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Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne

NOVEMBER, 1940

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman: Alderman Sheard, J.P.

Deputy-Chairman: Councillor Hague.

The Mayor, Alderman Massey, J.P., Councillors Arnold, Flowers,
Green, J.P., Hannan, Hilton, J.P., Ibbotson, Townsley,
and Mrs. Mamourian, J.P.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Councillor Farley.

Deputy-Chairman: Councillor Mrs. Mamourian, J.P.

The Mayor, Councillors Arnold, Flowers, Hall, Hannan, Oldham,
Townsley, Mrs. Wild, J.P., and Mr. Ralphs.

TOWN HALL CHAMBERS,
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

30th November, 1941.

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

MR. MAYOR, MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit a brief report on the health of the Borough for the year 1940. All the usual records have been made and will be available if required later.

An epidemic of Measles occurred during the last quarter of the year and reached a peak at the end of December. During this period Whooping Cough was also prevalent. All notified cases of these diseases were visited by the Health Visitors. No outbreak of serious infectious disease occurred.

Arrangements were made in May for the treatment of cases of Scabies at the Borough Hospital First-Aid Post.

The Maternal Mortality Rate was the lowest recorded for the Borough. The one maternal death was unavoidable.

The work of the Maternity and Child Welfare Department was well maintained in spite of prolonged shortage of Nursing Staff.

For the various rates I would refer you to the appropriate sections of the report.

Commending this report to your notice,

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

MARY EVANS,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

Staff of the Health Department

Medical.

Alan S. Simpson, M.B., B.S.(Lond.), M.R.C.S., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health, School Medical Officer,
Maternity and Child Welfare Officer, Superintendent of
Infectious Diseases Hospital. (Now serving with H.M.
Forces.)

Mary Evans, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Acting Medical Officer of
Health, School Medical Officer, and Medical Officer for
Maternity and Child Welfare.

David Halpern, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Temporary Assistant
Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical
Officer.

Sanitary Inspectors.

C. Sykes Handforth, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I., M.Inst.P.C., Chief
Sanitary Inspector, Inspector of Meat and Other Foods,
etc.

Herbert Hunter, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I., Additional Sanitary
Inspector, Inspector of Meat and Other Foods, etc.

W. L. Barnsley, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I., Additional Sanitary
Inspector, Inspector of Meat and Other Foods, etc.

J. Sagar, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I., Additional Sanitary Inspector,
Inspector of Meat and Other Foods, etc.

Health Visitors.

Nurse Parkinson, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Certificate
(Superintendent).

„ Chamberlain, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Certificate.

„ Weir, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Certificate.

„ Grieve (resigned November, 1940).

„ Brett, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Certificate (appointed
12/7/1940).

„ Winslow (appointed January, 1940, resigned
February, 1940).

Clerks.

C. Sharples, A. Hartley, E. McCabe, P. Crook.

Summary of Statistics

1. General Statistics.

Area (in Acres)	2,981
Population (Census, 1921)	51,409
Population (Census, 1931)	51,573
Number of Inhabited Houses (1921)	12,370
" " " (1931)	13,871
" " " (1940)	14,705
(At 31st December, according to Rate Books)	
Number of Families or Separate Occupiers (1921)	12,370
Number of Families or Separate Occupiers (1931)	13,561
Rateable Value	£254,983
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£945

Extracts from Vital Statistics

	M.	F.	Total.
Live Births, Legitimate	302	329	631
Illegitimate	12	14	26
	314	343	657

Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population 14.1

	M.	F.	Total.
Still Births, Legitimate	10	17	27
Illegitimate	3	1	4
	13	18	31

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births 45

	M.	F.	Total.
Deaths	417	376	793

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population 17.1

Death Rate (adjusted by R.G.'s A.C.F. figure, 0.97) 16.5

Deaths from Puerperal Causes (R.G.'s Short List):—

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 total live and still births
Puerperal Sepsis	0	0
Other Puerperal Causes	1	1.45
	1	1.45

Number of Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age 52

Death-rate of Infants under 1 year of age:—

All Infants per 1,000 live births	79
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	79
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ...	76

Death and Death Rates From Certain Conditions.

	No. of Deaths	Ashton-under-Lyne	England and Wales
		Death Rate per 1,000 Population	Death Rate per 1,000 Population
Enteric Fever	0	0·00	0·07
Smallpox	0	0·00	0·00
Measles	2	0·04	10·24
Scarlet Fever	0	0·00	1·63
Whooping Cough	0	0·00	1·34
Diphtheria	4	0·08	1·16
Influenza	14	0·30	0·21
Cerebro-Spinal	1	0·02	0·32
Pneumonia	44	0·90	1·20
	No. of Deaths	Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births
Diarrhœa and Enteritis under 2 years of age...	4	6·00	4·6

TABLE I.

Registrar General's Return for the Year 1940.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

No.	ALL CAUSES	M.	F.	Total
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0	0	0
2.	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	0	1
3.	Scarlet Fever	0	0	0
4.	Whooping Cough	0	0	0
5.	Diphtheria	2	2	4
6.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	20	4	24
7.	Other Forms of Tuberculosis	3	6	9
8.	Syphilitic Disease	4	3	7
9.	Influenza	8	6	14
10.	Measles	2	0	2
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	0	0	0
12.	Acute Infectious Encephalitis	1	1	2
13.	M. Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (Males only)	6	3	9
13.	F. Cancer of Uterus	0	0	0
14.	Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	12	10	22
15.	Cancer of Breast	0	9	9
16.	Cancer of all other sites (with 3 Sub. groups)	29	18	47
17.	Diabetes	4	7	11
18.	Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions	32	42	74
19.	Heart Disease (with 4 Sub. groups)	104	122	226
20.	Other Diseases of the Circulatory System	12	12	24
21.	Bronchitis	46	31	77
22.	Pneumonia	23	21	44
23.	Other Respiratory Diseases	10	6	16
24.	Ulceration of the Stomach or Duodenum	8	0	8
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	3	1	4
26.	Appendicitis... ..	0	1	1
27.	Other Digestive Diseases (with 4 Sub. groups)	9	13	22
28.	Nephritis	5	7	12
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis (with 2 Sub. groups)	0	0	0
30.	Other Maternal Causes (with 2 Sub. groups)	0	1	1
31.	Premature Birth	12	2	14
32.	Congenital Malformations, Birth Injury, Infantile Disease (with 2 Sub. groups)	12	2	14
33.	Suicide	5	1	6
34.	Road Traffic Accidents	8	1	9
35.	Other Violent Causes	11	8	19
36.	All Other Causes (with 14 Sub. groups)	25	36	61
		417	376	793

TABLE II.

BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE AND INFANTILE MORTALITY
IN ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, 1905—1940.

Year	No. of Births	Birth Rate	No. of Deaths	Crude Death Rate	No. of Infantile Deaths	Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000	Average 5 Years		
							Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infantile Mortality
1905	1183	26.3	827	18.4	212	179	25.8	18.1	167.3
1906	1200	26.5	788	17.4	183	152			
1907	1217	26.7	822	18.0	191	156			
1908	1227	26.7	876	19.1	225	183			
1909	1069	23.1	835	18.0	176	164			
1910	1093	23.4	737	15.8	162	148	23.2	17.3	163.2
1911	1042	23.0	801	17.7	202	193			
1912	1044	23.1	769	17.0	133	127			
1913	1056	23.3	773	17.1	174	164			
1914	1053	23.3	860	19.0	196	183			
1915	902	19.9	823	20.0	153	167	17.8	17.9	124
1916	771	17.7	653	16.3	90	116			
1917	740	16.9	641	16.3	75	101			
1918	732	16.4	798	20.1	88	120			
1919	826	18.1	779	17.2	98	118			
1920	1152	25.3	651	14.3	138	119	20.5	14.0	94.6
1921	990	22.3	664	15.0	104	105			
1922	873	19.6	602	13.5	80	91			
1923	785	17.7	633	14.3	64	81			
1924	776	17.6	583	13.2	60	77			
1925	748	17.0	649	14.7	69	92	15.2	14.5	92.0
1926	722	16.7	629	14.6	74	102			
1927	732	14.3	672	13.2	66	90			
1928	747	14.3	722	13.8	52	69			
1929	725	14.0	863	16.6	78	107			
1930	739	14.2	642	12.4	43	58	13.5	13.2	69.4
1931	765	14.7	711	13.7	53	69			
1932	690	13.5	697	13.3	58	84			
1933	634	12.5	704	13.9	41	64			
1934	645	12.8	645	12.8	46	71			
1935	620	12.3	705	14.0	41	66	12.7	14.7	65.0
1936	612	12.3	724	14.6	38	62			
1937	620	12.7	794	16.2	39	62			
1938	645	13.2	688	14.1	50	77			
1939	630	13.0	719	14.9	37	58			
1940	657	14.1	793	17.1	52	79			

Notification of Births

(Public Health Act, 1936, Section 203).

The Act requires that all births occurring in the area of Ashton-under-Lyne (after the 28th week of pregnancy, whether alive or still) shall be sent to the Medical Officer of Health within 36 hours of the birth. All births occurring within the area are, therefore, notified to me whether the parent is a resident or a non-resident of Ashton-under-Lyne.

			Total Notified	Ashton Residents
Number of Live Births...	Notified	Male 667 Female ... 632	1299	640
Number of Still Births ...	Notified	Male 36 Female ... 42	78	27
		By Institutions:—		
		Lake Hospital	778	
		District Infirmary	195	
		Nursing Home	39	
		Midwives	352	
		Doctors	11	
		Other Sources	2	
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Notifications received by Department in-
cluded above, but transferred elsewhere 710

Total Notified Births allocated to Ashton-under-Lyne 667

Percentage of Total Notified Births (Live and Still) received from	{	(a) Institutions and Nursing Homes	74%
		(b) Municipal Midwives ...	25%
		(c) Other Sources	1%

Midwives Practising in the Area.

There were five midwives practising in the area during 1940, and all five were Municipal Midwives appointed by the Lancashire County Council.

MUNICIPAL MIDWIVES—

Name	Address	Telephone Number	Qualification
Mrs. Lillie Barrett	280, Katherine Street...	ASH. 2119	S.C.M.
Mrs. B. J. Egerton	57, Ladbrooke Road...	ASH. 2063	S.C.M.
Mrs. J. Griffiths	1, Crowthorn Road...	ASH. 2107	S.C.M.
Mrs. A. Harrop	4, Ney St., Waterloo.	ASH. 2033	S.C.M.
Mrs. S. A. Sidebottom ...	261, Smallshaw Lane...	ASH. 2615	S.C.M.

A reference to the figures above shows the percentage of total notified births attended by Municipal Midwives.

Transferred Births.

The names and addresses of 790 infants and young children who left the borough (including those children born in institutions in Ashton whose home addresses were outside the district) were notified to the Medical Officers of the areas of their destination and 31 notified as coming to live in the borough.

Maternal Mortality.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Total Births i.e., Live and Still).	Puerperal Sepsis	0.00
	Other Puerperal Causes	1.45
	Total	1.45

The cause of the one Maternal Death was a ruptured ectopic gestation.

Ante-Natal Clinic.

This Clinic is held every Friday afternoon, one week at the Richmond Street Centre, and the following week at Enville House Centre.

Fifty-two sessions were held during 1940 and 289 expectant mothers made 1,498 attendances.

This figure of 289 represents an attendance of 43 per cent. of the total notified (live and still births).

Post-Natal Clinics.

This Clinic is held on the first Thursday afternoon in the month at Enville House Centre.

There were 11 sessions in the year and the number of patients who attended was 65. This figure shows an increase over the previous year of 3.

Stillbirths.

The number of stillbirths notified amongst Ashton residents during 1940 was 27.

Child Welfare Centres

The work at the infant consultations weighings at the three Welfare Centres has been well maintained during 1940, and the following table shows the number of sessions held, the number of consultations, and the weighings carried out at each of the three Centres:—

	Richmond Street Centre	Enville House Centre	Hurst Centre	Total
Consultations held	48	50	51	149
Attendances at Consultations	1009	892	1208	3109
No. of Weighings of Children	2942	3311	3968	10221

Total number of attendances at all Centres during the year:

- (1) By children under 1 year of age 7,940
- (2) By children between the ages of 1 and 5 2,933

Total number of children who attended at the Centres for the first time during the year, and who on the date of their first attendances were:—

- (1) Under 1 year of age 519
 Percentage of notified live births
 represented by this figure, 81%.
- (2) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years 185

Total number of children who attended at the Centres during the year and who, at the end of the year were:—

- (1) Under 1 year of age 387
- (2) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years 671

The fact that 81% of the total notified births are brought to the Welfare Centres is an indication that the work is of value and appreciated by the parents.

Provision of Dried Milk

During 1940, 19,207 packets of dried milk were sold at the Centres.

1,131 were sold at half-price and 7,878 were provided free, in accordance with the income scale adopted.

The net cost to the Council amounted to £478 2s. 6d.

Orthopædic Treatment

Parents are charged for hospital treatment according to means, and each individual case is considered by the Committee. With regard to the Ashton-under-Lyne Maternity and Child Welfare cases, the following table is a summary of the work done during 1940 at the Orthopædic Clinic:—

No. of individual pre-school children attending Clinic	71
„ of attendances at Clinic (pre-school children) ...	161
„ referred to Manchester Royal Infirmary)	1
„ of children recommended to Biddulph for operative treatment	0
„ of Consultant Sessions	12
„ recommended for remedial exercises	4
„ recommended for surgical appliances	28

A classification of the conditions for which the above 71 individual children were treated is set out below:—

1. Rickets	1
2. Genu-Valgum (Knock-knee)	22
3. Genu-Varum (Bow-leg)	2
4. Spurious-Valgum (Flat-foot)	5
5. Calcaneo-Varus	3
6. Torticollis (Wry-neck)	11
7. Infantile Paralysis	1
8. Infantile Hemiplegia	0
9. Postural Deformities	0
10. Traumatic or Inflammatory Conditions	0
11. Congenital Deformities	6
12. Other Conditions	20
	—
	71
	—

At the close of 1940 there remained a total of 177 children attending the Orthopædic Clinic; 71 of these were pre-school children, whilst the remaining 106 were school children.

Artificial Sunlight Clinic

One hundred and thirty-four children made 2,179 attendances.

Child Life Protection

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

Sections 206—220.

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|-----|--|---|
| (a) | Number of persons who were receiving children for reward at the end of the year | 5 |
| (b) | Number of children on the register at the end of the year | 5 |
| (c) | Number of Child Protection Visitors at the end of the year who were Health Visitors | 6 |

Nursing Homes

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

Sections 187—195.

The Lancashire County Council have delegated their powers under the above Act to the Ashton-under-Lyne Borough Council, who are the supervising authority for this purpose.

There is one Nursing Home registered in the Borough at:—
24, Villiers Street.

Housing Statistics

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b))	
(1) By Local Authority	Nil.
(2) By other Local Authorities	Nil.
(3) By other bodies or persons	Nil.
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts:—	
(1) By the Local Authority (included under (a) (1) above)	Nil.
(2) By other bodies or persons (included under (a) (3) above)	Nil.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses During the Year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	87
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	261
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	66
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	199
(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-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	66

2. Remedy of Defects During the Year Without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 75

3. Action Under Statutory Powers During the Year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs Nil.

(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 5

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners 5

(b) By Local Authority in default of 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 14

- (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 | Nil. |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | Nil. |

4. Overcrowding.

- | | |
|---|-------|
| (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year | 224 |
| (2) Number of families dwelling therein | 226 |
| (3) Number of persons dwelling therein | 1,474 |
| (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year | 1 |
| (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | 3 |
| (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... | 21 |

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Bacteriological Examination of Milk.

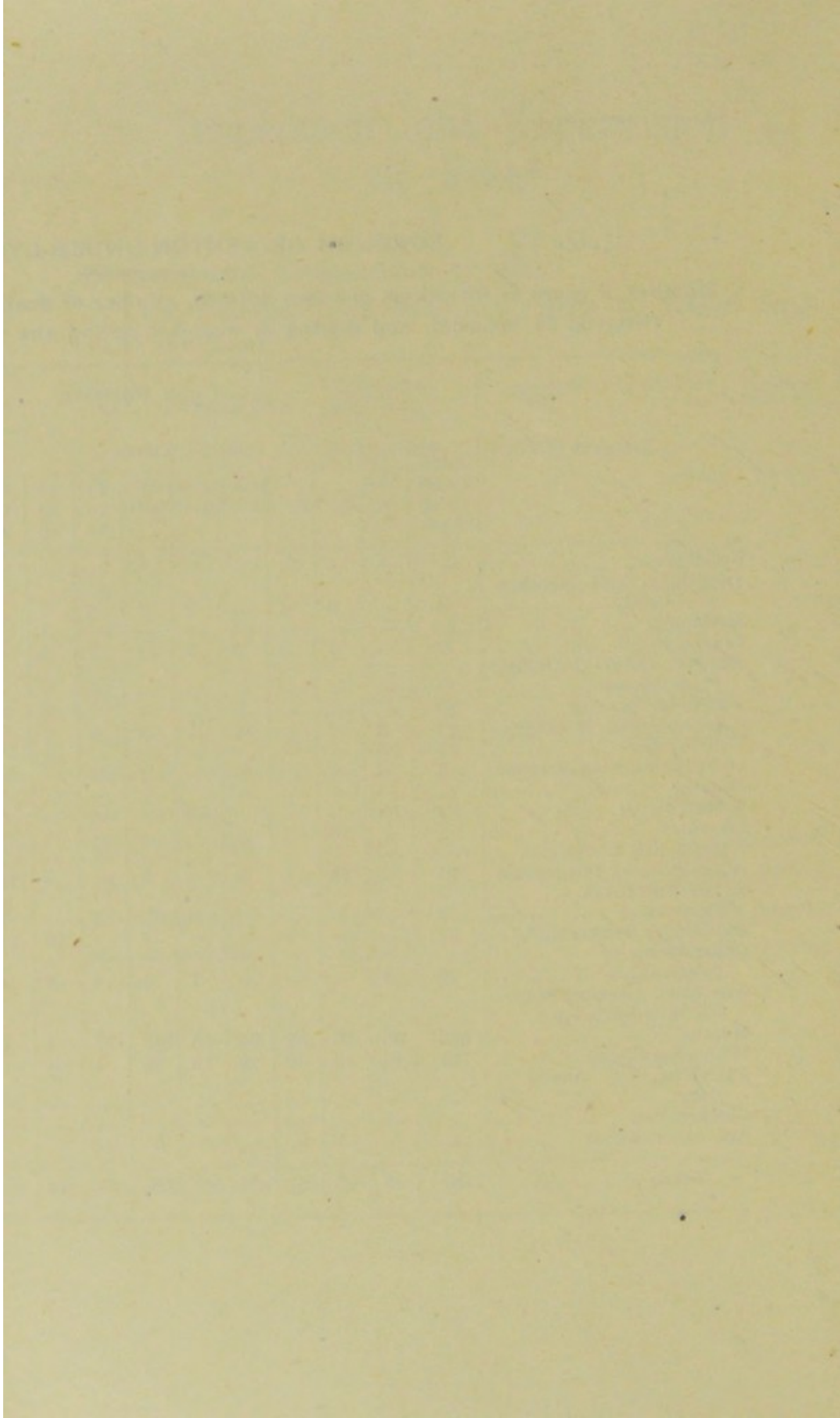
The following table shows the results of samples taken under this head:—

Sample No.	Type of Milk	Methylene Blue Test.	Coliform Test	Bacteria per c.c.	B. Coli in 1/100 c.c.
1.—Accredited	...	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	...	—
2.—Pasteurised	...	—	—	31,000	Pr's'nt
3.—	„	—	—	1,300,000	„
4.—Ordinary	...	—	—	160,000	„
5.—	„	—	—	265,000	„
6.—	„	—	—	540,000	„
7.—	„	—	—	50,000	„
8.—	„	—	—	5,550	„
9.—	„	—	—	47,500	„
10.—T.T. Certified	...	—	—	23,000	„
11.—Ordinary	...	—	—	935,000	„
12.—Pasteurised	...	—	—	53,500	Abs'nt
13.—	„	—	—	650,000	Pr's'nt
14.—Ordinary	...	—	—	95,000	Abs'nt
15.—Accredited	...	—	—	115,000	Pr's'nt

Table IV. **BOROUGH OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES**

Number of cases of infectious diseases notified, number of deaths from these diseases, number of cases removed to hospital, and deaths in hospital during the year ending 31st December, 1940

DISEASE	CASES NOTIFIED													Total Deaths	Hospital		
	Total Cases at all Ages	YEARS													Total cases removed to Hospital	Deaths in Hospital of persons belonging to district	
		Under 1	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over				
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria and Membranous Croup	59	—	2	4	4	2	23	5	7	9	2	1	—	4	57	—	
Erysipelas	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	6	2	—	2	—	
Scarlet Fever	42	—	1	3	3	2	17	7	6	3	—	—	—	—	31	—	
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
Puerperal Pyrexia	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	21	2	—	—	—	—	—	
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	21	3	2	—	1	—	3	1	1	4	3	3	—	1	21	—	
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum...	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Trench Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Dysentery	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	
Acute Primary Pneumonia	87	6	13	6	2	4	3	—	4	13	13	13	10	44	—	—	
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	3	2				
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	51	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	10	17	12	10	1	24	—	—	
Other forms of Tuberculosis	22	1	—	—	—	1	3	2	5	5	1	3	1	9	—	—	
Any other Diseases notifiable in district, e.g. :																	
Measles	686	24	56	88	96	85	286	37	4	8	1	1	—	2	10	—	
Whooping Cough	129	14	13	20	20	13	45	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Chicken Pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Any other disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Totals	1150	52	87	121	126	107	380	58	43	83	37	40	16	86	123		



Venereal Disease

Public Health (Venereal Diseases) Regulations, 1916.

The Lancashire County Council, who administer these regulations, have a treatment centre at the Ashton-under-Lyne District Infirmary.

The following shows the work carried out at the Venereal Diseases Clinic at the Ashton-under-Lyne District Infirmary during the year 1940:—

Patients under treatment at 1st January, 1940 ...	105
New cases admitted during 1940	106
Total attendances	2,810
Patients receiving treatment at the end of 1940 ...	105
Pathological examinations	1,163

Of the 106 new cases admitted during the year, 43 were Ashton residents.

Report of the Tuberculosis Officer for the Year 1940.

No Tuberculosis Report available until after the war.

Table V.

**A RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DEATHS AND
DEATH RATE,**

From the Principal Zymotic Diseases; also Phthisis and
Respiratory Diseases, from 1930 to 1940 inclusive.

NAMES OF DISEASES	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
Enteric	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	11	1	6	1	10	—	1	—	3	—	2
Scarlet Fever	2	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	1	2	1	1	3	—	—	—	4	—	—
Diphtheria, including Membranous Croup	3	3	2	2	3	5	2	8	14	6	4
Typhus Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever ...	—	2	—	2	3	2	1	—	—	1	—
Diarrhœa	3	1	—	9	4	3	2	5	4	—	4
Dysentery... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
Chicken Pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis Leth. ...	3	2	1	1	3	2	3	5	3	1	2
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1
Total Deaths from Zymotic Diseases...	25	12	11	16	26	15	10	21	28	8	13
Death Rate from Zymotic Diseases...	0·48	0·23	0·21	0·31	0·50	0·30	0·20	0·43	0·5	0·1	0·2
Deaths—Phthisis ...	36	39	31	37	29	25	30	46	32	34	24
Rate	0·69	0·75	0·59	0·73	0·56	0·49	0·60	0·94	0·65	0·7	0·5
Deaths from Res- piratory Diseases...	72	105	82	117	65	72	78	93	67	55	137
Rate	1·39	2·02	1·5	0·2	1·2	1·4	1·5	1·9	1·3	1·1	2·9
Deaths from other Causes	509	555	573	534	525	595	606	634	561	622	565
Rate	9·83	10·7	10·9	10·5	10·1	11·8	12·2	12·9	11·0	12·9	12·2
Total Deaths from all causes	642	711	697	704	645	705	724	794	688	719	739
General Death Rate from all causes ...	12·4	13·7	13·3	13·9	12·8	14·06	14·6	16·2	14·1	14·9	17·1

TABLE VI.
SCABIES.

Cases Treated at the Borough Hospital during 1940.

	Number of Patients			Number of Attendances
	Males	Females	Total	
Children under School Age ...	2	7	9	17
School Children... ..	54	62	116	308
Adults	3	11	14	28
TOTALS	59	80	139	353

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the Year 1940

Details of Inspections Made and Work Carried Out During 1940.

Number of nuisances reported and found	2459
Number of nuisances abated	2428
Preliminary notices and letters served with respect to nuisances	330
Notices sent re infectious diseases	148
Number of cases removed to infectious diseases hospitals ...	110
Number of houses disinfected	148
Number of articles removed and disinfected	1863
Number of visits to houses re infectious diseases	441
Number of visits to premises re defective and choked W.C.s, W.W.C.s, slop sinks, waste and soil pipes	842
Number of visits under Housing Acts	261
Number of visits to common lodging-houses, furnished rooms and dwelling vans	129
Number of visits to slaughter-houses	472
Number of visits to cowsheds, milk shops, refreshment houses, ice cream makers and bakehouses	354
Number of visits to factories and workshops	184
Number of visits to offensive trade premises	51
Number of visits re rat infestations	72
Number of visits under the Shops Acts	98
Number of samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act ...	124

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health. Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted (4)
Factories with Mechanical Power... ..	73	11	—
Factories without Mechanical Power ...	106	2	—
Other Premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises)... ..	5	—	—
Total	184	13	—

2. DEFECTS FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
Want of Cleanliness (S. 1) ...	2	2	—	—
Overcrowding (S. 2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S. 3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S. 4)...	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S. 6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7) {	Insufficient ...	3	3	—
	Unsuitable or Defective ...	10	14	—
	Not Separate for Sexes ...	—	—	—
Other Offences (Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937)	—	—	—	—
Total	15	19	—	—

Food and Drugs Act, 1938

During the year, one hundred and twenty-four samples were taken and submitted to the Public Analyst, and the following table gives details of the samples taken:—

TABLE No. 1

Milk	82
Cascara Sagrada	1
Friars Balsam	1
Camphorated Oil	1
Sweet Spirits of Nitre	1
Castor Oil	1
Honey	1
Salmon Paste	1
Chicken and Ham Roll	1
Arrowroot	1
Oatmeal	1
Sausage	6
Tea	1
Lard	4
Bread and Butter	1
Buttered Teacake	1
Ammoniated T'ct're of Quinine Tabl'ts	1
Custard Powder	1
Margarine	2
Potted Meat	1
Dripping	1
Whisky	10
Rum	3

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PARTICULARS OF ADULTERATION

No.	Article	Adulteration or Offence	Remarks
39	Lard	Lard Compound	Informal
40	Bread & B'tt'r	Entirely Margarine	„
105	Whisky	2.5 Excess Water	„
122	Dripping	Pronounced odour of tallow (evidence of chemical treatment)	„

Meat Inspection

TABLE No. 2

Carcases with all organs condemned as totally unfit for human consumption.

Animals.	Tuberculosis.	Accident.	Inflammatory Diseases	Other Conditions
Cows	16	—	3	—
Bulls	5	—	—	—
Bullocks	—	1	—	—
Calves	—	2	—	1
Sheep	—	16	2	1
Pigs	—	1	—	—

Carcases partially condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Animals.	Tuberculosis.	Accident.	Inflammatory Diseases	Other Conditions
Cows	20	—	5	—
Bulls	5	—	—	—
Bullocks	11	—	3	—
Calves	—	—	—	—
Sheep	—	—	1	—
Pigs	2	1	—	—

TABLE No. 3

Various Organs Condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption.

	Heads	Tongues	Lungs	Livers	Stomachs	Hearts	Spleens	Mesenteries	Intestines	Udders	Kidneys	Diaphragms	Omentum.	Uterus
Tuberculosis:														
Bovines	237	237	490	89	34	120	33	170	88	20	25	45	16	5
Pigs	53	53	13	13	1	13	8	2	1	—	—	13	—	—
Inflammatory Diseases:														
Bovines	3	3	12	86	2	6	6	2	2	1	3	1	—	1
Pigs	—	—	16	7	1	15	1	1	2	—	—	—	1	—
Sheep	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parasitic Diseases:														
Bovines	6	6	14	79	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pigs	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	7	7	8	60	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—

The following table gives some idea of the work involved in this particular branch of my department:

No. of visits to slaughter-houses during 1940	...	...	472
No. of visits to food premises and markets	...	...	484
No. of carcasses inspected:—			
Cattle and Calves	...	...	3,334
Sheep and Lambs	...	...	22,678
Pigs	...	...	573
Total	...	...	<u>26,585</u>

The total weight of meat and offals destroyed during the year as diseased, unsound and unfit for the food of man was 46,190 lbs., or 20 tons 12 cwts. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

