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To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Banbury.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health Services of the Borough during 1941.

In accordance with the requirements of Circular 2314 issued by the Ministry of Health on March 26th, 1941, and Circular 2067 of July, 1940, the report is confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected public health during the year, especially outbreaks of infectious disease.

The incidence of notifiable diseases is lower than in 1940: there have been no serious outbreaks of disease resulting from war conditions or otherwise. Nearly 75 per cent. of the school children have now been immunised for Diphtheria; although the figure for children under 5, just over 30 per cent. is less satisfactory, the numbers are gradually improving.

The Infant Mortality Rate 29 per 1,000 may be considered very satisfactory in a town which is to a large extent industrial.

The number of deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis has, however, increased, the figure being the highest since 1932.

The number of cases of Scabies shows a slight increase over 1940.

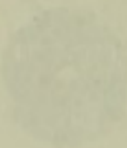
I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. J. CAMPBELL,

Medical Officer of Health.

15th October, 1942.



To His Excellency the Governor, Secretary and Council of the
Province of Ontario

Dear Sir,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health Services of the
Province during 1961.

The Commission which was established in 1959 to study the
health services of Ontario has, in its report, recommended that
the health services be reorganized on a regional basis. It is
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Very respectfully,
A. W. CARROLL

Director of Health Services

100 Queen's Park

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

BIRTHS 1941.

For calculation of :—						
Infant Mortality, &c.			Birth Rate.			
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
LIVE BIRTHS						
LEGITIMATE	179	149	328	155	137	292
ILLEGITIMATE	4	12	16	4	12	16
TOTALS	183	161	344	159	149	318
STILLBIRTHS.						
LEGITIMATE	2	4	6	2	3	5
ILLEGITIMATE	1	—	1	1	—	1
TOTALS	3	4	7	3	3	6

BIRTH RATE per 1,000 of the Estimated Population—14.96.

STILLBIRTHS—RATE per 1,000 (Live and Still) Births—18.52.

DEATHS 1941.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Deaths	97	121	218

DEATH RATE per 1,000 Estimated Population—10.25.

Causes of Death During 1941.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers ...	—	1	1
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	1	1
4. Whooping Cough	—	1	1
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...	6	4	10
8. Syphilitic Diseases	—	1	1
9. Influenza	1	3	4
10. Measles	1	—	1
13. Cancer of Mouth and oesophagus (male) and uterus (female)	2	2	4
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum ...	1	5	6
15. Cancer of breast	—	2	2
16. Cancer of all other sites	11	4	15
17. Diabetes	2	1	3
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions	6	16	22
19. Heart Disease	33	32	65
20. Other diseases of circulatory system...	3	5	8
21. Bronchitis	9	10	19
22. Pneumonia	3	14	17
23. Other respiratory diseases	—	1	1
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ...	3	—	3
27. Other digestive diseases	2	—	2
28. Nephritis	—	1	1
31. Premature Birth	1	2	3
32. Congenital malnutrition, birth injury etc.	—	1	1
34. Road Traffic Accidents	1	2	3
35. Other violent causes	2	5	7
36. All other causes... ..	10	7	17
Totals	97	121	218

Causes of Death under One Year of Age.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Premature Birth	1	2	3
Congenital Debility, Malformation, etc. ...	—	1	1
Broncho-pneumonia, etc.	1	5	6
Totals	2	8	10

Death Rate of Infants Under One Year of Age.

	Number.	Rate.
All Infants per 1,000 live births	10	29.07
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	9	27.44
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	1	62.50

Ages at which Death Occurred.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 year	2	8	10
1 and under 2 years	2	2	4
2 and under 5 years	—	4	4
5 and under 15 years	—	1	1
15 and under 25 years	3	5	8
25 and under 45 years	10	9	19
45 and under 65 years	23	24	47
65 and upwards, including :—			
	M.	F.	Total.
65 and under 70 years	12	11	23
70 and under 75 years	17	16	33
75 and under 80 years	14	15	29
80 and under 85 years	7	13	20
85 and under 90 years	2	9	11
90 years and upwards	5	4	9
	57	68	125
	—	—	—
Totals	97	121	218
	—	—	—

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH.

Staff of the Public Health Department.

Medical Officer of Health ...	A. J. Campbell, B.Sc., M.D., D.P.H.
Senior Sanitary Inspector and Certified Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.	F. G. Cobbett, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.
Additional Sanitary Inspector...	R. Upton, A.R.San.I.
Clerk	R. Thomas.
Health Visitors	Miss Whiteway, Miss Arbon, Miss Irwin.
Clerk (Clinic)	Miss Clifton.
Disinfecter	W. J. E. Haynes.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

Number of Births notified—284.

(a) Live Births 279. (b) Stillbirths 5.

Notified by Midwives 265. By doctors 19.

There are three Health Visitors.

No of visits (1) To Expectant Mothers, first visits—53. Total 80.

(2) To Children under 1 year, first visits—307. Total 1374

(3) To children between 1 and 5 years—1531.

Number of Children attending Child Welfare Clinic :—

(1) Under 1 year 198 (including 28 Evacuees).

(2) Between 1 and 5 years 106 (including 39 Evacuees).

Total number of Children attending Child Welfare Clinic :—

(1) Under 1 year 148 (including 15 Evacuees).

(2) Over 1 year 282 (including 79 Evacuees).

Day Nurseries.

Three War-Time Nurseries are in course of construction and will be ready for occupation in 1942—one at Horton View for Easington District, one in the People's Park for Warwick Road District, and one for Grimsbury in Middleton Road.

At present there is a Day Nursery attached to the Clinic ; this will however be closed when the War-Time Nurseries open.

Anti-Natal Clinic.

The following is Dr. Mary Fraser's report for 1941 :—

It gives me much pleasure to submit my report on the work of the Clinic during the past year. I regret it is not so detailed as I should like, but the work of the Clinic remains considerably increased, and this makes a complete follow-up difficult, especially as a number of the patients are not normally residents of Banbury and either move away or are confined in Emergency Maternity Homes.

In 1941 there were 167 new cases, 514 old cases, 8 post natal. Total attendances 689.

The number of attendances per patient work out at 4.1.

The average number of patients attending each clinic for 1941 is 14.6

Of the 167 new cases seen for the first time this year

55 are known to have had normal deliveries,

87 are either still due or have been delivered in an institution or have gone away,

2 had still births, 1 premature

1 in Warwick Road, after long labour,

5 came to know if they were pregnant,

8 were post natal cases.

Among those cases whose condition was not quite normal, some have been delivered at home, and others have been sent away by their own doctors.

These include :—1 case asthma, 1 case inertia, 1 case breech, 4 cases sent for X-ray, 1 case suspected difficulty (normal delivery).

While attending the clinic all cases detected as showing any abnormality have been referred to their own doctors. Abnormal presentations have been corrected where possible.

Maternity Hospital.

The question of the provision of a Maternity Hospital in Banbury is becoming an increasingly urgent problem. At present the only Maternity Beds in the Borough are 6 beds at the Public Assistance Institution, Warwick Road; there were formerly two nursing homes in the Borough taking Maternity cases, but these have now closed down. There is so much over-crowding in the Borough that it is difficult for normal confinements to take place at home. Complicated cases are dealt with either in the Maternity Department at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, or at the Horton General Hospital, although there is no Maternity Department at the latter hospital.

The most satisfactory solution of the problem would be the provision of a Maternity Department at the Horton General Hospital, and this could be available for cases from the surrounding district, i.e. from the County Councils of Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire as well as for the Borough of Banbury. This is unlikely however to take place during the War.

Orthopaedic Clinic.

The Clinic is held on Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the Horton General Hospital. The Surgeon, Mr. J. C. Scott, F.R.C.S. Eng., attends on the first Thursday of each month.

Number of children under 5 attending	...	...	...	22
Number of attendances	...	...	...	32
Number of children 5—14 attending	...	...	...	26
Number of attendances	...	...	...	92

Of these cases 20 were Evacuees who had 83 attendances.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

The water is taken from the River Cherwell and Sor Brook, and during the year under review the supply was constant and sufficient. It is treated by sand and mechanical filters and as an additional safeguard is chlorinated.

Eight samples of water were taken for chemical analysis and bacteriological examination, and the reports of the Public Analyst shewed that the water was, in each case, safe for use as a public supply.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the
Year 1941.
(Civilians only).

Disease.	Total Cases Notified	Admitted to		Total Deaths
		Isolation Hospital	Other Hospitals	
Typhoid Fever	1	—	1	1
Scarlet Fever	17	15	—	—
Diphtheria	4	4	—	—
Measles	48	6	1	1
Whooping Cough.....	98	11	—	1
Erysipelas.....	1	1	—	—
Pneumonia	6	—	1	17
Cerebro-spinal fever	1	—	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	—	2	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3	—	2	—
Totals	182	37	8	21

The incidence of notifiable diseases during the year has been relatively low.

Scarlet Fever.

17 cases occurred of which 15 were removed to hospital. 10 occurred in children of school age, 6 in adults, and one under school age.

Diphtheria.

4 cases occurred ; all were admitted to hospital. 2 were school children and 2 under school age.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

A Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic is held at the School Clinic, Warwick Road on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.15 a.m.

The following are the numbers immunised :—

Estimated School Population	...	3500
Number immunised ...	...	2000
Percentage ...	...	74.3
Estimated Population under 5	...	1500
Number immunised ...	...	471
Percentage ...	...	31.2

Cerebro-spinal Fever.

One case occurred in the Borough, an elderly woman who was a patient at the Horton Hospital. The case was fatal.

Typhoid Fever.

One case occurred in an elderly woman, who was treated at the Horton Hospital. The faeces and widal reactions of the contacts were examined with negative results ; no source of infection was found and no further cases occurred.

Laboratory Work.

All public health laboratory work with the exception of water examinations is carried out by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, South Parks Road, Oxford. Water examinations (chemical and bacteriological) are carried out by Messrs. Bostock Hill and Rigby, of Birmingham.

Isolation Hospital.

There is now a total of 31 beds in the hospital. The old block consists of 10 beds. The new cubicle block which was opened in 1938 consists of 6 cubicle beds. In 1941 a hutted ward was added by the Ministry of Health. This consists of 15 beds, 6 of which are in two-bedded cubicle wards, the remaining 9 in one ward. Local authorities other than the Borough of Banbury and the Banbury Rural District may send patients to this ward provided accommodation is available.

The question of staffing has been a great difficulty during the year. It has never been possible to obtain more than one nurse in addition to the Matron, and there have been occasions when the Matron has had to run the hospital without any nursing assistance.

The following are the numbers of cases dealt with during the year :

Disease.	Banbury Boro.		Banbury R.D.	Other Areas.	Total.
	Boro.	Evacs.			
Scarlet Fever ...	14	1	10	—	25
Ditto—contact ...	—	—	1	—	1
Diphtheria ...	4	1	2	5	12
Diphtheria Carriers...	2	9	2	—	13
Measles ...	5	1	2	2	10
Whooping Cough ...	1	10	4	—	15
Erysipelas ...	1	—	2	—	3
Streptococcal infection ...	1	1	—	—	2
Mumps ...	—	5	—	1	6
Scabies ...	6	14	3	9	32
Chickenpox ...	—	6	2	1	9
Impetigo ...	—	3	—	—	3
Pneumonia, etc. ...	—	—	1	—	1
Totals ...	34	51	29	18	132

One child, seven months old, suffering from pneumonia and whooping cough, died during the year, seventeen days after admission.

AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIED CASES.

Age over	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65
Disease and under	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65
Scarlet Fever...	—	—	—	1	7	3	3	2	1	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	3
Measles	3	2	4	3	2	11	14	2	7	—	—
Whooping Cough	4	7	12	14	14	40	4	—	—	3	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals	10	9	16	18	18	59	23	6	12	5	4

Scabies.

The treatment of Scabies at the Scabies Clinic which was opened in October, 1940, was continued during the whole of the year 1941, and patients were also treated as in-patients in the Infectious Diseases Hospital and at the Evacuees Hostel at Sinclair Avenue. The following tables give particulars of the number of patients (differentiating between Borough and Evacuee patients) and the number of treatments given :—

(a) Scabies Clinic.

	Borough.	Evacuees.	Total.
Number of patients receiving treatment at 1st January, 1941	13	15	28
Number of patients admitted 1941			
New patients	160		
Re-infected patients ...	67	104	123
227			
Discharges during the year :—			
Cured	172		
Ceased attending	36		
Transferred to Hospitals, etc. for further treatment ...	17		
Other reasons	12	102	136
238			
Number of patients receiving treatment at 31st December, 1941	15	2	17
Number of treatments given ...	1801	1749	3550
Number of patients in respect of which bedding was disinfected			42

(b) Infectious Diseases Hospital (In-patients).

	Borough.	Evacuees.	Total.
Number of patients admitted with Scabies	6	14	20
Total days	70	302	372
Average number of days per patient ...	11	21	18.6

(c) Evacuee Hostel, Sinclair Avenue.

Number of patients admitted with scabies (evacuees only)	70
Total days	1391
Average number of days per patient	19

REPORT OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR for the Year 1941.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

My Report for the year 1941 has, as in previous years, had to be curtailed in response to the instructions of the Ministry of Health, and I have therefore confined myself to matters which I think may be of immediate interest.

Complaints.

During the year 1941, 157 complaints were received which were investigated and dealt with.

Meat Inspection.

During the year 1941, the carcasses, parts of carcasses and offal, detailed in the following Table, were certified as unfit for human consumption :—

	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Calves.
Total number of animals slaughtered.....	2319	13049	1504	1872
Carcases Condemned :—				
Tuberculosis	31	—	3	2
Other Causes	17	38	5	—
Parts of Carcasses, Organs and Offal Condemned :—				
Livers :.....	137	116	8	1
Heads and Tongues ...	16	—	—	1
Lungs	18	—	—	—
Hearts	2	—	—	—
Plucks	—	5	2	1
Forequarters (Beef)...	6	—	—	—
Hindquarters (Beef)...	3	—	—	—
Legs and Flanks.....	2	—	1	—
Meat (in pounds)	691	9	—	—

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

Diseases.

No cases of disease were notified under the Orders of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Diseases of Animals Acts during the year 1941.

Movement of Swine.

The number of store pigs consigned to the Cattle Market for sale during 1941 was 3,538. The number of licences issued was 560.

Irish Cattle.

Number of Irish Cattle licensed to the Cattle Market							
during 1941	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
Number of licences received			...	...	...	...	4
Number of licences issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

Transit of Animals—Cleansing Vehicles.

The number of cattle carrying vehicles cleansed and disinfected during 1941 was 3,441 ; an average weekly number of 67.5.

F. G. COBBETT,

Senior Sanitary Inspector and Inspector under
the Diseases of Animals Acts.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS

REPORT OF THE VETERINARY SURVEILLANCE COMMISSION

For the year ending 31st December 1941

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