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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF
FELTHAM



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR
1944

Medical Officer of Health (part time)

F. H. Woods, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Dr. Woods was called to the services at the outbreak of hostilities.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health (part time)

D. McCarthy, M.B., Ch. B.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

R. J. Rowdon, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Sanitary Inspectors.

F. V. Bell, M.R. San. I., M.S.I.A.

A. W. Kent, A.R. San. I., M.S.I.A.

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Council Offices,

Feltham.

October, 1945.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitation of your District during 1944.

The District is divided into three Wards: Bedfont, Feltham and Hanworth with a total acreage of 4,935.

The estimated population is 35,260 (mid. 1944), Registrar General. This is a slight decrease compared with 1943. The day population is increased by people working at the various factories and shops. A small number continue to work at agriculture.

The sum represented by a penny rate is.....	£1.102
All classes of inhabited houses.....	10,096
Working-class dwellings.....	9,392
New working-class dwellings erected.....	nil
Total number of new houses erected.....	nil

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Live Births</u>			
Legitimate.....	707	378	329
Illegitimate.....	33	13	20
Total.....	740	391	349

Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - 20.98

Still Births

Legitimate.....	20	13	7
Illegitimate.....	2	1	1
Total.....	22	14	8

Rate per 1,000 total births (live and still) - 28.72

Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - 0.62

<u>Deaths</u>	311	169	142
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Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - 8.82

Deaths from puerperal causes.

(Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's Short List)

	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 total (Live and still) births.</u>
No. 29 Puerperal Sepsis....	1	1.305
No. 30 Other Maternal Causes....	1	1.305
Total.....	2	2.61

Death rates of infants under one year of age

All infants per 1,000 live births.....(26)	35.13
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.....(23)	32.53
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.....(3)	90.90

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.</u>
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	43	1.21
" " Measles (all ages)	-	-
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	3	.08
		<u>Rate per 1,000 live births</u>
" " Diarrhoea (under two years)	1	1.35

The Birth, Death and Maternal Mortality rates for England and Wales in 1944 were:-

Birth Rate.....	17.6
Still Birth Rate.....	0.50
Death Rate.....	11.6
Puerperal Sepsis.....	0.28
Others.....	1.25
Total Maternal Mortality Rate.....	1.53

CAUSES OF DEATH IN YOUR AREA

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers.....	-	-	-
2. Cerebro-spinal fever.....	-	-	-
3. Scarlet fever.....	-	-	-
4. Whooping Cough.....	-	3	3
5. Diphtheria.....	1	-	1
6. Tuberculosis of the respiratory system.....	11	13	24
7. Other forms of tuberculosis.....	2	1	3
8. Syphilitic disease.....	3	-	3
9. Influenza.....	2	1	3
10. Measles.....	-	-	-
11. Acute poliomyelitis and polioencephalitis....	-	-	-
12. Acute infectious encephalitis.....	-	-	-
13. Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)....	3	5	8
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum.....	6	2	8
15. Cancer of breast.....	-	4	4
16. Cancer of all other sites.....	13	10	23
17. Diabetes.....	-	2	2
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions.....	6	3	9
19. Heart disease.....	35	31	66
20. Other diseases of the circulatory system.....	4	6	10
21. Bronchitis.....	15	8	23
22. Pneumonia.....	7	9	16
23. Other respiratory diseases.....	1	1	2
24. Ulceration of the stomach of duodenum.....	4	-	4

CAUSES OF DEATH IN YOUR AREA (Contd.)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
25. Diarrhoea (under two years of age)..	-	1	1
26. Appendicitis.....	-	1	1
27. Other digestive diseases.....	4	5	9
28. Nephritis.....	2	1	3
29. Puerperal and post-abortion sepsis..	-	1	1
30. Other maternal causes.....	-	1	1
31. Premature birth.....	6	2	8
32. Congenital malformations, birth injury, infantile disease.....	9	4	13
33. Suicide.....	1	-	1
34. Road traffic accidents.....	7	1	8
35. Other violent causes.....	13	18	31
36. All other causes.....	14	8	22
	<u>169</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>311</u>

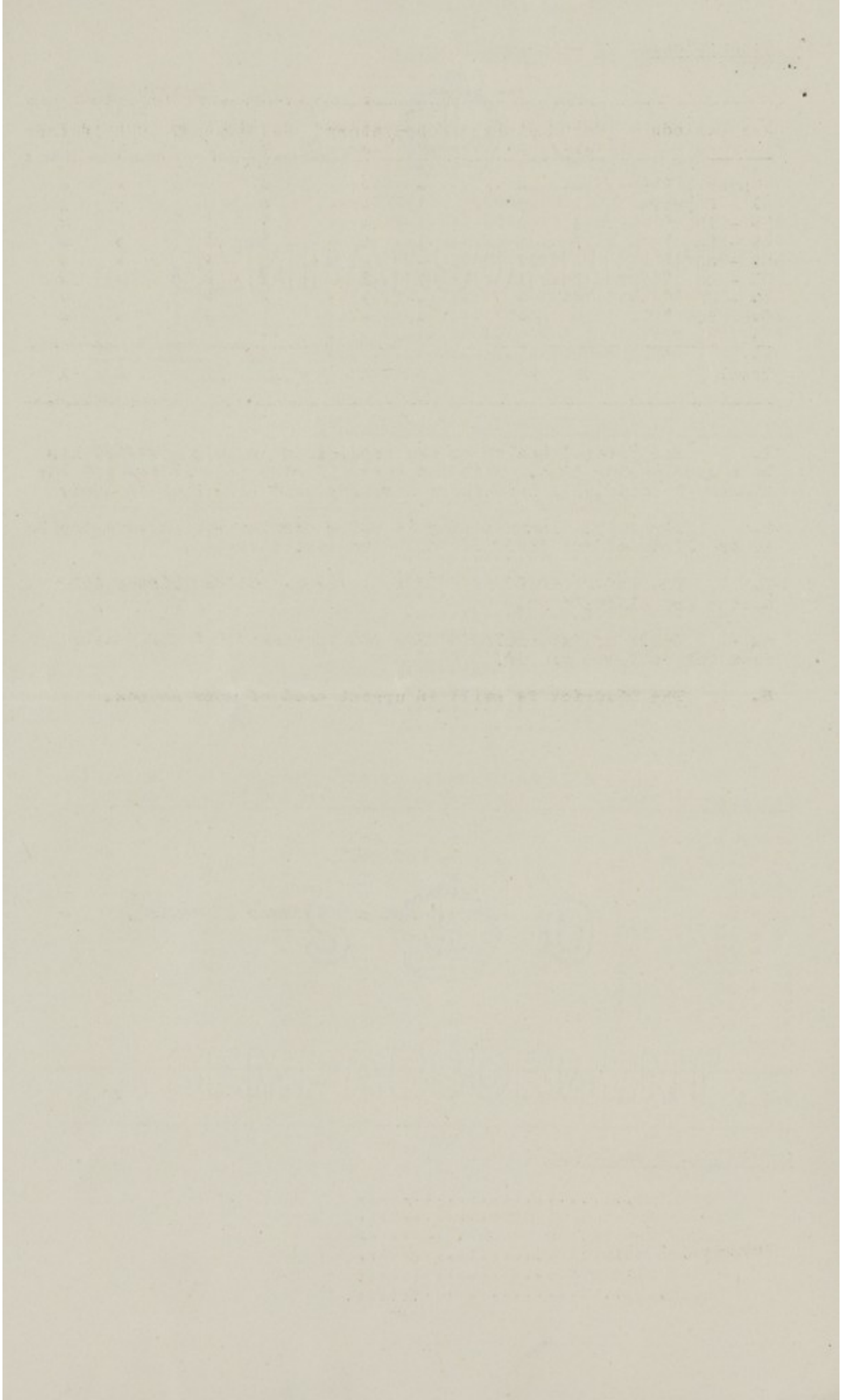
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Nos. Notified</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Diphtheria.....	1	1	1
Measles.....	29	1	-
Whooping Cough.....	34	5	3
Pneumonia.....	1	1	16
Scarlet fever.....	84	79	-
Cerebro-spinal fever.....	3	3	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorium.....	1	1	-
Erysipelas.....	2	-	-
Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-
Polioencephalitis.....	1	1	-

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>Scarlet Fever</u>	<u>Diph- theria</u>	<u>Puerp. Pyrexia</u>	<u>Erysi- pelas</u>	<u>Pneu- monia</u>	<u>Measles</u>	<u>Whooping Cough.</u>
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
1 - 2 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	6
2 - 3 "	1	1	-	-	-	4	5
3 - 4 "	6	-	-	-	-	1	6
4 - 5 "	9	-	-	-	-	6	2
5 - 10 "	51	-	-	-	-	11	7
10 - 15 "	12	-	-	-	-	4	1
15 - 20 "	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 35 "	1	-	1	1	-	1	2
35 - 45 "	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
45 - 65 "	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
Over 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>34</u>

Ophthalmia Neonatorium

Notified.....	1
Cases treated at home.....	-
Cases treated in hospital.....	1
Vision unimpaired.....	1
Total blindness.....	-
Death.....	-



Tuberculosis

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 years	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	1
5 - 15 "	4	2	2	-	1	1	-	-
15 - 25 "	5	8	1	2	1	1	1	-
25 - 35 "	6	7	-	-	4	4	-	-
35 - 45 "	3	5	1	1	1	3	-	-
45 - 65 "	9	-	-	1	5	2	1	-
Over 65 "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total	28	25	5	4	13	11	2	1

1. The general health of the population in this District has been good during 1944. This was very apparent in children and the number of notifiable infectious diseases were less than in 1943.
2. Diphtheria Immunisation is being carried out satisfactorily in the District and there was only one case notified.
3. The Infant death rate is coming down but the births and deaths are slightly up.
4. Cases of Tuberculosis have not increased but the deaths from Tuberculosis are up.
5. The District is still in urgent need of more houses.

D. McCARTHY.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1945.

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CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Council Offices,

Feltham, Middx.

Dr. D. McCarthy, M. B., Ch. B.,
Deputy Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

I am pleased to report that considering the shortage of labour and material a very fair amount of repair and cleansing of houses has been effected.

Complaints have been dealt with as expeditiously as possible and the necessary action taken where required.

Disinfection work after infectious disease has received prompt attention.

Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919.

This work has been prosecuted with zest. The operator's time being fully engaged in combing and treatment, with success.

I find a large number of complaints received can be traced to chicken keeping, food being thrown about without due care, whilst in a few cases chickens have been found to be kept quite near the walls of dwellings.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORK AND IMPROVEMENTS

Eradication of Bed Bugs

- (1) The number of Council houses infested..... 17
The number of Council houses disinfested..... 17
The number of other houses infested..... 27
The number of other houses disinfested..... 27
The number of shelters and wardens posts disinfested..... 15
- (2) The methods employed for freeing infested houses from bugs are the removal of all woodwork etc., and spraying with "Pyagra" insecticide or fumigation with "Cimex". In certain cases fumigation with hydrogen cyanide gas is carried out.
- (3) The furniture etc., of new tenants is inspected before removal to Council houses and if necessary is treated with insecticide.
- (4) The work of disinfection is carried out by the local authority except when hydrogen cyanide gas is used, when a contractor is employed.

Infectious Disease.

The following number of rooms have been disinfected after cases of infectious disease:-

Tuberculosis.....	29
Cancer.....	2

Infectious Disease (Contd.)

Measles.....	-
Whooping Cough.....	-
Scarlet fever.....	68
Diphtheria.....	4
Erysipelas.....	1
Typhoid fever.....	-
Pneumonia.....	-
Cerebro Spinal fever.....	2
Scabies.....	-
Total.....	107

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936 - 1941.

The number of persons licensed in the district to sell or bottle:-

Tuberculin Tested.....	4
Accredited.....	-
Pasteurised.....	4

Supplementary Licences:-

Tuberculin Tested.....	3
Accredited.....	1
Pasteurised.....	3

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Carcases Examined at Slaughter-houses and Butcher's Shops.

	<u>Beasts.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Lambs.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
Number killed.....	-	1	-	89
Number inspected.....	-	1	-	89

Diseases excluding Tuberculosis.

Whole carcase condemned.....	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned.....	-	-	-	1
Percentage affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	-	-	-	1.12

Tuberculosis only.

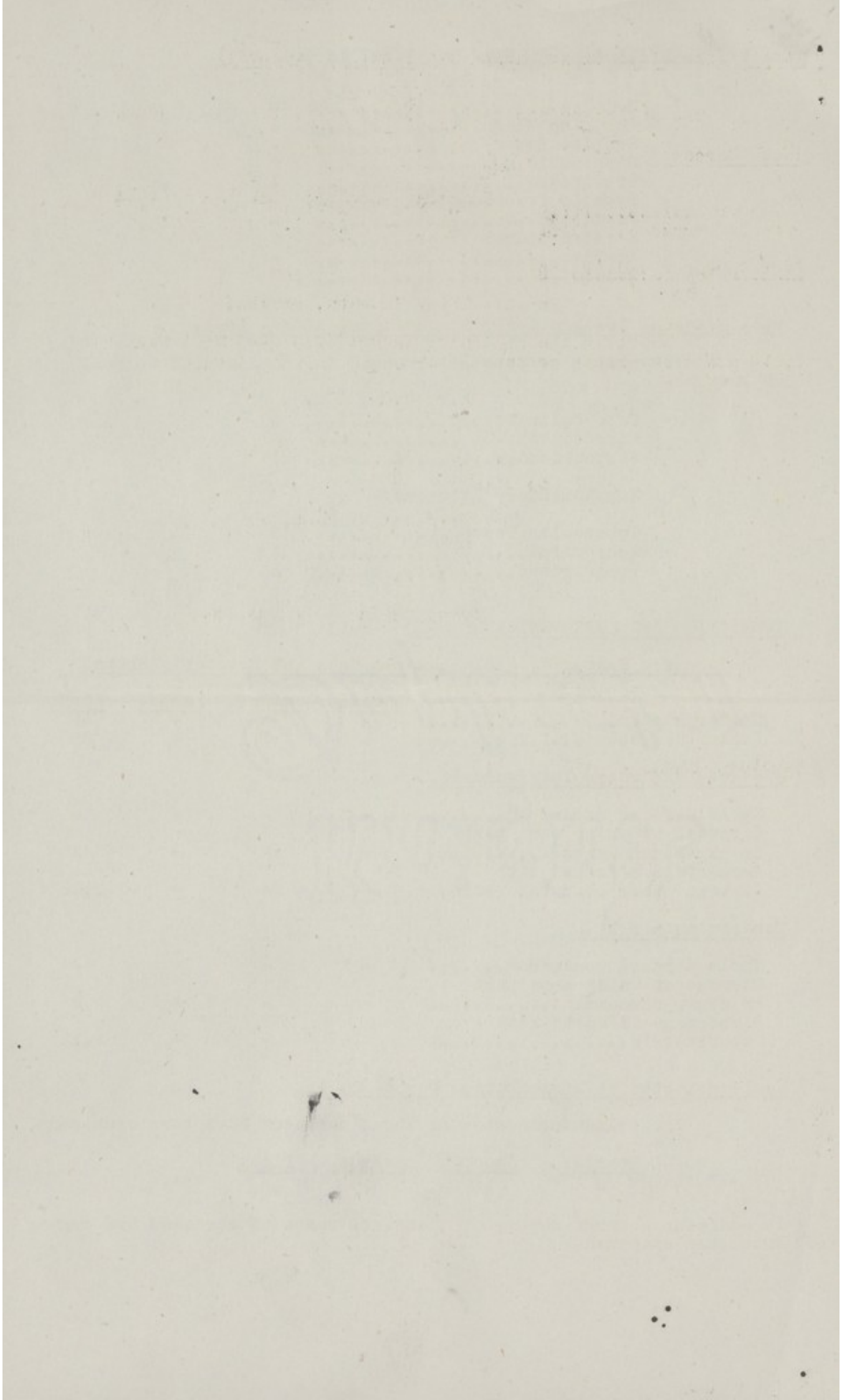
Whole carcase condemned.....	-	-	-	-
Carcase of which some part or organ condemned.....	-	-	-	2
Percentage affected with tuberculosis.....	-	-	-	2.22

Meat Inspected at Distributing Depot No. 16.

The following number of whole carcasses have been examined:

<u>Beasts.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
-	15	1	60

In addition a large number of quarters, parts of carcasses and organs have been examined.



Meat Inspected at Distributing Depot No. 16. (Contd.)

The following has been declared unfit for human consumption:

Whole Carcasses

	<u>Beasts.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
Tuberculosis.....	-	-	-	-
Other Disease.....	-	-	15	2

Part Carcasses and Organs

Total: 1 ton 11 cwts. 86 lbs.

In addition the following amount of canned meat was found to be unfit for human consumption:-

2 cwts. 55 lbs.

I am, sir

Your obedient servant,

R. J. ROWDON.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

October, 1945.

