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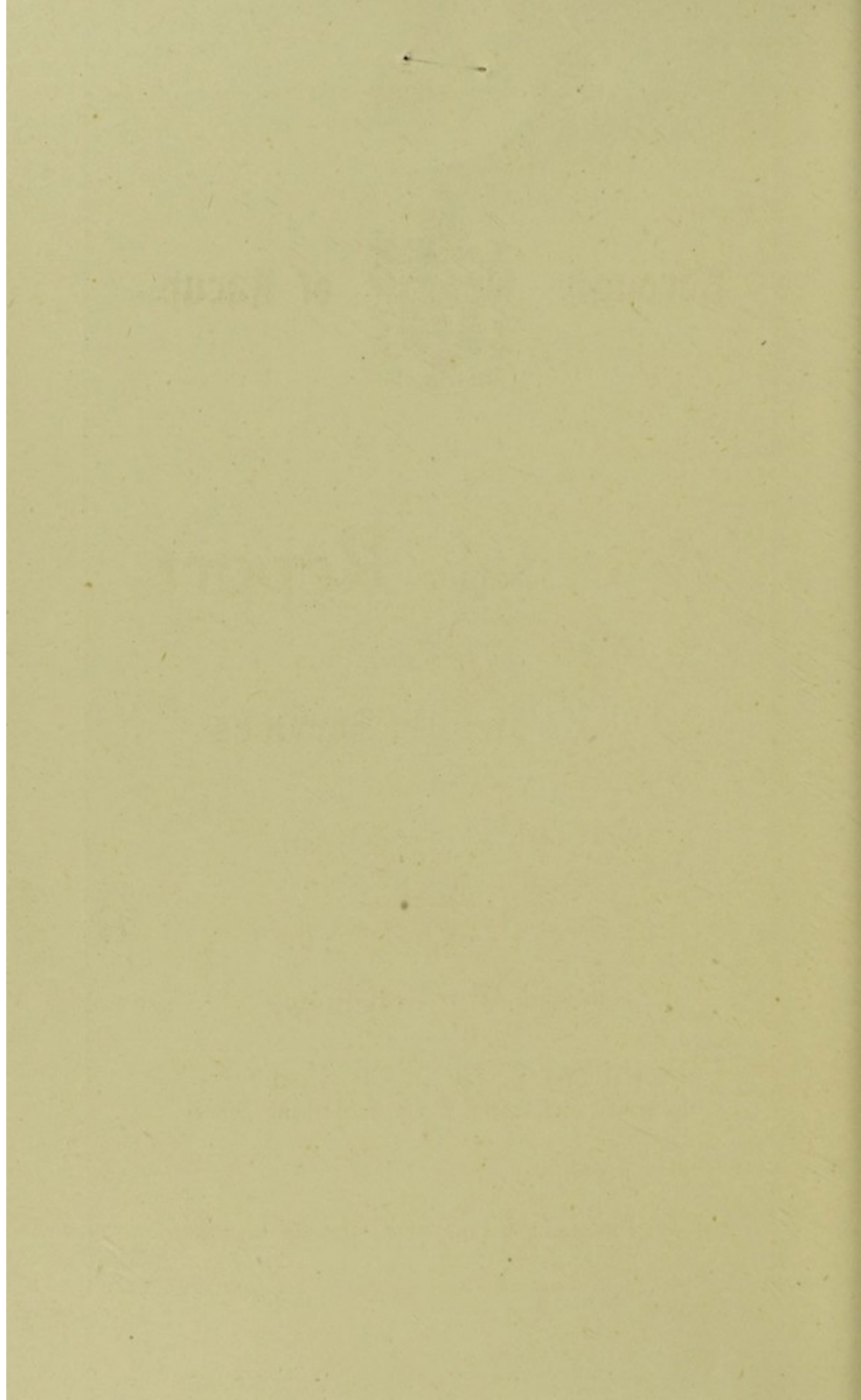
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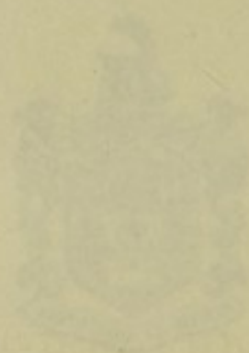
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Midwifery, Cert. Health Visitor.
(Resigned, February)

MISS E. STEELE, S.R.N., S.C.M., Cert. Health Visitor.
(Started October)

Clerks : Clifford Walkden (in H.M. Forces), F. T. Howorth (in H.M. Forces), Miss D. Garvey.

* Part Time

Public Health Department,
Rochdale Road,
BACUP,

July, 1946.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMAN AND BURGESSES
OF THE BOROUGH OF BACUP.
MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to place before you the Annual Report on the Health Services for the year ending the 31st December, 1945.

During the year under review there was a Measles Epidemic no deaths having occurred. The number of cases of Diphtheria, was exceptionally low. A few cases of Scarlet Fever of a mild type were notified, two of which were admitted to Hospital on account of complications.

The number of parents responding to our appeal for Immunisation against Diphtheria has been most gratifying.

The Ante-Natal Clinic shows by the numbers attending that the Services of this Clinic are appreciated.

The General Health and Nutritional State of the Population has been satisfactory.

I again desire to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support. I gratefully acknowledge the willing co-operation of all Members of the Staff.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

JAMES W. McKINNEY,
Medical Officer of Health

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1945.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (Acres) ...	—	...	6,121
Population (Census 1931)		...	20,590
Estimated Population (1944)		...	16,880
No. of inhabited Houses (1931)		...	5,964
Rateable Value	...	...	£90,188
Sum represented by a 1d. Rate		...	£355

Vital Statistics for the Year 1945.

		Total	Male	Female
Live Births	Legitimate	230	133	97
	Illegitimate	30	13	17
	Total	260	146	114
Deaths of Infants under one year		8	2	6
Stillbirths...	...	10	8	2
Deaths ...	...	237	122	115
Birth Rate	...	...15.40 per 1,000 of population		
Death Rate	...	... 14.04 per 1,000 of population		
Infantile Mortality Rate	...	... 30.77 per 1,000 Live Births		
Maternal Deaths	...	... 3.70 per 1,000 Live Births		

Respiratory diseases.

The number of deaths from the above were : Bronchitis 17 ; Pneumonia 5 ; other respiratory diseases 4 ; a total of 26, giving a Death Rate of 1.54 per 1,000 of the population against a death rate of 0.94 for 1944.

Diarrhoea and Enteritis.

There were no deaths under two years of age, giving a death rate of 0.00 per 1,000 live births. The death rate for England and Wales for 1945 was 5.6 per 1,000 Live-Births.

Cancer and Malignant disease.

The deaths from the above were Males : 13 ; Females : 19 ; total : 32. This gives a death rate of 1.89 for 1945 as against 1.77 for 1944.

Maternal Mortality.

There was one Maternal death during the year.

General Provision of Health Services and Hospital Arrangements.

MATERNITY AND CHILDREN.

ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC.

SMALLPOX.

FEVERS AND OTHER DISEASES.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

These are the same as set out in the Report for the year 1940.

Hospital Arrangements.

During the year 1945, Recommend-Vouchers have been supplied to patients as follows :—

	Inpatients.	Out-patients	Total.
Rochdale Infirmary	161	158	319
Bury Infirmary	131	110	241
Manchester Royal Infirmary ...	50	76	126
Royal Manchester Children's Hospital	31	33	64
Manchester Royal Eye Hospital	3	36	39
St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester	14	24	38
Victoria Hospital, Burnley ...	8	26	34
Manchester & Salford Skin Hospital	7	25	32
Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute ...	10	8	18
Manchester Northern Hospital	6	6	12
General Infirmary, Leeds ...	6	—	6
Aitken Cottage Hospital ...	5	1	6
Ancoats Hospital, Manchester	3	3	6
Denton Hospital, Manchester...	—	5	5
Other Hospitals	8	8	16
Greenfield Massage Centre ...	Massage XRay	63 } 153 }	216
	443	735	1178

The above Recommend-Vouchers have been issued through the Bacup Borough Hospital Fund.

Causes of Death					Males	F'm'l's
All Causes					122	115
1	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers				—	—
2	Cerebro spinal fever				1	—
3	Scarlet fever				—	—
4	Whooping Cough				—	—
5	Diphtheria				—	—
6	Tuberculosis of respiratory system...				4	4
7	Other forms of Tuberculosis... ..				—	2
8	Syphilitic diseases				1	2
9	Influenza				—	1
10	Measles... ..				—	—
11	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioen- cephalitis				—	—
12	Acute Infectious Encephalitis ..				—	—
13	Cancer of buccal cavity and oesoph- agus (M.), Uterus (F)				2	3
14	Cancer of Stomach and duodenum..				5	6
15	Cancer of Breast				—	5
16	Cancer of all other sites				6	5
17	Diabetes				—	2
18	Intracranial vascular lesions ...				12	17
19	Heart Disease... ..				46	26
20	Other diseases of circulatory system				2	2
21	Bronchitis				10	7
22	Pneumonia				3	2
23	Other respiratory diseases				3	1
24	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ...				—	—
25	Diarrhoea under two years				—	—
26	Appendicitis				—	—
27	Other digestive disorders				4	4
28	Nephritis				3	1
29	Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis				—	—
30	Other maternal causes				—	1
31	Premature Birth				—	1
32	Congenital Malformations, birth injury, Infantile Diseases ..				1	3
33	Suicide				—	1
34	Road Traffic Accidents				—	—
35	Other violent Causes... ..				4	6
36	All other causes				15	13

Details of Water Supplies, Drainage and Sewerage for the Year Ended 31st December, 1945.

NEW CONNECTIONS TO TOWN'S WATER.

Private Houses ... (25 low level — 1 High level)
26 Domestic

NEW CONNECTIONS TO EXISTING SERVICE PIPES.

Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Hot Water only	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Wash Basins	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
W.C's.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Sinks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Geysers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Taps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Horse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
								<hr/> 75

NEW DISTRICTS CONNECTED TO TOWN'S WATER.

Tunstead Mill Terrace, Ashworth Terrace, Arcon Housing Estate, Burnley Road and Rosebank Street.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CONNECTIONS AND CONSUMERS OF TOWN'S WATER.

Domestic Connections 5,878
Consumers (at $2\frac{3}{4}$ persons per connection) 16,164

WATER ANALYSIS.

During the year 32 samples of Town's Water were sent to the Borough Analyst; 29 samples were reported excellent: 1 sample was reported slightly acid; 2 samples were reported acid.

Bacteriological examinations were made on 11 samples:—
Coliform organisms were reported absent in 100 c.c. in 4
" " present in 100 c.c. in 4
" " " in 10 c.c. in 2
" " " in 1 c.c. in 1

11

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Extensions of Foul Sewers and Surface Water drains for Temporary and Permanent Housing Schemes were commenced towards the end of the year.

HOUSING.

No new houses have been completed by the end of the year either temporary or permanent for the Local Authority. Private Enterprise has not commenced the erection of houses during 1945

H. GUFFOGG, M.INST.M. & C.Y.E.
Borough and Water Engineer.

HOUSING STATISTICS, 1945.

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the Year :—

- | | |
|---|-----|
| (1) (a) Total Number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) | 165 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... | 427 |
| (2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 | 6 |
| (3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | — |
| (4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 153 |

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	117
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FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

The following samples were taken and submitted to the Borough Public Analyst :—

Article	No. of samples taken	Genuine	Not Genuine	Remarks
Milk ... (Taken by Mr. W.A. Healey)	19	19	—	—
Bicarbonate of Soda ...	3	3	—	—
Gelatine Mixture	1	1	—	—
Dessert Mould ...	1	1	—	—
Ginger ...	3	3	—	—
Pepper ...	2	2	—	—
Sausages ...	1	1	—	—
Scone Mixture ...	1	1	—	—
Carbonate of Magnesia ...	1	1	—	—
Semolina ...	1	1	—	—
Cough Mixture	1	1	—	—
Frutella Table Dessert ...	1	1	—	—
Iodine Paint ...	1	1	—	—
Bun and Cake Mixture ...	1	1	—	—
Golden Raising Flour ...	1	1	—	—
Indian Brandee	1	1	—	—
Ice Cream Powder ...	1	1	—	—
Bacon ...	1	1	—	—
Pudding Mixture	1	—	1	Stocks destr'd
Soup Powder	1	—	1	Stocks destr'd

Infectious Diseases.

DIPHTHERIA. During the year there were 3 cases, and no deaths. 2 cases treated in hospital. The number of cases in 1944 was 12.

ERYSIPELAS. 3 cases. 7 cases in 1944.

SCARLET FEVER. 22 cases. No deaths. 28 cases in 1944.
2 cases treated in hospital

PUERPERAL PYREXIA. No cases. 1 case in 1944.

WHOOPING COUGH. 10 cases. 48 cases in 1944.

MEASLES. 210 cases. 249 cases in 1944.

PNEUMONIA. 11 cases compared with 6 in 1944.

SMALLPOX. There were no cases notified during the year.

Scabies Treatment Centre

During the year the year the Treatment Centre for cases of Scabies was open on 13 occasions when 36 males and 41 females were treated.

General.

15 Diphtheria swabs were examined. Arrangements have been made for examinations if required of swabs for Puerperal Pyrexia.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were 11 new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 8 deaths, new Non-Pulmonary cases of Tuberculosis were 9 and 2 deaths.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths				
	Non-Pulmonary Pulmonary				Non-Pulmonary Pulmonary				
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Year									
0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1-5	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	
5-10	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	
10-15	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
15-20	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	
20-25	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	
25-35	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	
35-45	4	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	
45-55	—	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	
55-65	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
65 & upwards	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	
Totals :	9	2	3	6	4	4	—	2	
	11		9		8		2		
1944 Totals	...	2	3	4	8	3	3	—	2
		5		12		6		2	
1943 Totals	...	5	4	4	5	6	4	3	1
		9		9		10		4	
1942 Totals	...	12	5	9	6	9	4	—	1
		17		15		13		1	

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

135 women made 308 attendances at the Ante-Natal Clinic during 1945. These figures are very satisfactory ; showing how the services rendered are appreciated.

Dr. Rickards is available through any of the local practitioners for cases of abnormal confinement.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for the year was 11.54 deaths per 1,000 Live Births, against 32.36 for 1944. The births were 260 against 309 for 1944. There were 10 Still-Births for 1945, against 6 for 1944.

There were 3 deaths of infants under 1 year of age compared with 10 for 1944.

The Milk (Mother and Children) Order, 1939, has been carried out according to the Ministry of Health Scale.

Measles, Whooping Cough, Epidemic Diarrhoea, and Pemphigus Neonatorum are visited by the Health Visitor.

107 Mothers were confined at Moorlands Maternity Home against 134 for 1944 30 Mothers confined in other hospitals or nursing homes outside the district. 14 St. Mary's Hospital ; 4 Brierfield ; 6 Bury ; 3 Manchester ; 1 Jericho ; 1 Tottington 1 Acccington. Total 137.

Dr. A. Callum, of Burnley is the Consultant for Puerperal Pyrexia cases, and is available through the Medical Officer of Health.

Maternal Deaths are investigated by Dr. Hall, the County Medical Officer of Health.

Visits paid by the Health Visitor during the year 1945 :—

To Expectant Mothers	...	...	...	...	56
To infants under 1 year (first visits)	...	...	...	...	265
To infants under 1 year (total visits)	...	...	...	...	645
To children 1-5 years (total visits)	...	...	...	...	468
Visits re still-births	...	...	...	...	6
Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited	...	...	...	...	—
Puerperal Pyrexia cases visited	...	...	...	...	—
Whooping Cough cases visited	...	...	...	...	1
Measles cases visited	...	...	...	...	12
Pemphigus Neonatorum cases visited	...	...	...	...	—
Maternal Deaths investigated	...	...	...	...	1

The Maternity Centre was open 49 times when Mothers and Guardians made 2,575 attendances and children 2,782.

Diphtheria Immunisation

The percentage of children in the Borough who were immunised at the 31st December, 1945 was :—

Under 5 years	...	...	55.04%
5 to 14 years	...	...	93.43%
Total under 15 years	...	...	79.61%

During the year there was only one immunised child who contracted the disease of a mild type, making a complete recovery

Orthopaedic Clinic Held at Rawtenstall.

The following Table shows the number of Bacup children, of school age who attended the Orthopaedic Clinic for treatment during the year ended the 31st December, 1945.

Sex	Age Yrs.	Diagnosis.	ATTENDANCE		School
			Surgeon's Clinic	Ordinary Clinic	
F.	11	Painful Feet	2	2	St. Saviour's
F.	10	Valgus Feet — ...	3	32	St. Joseph's
F.	6	C.J.E. Varus Rt.,... ..	4	1	Western
		Hallux Valgus Cong. Def.			
F.	13	L. Foot	4	—	Western
F.	8½	Multiple Cong. Def. ...	2	—	Thorn Junior
	12½	Act. A.P.M. Left Leg & Foot	4	—	Blackthorn
F.	13	A.P.M. L. leg Carus			Blackthorn
M.		Foot Calcaneo	4	2	
M.	6½	A.P.M. Both Legs	4	4	Sharneyford
M.	14	Prom. S & L Rt. Met Base	3	—	Blackthorn
F.	12	Hallux Valgus L & R ...	2	2	Western
M.	7	Bursa L Int. malleolus ...	2	—	St. Mary's
F.	7	Old Fracture Elbow	1	—	Sharneyford
F.	7	Meningocele	2	—	Tunstead
F.	8	Inf. Hemiplegia Rt.	1	1	Sharneyford
F.	14	Cong. Amputation of Arm	1	—	St. Joseph's
F.	12	Hammer Toe	3	15	Tunstead
F.	13	Scoliosis Old Birth Palsy	1	10	Blackthorn
F.	11	Ganglion Lt. Wrist	1	—	Blackthorn
M.	7	Birth Palsy Rt.	1	—	Northern
M.	13	Inf. Hemiplegia Rt	1	—	Western
M.	6	Claw Foot	5	7	Tunstead

Three boys and two girls received treatment in the Biddulph Grange Orthopaedic Hospital during the year. One girl received treatment in the Children Orthopaedic Hospital, Marple.

List of Bacup Children under school age who attended the Clinic during the year 1945.

Maternity and Child Welfare Return.

Sex	Age	Diagnosis	Attendance	
			Surgeon's Clinic	Ordinary Clinic
M.	6½ mths	C. & E. Varus ...	3	12
M.	1¾	Genu Varus ...	2	2
F.	2¼	Valgus Ankles ...	2	—
F.	2	Valgus Ankles ...	2	—
F.	2	Bow Legs ...	1	1
M.	1	Nodule (ankle) ...	1	—
F.	1	Inf. Spastic Paraplegia	4	—
F.	4½	Knock Knee ...	2	—
M.	2	Injury to Rt. Leg. ...	1	—
F.	1½	Injury to Rt. Leg. ...	1	—
F.	3	Torticollis ...	1	—
M.	7 mths	Torticollis ...	1	—
F.	2 mths	? feet (discharged)	1	—
F.	2	Mild O.C.T. ...	1	—
M.	1 mth	Mild. Rt. Club Foot ...	3	11
		Little's Disease Lt.		
M.	4	Hemiplegia ...	1	—
		Congenital Hypertrophy		
F.	4	Lt. Lower Limb —	1	—
		Bursa over left		
M.	1½	internal malleolus ...	1	—
F.	1	Nothing abnormal (dis)	1	—

One boy received treatment at the Marple Orthopaedic Hospital and one boy and one girl received treatment at the Biddulph Grange Orthopaedic Hospital during the year. One girl is still in Biddulph.

FACTORIES AND OTHER PREMISES.

1. Inspection of Factories and Other Premises.

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories (with Mechanical Power)	37	4	—
Factories without Mechanical power ...	—	—	—
Other Premises (Other than Outworkers' Premises)	—	—	—
Total ...	37	4	—

2. Defects Found in Factories and Other Premises.

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of Offences in respect of which Prosecutions were taken
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspt.	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—				
Want of Cleanliness	1	1		
Want of Cleanliness to WC's	1	1	—	—
Absence of intervening ventilated space between			—	—
W.C. and Workroom ...	1	1	—	—
Sex notices not posted ...	1	1	—	—
Separate approaches to w.c., not provided ...	1	1	—	—
Other Nuisances	9	9		
TOTALS ...	14	14	—	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified, and number of cases removed to Hospital during the year 1945.

Disease	Total Cases	Cases Notified Years												Total Cases removed to Hospital
		-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65+	
Smallpox ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	22	-	11	2	2	3	8	4	-	1	1	-	-	2
Diphtheria ...	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Enteric Fever ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles, excluding														
German Measles ...	209	21	36	38	23	27	58	3	1	1	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	10	-	1	-	3	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-
Acute Pneumonia	11	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	2	2	-	-
(Primary and Influenzal)														
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis														
Lethargica ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia														
Neonatorum ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria :—														
Contracted in this country ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Abroad ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas ...	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-
Acute Polio														
Encephalitis ...	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pemphigus														
Neonatorum ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS ...	259	22	38	40	28	33	70	11	2	6	4	2	2	5

Diagnosis not confirmed 2 cases Diphtheria

REPORT OF CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR AND CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT.

Sanitary Inspector's Office,
Rochdale Road,
BACUP,

July, 1946.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES
OF THE BOROUGH OF BACUP.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my sixth Annual Report of the Work done
by the Sanitary Department during the year 1945.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

Total Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	1896
Complaints Investigated...	...	...	...	...	...	142
Bakehouses Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	30
Farms Inspected (Cowsheds and Dairies )	...	...	...	...	...	69
Drainage Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	18
Drains tested with Colour Test...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Drains tested with Smoke Machine	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dwellinghouses Inspected—Housing Acts	.....	...	...	...	...	6
Dwellinghouses Re-inspected—Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	29
Dwellinghouses Inspected—Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	159
Dwellinghouses Re-inspected—Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	398
Dwellinghouses Inspected—Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	13
Factories Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	37
Milk Samples submitted for Chemical Examination	...	...	...	...	...	19
Milk Samples submitted for Bacteriological Examination	...	...	...	...	...	5
Milk Samples examined for Tubercle Bacilli	...	...	...	...	...	14
Water Samples submitted for Bacteriological Examination	...	...	...	...	...	10
Water Samples submitted for Chemical Examination	...	...	...	...	...	5
Inspections of Public Sanitary Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	90
Public Cleansing Service (Visits to Tips, Salvage, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	173
Butchers Shops Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	44
Market Stalls Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	17
Books disinfected...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Rooms and Houses disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	39
Meat and Food Inspections (Pigs examined 68)	—	...	...	...	...	110
Offensive Trades Premises Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	7
Inspections re Applications for Council Houses	...	...	...	...	...	161
Miscellaneous Visits—(Interviews, Surveys, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	220
Rodent Control—Premises surveyed	...	...	...	...	...	54
Prebait (unpoisoned) laid	...	...	...	...	...	103
Poison Baits laid	...	...	...	...	...	454
Poison Baits taken	...	...	...	...	...	116
Estimated Number of Rats & Mice killed	...	...	...	...	...	362
Traps Laid	...	...	...	...	...	63
Rats and Mice caught	...	...	...	...	...	22

In compliance with the directions of the 24th March, 1945 from the Ministry of Food a second treatment of the Council's Sewers has been completed. 117 Manholes were prebaited of which only 11 showed a "take." 11 Manholes were poison baited of which 7 showed a "take." From this it can be assumed that the Rat population remaining in the Sewers has been reduced to a very low level indeed.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED.

Public Health Act, 1936.

Bacup Corporation Act, 1906.

Interior of Houses.

Sink Waste Pipes Repaired or Renewed...	...	...	2
Water Service Pipes Repaired or Renewed	...	...	15
Plaster Ceilings Repaired	...	...	6
Plaster Walls repaired	...	...	7
New Glazed Sink provided	...	...	1
Bug infested houses sprayed with Solution B.	...	...	2
New Fireranges fixed	...	...	3
New Firegrates fixed	...	...	3
New Floorboards fixed	...	...	1
House Doors Rehung	...	...	2

Exterior of Houses.

Roofs repaired	...	...	8
New Eavesgutters fixed or repaired	...	...	21
Rain Water Pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	5
New Skylight Windows Fixed	...	...	2
Town's Water Supply laid on to Houses and Shops	...	...	27
New Chimney Pots fixed	...	...	3
Walls repointed	...	...	5
New Window Frames fixed	...	...	10

Yards and Outbuildings.

Workshop Chimney extended	...	...	1
New Coal Store doors fixed	...	...	2
Yard Paving relaid	...	...	1
Garden and division Walls rebuilt	...	...	8

Drainage.

Choked Drains and Gullies cleansed	...	...	...	17
Drains repaired	...	...	...	9
Stone surface water drain relaid	...	...	...	1

Water Closets.

W.C. Pans renewed	...	...	...	3
New W.C. compartment Doors fixed	...	...	...	2
W.C. Service Pipes renewed	...	...	...	3
W.C. flushing cisterns fixed	...	...	...	2

Waste water closets.

Waste water closets converted to Fresh Water Closets...	4
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Factories.

Want of Cleanliness to W.C.	1
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Absence of intervening space between W.C. and workroom	1
Sex notices not posted	1
Separate approaches not provided to W.C's	1
Other nuisances	9

Farms

Shippon Walls rendered in cement	6
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DAIRY :

Ceiling Underdrawn	1
Wall cement rendered	1
New hopper window fixed	1
Mains water laid on	...	...	...	1
Floor concreted	...	...	...	1

Miscellaneous.

Nuisance from pig-keeping abated	...	...	...	2
Bedding and Blankets steam disinfected	...	...	...	500
Preliminary Notices issued...	...	...	...	59

MILK SUPPLY.

Bacteriological Examination of Milk.

5 Samples of Undesignated Milk were submitted for examination, according to the tests prescribed for "Accredited Milk", 1 of these failing to pass the test.

4 Samples of "Pasteurised" Schools Milks were examined all passing the prescribed tests.

14 Samples were examined from bulk supplies from local farms and submitted for examination for the presence of tubercle bacilli. Tubercle bacilli was not found in any sample.

Two supplementary Licences to retail "Pasteurised" Milk in the Borough have been renewed.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

The following Samples of Milk were taken and submitted by me to the Public Analyst for examination :—

19 samples of milk were examined all of which were genuine.

The average composition of Milk produced in the Borough is given below together with the standard laid down by the Board of Agriculture :—

	Total Solids.	Milk Fat.	Solids not fat.
Board of Agriculture Standard	11.5%	3.0%	8.5%
Average of 19 samples ...	12.59%	3.81%	8.78%

Factories Act, 1937.

37 visits have been made under the above Act. 4 Notices were served. 2 Inspections have been made of Outworkers Premises (See Table shewing Defects found in Factories and Other Premises).

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE.

The Health Committee are responsible for the Cleansing and Disposal of Contents of Ashpits, Privy middens, Dustbins, Cess-pools and Pail-Closets and for the cleansing and maintenance of Public Sanitary Conveniences.

Storage. The following are the types of receptacles in use at the 31st March, 1945 :—

Fixed Ashpits	5
Dustbins	6553
Privy middens	4
Pail Closets	156
Waste water closets	408

Refuse Collection service.

The collection of domestic and trade refuse is performed by two S. & D. 7 cu. yd. Refuse Collection vehicles. Despite labour difficulties few complaints of non-emptying of dustbins have been received. A weekly collection of domestic refuse has been aimed at except in those areas selected for a fortnightly refuse collection service. The collection of salvage and kitchen scraps is still maintained.

Refuse Disposal.

All refuse is disposed of by Controlled Tipping on two tips—one at Change and the other known as Blackwood Tip, Stacksteads.

During the year 386 dustbins have been sold and delivered by this Department.

During the year the gradual substitution of the wooden sanitary tubs by galvanised iron sanitary pails was commenced which I think is a step forward from a sanitary and an economic aspect.

SALVAGE OF WASTE MATERIALS.

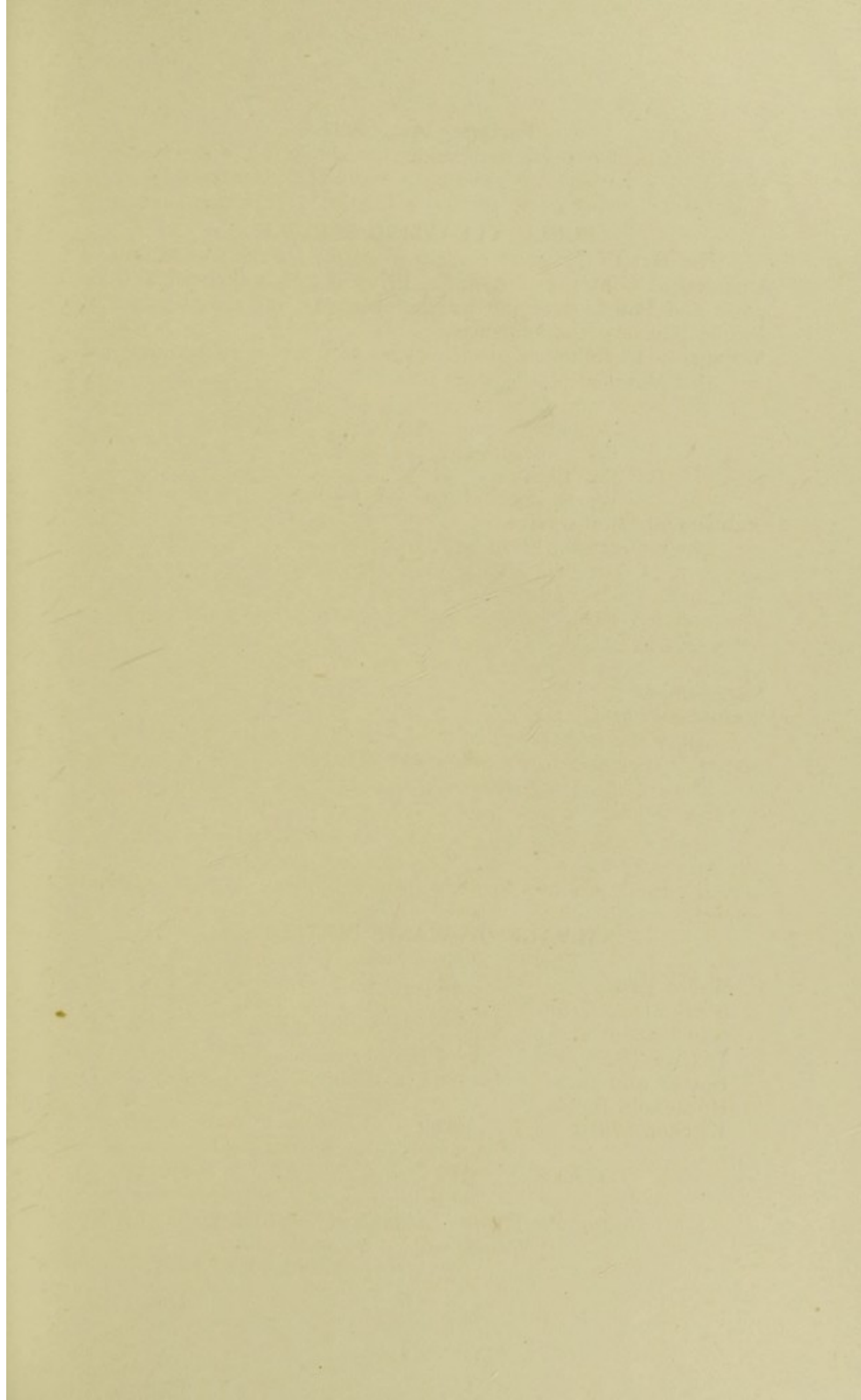
	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	£	s.	d.
Waste Paper	42	4	—	—	278	19	1
Black Scrap (Iron)	3	10	—	—	8	17	9
Non Ferrous Scrap		8	3	21	8	9	9
Textiles (Rags, etc.)	1	11	—	9	19	16	1
Bottles and Jars	6	6	2	—	25	11	1
Household Bones		15	2	—	4	6	7
Kitchen Waste	47	6	2	2	94	13	0

TOTALS :	102	2	2	2	£440	13	0
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I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. A. HEALEY.



February 22, 1943

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