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ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

HEALTH

OF THE

Metropolitan Borough of Deptford,

BY

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1920

DEPTFORD :

Gaylard & Son, 446 New Cross Road, S.E. 14.

Public Health and Housing Committee.

Mayor.

Alderman W. H. GREEN, J.P.

Chairman.

Councillor Mrs. B. M. DRAPPER, J.P.

Vice-Chairman.

Councillor J. TIFFEN.

Councillor Mrs. M. Charlton.

Councillor A. G. Howard.

Councillor Miss A. M. Jacob.

Alderman E. J. Knight.

Councillor Rev. J. Mahoney.

Councillor W. F. Marchant.

Councillor G. Tams.

Councillor Mrs. L. White.

Councillor E. C. Wood.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee

Consists of the Members of the Public Health Committee and the following co-opted Members:—

Mrs. G. Green, *Mayoress*.

Mrs. Monk.

Mrs. Tiffen.

Sister Constance Welch.

Staff of the Public Health Department.

Medical Officer of Health.

G. CLARK TROTTER, M.D., D.P.H., F.R.S.E.

Assistant Medical Officers of Health.

NICHOLAS M. DONNELLY, M.B., D.P.H. (Tuberculosis Officer).

RONALD HUNTER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
(Maternity and Child Welfare Officer.)

Public Analyst.

HENRY G. HARRISON, M.A. (Cantab), F.I.C.

Sanitary Inspectors.

THOMAS TURNER.	JOHN V. SNOWDON.
ROBERT D. J. SIMPSON.	ARTHUR G. KEMP.
*ALFRED PRIEST.	FREDERICK HEWETT.
PHILIP SHELLEY.	HARRY ALLAM.

ALBERT E. YATES.

*Retired June, 1920.

Health Visitors.

Miss A. S. BAIRD	Miss H. F. G. PIPER
Miss E. CLUBBE	Miss W. C. SMART.
Miss E. HOLLAND	Miss E. T. STOWELL

Chief Clerk.

CHARLES A. CHAPMAN.

Clerks.

HENRY J. L. SMITH F. GILES (*temporary*).

Municipal Dispensary for the Prevention of Consumption,
78 Amersham Vale, New Cross, S.E.

Nurse—Miss PORTEOUS.

Attendant—G. ABBOTT.

Coroner's Court and Mortuary.

Attendant—G. W. J. WAGNER.

Disinfecting Station.

C. F. DOWSETT (Chief Disinfecter).

T. LYONS F. SMITH J. LLOYD

Cleansing Station.

Bath Attendant—Mrs. WAGNER.

School Nurse—Miss WYATT.

Metropolitan Borough of Deptford.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

TOWN HALL

NEW CROSS ROAD, S.E. 14.

December, 1921.

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

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Health of the Borough for the year 1920. Included are the statistical tables as prescribed by the Ministry of Health.

The Report has been shortened by avoiding repetition of matters which have been fully dealt with in the reports of my predecessor.

The estimated population for the middle of the year 1920 was:— for the civil population, 115,636; and the total population 115,772.

The birth-rate for the year was 28·3 per 1,000, which is 7·8 more than that for the previous year, and 1·8 more than for the whole of London.

The deaths during the year were 1,408 being 61 less than in the previous year. The death-rate was 12·2 (the lowest recorded) compared with 13·0 per 1,000 for the previous year.

The year 1920 furnished a record in having the lowest infantile mortality, the rate being 79 per 1,000 births, as compared with 85 in 1919, which year was also, at that time, the lowest.

As regards infectious diseases, there were during the year 723 cases of Scarlet Fever fairly generally distributed throughout the Borough, but the East, North and North-West Wards were more affected than the others. Out of all these Scarlet Fever cases there were but two deaths.

Cases of Diphtheria numbered 315, with 21 deaths, the cases being mostly in the North-West and North Wards.

I had the opportunity before taking up my duties as your Medical Officer of Health of going over the districts with the Sanitary Inspectors, and also had, before my arrival, read as far as possible the previous Annual Reports. I was therefore able to start right away on the matters which required most attention.

The house inspection in the borough, which is detailed within this report, was very thoroughly gone into.

The Child Welfare work, owing to the loss of our Assistant Medical Officer, also called for considerable supervision. Diarrhœa in children of two years and under was made notifiable on the 1st August.

In November, the premises now occupied as a Maternity Home were inspected by your Committee, and the formal approval of the Ministry was received in December.

The Tuberculosis work had to be organised also as had been the case with the Child Welfare work, as Dr. Macdonald resigned in June. I deal with these staff matters in the report.

Looking back upon my work in the Borough I feel very grateful for the assistance and encouragement I received from the Council and the help given me by my staff in the difficult circumstances of a time when so many changes were taking place.

The progress—which was made and continued into the next year—I had no thought at the time, I would not personally review in another report, and can only express my indebtedness for the great interest the Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare Committees showed, and the stimulus they gave to the work of my department.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

G. CLARK TROTTER,
Medical Officer of Health.

Summary of Vital and Mortality Statistics for 1920.

	1920.	1919.
Area	1,563 acres	1,563 acres
Population—		
Census 1901	110,398	110,398
Census 1911	109,496	109,496
Estimated to middle of 1920	115,636	111,205
Number of inhabited houses	16,855	16,855
Average number of persons per house	6.9	6.5
Density	74 per acre	71 per acre
Length of Public Streets	53 <i>miles approx.</i>	53 <i>miles approx.</i>
Rateable Value	£644,159	£621,248
1d. Rate produces (approximately)	£2,504	£2,490
Cost of administration of Public Health Department	£2,984	£2,617
Marriages	1,045	1,004
Marriage Rate	9.0	8.7
Births	3,276	2,426
Birth Rate	28.3	20.5
Birth Rate, average for the previous 10 years	24.7	25.4
Deaths	1,408	1,469
Death Rate	12.2	13.0
Death Rate, average for the previous 10 years	15.3	15.3
Infantile Mortality	79 per 1,000 births	85 per 1,000 births
Infantile Mortality, average for the previous 10 years	107 per 1,000 births	109 per 1,000 births
Zymotic Death Rate ...	0.8	0.7

Area and Population.
Births and Deaths.

Acres.		Estimated Civil Population.
1563	...	115,636

The total population for Deptford has been estimated by the Registrar-General as 115,772. The civil population has been estimated as 115,636.

For the purpose of this Report the total population (115,772) has been used in calculating the Birth and Marriage Rate as it includes all the elements of the population contributing to these rates. It consists therefore of all the non-civilians enlisted from this district whether serving at home or abroad. For the Death Rate the estimate of the civil population (115,636) has been adopted as it excludes all the men who have joined the services from this Borough.

The estimated civil population for each of the various wards was as follows :—

East	22,373	South	12,824
North	25,206	South-East ...	13,011
North-West ...	24,797	South-West ...	17,425

As the Borough has an area of 1,563 acres, the density of the population on this estimate is 74 per acre approximately.

The following table shows the total number of dwelling houses and the number inhabited and uninhabited in 1901, 1911, and 1920 respectively :—

Year.	HOUSES.		
	Inhabited.	Uninhabited.	Total.
1901	15,823	516	16,339
1911	16,102	491	16,593
1920	16,855	43	16,898

Taking the number of inhabited houses in 1920 to be 16,855 as set forth in the above table, and calculating the population to be 115,636, then the average number of persons per house would be 6·9.

Births.

Number of births	...	...	...	...	3726
Average number of births for previous 10 years	...	...	...	...	2780
Average birth-rate for previous 10 years	...	...	...	...	24·7
Birth-rate of Deptford per 1000, for 1920	...	...	...	...	28·3
England and Wales	...	...	...	...	25·4
96 Great Towns	...	...	...	...	26·2
148 Smaller Towns	...	...	...	...	24·9
London...	...	...	...	...	26·5

The total number of births registered in the Borough in 1920 was 3276, as compared with 2426 in 1919. Of these, 1701 were boys and 1575 were girls. This is 496 above the average for the past 10 years and 850 above the figure for 1919.

The birth-rate for the Borough was equivalent to an annual rate of 28·3 per 1000 of the population, as compared with 20·5 for 1919, 18·3 for 1918, and 20·1 for 1917.

The birth-rate for London was 26·5 per 1000, compared with 18·3 for 1919.

The following table gives the number of births and deaths of children under one year of age which have occurred during the past ten years, with the respective rates :—

Year.	Estimated population.	Births.		Deaths under one year.	
		No.	Rate per 1000.	No.	Mortality per 1000 births.
1910...	119,642	2959	24·7	366	123
1911...	109,475	3001	27·4	428	143
1912...	109,377	2896	26·5	258	89
1913 .	109,280	3106	28·0	350	113
1914...	109,182	3121	28·6	309	99
1915...	110,299	2955	26·8	391	132
1916...	110,299	2918	26·5	258	88
1917...	115,403	2329	20·1	239	102
1918...	114,328	2093	18·3	205	97
1919...	115,843	2426	20·5	207	85
Average for 10 years	112,313	2780	24·7	301	107
1920...	115,772	3276	28·3	259	79

Illegitimate Births.

The illegitimate births number 84 or 2·6 per cent. of the total births. These births occurred in the several wards as follows :—

East	19	South	8
North	10	South-East	8
North-West	27	South-West	12
			84

Marriages.

There were 1,045 marriages in the Borough during the year, as compared with 1,004 in the previous year.

The marriage rate for 1920 was equal to 9·0 per 1,000 of the estimated population and has not been exceeded in any year for the past ten years. The rate for 1919 was 8·7 per 1,000.

The marriages were celebrated in the following places :—

660 in Churches of England.

99 in other places of worship.

286 in the Superintendent Registrar's Office.

1,045 Total

Deaths.

Number of deaths for 1920	1,408
Average number of deaths for previous ten years	1,675
Average death-rate for previous ten years ...	15·3
Death-rate per 1,000 for Deptford for 1920 ...	12·2
" " England and Wales ...	12·4
" " 96 Large Towns ...	12·5
" " 148 Smaller Towns ...	11·3
" " County of London ...	12·4

The number of deaths registered within the Metropolitan Borough of Deptford from all causes during 1920 was 1,003, equal to a death-rate of 8·7 as compared with 1,051 deaths, and a death-rate of 10·1 during the previous year. The total number of deaths belonging to Deptford is obtained by deducting the number of deaths of non-parishioners registered in the Borough, *viz.*, 207, of which number 186 occurred in the Metropolitan Asylums Board's South Eastern Hospital making 796 deaths actually belonging to Deptford. To this number we must add 612 deaths of parishioners which occurred in public institutions outside the Borough, making a total of 1,408, of which 748 were males and 660 females, and upon these figures the statistics are based.

The death-rate for the Borough was equal to an annual rate of 12·2 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 13·0 for 1919, 17·9 for 1918, and 16·0 for 1917.

The subjoined table shows the number of deaths which have occurred during the past ten years, with the respective rates.

Year.	Estimated Population.	Deaths.	
		No.	Rate per 1000.
1910	119,642	1671	13·9
1911	109,475	1728	15·8
1912	109,377	1442	13·2
1913	109,280	1727	15·5
1914	109,182	1598	14·6
1915	110,299	1962	17·8
1916	110,299	1666	15·1
1917	*103,527	1663	16·0
1918	*102,036	1827	17·9
1919	*111,205	1469	13·0
Average for 10 years	109,432	1675	15·3
1920	*115,636	1408	12·2

* Civil population.

The following table gives the number of deaths belonging to each Ward, and the death rates for each Ward.

Ward.	Deaths.				Death Rate per 1,000.
	Males.	Females.	Children under 1 year.	Total.	
East Ward ...	165	157	75	322	14·4
North Ward ...	154	134	50	288	11·4
North-West Ward	141	100	61	241	9·7
South Ward ...	74	100	17	174	13·6
South-East Ward	115	79	27	194	14·9
South-West Ward	99	90	29	189	10·8

Deaths of residents occurring in outlying public institutions are allocated to their respective Wards, according to the addresses of the deceased as received from the Registrar-General's Department.

The proportion which the mortality at various ages bears to the total number of deaths during 1919 and 1920 is as follows:—

	1919.	1920.
Under 1 year	19·3 per cent.	18·4 per cent. deaths.
1 to 2 years	5·4 "	2·7 " "
2 to 5 "	4·8 "	3·5 " "
5 to 15 "	4·0 "	4·3 " "
15 to 25 "	4·0 "	5·0 " "
25 to 45 "	13·0 "	13·2 " "
45 to 65 "	21·0 "	24·2 " "
65 years and upwards	28·5 "	28·7 " "

Infantile Mortality.

Total deaths of Infants under one year, 259.

	1920.	Average for previous 10 years.
Deptford Infantile death rate per 1000 births	79	107
England and Wales	80	
96 Large Towns	85	
148 Smaller Towns... ..	80	
County of London	75	

Of the 1408 deaths recorded during the year 259 were of infants under one year of age.

During the past ten years the infantile death-rate has fallen from 143 to 79 per 1000 births registered.

In a previous table is given the infantile mortality per 1000 births for the past ten years.

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants. Of the 259 infants who died before attaining the age of one year, 18 or 6·9 per cent. were illegitimate, the mortality amongst them being in the proportion of 214 deaths per 1000 against 76 per 1000 among children born in wedlock.

The mortality amongst infants in the various Wards is shown in the following table:—

Ward.	Births Registered.	Deaths under 1 year of age.	Infantile mortality per 1000 Births.
East	757	75	99
North... ..	770	50	65
North-West	729	61	84
South	304	17	56
South-East	312	27	87
South-West	404	29	72

Comparative table of infantile deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis.
RATE PER 1000 BIRTHS.

	Diarrhoea and Enteritis under two years.	Total deaths under one year.
England and Wales	8'3	80
96 Great Towns	10'4	85
148 Smaller Towns	7'8	80
London	9'5	75
Deptford	11'9	79

TABLE SHEWING THE NUMBER OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS
IN THE BOROUGH DURING THE YEAR 1920

BIRTHS	3276
DEATHS—including those in outlying Public Institutions	1408
Excess of Births over Deaths ..	1868

The following is a list of the principal causes of the 259 infantile deaths in the Borough during 1920, viz. :—

Measles	3
Whooping Cough	7
Tuberculosis	4
Meningitis	3
Influenza	1
Bronchitis and Pneumonia	64
Diarrhoeal Diseases	37
Enteritis and Diseases of Digestive System ...	
Congenital Malformation, Atelectasis, Premature Birth, Debility and Marasmus	98
Other causes	42
	259

Maternity and Child Welfare Work.

The infant welfare work in the Borough has steadily increased. Dr. Scarisbrick terminated his duties as Assistant Medical Officer on the 1st May, and during the summer under my supervision the work was carried on by Dr. Winifred Buckley and Dr. Annette G. T. Anderson, who took the afternoon clinics, Dr. Buckley also taking the morning ante-natal clinic. While this arrangement worked fairly satisfactorily the Committee considered the increasing work called for

a whole-time Assistant, and Dr. Ronald Hunter commenced his duties on the 1st October. Dr. J. H. Rees, who had acted at the Tubercu-Dispensary also acted during a portion of August and September, pending Dr. Hunter taking up his duties.

By Order of the Council after obtaining the necessary confirmation, diarrhoea in children of two years and under was made a notifiable disease, and came into force on the 1st August.

It was found upon investigation that the work of the Albany Institute Clinic, which had in the early days of its establishment served mostly Deptford infants, had now comparatively few infants from the Borough, its clientele being drawn mainly from Greenwich. No doubt the opening of our municipal clinics, being nearer, had in large part attracted the mothers. The few still attending the Albany Clinic passed our own clinics on the way, and the Committee were of opinion that the time of the Council's Health Visitor who attended the Albany Clinic could be more usefully employed elsewhere. The severance of the Albany Institute as an affiliated clinic was decided upon not without regret, as undoubtedly it had in the past well served Deptford when the municipal clinics were only being thought of. The disassociation on the ground that the clinic was essentially a Greenwich one did not affect the grant which the Council still continued to make in respect of the four Deptford cots at the Babies' Home connected with the Albany Institute, to which cases continued to be sent, and in this way Deptford is still associated with the Institute which had done so much good work in the past.

HEALTH WEEK.

Health Week was held from the 2nd to the 8th May. On Thursday, 6th May, a meeting for mothers was held in Zion Chapel, New Cross Road, and on Saturday, the 8th, a mass meeting in Deptford Park.

VOLUNTARY WORKERS.

The Borough has been fortunate in the great interest which has taken in its Infant Welfare Work. With the large numbers attending the clinics and the many other duties which devolve upon the Health Visitors, it is no exaggeration to say that, but for the help of the ladies who assist voluntarily, the clinics would have been severely handicapped. These ladies who week after week carry on with a true missionary spirit this work, do so I am sure at considerable self-sacrifice. Not only does the undertaking of this work tie them down to regular

attendance (otherwise they would be of little use) but the distances of the clinics, such as Erlam Road and Gosterwood Street, involve loss of time and considerable walking.

It is work which I think does not always receive the grateful recognition it deserves, as it is from its nature carried on so quietly and unobtrusively, and yet is essentially work of the utmost importance, and which has far-reaching results.

The following table gives the number of cases in which free and assisted milk was supplied to mothers up to the end of the year:—

Applications considered by Milk Sub-Committee, Total, 1,559, dealt with as follows:—

Granted free	695
„ at half-price	458
„ at three-quarter price	113
Refused or adjourned for further enquiry	293

Cost of milk, year ended 31st March, 1921, including dried milk:—

	£	s.	d.
	3,513	7	11
Receipts	2,303	18	2
Net Cost	<u>£1,209</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

GOSTERWOOD HALL CLINIC.

1920.	No. of times Clinic opened.	New Cases.				Total New Cases.	Total Old Cases.	Total New and Old Cases.	Consultations with Doctor.
		Breast Fed.	Mixed.	Hand.	Ages 1-5.				
January ..	4	17	6	..	8	31	218	249	133
February ..	4	25	11	2	11	49	287	336	142
March ..	5	17	1	2	8	28	420	448	191
April ..	3	19	3	6	2	30	191	221	58
May ..	4	29	4	4	8	45	334	379	155
June ..	4	28	6	6	4	44	369	413	165
July ..	4	19	1	1	2	23	343	366	144
August ..	4	23	2	8	6	39	382	421	167
September ..	4	19	4	1	5	29	370	399	134
October ..	4	20	2	2	7	31	405	436	165
November ..	5	19	2	5	3	29	403	432	176
December ..	3	6	2	5	2	15	167	182	88
Total ..	48	241	44	42	66	393	3889	4282	1718

HALES STREET CLINIC.

1920	No. of times Clinic opened.	New Cases.				Total New Cases.	Total Old Cases.	Total New and Old Cases.	Consultations with Doctor.
		Breast Fed.	Mixed.	Hand.	Ages 1-5.				
January ..	5	29	7	6	2	42	197	239	88
February ..	4	29	2	4	3	35	233	268	72
March ..	4	16	1	8	2	25	217	242	72
April ..	5	17	4	3	4	24	176	200	64
May ..	4	14	1	2	1	17	174	191	61
June ..	4	13	1	3	1	17	162	179	40
July ..	5	22	..	4	4	26	197	223	57
August ..	4	14	2	4	..	20	217	237	61
September ..	5	15	..	1	1	16	221	237	63
October ..	4	19	..	3	2	22	368	390	89
November ..	4	18	1	3	3	22	233	305	78
December ..	4	7	..	1	1	8	346	354	77
Total ..	52	213	19	42	24	274	2798	3072	822

NAPIER STREET CLINIC.

1920.	No. of times Clinic opened.	New Cases.				Total New Cases.	Total Old Cases.	Total New and Old Cases.	Consultations with Doctor.
		Breast Fed.	Mixed.	Hand.	Ages 1-5.				
January ..	4	23	2	5	17	47	216	263	130
February ..	4	23	2	2	13	40	309	349	156
March ..	5	11	1	2	7	21	354	375	160
April ..	3	15	4	5	4	28	177	205	106
May ..	3	11	3	5	3	22	223	245	112
June ..	5	19	4	3	7	83	379	412	196
July.. ..	4	15	4	4	1	24	248	272	151
August ..	4	19	2	4	6	31	314	345	156
September..	4	16	3	5	6	29	298	327	161
October ..	4	21	3	6	6	36	377	413	200
November ..	5	16	..	5	3	24	430	454	194
December ..	3	4	1	1	..	6	172	178	80
Total ..	48	193	29	47	72	341	3497	3838	1802

GOLSMITHS' COLLEGE CLINIC.

1920	No. of times Clinic opened.	New Cases.				Total New Cases.	Total Old Cases.	Total New and Old Cases.	Consultations with Doctor.
		Breast Fed.	Mixed.	Hand.	Ages 1-5.				
January ..	5	23	1	9	6	39	398	437	113
February ..	4	25	4	7	2	38	350	388	152
March ..	4	14	1	4	7	26	334	360	130
April ..	4	18	5	3	6	32	358	390	138
May ..	3	14	2	3	3	22	264	286	104
June ..	4	30	5	7	3	45	321	366	116
July ..	5	21	5	8	4	38	452	490	181
August ..	4	14	3	11	2	30	428	458	155
September	5	25	4	6	4	39	588	627	194
October ..	4	17	..	4	3	24	515	539	171
November	4	14	..	4	3	21	423	444	161
December ..	3	5	1	8	1	15	306	321	136
Total ..	49	220	31	74	44	369	4737	5106	1751

BESSON STREET CLINIC.

1920.	No. of times Clinic opened.	New Cases.				Total New Cases.	Total Old Cases.	Total New and Old Cases.	Consultations with Doctor.
		Breast Fed.	Mixed.	Hand.	Ages 1-5.				
January ..	4	18	2	12	11	43	281	324	168
February ..	2	8	4	5	4	21	112	133	71
March ..	4	18	3	6	2	29	312	341	177
April ..	4	21	7	4	3	35	312	347	160
May ..	4	17	3	2	4	26	323	349	133
June ..	5	19	4	10	4	37	459	496	207
July ..	4	11	4	3	6	24	316	340	130
August ..	4	18	4	5	..	27	348	375	169
September ..	4	14	3	4	4	25	401	426	187
October ..	5	12	1	5	5	25	551	576	220
November ..	4	8	..	11	3	22	364	386	154
December ..	4	9	..	3	1	13	323	336	158
Total ..	48	173	39	70	47	329	4103	4430	1907

ERLAM ROAD CLINIC.

1920	No. of times Clinic opened.	New Cases.				Total New Cases.	Total Old Cases.	Total New and Old Cases.	Consultations with Doctor.
		Breast Fed.	Mixed.	Hand.	Ages 1-5.				
January ..	4	15	1	2	9	27	122	150	107
February ..	4	18	5	3	5	31	183	214	101
March ..	4	20	1	3	7	31	228	259	146
April ..	4	9	4	..	3	16	203	219	98
May ..	4	11	4	1	3	19	203	222	102
June ..	5	15	1	2	4	22	230	253	143
July ..	4	12	1	3	3	19	176	196	93
August ..	4	14	2	1	4	21	198	220	119
September ..	5	10	1	1	3	15	264	279	110
October ..	4	11	1	2	..	14	250	264	113
November ..	4	3	..	2	..	5	199	205	94
December ..	4	10	1	..	..	11	160	171	83
Total ..	50	148	22	20	41	231	2416	2652	1309

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS ACT.

The number of births notified under the Act was 3237, notifications being received as follows:—665 from doctors; 1,577 from midwives; 928 from parents; 133 from other persons. 117 parents were warned in respect of their delay in complying with the Act.

The distribution or visits in the different wards was as follows:—

Ward		E.	N.	N.W.	S.	S.E.	S.W.	Total.
Miss Baird ..	Visits	1016	..	..	..	..	..	1016
	Revisits	1848	..	..	..	..	..	1846
	Total	2864	..	..	..	..	..	2864
Miss Clubbe ..	Visits	..	..	..	..	..	825	825
	Revisits	..	..	..	..	..	1567	1567
	Total	..	..	..	..	..	2392	2392
Miss Holland ..	Visits	..	..	..	418	564	..	982
	Revisits	..	..	..	605	1367	..	1972
	Total	..	..	..	1023	1931	..	2954
Miss Piper ..	Visits	..	1370	..	..	..	..	1370
	Revisits	..	1972	..	..	..	..	1972
	Total	..	3342	..	..	..	..	3342
Miss Smart ..	Visits	855	..	..	..	..	..	855
	Revisits	1284	..	..	..	..	..	1284
	Total	2139	..	..	..	..	..	2139
Miss Stowell ..	Visits	..	..	1383	..	..	..	1383
	Revisits	..	..	2283	..	..	..	2283
	Total	..	..	3666	..	..	..	3666
Total	Visits	1871	1370	1383	418	564	825	6431
	Revisits	3132	1972	2283	605	1367	1567	10956
	Total	5003	3342	3666	1023	1931	2392	17357

SUMMARY OF WORK OF HEALTH VISITORS.

The work done by the health visitors is summarised in the following Table:—

	1st visits	Re-visits	Total
Births	3049	9878	12927
Still Births	81	124	205
Infant Deaths	235	2	237
Expectant Mothers	268	454	722
Puerperal Fever	15	13	28
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	26	84	110
Measles	356	150	506
Pneumonia	1	—	1
Diarrhoea	129	133	262
Verminous Children	33	25	58
Scabies	89	31	120
Miscellaneous	1011	9	1020
Unsuccessful visits	1138	23	1161
Totals ..	5,431	10,926	17,357

Feeding.

Of the 3,049 births visited (at first visit)—

2,711 Breast Fed. 159 Mixed Feeding. 179 Hand Fed.

Births Notified, Year 1920.

Ward.	Births Notified.			Alive.	Dead.	By whom Notified.			
	Total.	Male.	Female.			Parent.	Doctor.	Midwife	Other Person.
East ..	747	408	339	730	17	79	113	540	15
North ..	774	411	363	743	31	164	227	366	17
North-west	694	320	374	681	13	215	112	304	63
South ..	295	160	135	289	6	164	47	66	18
South-east	310	181	129	303	7	114	64	120	12
South-west	417	218	199	407	10	192	102	115	8
	3237	1698	1539	3153	84	928	665	1511	133

Table No. 1.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1920 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.			
		Un-corrected Number.	Nett.		Number.	Rate.	of Non-residents registered in the District.	of Residents not registered in the District.	Under 1 year of Age.		At all Ages.	
			Number.	Rate.					Number.	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births.	Number.	Rate.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1914	109,182	3,071	3,121	28.6	1,145	10.5	163	616	309	99	1,598	14.6
1915	110,299	2,891	2,955	26.8	1,406	12.7	144	700	391	132	1,962	17.8
1916	110,299	2,838	2,918	26.5	1,126	10.2	135	675	258	88	1,666	15.1
1917	103,527	2,262	2,329	20.4	1,091	10.5	161	733	239	102	1,663	16.0
1918	102,036*	2,085	2,093	18.3	1,361	13.3	230	696	205	97	1,827	17.9
1919	111,205*	23,96	2,426	20.5	1,051	9.5	202	620	207	85	1,469	13.0
1920	115,636*	3,191	3,276	28.3	1,003	10.1	207	612	259	79	1,408	12.2

*Civil population.

Area of District in acres (land and inland water). } 1,563.	Total population at all ages 109,496. Total families or separate occupiers, 25,040.	} At census 1911.
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Table No. 2.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD
CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1920.

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.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
All causes } Certified ..									
Enteric Fever	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Small Pox .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles	19	3	10	5	1	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Whooping Cough	16	7	4	4	1	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria and Croup	21	..	..	13	8	..	..	..	..
Influenza	16	1	..	1	1	2	5	4	2
Erysipelas	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Phthisis									
(Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	128	1	..	..	6	29	53	37	2
Tuberculous Meningitis	11	3	2	1	3	1	..	1	..
Other Tuberculous Diseases	18	..	1	1	7	3	2	2	2
Cancer, malignant disease.. ..	116	..	..	..	..	1	10	64	41
Rheumatic Fever	19	..	..	..	8	2	4	5	..
Meningitis	8	3	..	4	..	..	..	1	..
Organic Heart Disease	107	1	..	..	3	2	17	41	43
Bronchitis	134	24	3	3	2	1	6	35	60
Pneumonia (all forms)	124	37	12	10	1	4	15	31	14
Other diseases of Respiratory Organs	25	3	1	2	..	1	4	7	7
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	44	37	2	..	..	..	..	3	2
Appendicitis and Typhlitis.. ..	6	..	..	1	1	1	3	..	..
Cirrhosis of Liver	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
Alcoholism	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Nephritis & Bright's Disease	24	..	..	..	2	1	7	9	5
Puerperal Fever	11	..	..	..	..	1	8	2	..
Other accidents and diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Premature Birth	102	98	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Violent Deaths (excluding Suicides)	45	5	1	..	6	11	3	12	7
Suicides	14	..	..	..	..	1	5	6	2
Other defined diseases	389	36	..	3	8	9	41	77	215
Diseases ill-defined or unknown	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	1408	259	39	49	60	70	186	341	404

Table No. 3.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.

INFANTILE MORTALITY, 1920.

Nett Deaths from stated causes at various Ages under 1 year of Age.

CAUSE OF DEATH.		Under 1 week.	1 to 2 weeks.	2 to 3 weeks.	3 to 4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months.	3 months and under 6 months.	6 months and under 9 months.	9 months and under 12 months.	Total Deaths under 1 year.
All Causes	Certified ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Uncertified ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Small Pox	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chicken Pox	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	7
Diphtheria and Croup	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuberculous Meningitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	3
Abdominal Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Tuberculous Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Meningitis (not Tuberculous)	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	3
Convulsions	..	3	2	..	..	5	3	..	1	1	10
Laryngitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bronchitis	..	2	1	2	1	6	10	7	1	..	24
Pneumonia (all forms)	..	..	..	..	2	2	9	14	7	5	37
Diarrhœa	..	..	..	1	..	1	5	2	1	1	10
Enteritis	..	..	1	..	2	3	11	9	1	4	28
Gastritis	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	3
Syphilis	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Rickets	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suffocation, overlaying	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Injury at Birth	..	5	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	6
Atelectasis	..	4	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	5
Congenital Malformations	..	3	1	..	1	5	2	1	..	1	9
Premature Birth	..	37	4	3	1	45	6	4	..	..	55
Atrophy, Debility, and Marasmus	..	7	3	1	1	12	16	5	1	..	34
Other Causes	..	4	1	2	1	8	5	3	1	2	19
		65	14	9	9	97	74	51	20	17	259

Nett Births—Legitimate, 3192 ; Illegitimate, 84.

Nett Deaths—Legitimate infants, 241 ; Illegitimate infants, 18.

Table No. 4.
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.
CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1920.

Notifiable Disease	Number of cases notified.								Total cases notified in each Ward.						Total Cases Reported to Hospital.	
	At all Ages	At Ages—Years							East Ward	North Ward	North-West Ward	South Ward	South-East Ward	South-West Ward		
		Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	65 and upwards								
Small-pox
Cholera...
Diphtheria including Membranous Croup	315	5	79	180	32	17	2	..	48	65	65	33	47	57	296	
Erysipelas	92	2	2	8	11	30	20	9	37	16	9	2	8	10	..	
Scarlet fever	723	7	174	467	56	18	1	..	118	210	175	52	88	80	701	
Typhus fever.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Enteric fever	11	..	1	3	4	3	..	..	1	2	4	1	3	..	9
Relapsing fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Continued fever .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal fever	18	..	..	..	6	12	..	..	7	4	2	2	2	1	17
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poliomyelitis .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	250	..	3	40	55	94	55	3	84	68	43	8	29	18	110	
Other forms of Tuberculosis	68	7	12	26	10	9	4	..	21	15	18	4	6	4	5	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	26	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	7	3	..	..	4	8
Anthrax	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Infantile Enteritis	162	96	66	..	..	..	..	..	104	30	6	2	12	8	..
Acute Pneumonia	82	6	19	12	9	21	13	2	30	9	27	4	8	4	..	
Malaria	23	..	..	..	6	15	2	..	9	5	6	..	1	2	..
Dysentery	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Enceph. Lethargica	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	2
Totals	1765	149	356	746	181	221	98	14	472	431	361	109	204	188	1148	

**Infectious and other
Diseases.**

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The list of notifiable infectious diseases has been extended and now includes the following diseases, *viz.*:—Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Erysipelas, Enteric Fever, Puerperal Fever, Cerebro-Spinal Fever, Pulmonary Tuberculosis, other Tuberculous Diseases, Smallpox, Ophthalmia Neonatorum, Poliomyelitis, Anthrax, Primary Pneumonia, Influenzal Pneumonia, Malaria, Dysentery, Trench Fever, Encephalitis lethargica Polio-Encephalitis and Diarrhœa in children of two years of age and under.

Notifiable Infectious Diseases. Under the provisions of Public Health (London) Act, 1881, and the Tuberculosis Regulations, 1,765 notifications of cases of infectious diseases were received, as compared with 3,087 in 1919. This decrease is entirely due to the fact that by Order of the Ministry of Health, Measles is no longer a notifiable disease.

Deaths from Epidemic Diseases. To the seven principal epidemic diseases (Small-pox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Enteric Fever, Diarrhœal Diseases) 98 deaths were ascribed, and the death-rate from them was 0·8 per 1,000 of the estimated civilian population, as against 0·7 per 1,000 in the preceding year. A summary of the deaths from epidemic diseases will be found in Table 2, and a list of the cases notified in Table 4.

Bacteriological Examinations

made at the Seamen's Hospital.

Material.		Total Specimens examined.	Number positive.	Number negative.
Swabs for Diphtheria	...	469	97	372
Sputa for Tuberculosis	...	22	3	19
Blood for Enteric Fever	...	13	2	11
Blood for Wassermann reaction		1	—	1
Films for Gonococcus	...	4	—	4
Total	...	509	102	407

In addition to the above, 578 specimens of sputa were examined at the Council's Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Small-Pox.

It is satisfactory to note that no case of Small-pox was notified during the year. No deaths have occurred from this complaint in the Borough since 1902, in which year there were 30 deaths out of a total of 139 cases; in the next year only two cases were notified with no deaths. In 1918 one case was notified which ended in recovery.

Scarlet Fever.

	1920	Average of previous 10 years.
Number of cases	723	415
„ deaths	2	9
Death rate per 1,000 in Deptford ...	0·02	0·07

747 notifications were received during the year 1920, relating to 723 cases. Of these, 12 cases were errors in diagnosis and cases which occurred in hospital, thus reducing the net number of cases to 711.

The number of cases for 1920 was in excess of that in the previous year.

The deaths were 2, compared with 9, 3 and 6 in the 3 preceding years.

The death-rate was 0·02 per 1,000, and for the three preceding years 0·02, 0·03 and 0·05 respectively.

The rate of mortality for England and Wales was 0·04, for the 96 great towns 0·04, for the 148 smaller towns 0·03, for the County of London 0·05 per 1,000.

Seven hundred and one of these cases were removed to hospital, and previous records show that the percentage of deaths is much lower if the patient is treated in hospital than if nursed at home.

Diphtheria.

	1920	Average for previous 10 years.
Number of Cases	315	219
Number of Deaths	21	18
Death-rate per 1,000	0·18	0·16

The total number of notifications received was 321, relating to 315 cases. Of the number notified, 11 were errors of diagnosis, reducing the number of cases to 304 compared with 261, 240 and 195 for the previous three years.

Twenty-one deaths were registered during the year. The rate of mortality was 0'18 per 1,000.

The death-rate for England and Wales was 0'15, for the 96 great towns 0'16, for the 148 smaller towns 0'14, and for the County of London 0'22. The disease was most prevalent in the latter part of the year.

The cases were distributed in the various wards as follows:—

East 48, North 65, North-West 65, South 33, South-East 47, and South-West 57. Two hundred and ninety-six cases were removed to hospital.

Enteric Fever.

	1920	Average of previous 10 years.
Number of Cases	11	15
Number of Deaths	1	4
Death-rate per 1,000	0'01	0'03

During the past year we had 11 cases notified, as compared with 8 cases in 1919.

One death was attributed to that disease during the year.

The death-rate for Deptford was 0'01 per 1,000. The case mortality for 1920 was 9 per cent., compared with 25 per cent. last year.

The rate of mortality for England and Wales was 0'01, for the 96 great towns 0'01, for the 148 smaller towns 0'02, and for the County of London 0'01.

The cases were distributed in the different wards as follows:—East 1, North 2, North-West 4, South-East 3 and South 1.

Bacteriological examinations were made of 13 specimens of blood, of which 2 were found to be positive and 11 negative.

Erysipelas.

	1920	Average of previous 10 years.
Number of Cases	82	145
Number of Deaths	2	—

Eighty-two cases of Erysipelas have been notified during 1920. There were two deaths registered from the disease.

Puerperal Fever.

		1920	Average for previous 10 years.
Number of Cases	... ..	18	4
Number of Deaths	... ..	11	—

Eighteen cases of puerperal fever were notified, compared with 9, 5 and 3 for the three years preceding.

The case mortality was 61 per cent. compared with 33·3 per cent. for 1919 and 90 per cent. for 1918.

Should a case of Puerperal Fever be notified it is carefully enquired into by the Medical Officer of Health and the Health Visitor. Disinfection is carried out, and every effort made to prevent further cases.

In addition to the above the following section of the rules of the Central Midwives' Board was rigorously enforced :—

“Whenever a midwife has been in attendance upon a patient suffering from puerperal fever or from any other illness supposed to be infectious, she must disinfect herself and all her instruments and other appliances, to the satisfaction of the local Sanitary Authority, and must have her clothing thoroughly disinfected before going to another labour. Unless otherwise directed by the supervising authority, all washable clothing should be boiled, and other clothing should be sent to be stoved (by the local Sanitary Authority), and then exposed freely to the open air for several days.”

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Twenty-six cases were notified during the year, and were visited by the Health Visitors. Twelve of the cases were in the East Ward, seven in the North Ward, three in the North-West Ward and four in the South-West Ward.

Epidemic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis, Acute Polio-Myelitis or Polio-Encephalitis.

No cases of these diseases were notified in the borough, but we have received notifications from the County Council of cases occurring in other Metropolitan Boroughs.

Plague.

No case of plague occurred during the year.

Chicken Pox.

This disease was not notifiable in 1920 and there were no deaths, although a fair number of cases occurred amongst school children.

Glanders.

No case of the above disease was notified during the year.

Anthrax.

One case of Anthrax was notified in the person of a man, aged 39 years, resident in this Borough and employed by a firm of hide and skin dressers in the Borough of Bermondsey. The pustule developed on the neck. The patient received prompt treatment at Guy's Hospital and recovered.

Continued and Typhus Fever.

No case of Continued Fever was notified during the year.

We have had no case of Typhus Fever since 1903, when we had one case, and in 1901 we had eight cases.

Diarrhœa and Enteritis.

	1920	Average of previous 10 years.
Number of Cases notified ...	162	—
Number of Deaths	44	73
Death-rate per 1,000 (all ages)	0·38	0·48
Death-rate per 1,000 (under two years of age)	0·34	0·45

Death-rate in 1911 per 1,000 was 1·72.

These diseases were the cause of 44 deaths during 1920. Of this number 37 were of children under one year of age, 39 of the 44 being under two years of age.

The death rate was 0·38 per 1,000 at all ages, and 0·34 for infants under two years of age.

The cases of this disease occurred among the inhabitants of the various Wards as follows :—

East 104.	North 30	North-West 6.
South 2.	South-East 12.	South-West 8.

Measles.

	1920.	Average for previous 10 years.
Number of Deaths	19	49
Death rate per 1,000, Deptford	0·16	0·42

The number of cases of Measles dealt with during the year was 356, as compared with 1,439 for the previous year with 19 deaths.

The cases occurred among the inhabitants of the various wards as follows :—

East 87	North 72	North-West 78
South 43	South-East 49	South-West 27

The rate of mortality for England and Wales was 0·19, for the 96 great towns 0·22, for the 148 smaller towns 0·19, and for the Metropolis as a whole 0·22.

Whooping Cough.

	1920	Average for previous 10 years.
Number of Deaths	16	34
Death-rate per 1,000, Deptford...	0·14	0·30

This disease was the cause of 16 deaths, compared with 1, 30 and 24 for the three preceding years.

The death-rate per 1,000 persons living was 0·14 as compared with 0·11 for England and Wales, 0·14 for the 96 great towns, 0·10 for the 148 smaller towns and 0·17 for the County of London.

Leprosy.

There were no known cases of Leprosy in the borough during the year.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Number of cases notified in 1920	250
Number of deaths	128
Death-rate per 1,000, Deptford	1·1

Phthisis was the cause of 128 deaths during 1920, compared with 133 for 1919.

The death-rate was 1·1 per 1,000 persons, compared with 1·2 and 1·6 for the two preceding years.

The following table gives the number of cases notified in each ward:—

East	...	...	84	South	..	...	8
North	...	...	68	South-east	...	...	29
North-west	...	...	43	South-west	...	...	18
Whole Borough			...	...	...	...	250

AGES AT WHICH DEATH OCCURRED.

Under 1	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65 & upwards.	All Ages.
1	—	6	29	53	37	2	128

General Tuberculosis.

Twenty-nine deaths were recorded as being due to these diseases.

Eleven deaths were classified as tuberculous meningitis and 18 as other tuberculous diseases.

Sixty-eight cases were notified, their distribution being shown in the following table:—

East Ward	...	...	21	South Ward	...	...	4
North Ward	...	...	15	South-East Ward	...	...	6
North-West Ward	...	...	18	South-West Ward	...	...	4

The following gives the ages at which death occurred:—

CAUSE.	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	65 and upwards.
Tubercular Meningitis } ...	3	2	1	3	1	—	1	—
Other Tubercular Diseases }	—	1	1	7	3	2	2	2

Disinfection was carried out as in previous years when patients left their homes to enter sanatoria, Poor Law Institutions, etc., and in the case of death.

Tuberculosis Control.

On the 22nd January the Borough Council approved of the establishment of a Home of Rest for advanced cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, jointly with neighbouring boroughs. The scheme, however, was finally abandoned in view of the fact that the central authorities were making provision vitally affecting the future administration of the control and treatment of tuberculosis in London.

Dr. Murdoch Macdonald resigned his post of Tuberculosis Officer in June, 1920, and from the 19th July I had the temporary assistance of Dr. J. R. Rees, pending the present Tuberculosis Officer, Dr. Donnelly taking up his duties, which he did on August 23rd.

Dr. Donnelly has prepared a summary of the tuberculosis work which is appended. In reference to his remarks regarding the home conditions, both the suggestions regarding the obtaining of extra accommodation—grant in aid of an extra room—and in certain cases the giving of a bed on loan—I have had experience of. The extra accommodation subsidised did not find favour many years ago with the Local Government Board owing to difficulties of financial control, but I have seen the same system applied by a Society. The loaning of beds is more feasible, but in all these matters the difficulty in London is multiple control. The patient comes under the dispensary or not, and is under another authority for indoor institutional treatment, while the home attention of the insured devolves upon the panel doctor. These conditions do not make for simplification. An authority which controls all tuberculosis work, including treatment, can in suitable cases easily lend beds.

Advanced cases are best dealt with in a home such as was considered as I have before mentioned.

The work of the After Care Committee in Deptford has been so well carried out that it seems but a just reward that it receive all the supplementary assistance possible.

Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Dr. Donnelly reports as follows:—

In June of this year, Dr. Macdonald, who was Tuberculosis Officer of the Borough for six years, resigned, and a *locum tenens* carried on the work until the present Tuberculosis Officer took up his duties at the end of August.

This report must consequently suffer from the loss of Dr. Macdonald's many year's experience of the patients and their conditions of life and from the interruption necessitated by the change over.

During 1920, new cases to the number of 689 were examined at the Dispensary. This includes 251 contacts and also 61 ex-service men who were referred to the Dispensary by the Ministry of Pensions.

Of the total number examined 190 were insured persons. The number of attendances recorded by all patients was 6,615, being 816 more than last year. Of the new cases 199 were found to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis and 38 from non-pulmonary tuberculosis: 127 were doubtful and kept under observation and the remainder were discharged as non-tuberculous.

Death—Notification Interval. In amplification of the statement made last year with reference to this point, an examination of 157 deaths belonging to the Borough attributed to tuberculosis in the death returns reveals the following information:—

	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
Cases not notified	26	18
Cases notified at death ...	15	5
Cases notified one month before death	8	3
Cases notified three months before death	19	2
Cases notified six months before death	6	—
Cases notified more than six months before death ...	54	1

Of the cases not notified, more than half were deaths occurring in Institutions. Whatever the condition of the patient on admission, a diagnosis of tuberculosis must have been arrived at before death and ought to have been notified. It must be borne in mind that notification is the only means of bringing the disease to the knowledge of the Public Health Department, and that the earlier the notification the more valuable the information.

During the year 318 cases (250 pulmonary and 68 non-pulmonary) were notified. The distribution of the cases is shewn below:—

WARD DISTRIBUTION.

	E.	N.	N.W.	S.	S.E.	S.W.	Total.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	84	68	43	8	29	18	250
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis ..	21	15	18	4	6	4	68
	105	83	61	12	35	22	318

This gives an incidence figure per year (pulmonary tuberculosis) of 2.7 per 1,000 on an estimated population of 115,636. With regard to the patients attending the dispensary the same procedure and the same methods of treatment were carried out as have been indicated in previous reports.

It was found as the result of the continued growth in the number of attendances at the Dispensary, that on some days as many as 70 or more attendances were registered. With such numbers, sufficient attention and examinations as frequently as desirable could not be given in each case, and it was therefore decided that the number of sessions should be increased and the following time-table was adopted in November :—

Monday and Thursday...	9.30 to 11 a.m.	Men.
Tuesday Evening ...	6.30 ,, 7.30 p.m.	Men at work.
Tuesday and Friday ...	9.30 ,, 11 a.m.	Women.
Friday Evening ...	6.30 ,, 7.30 p.m.	Women at work.
Monday	2.0 ,, 3.0 p.m.	Children NOT at School.
Saturday... ..	9.30 ,, 11.0 a.m.	Children attending School.

This it will be seen gives separate times for men and women, another evening session and a Saturday morning session for school children, so that schooling is interfered with as little as possible. Notice of this change was given to the medical profession, and the opportunity was taken of drawing their attention to the great importance of the examination of "contacts," to secure their co-operation in this respect.

The return of work shows also a continued increase in the clerical and bacteriological work which has been carried out very willingly by the clerk-dispenser.

The suggested joint home for Deptford, Greenwich and Lewisham, referred to by Dr. Macdonald in his last report has not been established, so that for the majority of advanced cases the Deptford and Greenwich Hospital is the only available institution affording the necessary treatment. Very many patients will not go there as long as they can struggle along in their own homes where they remain centres of

infection. It is just in their last days that owing to the continued attention they need from the other members of the family, and to weakness, preventing their taking proper precautions, they are most liable to infect, especially under the home conditions in which so many of our people live. The investigation of the sleeping arrangements of another 300 patients showed that only 105 slept in a separate room, 121 slept with another person in the room, nearly always in the same bed. The remainder had two or more persons also in the room, and in only a few of these had the patient a separate bed. Not only is infection spread in this way, but where patients have had good sanatorium treatment the good results obtained are not likely to be maintained under such conditions.

Experience of the work of the whole-time nurse shows that adequate visiting and re-visiting, following up of "contacts" and "observation" and "supervision" cases cannot be done by one nurse, who has the work to do in addition to attendances at Dispensary during the hours patients are seen. It is intended to ask the Council's sanction for the temporary appointment of a part-time nurse and to make subsequent recommendations on the result of this measure if adopted.

The Care Committee's work is rendered difficult by post war conditions, lack of funds and voluntary visiting, which latter is still carried out almost entirely by the Hon. Secretary. It would be of great advantage for prevention and treatment if a fund could be created whereby help could be given in the way of clothing, money to assist payment of cost of better accommodation, such as another house, room or bed, and rest periods or holidays for patients (or for non-tubercular contacts who are in poor health and liable to be easily infected, or for boarding children of tuberculous parents away from their homes with healthy foster parents in good circumstances).

During the year 111 patients were admitted to sanatoria. Four notifications on Form C of cases admitted to Poor Law Institutions were received, though the actual number of such admissions was much in excess of this. The discrepancy arises owing to the fact that many cases which should properly have been notified on Form C were notified on Form A, probably under the impression that they were primary notifications.

Full details as to the work of the dispensary will be found in the tables appended.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.

RETURN AS TO WORK carried out in connection with the Deptford Dispensary for the period from 1st January, 1920, to 31st December, 1920.

	Insured.		Uninsured.		
	Males.	Females.	Children under 16.	Adults.	
				Males.	Females.
1. (a) Number of persons examined for the first time during the above period at or in connection with the Dispensary	129	51	353	43	113
(b) Number included under 1 (a) who were found to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis	76	23	65	9	26
(c) Number included under 1 (a) who were found to be suffering from non-pulmonary tuberculosis	6	1	27	—	4
(d) Number included under 1 (a) who were found to be non-tuberculous	32	15	204	22	52
(e) Number included under 1 (a) in whom the diagnosis was found to be doubtful	15	12	57	12	31

	Insured.	Uninsured.
2. (a) Total attendances at the Dispensary (including attendances at the Dispensary of persons included under 1 (a))	2985	3630
(b) Number of the above attendances at which systematical physical examinations and records were made	748	984
3. Number of visits to patients at their own homes by the Dispensary medical officers in connection with the supervision of home conditions	54	30
4. Number of visits to patients at their own homes by the Dispensary nurses in connection with the supervision of home conditions and "following up"	913	994
5. Number of persons suffering from or suspected to be suffering from tuberculosis referred to the Hospital to which the Dispensary is affiliated	16	39
6. Number of consultations with the—		
(a) Medical Adviser of the Insurance Committee	—	—
(b) Consulting Physicians at the Hospital to which the Dispensary is affiliated	—	—
(c) Practitioners at the homes of patients	62	20
7. Number of written reports concerning individual patients made to—		
(a) Public authorities	695	248
(b) Practitioners	52	15
8. Number of specimens of sputum examined	378	200

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1912 AND PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS (No. 2), 1918.

Summary of Notifications for the period from 4th January, 1920 to 1st January, 1921.

	Notifications on Form A.												Notifications on Form B.				Number of Notifications on Form C.			
	Age Periods.											* Total Notifications on Form A.	Number of Primary Notifications.			* Total Notifications on Form B.	Cases admitted to			
	0-1	1-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65 and up		Total Primary Notifications.	Under 5	5-10		10-15	Total Primary Notifications.	Poor Law Institutions.	Sanatoria.
Pulmonary—																				
Males ...	...	1	12	7	9	12	29	23	31	8	3	135	167	1	1	...	2	2	...	63
Females ...	...	...	6	12	14	20	25	17	8	8	...	110	137	1	1	1	3	4	3	44
Non-Pulmonary																				
Males ...	1	7	9	9	7	1	4	1	...	2	...	41	46	...	...	2	2	3	1	2
Females ...	6	4	4	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	...	23	25	1	...	1	2	3	...	2

* Re-notifications.

Pneumonia.

There were 82 cases of Pneumonia notified as being associated with Influenza.

30 cases from the East-Ward, 9 from the North, 27 from the North-West, 4 from the South, 8 from the South-East, and 4 from the South-West; 25 of the cases were under 5 years of age.

The deaths from Pneumonia of all forms numbered 124, of these 37 were under one year of age, 22 under 5 years, and 14 were 65 years and upwards.

Bronchitis.

There were 134 deaths from Bronchitis which was most severe in the East and North Wards.

Influenza.

There were 16 deaths from this disease, 11 of them being adults over 25 years of age.

Disinfecting Work—Shelter.

The Public Health (London) Act, 1891, Section 60, Sub-Section 4, imposes on the Sanitary Authority the duty of making provision for the temporary housing of persons who are compelled to leave their dwellings for the purpose of enabling such dwellings to be disinfected by the Sanitary Authority.

The accommodation provided consists of a detached building containing two separate and distinct tenements, each consisting of two bedrooms, kitchen, larder, bathroom, and w.c. The shelter was not used during the year.

The disinfection of infected clothing and bedding has been carried out at the Disinfecting Station, Watson Street.

Table

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PREMISES, ROOMS AND BEDDING
DISINFECTED DURING THE YEAR 1920.

Date 1920	Premises.	Rooms.	Beds.	Pillows.	Bolsters.	Mattresses.	Sheets.	Blankets.	Odd articles	Articles destroyed.
January ..	149	165	85	162	72	22	68	106	110	
February ..	90	92	60	138	40	25	44	87	148	
March ..	115	122	68	161	55	46	76	109	449	1 bed, 2 palliasses, 2 pillows, 1 bolster, 55 odd articles
April ..	102	118	56	117	42	20	46	85	113	15 odd articles
May ..	111	131	49	121	38	21	43	60	69	2 mattresses, 1 blanket, 3 odd articles
June ..	113	122	52	103	31	20	80	32	61	2 beds, 2 palliasses
July ..	93	101	31	98	35	20	50	48	178	1 bed
August ..	70	79	38	77	28	12	36	43	52	
September ..	133	139	81	160	68	30	70	59	85	1 mattress, 1 pillow
October ..	166	175	96	183	71	35	77	110	133	2 beds, 1 mattress, 1 bolster, 2 odd articles
November	167	169	94	228	77	48	80	145	215	2 beds, 1 mattress, 3 pillows
December	182	202	125	265	102	38	134	214	278	
Total ..	1491	1615	835	1813	659	337	804	1098	1891	

Table

SHOWING NUMBER OF ROOMS DISINFECTED AFTER THE
FOLLOWING DISEASES.

1920 Date	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Erysipelas.	Puerperal Fever.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Measles.	Enteric Fever.	Cancer.	Scabies.	Anthrax.	Influenza.	Pneumonia.	Senile Decay.	Whooping Cough.
January ..	71	32	..	2	11	44	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..
February ..	57	20	1	2	4	1	..	2	..	..	1	2	..	..
March ..	52	27	2	..	14	5	2	3	9	..	1	1	..	..
April ..	38	25	1	..	38	3	..	..	4	..	3	2	..	..
May ..	36	20	..	2	31	9	..	2	4	..	..	4	..	..
June ..	27	24	..	..	30	1	..	3	7	..	..	3	1	..
July ..	22	29	..	..	27	1	2	2	8	..	..	..	..	1
August ..	26	16	..	..	25	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..
September ..	69	29	..	4	31	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	..	..
October ..	95	31	..	2	28	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
November	100	33	1	3	24	..	..	6	1	..	..	1	..	..
December	145	19	1	..	29	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..
Total ..	938	305	6	15	292	65	4	25	35	1	5	18	2	1

Special Cases.

Jan.	26th—Abinger Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 2 pillows, 2 bolsters—disinfected.
Feb.	6th—St. Donatt's Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 3 pillows, 1 bolster, 1 mattress, 1 sheet—disinfected.
Mar.	17th—St. Donatt's Road.	Cancer.	9 mattresses, 4 pillows, 1 bolster, 2 blankets, 3 odd articles—disinfected.
"	17th—Brockley Road.	Cancer.	1 mattress, 2 pillows, 1 bolster, 2 odd articles—disinfected.
June	5th—Blockhouse Street.	Cancer.	1 bed, 1 mattress, 2 pillows—disinfected.
July	14th—Evelyn Street.	Cancer.	1 bed, 5 pillows, 1 bolster, 1 blanket—disinfected.
"	30th—Waller Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 2 pillows, 1 bolster, 1 mattress, 1 sheet, 1 odd article—disinfected.
Sept.	22nd—Endwell Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 1 mattress, 2 pillows, 3 bolsters, 2 blankets, 3 odd articles—disinfected.
Oct.	6th—Ludwick Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 1 bolster—destroyed.
Nov.	4th—Kitto Road.	Cancer.	1 bed, 4 pillows, 1 bolster, 2 odd articles—disinfected.
"	11th—Harcourt Road.	Cancer.	1 bed—disinfected.
"	23rd—Douglas Street.	Cancer.	1 bed, 4 pillows, 1 bolster, 1 sheet, 2 blankets, 10 odd articles—disinfected.
Dec.	20th—Seymour Street.	Cancer.	1 bed—disinfected.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

Seventy-five premises consisting of 112 rooms were fumigated during the year.

BOOKS.

Two hundred and eighty-four Library books were disinfected during the year.

CLEANSING STATION.

One thousand seven hundred and seventy two articles of clothing were disinfected during the year.

Total number of Premises disinfected	..	..	..	1491
" " Rooms	"	"	"	1615
" " Beds	"	"	"	835
" " Pillows	"	"	"	1803
" " Bolsters	"	"	"	659
" " Mattresses	"	"	"	337
" " Sheets	"	"	"	804
" " Blankets	"	"	"	1098
" " Odd Articles	"	"	"	1891
			Total articles	7427
Total number of Beds destroyed	..	..	..	9
" " Mattresses	"	"	"	5
" " Palliasses	"	"	"	4
" " Bolsters	"	"	"	2
" " Pillows	"	"	"	6
" " Odd Articles	"	"	"	77
			Total	103

N.B.—The above Articles were destroyed at the request of the owners

1,457 children received baths and had their clothing disinfected. In 654 instances this process was required to be repeated a second time within a month, and in 544 instances a third bath and disinfection was required. Thus, 2,655 baths in all were given.

The number of rooms disinfected by the Council's staff during the year was 1,615.

Disinfecting fluid is supplied gratis in cases of infectious disease where required.

For the removal of infected bedding, etc., and its return after disinfection an adequate staff is maintained. There are two vans employed, one used for collecting infected materials, and the other a pure van for returning them after disinfection is completed. One man is employed for collection, and another for returning the sterilised materials.

Cleansing and disinfection of 1,615 rooms in 1,491 houses in which infectious diseases, etc., have occurred, have been carried out under the direction of your Medical Officer of Health. The infected rooms have been fumigated, and when necessary the walls of the disinfected portion of the house have been stripped and the ceilings cleansed.

MORTUARY REPORT for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

Bodies Received, etc.

Total.	Male.	Female.	Inquests.	Post-mortems.	Under 1 year of age.	Unknown.	Deposited to await burial only.	Infectious.	Remarks.
132	79	53	130	74	17	1	2	1 1 deposit 1 inquest	See below

Six bodies were left on deposit after inquests to await burial, two bodies were detained after inquests to await burial (advanced decomposition), one body detained to await burial after inquest (infectious—scarlet fever), one body received into Mortuary (infectious—scarlet fever), by order of the Public Health Authority; two bodies were in a very verminous and neglected condition on arrival at Mortuary.

Boroughs of which deceased persons were residents.

Deptford	...	...	60	Forest Hill	...	...	1
Rotherhithe	...	...	2	Camberwell	...	...	2
Greenwich	...	...	22	Bradford (Yorks)...	...	...	1
Lewisham	...	...	18	Sheerness	...	...	1
Bermondsey	...	...	6	Chislehurst	...	...	1
Woolwich	...	...	3	Poplar	...	...	2
Plumstead	...	...	4	Peckham	...	...	1
Westminster	...	...	1	Bethnal Green	...	...	1
Sydenham	...	...	2	Forest Gate	...	...	1
Belvedere	...	...	2	Liverpool	...	...	1
			Total	...	132		

**General
Sanitary Administration.**

Work of Sanitary Inspectors.

The work performed by the District Inspectors represents, as usual, a very large number of inspections. The total inspections and visits to premises numbered 26,346. The figures stated above related to 5,943 houses in which sanitary improvements of one kind and another were effected, as shown in the following table. The premises visited included stable yards, manure depots, vacant land, passages, public urinals, urinals attached to public houses, etc. 2,036 house-to-house inspections were made.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1920.

Table No. 1.

	Number of District.								Totals
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Complaints Received... ..	16	28	52	53	71	52	79	36	387
Total Premises Inspected	891	352	839	995	829	820	825	392	5943
Re-Inspections, Calls, Service of Notices, &c., &c.	3033	1191	2755	3197	2899	3298	2565	1465	20403
Inspections under notice from Contractors, per Bye-Laws	38	16	9	20	25	13	35	1	157
Number of Cases in which Proceedings have been taken	2	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	6
"Intimations" Served	487	123	462	593	570	605	551	312	3703
"Statutory Notices" Served	68	...	17	9	91	61	18	4	268
Houses closed by Magistrate's Order	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " voluntarily ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Water Closets—									
Old Closets abolished ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
New Closets provided ... ..	...	...	1	1	...	...	4	...	6
" " " in Workshops ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Basin and Trap provided	28	8	7	26	35	41	48	22	215
Water Supply provided ... ..	...	...	22	...	...	7	9	5	43
Water Supply Apparatus provided	60	2	10	27	49	33	1	...	182
Limewashed	30	3	5	5	22	51	38	46	200
Walls Repaired	25	...	4	13	12	48	40	21	163
Floors Repaired	10	...	4	4	3	6	2	5	34
Doors provided or repaired and fastening provided	2	...	13	3	19	7	7	11	62
Ventilated ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	6	1	2	10
Seats provided or repaired	15	1	2	3	3	11	9	4	48
Basins Cleansed ... ..	...	...	2	1	2	9	4	...	18
Miscellaneous Repairs ... ..	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	6
Drains—									
Drains Re-constructed ... ..	...	..	8	17	9	24	2	5	55
Surface Drains provided ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
Cleansed and Amended	42	28	48	20	44	70	33	19	304
Gully Traps fixed	9	13	...	22	11	37	17	...	109
New Soil Pipes and Vent Pipes fixed	10	4	5	2	12	21	27	...	81
Chambers built and Interceptors provided ... ..	...	...	2	3	5	18	2	1	31
Interceptors only fixed ... ..	...	...	...	1	1	3	...	...	5
Ventilated	10	...	4	17	12	...	...	...	43
Provided to Stables ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clearing Eyes ... ..	...	...	...	4	5	9	...	...	18
Miscellaneous Repairs ... ..	...	...	...	...	4	16	...	...	20
Sinks, Bath & Lavatory Wastes, and Rain Water Pipes—									
Disconnected from drains, trapped and ventilated ... ..	...	5	8	40	33	39	...	26	151

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTORS
FOR THE YEAR 1920—continued.

Table—continued.	Number of District.								Totals
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Cesspools—									
Abolished ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dustbins—									
Provided	75	99	140	139	217	180	235	138	1223
Repaired ... ..	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	5
Yards—									
Paved ... ..	...	...	...	7	...	14	57	...	78
Surface Repaired	35	1	21	10	31	59	...	38	195
Urinals—									
Cleansed and Tarred ... ..	...	...	...	1	2	2	...	...	5
Doors provided or repaired ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scullery & Wash-house—									
Floors paved or repaired	10	...	15	16	32	9	...	11	93
Coppers repaired ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Forecourts—									
Paved ... ..	...	...	2	3	5	1	...	2	13
Surface Repaired ... ..	...	1	...	...	8	1	...	11	21
Gutters and Rain Water Pipes									
Provided and Repaired	56	20	47	72	132	155	98	83	663
Water Supply—									
Store Cisterns provided ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Covers provided ... ..	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	5
" " Cleansed ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " abolished ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	5
Supply Reinstated ... ..	...	...	6	1	2	1	3	...	13
Fittings Repaired	23	15	...	19	47	38	73	12	227
New Houses Inspected for Certificates before Occupation ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Potable Water provided from Service ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cleansing and Repairs—									
Houses Cleansed and Limewashed	205	25	259	327	239	340	322	145	1862
Houses repaired and Ventilation improved	200	31	50	95	175	220	174	160	1105
House roofs repaired	55	18	72	84	179	110	104	...	622
Miscellaneous Repairs	18	...	...	122	205	136	...	...	401
Dampness abated ... ..	...	...	...	29	...	47	44	...	120
Rat nuisances abated ... ..	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	9
Dung Receptacles—									
Abolished ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Repaired ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Provided	6	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	8

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTORS
FOR THE YEAR 1920—*continued.*

Table— <i>continued.</i>	Number of District.								Totals.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Underground Rooms— Used as dwellings abolished ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Overcrowding— Cases Abated ...	4	...	...	1	1	...	...	4	10
Accumulations Removed ...	...	...	6	6	10	5	9	3	39
Animals— Ceased keeping as a Nuisance ...	...	...	...	3	2	3	4	1	13
Smoke Nuisances— Cases Abated ...	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	6
Observations ...	5	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	14

District No. 1.—Inspector SIMPSON.

District No. 2.—Inspector PRIEST to June, 1920.

District No. 3.—Inspector SHELLEY.

District No. 4.—Inspector SNOWDON.

District No. 5.—Inspector KEMP.

District No. 6.—Inspector HEWETT.

District No. 7.—Inspector ALLAM.

District No. 8.—Inspector Yates from July, 1920.

HOUSING.

Dilapidated Areas.

A thorough inspection was made of the East Ward. For convenience these were classified as follows:—

FRANKHAM AREA.—Consisting of Church Street, Hales Street, Stanhope Street, Frankham Street, Giffen Street and Bevil Street, involving 229 deficient houses.

ADDEY AREA.—Comprising Church Street, Norval Street, Addey Street, Hosier Street and Creek Street, involving 179 deficient houses.

BRONZE AREA.—Comprising Knott Street, Alfred Place, Alvar Street, Benmore Street, Dugall Street, Hamer Place, Bronze Street, Church Street, Crossfield Lane, Mary Ann Buildings, Copperas Square, involving 286 deficient houses.

SPEEDWELL — BAILDON AREA. — Comprising Baildon Street, Speedwell Street, Batches Cottages, Providence Place, Wybourn Cottages, Cockle's Cottages and Sun Cottages, involving 117 deficient houses.

Dr. Bryce, from the Ministry of Health, paid an informal visit, and visited the district. A representation was made by me in accordance with Section 4 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, as amended by the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909 (Section 22).

Provision of Houses.

Tenders for erection of first 55 houses on the Arica Road site were accepted 9th March, 1920 (Edwards Construction Co.) and building commenced in April.

On April 16th, Dr. Addison performed the opening ceremony and cut the first sod.

Remaining 191 dwellings are being built by H.M. Office of Works.

Complete scheme will give :—

Houses A Type (non-parlour)	...	61
„ B „ (parlour)	... ..	167
Flats (2 bedrooms)	... ..	6
„ (3 „ )	... ..	12
		<hr/>
		246 dwellings
		<hr/>

First two houses completed in December, 1920 and opened by the Mayor.

GARDEN CITY SCHEME.

In the early part of 1920, a Garden City Scheme was mooted, and a Conference of representatives from Bermondsey, Lewisham and Deptford was held and approved of a scheme for the development of a garden city at Bromley at an estimated capital cost of £4,995,000. Later, Lewisham decided not to participate, and Bermondsey and Deptford carry on and form a joint committee.

The London Council subsequently took action to compulsorily acquire the site in question for their housing scheme, and the Borough Councils dropped out: however, as a result of deputations to the Council, it was agreed that at least 700 houses, when built, should be allocated to Deptford applicants.

VACANT LAND IN BROOKMILL ROAD AND HARTON STREET.

Proposals to build on these sites were abandoned owing to adverse decisions of the Ministry of Health and the London Housing Board.

UNSOOUND FOOD.

The following quantities of food were, upon examination by the Officers of the Department, found to be unsound, unwholesome and unfit for human consumption:—

Beef	173 lbs.	Pears	1 box
Bacon	330½ "	Sausage	70 lbs.
Hams 28 hams and 29 "	"	Apples	20 "
Herrings 3 brls. and 8 boxes	"	Cod fish	23½ "
Kippers	24 "	Butter	51¾ "
Haddock	3 "	Cheese	30 "
Tomatoes	61 "	Rabbits ... 96 and 743 "	"
Dates	7 "	Condensed Milk	260 tins
Flour	2 bags	Various tinned foods	15 "
Lamb	2 carcasses	Margarine	15 lbs.
Sheep	2 "	Corned Beef	6 "
Liver	30 lbs.	Periwinkles	4 bags

These were all voluntarily surrendered. The conditions imposed by the Ministry of Food and the establishment of fixed prices removed the temptation to which some traders are exposed, of endeavouring to sell unsound food.

Part of the butter was returned under precautions to the wholesalers. The remainder of the foods was destroyed.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

During the year the Sanitary Inspectors collected 586 samples under the above Acts, and submitted them to the Public Analyst for analysis, of these six were samples taken informally. Of the number submitted 15 or 2·5 per cent. were reported as adulterated. This percentage is the lowest recorded in Deptford.

SAMPLES TAKEN DURING 1920.

Articles.	Number Genuine.	Number Adulterated.	Total.	Percentage of Adulteration.
Almonds, Ground	4	..	4	..
Arrowroot	3	..	3	..
Baking Powder	7	..	7	..
Corned Beef	2	..	2	..
Butter..	39	..	39	..
Cheese	1	..	1	..
Cocoa	16	..	16	..
Coffee	2	..	2	..
Preserved Cream	1	..	1	..
Custard Powder	5	..	5	..
Dripping	5	..	5	..
Fish Paste	1	..	1	..
Ground Ginger	2	..	2	..
Honey	2	..	2	..
Table Jelly	2	..	2	..
Lard	16	..	16	..
Margarine	6	..	6	..
Potted Meat	1	..	1	..
Milk	342	10	352	2·8
Separated Milk	32	..	32	..
Mustard	23	..	23	..
Pepper	28	..	28	..
Ground Rice	1	..	1	..
Sausage	8	4	12	33·3
Sulphur Lozenges	1	..	1	..
Cream of Tartar	3	..	3	..
Vinegar	27	1	28	3·6
Total formal samples ..	580	15	595	2·52
<i>Informal Samples—</i>				
Butter..	1	..	1	..
Jam	1	..	1	..
Dried Milk	3	..	5	..
Milk Food	1	..	1	..
Grand Total	586	15	601	2·59

PROCEEDINGS TAKEN WITH REGARD TO SAMPLES PURCHASED
DURING THE YEAR.

Sample No.	Article.	Particulars of Adulteration or Infringement.	Fine.			Costs.			Remarks.
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
25 T	Milk ..	3 per cent. abstraction of fat	—	—	—	—	—	Dismissed, Warranty proved.	
64 T	..	5	1	0	0	1	1		0
39 A	..	16	2	0	0	2	2		0
98 S	..	15 per cent. added water ..	3	3	0	2	2		0
11 A	..	1	—	—	—	—	—	Vendor cautioned.	
15 H	..	1 per cent. abstraction of fat	—	—	—	—	—	Vendor cautioned.	
14 K	..	2 per cent. added water and traces of colouring matter	—	—	—	—	—	Vendor cautioned.	
28 K	..	1 per cent. abstraction of fat	—	—	—	—	—	Vendor cautioned.	
7 P	..	11	—	—	—	—	—	Proceedings not taken owing to bottle containing 3rd portion of sample bursting.	
61 T	..	1	—	—	—	—	—	Vendor cautioned.	
12 O	Breakfast Sausage	Boric acid 12 grains per lb...	—	—	—	—	—	Vendor cautioned.	
57 T	Pork Sausage	Boric acid 2.45 grains per lb.	—	—	—	—	—	Vendor cautioned.	
60 T	Beef ..	Boric acid 3.99 grains per lb.	—	—	—	—	—	Vendor cautioned.	
80 T	..	Boric acid 1.57 grains per lb.	—	—	—	—	—	Vendor cautioned.	
40 K	Vinegar ..	3 per cent. excessive water ..	—	—	—	—	—	Vendor cautioned.	

SUMMARY.

					£	s.	d.
Fines	..	..	..	..	6	3	0
Costs	..	..	..	..	5	5	0
					11	8	0

PROSECUTIONS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND BY-LAWS.

Premises.	Offence.	Result of Proceedings.
104 New Cross Road	Non-compliance with order	Fined £1 and £1 1s. costs (necessary works subsequently carried out)
4 Reginald Place ..	do.	Fined £5 and £2 2s. costs and order for work to be carried out within 14 days.
20 Reginald Place ..	do.	Fined £5 and £2 2s. costs and order for work to be carried out within 21 days.
67 Watergate Street	do.	Order for work to be carried out within 21 days. Costs 12. 6d.
73 Watergate Street	do.	Order for work to be carried out within 21 days. Costs 12s. 6d.
77 Watergate Street	do.	Order for work to be carried out within 21 days. Costs 12s. 6d.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

A medical practitioner was fined 10s. and £3 3s. costs for failing to "notify forthwith" a case of infectious disease.

Factory and Workshops Act.

At the request of the Public Health Committee, Miss Smart inspected the sanitary accommodation at factories and workshops where females were employed. 123 such inspections were made and various defects reported and referred to the Factory and Workshops Inspector for attention.

Table.
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.
PROCEEDING DURING 1920.

PREMISES.	NUMBER OF PLACES—				Number of inspections	Number of notices	Number of proceedings
	On register at end of 1919	Added 1920	Re-moved 1920	On register at end of 1920			
Milk premises ...	229	19	59	189	293	3	..
Cowsheds ... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Slaughter-houses ...	2	..	..	2	55	..	..
Other offensive trade premises	2	..	..	2	16	..	..
Ice cream premises ..	130	2	3	129	114	7	..
Registered houses let in lodgings	289	..	..	289	578	..	..

Table.
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

TABULATION OF REPORT AS REQUIRED BY S. 131 OF THE FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, AND WORKPLACES, during 1920.

CLASS OF WORK.	NUMBER OF PLACES					Number of Inspections.	Number of		Number of Prosecutions.
	On Register at end of 1919	Added 1920.	Re-moved 1920.	On Register at end of 1920.			Written Intimations.	Notices.	
				Prem-ises.	Rooms				
Factories {	Factory Laundries ...	4		4	22	2			
	Factory Bakehouses ..	11		11	26	46	1		
	Other Factories ...	134	10	2	142	265	142	4	
Worksh ops {	Workshop Laundries	5		5	17	5			
	Workshop Bakehouses	45		45	48	205	4		
	Other Workshops ...	176	5	54	127	190	77	3	
Workplace s {	Places where Food is prepared for Sale	118	5	6	117	220	7	1	
	Workplaces other than the above	62	1	7	56	60	9	2	
Home-workers' Premises ..	526	68	95	499	503	202			
Total	1081	89	164	1006	1351	970	21	1	

Table.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD.

This Table is by request of the Secretary of State.

*Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for the year 1920.*ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901
IN CONNECTION WITH**FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, LAUNDRIES, WORKPLACES,
AND HOMEWORK.**

1.—INSPECTION.

INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS OR
INSPECTORS OF NUISANCES.

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Prosecutions.
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	190	5	
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	287	7	
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises included in Part 3 of this Report)	251	10	
Total	768	22	

2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

PARTICULARS.	NUMBER OF DEFECTS.			Number of Prosecutions
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts.</i>				
Want of Cleanliness	243	233		
Want of Ventilation	3	3		
Overcrowding				
Want of Drainage of Floors				
Other Nuisances	101	98		
Sanitary Accommodation { Insufficient	7	3		
{ Unsuitable or defective	69	66		
{ Not Separate for Sexes				
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act.</i>				
Illegal Occupation of Underground Bakehouse (sec. 101)				
Breach of Special Sanitary Requirements for Bakehouses (ss. 97 to 100)				
Other Offences (excluding offences relating to outwork which are included in Part 3 of this Report)				
Total	423	403		

Table—continued.

3.—HOME WORK.

NATURE OF WORK.	OUTWORKERS' LISTS, SECTION 107								OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES, SECTION 108			OUTWORK IN INFECTED PREMISES, SECTIONS 109, 110			
	Lists received from Employers.				Notices served on Occupiers as to keeping or sending lists.	Prosecutions.		Instances.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.	Instances.	Orders made (S. 110).	Prosecutions (Sections 109, 110)		
	Twice in the year.		Once in the year.			Failing to keep up periodic inspection of lists.	Failing to send lists.								
	Lists.	Out-workers.	Lists.	Out-workers.											
1	2	3 Con-tractors.	4 Work-men.	5	6 Con-tractors.	7 Work-men.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	6
Wearing apparel— Making, etc. ..	49		264	4		10	60								
Boxmaking				1		15	1								
Total ..	49		264	5		25	61								

Table—continued.**4.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.**

Workshops on Register (s. 131) at the end of year.	Number.
Bakehouses	45
Dressmaking	28
Laundries	5
Millinery	13
Shirtmaking	1
Tailoring	12
Wheelwrights (Smiths, &c)	14
Others	59
Total number of Workshops on Register ..	177

5.—OTHER MATTERS.

Class.	Number.
Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories— Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 133)	1
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remedi- able under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 5) {	
Notified by H.M. Inspector	9
Reports (of action taken) sent to H.M. Inspector	6
Other	5
Underground Bakehouses (s. 101) :—	
Certificates granted during the year	—
In use at the end of the year	16

CANAL BOATS ACTS.

The following is the report of Inspector Turner, the Sanitary Inspector to whom is assigned the performance of the duties under the above Acts.

I have the honour to present my Report under the Canal Boats Acts for the year ended 31st December, 1920, as follows:—

For the purposes of inspection during the year, visits were made on the following dates, viz. :—

February 11th and 19th, April 29th, May 25th, June 24th, July 3rd, 9th and 22nd, August 30th, October 11th and 26th, and November 22nd.

Number of visits	...	...	12
Number of boats inspected	...	...	0

No boats were found for inspection on the above dates, there being very little traffic on the canal during the year.

The arrangements for inspection are:—

Periodical inspection by Sanitary Inspector, duly appointed under the Canal Boats Acts jointly with the duties as Inspector of Workshops, Dairies, Milkshops, &c.

Name and address of Inspector:—Thomas Turner, 161 St. Asaph Road, Brockley, S.E. 4.

Remuneration of Inspector, £2 per annum, part of salary as Sanitary Inspector apportioned to these duties.

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