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Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

OF THE

BRENTFORD

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1914.

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

AND

SUPERINTENDENT, ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

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OF BRENTFORD.

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Brentford Urban District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT.

1914.

**To the Chairman and Members of the Brentford
Urban District Council.**

April 4th, 1915.

GENTLEMEN.

I beg to present my report upon the health and sanitary condition of the Brentford Urban Sanitary District for the year 1914.

POPULATION.

I estimate the population to the middle of June to be: Old Brentford 14903, and New Brentford 2137, making a total of 17040.

BIRTHS.

The number of births has been 466, of which 236 were males, and 230 females, which is 15 lower than last year, when it was 481 and 19.3 lower than the average of the last 10 years. The birth rate is 27.3 per thousand. There were also 12 children born of Brentford women outside the town, and the total birth rate is 28 per thousand. 19 of these births, viz., 13 inside the town and 6 outside were illegitimate.

DEATHS.

The number of deaths occurring in Brentford during the year has been 165, of which 80 were males and 85 females. In Old Brentford 137 and in New Brentford 28, the death rates of which were respectively, Old Brentford 9.1 per thousand, and New Brentford 13.1 per thousand. The Cottage Hospital is in New Brentford where 2 deaths occurred, and the Isolation Hospital in Old Brentford where there were 6 deaths. The death rate for the whole district is 9.6 per thousand. Included in this return are 2 non-residents, viz., 1 in the Cottage Hospital, and one on the Canal bank, so that the correct death rate for residents who died in Brentford is 9.5 per thousand, being exactly the same as last year.

CORRECTED DEATH RATE.

I have been supplied with particulars of 82 deaths of inhabitants of Brentford who have died outside the town during the year. 72 of these lived in Old Brentford and 10 in New Brentford and the outside death rate is 4.8 per thousand. These when added to the 163 who died in the town, gives a total of 245, which I believe is a true account of the number of deaths which Brentford suffered during the year, and gives a total death rate of 14.3 per thousand.

The following table gives the corrected death rate since 1905 when I was first supplied with a list of residents of Brentford who died outside the town.

1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914
17.6	17	19.2	14.9	14.9	13.3	17.4	11.3	13.8	14.3

They died in the following institutions :—

Brentford Workhouse Infirmary	...	...	...	...	49
West London Hospital	...	...	...	...	9
Middlesex County Asylum	...	...	...	...	4
Richmond Hospital	...	...	...	...	3
Other London Hospitals and places	...	...	...	...	17

14 of these deaths were caused by cancer, 12 heart disease, and 11 tuberculosis.

INQUESTS.

Fourteen inquests have been held. In 1912 the number was 13, in 1911, 20, in 1910, 21, and in 1909, 25. Death resulted from pneumonia in 3 cases, heart disease and aneurism in 2 each, fracture of skull in 2, and tuberculosis, burns, asphyxia, apoplexy, and cancer, 1 each.

The following table epitomises the ages at which death occurred :

Under 1 year	45	} 67 under 5 years.
1 and under 5 years	...	...	...	22
5 "	15 "	8	} 98 over 5 years.
15 "	25 "	...	...	5
25 "	65 "	...	...	35
Over	65 "	...	...	50

14 of these deaths occurred in persons over 80 and 1 was over 90 years old.

INFANT MORTALITY.

The rate of this mortality or the proportion of deaths under 1 year to every 1000 births inside the town is 96.5. Last year it was 101.8. The average for the last 10 years is 119.5 so that it is 23 below the average and is lower than in any year except 1912. If to the 45 deaths which occurred in the town under 1 year old we add 5 deaths occurring outside the town, we get a total of 50 deaths, and a death rate of 104.8 per thousand births inside and outside the town. In analysing the causes of these deaths, I find 11 were born prematurely, 5 died within a week of birth from debility, and 3 from congenital defects. Diarrhœa caused 9 deaths and diseases of the respiratory organs, 6. It is satisfactory to note that the infant mortality is again low which is to be principally attributed to the cool summer, but I hope also in some measure to the unceasing care and attention which now has been paid for many years to housing, prevention of overcrowding and instructions in the feeding and care of infants.

The following table gives the rate and average infant mortality for the last 10 years.

1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	Average for 10 years
115	140.7	113.6	120.6	102.5	106.4	158.9	74.4	101.8	96.5	113

The following are the deaths from the principal zymotic diseases.

SMALL POX.—None.

MEASLES.—Nine.

SCARLET FEVER.—One.

WHOOPIING COUGH.—Three.

DIPHTHERIA AND MEMBRANOUS CROUP.—Seven.

TYPHUS FEVER.—None.

ENTERIC FEVER.—None.

DIARRHŒA AND ENTERITIS.—Ten.

The number of deaths from these 8 zymotic diseases has been 30 and the zymotic death rate is 1.7 per thousand which is exactly the same as last year, and .4 below the average of the last 10 years. In the last quarter of the year there was a very severe outbreak of measles causing much distress and 9 deaths, and I must again point out the necessity of keeping the little patients warm in bed so as to avoid having complications as far as possible. The 10 deaths from diarrhœa, 4 of which occurred in September, is much too high considering the cool summer, and too much care cannot be taken in keeping feeding bottles in clean cold water when not in use, and thoroughly washing them immediately after being used; also in preventing flies from getting into the milk.

	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	Average for 10 years.
Number of births ..	530	476	519	464	468	479	434	457	481	466	477.4
Birth rate per 1000 ..	33.6	29.9	32.3	28.6	28.6	29	26.1	27.2	28.4	27.3	29.1
Deaths from all causes	208	216	234	174	175	157	207	137	168	165	184.1
Death rate per 1000 ..	13.1	13.5	13.9	10.7	10.7	9.4	12.4	8.1	9.9	9.6	11.09
Deaths from Small Pox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
„ Measles.. ..	0	4	12	0	10	0	26	1	17	9	7.9
„ Scarlet Fever ..	4	7	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1.9
„ Whooping Cough	2	3	8	1	7	1	3	5	1	3	3.4
„ Diphtheria	11	12	6	2	0	1	1	0	0	7	4.
„ Typhus Fever ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0
„ Enteric Fever ..	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.4
„ Diarrhoea ..	16	32	1	17	10	17	26	1	11	10	14.1
„ 8 Zymotic diseases	34	59	33	21	28	19	56	8	29	30	31.7
Death rate of Zymotic diseases	2.1	3.7	2.0	1.2	1.7	1.1	3.3	.4	1.7	1.7	1.8

PHTHISIS.

This is the 2nd year of the compulsory notification of pulmonary tuberculosis and the following figures have been extracted from the register of notification of Pulmonary, and other forms of tuberculosis.

Form A.—Notification under Article V. <i>i.e.</i> of cases not previously notified... ..	50
„ B.—Notification by School Medical Inspector of cases not previously notified by him	1
„ C.—Notification by Medical Officer of Poor Law Institutions and Sanatoria under Article VII. (a) of patients who have been notified before admission	16
„ D.—Notification (after discharge) by Medical Officer of Poor Law Institutions and Sanatoria under Article VII. (b)	14
Notifications transferred to other districts	9
Total number of notifications received	90
Deduct transferred notifications	9
Nett number of notifications	81

Analysis of Notifications.

36	patients have been notified once	36
10	" " " twice	20
6	" " " three times	18
1	patient has been notified seven times	7
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53						
	Transferred notification	9
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Last year the nett number of notifications was 118 for 75 patients and the difference of 37 is made up by 19 less in Form A, 8 less in Form C and 10 less in Form D. The marked diminution in the number of patients notified is probably to be accounted for by the fact that the Act only came into force last year when everybody was notified.

HOUSING, AND TOWN PLANNING &c. ACT, 1909.**INSANITARY PROPERTY.**

During the past year 16 houses (excluding those which were under consideration at the end of last year) have been reported as being unfit for habitation, of which 10 were voluntarily closed by the owners upon representation being made to them by the Inspector, acting under the instructions of the Sanitary Committee, and 6 are at present occupied. The tenants have however, with 2 exceptions, received notice to quit and so soon as they have given up possession the same will be demolished.

It has not been found necessary to make closing orders in respect of any houses, the owners voluntarily closing the same upon the condition being brought to their notice, and I think you will agree with me that this speaks well for the methods adopted by the Health Department.

The following is an epitome of the insanitary property dealt with during the year under review.

Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9, The Ham. I inspected these houses in company with the Inspector, who submitted a record of his inspection to the Committee. The owner was communicated with, who, after viewing the property decided not to attempt to repair.

Numbers 1, 3 and 5 are closed and the doors and window openings have since been bricked up. The owner is now considering whether or no to repair Nos. 7 and 9.

Nos. 1 and 2, Vine Cottages, The Hollows. The Inspector reported that these houses were in a dilapidated and insanitary condition and unfit for human habitation, but before making closing orders the Committee instructed the Inspector to communicate with the owners. The Inspector met the owner's surveyor on the property who agreed as to the condition of the houses, and on the application of the owner the Council consented to allow the subject to stand over for a while as it was their intention to demolish the houses for an improvement scheme. Owing to the war the scheme was not proceeded with and the owners have now given the tenants notice to quit.

Nos. 1 and 2, Bradshaw's Yard. A record of the inspection of these houses was submitted to the Committee but before making closing orders the Inspector was instructed to communicate with the owner, who, after viewing the property, decided to close the houses. The tenants have received notice to quit.

Nos. 9 and 10, Orchard Road. These houses were reported by the Inspector to be in a bad condition and upon the attention of the owner's agent being called thereto the occupiers were given notice to quit. The owner has since submitted plans showing the proposed alterations to the property, these have been approved, and the work will be put in hand shortly.

Nos. 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30, The Ham. The owners have voluntarily closed these houses and the window and door openings have been bricked up. The houses are situated on the bank of the Grand Junction Canal, and owing to their situation they are constantly liable to flooding.

The following particulars which have been supplied to me by Mr. H. Coleman, the Officer appointed under the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act., show that during the past eight years 279 dwelling houses have been reported as being unfit for human habitation, and dealt with under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, and the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act.

- 38 dwelling houses were closed by order of the Justices.
 59 dwelling houses were closed by order of the Council under Section 17 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act.
 152 dwelling houses were voluntarily closed by owners, upon representation being made by the Inspector without the necessity of making closing orders.
 30 dwelling houses in hand at the end of the year (1914).

Total 279

The records show that they were dealt with as follows:—

- 53 dwelling houses were repaired and rendered habitable (including one in respect of which a closing order made under the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, was revoked).
 196 dwelling houses were demolished; of these, 135 were demolished voluntarily, and 61 upon receipt of demolition orders made under the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act.
 30 dwelling houses still remain standing, of which 21 are unoccupied and the remaining 9 were occupied at the end of the year.

Total 279

DEMOLITION OF INSANITARY PROPERTY.

During the past year, two houses in Chapel Alley, off High Street, which were mentioned in my previous report, have been demolished voluntarily.

During the same period two houses have been erected on the site formerly occupied by Nos. 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16, Pottery Road, which were demolished in 1910.

Representation has been made to the owner of the property in Back Lane and Troy Town, requesting them to demolish the houses, which have been unoccupied for several years, and I have every reason to believe that this will be done shortly.

The following table shows the number of buildings which have been erected on the sites of premises demolished during the past 8 years.

Site.	Flats.	Self-contained houses	Combined Shops & Dwelling Houses.	Cine-mas.	Stables & Slaughter Houses.	Lock-up Shops.	Totals.
St. Pauls Road ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Crane's Cottages, Brook Road ..	..	7	1	..	..	..	8
High Street .. ..	..	2	3	1	..	2	8
Catherine Wheel Yard ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Back Lane .. ..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4
Pump Alley	4	2	..	..	..	..	6
Lamb Passage, High Street ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Albany Road .. ..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4
Sussex Place, Albany Road ..	..	12	..	..	..	..	12
Caroline Place, Albany Road ..	..	12	..	..	..	..	12
Walnut Tree Road & Running Horse Yard ..	..	5	..	..	..	..	5
Ram Alley .. ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
Pottery Road .. ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Total	6	54	4	1	1	2	68

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The following table shows the number of cases treated at the Brentford Isolation Hospital during the year 1914.

Patients under treatment, 31st Dec., 1913.				
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	7
Diphtheria	...	...	...	0
Cases admitted during 1914.				
Scarlet Fever	...	...	130	
Diphtheria	...	...	48	
Erysipelas	...	...	1	
			—	179
Total cases treated during the year				186
Patients discharged cured during 1914.				
Scarlet Fever	...	...	121	
Diphtheria	...	...	40	
Erysipelas	...	...	1	
			—	162
Died during 1914.				
Scarlet Fever	...	...	0	
Diphtheria	...	...	6	
Erysipelas	...	...	0	
			—	6
Patients under treatment 31st Dec., 1914.				
Scarlet Fever	...	...	16	
Diphtheria	...	...	2	
Erysipelas	...	...	0	
			—	18
Total				186

In addition to the above, four cases of Scarlet Fever admitted into the Hospital from the Urban District of Hanwell, are not included in this table.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE (NOTIFICATION) ACT.

Under this Act I have received 243 notifications, being an increase of 159 as compared with last year. The following table shows the number of notifications received from Medical Practitioners during the various months of the year. It will be observed that Ophthalmia Neonatorum, having been made a notifiable disease this year, is now included.

The highest number of all diseases notified was during the month of September, when 53 cases were reported.

Month.	Scarlet Fever.	Diph- theria.	Erysipe- las.	Ophthla- mia. Neonato- rum.	Enteric Fever.	Total for month.
January	2	4	2	..	..	8
February	4	19	1	..	..	24
March	3	4	..	..	..	7
April	10	2	1	2	..	15
May	4	5	..	2	..	11
June	10	4	1	2	..	17
July	7	3	..	2	..	12
August	6	2	1	..	..	9
September	44	5	3	1	..	53
October	30	8	3	..	1	42
November	14	4	2	1	..	21
December	12	5	3	2	1	23
Totals	146	65	17	12	2	242

SCARLET FEVER.

During the year there has been a considerable increase in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever, 146 cases being notified as compared with 40 cases in 1913. The largest number of cases notified, was, during the month of September, viz., forty-four.

These 146 cases represent infection in 110 houses.

The following table shows the School incidence.

St. Paul's School	...	...	...	43
Ealing Road School...	...	...	...	17
Rothschild School	...	...	...	12
St. George's School	...	...	...	7
St. Lawrence's School	...	...	...	5
St. John's School	...	...	...	2
The Ham School	...	...	...	1
Boston Road Infants' School	...	...	...	1
Private School (inside)	1

Schools (outside)	3
Over School Age	24
Under School Age	30
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Total	146
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DIPHTHERIA.

Sixty-five cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year, being an increase of thirty-four as compared with 1913. The largest number of cases notified was during the month of February, viz., nineteen.

These 65 cases represent infection in 56 houses.

The following table shows the School incidence.

St. Paul's School	18
Ealing Road School... ..	7
Rothschild Schools	6
Boston Road Infants	4
St. George's School	3
St. John's School	1
St. Lawrence's School	1
Schools outside district	2
Over School Age	10
Under School Age	13
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Total	65
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ENTERIC FEVER.

Two cases of Enteric Fever were notified during the year. Both patients were treated at home, and no further extension of the disease occurred.

The following table shows the number of cases notified during the past ten years.

1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914
6	5	7	2	2	0	6	7	0	2

CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS.

I am pleased to report that it has not been found necessary to close any of the Schools on account of Epidemic Diseases.

CONCLUSION.

I have again to express my thanks to the Head Teachers of the various Public Elementary Schools for the prompt and invaluable aid they have rendered me in supplying me with information of suspected infectious disease. This year it was especially required, as in the Autumn a sudden outbreak of Scarlet Fever occurred in the Infant Department of St. Paul's School, and but for the energetic action of the Head Mistress, Miss Cole, I fear the whole town would have become involved. Happily by constant inspection of the children in the School, and by visiting those who were away, I was able to confine the outbreak to the original site.

I also wish to thank Sister Lucas and the Staff of the Cottage Hospital for the care and attention they have given during the past year to the sick and suffering poor of the town. The Cottage Hospital has been established now for so many years that it is difficult to realize the condition of the poor when they had only to rely on their own unskilled efforts, and there is no doubt the improved death rate and Infant mortality is due in a large degree to the devoted care and attention of the Nurses.

I am happy to record that Mr. Coleman, the Sanitary Inspector, is still working whole heartedly and energetically in carrying out his various important duties, and the entire absence of friction, and constant improvement in the sanitary condition of the town is the best proof of his efficiency.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. BOTT,

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE I.
Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1914 and
previous years.

Year	Population estimated to middle of each year	Births.			Total Deaths Registered in the District		Transferable deaths		Nett Deaths belonging to the District			
		Uncorrected Number	No.		No.	Rate	of Non-Residents Registered in the District	of Residents not registered in the district	Under 1 Year of Age		At all Ages	
			Rate	No.					Rate	No.	Rate per 1000 nett Births	No.	Rate
1909	16638	468	..	28.6	175	10.7	..	70	48	102.5	245	14.9
1910	16482	479	..	29.0	157	9.4	..	63	51	106.4	220	13.3
1911	16608	434	442	26.6	211	12.7	4	83	75	169.6	290	17.4
1912	16752	457	468	27.2	137	8.1	4	67	42	91.9	200	11.3
1913	16896	481	490	28.4	168	9.9	7	73	62	126.3	234	13.8
1914	17040	466	478	28.0	165	9.6	2	82	50	104.8	245	14.3

Total population at all ages, 16584. } At census
 Number of inhabited houses, 3659. } of
 Average number of persons per house, 4.5 } 1911.
 Area of district in acres (land and inland water), 1090 acres

TABLE II.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1914.

Notifiable Disease	Number of Cases notified								Total Cases Notified in each locality of the District					
	At all Ages	At Ages—Years							St. Lawrence's or New Brentford	St. Paul's	St. George's	Totals	Total cases removed to Hospital and Infirmary	
		Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	65 and upwards						
Small-pox
Cholera
Plague
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	65	13	43	3	4	2	..	6	44	15	65	48		
Erysipelas	17	2	2	1	8	3	1	2	4	11	17	*3		
Scarlet fever	146	1	29	95	8	13	..	9	95	42	146	130		
Typhus fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Enteric fever	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	2	..
Relapsing fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Continued fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poliomyelitis .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	12	12	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	4	12	..
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	72	1	6	13	30	20	2	11	25	36	72	..		
Other forms of Tuberculosis	9	1	6	..	1	1	..	..	3	6	9	..
Totals	323	15	46	150	26	57	26	3	31	178	114	323	181	

The Isolation Hospital for the reception of Infectious Cases is situated within, and provided and maintained by the Brentford Urban District.

*Two cases of Erysipelas were removed to the Brentford Union Infirmary Isleworth. (Outside the District.)

TABLE III.

Causes of, and Ages at Death during the Year 1914.

Causes of death.		Nett Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring within or without the District.								
		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 upwards
All causes	Certified	244	50	13	12	12	9	29	43	76
	Uncertified	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Enteric Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Small Pox .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles .. ..	..	9	1	3	4	1	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever .. ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whooping Cough ..	..	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria and Croup	..	7	..	2	2	3	..	..	..	..
Influenza .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Erysipelas .. ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	..	12	..	..	..	..	3	5	3	1
Tuberculous Meningitis ..	..	4	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
Other Tuberculous Diseases ..	..	6	..	1	2	1	2	..	..	..
Cancer, malignant disease ..	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	5	8	10
Rheumatic Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meningitis .. ..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Organic Heart Disease .. ..	..	26	..	..	..	..	..	4	10	12
Bronchitis .. ..	..	21	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	16
Pneumonia (all forms) .. ..	..	21	9	1	1	..	..	5	3	2
Other diseases of respiratory organs	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Diarrhœa and Enteritis .. ..	..	11	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Appendicitis and Typhlitis ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cirrhosis of Liver .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Alcoholism .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nephritis & Bright's Disease ..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..
Puerperal Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other accidents and diseases of Preg- nancy and Parturition .. ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Premature Birth .. ..	..	24	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide ..	..	7	..	..	..	2	2	1	1	1
Suicide .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Other Defined Diseases .. ..	..	54	1	2	2	1	2	5	9	32
Diseases ill-defined or unknown ..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Totals .. ..	..	245	50	13	12	12	9	29	43	77

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1914, for the Urban District of Brentford, on the Administration of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1901, in connection with Factories, Workshops, Workplaces and Homework.

1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector or Inspector of Nuisances.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Prosecutions (4)
FACTORIES (Including Factory Laundries)	9	3	Nil
WORKSHOPS (Including Workshop Laundries)	128	31	Nil
WORKPLACES (Other than Outworkers' premises included in Part 3 of this report)	11	2	Nil
Total	148	36	Nil

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions. (5)
	Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—</i>				
Want of cleanliness	15	15	..	..
Want of ventilation	2	2	..	..
Overcrowding .. ..	..	..	..	..
Want of drainage of floors .. ..	..	..	..	..
Other nuisances	7	7	..	..
Sanitary accommodation—				
Insufficient	1	1	..	..
Unsuitable or defective	4	4	..	..
Not separate for sexes .. ..	..	..	..	..
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101) .. ..	..	..	..	..
Breach of special sanitary requirements for Bakehouses (ss. 97 to 100)	2	2	..	..
Other offences (excluding offences relating to outwork which are included in Part 3 of this report) .. ..	..	..	..	..
Total	31	31	..	..

4.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on the Register (s. 131) at the end of the year.	Number.
(1)	(2)
Workshops	99
Bakehouses, Under Ground	2
Ditto Above Ground	10
Total number of Workshops on Register	111

5.—OTHER MATTERS.

Class	Number
(1)	(2)
Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories—	
Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Acts (s. 133, 1901).. .. .	..
Action taken in matters referred by H. M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Acts (s. 5, 1901))	4
Notified by H. M. Inspector .. .	..
Reports (of action taken) sent to H. M. Inspector .. .	4
Other .. .. .	..
Underground Bakehouses (s. 101) in use at the end of the year	2

URBAN DISTRICT OF BRENTFORD.

EIGHTH

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

BRENTFORD,

*April 4th 1915.***To the Chairman and Members of the Brentford
Urban District Council.**

GENTLEMEN,

Pursuant to the Order of the Local Government Board, I have the honour to present to you my EIGHTH Annual Report, forming a record of the work done in connection with the inspection of the District during the year 1914.

INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

The total number of inspections made to premises during the year was 2718. House to house inspections, inspection of Canal Boats, the testing of drainage, sanitary fittings and supervision of drainage work, inspection of Common Lodging Houses, dairies, cow-sheds and milkshops, workshops, slaughter houses, bake houses and premises whereon foods are deposited, prepared, or exposed for sale, have all received my attention.

Visits have also been made to houses where cases of Infectious Disease have occurred, under the directions of the Medical Officer of Health.

An extra amount of work was thrown on my Department in consequence of the severe outbreak of Infectious Disease, and was felt more acutely by reason of the absence of Mr. C. S. Brock, who has joined His Majesty's Forces.

It is gratifying to again record that I still invariably receive the co-operation of property owners and their agents in my endeavour to improve the conditions of the poorer residents of the Town, work being done, in almost every case immediately on attention being called to the necessity.

A considerable amount of time is taken up with clerical work and in interviewing persons at the office or on property, in addition to the specific matters enumerated in this Report.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND DISINFECTION.

During the year 242 cases of Infectious Disease have been investigated and reported upon to the Medical Officer of Health.

The precautions taken to prevent the spread of diseases were as follows :—

195 rooms were disinfected after removal, recovery or death of patient, 33 library and other books taken from infected houses were disinfected, 3 schools were disinfected, and 110 infected rooms were stripped and cleansed as required by Section 5 of the Infectious Disease Prevention Act 1890. 554 exclusion notices were sent, 171 to the County Medical Officer, 167 to the School Attendance Officer, 4 to School Attendance Officers without the District and 212 to Head Masters and Mistresses of the various Schools within and without the district.

The table following is an analysis of the number and nature of cases investigated and removed to Hospital during the year :—

Nature of Disease.	Investigated.					Removed to Hospital.				
	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914
Small Pox .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria	22	32	21	31	65	16	26	2	15	48
Enteric and Typhoid Fever .. ..	..	6	7	..	2	..	1	5	..	..
Erysipelas	15	10	11	11	17	..	..	..	..	3†
Scarlet Fever	24	55	63	40	246	23	53	27	38	130
Typhus Fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Fever .. ..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	1*	..	..
Cerebro Spinal Fever .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	61	104	105	83	230	40	80	35	53	181

* Patient removed to Isleworth Infirmary.

† Two of these patients removed to Isleworth Infirmary.

HOUSE DRAINAGE.

The following is a list of houses and premises, the drains of which have been reconstructed during the year :—

Situation of Premises.	No. of Premises.	Materials used in construction.									Remarks.
		Disconnecting and access chambers.	Intercepting traps fixed.	Fresh air inlets.	Gullies.	Ventilation shafts.	Soil pipes fixed.	Pedestal and other w.c.'s fixed.	Water-closets demolished.	New water-closets erected.	
No. 214, High Street ..	1	2	1	1	3	1	...	1	..	...	Iron pipes under house.
No. 296, High Street ..	1	2	1	1	5	...	1	1	...	...	Iron pipes under house.
Nos. 212 and 213, High Street ..	2	1	..	..	1	1	...	2	...	...	Connecting to existing drain in passage.
No. 248, High Street ...	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
No. 183, High Street ...	1	2	1	1	2	1	...	1	...	...	Iron pipes under house.
Bangor Rd. Engineering Works ..	1	2	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	Drain previously connected to surface water culvert.
No. 1, Orchard Road ..	1	2	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	w.c. repaired and new roof constructed.
Nos. 9 and 10, Orchard Road ...	2	3	1	1	2	1	...	2	2	2	Iron pipes under house.
Stable belonging to King's Arms Public House ...	1	2	1	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	New stables erected.
Nos. 236 and 237, High Street ...	2	3	1	1	4	1	...	2	1	1	Iron pipes under house.
Nos. 2 and 3, Orchard Road ...	1	2	..	..	2	1	...	2	...	...	...
St. Paul's Mission ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	1	...	...	...
411, High Street and Stables ...	1	1	1	1	2	1	..	1	1	1	New Scullery and Stables erected.
Totals ...	16	24	10	10	28	12	1	16	4	4	

In 5 instances applications were made under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to examine the drains of 7 houses, and the drains in five cases were entirely reconstructed.

In the construction of new drains, stoneware or heavy iron-coated pipes laid in concrete are always used. Means for procuring the efficient ventilation of drains are provided and they are disconnected from the sewer by the use of an intercepting trap.

The hydraulic test is applied to all new drains before and after the filling in of the ground and the soil and ventilating pipes are tested by air pressure.

Plans, in all cases, are insisted upon, and these, which are kept and filed, form a complete record of the work carried out in the District.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Regular inspections of the premises where offensive trades are carried on have been made, and they are, so far as the nature of the business will allow, kept in a cleanly manner.

In addition to the offensive trades enumerated in Section 112 of the Public Health Act 1875, the Council have, by virtue of the powers given them by Section 51 of the Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1890, added the trades of Fish Frying, Gut Scraping and Rag and Bone Dealing, but no applications were received for the consent of the Council to establish any of these trades.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS & MILKSHOPS.

There are three cowkeepers, five dairymen and forty-eight purveyors of milk on the register. Three applications for registration as retailers of milk, and one to be registered as a cowkeeper, have been received and reported upon during the year. Inspections have been frequently made to the dairies, cowsheds and milkshops, particular attention being paid to cleanliness. The cows in the district are inspected quarterly by the Council's Veterinary Inspector.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

The number of common lodging houses in the district, as will be seen from the following table, remains the same as in 1913, viz. 6, and these houses contain 29 rooms and can accommodate 171 lodgers nightly.

Frequent inspections have been made and no cause for complaint has been found. It is again worthy of note that no cases of infectious disease have been notified at, or traced to, any of the lodging houses.

No.	Situation of Premises	Rooms Registered	Accommodation for
1	Old Spring Gardens	3	12 Lodgers
2	"	2	8 "
3	"	2	8 "
4	High Street	4	25 "
5	"	6	24 "
6	"	12	94 "

SLAUGHTER HOUSE AND MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTIONS.

The number of Registered and Licensed Slaughter Houses in the district remains the same as last year, viz. :—8, one of these being solely used for the purpose of slaughtering horses and cattle not intended for human consumption.

They have been kept under constant observation and the necessary steps have been taken to secure proper compliance with the bye-laws, particular attention being directed to cleanliness, removal of garbage, limewashing, etc.

The visits to these premises have been timed as far as possible to take place when slaughtering is likely to be in progress. In several instances the organs of animals were found to be affected with disease or other affection, and these were destroyed upon attention being called to their condition.

The premises wherein food is exposed, kept or deposited for the purpose of sale, have been kept under close and careful supervision and it affords me great pleasure to record the fact that the butchers, fishmongers and general dealers have shown a desire to co-operate with the Department by submitting for my examination, any article of food as to the condition of which they are in doubt.

During the year 108 articles of food were examined, of these, 89 were surrendered, 16 came under my observation and in three instances seizures were made in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890, and in each of these cases orders were obtained from a Justice of the Peace to destroy the food so as to prevent it being used for the food of man. In 2 instances legal proceedings were ordered to be taken, one for exposing for sale, and the other for selling unsound meat. The Defendant was convicted and fined £5, and ordered to pay £2 2s. od. costs.

The following table shows the amount of food destroyed during the past year.

No.	Article of food.	Result of Examinations.	Weight.			Remarks.
			T.	C.	Q. lbs.	
1	Beef	Bone taint ..	1		12	Surrendered
2	Beef	Decomposed ..			20	Ditto
3	Beef	Ditto			20	Ditto
4	Mutton	Ditto			6	Ditto
5	Mutton	Ditto			5	Ditto
6	Lamb	Ditto			7	Ditto
7	Beef	Ditto			16	Ditto
8	Mutton	Unfit for food ..			16	Ditto
9	Mutton	Decomposed ..			5	Ditto
10	Beef	Ditto			13	Ditto
11	Pig's head ..	Tubercular Glands			8	Surrendered upon attention being called to its condition.
12	Mutton	Decomposed ..			5	Surrendered
13	Beef	Ditto			16	Ditto
14	Shoulder and leg of Mutton ..	Ditto			14	Surrendered upon attention being called to its condition to the meat
15	Beef	Bone taint ..	1		5	Surrendered
16	Leg of Mutton ..	Decomposed ..			6	Ditto
17	Mutton	Ditto			9	Ditto
18	Beef	Ditto	1		1	Ditto
19	Kidneys	Ditto			15	Ditto
20	Mutton	Ditto			13	Ditto
21	Mutton	Ditto			5	Ditto
22	Mutton	Ditto			8	Ditto
23	Apples	Unsound ..	1		1	Submitted for examination
24	Mutton	Decomposed ..	1			Surrendered
25	Beef	Ditto			12	Ditto
26	Beef	Ditto			7	Ditto
27	Beef	Ditto			17	Ditto
28	Beef	Ditto			11	Ditto
29	Beef	Bone taint ..	1		16	Ditto
30	Mutton	Decomposed ..			4	Ditto
31	Beef	Bone taint ..	1			Ditto
32	Lamb	Decomposed ..			5	Ditto
33	Beef	Ditto			14	Ditto
34	Beef	Ditto			9	Ditto
35	Beef	Bone taint ..	1		3	Ditto
36	Haddocks	Putrid	1	2	10	Submitted for examination
37	Mutton	Decomposed ..			12	Surrendered
38	Lamb	Ditto	1			Ditto
39	Mutton	Ditto	2		12	Ditto
40	Lamb	Ditto			24	Ditto
41	Mutton	Ditto			7	Ditto
42	Lamb	Ditto			7	Ditto
43	Lettuce	Unwholesome ..	2	1	18	Submitted for examination
44	Mutton	Decomposed ..			15	Surrendered
45	Kidneys	Putrid			15	Ditto
46	Lamb	Tainted			8	Ditto
47	Carcase of Lamb	Ditto	2		1	Ditto
48	Carcase of Lamb	Ditto	2		7	Ditto
49	Mutton	Ditto			13	Ditto
50	Lamb	Decomposed ..			4	Ditto
51	Mutton	Ditto			8	Ditto
52	Carcase of Lamb	Ditto			26	Ditto

No.	Article of food.	Result of Examination.	Weight.			Remarks.
			T.	C.	Q. lbs.	
53	Mutton	Decomposed			1 6	Surrendered
54	Mutton	Ditto			4	Ditto
55	Kidneys	Ditto			1	Ditto
56	Mutton	Ditto			8	Ditto
57	Kidney (Sheep)	Ditto			6	Ditto
58	Mutton	Ditto			1 9	Ditto
59	Lamb	Ditto			18	Ditto
60	Mutton	Ditto			14	Ditto
61	Mutton	Ditto			8	Ditto
62	Carcase of Lamb	Ditto			1 19	Ditto
63	Tomatoes	Unwholesome ..			2	Surrendered upon attention being called to their condition
64	Lamb	Decomposed ..			1	Surrendered
65	Tomatoes	Unwholesome ..	4	3	18	Submitted for examination
66	Lamb	Decomposed ..			17	Surrendered
67	Lamb	Ditto			1 13	Ditto
68	Liver (Calf) ..	Abscess.. ..			4	Surrendered upon attention being called to its condition
69	Lamb	Decomposed ..			8	Surrendered
70	Mutton	Ditto			27	Ditto
71	Peas	Unwholesome ..	1		14	Seized and condemned by Order of the Court
72	Beef	Decomposed ..			23	Surrendered
73	Dripping	Putrid			1 6	Ditto
74	Beef	Ditto			13	Ditto
75	Pears	Unwholesome ..	5	1	20	Submitted for examination
76	Pears	Ditto			1 12	Ditto ditto
77	Beef	Bone taint			1 26	Surrendered
78	Beef	Ditto	1	1	10	Ditto
79	Mutton	Decomposed ..			2 10	Ditto
80	Mutton	Ditto			1 7	Ditto
81	Mutton	Ditto			1 10	Ditto
82	Mutton	Ditto			21	Ditto
83	Ox Liver	Ditto			10	Destroyed upon attention being called as to its condition
84	Lamb	Ditto			16	Surrendered
85	Blackberries ..	Unsound	3	3	8	Destroyed upon attention being called as to their condition
86	Lamb	Tainted			7	Surrendered
87	Lamb	Ditto			12	Ditto
88	Mutton	Ditto			3	Ditto
89	Beef	Decomposed ..			10	Ditto
90	Beef	Bone taint			23	Ditto
91	Hind quarters of Beef	Bone taint ..			1 20	Ditto
92	Mutton	Tainted			16	Ditto
93	Beef	Decomposed ..			18	Ditto
94	Pork	Putrid				Seized and condemned by Order of the Court

No.	Article of food.	Result of Examination.	Weight.			Remarks.	
			T.	C.	Q. lbs.		
95	Pork	Putrid			3	Exposed for sale, seized and condemned by Order of the Court	
96	Beef	Decomposed ..			22	Surrendered	
97	Mutton	Ditto			19	Ditto	
98	Chickens	Ditto	2		12	Submitted for examination	
99	Mutton	Ditto			19	Surrendered	
100	Mutton	Ditto			13	Ditto	
101	Mutton	Ditto			7	Ditto	
102	Mutton	Ditto			6	Ditto	
103	Haddocks	Putrid	1		12	Submitted for examination	
104	Lamb	Tainted			9	Surrendered	
105	Mutton	Ditto			25	Ditto	
106	Haddocks	Putrid	1		16	Submitted for examination	
107	Haddocks	Ditto		3		Ditto ditto	
108	Mutton	Tainted			12	Surrendered	
TOTAL			2	3	0	6	

PROSECUTIONS.

Four summonses were issued during the year for various offences under the Public Health and Canal Boats Acts, and in each instance a conviction was recorded. Other prosecutions were ordered but proceedings were stayed as the nuisances were abated or the work required to be done was put in hand after intimation of intended proceedings had been given to the persons concerned.

The following particulars are extracted from the Register of Prosecutions.

Date of Hearing.	Nature of Offence.	Act under which proceedings were instituted.	Result.
June 30	Obstructing the Canal Boats Officer in the performance of his duty	Canal Boats Act. 1877.	Fined £1
June 30	Refusing to produce Certificate of Registration when requested to do so	Ditto.	Fined 10s. and 10s. as costs.
Oct. 29	Exposing for sale unsound Pork	Public Health Act, 1875.	Fined £2 10s. and £1 1s. as costs.
Oct. 29	Selling unsound Pork	Public Health Acts. Amendment Act. 1890.	Fined £2 10s. and £1 1s. as costs.

The following is a summary of the amount of Penalties and Costs imposed by the Justices at Brentford Petty Sessions during the past eight years.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS.

Year.	Penalties Imposed.		Totals.
	Fines.	Costs.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1907	6 10 0	19 11 0	26 1 0
1908	3 10 0	24 2 0	27 12 0
1909	0 10 0	21 1 0	21 11 0
1910	18 10 0	3 0 6	21 10 6
1911	16 0 0	6 6 0	22 6 0
1912	27 10 0	3 9 0	30 19 0
1913	6 10 0	5 2 0	11 12 0
1914	6 10 0	2 12 0	9 2 0
Totals ..	85 : 10 : 0	85 : 3 : 6	170 : 13 : 6

CANAL BOATS.

During the year 36 canal boats were inspected. I am pleased to report that the condition of the boats and their occupants was satisfactory. Ten infringements of the Acts and Regulations were detected, all of which, with one exception have been rectified. They are as follows :

Defective cabin floor	1
Insufficient ventilation to cabin	1
Boats not properly marked	3
Boats not registered	1
No certificate on board	1
Defective water vessel	1
Obstructing Inspector	1
Refusing to produce certificate of registration	1

In one instance it was found necessary to institute legal proceedings against the captain of the boat "Jeannie," No. 1282 Birmingham, for obstructing the Inspector in the execution of his duty, and failing to produce the certificate of registration when requested so to do. The defendant was fined 20/- and 10/- respectively, together with 10/- costs, or in default one month's imprisonment.

Four complaint notes were issued, three of which have been signed and returned. Likewise, I have signed thirteen complaint notes issued by neighbouring Authorities and attended to various other matters.

No cases of Infectious Disease have been notified as occurring amongst the canal boat population and therefore it has not been found necessary to detain any vessel for the purpose of cleansing and disinfection.

Six canal boats have been registered during the year.

(a) Motor propelled canal boats	...	...	2
(b) Other boats	...	...	4

One boat (b) which had previously been registered with this Authority was re-registered upon change of ownership.

The total number of boats on the register believed to be in use or available is as follows :—

(a) Motor propelled boats	...	6	}	317
(b) Other boats	...	311		
(c) Boats that cannot be traced				14
(d) Struck off register	...			5
				<hr/> 336 <hr/>

PETROLEUM ACTS 1871-1881, AND ORDERS IN COUNCIL THEREUNDER.

During the year fourteen applications for the renewal of Licenses, and three applications to keep petroleum were received and reported upon. In each instance the Licenses were granted on the usual conditions.

Seventeen notices were received from owners of motor-cars of their contention to store a quantity of motor spirit, not exceeding sixty gallons, in screw-down two gallon cans, under the provisions of the Secretary of State's Regulation made pursuant to Section 5 of the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896.

The licensed premises, stores and motor garages, have been inspected, and the conditions upon which the licenses were granted have been, with few exceptions, well carried out. The contraventions of the Acts and Regulations detected have formed the subject of special reports to the Council and are as follows :—(1) Storing petrol otherwise than in the licensed store, and (2) keeping petrol in excess of the quantity and not in the manner prescribed by the regulations made by the Secretary of State.

There are seventeen licensed stores in the district covering 5,575 gallons and the following table shows the uses to which the petroleum is applied :—

Manufacturing purposes	...	...	...	...	3
Partly for sale and partly for use on motor cars	...				3
For use on motor cars	...	..	...	...	7
Lighting purposes during night operations on railway					1
For sale only	...	...	...	...	3
					—
					17
					—

Table showing the number of licenses in force and the amount of petroleum covered by each : —

3 licenses cover petroleum up to 1,000 gallons					
1 license	covers	"	"	600	"
1	"	"	"	500	"
1	"	"	"	360	"
1	"	"	"	300	"
1	"	"	"	250	"
1	"	"	"	200	"
2 licenses	cover	"	"	100	"
1 license	covers	"	"	60	"
1	"	"	"	42	"
2 licenses	cover	"	"	20	"
1 license	covers	"	"	18	"
1	"	"	"	5	"

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion my thanks are due for the very useful assistance I am the grateful recipient of from all the members of the Council, to the Medical Officer of Health for his guidance and valuable advice, and to the other officers of the Council for their great courtesy and consideration. Under conditions such as these work in the district becomes a pleasure.

The sanitary condition of this town is continually improving and to make this fact obvious to the most casual observer is still the endeavour of

Your obedient Servant,

H. COLEMAN,

*Inspector of Nuisances and
Housing Inspector.*

TABLE I.

Table showing the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified in various streets in the URBAN DISTRICT OF BRENTFORD during the year 1914.

Road, Street or Place.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Erysipelas.	Enteric Fever.	Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	Totals.
Avenue Road	3	1	...	...	...	4
Adelaide Road	2	2	...	...	...	4
Albany Road	4	2	...	...	...	6
Braemar Road	5	3	...	...	...	8
Boston Park Road	2	1	...	...	...	3
Brook Road	2	1	...	...	...	3
Boston Road	4	...	...	...	...	4
Burford Road ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1
Brook Lane North ... ..	...	1	...	...	...	1
Boar's Head Yard	1	2	...	...	...	3
Bradshaw's Yard ... ..	...	1	...	...	...	1
Bailey's Row ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	1
Bollo Lane	3	2	1	...	...	6
Cressage Road	1	...	2	...	...	3
Catherine Wheel Row	5	...	...	...	...	5
Clifden Road	2	...	...	...	1	3
Catherine Wheel Yard ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	1
Distillery Road	5	3	1	...	...	9
Enfield Road, E.	3	1	...	...	...	4
Enfield Road, W.	4	4	1	...	...	9
Ealing Road	5	1	...	...	1	7
Ferry Lane ... ..	...	1	...	...	...	1
Grosvenor Road	1	2	1	...	...	4
Greet Road ... ..	...	3	1	...	...	4
Glenhurst Road	3	2	...	...	...	5
Green Dragon Lane	3	...	1	...	...	4
High Street	2	6	...	...	1	9
Harnage Road ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	1
Hamilton Road	6	2	...	...	...	8
Ivy Crescent	3	1	1	...	...	5
Kenley Road	8	2	...	...	1	11
Lateward Road	7	2	...	...	1	10
Layton Road	1	...	...	...	...	1
Mafeking Avenue... ..	8	3	1	1	2	15
Market Square	1	...	...	...	...	1
New Spring Gardens	1	2	...	...	...	3
New Road	4	1	...	...	...	5
Netley Road West	6	...	...	...	...	6
Netley Road East ... ..	...	3	1	...	...	4
North Road	5	1	...	...	...	6
Orchard Road	4	1	...	...	...	5
Old Spring Gardens	1	1	...	...	1	3
Pottery Road	6	...	...	...	1	7
Ram Alley	1	...	...	...	...	1
Somerset Road	1	...	...	...	...	1
The Ham	5	1	1	...	1	8
The Butts ... ..	...	...	1	1	...	2
Town Meadow	1	...	...	...	...	1
The Barracks ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	1
Windmill Road	7	2	...	...	...	9
Whitestile Road,	6	1	...	...	...	7
Walnut Tree Road ... ..	...	1	1	...	...	2
Westbury Place	2	...	...	...	...	2
York Road	2	2	...	...	...	4
Totals	146	65	17	2	12	242

TABLE III.

County of Middlesex—Sanitary Work, 1914.

Inspections.

Number of premises inspected in connection with Infectious Diseases...	230
" " under periodical inspection ...	135
Houses inspected from house to house (H. and T.P. Act.)	34
Total number of inspections and re-inspections made ...	2718

Action taken. (Other than under H. and T.P. Act.)

Cautionary or intimation notices given	427
Statutory orders issued	103

Dwelling houses and action under H. and T.P. Act, 1909.

Number of houses dealt with under Sect. 15	11
Number of houses found to be in a state dangerous or injurious to health (Sect. 17)... ..	16
Number of representations made by M.O.H. (Sect. 17)	16
Number of houses made habitable without closing orders	18
Number of closing orders made by L.A. (Sect. 17) ...	0
Number of houses closed voluntarily	10
Number of closing orders determined after repairs (Sect. 17)	0
Number of houses demolished (a) by order of L.A. (Section 17)	0
(b) voluntarily	2
Illegal underground rooms vacated	0

Houses let in lodgings (tenement houses).

Number registered under Bye-laws	30
Number of contraventions	9

Common Lodging Houses.

Number registered under Bye-laws	6
" of inspections made	7
" of contraventions	2

Canal boats used as dwellings.

Number registered during the year	6
" of contraventions of regulations	10
Prosecutions	2
Convictions	2

Movable Dwellings, Caravans, Tents, &c.

Number observed during the year	...	...	...	...	5
„ of nuisances therefrom abated	...	...	...	...	5
„ removed from District	...	...	...	...	5

Bakehouses.

Number in District	...	...	...	...	12
Contraventions of Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	5

Slaughter Houses.

Number on register	...	...	...	...	8
„ of inspections made	...	...	...	...	233
Contraventions of Bye-laws	...	...	...	...	19

Cowsheds.

Number on register	...	...	...	...	3
„ of inspections made	...	...	...	...	12
Contraventions of regulations	...	...	...	...	3
Number of Milch cows in District	...	...	...	...	9

Dairies and Milkshops.

Number on register...	...	...	...	...	53
„ of inspections made	...	...	...	...	84
Contraventions of regulations	...	...	...	...	12

Unsound Food.

Seizures made	...	...	...	...	3
Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	2
Convictions	...	...	...	...	2
Method of Disposal	...	...	By burning at Destructor.	...	

Offensive Trades.

Number of premises in District	...	...	...	...	5
„ of inspections made	...	...	...	...	17
Contraventions of Bye-laws	...	...	...	...	3

Water Supply and Water Service.

Cisterns, New provided	...	...	...	...	10
„ Cleansed, Repaired, Covered, &c.	...	...	...	...	56
Draw Taps placed on Mains	...	...	...	...	75

Drainage and Sewerage of Existing Buildings.

Water-closets—Repaired, supplied with water, or otherwise improved	...	...	...	...	...	51
Drains—Examined, tested, exposed, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	72
„ Unstopped, repaired, trapped, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	115
„ Waste pipes, rain water pipes disconnected, repaired, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	38
„ New soil pipes or ventilating shafts fixed	...	...	...	...	...	13
„ Existing soil pipes or ventilating shafts repaired	...	...	...	...	...	16
„ Disconnecting traps or chambers inserted	...	...	...	...	...	24
„ Reconstructed	...	...	...	...	...	16

Disinfection.

Rooms disinfected—Ordinary infectious disease	...	...	...	...	...	195
Schools „	...	...	...	...	...	3
Rooms „ Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ „ Phthisis	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rooms stripped and cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	110
Articles disinfected or destroyed—Ordinary infectious disease						1357
Library Books disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	33

Dust.

New bins provided	...	...	...	...	...	56
How frequently is dust removed from each house?	...	...	...	...	...	weekly
Number of complaints of non-removal received	...	...	...	...	...	5
Method of disposal	...	...	...	...	...	Destructor

Sundry Nuisances Abated.

Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	9
Smoke	...	...	...	...	...	3
Accumulations of refuse	...	...	...	...	...	18
Foul Pigs and other animals	...	...	...	...	...	3
Dampness	...	...	...	...	...	41
Yards repaved or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	47
Other nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	53

The above do not include nuisances abated or prevented at the verbal request of your Inspector, or nuisances existing in houses regarding which notices have been served or action taken under the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.