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# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1944.

July 1945



To :-

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Basingstoke.

I beg to present my report for the year 1944, the lateness of which is caused by the necessary statistics not being received earlier.

Yours faithfully,

M. Avent.

Medical Officer of Health.

## STATISTICS

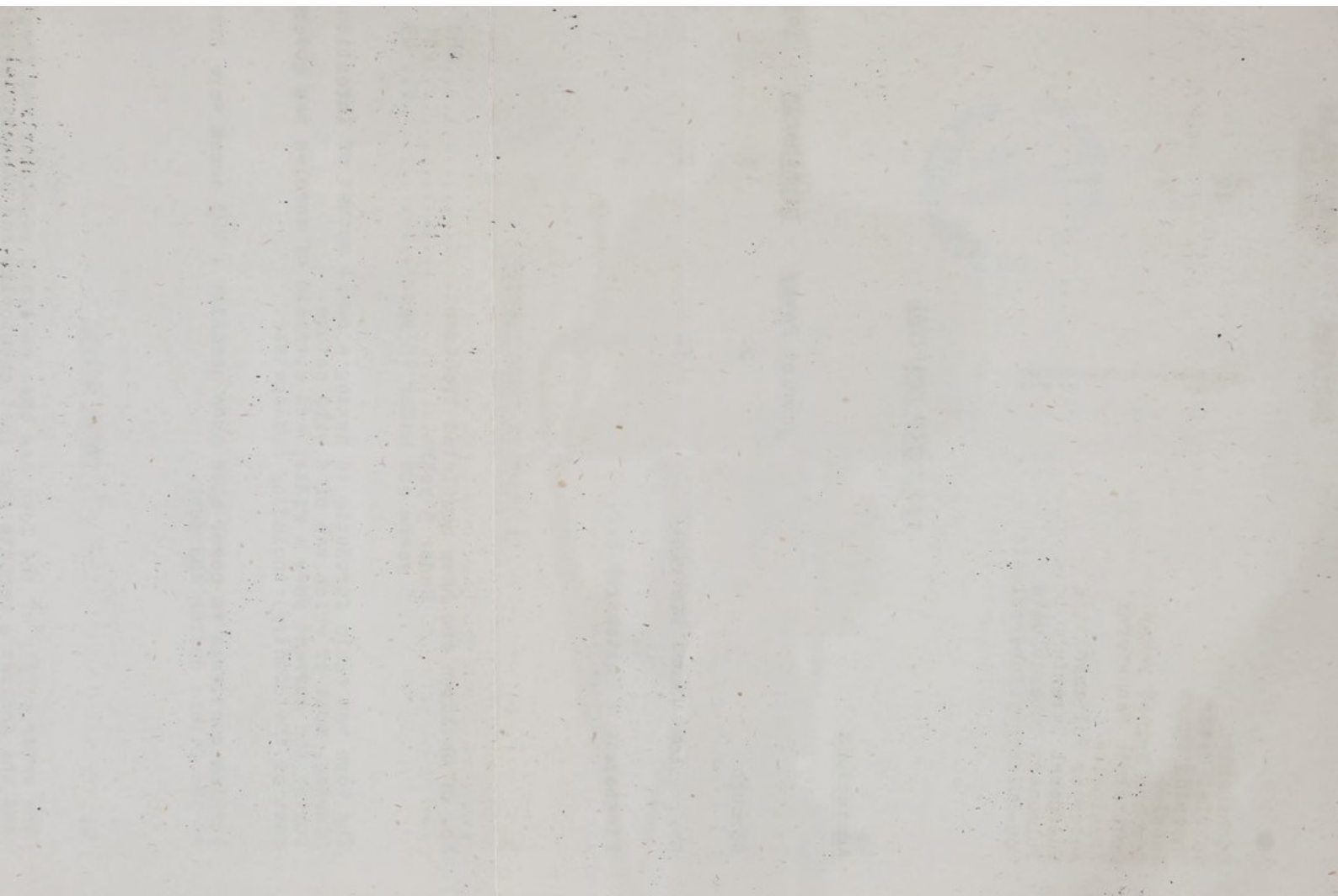
1. Population - Registrar General's estimate..... 15,990

### BIRTHS

	Total	Male	Female	
Legitimate	267	138	129	Birth rate 18.4
Live births				England & Wales
Illegitimate	26	12	16	17.6
Still births	4	3	1	Rate per 1,000 births - 14.
DEATHS	172	90	82	Death rate - 10.7
				England & Wales
				11.6

Death rate of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births..... 27  
England and Wales..... 46

Deaths from Measles..... Nil  
Whooping cough..... Nil  
Diphtheria (under 2 years of age)..... Nil  
Cancer..... 27  
Heart and arterial diseases..... 45  
Pulmonary Tuberculosis..... 4  
Non- Pulmonary "..... 1



## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

2.

Notified      Admitted to  
Hospital

Diphtheria	4	3
Scarlet Fever	58	20
Whooping Cough	17	
Measles	3	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	
Erysipelas	2	
Anterior Poliomyelitis	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	15	
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	23	

## ISOLATION HOSPITAL

### Admissions

	<u>Scarlet Fever</u>	<u>Diphtheria</u>	<u>Total</u>
Borough	20	3	23
Basingstoke Rural District	10	2	12
Kingsclere & Whitechurch R.D.	2	1	3

### 3. DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

No. of children who have completed treatment.....260  
Under 5 years.....241  
5 years and under 15 years..... 49

The Town was again fortunate in having a small amount of Infectious Disease, most of which was of a mild nature. During the current year a widespread epidemic of measles has covered most of the country, including Basingstoke.

Scabies continues to occur more than normally : 203 cases were treated at the Clinic during the year.

### 4. WATER SUPPLY

The water supply of the Town has been analysed regularly and frequently and the Analyst's reports show that chemically and bacteriologically it is a very satisfactory supply. Only a very small number of houses have a private independent supply and are not connected to the main.



INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODMeat and Other Foods

467 visits have been made to the slaughterhouse and other food premises during the year, and 4,544 carcasses have been inspected. In all 3 tons. 1 cwt. 2 qtrs. 4½ lbs. of food have been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This weight does not include canned and packeted foods not usually sold by weight.

Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number killed	22	38	1,652	2,436	396	4,544
Number inspected	22	38	1,652	2,436	396	4,544
<u>All diseases except</u>						
<u>Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	3	4	2	4	-	13
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	12	10	1	18	11	52
Percentage diseased.	68.1	36.8	0.18	0.90	2.77	1.43
<u>Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	2	3	1	-	1	7
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	7	-	-	2	11
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis	18.1	26.3	0.06	-	0.75	0.39

Notices

192 notices (written and verbal) were served during the year.

Complaints

196 complaints have been received.



Classified statement of Premises Inspected.

Inspections under the Housing and Public Health Act.....	329
Works in progress.....	57
Reinspections.....	141
Visits to slaughterhouse.....	164
Knackers Yard.....	2
Visits to food premises.....	303
In connection with infectious diseases.....	33
Public conveniences.....	17
Shops Acts.....	5
Rats and Nuisance Destruction Act.....	92
Overcrowding.....	1
Veterinaries.....	7
Petroleum Act.....	10
Factories Act.....	18
Cow Sheds and Dairies.....	5
Machine Stores.....	1
Interviews.....	154
Miscellaneous visits.....	101
Schools.....	1

Total 750

DRAINAGE

Smoke tests applied....3

INFECTED ROOMS AND ARTICLES

Rooms disinfected.....	27
Blankets ".....	32
Books ".....	45

TABLE II.

DEFECTIVE CONDITIONS REMEDIED

<u>Water supply</u>	
Pittings repaired.....	18
<u>Water Closets.</u>	
Reconstructed or new provided.....	5
New pans fixed.....	13
Defective flush pipes repaired.....	19
Cisterns repaired or renewed.....	31
Apartment lighted, ventilated etc.....	1
Walls, floors, roofs etc. repaired.....	10
<u>Soil pipes</u>	
Repaired or renewed.....	1



TABLE II (Cont.d.)

<u>Drains.</u>	Reconstructed.....	6
	Cleansed.....	15
	Repaired.....	3
	Cesspools cleansed or repaired.....	2
<u>Manholes</u>	New provided.....	1
	Repaired and covers renewed.....	1
<u>Ventilation shafts</u>	Fresh air inlets repaired.....	1
<u>Sinks, Baths etc. and Waste pipes</u>	New sinks provided.....	2
	Waste pipe repaired.....	5
	Waste pipe renewed.....	2
	Waste pipe trapped.....	2
<u>Ash bins</u>	New bins provided.....	25
<u>Yard paving</u>	Newly paved.....	1
<u>Dampness</u>	Roofs repaired.....	11
	Gutters and rain water pipes repaired..	11
	External walls pointed or repaired.....	2
<u>General</u>	Walls and ceilings repaired.....	28
	Rooms cleansed.....	11
	Vermineous rooms cleansed.....	25
	Stairs repaired.....	1
	Windows and doors repaired etc.....	25
	Floors repaired.....	12
	Stoves repaired.....	13
	Defective and smoky chimneys repaired..	3
	Coppers repaired.....	6
	Food stores provided.....	2
	Accumulations removed.....	23
	Rat nuisance abated.....	29
<u>Urinals</u>	Repaired or cleansed.....	1
<u>Other matters</u>	Cowsheds cleansed etc.....(remedied)	1
	Animals improperly kept.....	6
	Yards cleansed.....	3



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September, 1946.

To:-

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Basingstoke.

I beg to present my Report for the year 1945, the lateness of which is caused by various circumstances, of which the chief was the necessary statistics not being received earlier.

Yours faithfully,

M. AVENT.

Medical Officer of Health.

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STATISTICS

1.

(a) POPULATION - Registrar General's Estimate.....15,160

(b) BIRTHS:-

	Total	Male	Female
Live... (Legitimate.....278	153	125)	Birth Rate.....19.9
(illegitimate.....22	11	11)	England & Wales...16.1
Still.....5	4	1...	Rate per 1,000 Births - 17

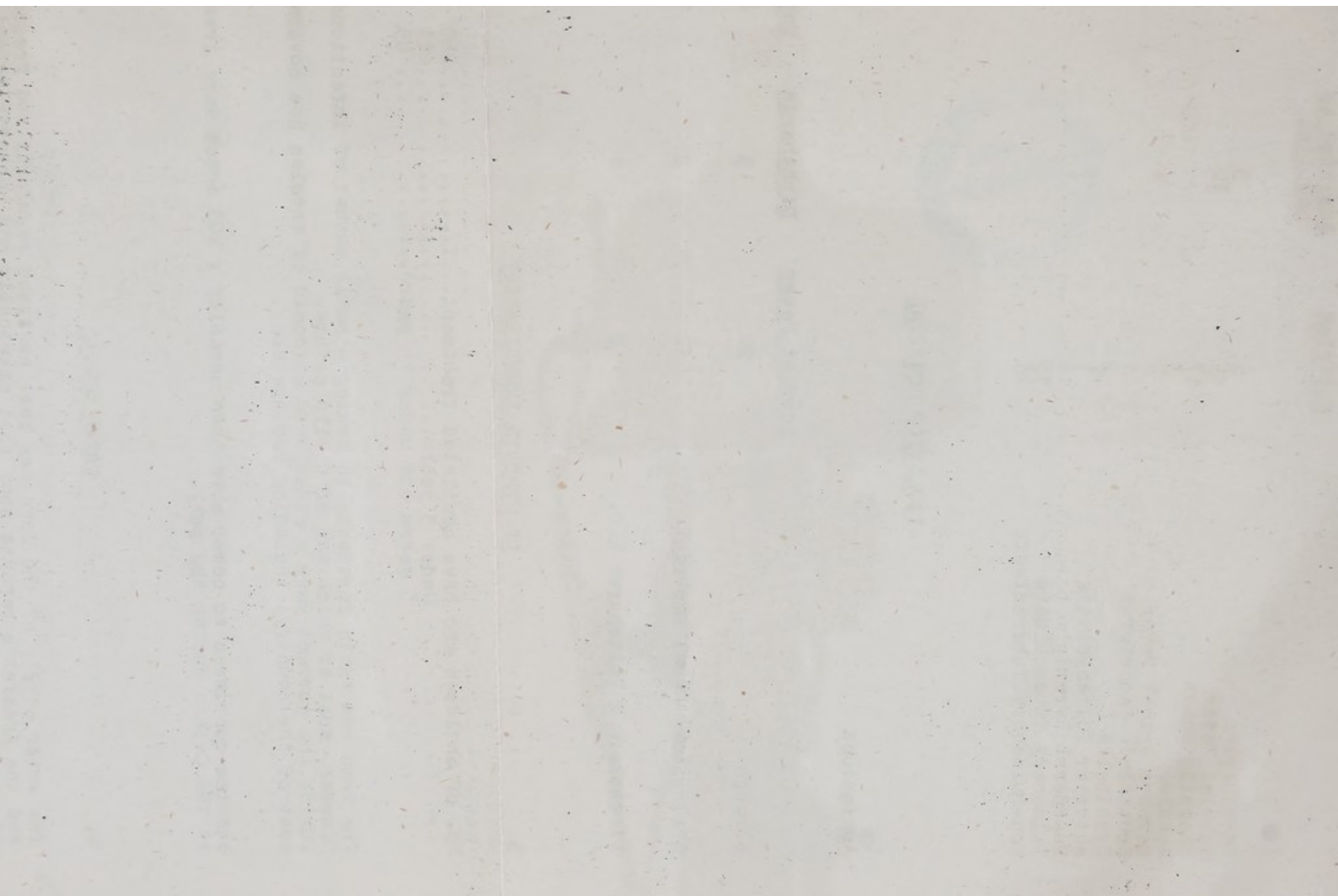
(c) DEATHS:-

168	78	90)	Death Rate.....11.08
		)	England & Wales...11.4

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year, per 1,000 Live Births..17  
England & Wales...46

Deaths from:-

Measles.....1  
Whooping Cough.....0  
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).0  
Cancer.....25  
Heart and Arterial Diseases.....47  
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....7  
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....5  
Suicide and Violence.....6



## NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

### Notifications Received:-

Diphtheria.....	2
Scarlet Fever.....	25
Whooping Cough.....	77
Measles.....	362
Cerebro Spinal Fever.....	2
Erysipelas.....	2
Fuerperal Typhexia.....	2
Pneumonia.....	8
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	16
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	6

## ISOLATION HOSPITAL

### Admissions:-

	<u>Scarlet Fever</u>	<u>Diphtheria</u>	<u>Total</u>
Borough.....	7	2	9
Basingstoke Rural District.....	5	1	6
Kingsclere & Whitechurch R.D.....	3	0	3
			18

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Number of Children who have completed treatment.....246  
Under 5 years.....207  
5 years and under 15 years.....39

## WATER SUPPLY

The Water Supply of the Town has been analysed regularly and frequently and the Analyst's Reports show that chemically and bacteriologically it is a very satisfactory supply.  
Only a very small number of houses have a private independent supply and are not connected to the main.

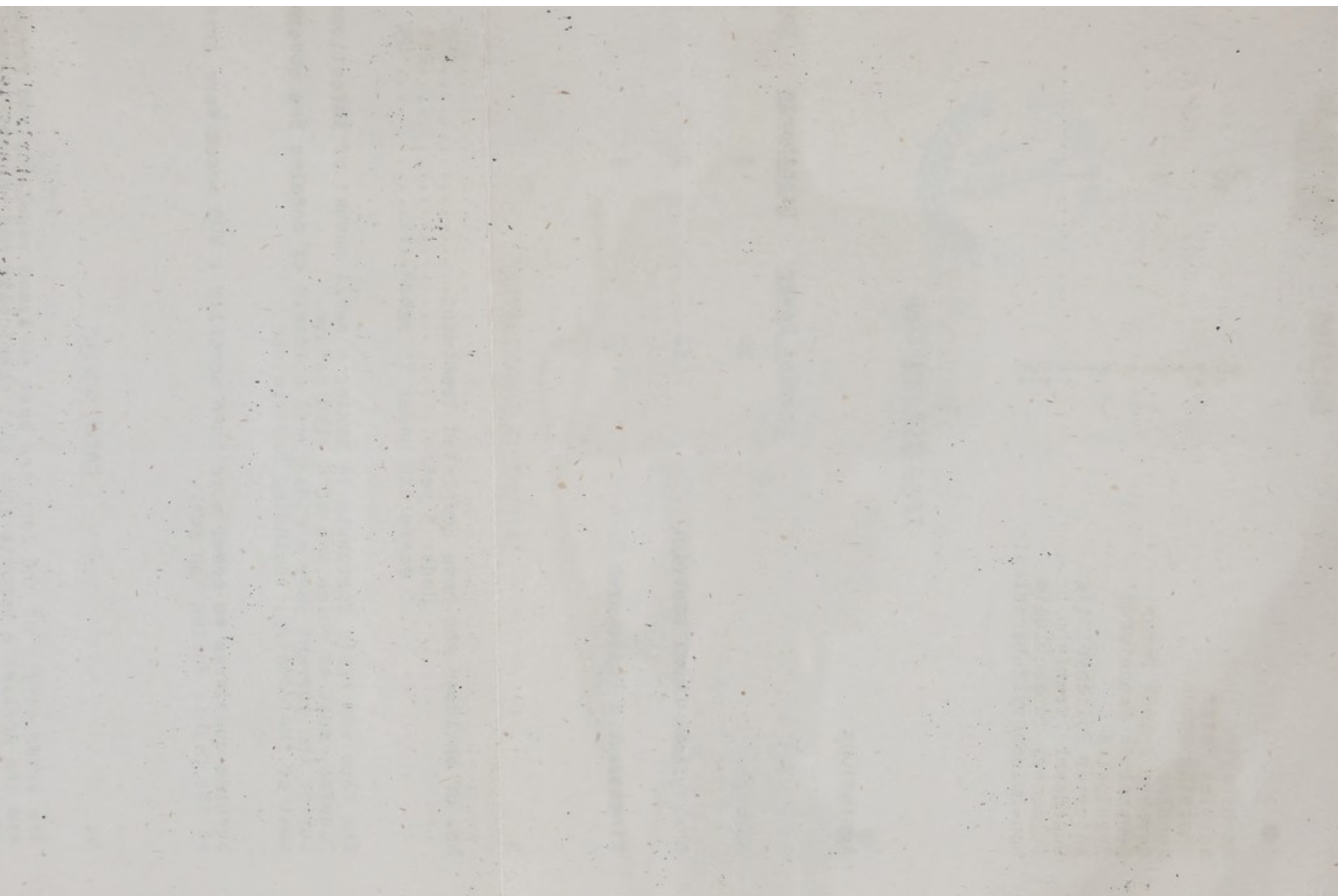
## GENERAL

The Town was again fortunate in having a small amount of Infectious Disease, most of which was of a mild nature. During the year a widespread epidemic of Measles covered most of the country, including Basingstoke.  
The 2 Diphtheria cases were adults who had not received immunisation treatment.

The inability of the Isolation Hospital to admit cases because of lack of staff might have led to awkward situations, but fortunately only a few cases occurred in which hospital treatment was essential, and Aldershot Isolation Hospital was able to receive them. At the time of writing the Hospital is re-opened and it is to be hoped it will be possible to keep it so.

Scabies declined, and is no longer a serious problem.

Verminous conditions were discovered from time to time. The new insecticides will greatly help the work of disinfection.



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOROUGH SANITARY INSPECTOR

(A)

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1...MILK

Thirty (30) Samples of "pasteurised" Milk have been taken during the year. Of these, 24 Samples proved to be satisfactory; the remaining 6 Samples, although efficiently pasteurised, were classified unsatisfactory owing to the presence of bacillus coli.

2...MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

460 visits have been made to the Slaughterhouse and other Food Premises during the year, and 4,762 carcasses have been inspected. In all, 2 tons. 6 cwt. 2 qtrs. 1 stone. 94 lbs. of food have been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This weight does not include canned and packeted foods not usually sold by weight.

Condemned:-

	Cattle excluding Cows		Sheep and Lambs		Pigs	Total
Number Killed.....	12	17	1,681	2,625	427	4,762
Number Inspected.....	12	17	1,681	2,625	427	4,762

All Diseases except

Tuberculosis:-

Whole Carcasses condemned..	3	-	1	5	9
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.....	8	3	28	4	51
Percentage Diseased....	66.6	64.7	0.18	1.1	2.1
					1.26

Tuberculosis:-

Whole Carcasses condemned..	1	-	-	-	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.....	1	6	-	-	7
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis.....	16.6	41.1	-	-	0.18

3...NOTICES

205 Notices (Written and verbal) were served during the year.

4...COMPLAINTS

183 Complaints have been received and dealt with.

5...RODENT CONTROL

During the year, 6,468 visits have been made by the Rodent Officer and Operator in connection with baiting and poisoning, and re-inspections of premises previously reported to be infested with Rats or Mice.



(B)

6...TABLE I

(A) CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF PREMISES INSPECTED

Inspections under the Housing & Public Health Acts.....	320
Works in Progress.....	37
Re-inspections.....	214
Visits to Slaughterhouse.....	244
Food Premises.....	246
Knackers Yard.....	1
In connection with Infectious Diseases.....	13
Public Conveniences.....	23
Shops Acts.....	19
Rats and Mice Destruction Act.....	79
Overcrowding.....	1
Water-courses.....	7
Petroleum Act.....	11
Factories Act.....	21
Cowsheds and Dairies.....	18
Marine Stores.....	1
Schools.....	3
Common Lodging House.....	1
Tents, Vans and Sheds.....	1
Places of Amusement.....	4
Interviews.....	152
Miscellaneous Visits.....	68
Total.....	<u>1454</u>

(b)

DRAINAGE

Water Tests Applied.....	2
Coloured Water Tests Applied....	1

(c)

INFECTED ROOMS AND ARTICLES

Rooms Disinfected.....	22
Books Disinfected.....	71
Bedding &c. Destroyed.....	2 Lots

(d)

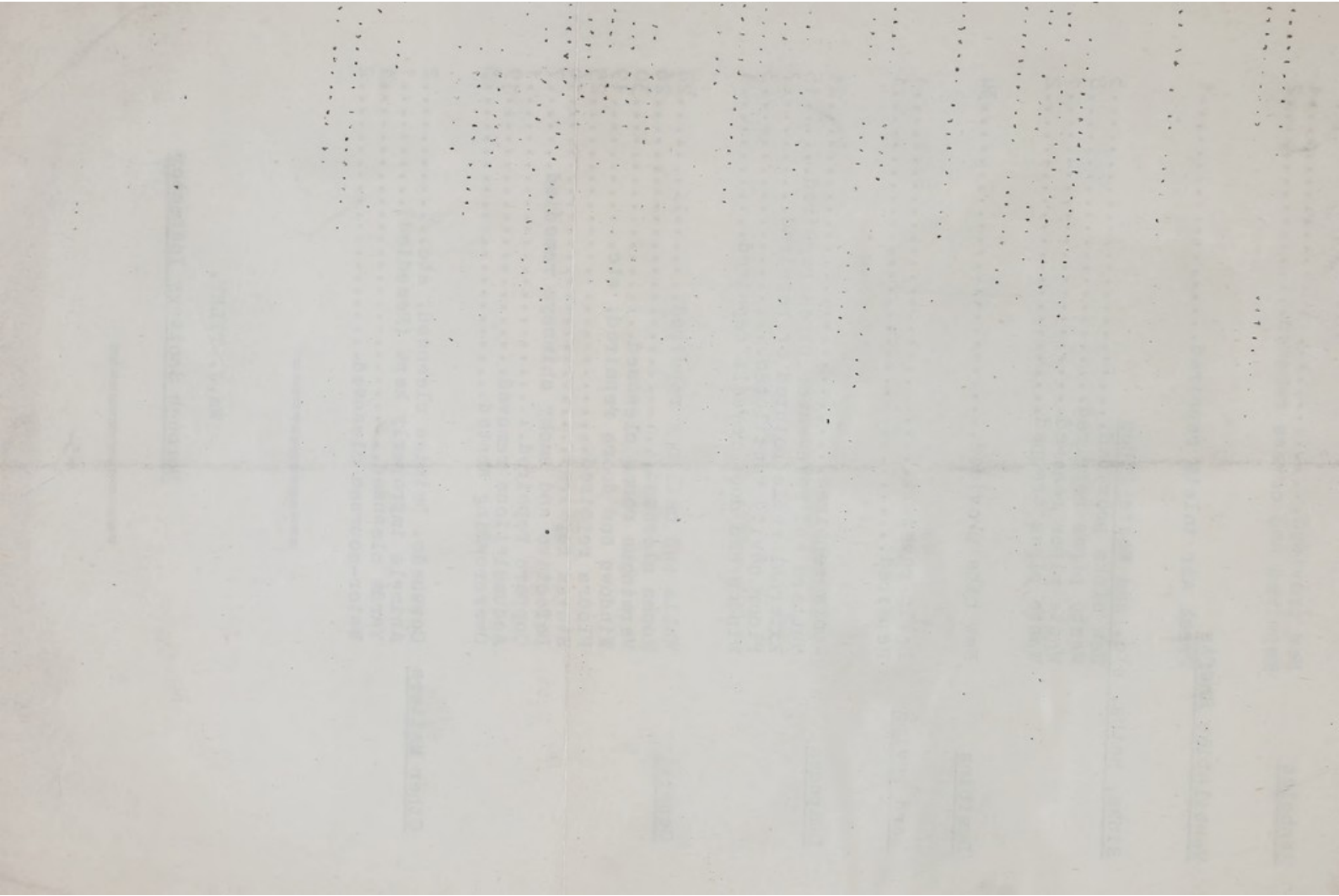
INFESTATION

Rooms Disinfested.....	30
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7...TABLE II

DEFECTIVE CONDITIONS REMEDIED

<u>Water Supply</u>	Fittings repaired.....	10
<u>Water Closets</u>	Reconstructed or new provided.....	1
	New pans fixed.....	17
	Defective flush pipes repaired.....	32
	Cisterns repaired or renewed.....	35
	Walls, floors, roofs, etc. repaired.....	3



<u>Drains</u>	Reconstructed.....1
	Cleansed.....34
	New gullies provided.....1
	Cesspools cleansed or repaired.....2
<u>Manholes</u>	New provided.....1
	Repaired and covers renewed.....2
<u>Ventilation Shafts</u>	Fresh air inlets repaired.....1
<u>Sinks, Baths, etc. and Waste Pipes</u>	New sinks provided.....5
	Waste pipes repaired.....8
	Waste pipes renewed.....1
	Waste pipes trapped.....2
<u>Dustbins</u>	New bins provided.....34
<u>Yard Paving</u>	Newly paved.....1
	Repaired.....1
<u>Dampness</u>	Roofs repaired.....21
	Gutters and rain-water pipes repaired.....15
	External walls pointed or repaired.....7
	Floor cavity ventilated.....3
	Window and door reveals repaired.....1
<u>General</u>	Walls and ceilings repaired.....28
	Rooms cleansed.....26
	Vermineous rooms cleansed.....26
	Windows and doors repaired, etc.....30
	Floors repaired.....19
	Stoves repaired.....25
	Defective and smoky chimneys remedied.....16
	Coppers repaired.....7
	Accumulations removed.....1
	Overcrowding abated.....19
<u>Other Matters</u>	Cowsheds, Dairies cleansed, etc.....2
	Animals improperly kept (Remedied).....2
	Yards cleansed.....1
	Water-courses cleansed.....2

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Wm. J. TILLEY,  
Borough Sanitary Inspector

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