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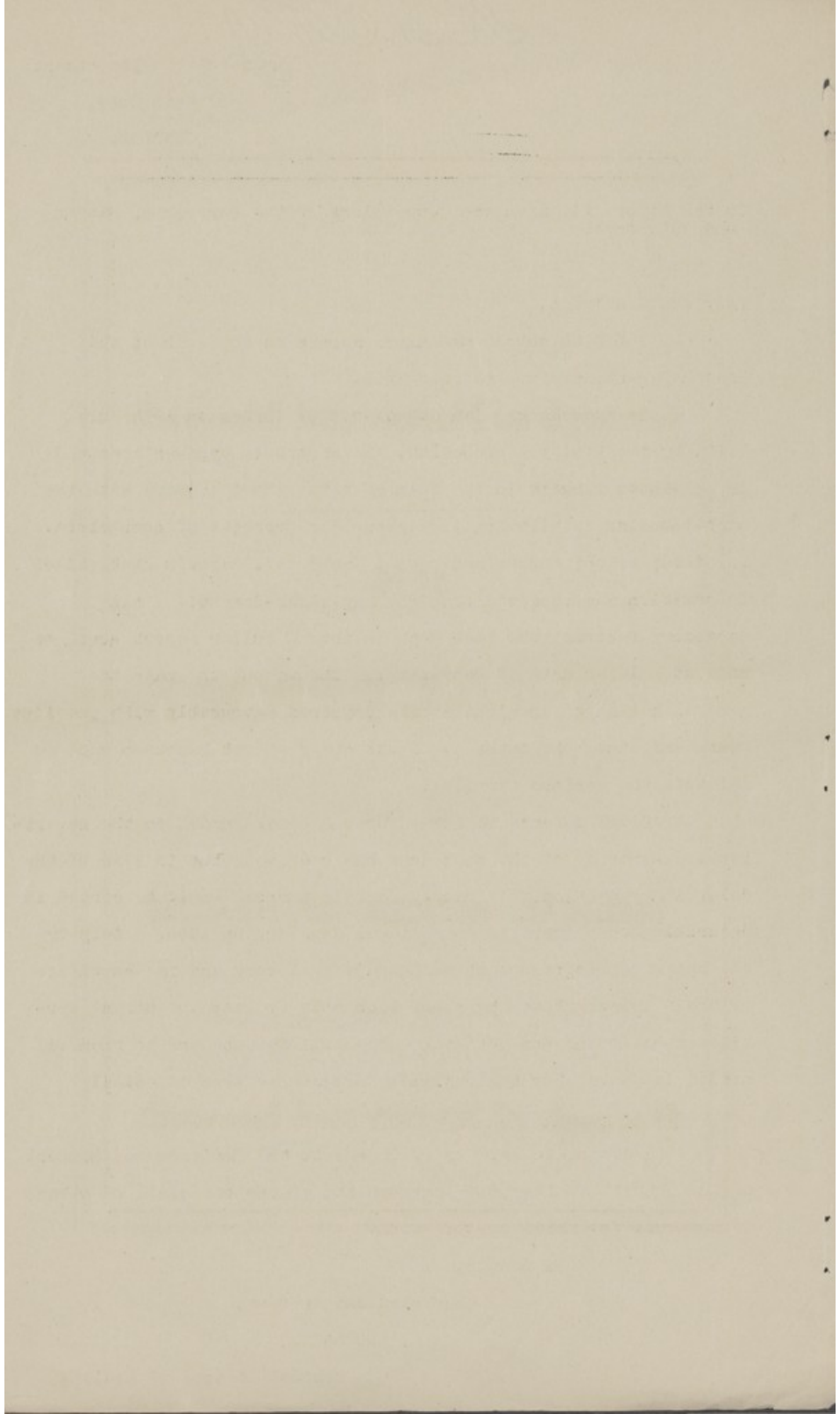
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE

Borough of Heston and Isleworth.



Public Health Department,

92 Bath Road,

HOUNSLOW.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Heston and Isleworth.

Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the work of the Health Department for the year 1939.

In accordance with Circular 2067 issued on 19th July, 1940, by the Ministry of Health, the report is type-written and is presented largely in the form of a tabulated summary with the corresponding details for 1938 shown for purposes of comparison. The issue of the report has been delayed till certain statistical information was received from the Registrar-General. All necessary records have been kept so that a fuller report could be made at a later date if necessary. Throughout the year the general health of the inhabitants compared favourably with previous years and since the outbreak of war every effort has been made to maintain the various services.

Civil defence measures threw a heavy burden on the Department. A record of the work done has been made but in view of the delay in presenting this report, little purpose would be served in describing or commenting on what was done during 1939. Only by the cheerful acceptance of much additional work and the sacrifice of their leisure have the staff been able to keep the normal services functioning and yet deal with civil defence and to them all credit is due. For their willing assistance I am especially grateful.

I desire to express my thanks to the Chairmen and Members of the Committees for their support and to the officials of other departments for their co-operation.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

A. ANDERSON.

Medical Officer of Health;

	<u>1939</u>	<u>1938</u>
Refraction Clinic - children examined.	50	25
Minor Ailments Clinic - children treated.	51	20
Midwives - number notifying intention to practice.	26	28
- cases attended as midwife.	532	513
- cases attended as maternity nurse.	297	253
- percentage of cases where medical aid summoned.	36	29
- fees paid to medical practitioners.	£211	£156
- certificates surrendered during year.	2	1
- compensation paid.	£1149	£104
Municipal Domiciliary Midwifery Service.		
No. of municipal midwives.	8	8
No. of cases booked - as midwife.	584	496
- as maternity nurse.	96	82
No. of cases completed - as midwife.	500	409
- as maternity nurse.	77	73
No. of visits - ante-natal.	2,856	2,766
- post-natal.	10,455	8,658
Home Helps - no. of cases where home help provided.	54	58
Convalescent Homes - no. of mothers sent.	-	4
- no. of children sent.	6	6
Health Visitors - no. employed.	12	12
- attendances at M & C.W. clinics etc.	1,060	1,400
- visits to mothers and children.	8,803	10,345
Child Life Protection.		
No. of foster children on register.	59	62
No. of visits by Health Visitors.	421	663
Dental Treatment of Mothers and Children.		
Total attendances of mothers and children.	3,721	3,776
No. of extractions - mothers.	1,780	1,890
- children.	748	1,020
No. of fillings - mothers.	565	480
- children.	181	284
No. of dentures supplied to mothers.	249	237

	<u>1939</u>	<u>1938</u>
Milk and Other Foods Supplied Free or at Reduced Cost.		
Pasteurized milk (gallons).	11,477	11,943
Dried milk (lbs.).	2,059	2,830
Virol (lbs.).	99	303
Cod liver oil (4 oz.).	175	-
Cod liver oil emulsion (8 oz.).	370	1,120
Cod liver oil and malt (lbs.).	561	1,129
Lactagol (tins).	149	239
Bomax (tins).	55	214
Adexolin ($\frac{1}{2}$ oz.).	190	688
Kalzana (tablets).	3,970	1,790

The sale of these various items at cost price also showed a considerable decline in 1939 as compared with the previous year.

Nursing Homes.

No. registered at end of year,

- nursing homes.	3	3
- maternity homes.	1	1
- nursing and maternity homes.	1	1

Superannuation Acts.

No. of employees examined.	55	59
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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

There was no significant change in the sanitary circumstances of the area as compared with 1938. The work of the sanitary inspectors continued as in previous years but was subject to considerable interruption after the outbreak of war. A summary of the work of the inspectors in regard to general sanitation is given below :-

	<u>1939</u>	<u>1938</u>
Visits re complaint or remedy of nuisances.	9,419	7,577
Inspections of piggeries.	53	102
Inspections of stables.	215	194
Inspections of urinals.	24	51
Visits re infectious disease.	561	911

	<u>1939</u>	<u>1938</u>
Smoke observations.	255	352
Inspections re offensive trades.	129	140
Inspections of tents, vans and sheds.	103	97
Inspections of common lodging houses.	17	11
Inspections of shops re sanitary arrangements.	38	71
Inspections of factories, workplaces, etc.	836	1057
Houses disinfested.	39	122
Inspections of canal boats.	63	85

HOUSING.

	<u>1939</u>	<u>1938</u>
No. of new houses erected - by private enterprise.	278	637
- by local authority.	-	80
No. of houses inspected for housing defects.	478	526
No. of houses found unfit for human habitation.	74	97
No. of houses rendered fit by informal action.	247	310
No. of houses rendered fit by formal action.	27	24
No. of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	43	74
No. of houses rendered fit in pursuance of undertaking.	12	15
No. of houses where undertaking not to re-let accepted.	21	33
No. of underground rooms closed.	2	1
No. of houses known to be overcrowded at end of year.	69	105
No. of new cases of overcrowding found during year.	5	17
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year.	41	258
No. of houses demolished voluntarily.	14	22

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

	<u>1939</u>	<u>1938</u>
Inspections of dairies etc.	576	620
Inspections of ice cream premises.	534	465
Inspections of bakehouses.	198	205
Inspections of slaughterhouses.	473	472

	<u>1939</u>	<u>1938</u>
Inspections of premises where food is sold or manufactured,		
- meat.	1,009	1,058
- fish.	194	213
- provisions.	80	73
- greengrocery and fruit.	158	230
- hawkers.	115	44
- food preparation.	498	451
- other foods.	43	76
Unsound food seized or surrendered (lbs.).	3,764	3,573

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

	<u>1939</u>		<u>1938</u>	
	Cases Notified.	Deaths.	Cases Notified.	Deaths.
Smallpox.	-	-	-	-
Scarlet fever.	175	-	314	-
Diphtheria.	51	5	40	2
Erysipelas.	23	-	43	-
Pneumonia.	142	35	159	36
Cerebro-spinal fever.	6	-	8	5
Epidemic encephalitis.	-	2	1	-
Poliomyelitis and polio- encephalitis.	-	-	3	1
Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers.	3	-	4	-
Dysentery.	1	-	2	-
Tuberculosis.	125	69	113	58
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	4	-	10	-
Puerperal pyrexia.	61	-	66	2

Non-notifiable Infectious Diseases.

	<u>1939</u>	<u>1938</u>
Measles.	50	861
German Measles.	493	45
Chicken pox.	490	512
Mumps.	145	35
Whooping cough.	391	300

Table of Causes of Deaths during 1939. (Continued)

Causes of Death.						Civil Residents all ages.	
						Male.	Female.
19	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	11	10
20	Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	...	...	19	16
21	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	3	5
22	Peptic ulcer	...	...	...	...	5	1
23	Diarrhoea under 2 yrs.	...	...	...	...	3	4
24	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	4	3
25	Cirrhosis of liver	...	...	...	...	1	7
26	Other liver diseases	...	...	...	...	1	2
27	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	6	10
28	Acute & chronic nephritis	...	...	...	...	6	8
29	Puerperal sepsis	...	...	...	...	-	-
30	Other puerperal diseases	...	...	...	...	-	5
31	Congenital debility, Premature birth, &c.	...	...	...	...	26	14
32	Senility	...	...	...	...	7	26
33	Suicide	...	...	...	...	7	5
34	Other violence	...	...	...	...	27	13
35	Other defined diseases	...	...	...	...	25	27
36	Ill defined or Unknown	...	...	...	...	-	-
	Diarrhoea 2 yrs. & over	1	-

According to figures furnished by the Registrar-General.

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Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above matter.
I am sorry to hear that you are having trouble with your business.
I will do all in my power to assist you in this matter.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. Smith

Very truly yours,
J. B. Smith