dried Milk Half Cream	2	663	1,106	1,157	2,928
Cod Liver Oil	698	198	7,263	3,450	11,609
A. & D. Capsules ...	-	-	1,370	1,373	2,743
Orange Juice	1,521	3,084	48,043	25,653	78,301

Died before reached age of one Month	...	...	4
" " " " one Year	...	...	6
Looked after by own mother in own home			
... during first year of life	...	...	59
Looked after by an individual foster			
mother during first year of life	...	...	1
Looked after in L.C.C. or other Local			
Authority Home or Institution	...	...	4
Mother of child normally lives outside			
Stepney	...	...	14
Birth transferred at once to Borough			
in which mother normally resides	...	...	6

III. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933. 67 persons are entered in the List of Persons entitled to sell Poisons included in Part II of the Poisons List. 168 inspections and visits were made by the sanitary inspectors during the year.

Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Acts. 155 certificates were issued to tenants as to houses not being in a reasonable state of repair, and 14 applications for such certificates were refused. 15 certificates to landlords were issued as to houses being in a reasonable state of repair and 28 such applications were refused.

Rats and Mice. During the year 588 complaints were received as to nuisances from rats or mice. As a consequence 479 drains were tested and in 103 instances were found to be defective. 406 complaints were forwarded to the Borough Engineer & Surveyor, so that the Council's ratcatchers could call and assist the tenants concerned. The Borough Engineer & Surveyor has kindly supplied information as to Rat Destruction carried out by the Council's Ratcatchers during the year.

No. of premises visited	...	...	...	1,260
No. of visits	...	...	...	18,119
No. of rats found dead	...	...	...	73
No. of rats caught in our traps	...	...	...	398 *
No. of premises cleared of rats as reported				
by the Occupiers.	...	...	...	326
No. of complaints received	...	...	...	511

* 264 of these were actually brought into the Depot and destroyed.

The poisons used were as follows:-

Barium carbonate	...	...	49,462 cubes.
Extract of Squills	...	...	2,561 portions (2 oz)
Rat Bane (Zinc Phosphide)	...	...	72,554 portions.

"Maintenance Treatments" for destruction of Rats in Sewers: In accordance with Local Authority Circular N.S.No.6 (dated 29th August 1944) issued by the Ministry of Food (Infestation Division), 2 treatments for the destruction of rats in sewers were carried out during the year, viz. from 31st December 1945 to 6th February 1946 (inclusive) and from 17th June 1946 to 27th July 1946 (inclusive). The system adopted was that recommended, viz. 2 days pre-baiting and 1 day poison baiting. The pre-bait used was damped sausage rusk and the poison zinc phosphide (2½%). Over a thousand manholes were treated on each occasion, at selected points throughout the borough.

Sanitary inspection: The following is a summary of inspections carried out by the district sanitary inspectors during the year.

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	43
Complaints	...	...	...	...	9,633
Canteens	...	...	...	...	65
Drainage	...	...	...	...	4,177
House-to-House	...	...	...	...	252
Houses-let-in-Lodgings	...	...	...	...	771
Housing Act investigations	...	...	...	...	1,704
Infectious Diseases and Contacts..	...	...	...	...	657
Lodging Houses: Common	...	...	...	...	87
Seamen's	...	...	...	...	129
Markets (week-end)	...	...	...	...	35
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	283
Pharmacy and Poisons Act	...	...	...	...	168
Rent Restrictions Acts	...	...	...	...	250
Restaurants and Eating Houses	...	...	...	...	195
Shops Act, 1934	...	...	...	...	494
Smoke nuisance observations	...	...	...	...	209
Essentiality Certificates and Building Licences - surveys..	...	...	...	...	2,231
Factories: Mechanical	...	...	...	...	1,313
Non-mechanical..	...	...	...	...	271
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	178
Workplaces	...	...	...	...	108
Miscellaneous...	...	...	...	...	5,544
Revisits	...	...	...	...	11,126
Intimation Notices served...	...	...	...	...	5,529
Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	1,332
Legal Proceedings taken	...	...	...	...	27

Drainage. A summary of the drainage work carried out under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspectors will be found on page 22. 968 drains were tested, of which 192 were found to be defective.

Aged and Infirm Persons. Many requests were made during the year asking me to take action to secure the compulsory removal of diseased or infirm persons to hospitals or institutions. Such persons are usually persuaded to enter an institution, but in 3 cases it became necessary for me to apply to a Magistrate for an Order to have them removed under Section 224 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936.

The following is a summary of the work completed under the supervision of the sanitary inspectors during the year.

Animals kept so as to constitute a nuisance, removed	27
Bakehouses: -No. of cleansings of	84
Cisterns cleansed, covered and repaired	36
Dampness in premises remedied	1,716
Drains - Cleansed or repaired	704
Constructed or reconstructed	729
Dust receptacles provided	557
Number of dwelling rooms cleansed	3,252
Houses ventilated beneath the lower floor..	6
Improved light and ventilation provided to rooms.	26
Manure receptacles provided or reconstructed ...	4
Offensive accumulations removed	245
No. of gutters and rain-water pipes fixed or repaired	906
No. of repairs to roofs	1,785
Sink, bath and lavatory pipes fixed or repaired..	766
Smoke nuisances abated	13
Urinals fixed or repaired	25
Verminous rooms cleansed	155
Water-closets - Cleansed or repaired	660
Light and ventilation provided.	38
Pans and traps fixed	744
Provision or repair of flushing apparatus	592
Water supply to houses reinstated or repaired ...	355
Yards, areas and forecourts cleansed, paved, or paving repaired ...	213
Floors, windows, staircases, fireplaces and coppers repaired ...	2,340
Miscellaneous	509

Legal Proceedings. The number of cases taken and the fines and costs imposed are as follows:-

	No. of Cases	Fines £. s. d.	Costs £. s. d.
Public Health (London) Act, 1936.	31	22. 0. 0	65.19.0
Food & Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928.	31	71.10. 0	24.11.0
Milk & Dairies Order, 1926	2	8. 0. 0	5. 5.0
	<u>64</u>	<u>£101.10. 0</u>	<u>£95.15.0</u>

FACTORIES

The following tables contain a summary of the inspections and the defects found and remedied during the year 1946.

Inspections:-

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>Number of pre- mises.</u>	<u>No. of Inspec- tions.</u>	<u>No. of Written Notices</u>
Factories with mechanical power	1488	1313	192
Factories without mechanical power	632	271	55
Other Premises under the Act (in- cluding works of building and en- gineering construction but not in- cluding outworkers' premises).....	34	108	2
	<u>2154</u>	<u>1692</u>	<u>249</u>

Defects Found:-

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>No. of Defects.</u>	
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Want of cleanliness	84	84
Overcrowding	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	1	1
Inadequate ventilation	7	7
Ineffective drainage of floors	24	24
Sanitary Conveniences -		
Insufficient	30	30
Unsuitable or defective	108	108
Not separate for sexes	31	31
Other nuisances	54	54
Other offences (Not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-
	<u>339</u>	<u>339</u>

Outworkers. The net number of outworkers on the Register is 421 and they are engaged in the trades as follows:-

Making, cleaning, etc., of wearing apparel	399
Umbrellas	4
Boots and Shoes	2
Handbags	2
Stationery and Bookbinding	14
Total	<u>421</u>

The number of inspections made to outworkers' premises was 178. Notifiable diseases occurred in 3 premises.

IV. HOUSING

STATISTICS.

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-

(1)(a) Dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	12,361
(b) Inspections made for the purpose ...	15,925
(2)(a) Dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	127
(3) Dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	Nil
(4) Dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	5,457

Remedy of defects during the Year without service of formal Notices:-

Defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ...	4,426
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Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:-

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :	
(1) Dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
(1) Dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1,298
(2) Dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
By owners	1,192
By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

Water Supply. It is not lawful for a house to be occupied as a dwelling house unless it is certified by the Sanitary Authority to have a proper and sufficient supply of water. During the year such certificates were granted in respect of 61 flats and 177 bungalows.

As far as can be ascertained there are 16 wells in the Borough; 3 are used for domestic purposes, 5 for business purposes, and 8 are not in use.

Essentiality Certificates and Building Licences. Applications for Building Licences and Essentiality Certificates prior to the issue of a building licence for the repair of property are submitted to me for observations and recommendations. After the necessary visiting, recommendations are forwarded to the Licencing Sub-Committee.

No.	Recom-	Recommended	Not
<u>Received</u>	<u>mended</u>	<u>with</u> <u>modifications</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
1880	1144	532	204

Preferential Housing on Grounds of Health.

No. of cases investigated	...	...	...	68
" " referred to London County Council				37
" " " " Stepney Borough Council				9

Defence Regulation 68 C.A.

85 Investigations of premises have been made for possible contravention relating to "Change of User."

Overcrowding - Housing Act, 1936.

No. of cases investigated	...	...	...	1114
" " referred to London County Council				621
" " " " Stepney Borough Council				11

Prefabricated Houses Erected.

No. of prefabs. erected since close of hostilities:

London County Council	- Uni-Seco type	238
Stepney Borough Council	- Nissen type	300
	Uni-Seco type	200
Total:		<u>738</u>

Permanent Flats erected	...	...	...	31
(West India House opened				
30th November 1946)				

V. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Particular attention is still paid to milk sampling, and samples taken at schools and hospitals in the Borough were all satisfactory. In no instance was it found necessary to institute legal proceedings in respect of adulterated milk and the efforts of the Sampling Officers in concentrating in the early years of the formation of the Food Section, on particular sources of adulterated milk supply, have been amply justified.

One summons was issued during the year against a vendor for selling adulterated artificial vinegar. The artificial vinegar was manufactured by the defendant himself, and a fine and costs were imposed.

Thirty summonses were issued under the Food and Drugs Act (Sec.13), for unsatisfactory conditions existing at grocery shops, restaurants and ice cream premises, and fines and costs were imposed.

Two summonses were taken out under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, against an itinerant milk vendor for the unsatisfactory condition of milk utensils. In addition to the imposition of fines and costs, the vendor's name was ordered to be removed from the Register of Dairymen by the Magistrate.

In numerous instances, the technical skill and knowledge of the Food Inspectors was readily placed at the disposal of the Ministry of Food during the period under review.

During the year, the Ministry of Food established a Food Salvage Depot in the Borough, and approximately 160 tons of canned milk, jam, meat, etc., were condemned.

(* Food Section commenced 1935)

The following is a summary of the inspections, etc., by the four special Inspectors engaged in the supervision and inspection of food:-

	H.Abson	A.C.Brown	T.W.Deer	S.Vogler	TOTALS
Bakehouses ...	-	16	-	4	# 20
Butcher & Bacon Shops 249	-	-	8	-	257
" " " Stalls 134	-	-	-	-	134
Butter & Margarine					
Premises ...	-	54	-	13	67
Complaints... ...	14	12	12	33	71
Cowsheds ...	-	65	-	30	95
Fish Shops & Stalls	-	304	-	529	833
Grocery & Provision					
Shops... ...	-	167	1	116	284
Greengrocers & Fruit-					
erers shops & stalls	-	-	63	-	63
Ice Cream premises	-	339	-	251	590
London Fruit Exchange	-	-	180	-	180
Markets (Daily)	378	536	71	507	1492
Markets (Week-end)	2	3	2	5	x 10
Milkshops ...	-	472	-	383	855
Poultry Shops ...	536	-	-	-	536
Poultry Stalls ...	459	-	-	-	459
Prepared Food					
premises... ...	169	174	-	110	453
Railway Depots ...	Ø 15	1	x 200	-	216
Restaurants & Cafes	4	167	-	204	375
Spitalfields Market	8	-	161	-	169
Wharves ...	363	11	690	-	1064
Wholesale Grocers..	-	144	-	210	354
Miscellaneous Visits	49	123	55	198	425
Samples taken -					
Food & Drugs	-	775	-	770	1545
Other ...	2	54	8	66	130
Revisits ...	121	209	29	655	1014
No. of Summonses					
taken out.	-	10	-	23	33

Ø Includes 6 special night or early morning inspections at Bishopsgate Goods Station.

x Includes 30 special night or early morning inspections at Bishopsgate Goods Station.

x 35 inspections were also made by the District Sanitary Inspectors.

43 inspections were also made by the District Sanitary Inspectors.

MILK SUPPLY

	<u>No. on</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>No. Notices</u>
	<u>Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Served</u>
Dairy Premises...	78)	855	12
Purveyors' bottled milk	181)		22
Itinerant vendors	44	-	-
Cowsheds...	9	95	2

17 samples of milk were taken in course of delivery to various schools in the borough. 9 of the samples were submitted for chemical analysis and 8 for bacteriological examination. All the samples proved to be satisfactory.

7 samples of milk were taken in course of delivery to various hospitals and institutions in the borough. 6 were submitted for chemical analysis and 1 for bacteriological examination. All the samples were satisfactory.

The following samples were submitted for bacteriological examination:-

<u>Nature of Sample</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Number unsatisfactory</u>
	<u>samples</u>	<u>and action taken.</u>
Milk (Pasteurised)	13	-
Milk (Heat Treated)	26	7 - All taken from the same vendor. The Area Milk Officer, Ministry of Food, was notified.
Milk (Sterilized)	15	-
Milk (T.T. Pasteurised)	1	-
Chopped Ox Liver	1	-
Chopped Meat	1	-
Kosher Salt Beef	1	1 - Necessary action taken to ensure that persons handling the food observed proper precautions.
Winkles	1	-
Clean Milk Bottle	1	1 - Vendor instructed to wash bottles more efficiently.
Household Salmon	1	-
Ice Cream & Ingredients	73	(See special report on Ice Cream).

35 licences were issued under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936-1946, as follows:-

	<u>Dealer's Licences</u>	<u>Supplementary Licences.</u>
"Pasteurised"	13	10
"Tuberculin Tested"	7	4
"Accredited"	1	-

Ice Cream. There are 180 premises on the register, of which 63 are registered for the manufacture of ice cream. 590 inspections were made and 12 notices served. Manufacture of ice cream at a number of registered premises has been temporarily discontinued.

Particular attention was paid to ice cream premises and samples were taken for bacteriological examination or chemical analysis. The following is a list of samples of ice cream and ingredients taken for bacteriological examination:-

	<u>Number examined.</u>	<u>Number classified as:-</u>		
		<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Ice cream ...	61	14	24	23
Ingredients...	12	7	4	1

Of the unsatisfactory samples, 7 were manufactured by firms outside the borough and the Medical Officers of Health of the boroughs concerned were notified. Investigation of those premises where unsatisfactory samples were procured revealed that the poor bacteriological results were mainly due to bad handling of the product and lack of proper sterilization of the vessels and equipment used in the manufacture, sale or storage. Visits were made to these premises and attention specifically drawn to these aspects, and a circular letter sent to all ice cream manufacturers and vendors in the borough emphasising the importance of thorough cleanliness at all stages of manufacture, storage and sale. In several instances, the Food Inspectors spent some hours on the premises supervising the actual manufacture, pointing out where improvements in the process were necessary. As a result, subsequent samples gave improved bacteriological results. In two instances, manufacturers who had previously used a cold mix were persuaded to change over to a boiled mix.

There are several itinerant vendors who sell ice cream from barrows in the borough. Periodic inspections are made for cleanliness of utensils, etc.

41 samples of ice cream were submitted for chemical analysis and showed variations of fat, milk solids-not-fat, sugar and starch, as follows:-

	<u>No.</u> <u>examined</u>	<u>Fat.</u>	<u>Milk</u> <u>solids-</u> <u>not-fat</u>	<u>Sugar</u> <u>and Starch</u>
Ice cream	40	0.21-12.01%	2.64-11.04%	3.81-22.79%
Choc. Ice Cream..	1	19.75%	5.04%	21.84%

The Minister of Health has issued Draft Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1946, dealing with the manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream. Due consideration was given to these draft regulations and representations were made by the Council to the appropriate Ministries that bacteriological and chemical standards be formulated for ice cream, and that itinerant vendors should be registered.

With regard to the formulation of a bacteriological standard, the Ministry of Health experts point out that, up to the present, there is difficulty in instituting a satisfactory bacteriological test for ice cream, but that such tests, however, may usefully be employed as an indication of faulty methods of manufacture, and assist Local Authorities in discovering manufacturers and vendors who fail to comply with the requirements of the Regulations or of Section 13 of the Act.

As regards the quality of ice cream, it would not be difficult to lay down some standard for fat and solids-not-fat, and for sugar, etc., but the Ministry of Food prefer to postpone this until the necessary ingredients are more readily available.

Butchers' Shops and Stalls. 391 inspections were made during the year, and 6 Notices were served.

Cowhouses. There are 9 licensed Cowhouses in the Borough. 95 inspections were made, and 2 Notices were served.

Butter & Margarine

<u>Factories.</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Notices served.</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>
Butter and Margarine Factories	4	-)	67
Wholesale Dealers in Margarine	41	2)	

Prepared Food Premises.

Preserved Fish premises	70	38)	453
Preserved Meat "	153	6)	

Restaurants & Eating Houses. 354 inspections were made and 56 notices served.

Greengrocers & Fruiterers Shops & Stalls. 63 inspections were made and 7 notices served.

Wholesale Grocers, etc. 354 inspections were made and 4 notices served. 42 notices were served in respect of miscellaneous food premises.

Certification of Food Products for Export. 2 certificates were issued respecting the export of consignments of food products prepared within the Borough, 1 to Belgium and 1 to Buenos Aires.

676 carcasses of imported mutton were examined for caseous Lymphadenitis by the cutting of the lymphatic glands. Of these, 1 was found to be diseased. No diseased carcasses were found during 1945.

Unsound Food. 1064 inspections were made at the various wharves in the Borough. The following is a list and quantity of unsound foodstuffs from the wharves disposed of during the year under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937:-

	<u>tons</u>	<u>cwts.</u>	<u>qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
<u>Meat and Poultry</u>				
Lamb				8
Assorted canned meat and poultry.		2	3	0
<u>Fruit and Vegetables</u>				
Assorted canned fruit & vegetables	2	11	1	22
Dates		9	2	25
Gooseberry Pulp	1	-	-	-
Grapes... ..		16	3	6
Prunes... ..				25
Raisins.. ...		1	2	0
Sultanas			3	21

<u>Sundries</u>					<u>tons</u>	<u>cwts.</u>	<u>qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Almond Kernels	...	...	...	...		1	2	19
Assorted canned goods	...	...	...	...	5	11	0	16
Cocoa	...	...	...	...		5	1	0
Coffee	...	...	...	...		5	2	0
Lemon juice	...	...	...	...		4	0	0
Orange juice	...	...	...	...		4	2	3
Tomato puree	...	...	...	...		4	0	20
Tea Sweepings	...	...	...	...			3	20
					<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>17</u>

The following unsound foodstuffs were disposed of during the year under the Public Health (London) Act, 1936.

					<u>tons</u>	<u>cwts.</u>	<u>qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
(a) <u>Spitalfields Market & London Fruit Exch.</u>								
Apples	...	...	...	...		1	0	0
Assorted dried fruit	...	...	...	...	1	14	2	23
Capsicums	...	...	...	...	1	1	0	18
Chestnuts	...	...	...	...		1	1	20
Currants	...	...	...	...		4	2	26
Dates	...	...	...	...		6	1	0
Lettuce	...	...	...	...		2	0	0
Melons	...	...	...	...	4	3	1	26
Oranges	...	...	...	...	3	8	0	0
Potatoes	...	...	...	...	39	19	0	0
Persimmons	...	...	...	...	1	6	0	18
Pineapples	...	...	...	...		7	1	22
Pears	...	...	...	...	3	13	0	13
Peaches	...	...	...	...	7	9	1	2
Prunes	...	...	...	...	3	4	2	20
Raisins	...	...	...	...		13	2	21
Savoys	...	...	...	...	5	0	0	0
Sprouts & Tops	...	...	...	...	1	8	0	0
Sultanas	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	15
Tomatoes	...	...	...	...	2	6	2	14
					<u>78</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>

(b) Ministry of Food Salvage Depot, 141-5 Mile End Road.

	<u>tons</u>	<u>cwts.</u>	<u>qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Assorted canned goods ...	159	18	1	17

(c) Other Premises.

<u>Fruit and Vegetables.</u>					<u>tons</u>	<u>cwts.</u>	<u>qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Assorted canned fruit & vegetables...						1	3	10
Assorted dried fruits	...	...	...	...	1	8	1	5
Apricot pulp	...	...	...	...	2	2	1	14
Butter beans	...	...	...	...		1	1	4

<u>Fruit & Vegetables (continued)</u>						<u>tons</u>	<u>cwts.</u>	<u>qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Cabbage	...	...	...	...	...	13	14	1	8
Carrots	...	...	...	...	...	5	16	0	7
Cauliflowers	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	0	0
Cucumbers	...	...	...	...	...		1	3	4
Gooseberry pulp	...	...	...	...	...		12	0	0
Grapefruit pulp	...	...	...	...	...		2	0	0
Lemons	...	...	...	...	...			2	4
Lettuce	...	...	...	...	...	4	10	2	8
Melons	...	...	...	...	...	5	13	0	0
Onions	...	...	...	...	...		3	0	0
Oranges	...	...	...	...	...		9	2	2
Parsnips	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	2	0
Peaches	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	2	10
Pears	...	...	...	...	...	22	15	0	18
Peas	...	...	...	...	...	7	5	2	18
Plums	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	1	5
Runner beans	...	...	...	...	...		1	1	4
Strawberry pulp	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	0
Sprouts	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	1	0
Tomatoes	...	...	...	...	...				19
Tomato purée	...	...	...	...	...		1	2	15
Tangerines	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	2	0
Turnips	...	...	...	...	...	4	0	0	0
<u>Fish.</u>									
Assorted canned fish	...	...	...	...	...			2	5
Assorted fresh fish	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	1	16
Herrings in brine	...	...	...	...	...		1	3	0
Kippers	...	...	...	...	...			2	8
<u>Meat and Poultry.</u>									
Beef	...	...	...	...	...		3	2	17
Assorted canned meat	...	...	...	...	...		10	0	24
Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	1	22
Duck	...	...	...	...	...				5
Fowls	...	...	...	...	...		13	1	2
Geese	...	...	...	...	...		1	3	8
Lamb	...	...	...	...	...				20
Lambs Heads	...	...	...	...	...			1	10
Ox Heads	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	26
Pork	...	...	...	...	...		5	1	25
Rabbits	...	...	...	...	...			2	4
Salami	...	...	...	...	...			1	3
Sausages	...	...	...	...	...		1	0	11
Tripe	...	...	...	...	...				20

(c) Other premises (continued).

<u>Sundries.</u>					<u>tons</u>	<u>cwts.</u>	<u>qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Assorted canned goods	...	...	...	...	15	3	0	21
Assorted foodstuffs	...	...	...	...	29	2	0	3
Biscuits	...	...	...	...	1	5	1	2
Butter	...	...	...	...			1	24
Cheese	...	...	...	...		1	2	2
Cocoa	...	...	...	...			3	13
Coffee beans	...	...	...	...		2	3	26
Confectionery	...	...	...	...		12	1	27
Eggs	...	...	...	...		1	1	1
Egg Powder	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	0
Flour	...	...	...	...		2	2	22
Honey	...	...	...	...	1	0	1	12
Margarine	...	...	...	...			2	14
Orange & Lemon Squash	...	...	...	...	4	10	0	0
Rice	...	...	...	...		2	0	0
Rolled Oats	...	...	...	...		1	3	21
Sugar	...	...	...	...	1	3	0	26
Tea	...	...	...	...				7
					152	11	1	14

50 Detention Notices and 53 Release Notices were issued during the year in respect of the undermentioned foodstuffs:-

<u>Detention Notices.</u>				<u>Release Notices.</u>			
<u>Article</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Weight.</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Weight.</u>
		<u>ices</u>	<u>t.c.q.lbs.</u>			<u>ices</u>	<u>t.c.q.lbs.</u>
Mutton	12,351	30	-	Mutton	12,350 &	30	-
	carcase.				1 part		
					carcase.		
Raw Cocoa							
and	1,100	12	67.7.1. 5		976	9	59.6.0. 2
Sweep-	bags.				bags.		
ings.							
Sugar &	103	7	9.8.0.19		110	8	10.2.3.19
sweep-	bags.				bags.		
ings.							
Pine-	15 tins.	1	2.24		-	-	-
apple.							
Sultanas.	-	-	-		494 pckgs.	3	12.9.1.12
Prunes.	-	-	-		51 pckgs.	2	13.0.0.0
Apricots.	-	-	-		6 bags.	1	5.2.0.0

Zeebrugge-Harwich Train Ferry. This Ferry closed down during the war and resumed operating on Monday, 19th August, 1946. 36 special night and early morning visits were made by the Food Inspectors. In addition, 13 inspections were made by day.

956 trucks containing 6869 tons 11 cwts. of fresh fruit arriving from the Continent were examined. This consisted of:-

Italian fruit..... 855 trucks containing capsicums, chestnuts, grapes, mandarines, melons, peaches, pears, persimmons, pomegranates and walnuts.

Swiss fruit..... 48 trucks containing pears.

Czecho-Slovakian

fruit..... 32 trucks containing pears.

Belgian fruit..... 21 trucks containing hot-house grapes.

36 trucks of Hungarian turkeys weighing 373 tons, and small consignments of Belgian fish, were also examined.

The following foodstuffs were found to be unsound and were destroyed:-

2768 packages of pears, 20 packages of melons, 3891 packages of peaches, 5 boxes of capsicums and 1 box of persimmons, all Italian fruit, weighing 56 tons 1 cwt.

The ferry traffic was temporarily suspended from 25th December 1946 to 4th February 1947, due to the withdrawal of the ferry boat for essential repairs.

VI. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifications. 1194 notifications (other than of tuberculosis) were received, or 28 less than in the previous year.

Wrong Diagnosis. 59 cases of infectious diseases removed to hospital were found not to be suffering from the disease stated on the certificate. Of these, 8 were cases of Scarlet Fever, 31 of Diphtheria, 6 of Dysentery, 8 of Measles, 5 of Whooping Cough and 1 of Cerebro-Spinal Fever.

Diphtheria Immunisation. In addition to the 52 sessions held at 35 Stepney Green every Friday afternoon, children are also immunised at most of the Infant Welfare Centres.

	<u>S.B.C.</u>		<u>L.C.C.</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Und.5</u>	<u>Over 5</u>	<u>Und.5</u>	<u>Over 5</u>	
Post Schick Tests	538	64	-	-	602
Immunisation Certificates given	462	83	-	-	545
Attendances of Children for Schick or Immunisation.	2599	255	-	-	2854
Children who completed the full course of Immunisation	918	35	79	484	1516
Secondary injections.....	23	-	-	-	23

Whooping Cough Immunisation. In addition to the Whooping Cough Immunisation Clinic held in conjunction with the Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic every Friday afternoon at 35 Stepney Green, facilities are provided at most of the Infant Welfare Centres.

	<u>35 Stepney Green.</u>	<u>Infant Wel- fare Centres</u>	<u>Total</u>
Attendances of children	878	1147	2025
Completed Immunisations	300	367	667
No. of Sessions held	17	-	17

<u>Verminous Persons</u>					
<u>Branch Road Cleansing Centre</u>		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Ch.</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of persons bathed & clothing disinfected...		266	47	3	316
" " baths and treatments given		275	62	3	340

Bug Eradication. The following is a summary of the work carried out by the special inspector:-

No. of inspections.....	1012	Revisits	464
No. found verminous....	362	Miscellaneous Visits...	892
No. of Council Premises sprayed	...	...	179
" " " Rooms	"	...	416
" " Private Premises	"	...	416
" " " Rooms	"	...	775

103 of the families which were re-housed in Stepney Borough Council flats had their furniture and other household effects treated with H.C.N.

3 loads of furniture etc. which had been loaned to bombed-out families were treated with H.C.N. prior to return of these articles to the re-housing store.

1 load of very verminous furniture was treated with H.C.N. from a private premise whilst the owner, an aged woman, was in hospital.

All bedding was separately treated with steam.

Cleansing and Disinfection. 512 rooms were disinfected because of infectious disease and 21 because of pulmonary tuberculosis. 148,705 articles of clothing and bedding were steam disinfected.

Scabies (Scabies Order 1941).

No. of cases notified:	Formally - 758.	Informally - 570.			
<u>Diagnostic Clinic</u>		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Ch.</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of sessions	...	-	-	-	108
No. of persons who attended	...	434	623	519	1576
" " " found positive	...	132	191	183	506
Total number of attendances	...	512	709	584	1805
<u>Branch Road Treatment Centre</u>					
Persons bathed & clothing disinfected	...	159	200	106	465
No. of baths & treatments given.		287	348	166	801
<u>London Hospital Treatment Centre</u>					
Persons bathed and clothing disinfected	...	315	298	283	896
<u>Statutory Action</u>					
Inspection of premises notices served	...	...	...	...	216
Medical Examination notices served	...	...	...	...	307

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR, 1946.

DISEASE.	Under 1 yr.	Total Cases Notified. In Age Groups.											65 and over	Total	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
		1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-					
Smallpox.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	3	7	17	14	20	50	18	8	4	1	-	-	142	66	-	-
Diphtheria.	1	4	4	2	5	15	5	2	7	-	-	-	45	45	1	-
Membranous Croup.	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
Enteric Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	1	-
Measles.	48	120	105	122	113	197	17	4	5	1	1	-	733	117	1	-
Whooping Cough	17	16	14	10	11	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	87	23	-	-
Puerperal Fvr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	4	4	-
Do. Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	-	-	8	8	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	3	6	11	5	30	16	-	-
Cerebrospinal Fever.	2	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	7	7	2	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-
Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Encephalitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.	1	5	2	3	2	3	1	-	3	6	-	1	27	22	-	-
Malaria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	4	-	-	14	7	-	-
Pneumonia.	9	2	1	4	2	14	5	3	10	9	16	6	81	30	80	-
Food Poisoning	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	-	8	1	-	-
Totals ...	85	156	143	155	155	302	51	17	56	31	31	12	1194	353	89	-

Malaria. All cases contracted abroad, except one, which was induced.

VII. STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1946.
(Prepared by Registrar-General)

Estimated Civilian Population ... 94,800

		LIVE BIRTHS		STILLBIRTHS	
		M	F	M	F
Total (Legitimate and Illegitimate)	...	1142	1005	38	23
Illegitimate		91	84	5	3

DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR

				M	F
Legitimate				54	38
Illegitimate				10	8

Birth-rates, Civilian Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality,
Maternal Mortality and Case-rates for certain Infectious
Diseases in the Year 1946.
(Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns)

	126 C.B.s	148 Smaller	
England	and Great	Towns	London
and	Towns	Resident Pop.	Adm.
Wales	including	25,000-50,000	County.
	London.	1931 Census.	
1.	2.	3.	4.

x Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population.

<u>Births</u>				
Live	19.1 /	22.2	21.3	21.5
Still... ..	0.53 /	0.67	0.59	0.54

<u>Deaths</u>				
All causes ...	11.5 /	12.7	11.7	12.7
Typhoid and Paratyphoid.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scarlet Fever.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Diphtheria ...	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Influenza ...	0.15	0.13	0.14	0.12
Smallpox ...	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Measles ...	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01

	1.	2.	3.	4.
	<u>Rates per 1,000 Live Births.</u>			
Deaths under 1 Year of age.	43 /	46	37	41
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age.	4.4	6.1	2.8	4.2

x A dash (-) signifies that there were no deaths
/ Per 1,000 related births
/ Rates per 1,000 population

<u>Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population</u>					
<u>Notifications:-</u>					
Typhoid Fever	...	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever	..	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01
Cerebro Spinal Fever		0.05	0.05	0.04	0.06
Scarlet Fever	...	1.38	1.51	1.33	1.42
Whooping Cough	...	2.28	2.48	2.05	2.22
Diphtheria	...	0.23	0.32	0.31	0.24
Erysipelas	...	0.2	0.25	0.22	0.27
Smallpox	...	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles	...	3.92	4.73	3.70	7.35
Pneumonia	...	0.89	1.02	0.74	0.75

Rates per 1,000 Total Births (Live and Still)

(a) Notifications:-

Puerperal Fever	) 8.50	10.35	7.63	(1.62
Puerperal Pyrexia	)			(9.68

(b) Maternal Mortality in England and Wales:-

<u>CODE</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>CODE</u>
No. 140	No. 141	No. 147	Nos. 142-6
Abortion	Abortion	Puerperal	148-150
<u>with Sepsis</u>	<u>without Sepsis</u>	<u>Infections</u>	<u>Other</u>
0.13	0.06	0.18	1.06

Abortion:- Mortality per million women aged 15-45 in
England and Wales:-

<u>No. 140 with Sepsis</u>	<u>No. 141 without Sepsis</u>
11	5

/ Including Puerperal fever

TOTAL DEATHS BY CAUSE AND AGE IN THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF
STEPNEY, 1946.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Sex	All ages	All ages					
			0-	1-	5-	15-	45-	65 & over
1. Typhoid and paratyphoid fever.	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Cerebro-spinal fever.	M	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Whooping Cough.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Diphtheria.	M	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system.	M	50	-	-	-	19	13	18
	F	21	1	1	-	15	2	2
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis.	M	7	-	1	2	1	3	-
	F	3	-	-	-	3	-	-
8. Syphilitic disease.	M	15	-	-	-	1	6	8
	F	8	-	-	-	-	6	2
9. Influenza.	M	5	-	-	-	1	2	2
	F	3	-	-	-	2	-	1
10. Measles.	M	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Acute infectious Encephalitis.	M	2	-	-	-	1	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
13m Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus.	M	18	1	-	-	-	7	10
13f Cancer of Uterus.	F	9	-	-	-	1	5	3
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum.	M	25	-	-	-	1	12	12
	F	10	-	-	-	-	3	7
15. Cancer of breast.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	7	-	-	-	1	4	2
16. Cancer of all other sites.	M	75	-	-	1	3	37	34
	F	54	-	1	-	1	17	35
17. Diabetes.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	7	-	-	-	-	5	2
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions.	M	49	-	-	-	1	6	42
	F	53	-	-	-	-	11	42
19. Heart disease.	M	199	-	-	-	10	42	147
	F	183	-	-	-	13	30	140

TOTAL DEATHS BY CAUSE AND AGE IN THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF
STEPNEY, 1946 - (continued).

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Sex	All ages	0-	1-	5-	15-	45-	65 & over
20. Other diseases of the circulatory system.	M	40	-	-	-	3	11	26
	F	28	-	-	-	-	5	23
21. Bronchitis.	M	65	3	-	-	1	28	33
	F	32	-	-	-	-	4	28
22. Pneumonia.	M	56	9	2	-	4	14	27
	F	24	9	1	-	-	6	8
23. Other respiratory diseases.	M	7	-	-	-	3	2	2
	F	4	-	-	-	1	2	1
24. Ulceration of stomach or duodenum.	M	23	-	-	-	5	12	6
	F	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
25. Diarrhoea.	M	7	7	-	-	-	-	-
	F	8	8	-	-	-	-	-
26. Appendicitis.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
27. Other digestive diseases.	M	17	1	-	-	4	5	7
	F	18	-	-	1	2	7	8
28. Nephritis.	M	13	-	-	-	2	6	5
	F	21	-	1	-	6	6	8
29. Puerperal and post- abortive sepsis.	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
30. Other maternal causes.	F	3	-	-	-	3	-	-
31. Premature birth.	M	12	12	-	-	-	-	-
	F	11	11	-	-	-	-	-
32. Congenital malforma- tions, birth injury, infantile disease.	M	25	23	-	-	1	1	-
	F	12	10	-	-	2	-	-
33. Suicide.	M	6	-	-	-	2	3	1
	F	2	-	-	-	1	1	-
34. Road Traffic Accidents	M	9	-	2	1	3	1	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	1	1
35. Other violent causes.	M	35	5	3	2	5	10	10
	F	18	2	1	1	2	1	11
36. All other causes.	M	42	1	2	1	3	15	20
	F	45	5	2	2	3	9	19
ALL CAUSES.	M	808	64	12	7	75	237	413
	F	591	46	7	4	63	128	343
Total		1,399	110	19	11	138	365	756

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SUMMARY OF BOROUGH ANALYST'S QUARTERLY REPORTS for the Year 1946.

During the year, 1,568 samples were submitted for analysis. Of these 1,523 samples were taken under the Food and Drugs Act. The remaining 45 samples were received from Borough Departments, the Food Executive Officer and private purchasers.

Samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act:-
603 samples were taken formally.
920 samples were taken informally.

Total Samples.

Foods (taken under the Act)	...	...	1,193
Foods (private samples)	...	...	31
Drugs (taken under the Act)	...	...	330
Other private samples	...	...	14
			<u>1,568</u>

Out of 1,224 samples of food including private samples 17 or 1.4 per cent were adulterated and out of 330 samples of drugs 5 or 1.5 per cent were adulterated making a total of 1,554 foods and drugs out of which 22 or 1.4 per cent were adulterated.

MILK. 575 samples were examined. The average composition including 1 adulterated sample was:-

Fat, 3.53 per cent and Solids-not-fat, 8.70 per cent.

The percentage of adulteration of all samples (1.4 per cent) is the lowest during the 23 years of these reports; the highest figure was obtained in 1942 when the percentage of adulteration was 9.1 per cent.

ADULTERATED SAMPLES (including other offences)

Nature.	Adulterated, etc.			Prosecutions	Cautions	No action
	Infermal	Formal	Private			
<u>Foods.</u>						
Whisky	1	-	-	-	-	-
Ground Cinnamon	1	1	-	-	-	1
Coffee & Chicory						
Essence	1	-	-	-	-	-
Lemonade	-	2	-	-	1	1
Mustard	1	-	-	-	-	-
Tinned Soup	3	1	-	1	-	-
Milk	-	1	-	1	-	-
Pork Sausages	1	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Private Foods.</u>						
Butter Beans	-	-	1	-	-	-
Coffee Beans	-	-	2	-	-	-
Egg Substitute Powder	-	-	1	-	-	-
<u>Drugs.</u>						
Nursery Powder	1	1	-	-	1	-
Calamine Lotion	1	1	-	-	1	-
Ammoniated Tincture of Quinine	1	-	-	-	-	-

Poor quality samples. 33 samples (including 13 samples of Milk) were reported as being of inferior grade or doubtful quality.

Legal proceedings. For the adulterated sample of milk the fine was £3 with £3-3-0d costs. The summons in the case of the sample of tinned soup was withdrawn as it was found that the firm was specially licensed by the Ministry of Food to market this product.

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