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Medical Officer of Health:

- NEVILLE H. LINZEE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

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/ - GEOFFREY McCLELLAND, M.S.I.A., M.R. San. I.

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/ - H.J. ELDRIDGE, M.S.I.A., M.R. San. I.

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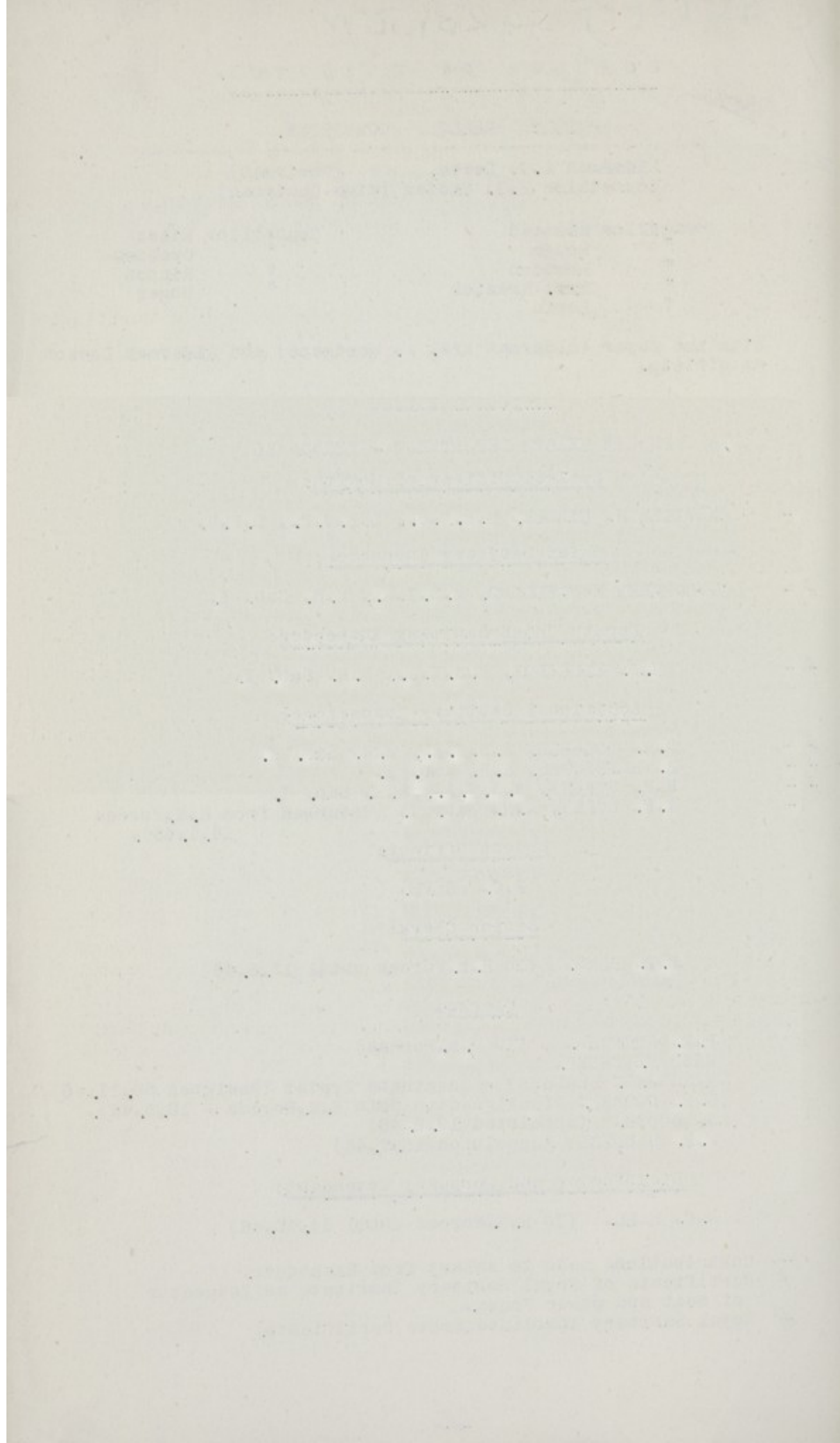
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- Contributions made to salary from Exchequer.
- / Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector
of Meat and other Foods.
- / Royal Sanitary Institute Smoke Certificate.



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1946.

Public Health Department,
2, Shalston Villas,
Surbiton.

August, 1947.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Surbiton.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am presenting my 25th Annual Report to which is attached the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

I would draw your attention to the very low figure of the infant mortality rate and the increase in population as registered by the Registrar General.

Ninety prefabricated bungalows were erected during the year but no permanent Council houses were built. It might be as well for the Council to consider the provision of accommodation for the elderly people in the form of a block of houses, hostels, etc., each house having two to three rooms, and the provision of suitable persons, such as women with nursing experience or nurses to look after the old tenants, the nurse being responsible for a certain number of houses.

I wish to thank all the members of my staff for their assistance during the past year.

STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	4,709
Population (1946) Registrar General's Estimate	...	...	56,420
Resident Population (Census 1931)	...	...	29,396
Number of families or separate occupiers (Census 1931)	...	...	8,116
Rateable value at 1st October, 1946	...	...	£589,812
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	£2,340

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

(Based on National Registration Office population figures of 58,619 and on Public Health Department records).

<u>LIVE BIRTHS:</u> (Unadjusted figures)	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	578 (504)	303 (268)	275 (236)
Illegitimate	10 (20)	6 (8)	4 (12)
Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population			10.03 (9.6)
<u>DEATHS:</u> (Unadjusted figures)	626 (381)	301 (187)	325 (194)
Crude death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population			10.67 (6.97)
Percentage of total deaths occurring in Public Institutions, Nursing Homes and Hospitals (273 deaths)			43.6 (28.9)
<u>DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE:</u> (Unadjusted figures)			
All infants per 1,000 live births			42.51 (26.7)
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births			41.5 (24.8)

(Based on Registrar General's Population figure of 56,420 and on adjusted statistics supplied by the Registrar General)

<u>LIVE BIRTHS:</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	1,002 (791)	515 (401)	487 (390)
Illegitimate	61 (84)	39 (36)	22 (46)
Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population			18.84 (17.27)
England and Wales			19.1 (16.1)
<u>STILL BIRTHS:</u>			
Legitimate	20 (16)	9 (8)	11 (8)
Illegitimate	2 (2)	2 (-)	(2)
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births)			20.69 (20.15)
<u>DEATHS:</u>	572 (536)	273 (252)	299 (284)
Crude death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population			10.13 (10.58)
England and Wales (all causes)			11.5 (11.4)
<u>DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE:</u>			
All infants per 1,000 live births			19.75 (34.28)
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births			19.96 (31.63)
England and Wales			43.00 (46.00)

NOTE: The corresponding figures for 1945 are shown in brackets.

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POPULATION.

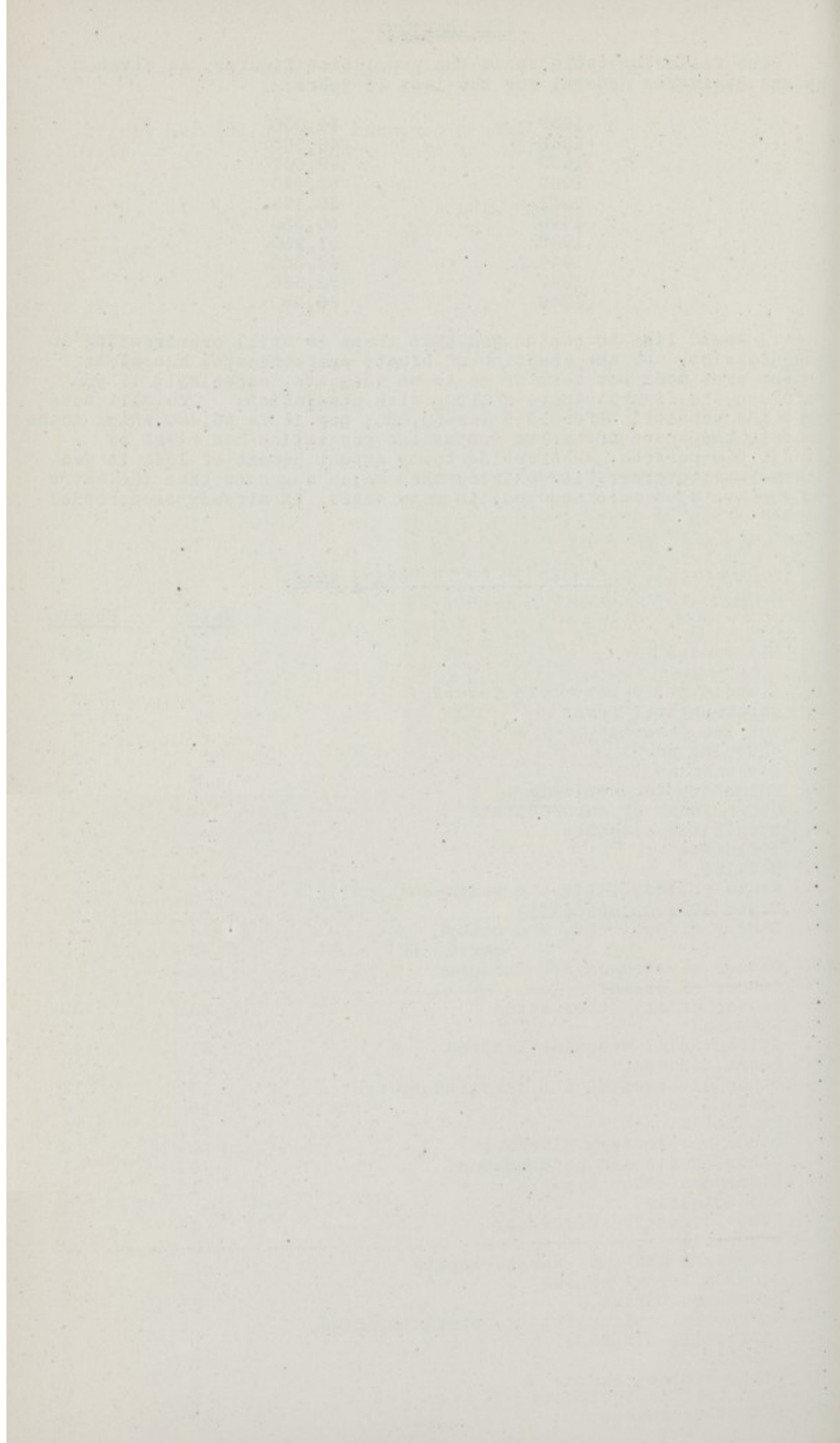
The following table shows the population figures, as given by the Registrar General for the last 10 years:-

1937	44,830
1938	46,600
1939	49,607
1940	50,440
1941	48,470
1942	50,350
1943	51,150
1944	49,330
1945	50,660
1946	56,420

I would like to remind you that there is still overcrowding in the district, and the erection of ninety prefabricated bungalows in the area does not seem to me to be adequate, especially if you refer to the figures above dealing with population. You will note that the population for 1945 was 50,660; now it is 56,420 which means that in the space of twelve months the population has risen by over 5,000 persons. Referring to my Annual Report of 1945 it was stated that overcrowding existed then which suggests that the extra 5,000 have been accommodated, in many cases, in already overcrowded houses.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1946.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
All Causes	273	299
1. Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	-	-
2. Cerebrospinal fever	-	-
3. Scarlet fever	-	-
4. Whooping cough	-	-
5. Diphtheria	1	-
6. Pulmonary tuberculosis	9	8
7. Other forms of tuberculosis	-	-
8. Syphilitic diseases	-	4
9. Influenza	4	5
10. Measles	1	-
11. Acute poliomyelitis and polio-encephalitis	-	-
12. Acute inf. encephalitis	-	-
13. Cancer of buc. cav. and oesoph (M)	4	-
uterus (F)	-	5
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	5	7
15. Cancer of breast	-	14
16. Cancer of all other sites	42	39
17. Diabetes	-	1
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	21	43
19. Heart disease	83	87
20. Other diseases of the circulatory system	13	12
21. Bronchitis	15	8
22. Pneumonia	4	10
23. Other respiratory diseases	3	4
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	6	1
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years	1	-
26. Appendicitis	-	1
27. Other digestive diseases	4	7
28. Nephritis	8	9
29. Puerperal and post abort. sepsis	-	1
30. Other maternal causes	-	1
31. Premature births	5	3
32. Congenital malformations, birth injuries, infantile diseases	9	4
33. Suicide	5	3
34. Other violent causes	4	5
35. Road traffic accidents	3	1
36. All other causes	23	16



INFANT MORTALITY

There were 21 deaths of children under 1 year of age. Twenty were legitimate and 1 was illegitimate.

Of the infant deaths fifteen occurred in hospitals or public institutions outside the district of Surbiton. The ages at death were as follows:-

1 newly born; 1 at twenty minutes; 1 at five hours;
1 at ten hours; 2 at twelve hours; 1 at thirteen hours;
2 at one day; 5 at two days; 2 at three days; 2 at four days;
1 at three weeks; 1 at one month and 1 at eight months.

The causes and ages at death of the children were as follows:-

Bilateral suprarenal haemorrhage	4 days
Subarachnoid haemorrhage	2 days
Prematurity	4 days
Prematurity	3 days
Prematurity	20 mins.
Prematurity	10 hours
Prematurity	12 hours
Prematurity	5 hours
Prematurity	2 days
Congenital	2 days
Atelectasis	13 hours
Intracranial haemorrhage	1 day
Pulmonary oedema	1 month
Patent inter auricular septum of heart	Newly born
Broncho pneumonia	3 weeks
Atelectasis	1 day
Broncho pneumonia	3 days
Respiratory failure	2 days
Broncho pneumonia	8 months
Atelectasis of lungs	12 hours
Congenital heart disease	2 days

INFANT MORTALITY RATE.

The following table shows the death rate of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births:-

	SURBITON	ENGLAND AND WALES (Smaller Towns)
1936	38.51	55.0
1937	42.04	55.0
1938	31.14	51.0
1939	50.98	40.0
1940	35.85	54.0
1941	54.20	56.0
1942	37.52	46.0
1943	32.56	46.0
1944	29.65	44.0
1945	34.28	46.0
1946	19.75	37.0

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PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The Clerk to the Tolworth Joint Hospital District Board has kindly supplied me with the following figures for 1946:-

ANALYSIS OF PATIENTS ADMITTED TO THE TOLWORTH ISOLATION
HOSPITAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1946.

	<u>Diphtheria</u>	<u>Scarlet Fever</u>	<u>Other Diseases</u>	<u>Total</u>
Surbiton	14	32	49	95
Malden and Coombe	6	37	39	82
Esher	5	50	67	122
Paying patients admitted from outside the Constituent District.	1	4	8	13
	26	123	163	312

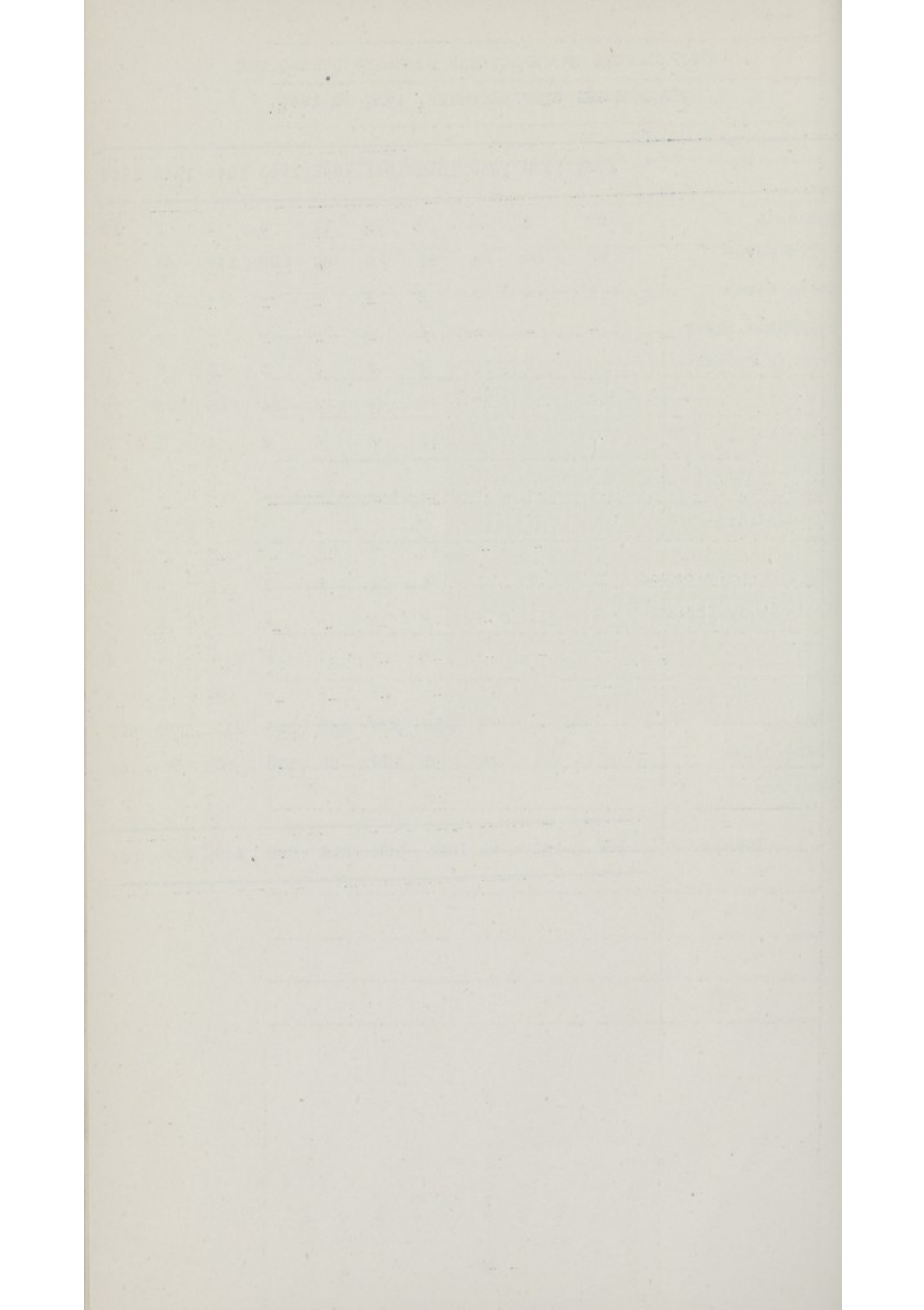
The number of "other diseases" admitted into the Isolation Hospital is high and I give below a list of these illnesses:-

- Chicken pox
- Erysipelas
- Pneumonia
- Tonsillitis
- Strep. tonsillitis
- Enteritis
- Colitis
- Diarrhoea
- Measles
- Croupous laryngitis
- Bronchial pneumonia
- Strep. throat
- Conjunctivitis
- Dermatitis
- Shingles
- Whooping cough and pneumonia
- Whooping cough
- Parotitis
- Dysentery
- Mumps
- Septic bites

I would draw the attention of members to the non-notifiable cases that were admitted. In my opinion scarlet fever cases should be admitted in preference to non-notifiable cases, although I agree that certain cases of scarlet fever can be nursed at home.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES DURING THE
YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1937 TO 1946.

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Diphtheria	27	6	5	9	16	11	2	1	7	14
Scarlet Fever	82	80	24	60	24	80	299	149	45	38
Enteric Fever	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	5	8	10	6	3	4	3	2	2	6
Pneumonia	29	33	37	45	46	14	34	25	23	17
Erysipelas	13	9	6	10	3	4	6	4	1	5
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	-	-	17	4	2	-	-	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	3	1	4	1	2	1	1	-	2
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	4	4
Malaria	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
Measles			1	839	327	433	323	212	775	429
Whooping Cough			4	6	369	65	176	52	90	48
Chicken Pox				6						
Total:	161	141	91	1003	793	616	846	449	950	564



	At ages												At ages											
	Under 1 year	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 65	65 and over	Under 1 year	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 65	65 and over
Diphtheria				1		1	5	4	3											1				
Scarlet Fever			2	1	3	15	10	3	1	2	1													
Pneumonia		2	2			1	1		2	4	2	3	3								1	1	3	6
Erysipelas									1		3	1												
Cerebro-spinal Fever										1														
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2																							
Puerperal Pyrexia									5	1											1			
Dysentery			1			1			1	1														
Measles	5	43	45	59	49	210	14	1	2		1			1										
Whooping Cough	6	8	6	6	10	11					1													

Note: Total deaths include Transferable Deaths occurring outside the district which are not included in the total cases notified.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Under the Public Health Tuberculosis Regulations a register of all notifications is kept and weekly returns of cases are sent to the County Medical Officer. The continual movement of cases from one district to another requires constant supervision so that particulars may be brought up-to-date and represent a true record.

At the end of the year 415 persons were shown to be suffering from the disease and living within the district:-

		<u>Pulm.</u>	<u>Non-Pulm.</u>
Males	...	200	44
Females	...	136	35

	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 4	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	4	2	3	2	-	-	1	-
15 - 24	14	6	1	3	1	1	-	-
25 - 34	16	10	2	-	3	4	-	-
35 - 44	8	5	-	-	3	1	-	-
45 - 54	2	-	-	1	2	3	-	1
55 - 64	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and upwards	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	2
Totals:	47	26	8	7	11	11	1	3

Of the newly notified cases of tuberculosis, the highest incidence is in the 25 - 34 age group.

Of the 88 cases tabulated above 31 are transferred from other districts and 3 cases "previously removed restored to Register."

The table shows an increase compared with last year of 1 pulmonary case of tuberculosis, and the non-pulmonary cases show a decrease of 2. The deaths show a decrease of 5.

At the commencement of the year there were 416 cases of tuberculosis on the register, and at the end of the year this figure had decreased by one to 415.

During the year 12 cases were notified as recovered from the disease, 49 patients left the district, there were 26 deaths and 2 were notified as being non-tuberculous.

Ward	Cases added to Register						Cases on Register 31st Dec. 1946
	Primary Notifications			Transfers etc.			
	1944	1945	1946	1944	1945	1946	
Berrylands	9	14	10	4	4	3	61
Chessington	12	16	7	3	4	6	57
Hook and Southborough	12	8	6	1	1	6	52
Seething Wells	7	6	3	2	-	6	38
Surbiton Hill	5	7	8	-	1	2	39
St. Mark's	4	9	5	3	1	1	28
Tolworth East	4	4	6	1	7	1	53
Tolworth West	3	7	2	1	1	5	40
Tolworth South	7	5	7	1	1	4	47
Totals:	63	76	54	16	20	34	415

There is a slight falling off in the cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis)
Regulations, 1925.

It was not necessary to take any action under these regulations during the year.

Public Health Act, 1936, Section 172.

No action was taken under this Section.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

	Treatments	
	Completed.	Incompleted.
Children treated at clinic	696	21

The division into children of school age and those under is:-

	Treatments.	
	Completed.	Incompleted.
Children of school age	63	3
Children under school age	633	18

It will be noted that 14 cases of diphtheria occurred during the year. Three were stated to have been immunised, the records showing that 2 were done in Surbiton, and the third outside; one case had one dose of immunising vaccine only. Four had not been immunised at all.

SCABIES.

No facilities for treatment of scabies exist in the Borough, but arrangements have been made with the Kingston Corporation for Surbiton cases to be treated at the Centre at Burton Road, Kingston, on payment of the cost by the Surbiton Corporation. The charges agreed are 5/- per treatment, and during 1946 145 cases were treated.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
IN THE AREA.

The general provision of health services in the area, including ambulances, clinics, treatment centres, hospital and other facilities remain as in previous years, except that the Council has provided a second ambulance for accident and private cases.

Laboratory Facilities.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations are made for the Corporation by the Clinical Research Association and Victoria Hospital, Kingston.

During the year the following examinations were carried out:-

Disease suspected	Nature of specimen	Result		Total
		Positive	Negative	
Diphtheria	Swabbings	4	78	82
Tuberculosis	Sputum	3	41	44
Scarlet Fever	Throat swabs	1	28	29
Typhoid) Dysentery)	Faeces	-	4	4
Sonne Dysentery	Faeces	-	1	1
Typhoid	Blood	-	-	-
Venereal Disease	Vaginal swab	-	-	-
Total:		8	152	160

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

The water throughout the district is furnished by the Metropolitan Water Board, and is a constant supply of excellent quality. I am supplied with monthly reports by the Board giving details of their chemical and bacteriological examinations.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

Publicly owned baths.

Surbiton Lagoon, situated in Raeburn Avenue, Surbiton, is an open air pool 165 feet long and 90 feet wide with a depth of 3 to 9 feet.

The water is treated by continuous pressure and filtration, sterilisation by injection of chlorine and oxygenation over an ornamental cascade.

Periodical samples of the water are taken by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor and the plant adjusted accordingly. In addition, check samples are taken by the Public Health Department.

I am,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

NEVILLE H. LINZEE,

Medical Officer of Health.

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Summary of Results

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Category	Number of Cases		Total
	Male	Female	
Group 1	10	5	15
Group 2	8	4	12
Group 3	6	3	9
Group 4	4	2	6
Group 5	3	1	4
Group 6	2	1	3
Group 7	1	0	1
Group 8	1	0	1
Total	36	16	52

Conclusions and Recommendations

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Surbiton.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the work of your Sanitary Inspectors for the year 1946.

This report is compiled in accordance with the directions of Ministry of Health Circular No.13/47.

COMPLAINTS.
(excluding Council Houses)

During the year 831 complaints were received with regard to the following matters:-

Choked or defective drains	137
Insanitary or dilapidated condition of houses and premises	236
Dampness	29
Defective or insufficient W.C. accommodation	47
Defective water pipes or fittings	114
Withdrawal of water supply	5
Insufficient and defective refuse bins	35
Overcrowding	7
Offensive smells	11
Offensive accumulations	15
Nuisances from animals improperly kept	3
Unwholesome food	4
Infestation with bugs or fleas	18
Rat and Mice infestation	115
Smoke nuisances	1
Defective paving	1
Obstruction of light and ventilation	1
Flooding	20
Nuisance from cellulose spraying	5
Faulty Gas fittings	2
Absence of cooking facilities	1
Dirty milk bottles	2
Condition of cesspool	1
Miscellaneous	21
Total	<u>831</u>

INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

Number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	254
Number of houses visited for other than housing defects	1306
Number of premises other than houses inspected	597
Premises re-inspected	1225
Visits to works in progress	601
Visits re rat and mice infestation	351
Visits re War Damage	76
Visits to Requisitioned Property	1284
Visits to Council Houses	581
Miscellaneous visits	820

Included in the aforementioned are the following classified visits:-

Visits to food premises	282
Visits to cowsheds, dairies, milkshops and milk vehicles	27
Visits to bakehouses	22
Visits to fish friers' premises	18
Visits to factories	91
Visits to outworkers' premises	5
Visits re overcrowding	23
Visits re cases of infectious diseases (including tuberculosis and scabies)	208
Interviews with owners, tradesmen, etc.	543
Visits re Food and Drugs Act	126
Visits to Council House applicants	33
Visits to slaughterhouses	23
Visits re Shop Acts	23
Visits to Schools	13
Smoke observations	22
Visits to urinals and public conveniences	8
Visits to caravans	6
Visits re Building Licences	902
Visits to ice-cream premises and vehicles	8
Visits to Nursing Homes	1

TESTING OF DRAINS AND SANITARY FITTINGS.

Drains tested with water	76
Drains tested by other methods	9

NOTICES SERVED.

Informal and verbal notices	209
Statutory notices under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936, of Time and Place at which condition of underground room would be considered	1
Statutory notices under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 - Closing Orders	1
Statutory notices under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 - Closing Orders determined	1
Statutory notices under section 157 of the Housing Act, 1936, to enter premises	6
Statutory notices under section 168 of the Housing Act, 1936, to require information re ownership of premises	27
Statutory notices under section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, to make premises reasonably fit for human habitation	18
Statutory notices under section 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring drainage works in existing buildings	5
Statutory notices under section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936, to abate nuisance	6

Statutory notices under section 277 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring information as to ownership of premises	8
Statutory notices under section 56 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring the paving and drainage of a yard	3
Total	<u>285</u>

DETAILS OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS, ETC.
EFFECTED DURING THE YEAR.
(Excluding Council Houses)

Drainage

Choked drains cleared	...	...	118
Defective drains repaired	...	...	24
Drainage systems partly re-laid	...	...	21
Drainage systems completely re-laid	...	...	4
Additional drains provided	...	...	9
Cesspools abolished	...	...	1

Water Closets, etc.

Additional provided	...	...	12
Cleansed or repaired	...	...	37
New pans fixed	...	...	30
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	...	...	39
Lighted, ventilated or screened	...	...	3

Sinks, Baths, etc.

New fixed	...	...	29
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Waste Pipes, etc.

Repaired	...	...	8
New provided	...	...	26
Disconnected or trapped	...	...	1

Water Supply.

Water reinstated	...	...	4
Service pipes and cisterns repaired, etc.	...	...	22
Draw Off taps disconnected from storage cisterns	...	...	8

Paving.

Yard paving repaired	...	...	10
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Dust Receptacles.

Provided	...	...	10
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Dampness.

Roofs repaired	...	...	88
Gutters or rain water pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	52
Damp courses fixed	...	...	4
Ventilation under floors provided	...	...	3
External walls pointed or rendered	...	...	27
Walls treated with damp resisting material	...	...	12

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General Repairs.

Windows repaired or renewed	...	...	113
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	84
Doors repaired or renewed	...	...	21
Handrails and staircases provided or repaired	...	...	6
Stoves and coppers repaired or renewed	...	...	51
Internal walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	153
Rooms cleansed	...	...	308
Rooms ventilated	...	...	2
Chimney stacks and pots repaired or renewed	...	...	8
External painting	...	...	8
Hot Water systems repaired	...	...	7
Food cupboards provided	...	...	1
Lighting improved	...	...	1
Offensive accumulations removed	...	...	6
Disused well enclosed	...	...	1
Cellulose Spraying discontinued	...	...	3
Rent Book Entries put in order	...	...	1
Food premises cleansed	...	...	7
Gas and Electric services repaired	...	...	3
Dangerous walls re-built	...	...	2
Dangerous structures repaired	...	...	7
Dangerous outbuildings demolished...	...	...	1
Walls underpinned	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	48

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year	207
(i) By the Local Authority ("ARCON" Mark V temporary bungalows)	90
(ii) By other Local Authorities	Nil
(iii) By other bodies or persons	111
(iv) Rebuilt following destruction by enemy action	6
Number of conversions into flats by other bodies or persons	63
1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year (excluding Council Houses)	
(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	254
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	254
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-heading (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932.	23
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	23
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit	199

2.	Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices (excluding Council houses):-	
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	281
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-	
A.	Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	8
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a)	By owners	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	4
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
(a)	By owners	1
(b)	By Local Authority in default of the owners	Nil
C.	Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil
(3)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were suspended (Circular 1866)	4
D.	Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-	
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	1
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	1

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FACTORIES AND BAKEHOUSES.

The total number of factories on the register at the end of the year was 220.

The businesses carried on at the respective premises were as follows:-

Bakehouses	18
Laundries	7
Tailors	7
Engineers (various)	58
Printers	7
Builders and Joiners	25
Boot Repairers	11
Motor Engineers	13
Radio and Cycle Repairers/Makers	15
Miscellaneous	59

113 visits were made to factories and to bakehouses, and as a result the following works were carried out to remedy contraventions:-

Sanitary Conveniences.

Additional W.Cs. provided	6
Cleansed or repaired	2
New pans fixed	4
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	6
New baths, sinks, etc. fixed	2

General.

Drains - additional provided	3
New waste pipes provided	2
Service pipes and cisterns repaired, etc.	1
Drains cleansed	2
Windows repaired or renewed	1
External walls pointed or rendered	2
Accumulations removed	2
Miscellaneous	3

One certificate was issued under section 34 of the Factories Act, 1937, that the factory to which it related is provided with such means of escape in case of fire for the persons employed therein as may be reasonably required in the circumstances of the case.

There were 37 outworkers on the register at the end of the year. Five visits of inspection were made but no contraventions found.

FOOD INSPECTION.

The following foodstuffs found to be unfit for human food were surrendered by the owners, and either salvaged for animal feeding or destroyed:

<u>Article</u>		<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>	
Calves Heads		20	-	Decomposition.
Calves Feet		5	-	"
Beef		3	-	Damaged by refrigerator leakage
Sausage Meat	1 tin	1	8	Blown
Red Meat Substitute		14	-	Damaged by fire
Ox Livers		30	-	Flukes
Beef Sausage		24	-	Sour
Bacon		62	4	Decomposition
Bacon		-	7	Damaged by refrigerator leakage
Corned Beef	1 tin	6	-	Blown
Pate de Foie Gras	1 tin	-	5½	Blown
Beef Loaf	2 tins	1	8	Blown
Stewed Steak	34 tins	40	14	Blown or damaged
Calves Foot Jelly	1 jar	-	8	Decomposition
Meat Paste	1 jar	-	3	"
Irish Stew	1 tin	1	-	Blown
"Treet"	1 tin	-	12	"
Codling		84	-	Decomposition
Cod		462	-	"
Shrimps		10	-	"
Haddock		920	-	"
Fresh Herrings		5	12	"
Rockeal		126	-	"
Salake		224	-	"
Rockeal		70	-	"
Plaice		140	-	"
Fresh Fillets		325	-	"
Skate		115	-	"
Ling		84	-	"
Whiting		574	-	"
Bloaters		49	-	"
Witches		84	-	"
Kippers		308	-	"
Dabs		240	-	"
Bream		168	-	"
Herrings	1 tin	-	12	Blown
Brisling	1 tin	-	3¾	Pierced
Crawfish	3 tins	1	4	Blown
Norwegian Sild	1 tin	-	3¾	Blown
Sardelles	8 tins	2	4	Pierced
Pilchards	38 tins	47	2	Blown or damaged
Sardines	13 tins	2	13¾	Blown or damaged
Salmon	24 tins	16	3	Blown or damaged
Oranges (201)		50	-	Unsound
Grapefruit	1 bottle			Fermentation
Sultanas		60	-	Contaminated by mice
Sultanas		28	-	Stale and dirty
Sultanas		14	-	Damaged by fire
Raisins (Seedless)		25	-	Damaged by fire
Figs		14	-	Decomposition
Apples	1 tin	1	-	Blown
Pears	3 tins	5	7	"
Plums	20 tins	36	4	"
Dried Peas		196	-	Stale and maggot infested
Baked Beans	41 tins	38	2	Blown and damaged
Horseradish	1 tin	-	8	Blown
Beetroot	1 tin	-	12	"

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Article		lbs.	ozs.	
Peas	55 tins	99	12½	Blown or damaged
Spinach Puree	2 tins	1	4	Blown
Ovaltine Tablets	4 tins	-	12	Deterioration
Chocolate Semolina	24 tins	6	-	"
Carrots	3 tins	8	14	Blown
Veg. Soup Powder	47 tins	231	-	Weevils and deterioration
Tomatoes	1 tin	1	-	Blown
Macaroni	1 tin	1	-	"
Salted Food	2 tins	2	-	Weevils
Syrup	2 tins	3	-	Deterioration
Soup Powder	1 tin	1	-	Damaged
Peas	1 tin	-	10½	Blown
Spaghetti	1 tin	1	-	Pierced
Spaghetti	2 tins	2	-	Blown
Cocoa	11 tins	5	8	Damaged by water
Canned Vegetables & Soups	36 tins	56	15½	Blown
Milk Evaporated	283 tins	257	9	Blown or damaged
Milk Condensed	17 tins	20	6	" " "
Milk Homogenised	1 tin	-	14½	Blown
Milk Powder	2 tins	3	-	Deterioration
Milk Powder		2	8	Damaged by fire
Flour		340	-	Damaged by fire
Macaroni		30	-	Weevils
Baking Powder		392	-	Damaged by fire
Cooking Fat		28	-	Damaged by fire
Sugar		28	-	Damaged by fire
Milk Chocolate powder	35 tins	17	8	Weevils
Shredded Wheat		1	-	Contaminated by rats
Patent Barley	5 tins	2	8	Deterioration
Macaroni	5 jars	3	2	Sour
Dripping		168	-	Damaged by fire
Boiled sweets	1 jar	2	-	Glass contamination
Pickles	5 jars	10	-	Broken jars
Quince	1 jar	-	11	Deteriorated
Bakewell Tart Mixture		42	-	Deteriorated
Yeast		7	-	Damaged by fire
Coffee	1 bottle	-	10	Deteriorated
Eggs (388)		36	8	Unsound
Margarine		-	6½	Damaged by refrigerator leakage
Butter			4	Damaged by refrigerator leakage
Butter		-	6	Rancid
Butter		1	4	Contaminated by disinfectant
Roller Oats		34	-	Contaminated by mice
Cake Mixture	1 packet	1	-	Damp
Chocolate		39	-	Damaged by water
Chocolate		125	-	Damaged by mice and maggots
Chocolate		15	8	Stale and mouldy
Vanilla Custard	21 jars	21	-	Stale and mouldy
Oatmeal		140	-	Spoiled by rats
Porridge Oats	3 packets	6	-	Damp and mouldy
Butter	6 "	6	-	Spoiled by rats
Cake Flour		20	-	Weevils
Flour		49	8	Damaged by water
Salt	6 bags	18	-	Damaged by water
Cake Mixture	7 packets	3	8	Damaged by water
Van	1 packet	-	8	Damaged by water
Van	8 jars	8	-	Stale and mouldy
Van	2 jars	2	-	Broken jars
Van	4 tins	4	-	Blown
Van	3 jars	3	-	Stale and mouldy

Article		lbs. ozs.		
Marmalade	5 jars	6	-	Broken jars
Sauce	1 bottle	-	7½	Deteriorated
Cheese		50	8	Contaminated by rats
Cheese trimmings		19	10	Excessive mould
Cheese		25	-	Decomposition
Cheese		7	-	Damaged container
Macadones	1 jar	-	14½	Damaged container
Total		7163	2½	

During the year the carcasses and offal of 19 pigs slaughtered in the Borough were inspected. All were found to be fit for human consumption.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

The following is a summary of samples taken during the year:-

Articles	Analysed			Adulterated, below standard or improperly labelled			Prosecutions	Convictions
	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total		
Saccharin	-	1	1					
Coffee	-	3	3					
Medicated chocolate	-	1	1					
Onion & onion stuffing	-	1	1					
Gelatine	1	2	3		1	1		
Butella crystals	-	1	1					
Non-brewed vinegar	1	3	4		2	2		
Curry Powder	-	1	1					
Fish Paste	-	2	2					
Mixed herbs	-	1	1					
Mustard	-	1	1					
Jelly crystals	-	1	1					
Beef sausage meat	1	-	1					
Milk	30	-	30	1		1		
Sacramental wine	-	1	1					
Sectoral elixir	-	1	1					
Horseradish cream	-	1	1					
Date pudding	-	1	1					
Lin & castor oil ointment	-	1	1					
Kidney soup	-	1	1		1	1		
Run flour	-	1	1					
Shredded beef	-							
Spout	1	-	1					
Chocolate cup	-	1	1					
Line Juice	-							
Cardinal	-	1	1					
Lemon squash	-	1	1					
Self Raising flour	-	1	1					

Articles	Analysed			Adulterated, below standard or improperly labelled			Prosecutions	Convictions
	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total		
Baking Powder	1	1	2	1	1	2		
Almond								
Flavouring	-	1	1					
Dessert Mould	-	1	1					
Oatmeal	-	1	1					
Cake Mixture	-	1	1					
Barley crystals	-	1	1					
Ground coffee	-	1	1					
Malish	-	1	1					
Vegetable								
Message	1	-	1					
Wilt vinegar	-	1	1					
Isinglass	-	1	1					
Influenza								
Mixture	-	1	1					
Honey	1	-	1					
Sponge Mixture	1	-	1					
Carrier tonic	1	-	1					
Peppermint	1	-	1					
Gravy								
Browning	1	-	1					
Gravy salt	1	-	1					
Cake & Sponge								
Mixture	-	2	2					
Ginger cordial	-	1	1					
Lemonade								
Crystals	-	1	1					
Spice	-	1	1					
Salt cup	-	1	1					
Total	42	46	88	2	5	7	Nil	Nil

Action taken on non-genuine samples was as follows:-

Sample No.		Remarks
540 (Informal)	Kidney Soup	Wording of label not in order. Warning letter sent to manufacturers
557 (Informal)	Baking Powder	The samples yielded: available Carbon Dioxide 6.6%, but should yield not less than 8%. Formal sample No.579 taken.
565 (Informal)	Non-Brewed Vinegar	The ingredients of the article included salt 0.6%. The label did not bear a statement specifying this ingredient.
579 (Formal)	Baking Powder	Deficient in carbon dioxide - 6.7% instead of not less than 8%. Warning letter sent to the manufacturers who withdrew remainder of stock from sale.
587 (Formal)	Milk	Slightly deficient in milk fat. A warning letter was sent to the Dairyman concerned.
595 (Informal)	Gelatine	In the opinion of the Public Analyst did not form a satisfactory jelly, but was otherwise in order.

Sample No.

597 (Informal)	Non-brewed Vinegar	Deficient in acetic acid: contained 3.4% instead of not less than 4%. Warning letter sent to manufacturers.
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ICE CREAM.

Eleven persons are registered by the Corporation for the manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream and fifty-three for storage and sale but not manufacture.

On the 8th October, 1946, the Minister of Health issued Circular 183/46 in which he stated that it was proposed to make regulations for the better protection of the public health against risk of infection from the consumption of ice cream.

The Minister pointed out that he had received representations that the cleanliness of ice cream, as shown by bacteriological tests, was often found to be far from satisfactory, and that to facilitate the work of local authorities in securing the adoption of hygienic methods in the preparation and handling of the commodity, cleanliness tests for ice cream should be prescribed. The Minister further stated that he was advised that, while bacteriological tests may usefully be employed as an indication of possible faulty methods, no test has yet been devised of the safety of ice cream; and that there is no known test which would be sufficiently reliable for use as a statutory test of its contamination with non-pathogenic organisms.

The Regulations did not come into force until the 1st May, 1947, so that no experience of their operation was obtained during the year under review in this Report.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

There are forty-three persons registered in accordance with the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, as follows:-

Wholesale Traders or Producers of milk	...	7
Retail purveyors of milk residing in the district	...	28
Retail purveyors residing outside the district but retailing in the district	...	8

In consequence of the Rationalisation Scheme only thirteen retailers are now selling milk in the Borough, but the others have expressed a wish not to be removed from the register.

Eight dealers' licences to sell "Pasteurised" milk, six to sell "Tuberculin Tested" milk, two supplementary licences to sell "Pasteurised" milk and two to sell "Tuberculin Tested" milk were granted under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936.

Thirty samples of milk were taken for phosphatase test to ascertain if pasteurisation had been properly carried out. Twenty-eight were found to be satisfactory but two (both from the same dairy) did not pass the test. Necessary action was taken and further samples were satisfactory.

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DISINFECTION.

During the year disinfection was carried out at sixteen civilian premises in which the following diseases occurred:-

Diphtheria	...	...	1
Dysentery	...	...	1
Scarlet Fever	...	...	1
Tuberculosis	...	...	13

Disinfection was also carried out at twenty-three premises after cases of non-notifiable diseases, the occupiers in each case paying the cost.

The total number of articles disinfected by steam at the Tolworth Isolation Hospital or destroyed was:-

	<u>Disinfected</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
Beds	10	-
Blankets	52	-
Bolsters	12	1
Counterpanes	9	-
Cushions	10	-
Mattresses	41	1
Mattress Covers	1	-
Pillows	107	4
Pillow cases	8	-
Rugs	4	-
Sheets	13	-
Towels	4	-
Wearing apparel	32	-
Miscellaneous	10	-
	<u>313</u>	<u>6</u>
Number of rooms disinfected	...	26
Number of library books	...	53

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

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Council Houses		Other Houses	
Found to be infested	Disinfested	Found to be infested	Disinfested
-	-	6	6

2. Method employed for disinfection.

Council Houses. Other Houses.

"Vermicine" Spray

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PUBLIC MORTUARY.

During the year fifty-nine bodies were received into the Mortuary, fifty-eight post mortem examinations were carried out and fourteen inquests held. One body was received into the Mortuary pending burial. In this case a post mortem examination was not necessary.

CIVIL AMBULANCE.

In August the Corporation purchased a Daimler 20 H.P. ambulance and disposed of the ex-Civil Defence ambulance which was not satisfactory.

In addition to the Daimler, the Corporation also owns a 1934 18 H.P. Talbot.

It was the Corporation's intention to sell the Talbot ambulance but an advertisement brought no offers, and it was, therefore, decided to retain it for use as reserve ambulance.

During the year 312 accident and 472 private cases were dealt with. The mileage covered by the Daimler ambulance was 2,059 miles and by the Talbot 5,507 miles.

The personnel consists of two drivers and two attendants working twenty-four hour shifts. The St. John Ambulance Brigade arranges for one of its members to be in attendance each evening to assist the permanent staff, a service which is much appreciated.

BUILDING LICENCES.

During the year 707 applications for building licences, involving 902 visits to premises, were dealt with in my Department, and suitable recommendations made to the Borough Surveyor who is Licensing Officer.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION.

The responsibility for disinfestation rests, by law, upon the occupiers of premises, and a charge is always made when the Corporation undertakes work at the request of occupiers.

The scale approved by the Town Council is 2/6d per servicing visit which includes labour, transport, traps, poisons and baits. Special terms are quoted for cases requiring long-term treatment. No charge is made for inspections and advisory visits.

Number of complaints received during year	...	...	115
Number of visits made	...	...	851
Number of premises found to be infested	...	...	172
Number of private premises treated by Corporation on payment	...	...	39
Number of re-treatments	...	...	37
Number of treatments of Corporation properties	...	...	26
Number of premises in respect of which advice was given to occupiers to enable them to carry out disinfestation themselves	...	...	103
Number of premises in respect of which action was pending at end of year	...	...	4

All infestations were of a minor type.

Owing to labour difficulties no progress could be made with the treatment of sewers.

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COUNCIL HOUSES AND REQUISITIONED PROPERTIES.

In July, as a consequence of staff changes made by the Corporation, the work of maintenance of Council Houses and adaptation and maintenance of Requisitioned Properties reverted to the Department.

CONCLUSION.

It has fallen to my lot to prepare this Report in consequence of the death on 29th March, 1947, of the former Chief Sanitary Inspector and Housing Officer, the late Mr. Geoffrey McClelland, to whom I acted as deputy during the year under review.

The loss of the Chief was a severe blow to the Department, and was keenly felt by all members of the staff. His death at such an early age was a tragedy, and I am sure that all with whom he was associated will greatly miss the friendly help and guidance which he was always so ready to give.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the staff of the department who have so ably and willingly supported me during a very difficult period.

I am also most grateful to the Medical Officer of Health and my colleagues in other departments whose help and advice has been so freely given.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

H. J. ELDRIDGE,
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

