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Public Health Department,

Civic Centre,

Bolton.

November, 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Report for 1941, the seventieth Annual Report on the Health of Bolton. The scope of the Report has been greatly reduced, but there are sufficient data to make a general survey of health conditions and to estimate some of the effects of war conditions on the physical well-being of the people.

There were 221 fewer deaths and 77 more births than in 1940, figures which show that there is an improved physical fitness in the third year of war. The death-rate was actually lower and the birth-rate higher than in the years 1937 and 1938. Although the general picture is pleasing there are one or two unsatisfactory patches. There was a substantial rise in the notifications of tuberculosis, with a particular increase in men between the ages of 20 and 35. Venereal disease was much more prevalent, 391 new cases receiving treatment in the Bolton Clinics, compared with 287 new cases in the previous year. It has been necessary to increase the number of sessions in the Clinics. The growth in the incidence of venereal disease is due to more casual and promiscuous sex relationships.

A drive for the immunization of the child population against diphtheria was commenced during the year under review. After a slow start progress has been reasonably satisfactory. At the time of writing 34.7% of the children under 5 and 51.5% of the children between 5 and 15 have been immunized.

There are other activities which should be mentioned. The Corporation Day Nursery became a War-time Nursery during the year under review, and its accommodation was increased by absorbing a neighbouring house. A second War-time Nursery was opened in July, 1941, in 40, Chorley New Road. The opening of a Cleansing Station for the treatment of scabies and vermin infestation is worthy of note. The Ambulance Service, formerly operated from the Fire Station, was transferred to the Public Health Department during the year. The question of hospital regionalisation was considered by the Council in conjunction with other bodies.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

R. M. GALLOWAY,

Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer.

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# SUMMARY OF STATISTICS. 1941.

# COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOLTON.

Position Lat. 53° 35' N., Long. 2° 27' W.
Elevation above sea level 230-ft. to 1,450-ft.
Geological Formation: Boulder Clay and Sand over Coal Measures.
Rainfall (Av. 1887-1941, 42.390") 36.576"
Area in Acres (Land and Inland Water) 15,280
Population (Census 1921) 178,683
,, (Census 1931) 177,250
,, (Estimated Civilian Population, 1941) 160,610
Persons per acre 10.5
Inhabited Houses (Census 1921) 41,825
,, ,, (Census 1931) 46,618
Private Families or Separate Occupiers (Census 1921) 42,635
" " " (Census 1931) 47,706
New Houses Certified 1941 8
Estimated No. of Houses in the Borough at 31st
December, 1941 53,179
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1942 £1,091,738
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (1941-1942) £4,287 3s. 2d.
Births 2,320
Birth-rate (per 1,000 of population) 14.4
Deaths 2,345
Death-rate (Crude) (per 1,000 of population) 14.6

# SUMMARY-Continued.

Average D	eath-rate (193	2-1941)				 13.8
Heart and	Circulation De	ath-rate				 3.4
Cancer De	ath-rate					 1.7
Respirato	ry Death-rate .					 1.8
Phthisis D	eath-rate .					 .54
Epidemic	Death-rate (se	ven chief	diseas	es)		 .32
Infantile N	Ive births) .		one yea 	r per 1	,000	 74
Diarrhœa	Death-rate (De		der two	years	per	 9.4
Puerperal	Death-rate (pe	er 1,000	total bi	rths)		 2.8
126 COUN	NTY BOROUG	HS AND	GREA	т то	WNS :-	
Bir	th-rate (per 1,0	000 of po	pulatio	n)		 14.7
Dea	th-rate (per 1,	000 of po	pulatio	n)		 14.9
Infa	ntile Mortality per 1,000 live		s unde	r one	year 	 71
Dia	rrhœa and En Death-rate per				ars),	 7.5
ENGLAN	D AND WALE	s :				
Bir	th-rate (per 1,0	000 of po	pulatio	n)		 14.2
Dea	th-rate (per 1,	000 of po	pulatio	on)		 12.9
Infa	ntile Mortality per 1,000 live			r one		 59
Dia	rrhœa and En Death-rate pe					 5.1

#### STATISTICS.

#### Births.

There were 2,320 live births to Bolton residents in 1941, 1,211 being males and 1,109 females. 2,206 of these births were legitimate and 114 illegitimate. The birth-rate per 1,000 of the population was 14.4. 813 births occurred to Bolton residents in Townleys Hospital, and 308 in Haslam Maternity Home.

#### Stillbirths.

The number of stillbirths in Bolton in 1941 was 116, giving a stillbirth-rate of 47.6 per 1,000 total births. The number of stillbirths per 1,000 total births in the County Boroughs of England and Wales has varied between 41 and 43 since 1931. Bolton has had a rate persistently higher than the average of the county boroughs.

#### Deaths.

Bolton had 2,345 deaths (1,161 males, 1,184 females) in 1941, giving a death-rate of 14.6 per 1,000 of the population.

During the year, 710 persons, whose usual place of residence was in the area of this county borough, died outside the borough; of these, 591 died in Townleys Hospital or Fishpool Institution and 54 died in Mental Hospitals.

Non-residents who died in the area numbered 161, of whom 130 died in Bolton Royal Infirmary.

255 Bolton residents died in Bolton Royal Infirmary.

#### SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH, 1941.

			No. of Deaths	Per cent of total Deaths
INFECTIOUS AND PARASITIC DIS	SEAS	ES	 194	8.27
Whooping Cough			 10	.42
Diphtheria			 16	-68
Influenza			 23	•98
Pulmonary tuberculosis			 87	3.69
Other forms of tuberculos	is		 24	1.01
Syphilis			 14 •	.59
Other infectious and paras	situ	Jes	 20	.84

CANCER AND OTHER TUMOURS					No. of	Per cent. of
Cancer	C				Deaths	total Deaths
Tumours          11         .46           Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition, etc.         56         2.38           Rheumatic fever          5         .21           Chronic rheumatism, osteo-arthritis, etc.         10         .42           Diabetes          29         1-23           Exophthalmic goitre          5         .21           Other diseases          7         .29           Diseases of the Blood and Blood forming          27         1-15           Hæmorrhagic conditions          6         .25           Anæmias          20         .84           Leukæmia, aleukæmia          1         .04           DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM AND SENSE         ORGANS          278         11-85           Meningitis           3         .12           Diseases of THE NERVOUS SYSTEM AND SENSE         ORGANS          278         11-85           Meningitis           3         .12           Diseases of medulla and spinal cord          6         .25           Cerebral hæmorrhage						
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		No. of Deaths	Per cent. of total Deaths
DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM		124	5.28
Ulcer of the stomach or duodenum		15	.63
Diarrhœa and enteritis		31	1.32
Appendicitis		15	.63
Hernia and intestinal obstruction		27	1.15
Cirrhosis of the liver		7	· 29
Diseases of the gall bladder and ducts		12	.50
Other diseases		17	.71
DISEASES OF THE URINARY AND GENI	TAL		
Systems		118	5.03
Nephritis		83	3.53
Diseases of the prostate		22	.92
Other diseases		13	.55
THE PUERPERAL STATE		7	-29
DISEASES OF THE SKIN AND CELLULAR TIS	SUE	10	-42
CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS		29	1.23
DISEASES OF EARLY INFANCY		58	2.47
Congenital debility		10	.42
Premature birth		37	1.57
Injury at birth		3	.12
Other diseases		8	· 34
OLD AGE		174	7.41
DEATHS FROM VIOLENCE		130	5.53
Suicide		20	.84
Accidents		90	3.82
Other violent deaths		20	.84
MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES		11	-46

# Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

Maternal mortality is the number of deaths of women classed to pregnancy and child-bearing. It is expressed as the rate per 1,000 births (live and still) and is sub-divided into the deaths due to puerperal sepsis, including septic abortion, and the deaths due to all other causes arising from pregnancy and the puerperium.

There were 7 deaths from puerperal causes in 1941, giving a maternal mortality-rate of 2.87. The rate for England and Wales was 2.77.

			11		
			Deaths	Rate per 1000 total births	ENGLAND & WALES Rate per 1000 total births
Puerper	ral sepsis		2	·82	-83
Other p	ouerperal cau	ıses	5	2.05	1.94
					_ =
	Total		7	2.87	2.77
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In addition to the 7 deaths directly due to pregnancy and child-bearing, there were two deaths where pregnancy was a contributory cause. The deaths were assigned to (1) chronic nephritis, and (2) mitral stenosis.

## Death-rate of Infants under One Year of Age.

The death-rate of infants is expressed as the number of deaths under one year per 1,000 live births, and is called the infantile mortality-rate. There were 172 such deaths during the year.

Bolton's infantile mortality-rate for 1941 was 74. The figure for England and Wales was 59.

Of Bolton's 2,320 live births, 2,206 were legitimate and 114 illegitimate.

The infantile mortality amongst the legitimate children was 73, and amongst the illegitimate 78.

# Deaths under Four Weeks.

The part of the infantile mortality which occurs in the first four weeks of life is called the neo-natal mortality. There were 31.8 deaths of infants under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births.

The causes of death during the first four weeks of life were as follows:-

CAUSES OF DEATH		Under 7 days	7 and under 14 days	14 and under 21 days	21 and under 28 days	Total under 28 days
Pneumonia		3	1	-	-	4
Syphilis		-	-	-	2	2
Injury at Birth		3	-	-	-	3
Atelectasis		2	1	-	-	3
Congenital Malformation	s	12	1	-	-	13
Premature Birth		29	3	1	1	34
Congenital Debility		2	-	-	2	4
Melæna Neonatorum		3	-	-	-	3
Jaundice		1	1	-	-	2
Other Causes		2	-	3	1	6
Totals		57	70	4	6	74

#### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

#### LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The local authority employs a whole-time Public Analyst. His report on the work of the department is to be found on page 41.

The pathological examinations made in the Public Analyst's Laboratory during 1941 were as follows:—

		Total	Positive	Negative !	Doubtful
Sputum for B. tuberco	ulosis	 247	27	220	-
Diphtheria (Throat sw	vabs)	 818	96	703	18
Fever B. typhosus		 1	_	1	_
Paratyphoid A		 1	_	1	
Paratyphoid B		 1	1	_	-

The examinations made in the Public Health Laboratory, Manchester, were as follows:—

			Total	Positive	Negative
Milk (Inoculation test for B. t	ubercul	losis)	93	4	89
Widal reaction			5	_	5
Swab for diphtheria			1	-	1
Pleural fluid for T.B			1	1	-
Fæces for typhoid and dysen	tery		1	_	1
Cerebro-spinal fluid			3	1	2
Wassermann reaction:					
Blood		2	,217*		
Cerebro-spinal fluid			38		
Kahn test			6		
Gonorrhœa:					
Microscopical test			12		
Complement fixation tes	st		488		

<sup>\*</sup>Includes 780 from blood donors.

Medical Officers of the Department examined 318 sputum specimens for B. tuberculosis, 1,592 slides for the gonococcus, 17 slides for syphilis, 2,640 cultures for the diphtheria bacillus, 36 cerebrospinal fluids and 58 miscellaneous specimens, in the course of routine clinical work.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

The Bolton District Nursing Association provides nursing in the home for all cases of illness other than certain infectious diseases and maternity nursing.

During the year, 2,295 cases were nursed, and these received a total of 80,886 visits. In addition to the general nursing, the staff gave 3,114 treatments to 1,425 first aid cases in factories and workshops. The nurses were also present at 55 operations.

The Bolton Corporation makes an annual grant of £400 to the funds of the Association. The Public Health Committee pays for any home nursing of the following diseases: puerperal pyrexia, measles, whooping cough, epidemic diarrhæa, ophthalmia neonatorum, tuberculosis and influenzal pneumonia.

## Hospitals.

THE BOLTON ROYAL INFIRMARY.

During the year under review the number of cases admitted was 5,848, of whom approximately 28 per cent. were from outside the Borough of Bolton. In addition, 14,688 cases were dealt with as out-patients and 13,132 cases were received into the casualty department. At the end of the year there were 387 patients on the waiting list for admission.

The Edmund Potter Hospital, an auxiliary to the Bolton Royal Infirmary, has 43 beds for females. All the patients who are admitted are sent from the Bolton Royal Infirmary for convalescence. 854 patients were admitted during the year.

The Blair Convalescent Hospital, Bromley Cross, is a voluntary institution with 42 beds for male patients only. 627 cases were admitted in 1941.

# TOWNLEYS HOSPITAL.

The following statistical return relates to the year ended 31st December, 1941:—

Total No. of admissions (including infants born in hospital)	5,196
No. of women confined in hospital	1,260
No. of live births	1,214
No. of stillbirths	83
No. of deaths among children under 4 weeks of age	
(born in hospital)	25
Total No. of deaths among children under 1 year	66
No. of maternal deaths among women admitted to	
hospital for confinement	9
Total No. of deaths	707
Total No. of discharges (including infants born in hospital)	4,482
No. of cases whose total stay was for the following periods:—	
(a) Under 4 weeks	3,491
(b) 4 weeks and under 13 weeks	782
(c) 13 weeks or more	209
No. of beds occupied (excluding cots in maternity wards):—	
(a) Average during year	408
(b) Highest (19th December, 1941)	484
(c) Lowest (14th June, 1941)	375
No. of operations under general anæsthetic	470
Ante-natal Clinic :—	
Total No. of expectant mothers seen	1,418
No. of attendances	7,179

Classification of In-Patients who were Discharged from or who Died in Townleys Hospital during the year.

	DISEASE O	ROUI	PS		-		iren er 16 of age)	an Wor	d
		(1)				Dis- charged	Died	Dis- charged	Die
A.	Acute infectious disease	(1)				28	-	10	-
	Influenza (2)					2	_	18	1
	Tuberculosis:								
	Pulmonary					-	-	17	15
-	Non-pulmonary				•••	-	12	6	4
						-	-	37	107
c.	Rheumatism:	tions /	· l	-4:- 6	/				
	(1) Acute rheuma	tism (	neum	atic ie	ver)				-
	together with				ısm		-		4/10
						10	-	23	-
	(2) Non-articular called "rhe	manu	estatic	ons or	SO-				
	*haumatism f	ibrocit	in loon	(musci	mar				
	rheumatism, f sciatica)			-	and				
	(3) Chronic arthri	tic				-	-	12	-
12	Venereal disease					-	-	15	_
	Puerperal pyrexia :			•••		4	-	6	-
٠.	(a) Women confin	ed in	the ho	nital				10	32
	111 011			-		-	-	19	-
н	Other diseases and acc	idents	conne	cted v	eith	-	-	1	
	pregnancy and chil				200	2000		253	7
Ι.	Mental diseases :	CLOSE CA						200	
	(a) Senile Dement	ia					1	3	23
	(b) Other							12	
Τ.	0							84	145
	Accidental injury and v					12		60	110
			(-)			12		-00	
	In respect of cases n	ot incl	uded a	bove :					
L.	Disease of the Nervous S				gans	74	4	167	49
M.	" " Respirator	y Syst	em			107	24	253	40
N.	" " Circulatory					42	7	220	195
Э.	" " Digestive S					63	21	214	21
Ρ.	" " Genito-uri					25	1	131	27
2.	,, ,, Skin			***		54	_	75	-
R.	Other diseases				!	-	-	-	-
5.	Mothers and infants di					7	HITTO		
	from Maternity Wa			Moth		-	-	1216	-
_	included in above i			Infai		1175	-	-	-
Г.	Any persons not falling t	ınder a	any of	the ab	ove				
	headings					14	26	30	1
-		-			-			2052	0.0
			T	OTALS	20.00	1610	95	2872	612

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes—with the exception of Acute Primary and Influenzal Pneumonia,
Tuberculosis, Puerperal Pyrexia—all generally notifiable diseases,
together with Measles, German Measles, Chickenpox, Whooping Cough
and Mumps. Cases of Influenzal Pneumonia, Tuberculosis, Puerperal
Pyrexia, and Acute Primary Pneumonia are recorded respectively under
Groups B, C, G and M. Cases of Encephalitis Lethargica are entered
under Group A if acute and under Group L if chronic.

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<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Acute Influenzal Pneumonia.

<sup>(3)</sup> Confined to cases and deaths in which no more specific diagnosis was practicable.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes suicides, attempted suicides and poisoning cases.

#### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

## Midwifery and Ante-Natal Work.

#### 1-DOMICILIARY.

The following figures give a statistical summary of the work in relation to domiciliary midwifery for the year:—

- (a) Ante-natal clinics—Public Health Department (2 weekly).
   427 expectant mothers attended and made 1,272 attendances.
   145 X-ray examinations were made in the department.
- (b) Confinements conducted by midwives.
   1,062 confinements were conducted by midwives.
- (c) Confinements conducted by medical practitioners. In addition to the 325 cases where practitioners were called in by the midwives, the doctors conducted approximately 150 confinements.

The following table gives particulars of the domiciliary midwives' work during the year:—

No. of midwives who have practised		32
No. of cases attended		1,062
Average No. of cases per midwife		33
No. of calls for medical aid		325
Per cent of cases in which medical aid was so	ught	30%
No. on the register at the beginning of the year	ear	31
No. who ceased to practise in Bolton		. 1
No. on the register at the end of the year		31

In addition to the above, the midwives attended 154 cases as maternity nurses.

The following 386 notifications were received from domiciliary midwives in accordance with the regulations of the Central Midwives Board:—

Medical assis	tance		 	 	325
Stillbirths			 	 	52
Artificial feed	ding		 	 	6
Death of mo	ther or	child	 	 	3

When a family is not eligible for maternity benefit under the National Health Insurance Acts and the family income falls below a scale approved by the Council, the Public Health Committee pay the midwife's fee for her work at a confinement. During the year 188 such fees were paid.

Home helps were provided in 244 instances. In 111 cases part of the fees were recovered.

#### MUNICIPAL MIDWIVES.

During the year, the nine midwives appointed booked 763 cases, 722 as midwifery cases and 41 as maternity cases, and they made 723 deliveries, or an average of 80 cases per midwife.

The midwives paid 16,019 ante-natal and post-natal visits to their patients during the year.

## 2-Institutional Midwifery.

## (a) TOWNLEYS HOSPITAL.

Three ante-natal clinics are held weekly. During the year, 1,418 patients attended the clinic, 1,089 of which were Bolton cases.

The following particulars relate to the maternity cases admitted during 1941 from Bolton and from the county areas served. Approximately 70 per cent. of the cases were from Bolton.

1.	No. of maternity beds	99
2.	No. of beds, included in above, allocated to, and	
	reserved for, expectant mothers in need of	
	hospital treatment	27
3.	No. of cases admitted	1,475
4.	No. of women treated in the beds shown against	
	item 2	394
5.	Average duration of treatment of expectant	
	mothers in the beds shown against item 2	11·1 days
6.	Average duration of stay of all cases	16-4 days
7.	No. of cases notified as *Puerperal pyrexia	23
	*i.e., rise of temperature to 100.4° F. for 24 hou	irs,
	or recurrence within that period.	
8.	No. of cases of pemphigus neonatorum	8
9.	No. of infants not entirely breast fed whilst in	-
	hospital	116

10.	No. of cases of ophthalmia neonatorum	 11
11.	No. of maternal deaths	 7
12.	No. of infant deaths:—	
	(a) Stillborn	 83
	(b) Within 10 days of birth	 21

# (b) HASLAM MATERNITY HOME.

The following table gives particulars of all cases admitted to the Home in 1941:—

No	o. of beds in the Hom	ie				17
No	o. of cases admitted .					407
A	verage duration of sta	y in da	ys			12.7
	o. of cases delivered b					
	(a) Midwives .	-				295
						107
13.0	(b) Doctors .					101
No	o. of cases in which n	nedical a	issistan	ce was s	sought	
	by the midwife .					76
No	o. of cases notified as	*Puerp	eral py	rexia		Nil
	*i.e., rise of temper	ature to	100·4°	F. for 24	hours,	
	or its recurren					
N	o. of cases of pemphi			•		Nil
	o. of infants not entir					13
	o. of cases notified as					2
	o. of maternal deaths	-				1
	o. of infant deaths :-					
-						21
	(a) Stillborn					
	(b) Within 10 day	ys of bir	th			12

# DENTAL TREATMENT FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS.

During the year, 62 expectant mothers made 251 attendances. Fifteen mothers were provided with dentures. The charge made varies in accordance with the financial circumstances of the patient.

#### HEALTH VISITORS.

The following table shows the work done by the Health Visitors :-

#### VISITS BY HEALTH VISITORS.

Primary birth enquiries		 2,325
Visits to children, 1-5 years		 6,573
Primary visits to expectant mothers		 357
Re-visits to infants under 1 year		 4,573
Re-visits to expectant mothers		 279
Visits to puerperal pyrexia cases		 13
Visits to ophthalmia cases		 15
Stillbirth enquiries		 119
Death enquiries made (under one year o	f age)	 154
,, ,, (maternal)		 2
Visits to midwives' houses		 63
Visits—Children Act		 24
Miscellaneous visits		 1,161
Total Visits		 15,658

#### DAY AND WAR-TIME NURSERIES.

During the year the Nursery in Arkwright Street was enlarged and taken over by the War-time Nurseries Committee.

Sixty-one children, mostly under 2 years of age, attended during the year.

A second war-time nursery was opened in 40, Chorley New Road for the reception of 35 children by day and 11 by night.

#### MASSAGE AND ARTIFICIAL SUNLIGHT TREATMENT FOR INFANTS.

Treatment is provided for any debilitated and rickety children who are in attendance at the Child Welfare Centres. The treatments are given in the Massage and Light Clinic in the Public Health Department.

The number of massage cases treated in 1941 was 107, and these received a total of 1,916 treatments.

The number of light cases treated in 1941 was 272, and these received a total of 1,992 treatments.

#### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The position of Bolton as regards closet accommodation at the close of 1920 and the close of 1941 is shown in the following table:—

	De	c. 31st, 1	920	Dec. 31st, 1941		
Fresh water closets	 	11,062			42,747	
Waste water closets	 	15,219			12,562	
Pail closets	 	6,302			393	
Privy middens	 	10,540			576	

#### SANITARY INSPECTION.

The nature and extent of the work done by the Sanitary Inspectors is shown in the following statement:—

#### INSPECTIONS.

Complaints investigated			 	812
Closet conversions			 	33
Drains			 	371
Caravans			 	26
Keeping of animals			 	38
Rat infested premises			 	1,264
Newly infected houses			 	852
Water supplies			 	71
Smoke observations			 	17
Common lodging-houses			 	77
Houses let in lodgings			 	. 54
Factories with mechanic	al power		 	880
Factories without mecha	anical pow	er	 	165
Workplaces			 	51
Outworkers' premises			 	18
Offensive trades premise	es		 	220
Butchers' shops and sto	res		 	1,621
Slaughterhouses			 	1,239

937

Bakehouses

Bakehouses					 937
Fish friers' premise	s				 581
Premises where foo	d is prep	ared			 3,039
Dairies, cowsheds a	and milks	hops			 739
Markets					 556
Shops (Shops Act)					 727
Theatres, cinemas,	etc.				 27
Revisits					 4,389
Miscellaneous					 8,306
Houses inspected u	nder Pul	olic Hea	lth Ac	ts	 1,374
Houses inspected u	nder Ho	using A	cts		 108
Re-inspections und	er Public	Health	Acts		 1,111
Re-inspections und	er Housi	ng Acts			 580
ACTION TAKEN.					
Verbal notices					 1,186
Informal notices se		etters w	ritten		 1,209
Legal notices serve	d				 183
D	relu T	OF M	TIO	AT.	
K	ESULT	OF AC	11101	Ν.	
DWELLINGS.					
Floors relaid or rep	aired				 168
Walls and ceilings	repaired				 845
Dampness of walls	remedied	١			 264
Roofs repaired					 236
Spouting repaired					 216
Additional window	s provide	d			 46
Windows repaired	or made	to open			 240
Pantries provided					 21
Sinks provided					 51
Houses re-decorate					 98
Verminous houses	disinfeste	d			 20

# DRAINAGE, CLOSETS, ASHPITS, ETC.

Drains cleansed from obstruction			 237
Drains and intercepting chambers I	provi	ded	 24
Drains re-laid, repaired or trapped			 104
Drains disconnected from sewer			 14
Yards drained, paved or repaired			 56
Additional W.C's provided			 68
W.C's reconstructed or repaired			 155
New pedestals provided			 49
Flushing cisterns provided or repair	red		 54
Privies and pail closets converted			 5
Waste water closets converted			 38
Ashpits abolished			 307*
Dustbins provided			 678

\*Includes ashpits abolished incidental to the erection of domestic air raid shelters.

# VARIOUS.

Smoke nuisances abated				2
Nuisances from animals abated				7
Offensive accumulations remove	d			40
Improvements in factories, shop	s and fo	od prei	nises	203
Cowshed improvements				3
Dairy improvements				11
Miscellaneous				749
				5,009

# DISINFECTIONS.

Houses disinfected	 	 	 1,023
Articles disinfected	 	 	 4,042
Articles destroyed	 	 	 190

#### PLACES UNDER INSPECTION.

Common lodging-houses			 	9
Houses let in lodgings			 	113
Factories without mechanica	1 powe	c	 	207
Factories with mechanical po	ower		 	847
Factory chimneys			 	259
Bakehouses			 	392
Fish friers' premises			 	180
Premises where food is prepa	ared		 	323
Outworkers' premises			 	17
Offensive trades			 	22
Slaughterhouses (in actual u	se)		 	4
Cowsheds			 	262
Milk shops			 	687
Theatres, cinemas, etc.			 	30
Public sanitary conveniences	S		 	31
Travelling vans			 	31

# Common Lodging-houses.

During the year one lodging-house was refused re-registration on grounds of unfitness. The keeper failed to close the premises and proceedings were instituted under Section 236 of the Public Health Act, 1936; after an adjournment the house was closed and the summons withdrawn.

The number of registered common lodging-houses in Bolton at the end of the year was 9. Eight of these are used by males only and accommodate a total of 431 men. The other is used exclusively by women and accommodates 40.

# LEGAL PROCEEDINGS DURING 1941.

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
4/4/41	FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938, SEC. 3: Selling milk not of the nature, sub- stance or quality demanded.	Fined £5/0/0.
1/ 5/41	Public Health Act, 1936, Sec. 236: Keeping a common lodging-house without registration.	Withdrawn after adjournment. Lodging-house closed.
6/ 5/41	Food & Drugs Act, 1938, Sec. 3: Selling milk not of the nature, sub- stance or quality demanded.	Fined £2/0/0.
6/ 5/41	MILK & DAIRIES ORDER, 1926, ART. 21: Failing to cleanse milk bottles.	Fined £10/0/0.
5/ 6/41	FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938, SEC. 9: Selling two fowls which were unfit for human consumption.	Fined £20/0/0.
8/ 8/41	Tuberculosis Order, 1938: Failing to give notice of a cowshowing clinical signs of tuberculosis.	Fined £5/0/0.
21/ 8/41	FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938, SEC. 38 (1): Selling horseflesh from a shop not properly labelled.	Fined £1/0/0.
21/ 8/41	'do.	Fined £1/0/0.
21/ 8/41	do.	Fined £1/0/0.

Legal Proceedings during 1941-continued.

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
21/ 8/41	Food & Drugs Act, 1938, Sec. 38 (1): Selling horseflesh from a shop not	Fined (1/0/0
	properly labelled.	Fined £1/0/0.
21/ 8/41	do.	Fined £1/0/0.
21/ 8/41	do.	Fined £1/0/0.
21/ 8/41	FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938, SEC. 38 (2): Supplying horseflesh in a compound article not ordinarily made of horseflesh.	Fined £5/0/0.
21/ 8/41	do.	Fined £5/0/0.
21/ 8/41	do.	Fined £2/10/0.
21/ 8/41	do.	Fined £5/0/0.
21/ 8/41	do.	Fined £5/0/0.
21/ 8/41	do.	Fined £4/0/0.
21/ 8/41	SAUSAGES (MAXIMUM PRICES) ORDER 1941, ART. 3: Selling sausages having a meat content of less than 30%	Fined £25/0/0.

# Legal Proceedings during 1941-continued:

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
21/ 8/41	SAUSAGES (MAXIMUM PRICES) ORDER, 1941, ART. 4: Selling sausages not properly labelled.	Fined £5/0/0.
9/ 9/41	Tuberculosis Order, 1938: Failing to give notice of a cow showing clinical signs of tuberculosis.	Fined £5/0/0.

# INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

# MILK.

The M	ilk	and	Dairies	Order,	1926.
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The Milk and Dairies Order, 19	26.	
Cowkeepers on register, December, 1940		110
" added to register during 1941		3
" discontinued during 1941		3
" on register, December, 1941		110
Cowsheds on register, December, 1940		259
" added to register during 1941		7
" discontinued during 1941		4
" on register, December, 1941		262
Number of cows provided for in the cowsheds		2,959
Average number of cows kept during the year		2,813
Number of dairies and premises of milk purveyors		780
Milk (Special Designations) Orders, 1936	and 19	938.
The following licences were granted under the	ese Ord	ers during
1941 :		
Producer's licence to use the designation "Tube	erculin	
Tested "		2
Supplementary licence to use the designation	tion	
"Tuberculin Tested"		1
Dealer's licence to use the designation "Tube	erculin	-
Tested "		1
Producer's licence to use the designation "Accre	dited"	15
Supplementary licence to use the desig	nation	4
Dealer's licence to use the designation " Pasteu	rised"	
(Licence in respect of a Pasteurising establish		1
Supplementary licence to use the desig	nation	
"Pasteurised"		2

# MEAT.

The following table shows the number of animals slaughtered and inspected at the public abattoirs and private slaughterhouses in the Borough, with the diseased conditions grouped under two heads:—

- (1) Carcases affected with disease other than tuberculosis; and
- (2) Carcases found to be affected with tuberculosis only.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

Carcase	es Inspected and Condemned.										
	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs						
Total number killed and inspected	3,325	4,290	3,001	26,055	5,183						
All Diseases except Tuberculosis: Whole carcases condemned	_	37	34	36	2						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	282	1,018	1	452	18						
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	8.48	24.59	1.16	1.87	•38						
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned	2	162	3	-	9						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	76	1,064	_	_	132						
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber-culosis	2.34	28.57	•09	-	2.72						

# NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

#### PREVALENCE AND MORTALITY.

Below are shown the number of cases of notifiable diseases notified in Bolton in 1941 and the number of deaths resulting from each of these notifiable diseases.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1941.

Disease.		Total Cases Notified.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox		 _	 _
Scarlet Fever		 537	 1
Diphtheria		 249	 16
Enteric Fever (including			
Paratyphoid)		 . 6	 -
Relapsing Fever (Undula	ant)	 	 -
*Pneumonia		 168	 95
Puerperal Pyrexia		 8	 2
Cerebro-spinal Fever		 42	 6
Acute Poliomyelitis		 2	 1
Acute Polioencephalitis		 _	 1.
Encephalitis Lethargica		 _	 1
Dysentery		 1	 3
Ophthalmia Neonatorun	n	 10	 _
Erysipelas		 52	 _
Malaria		 -	 -
Measles		 499	 3
Whooping Cough		 590	 10
1 0	1999		

<sup>\*</sup>The cases notified are Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal, out the deaths include all forms of Pneumonia.

# Deaths from Infectious Diseases.

The deaths in Bolton attributed to the various epidemic diseases are shown in the following table for the years 1932 to 1941:—

# CAUSES OF DEATH FROM EPIDEMIC DISEASES.

	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	10	2	3	1	-	3	1	-	1
Diphtheria and Memb.										
. Croup	3	6	11	5	4	23	22	11	17	16
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	_	1	1	-	1	-
Measles	9	14	12	6	. 9	4	10	- 3	8	3
Whooping Cough	11	9	2	13	8	14	1	4	5	10
Diarrhœa and Enteritis										
under 2 years of age	12	17	10	9	8	4	3	14	10	22
Erysipelas	3	7	10	5	6	5	1	1	-	-
Puerperal Sepsis	3	5	1	7	1	2	4	3	4	2
Cerebro-spinal Fever	5	3	2	1	2	2	1	6	1	6
Encephalitis Lethargica	3	2	5	5	7	4	7	4	4	1
Influenza	46	165	27	55	35	104	24	42	86	23

# BOROUGH ISOLATION HOSPITAL—ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES.

	No. of Patients suffering from the following Diseases :										
No. of Patients.	Scarlet Fever.	Diph- theria.	Pul- monary Tuber- culosis.	Other Tuber- culous Diseases.	Other Diseases.	Total					
Remaining, Dec. 31st, 1940	. 29	25	_	-	2	56					
Admitted in 1941	377	261	58	. 3	98	797					
Total No. treated, 1941	406	286	58	3	100	853					
Discharged in 1941	. 362	236	31	-	83	712					
Died in 1941	. 2	17	9	2	11	41					
Remaining, Dec. 31st,	. 42	33	18	1	6	100					

# DEATHS FROM CANCER, 1941.

The following table shows the age and sex distribution of all persons who were certified as having died of cancer in Bolton in 1941. The table shows also the localization of the disease.

	SI										-	AG	E	_						
LESION	SI	x	0 to	5 to	10 to	15 to	20 to	25 to	30 to	35 to	40 to	45 to	50 to	55 to	60 to	65 to	70 to	75 to	80 to	85 and upwds
	M.	F.	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	85 up
BUCCAL CAVITY:	1																1			
	-	-	<u>                                     </u>																	•••
Pharynx	5	-												1		1	3			
	-	1							-							1				
Tongue	3	_	-		-					···			-			2	1			
	1	-								-									2	•••
Other Sites	9	-	ļ		-				-	-	1		-	-		2	2	1	-	
	18	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	5	7		2	
TOTAL-BUCCAL CAVITY		1	ļ		-						1		-	-		1	-	-	-	
DIGESTIVE ORGANS :	3	1	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-		1	-	-	-	
Æsophagus		3	1	-		-	-	-	-	-		_	1			2	-	-	-	
	33	-					-	1			2	2		4	12		-	1	1	
Stomach		38						1			1				8	-		-	-	
	15		1	-				1	-		1		1	-	4	-	-	2	-	
Intestines		18		-	-	-	-			1	2	_	_	_	-	_	-	1		
	16		1	-				1	-	1	1	1		2	3	7	1			
Rectum		10		-					1		-			2	2	2	1	1		1
	3			1												1			. 2	
Liver		6	1						1			1	1		1	1	1			
	2															2		1		
Pancreas		1		1												1				
m	72		į					3	1		4	4	3	6	19	20	6	3	3 3	
TOTAL-DIGESTIVE ORGANS	-	76	1	1		1	1	1	2	1	3	5	6	11	15	12	13	1 4	1 3	1

# DEATHS FROM CANCER, 1941. -continued.

# AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION AND LOCALIZATION OF DISEASE.

						_				_	A	GE	_							
LESION	SI	x	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75 to	80	and
	М.	F.	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	ses a
RESPIRATORY ORGANS:	3											1			,	1				
Larynx	-	1	-		-	-	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
	13	-		-	_		_			_	_	1	2	1	-6	-			-	
Lungs	-	5	<u> </u>	-		-	-	1		_	_	_	-	1	-	_	_	_	-	
	16			-	_	-		-	-	-	_	-2	-2	_	7	_	-2	1	_	
TOTAL—RESPIRATORY ORGANS		6		-				1	-	-		-	_	1	-	1			-	
FEMALE GENITAL ORGANS:		22	Ī		-	_	_	-	_	_	_		6	- ,	-3	-,	- 3	-	1	
	-	3	-	-		-	-	-		_		_	-	_	1	1	-	-	-	
Total—Female Genital	-	25	-	-		-	-	-	-	-1	_	-4	-6		-	_		-	-	
TOTAL PENALE GENTIAL	-	2.0	-	_	_	-	-	-	_		_	_	_	_	_	_		-	-	
BREAST	-	36						1	2			1	5	5	8	5	5	4		
MALE GENITO-URINARY Scrotum	1												-		1					
Prostate :	6															2	1	3		
TOTAL—MALE GENITO- URINARY ORGANS	7														1	2	1	3		
URINARY ORGANS	8										1			3	1	2	1			
URINARY ORGANS		1														1				
Skin	2												1				1			
OKIN																				
OTHER OR UNSPECIFIED ORGANS	8		-					1						1	1		3	2		
ORGANS		4									1		1		1			1		
TOTAL-MALES	131		1					4	1		6	6	6	13	29	30	21	10	5	
TOTAL-FEMALES		149	-					3	4	1	4	10	18	19	30	22	23	10	4	1
TOTAL—BOTH SEXES	2	80						7	5	1	10	16	24	37	59	52	44	20	9	1

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

The total number of new cases notified in 1941 was 173 as compared with 141 in 1940. One hundred and eighteen of the new cases were pulmonary tuberculosis and 55 were non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

Age and sex distribution of cases of tuberculosis notified in Bolton in 1941.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFICATIONS.

	AGES											
Sex	0	1	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	de de	Total
	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	an	
	1	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65	65 and upwards	
Males	_	1	_	3	10	10	22	12	9	14	_	81
Females	1	-	1	4	6	4	9	6	3	3	-	37
Total	1	1	1	7	16	14	31	18	12	17	-	118

NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFICATIONS.

Sex	Ages											
	0	1	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	q	Total
	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	an	
	1	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65	65 and upwards	
Males	_	8	2	4	5	2	3	2	_	1	-	27
Females	1	3	3	5	3	4	4	1	1	3	-	28
Total	1	11	5	9	8	6	6	3	1	4	-	55

#### DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

One hundred and eleven Bolton residents were certified as having died of tuberculosis during 1941. This compares with 112 in 1940.

Fifty-two of these deaths took place in institutions.

The age and sex distribution of those who died from tuberculosis are given in these tables:—

# PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS.

		Ages .									
Sex .		Under		10 to	15 to	20 to	35 to	45 to	55 to	65 and upwards	Total
		5	10	15	20	35	45	55	60	9	
Males		1	_	1	2	18	5	6	17	_	50
Females		-	1	1	5	15	8	4	3	-	37
Total		1	1	2	7	33	13	10	20	_	87

#### NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS.

	Ages											
Sex			Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 and upwards	Total
Males Females			4 3	1	3	1 2	_	1 2	1	2	1	11 13
Total			7	1	4	3	2	3	1	2	1	24

In 14 cases the disease had not been notified during life. 6 of these cases died in institutions, and the diagnosis was made after death.

The death-rate from tuberculosis of all forms during 1941 in certain Lancashire County Boroughs was as follows:—

Bury	 	.56	Blackburn	 	-76
Oldham	 	-61	Wigan	 	.78
Warrington	 	-61	Burnley	 	.83
St. Helens	 	-67	Salford	 	1.26
BOLTON	 	-69	Manchester	 	1.29
Rochdale	 	.73			

#### TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

The dispensary is open every week-day (except Saturday) from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and on Monday and Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The work done at the dispensary is shown by the following figures:—

Total attendances						1,848
Total number of pa	tients se	ent for	consul	tation		470
The results of these	consult	ations	were a	s follow	/s:	
Number found to	have p	ulmona	ry tub	erculos	is	70
Number found to	have no	n-pulm	onary	tubercu	losis	25
Number of cas	es kept	under	obser	rvation	for	
suspected pr	ılmonary	tuber	culosis			8
Number of cas	es kept	under	obser	rvation	for	
suspected no	on-pulmo	nary t	ubercu	losis		-
Number in whom	n no evic	dence o	f tuber	rculosis	was	
found'						367
Visits by tuberculo	sis nurse					1,098
Number of specime	ns of spi	utum e	xamin	ed		318
Total number of ca	ses on th	he disp	ensary	registe	r:-	
Pulmonary tuber	rculosis					350
Non-pulmonary	tubercul	osis				182
		Ball I				
		Tota	l			532

X-ray examinations made in c dispensary work		with	510
Patients under treatment at the artificial pneumo-thorax			22
Total number of cases on the notific	registe		326
			182
Total	 		508

#### TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Two hundred and thirty-three persons applied for treatment in 1941. One hundred and thirty-four of these were cases of pulmenary tuberculosis and 99 of non-pulmonary tuberculosis. Eight cases were admitted to hospital for observation.

The treatment given was as follows :-

Residential treatment	 	 150
Domiciliary treatment	 	 75
Out-patient treatment	 	 . 8

No patient requiring residential treatment was refused such treatment.

The following table summarizes the residential treatment given during 1941.

ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED BY LOCAL AUTHORITY WITH NUMBER OF PERSONS ADMITTED FOR TREATMENT DURING THE YEAR 1941.

Institution.	Beds.	Ad	Admitted during the year.				
		Total	Insured	Uninsured	31st Dec 1941.		
Wilkinson Sanatorium	30	65	58	7	30		
Borough Hospital	. 24	50	31	19	19		
•Heswall		1	-	1	-		
*Bolton Royal Infirmary		7	_	7	-		
*Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopædic Hospital, Oswestry		15	9	6	8		
*Children's Orthopædic Hospi- tal, Marple *Blencathra Sanatorium, Threl-		2	-	.2	2		
keld		3	1	2	3		
Frodsham, Delamere		_3	2	1	-		
*Leasowe Open-air Hospital		1	1	-	1		
*Crossley Sanatorium		1	1	-	1		
*Manchester and Salford Skin Hospital		2	1	1	1		

#### Ultra-Violet Ray Treatment.

During the year, 961 attendances were made to the Ultra-Violet Ray Department, the majority of the cases being gland tuberculosis. Thirty-seven new patients were referred; most of them were given ultra-violet ray treatment, and in suitable cases the Kromayer and radiant heat lamps were used.

#### Examination of Contacts.

During the year, 64 contacts were examined at the dispensary or in the home; of these, 9 proved to be tuberculous. It is felt that by an extension of this work the aim and duty of the dispensary will be more fully discharged.

Assistance given to Necessitous Tuberculous Patients.

1.	Total number of patien	ts assi	sted	 	180
2.	Average time receiving	assist	ance	 7 m	onths
3.	Amount of milk given			 21,441	pints
4.	Malt and oil given			 9	7 lbs.

#### VENEREAL DISEASES.

The tables on pages 38, 39 & 40 show the work carried out at the Bolton Treatment Centre.

Return relating to all persons who were treated at the Treatment Centre at Bolton Public Health Offices during the year ended the 31st December, 1941.

		Syp	hilis	So		Gonorrh	œa	Venerea undlagn conditi	lor		TOTAL	s
		M.	F.	м.	F.	М.	F.	м.	F.	м.	F.	Total.
1.	Number of cases on 1st January under treatment or observation	110	131			178	88	24	15	312	234	546
2.	Number of cases removed from the register during any previous year which returned during the year under report for treatment or observation of the same infection	10	4			5	1			15	5	20
3.	Number of cases dealt with for the first time during the year under report (exclusive of cases under Item 4) suffering from:—											
	Syphilis, primary , secondary	22 6	9 14							22 6	9 14	31 20
	" latent in 1st											
	year of infection all later stages	11	15							11	15	26
	" congenital	4	8							4	8	12
	Soft Chancre Gonorrhœa, 1st year of			1						1		1
	infection		l			207 (3)	79			207	(3) 79	286 (3
	" later					3	1			3	1	4
	Non-venereal conditions Conditions remaining							120 (7)	161	120	(7) 161	281 (7
	undiagnosed at 31st December							1	1	1	1	2
4.	Number of cases dealt with for the first time during the year under report known to have received treatment for the same infection, or to have been under observation, at other Centres or Service Hospitals, or by General Practitioners									•		
	approved under Ministry of Health Circular 2226 Totals of Items	4	2			5 (4)	1	2 (2)		11	(6) 3	14 (6
	1, 2, 3, AND 4	167	185	1		398 (7)	170	147 (9)	177	713 (	16) 532	1245 (16

	Sypl	ills	Sol		Gonorrh	œa	Venereal undiagno conditio	l or osed	Т	OTAL	s	
	м.	F.	М.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Tot	al
5. Number of cases discharged after completion of treatment and final tests of cure or after diagnosis as nonvenereal	1		1		57	18	129 (9)	149	188 ( 9)	167	355	(9)
completion of treatment and were, on first atten- dance, suffering from:— Syphilis, primary , secondary	8 3				:: '		==		8 3	3 9	11 12	
year of infection all later stages congenital Soft Chancre	 5 7 	 11 2							5 7	 11 2 	16 9	
Gonorrhæa, 1st year of infection later 7. Number of cases which ceased to attend after					64	31	:::		64	31	95	
completion of treatment but before final tests of cure 8. Number of cases trans- ferred to other Centres or	6	1			7		-		13	1	14	
to institutions, or to care of private practitioners 9. Number of cases remain- ing under treatment or observation on 31st Dec.	5 132	156			27 (7)	8	2	26	34 (7) 391	13 295	47 686	(7)
TOTALS OF ITEMS 5, 6, 7, 8 AND 9 (These totals should agree with those of Items 1, 2, 3 and 4)		185	1		398 (7)	170	147 (9)	177	713 (16)	532	1245	(16)
10. Number of attendances:- (a) for individual attention of the medical officer(s) (b) for intermediate treat- ment, e.g., irrigation,			10									
TOTAL ATTENDANCES		2996	10	-	1539 (11)	-	90 481 (22)		9048 (48)	-		
11. In-patients:—  (a) Total number of persons admitted for treatment during the year  (b) Aggregate number of "in-patient days" of treatment given												(20)

		1 year		1 and under 5 and 5 years 15				years over	Totals			
	м.	F.	M.	F.	М.	F.	м.	F.	М.	F.		
12. Number of cases of congenital syphilis in Item 3 above classified according to age periods					2	3	2	5	4	8		
			Micr	oscopic	al				ers for diagnosis			
	fo	r Syph	ilis		for Gon	orrhœa			venerea Disease	11		
13. Pathological Work:  Number of specimens  examined at, and by the medical officer of the		10										
Treatment Centre		17			15	92	8 2					

Statement showing the services rendered at the Treatment Centre during the year, classified according to the areas in which the patients resided.

B th	siding elsewhere than England and Wales) to	Bolton		Lancs. C.C.		Liverpool'	Manchester	Salford	Blackpool	Oldham	Ashton-under-Lyne	Burton-on-Trent	Bury .	Rochdale	Birkenhead	Doncaster	Warrington	Wigan	Middlesbrough	Tota	1
A.	Number of cases from each area included under the following headings in Items 3:—	66		20			9													0.1	
	Syphilis Soft Chancre	1		20									1						1	91	
	Gonorrhoea	201	(1)	81	(2)		7	1										. 1		291	(3)
	Non-venereal and undiagnosed conditions	223	(3)	40	(2)	2 (1)	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 (1	)		1			285	(7)
	Тотац	491	(4)	141	(4)	2 (1)	21	2	1	1	1	1	2	1 (1	1)	1	1		1 1	668	(10)
В.	Total number of attend- ances of all patients residing in each area	11351	(27)	4443	(16)	4 (2)	276	17	5	2	9	2	9	15 (	3) 2	7	72	21	1 10	16210	(48

Note.—Service Cases are included in the above figures and the numbers so included are shewn in brackets.

# ANNUAL REPORT of the PUBLIC ANALYST AND BACTERIOLOGIST

for the year ended December 31st, 1941.

The following is the report on the work carried out in the Borough Laboratory.

Summary.	Number of Samples.
Food and Drugs	426
Bacteriological Examinations for the Public Health	
Department	1,065
Bacteriological Examinations of Milk	231
Analyses for the Waterworks Committee	691
Milks from Townleys Hospital	36
Water Analyses for the Electricity Committee	3
Egg Extract for the Education Committee	- 1
Analyses for the Cleansing Committee (Feeding	
Meals, etc.)	7
Water Examinations for Turton Urban District	
Council	2
Milk Examinations for the Royal Infirmary	16
Cream Examinations for the Food Executive Officer	2
Miscellaneous Examinations	69
	2,549

#### PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

FOOD	AND	D	RU	GS.
I OOD	AND	1	$r_{c}$	00.

		Total	Ge	nuine	Adı	ulterated	 Per cent Adulterated.
Milk		 214		199		15	 7.01
Cream		 2		0		2	 100.00
Butter		 8		8		0	 -
Margarine		 3		3		- 0	 -
Cheese		 1		1		0	 -
Lard		 2		2		0	 -
Cooking Fa	it	 6		6		0	 -

	Total	Genuine	. A	dulterated	Per cent. Adulterated
Coffee and				4.	
Coffee Mixtures	 18	 18		0	
Cocoa	 10	 10		0	–
Meat Products	 9	 2		7	77.78
Cereals	 • 40	 40		0	
Condiments and					
Spices	 34	 31		3	8.82
Drugs	 59	 55		4	6.78
Baking Powders	 7	 7		0	–
Egg Substitute					
Powders	 3	 3		0	–
Sugar Substitute	 2	 1		1	50.00
Miscellaneous	 8	 8		0	—
	426	 394		32 .	7.71
	-			-	

MILK.

Total examined.	Genuine.	Adulterated.
214	 199	 15

All the samples were examined for preservatives and colouring matter. In no case was any found.

The satisfactory quality has been maintained, the average being (exclusive of skimmed milk) for the year :—

Milk Fat.	7.	ion-fatty Solid	s.	Water.
3.82%		8.78%		87.40%

Minimum limits: - Milk Fat 3.00%; Non-fatty Solids 8.50%

#### BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

(PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT).

	Total	Pos	sitive.	Ne	gative:	D	oubtful.
Tuberculosis	 247		27		220		0 .
Diphtheria	 817		96		703		18
Fever B. Typhosus	 1		0		1		0
Paratyphoid A	 1		0		1		0
Paratyphoid B	 1		1		0		0

#### BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK.

#### PASTEURISED MILK.

No. of samples examined	 	 	11
Average Agar Count per ml.		 	33,545

#### TUBERCULIN TESTED MILK.

No. of samples examined					23
No. of samples which satis	fied me	thylene	e blue to	est	20
No. of samples containing	B. Coli	in 1/1	00th m	1	2

The three samples which did not satisfy the methylene blue test decolourised the methylene blue in 5, 4,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  hours respectively.

#### ACCREDITED MILK.

No. of samples examined						186
No. of samples which sat	isfied me	thylene	e blue to	est	-	174
No. of samples containing	g B. Coli	in 1/1	00th m	1		19

The twelve samples which did not satisfy the methylene blue test decolourised the methylene blue in 5, 5,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , 4, 4, 4, 4, 4,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours respectively.

#### VENDED MILK.

No. of samples examined				 9
No. of samples which satisfied	l meth	ylene b	lue test	 5
No. of samples containing B.	Coli in	1/100t	h ml.	 3

The four samples which did not satisfy the methylene blue test decolourised the methylene blue in  $5\frac{1}{2}$ , 5,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours respectively.

MISCELLANEOUS EXAMINATIONS.

10 Waters.
1 Ice Cream.
3 Urines.
24 Swabs for Anthrax (Cattle and Sheep).
20 Bath Waters.
8 Milk Bottles and washings.
3 Bleach Ointments.
Examinations for the Waterworks Committee.
Routine water examinations 691
Of the above 691 samples, 221 were filtered waters sampled at the Filter Stations. These gave the following results:—
AGAR COUNT (Total No. of organisms of all types per ml. growing on Agar at 37° C.):
Average Agar Count per 1 ml 8
B. Coli.
Standards adopted for filtered water at filter stations :-
Number of B. Coli per 100 mils.
0 Good.
1—2 Tolerable.
2—4 Unsatisfactory.
Above 4 Bad.
No. of samples with 0 Typical B. Coli per 100 mils 209 or 94.58%
No. of samples with 1 Typical B. Coli per 100 mils 4 or 1.81%
No. of samples with 2 Typical B. Coli per 100 mils 2 or 0.90%
No. of samples with 3 Typical B. Coli per 100 mils 1 or 0.45%
No. of samples with 4 Typical B. Coli per 100 mils 5 or 2.26%
C1 WELCHII.
Negative in 50 mils 211 or 95.48%
Positive in 50 mils 10 or 4.52%
202/0

During the year, the following samples have been taken from the proximity of dead ends in the mains, i.e. at the places where the water might reasonably be expected to be of the worst quality.

No. of samples examined ... ... 41

AGAR COUNT (Total No. of organisms of all types per ml. growing on Agar at 37° C.):

Average Agar Count per ml. ... 9

#### B. Coli.

The standard adopted for this piped supply is that suggested by the Ministry of Health, viz.:—

Number of B. Coli per 100 mils.

0 Highly satisfactory.

1—2 Satisfactory.

3—10 Suspicious.

Above 10 Unsatisfactory.

No. of samples with 0 Typical B. Coli per 100 mls. ... 41 or 100.00%

#### C1. WELCHII.

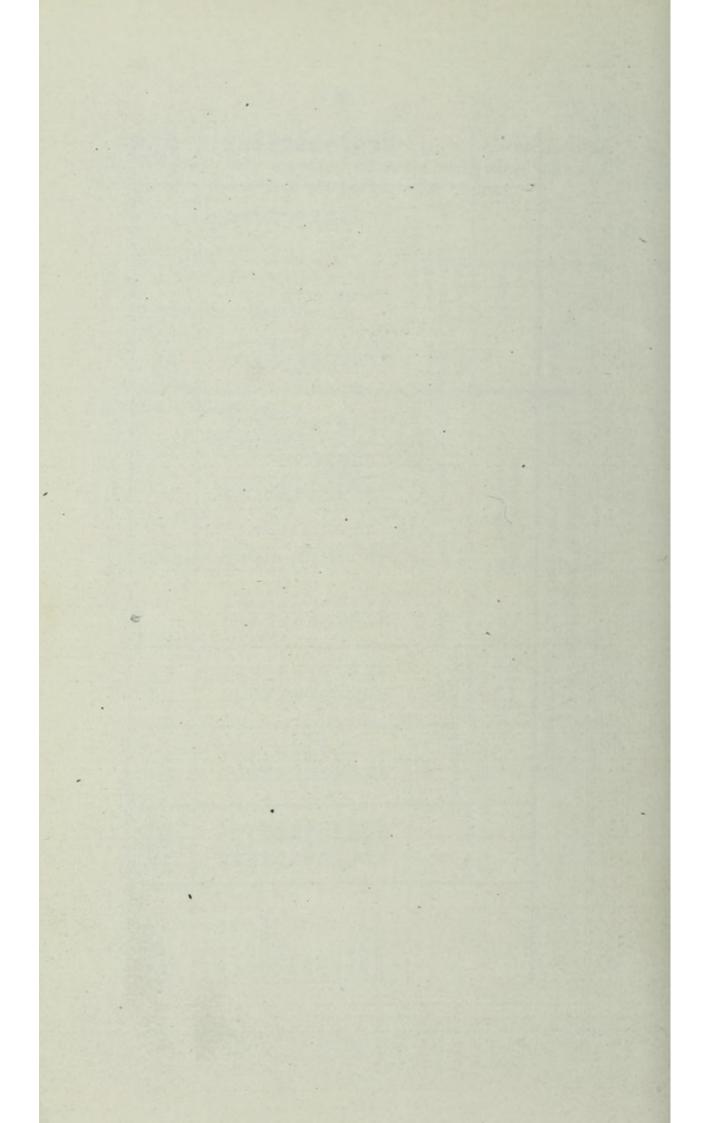
Negative in 50 mils. ... ... ... 41 or 100.00%

Meteorological Summary, 1941

(Compiled at Queen's Park Observatory by E. HENDY, F.R.Met.S.).

		Mean	Mean of Maximum and		Absolute of Tem	Absolute extremes of Temperature			Sunshine		Total
1941	Barometer	Relative Humidity %	Minimum Tempera- ture	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Total Amount hours	Maximum in one day hours	Date	Kaman
	100 00	9 00	20.00	43.7	1.0	14.0	17	19.2	4.5	16	1.733
anuary	29.891	0.88	29.85	52.4	27	22.4	26	55.3	7.0	67	4.375
March	29.894	78.8	39.62	56.1	16	23.0	30	85.9	1.7.	57 6	3.399
April	. 29.954	70.9	42.54	56.7	18	30.0	20 4	135.0	12.6	31	2.591
	29.919	72.6	47.08	27.70	91	34.3	11	173.0	13.3	12	.457
aun	30.000	1.5.1	60.97		=======================================	46.0	23	196.5	14.8	63	2.426
in	00.100	64.9	55.96	77.6	1	42.3	00	152.9	12.9	1	7.395
August	20.000	25.72		77.2	4	38.1	15	86.3	9.3	21	
radina	30.149	83.4	49.97	68.5	1	33.3	29	8.68	7.9	4	5.135
	90.005	86.3	43.37	56.5	55	26.0	5	31.3	5.8	1	
December	30-194	9.68	41.87	54.5	10.	24.1	53	20.1	4.2	17	2.989
Totals	359.506	974.1	565.92					1127.2			36.576

Rainfall. Average 1887-1941 = 42.390"



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### Public Health Department,

#### BOLTON.

1st August, 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the Medical Inspection Sub-Committee of the Bolton Education Committee.

The School Medical Officer begs to submit the Annual Report on the work of the School Medical Department for the year 1941. In accordance with instructions the scope of the report is greatly reduced but the more important tables are reproduced to preserve the continuity of annual returns.

#### MALNUTRITION.

Physically the school population does not appear to have suffered during the year. There has been no apparent increase of malnutrition, in spite of some diminution of maternal care. As many as possible of the under-nourished children were kept under observation at the school clinics. An increase of malnutrition has probably been prevented by the large number of school meals provided. During the year, 134,053 free meals and 242,777 paid meals were provided.

#### UNCLEANLINESS.

There has been a slight increase of pediculosis capitis. Uncleanliness is difficult to deal with in families where both parents are out working all day. The number of children with pediculosis capitis treated at the Public Cleansing Station was 183—a considerable increase on last year.

No legal proceedings for uncleanliness were taken during the year.

There has been a very considerable increase of scabies in school children. 280 cases in children were treated at the Public Cleansing Station. In many cases the entire family was given treatment. Large numbers of children have also been treated for scabies in the Clinics.

Benzyl benzoate in methylated spirits, Proscabin and sulphur ointment have all been used as local applications. Thoroughness and care in treatment are more important than the choice of application, but our Bolton experience shows the special value of a solution of benzyl benzoate in methylated spirits.

#### DENTAL DEFECTS.

Of 11,988 children inspected by the dental surgeons in routine and special inspections, 7,630 were found to require treatment and 4,574 received treatment.

The actual figures for the work carried out are as follows:-

ROUTINE CASES-			Total.
No. of cases treated			2,879
No. of attendances			4,530
No. of temporary teeth extracted			5,099
No. of permanent teeth extracted			946
No. of temporary teeth filled			425
No. of permanent teeth filled		.,	1,427
No. of general anæsthetics administered	ed		948
CASUAL CASES-			
No. of cases treated			1,695
No. of attendances			2,833
No. of temporary teeth extracted			2,722
No. of permanent teeth extracted			799
No. of temporary teeth filled			64
No. of permanent teeth filled			297
No. of general anæsthetics administer	ed		515

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

No schools were closed during 1941 on account of infectious disease, but certificates that reduced attendance might reasonably be attributed to the prevalence of epidemic disease were issued on 15 occasions:—

5 for mumps;

2 for measles;

4 for chickenpox;

3 for general sickness;

1 for whooping cough.

The Ministry of Health with the co-operation of the Board of Education conducted a general campaign for the immunisation of children against diphtheria. The Bolton Education Committee agreed to their Medical Officers devoting as much time as necessary to this object. The Medical Officers immunised the children in the schools. The response of parents to various appeals was reasonably good and approximately 8,760 children between 5 and 15 years and 1,700 children under 5 years were immunised during the year. Most of these children were immunised in schools by the authority's Medical Officers.

## BLIND, DEAF, DEFECTIVE AND EPILEPTIC CHILDREN.

During the year 1941, 3 children were notified to the Mental Deficiency Act Committee of the Lancashire Mental Hospitals Board.

#### Flash Street Special School.

No. of children on the roll, December, 1941	 	Boys. Girls. 34 33
No. of children admitted during 1941	 	9 11
No. of children discharged during 1941	 	9 2
The Thomasson Memorial School.		Blind Dept.
No. of children on the roll, December, 1941	 	54
		Deaf Dept.
No. of children on the roll, December, 1941	 	31

#### Bolton Area.

		iding	(includi	
		sighted).		-
27	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
No. of children admitted during 1941	-	4	-	-
No. of children discharged during 19-	41 1	1	1	1

### Outside Areas.

		Blind		Dea	ıf.
		cludi	No.		uding
		-		partially	
		/s. (	Girls.		
No. of children admitted during 194	1 7		3	1	2
No of children discharged during 19	41 4		4	1	4
LOSTOCK OPEN AIR SCHOOL	L.				
The following are the relevant	figur	es for	1941		
The following are the relevant	6	00 101			Cial
				Boys.	Girls.
No. of children admitted du cases)				39	37
No. of children on the roll,	Decen	ber,	1940, a	nd	
re-admitted January,				38	36
	Т	otal		77	73
		4,			
No. of children discharged	durin	g the	year by		0.4
the Medical Officer				90	24 28
No. of children withdrawn No. of children excluded					10
No. of children attaining t	he 200	of 14			
No. of children removed or			· years	•	1
No. of children removed to				1	2
No. of children in residence				57	50
NURSERY SCHOOLS.					
The following are the relevant	figure	s for	1941 :-	-	
KAY STREET NURSERY SCHOOL	DL:				
No. of children on the roll	, Dec	ember	, 1941		106
No. of children admitted of	during	1941			74
No. of children transferred			-	hools	42
No. of children removed b	y par	ents.			30

#### PIKES LANE NURSERY SCHOOL:

No. of children on the roll, December, 1941	 119
No. of children admitted during 1941	 77
No. of children transferred to elementary schools	 50
No. of children removed by parents	 27

#### Employment of Children and Young Persons.

Four hundred children were examined during 1941 for employment outside school hours in accordance with the Bye-laws made under the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933. A Certificate was granted in each case. The corresponding number in 1940 was 493.

Thirty-six children who had made application for Juvenile Performers' Licences under the Employment of Children in Entertainments Rules, 1933, were examined and licences were granted in each case or the original ones renewed.

#### REMEDIAL SPEECH TRAINING CENTRE.

Total number of cases receiving treatment :-

			Boys.	Girls.
Stammer	 	 	47	11
Cleft palate	 	 	3	6
Aphasia	 	 	3	18
Other defects	 	 	80	58
			-	
			133	93

Seven cases from outside areas received treatment.

#### CHILDREN UNABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL THROUGH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.

The arrangements under this heading remain the same as last year.

During the year, 23 children have been on the books of the teachers, and altogether, 1,632 hours of actual instruction have been given to these children.

#### STATISTICAL TABLES.

These Tables are appended.

### COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOLTON.

#### Table 1.

#### MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURNS, 1941.

## MEDICAL INSPECTIONS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

#### A .- ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

#### Number of Inspections in the prescribed Groups.

Entrants		 		 	3,348
Second Age C	Groups	 		 	694
Third Age G	roup	 		 	1,285
Total		 		 	5,327
Number of o	ions	 	460		
		Grand	Total	 	5,787

#### B .- OTHER INSPECTIONS.

Number of S	pecial l	Inspecti	ons	 	 14,122
Number of R	e-inspe	ections		 	 13,946
Total				 	 28,068

#### COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOLTON.

Table II.

## A:—RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION IN THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1941.

	ROUTINE IN	SPECTIONS.	SPECIAL IN	SPECTIONS.
	No. of	Defects.	No. of	Defects.
DEFECT OR DISEASE.	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring treatment.	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring treatment. (5)
Ringworm				
(1) Scalp	_	_	30	_
(2) Body	_	_	30	_
Skin (3) Scabies	47	_	338	_
(4) Impetigo	13	_	106	_
(5) Other Diseases				
(Non-Tuberculous)	52	29	384	4
TOTAL (Heads 1 to 5)	112	29	888	4
(- (6) Blepharitis	18		22.	-
(7) Conjunctivitis	4	2.	22	-
(8) Keratitis	-	-	-	-
(9) Corneal Opacities	-	_	_	_
(10) Other Conditions	100		LANGE TO SERVICE AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF	
Eye (excluding Defective		1		
Vision and Squint)	1 2000	-	23	2
TOTAL (Heads 6 to 10)	31	2	67	2
(11) Defective Vision				
(excluding Squint)	328	265	97	7
(12) Squint	59	23	39	1
(13) Defective Hearing		13	58	3
Ear (14) Otitis Media	1	7	152	15
(15) Other Ear Diseases		,	215	10
(16) Chronic Tonsillitis	10=	510	53	161
Nose (17) Adenoids only		4	17	10
and (18) Chronic Tonsillitis	1736			1
Throat and Adenoids		184	273	40
(19) Other Conditions.		30	308	47

### Return of Defects found by Medical Inspection .- (Continued.)

9/10/2007		ROUTINE IN	SPECTIONS.	SPECIAL IN	SPECTIONS.
		No. of	Defects.	No. of	Defects.
DEFECT	OR DISEASE.	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring treatment. (3)	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring treatment. (5)
(20) Enlarged	Cervical Glands				
	uberculous)	6	13	21	-
(21) Defective	Speech	28	35	21	4
Heart ( F	Heart Disease:				
and (22)	Organic	1	5	14	1
Circula- (23)	Functional	6	64	4	7
tion (24)	Anæmia	1	4	32	2
((25)	Bronchitis	19	1	105	-
Lungs - (26)	Other Non-Tuber-				
	culous Diseases	6	64	37	43
( 1	Pulmonary :-				
(27)	Definite	-	_	-	-
(28)	Suspected	-	-		-
Tuber- No	n-Pulmonary :	-			
culosis (29)	Glands	_	_	2	_
(30)	Bones and Joints	_	-	4	-
	Skin	-	-	_	-
(32)	Other Forms	_		1	-
TOTAL (H	Heads 29 to 32)		_	7	_
Nervous ((33)		2	1	11	2
System (34)		-	-	5	5
	Other Conditions	1	_	6	6
Deformi- ((36)			_	7	1
	Spinal Curvature	1	_	1	
	Other Forms	1	5	22	5
	fects and Diseases	The second second			
	Defects of Nutri-				1
	inliness and Dental				1
Diseases)		73	92	603	206
		-		0.000	
	Total	1,038	1,351	3,063	572

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Table II.—Continued.

B. CLASSIFICATION OF THE NUTRITION OF CHILDREN INSPECTED DURING THE YEAR IN THE ROUTINE AGE GROUPS.

	-	-				-					
Age Groups	Z O H	Number of Children Inspected	A (Excellent)	llent)	I (Nor	B (Normal)	C (Slightly Sub-normal)	C (Slightly oub-normal)	I (B)	D (Bad)	
			No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	11
Entrants		3,348	261	7.77	2,804	83.75	274	8.18	. 6	0.26	
Second Age Group	:	694	92	13.25	541	77.95	55	7.92	9	98.0	
Third Age Group	:	1,285	165	12.84	1,069		48	3.73	က	0.20	
Other Routine Inspections		460	34	7.39	372	80.86	52	11.30	67	0.43	
TOTAL	:	5,787	552	9.53	9.53 4,786	82.70	429	7.41	20	0.34	

### Table III.

### TREATMENT TABLES.

Group I.—Minor Ailme	ents			
(Excluding Uncleanliness, for which	see	Table	V).	
Total number of Defects treated or under tre the year under the Authority's Schem				3,314
Group II.—Defective Vision as	nd Sc	luint.		
No. of Defects dealt with under the Authority	's Sch	eme :-	-	
Errors of Refraction (including squin	nt)			687
Other defect or disease of the eyes (e	exclud	ling the	ose.	
recorded in Group 1)				19
Total				706
No. of children for whom spectacles v	were			
(a) Prescribed				629
(b) Obtained				629
Group III.—Treatment of Defects of	Nos	e and	Throa	it.
No. of children who have				
(a) Received Operative Treatmen Authority's Scheme	it ui	nder :	the	265
(b) Received other forms of Treatme	ent			259
Total number Treate	d			524

#### Table IV.-DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.

- (1) Number of Children who were :-
  - (a) Inspected by the Dentist Aged:

	Aged:		
	Routine Age Groups	4 and under 871 5 1,220 6 1,333 7 1,132 8 1,024 9 867 10 866 11 752 12 755 13 765 14 and over 103	9,688
1	(b) Specials		2,300
	(c) TOTAL (Routine and	d Specials)	11,988
(2)	Number found to require	e treatment	7,630
(3)	Number actually treated	d	4,574
(4)	Attendances made by ch		7,363
` '		[Inspection 66]	
(5)	Half-days devoted to	Total	1,408
		Treatment 1,342	
		Permanent teeth 1,724	
1(6)	Fillings	Total	2,213
		Temporary teeth 489)	
		Permanent teeth 1,745	
(7)	Extractions	Temporary teeth 7,821 Total	9,566
401			1 400
(8)	Administrations of gene	eral anæsthetics for extractions	1,463
(0)	01 0 1	Permanent teeth*1,172 Total	1 401
(9)	Other Operations	Temporary teeth 289	1,461
	*Including 405		
	-Including 400 prop	hylactic fillings of Molar Fissures.	

## Table V.—UNCLEANLINESS AND VERMINOUS CONDITIONS.

(i)	Average number of visits per school made duri the year by the school nurses	-	- 5
(ii)	Total number of examinations of children in to schools by school nurses		34,283
(iii)	Number of individual children found unclean		2,042
(iv)	Number of individual children cleansed und arrangements made by the Local Educati		
	Authority		183
(v)	Number of cases in which legal proceedings we	re t	taken :
	(a) Under the Education Act, 1921 (b) Under School Attendance Byelaws		Nil Nil

#### Table VI.

NOTE.—There are no blind or deaf children who are not at the present time receiving education for their special needs.

#### MENTALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.

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