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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BURY

# REPORT

ON THE

# Medical Inspection of School Children

For the Year ended 31st December, 1943.

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# Public Health Department, Tithebarn Street, Bury.

May, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Education Committee, County Borough of Bury.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual School Medical Report for 1943.

The method of medical inspection adopted during the year was to medically examine entrants to the schools and leavers. Survey examinations were also made at which school children of any age were picked out from classes if they required medical treatment or observation. The second age group of eight years was not medically examined at routine inspections. Altogether 1,240 school children were medically inspected, and the number examined at special medical inspections and re-inspections was 3,462.

The School Nurses made 16,371 inspections of school children in 1943, mostly for cleanliness. Out of this number 668 individual children were found to be unclean, and the necessary treatments were given at the School Clinic.

There were 263 cases of Scabies referred for treatment at the special Scabies Clinic. At the time of writing this report the number of cases of Scabies appears to be getting less and the peak period passed. It is difficult to eradicate Scabies in war-time, but it is certainly being kept under.

After four years of war-time conditions the nutrition of the Bury School children remains very good. In fact, in 1943, 86 per cent. of the children exhibited normal nutrition, 9 per cent. were of slightly subnormal nutrition, over 5 per cent. were of excellent nutrition, none were of bad nutrition, and these figures are the best so far obtained since nutritional surveys were introduced in 1935. No doubt this very good state of affairs has been brought about by the provision of school meals and also by the employment of a large part of the population at good wages. It appears that many articles of diet previously thought of as necessities can be done without. To my mind, however, a more plentiful supply of fats should be allocated to regions where harsh climatic conditions prevail in the winter-time. Towards the end of 1943 there was a noticeable increase of the common cold amongst the school population. This might not have been so marked if a larger share of fats had been available. Besides causing absenteeism the common cold so affects the body that more serious illnesses may follow it.

Concerning infectious diseases the number of cases of Scarlet Fever notified in 1943 was 182, as against 48 cases in 1942; 29 in 1941; 21 in 1929, and 99 in 1938. There were no deaths from this disease in 1943.

Diphtheria cases notified in 1943 were 52, as compared with 25 in 1942; 18 in 1941; 8 in 1940; 63 in 1939, and 107 in 1938. There was one death in 1943 from diphtheria amongst school children. This fatal case had not been immunised against the At the end of 1943, 4,872 children of school age disease. had been immunised against the disease. There were seven immunised school children who contracted the disease in All made uninterrupted recoveries and the course of the disease was mild. Through patient and constant propaganda the majority of parents of school children in the town are now thoroughly convinced that the very easy and simple matter of having their children immunised yields such golden benefits far outweighing the small amount of trouble the parent has to take in applying for the course to be undertaken either by the Clinic Doctors or by the family doctor. The time is now past to dilate at length on the manifest advantages and freedom from worry obtained by parents who have had their children immunised. Year after year the records show that the fatal cases occur in children not immunised. To parents who have not had their children immunised I would say, "Don't delay, get your children immunised now." At the time of writing no less than 4,881 schoolchildren have been immunised.

There were received 318 notifications of measles and 113 notifications of whooping cough occurring amongst school children.

The total number of deaths amongst school children from all infectious diseases was three, due to diphtheria (1), whooping cough (1), and measles (1).

There were 7,771 attendances at the minor ailments clinic at The Wylde in 1943. Many other clinics are carried on at The Wylde. This building has served its day, and owing to the overcrowding where several clinics are in progress at the same time a new building should be constructed as soon as material and labour are again more freely available. This building could serve as a health centre in a scheme of post-war development.

The majority of the schools in Bury are hopelessly out of date. Considering that the most impressionable years of an individual are spent for the most part at school it is desirable that schools should be bright and cheerful places and not dull, drab and grim buildings more in keeping with the Victorian age sacrificed to industry. Schools should have open situations with no undesirable surroundings and not exposed to noise and dust from the streets or roads. In manufacturing towns especially they should have ample playgrounds and in some cases gardens. There should be facilities for open-air teaching and organised games in the school grounds or near at hand. Due heed should be paid to ventilation and the maximum amount of daylight and direct sunlight. are obtainable in the best type of pavilion schools. The health both mental and physical of the school children of this town is of paramount importance, and there is no need to be side-tracked into controversy on other matters which are of lesser importance or of no importance at all where health and well-being of the school children are concerned.

This is a matter of serious concern for the Education Committee.

When all the schools in the borough are planned and constructed on the most modern lines it is inevitable that there will be a great gain in the physical and mental health of the school population.

Owing to different changes having taken place in the personnel of the School Dental Department the work has fallen somewhat behind. These changes are inevitably due to the demands of the Services, but it is hoped the position will be stabilised in the near future.

I have to thank all members of the School Medical Department, Medical Officers, Dentists, Nurses and Clerical Staff for their efficient work and for their loyalty. I have also to thank the Director of Education for his courtesy and help at all times.

Your obedient servant,

G. M. DAVIDSON LOBBAN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,

School Medical Officer.

# REVIEW OF THE FACTS DISCLOSED BY MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Tonsils and Adenoids.—During the year 76 (2 E\*) children were found to be suffering from enlarged tonsils requiring treatment, while 14 were suffering from enlargement without evidence of ill-effect, and were referred for observation. Nine (1 E\*) children were referred for treatment for adenoids, while the figure for children suffering from both conditions together was 91 (2 E\*) requiring treatment and 1 observation. In addition 73 (2 E\*) children were referred for treatment for other defects of the nose and throat.

Comparative figures for the p	revio	us	four	y	ears	ar	e:	
Enlarged Tonsils:	1939.		1940.		1941.	1	942.	
Children requiring treatment Children referred for observation	45 82		41 57		58 148		$\begin{array}{c} 37 \\ 133 \end{array}$	
Adenoids:								
Children requiring treatment Children referred for observation	6 4		5		8		11 5	(1 E*)
Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids:								
Children requiring treatment Children referred for observation	48		25 1		20 . 7		28 4	
Other defects of nose and throat:  Children requiring treatment or observation	22		32		29		66	(2 E*)

**Tuberculosis.**—Four cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 3 cases of Hilar Tuberculosis were discovered.

Bronchitis.—121 cases of Bronchitis were discovered during the year, 116 were referred for treatment and 5 for observation. Most of the children notified on Form 40a D suffered from Bronchitis. Many other cases found were not sufficiently severe to be notified, but they required Ultra Violet Light treatment—from which much benefit was derived.

The number of cases of Bronchitis discovered in previous years was:—1939, 71; 1940, 65; 1941, 86; 1942, 52.

**Skin.**—A number of cases of Skin Disease were discovered during the Routine Inspections, and many more were sent as "specials" to the clinic for treatment. Among the cases of Skin Disease found were:—

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Evacuees.

(a) (b)
Referred for Referred for
Ringworm, Scalp Treatment Observation only
Ringworm, Body 5
Scabies
Impetigo 103 —
Other Skin Diseases (Non-Tuberculous). 497 (23 E*) 2
Other Skin Diseases (Non-Tuberculous). 407 (20 E.) 2
The figures for previous years are:-
Ringworm, Scalp: 1939. 1940 1941. 1942.
(a) Referred for treatment 4 — — — — (b) Referred for observation only — — — —
Ringworm, Body:
(a) Referred for treatment 1 2 7 1
(b) Referred for observation only — — —
Scabies:
(a) Referred for treatment 29 16 50 177 (21 E*) (b) Referred for observation only — — 1
Impetigo:
(a) Referred for treatment 45 73 83 135 (8 E*)
(b) Referred for observation only — — 2 —
Other Skin Diseases (non-Tuberculous):
(a) Referred for treatment 260 290 346 448 (21 E*) (b) Referred for observation only 14 29 27 26
External Eye Disease.—68 (3 E*) cases of external eye
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**Defective Vision and Squint.**—428 (6 E\*) cases of defective vision and squint were found. Of these 342 (3 E\*) were cases of defective vision and 86 (3 E\*) cases of squint. 423 were referred for treatment and 5 for observation only.

Previous figures are:-

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	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
Cases of defective vision and squint found	608	505	435	509 (12 E*)
Cases of defective vision and squint referred for treatment		454	391	471
Cases of defective vision and squint referred for observation	55	51	44	38

Ear Diseases and Hearing.—6 (2 E\*) children were found to be suffering from defective hearing, and 43 (1 E\*) from other ear diseases. Children who have been treated at the clinic are called up subsequently from time to time, in order that any recurrence may be detected.

#### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The position at the end of 1943 with regard to the immunisation of school children was that 4,872 children of school age were wholly immunised against diphtheria.

Of the children fully immunised, seven contracted the disease in a mild form in 1943. In the case of the one death from diphtheria, the child had not been immunised.

### "FOLLOWING UP."

Medical Inspection is obviously of very little use unless those children who are found to be suffering from some disease or defect are "followed up" in order to ensure that the necessary treatment is obtained.

During the year the School Nurses have carried out the following visits, etc.:--

Number of visits to school departments in connection	
with medical inspection	395
Number of visits to schools to examine children for	
cleănliness	297
Number of visits and re-visits to homes	262
examinations for cleanliness	17.214

#### MEDICAL TREATMENT.

Minor Ailments.—A Clinic for the treatment of Minor Ailments is held at The Wylde. The accommodation consists of waiting room, dressing room, consulting room, and nurses' room.

The Clinic is open six days a week during school terms. Children attend from 9 to 10 a.m., when they are seen by the Medical Officer. They are either treated or referred to their own doctor in the case of children having a regular medical attendant.

A child may attend other clinics such as the Sunlight, Immunisation, Remedial Exercises Clinic, etc. The record of its attendances at all Clinics and the results obtained are placed on a key card, which gives a complete clinical medical history of each school child.

The number of children attending the Minor Ailments Clinic during the year 1943 is shown in the following table:—

Number of children attending from 1942			
" discharged during 1943	1,600	(82	E*)
" still attending at end of 1943			
" fresh children who attended during 1943			
,, attendances		(264)	E*)
Clinic open			
Average attendance per child	4.46		
Average daily attendance	25.73		

In addition to the above, 389 (6 E\*) children attended on three or four successive days for mydriatic application before seeing the School Oculist for purpose of refraction. This represents 1,362 attendances which are not included in the total attendances in the previous table.

Comparative figures for previous years are as follows:-1939 1940, 1941, 1942. Number of fresh children who attended Clinic ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 856 916 1,100 1,312 (79 E\*) Number of attendances ... ... ... 3,823 3,692 4,464 6,855 (446 E\*) Average attendance per child... ... 3:9 3.66 3.68 Average daily attendance... ... 13.1 12.35 14.44 22.18 Children attending for mydriatic appli-423 481 402 478 cation ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ...

Altogether 1,257 (63 E\*) parents were seen at the Clinic during the course of the year. This was largely in connection with defects found in the course of Medical Inspection.

Much prolonged treatment is caused by some children ceasing to attend the Clinic before being cured, and then relapsing and coming back in as bad a state as they were at the commencement of their treatment. Tonsils and Adenoids.—Many of the cases requiring operative interference are treated by general practitioners. New arrangements came into force during 1930 with the Board of the Bury Infirmary under which certain cases are treated at that Institution. No charge is made by the Board to the Education Committee, and correspondingly no charge is made by the Education Committee to parents of children treated. The Local Authority makes an annual grant to the Infirmary in connection with this scheme.

The following table contains particulars of the cases treated during the last five years:—

1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
123	137 (5 E*)	221 (4 E*)	318 (11 E*)
17	13 (3 E*)	44 (4 E*)	57 (3 E*)
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**Tuberculosis.**—The following table shows the number of cases of definite Tuberculosis which have received Institutional treatment during the year:—

At Liverpool Open-Air Hospital for Children, Leasowe:

	No.	Total	No. of	Days.
Boys	5 (1 E*) 8 (1 E*)		598 1,030	
At Bury Infirmary:				
Girl	1		10	
At Halifax Sanatorium:				
Boy	1		41	
At Wrightington Hospital, near V	Vigan:			
Boy	1		5	

Skin Disease.—The majority of the cases of Skin Disease occurring among school children were treated at the Minor Ailments Clinic.

External Eye Disease and Vision.—All cases of External Eye Disease are now referred to the Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Local Authority at the School Ophthalmic Clinic. The majority of children suffering from defective vision are also examined by the Ophthalmic Surgeon.

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Evacuees.

The following table gives particulars of the children treated during the past five years:—

No. of child	lren submitted 1939. to refraction 480			1942. 402 (12 E*)	1943. 389 (6 E*)
,,	already pro- vided with suitable spec-				
	tacles 74	99	64	85	81
"	spectacles 51	39	44	27	47
**	for whom spec- tacles were				
	prescribed 355	285	327 (9 E*)	290 (7 E*)	250 (3 E*)
"	who had ob- tained the				
	necessary spec- tacles by the end of the year 315	255	244 (6 E*)	200 (7 E*)	160 (3 E*)

In cases where the parent cannot afford to pay for glasses the Education Committee pay the cost wholly or in part. The number of cases in which such assistance was rendered during 1943 was 12 (1 E\*). In 9 instances spectacles were provided free, and half cost in 3 cases.

Some parents are still too dilatory in obtaining spectacles, and even when they do obtain them they do not insist on the child wearing them.

**Ear Disease and Hearing.**—No special treatment is provided apart from that which may be obtained at the School Clinic. 43 (1 E\*) cases of Minor Ear Defect have been treated.

Cases offering difficulty are referred for opinion and treatment if necessary to the Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist at Bury Infirmary.

Dental Defects.-See Table IV. at end of this report.

Crippling Defects of Orthopædics.—An arrangement is in force under which Orthopædic cases from Bury are treated under the Scheme of the Lancashire County Council.

An Orthopædic Clinic is held once weekly at the "Uplands," Whitefield.

At Ancoats Hospital, Manchester, cases are seen for further opinion or for further examination, including X-ray photographs. Apart from examination and out-patient treatment, only short stay cases are admitted to the Wards of the Ancoats Hospital.

At Biddulph Grange Orthopædic Hospital, near Congleton, which Hospital belongs to the Lancashire County Council, inpatient treatment is afforded.

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Evacuees.

Particulars of cases dealt with at the Orthopædic Clinic during the year are given below :-

NEW CASES:— First Consultation with Surgeon	8 2
OLD CASES:-	
Total Consultations with Surgeon	27 37
New Cases.—Analysis of Defects:—  Knee Deformity	

One child was admitted to Biddulph Hospital during the year.

Total ... 8

### REMEDIAL EXERCISES.

Special classes for remedial exercises were held at the School Clinic during 1943. The cases and attendances were as follows:-

(a) Analysis of Cases:-Bad Posture ... ... 9 

Chest Deformity ... ... 3

(b) Attendances ... ... ... ...

Average attendance per child, 9.4.

### ARTIFICIAL SUNLICHT TREATMENT.

The treatment of Minor Ailments among the school children was extended in scope and increased in efficiency by the use of the Mercury Vapour Ultra-Violet Light Lamp.

Artificial Sunlight Clinic Cases and Attendances:-

(a)	Analysis of Cases.				
	General Debility		60	(1	$E^*$ )
	Bronchitis		42		
	Anæmia		10		
	Frequent Colds		4		
	Cough		9		
	Catarrh		9		
	Glands (non-T.B.)		8		
	Subnormal Nutrition		4		
	Asthma		2		
	Skin		3		
	Alopecia		1		
	Blepharitis		1		
	Otorrhœa		1		
	Enlarged Tonsils		2		
	Rickets		2		
	Chorea		1		
	Suspected T.B. Abdomen		1		
		-	100		
	Total		160	(1	F(-)

\* Includes Evacuees.

Tuberculosis,	Glands 15 (1 E*)
,,	Abdomen 3
,,	Spine 1
. ,,	Knee 1
	Total 20 (1 E*)
	Total under both heads 180 (2 E*)

### (b) Attendances.

Miscellaneous cases—160 children made 2,485 attendances. Tubercular cases — 20 children made 267 attendances.

Average attendance per child=15.3.

The total attendances and average attendance per child for previous years are given below:— 1939. 1940. 1941. 1942. Total attendances ... ... ... 3,305 ... 3,516 ... 2,446 ... 2,328 Average attendance per child... ... 15.88 ... 18.77 ... 13.66 ... 18.93

### CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS.

Notice is sent to the parent of every child of the date and time of inspection at school, and the parent is invited to attend. The percentage of parents attending was:—

"	Entrants "		 	***	 	 79.44%
"	Second Age Group	,,	 		 	 None examined.
	Third Age Group "					

### PHYSICAL TRAINING.

The following report is submitted:-

The Organiser of Physical Training joined H.M. Forces on the 4th September, 1940.

The Education Committee have continued to supply games materials so far as they were available.

The teaching of Physical Education in schools of the Authority as based upon the Board of Education Syllabus for Physical Training, 1933, has been continued.

#### SCHOOL BATHS.

The Technical College Baths Superintendent and teacher of boys' swimming was called to H.M. Forces on the 28th August, 1941.

Continued use of the bath has been made throughout the year, and it can be said that, in the circumstances, swimming instruction has been a successful feature.

### PROVISION OF MEALS.

During the year school children were provided with 113,175 meals, comprising 31,815 dinners, and 81,360 one-third pint bottles of milk.

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Evacuees.

The excellent Cooking Canteen at the Moorgate Centre, with the extensions now completed, has continued to provide good substantial meals and is now providing up to its maximum capacity. The number of School Feeding Centres, seven in the last report, is now sixteen. It can be stated that a good mid-day meal is provided at a reasonable charge, which has been 5d. per meal for children under 8 years of age, and 6d. per meal for children of 8 years of age and upwards. Any further demand for school meals will have to be met by the provision of another canteen.

### BLIND, DEAF, DEFECTIVE, AND EPILEPTIC CHILDREN.

No schools for the treatment of these children have so far been provided by the Local Education Authority, but Blind and Deaf children are sent to outside institutions.

During 1943 the following children were maintained in special schools or hospitals:—

Blind	7	Orthopædic cases 6
Deaf	6	Tuberculous 16 (1 E*)
Physically defective	5	Epileptic 1

#### INSTITUTIONS.

Children in hospitals or other institutions are visited periodically by the School Medical Officer, who discusses with doctors in charge the progress made by the patients.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

During the year 75 children have been examined as to their fitness to undertake employment (usually the delivery of newspapers) out of school hours.

In many cases, these children have been employed for several weeks before the necessary certificate has been obtained. It is necessary, therefore, to stress the point that all individuals, employing school children, must ask the children to produce the necessary certificate, otherwise if the practice mentioned above is persisted in, stronger action will have to be taken.

### SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

During the year 1943 the School Nurse paid 10 visits regarding eye-testing and cleanliness.

Twenty children from Secondary Schools attended the Minor Ailments Clinic and were treated for the following defects:—

Speech defect	1
Genu Valgum	1
Impetigo	2
Plantar warts	2
Other Skin conditions (boils, etc.)	12
Throat	1
Chest	1

#### REMEDIAL EXERCISES.

No Secondary School children attended special classes for Remedial Exercises during the year 1943.

### ARTIFICIAL SUNLICHT TREATMENT.

The treatment of minor ailments by ultra-violet light therapy is available to Secondary School children, and during the year one child suffering from chilblains made 14 attendances, and 1 case of Tubercular Glands made 18 attendances.

#### TABLE I.

### Return of Medical Inspections, 1943.

### A .-- ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

- (1) Entrants 788. Second Age Group, none. Third Age Group 452. Total, 1,240.
  - (2) Number of other Routine Inspections: Nil. Grand total, 1,240.

#### B.—OTHER INSPECTIONS.

Number of Special Inspections and Re-inspections, 3,462 (142 E\*)

Note: \*Includes Evacuees.

### TABLE II.

# Classification of the Nutrition of Children Inspected during the Year in the Routine Age Croups.

Number of Children Inspected	A. (Excel No.	llent) %		3. rmal) %	(Slig sub-no No.	htly orm'l)	Ba No.	). ad %
1,240	73	5.89	1,075	86.69	92	7.42		-

### TABLE III.

Group I. Treatment of Minor Ailments (excluding uncleanliness):

Total number of Defects treated or under treatment during the year under the Authority's Scheme ... ... ... 1606\* (86 E)

Group II. Treatment of Defective Vision and Squint under the Authority's Scheme:

Errors of refraction (including squint) ... 389\* (6 E)

Other defect or disease of the eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I.) ... Nil

Total ... ... ... ... ... 389\* (6 E)

Number of children for whom spectacles were

(a) Prescribed ... ... ... ... ... 250\* (3 E)

(b) Obtained ... ... ... ... ... ... 160\* (3 E)

Group III. Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat, under the Authority's Scheme:

Received operative treatment ... ... 57\* (3 E)

Received other forms of treatment ... ... 109\* (4 E)

Total number treated ... ... ... ... ... ... 166\* (7 E)

Note: \* Includes Evacuees.

### TABLE IV.

## Dental Inspection and Treatment.

(1)	Number of children inspected by the Dentist-	
	(a) Routine Age Groups	1,306
	(b)! Specials	1,188
	(c) Total (Routine and Specials)	2,494
(2)	Number found to require treatment	2,260
(3)	Number actually treated	2,178
(4)	Attendances made by children for treatment	2,371
(5)	Half-days devoted to-	
	Inspection	
	Treatment 446	
	Total 457	
	10tal 491	
(6)	Fillings:—	
	Permanent Teeth 507	
	Temporary Teeth 145	
	Total 652	
(7)	Extractions:—	
	Permanent Teeth 217	
	Temporary Teeth 1,660	
	Total 1,877	
	Total 1,011	
(8)	Administrations of general anæsthetics for extractions 9	a ·
(9)	Other operations:—	
	Permanent Teeth 380	
	Temporary Teeth 418	
	Total 798	

### TABLE V.

### VERMINOUS CONDITIONS.

(1)	Average number of visits per school made during the year by the School Nurses or other authorised persons	10
(2)	Total number of examinations of children in the Schools by School Nurses or other authorised persons	16,371
(3)	Number of individual children found unclean	668
(4)	Number of individual children cleansed voluntarily	29
(5)	Number of cases in which legal proceedings were taken:—	
	(a) Under the Education Act, 1921	_
	(b) Under the School Attendance By-laws	_

### TABLE VI.

### BLIND AND DEAF CHILDREN.

Number of totally or almost totally blind and deaf children who are NOT at the present time receiving education suitable for their special needs. The return should relate to all such children, including evacuees resident in the Authority's area:—

			At a Public Elementary School	At an Institution other than a Special School	At No School or Institution	
Blind Children			1	-	-	
Deaf Children			1	-	_	

Mentally Defective Children.—Total number of children notified during the year ended 31st December, 1943, by the Local Education Authority to the Local Mental Deficiency Authority, under the Mental Deficiency (Notification of Children) Regulations, 1928 ......

## SECTION 3.

# SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

### REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

To the Medical Officer of Health
for the County Borough of Bury.
Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting in an abridged form my Report on the Sanitary Inspection of the Area for the year 1943 in accordance with Article 27 of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935.

No changes in Staff have taken place during the year. Inspectors J. Gaskell and A. E. Snodgrass were successful at the examination held by the Royal Sanitary Institute in "Sanitary Science as Applied to Buildings and Public Works." Inspectors J. Gaskell and T. Marsh were successful at the examination held by the Institute of Sanitary Engineers for Associate Membership of that Institute.

The extra war-time duties reported in a previous Report continue to be carried out by this Section of the Public Health Department.

WATER SUPPLY.—Twelve samples of water from wells and other private supplies have been taken during the year and submitted for chemical and bacteriological examination; one sample of water from the towns mains was submitted for bacteriological examination and was found to be satisfactory. In accordance with Circular 10/44 of the Ministry of Health, the following report, for which we are indebted to the Engineer and Manager (R. Wyllie, Esq., A.M.Inst.C.E.) of the Irwell Valley Water Board, is submitted:—

"The County Borough of Bury is supplied by the Irwell Valley Water Board from mains passing through the area. These mains come from four different sources of supply, and all the houses supplied by the Board derive their water direct from the mains. The waters are all from moorland gathering grounds and are acid in character.

Schemes are in preparation for lime treatment of these waters as soon as circumstances permit."

The percentage of dwellings not supplied wth water for domestic purposes from the town's mains is 0.392 per cent. Those houses using wells and other private sources of supply are situated considerable distances from the Board's mains.

SWIMMING BATHS.—Twelve samples were taken from swimming baths during the year, eight for bacteriological examinations, and four for chemical analysis, and the results indicate some improvement on those of previous years.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.—There were 818 inspections in respect of drainage defects and reconstructions during the year. Forty-four new sinks were fitted in dwelling-houses.

RIVERS POLLUTION, Etc.—Routine inspections of the water courses in the district were carried out during the year. The Department was consulted by the Inspector of the Lancashire Rivers Board in respect of one nuisance which was under consideration by the Board.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.—During the year the Corporation continued to supply water closet cistern and pedestal to owners who converted insanitary closets to fresh water flushing type of closet; 19 sets were supplied.

Thirty-eight additional closets were provided at factories and sixteen at dwelling-houses; 12 waste water closets and 4 trough closets were replaced by fresh water closets and 4 waste water closets were abolished. One privy closet was converted to a pail closet.

STORAGE OF HOUSEHOLD REFUSE.—One dry ashpit jointly used by 4 houses and 3 wall bins were abolished and 7 portable dustbins installed during the year.

VERMIN DISINFESTATION.—One hundred and twenty-one complaints of vermin infestation at dwelling-houses were received at the Office, and of these 100 houses were found to be infested. Inspectors made 536 inspections of these and other verminous premises, and a total of 209 houses were disinfested during the year. This work is carried out by spraying liquid insecticide in affected premises free of cost to owners and occupiers. Owners of business premises so treated are charged cost of materials and disinfector's time.

We are informed by the Borough Engineer (John Chadwick, Esq., A.M.Inst.C.E.) that 12 Corporation Estate Houses were found to be infested and subsequently disinfested by his Department in the manner described in previous Reports. The general public appear more willing to notify the presence or suspected presence of vermin to the Department than was the case a decade ago.

HOUSES-LET-IN-LODGINGS.—The accommodation provided at the five houses remaining on the Register is for 64 adults and 1 child. Inspectors made 71 inspections during the year.

COMMON LODGING-HOUSES.—There are four houses registered in the Borough providing accommodation for 179 persons. Many beds are redundant to requirements, and approximately one-third only of the total are in use; 148 inspections were made and 4 notices were served and abated during the year.

CANAL BOATS .- No registered boats were reported at the Wharf.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS.—Six inspections of caravans sited on the Corporation Fairground were made during the year; no nuisances were reported.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT.—The Cleansing Superintendent is the Designated Officer under the Act. Forty-five visits recomplaints of rats were made by the Sanitary Inspectors, and a considerable amount of drainage and structural repairs to buildings were carried out as a result.

NUISANCES.—To secure the abatement of nuisances, 624 informal notices were served and 563 of these were abated; 89 statutory notices were served, and 77 of these were complied with by the end of the year; 1,527 defects were remedied as a result of informal notices and following the service of statutory notices. During the year 545 complaints were received at the offices of the Department. Of these 133 were referred to other Corporation Departments for attention.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.—During the year 31 observations each of 30 minutes duration were made of smoke emissions from factory chimneys. No nuisances were reported. The average period of emission of dense black smoke per observation was 0.218 minutes.

STABLE PREMISES .. — Forty-two inspections of stables were made, two notices were served, one of these had been abated by the end of the year.

CINEMAS, Etc.—Twenty inspections were made of places of entertainment. Two notices were served and abated during the year. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.—Inspectors made 116 inspections during the year, no defects were reported.

RAG FLOCK.—Four visits were made to premises using rag flock and two samples were obtained. These were submitted to the Public Analyst, who certified that they complied with the provisions of the Regulations.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.—There were 20 registered offensive trades in the Borough at the end of the year. 124 inspections were made and two notices were served under the provisions of the By-laws.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—Inspectors made 618 visits of inquiry and for disinfection in respect of 316 cases of infectious diseases and 17 visits to 5 schools for disinfection.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION AT SCHOOLS.—Forty-five inspections were made of the sanitary accommodation at the schools in the Borough. The conversion of the privy closets at Unsworth school was commenced before the year ended, and four trough closets were replaced with water-closets at St. Thomas's School.

FERTILISER AND FEEDING STUFFS ACT.—During the year 5 samples of Fertilisers and four samples of Feeding Stuffs were submitted to the Public Analyst, who certified that the samples complied with the Regulations.

SHOPS ACTS.—One hundred and ninety-nine inspections of shops were made under the provisions of the Shops Acts 1912-1937; 3 contraventions were reported and abated by the end of the year.

FOOD CONTROL.—1,669 visits were made to shops and other food premises under the provisions of the Food Control Orders.

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

### Number and Nature of Inspections.

During the year 1943 the following inspecti	ons were	made by S	anitary
Inspectors to the premises detailed:	Primary	Re-ins-	Total
Nature of Inspection.	Insp'ns.	pections.	Visits.
Houses under Public Health Acts	715	2,173	2,888
Water Supply :	39	15	54
Tents, Vans, Sheds	6	_	6
Houses-let-in-Lodgings	60	11	71
Common Lodging Houses	145	3	148
Schools	39	6	45
Entertainment Houses	19	1	20
Ashes Accommodation	202	499	701
Accumulations	20	21	41
Animals or Birds	12	2	14
Stable Premises	36	6	42
Yards, Courts, etc	12	17	29
Piggeries	71	14	85
Drainage—Testing	24	6	30
Inspected	408	316	724
Closets-Water	615	269	884
Pails or Privies	137	19	156
Rats and Mice	30	15	45
Urinals	116	7	123
Sewers and Street Gullies	9	-	9
Cowsheds	640	-	640
Milkshops and Dairies	333	-	333
Ice Cream Premises	1	_	1
Meat Shops for Meat Inspection	191	5	196
Abattoir for Meat Inspection	554	-	554
Food Preparing Premises	210	7	217
General Food Premises	916	-	916
Markets	111		111
Merchandise Marks Acts	<b>5</b> 85	-	585

### Sanitary Inspection of District-Continued.

Sanitary Inspection of District—Continued.			
	Primary.	Re-ins-	
Nature of Inspection.	Insp'ns.	pections.	Visits.
Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act	13	-	13
Offensive Trades		4	124
Factories	205	51	256
Workshops	158	4	162
Bakehouses—Factory	208	1	209
Non-Factory	237	7	244
Outworkers		_	4
Shops Act		3	199
Infectious Diseases	FE0.	37	610
Disinfection		-	423
Smoke Abatement Observations			31
Dramiana Visited	2		2
Premises Visited	7	_	7
Rivers Pollution Acts	000	-	
Miscellaneous Visits	662	2	664
Interviews—Owners, Tradesmen, etc	1,042	100	1,042
Verminous Premises	323	192	515
Visits re Food and Drugs-Formal		-	171
Informal	62	-	62
Visits-Rag Flock	25	-	25
Water	. 87	-	37
Other Visits	12	-	12
Milk—Pathological		-	77
Milk, Bacteriological	155		155
Housing—Section 9	3	52	55
Section 11	25	_	25
Clearance Areas	1		1
Other Visits	104	5	109
Disinfestation	21		21
Overcrowding	138	3	141
Rent Restrictions Act	8		8
Food Rationing Orders	249	_	249
Suspected Food Poisoning	48		48
A.R.P	437	1	438
A.R.P. Shelters	63	3	66
Cesspools	2	_	2
Food Control Prices	1,420		1,420
Diseases of Animals Acts	26	37	63
Cold Stores	1	01	1
Billets	15		15
	10		19
	13,560	3,814	17,374
	10,000	0,014	11,014

### HOUSING.

No inspections of dwelling-houses for slum clearance were made during the year. The following table is the record of work carried out in respect of the sanitary condition of dwelling-houses:—

# Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

1.	(1)	(a) Total defects	number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	744
		(b) Numb	er of inspections made for the purpose	2 225
	(2)	(a) Number	er of dwelling-houses which were inspected and ed under the Housing Consolidated Regulations,	29
		(n) Milling	er of inspections and re-inspections made for the	20
	(3)	Numl dange	ber of dwellng-houses found to be in a state so rous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human tion	81
				26

	(4)	Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	610
2.		Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or	295
		Number of houses demolished	1
3.	В.	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	4
		(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied by owners after service of formal notices	3
	C.	(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which an under- taking was accepted under Sub-Section (3) of Section 11	13
4.	Α.	(1) Number of dwellings known to be overcrowded at end of year	8
		(2) Number of families dwelling therein	8
		(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	47
	В.	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	2
	C.	(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	3
		(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	61/2
			15

# THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

The following tables show the inspections of factories, together with the defects found and remedied during the year:—

## Inspection of Factories.

	1	NUMBER O	F	
PREMISES.	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted	
Factories with mechanical power	355	10	-	
Factories without mechanical power	145	_	_	
†Other Premises under the Act				
(including works of building and engineering construction, but not including outworkers' premises).	_	_	-	
Total	500	10	_	
† Electrical Stations should be reckoned as factories.				

### Outworkers.

During the year three inspections were made at outworkers' premises. One list of outworkers was received from an outside-Authority.

### Defects Found in Factories.

	NUMBI	Number of defects in respect of which		
PARTICULARS.	Found.	Rem'di'd	Referred to H.M Insp'ct'r	prosecu- tions were in- stituted.
Want of Cleanliness (S. 1)	2	2	,	_
Overcrowding (S.2.)	_	_	_	_
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	_	-	_	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)		_	_	_
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6.)		-		_
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.):— Insufficient Unsuitable or defective Not separate for sexes	3 35 1	3 15 1	=	=
Other Offences	_	_		
(not including offences relating to home work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Fac- tories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921).				
Total	41	21	_	_

During the year nine Notices were received from H.M. Inspector of Factories referring to defects remediable under the Factory Act.

# INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

There were 640 inspections of 105 registered Cowsheds and 333 inspections of dairies and milkshops.

Seventy-six samples of undesignated milk were obtained for cleanliness tests, 48 of these failed to pass the Methylene Blue test, and in 41 samples Bacillus Coliform was found to be present. Fifty samples of "Accredited" milk were submitted for examination and 20 of these failed to pass the Methylene Blue test, and in 10 samples Bacillus Coliform was found to be present. Fourteen samples of "Pasteurised Milk" were submitted for examination, 8 of these failed to pass the Plate Count test, and in 7 Bacillus Coliform was found to be present. All these samples satisfactorily passed the Phosphatase test. Seventy-six samples of milk were submitted for examination for the presence of T.B.; two samples of mixed raw milk and 1 sample of Accredited Milk were reported to contain tubercle bacilli.

The following particulars of the veterinary inspection of the cattle at the dairy farms in the Borough are taken from the reports supplied by the Divisional Veterinary Inspector (J. W. Wilson, Esq., M.R.C.V.S.) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Numbe	r of vet	erinary	inspect	ions of d	lairy her	ds	207
Numbe	r of dai	ry herds	s inspec	ted 4 tir	nes duri	ng the year	44
,,	,,	>>	,,	3	,,	,,	8
,,,	- 12	,,	"	2	,,	,,	8
,,	,,	,,	,,	1	"		1

The number of cattle at dairy farms in the Borough during the first quarter of the year was 1,295. There were 59 dairy farms registered for the production of milk at the end of the year, one dairy farmer having discontinued business. Three farms which were previously registered for the production of milk and which now have dry stock only, are included in the foregoing list of inspections.

At the end of the year there were 609 food shops recorded in the registers, 217 inspections were made at food preparing premises, 943 inspections at general food premises, 196 to meat shops and 445 at bakehouses; 4 notices regarding 11 defects were served, and 9 notices, including 15 defects, were abated during the year at these premises. There were 111 visits of inspection made to food stalls on the open Market, and during these and other inspections of retail food shops opportunity was taken to note that the provisions of the Merchandise Marks Acts in relation to food were being complied with. No contraventions were reported.

### MEAT INSPECTION AT THE ABATTOIR.

The Public Abattoir continues to be used as a Government Slaughterhouse by the Ministry of Food, and serves the area described in previous Reports.

During the year 1,950 carcases required a detailed examination, and of these 908 were found to be affected with tuberculosis in varying degree as follows:—

Bulls, 27.78 per cent.; steers, 7.64 per cent.; heifers, 9.74 per cent.; cows, 51.03 per cent.; calves, 0.31 per cent.; and pigs 10.23 per cent.

The whole carcases of 3 cows, 5 calves, and 22 sheep were condemned for causes other than tuberculosis. The total amount of meat found to be unfit for human food was 1.32 per cent. of the total amount slaughtered.

The following list of imported meat and meat slaughtered at the port of entry was received and inspected at the Abattoir; 13,328 quarters of beef; 100,675 carcases of mutton and lamb; 16 carcases of pork; 326 carcases of veal; 28,158 boxes of offals, etc.

# Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle, excl'ding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	3,042	1,258	979	29,428	88
Number inspected	3,042	1,258	979	29,428	88
All Diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases con- demned	None	3	5	22	None
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	299	174	7	528	4
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis		14.07%	1.23%	1.87%	4.55%
Suberculosis only.	70	/0	1 20 /0	70	. 0,0 70
Whole carcases con- demned	2	37	None	None	None
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	252	605	3	None	9
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	8.35%	51.03%	0.31%	None	10.23%

TABLE SHOWING EXTENT OF TUBERCULOUS DISEASES AND WEIGHTS OF DISEASED MEAT DESTROYED YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1943.

	Other Diseases		Total weight o Meat and Offal destroyed for al Diseases	lbs.	61,012	2,242	411	213	63,878
	Other ]	uo	Weight of Meat a Offal destroyed account of othe Diseases	lbs.	7,947	2,242	18	204	10,411
		uo	Weight of Meat a Offal destroyed account of Tubero losis	lbs.	53,065	-1	393	6	53,467
1549.		Su	Entire Carcase condemned owin to Tuberculosis		1 Oxen 37 Cows 1 Heifer 39	1	1	1	39
THE ENDING SIST DECEMBER,	Extent of Tuberculosis in Animals Examined		Udders		120	1	1	1	120
	Ехап	len	Mesenteries		4	1	3	1	147
3	nals ]	Abdomen	Serous		125	-	2	1	127
Ter	Anin	A	irətU		58	1	1	1	28
3	ni sis		Intestines		158	-1	3	1	161
	culos		Kidneys		127	1	1	1	127
1	Luber		Spleens		135	-1	1	1	135
	t of J		Stomachs		104	1	2	1	106
	xten		Livers		237	1	2	3	242
	Н	Thorax	Serons		221	1	-	1	222
		H	Heart and Peri- cardium		75	1	1	1	75
			Lungs		699	1	4	1	673
			Heads		273	1	9	1	622
		9	Of which wer	5	166 642 83 896	i	6	3	908 279
			Number		Oxen 2172 Cows 1258 Heifers 852 4300	29,428	88	626	34,795
		Kınds	Animals	Beasts		Sheep	Pigs	Calves	

### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

### Foot and Mouth Disease.

During the year an Infected Area was declared, the boundaries of which touched the Southern boundary of the Borough—no cases were reported in the Borough.

#### Anthrax.

One suspected case found at the Railway Siding and Cattle Dock adjoining the Abattoir was reported to the State Veterinary Inspector, but was not confirmed.

### Tuberculosis Order.

Three cows were slaughtered under the Order at the Abattoir. One case was reported by the State Veterinary Inspector from a farm in the Borough. The carcase was found to be affected with generalised tuberculosis and was condemned. The other two carcases from farms situated outside the Borough were found to be affected with localised tuberculosis in each case. In all 9 notifications under the Order were receved from the State Veterinary Inspector, and the remaining six animals were slaughtered at the Knackers' Yard.

### Sheep Scab Order.

Two notices of intention to dip sheep at a local farm were received. The sheep dipping was witnessed by the District Sanitary Inspector.

### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT-ADULTERATION.

Particulars of the foods and drugs sampled during the year.

TABLE I.

ARTICLE.			No.	of Sar	nples	No	o. Gen	uine	No. A	Adulte	rated
			F'rml	In'f'l	Total	F'rml	In'f'l	Total	F'rml	In'f'l	Tota
Ammoniated Tinctur	e of	Quinin	e -	1	1		1	1	_	_	_
Baking Powder			-	1	1		1	1	-	-	-
Beer			4	-	4	4	-	4	-	-	-
Bicarbonate of Soda				2	2	-	2	2	-	-	-
Biscuits				1	1		1	1	-	-	-
Black Puddings			_	2	2	-	2	. 2	-		-
Boracic Acid				1	1		1	1	_	_	-
Boracic Ointment			_	1	1		1	1		_	-
Borax			_	2	2		2	2	-		_
Brandy			2		2	2	_	2		_	_
Bread				1	1		1	1	_	-	_
Butter			-	2	2		2	2		_	_
Camphorated Oil				2	2					2	2
Cheese			-	1	1	-	1	1			
Cinnamon			_	1	1		1	î			
Cocktails			4		4	1	_	1	3		3
Cocoa			-	3	3		3	3	-	_	_
Cod Liver Oil				1	1		1	1			
Coffee				2	2		2	2			
Coffee Essence				ī	1		1	1			
Cordials			2	-	3	2		2	1		1
Cough Pastilles				1	1	2	1		1	-	1
Cream Cakes				1	1		1	1	1		
Custard Powder			-	1	1	_	1	1	_	-	_
Dried Milk				6	6	-	1	1	-	_	-
T C 1 (2)				1	1	-	6	6			-
Epsom Salts			-	2		-	1	1	-		-
Essence of Cinnamor				1	2		2	2	-	-	-
The state of the s					1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Flowers of Sulphur			-	2	2		2	2	-	-	-
			-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Cia			4		4	4	-	4	-	-	-
Ginger		4114	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-

	11				-			
ARTICLE.	No. of San	nples	No	. Genu	ine -	No.	Adulte	erated
	F'rml In'f'l	Total	F'rml	In'f'l	Total	F'rml	In'f'l	Total
Ginger Wine	- 1	1	_	1	1	_	_	_
Ginger Wine Essence Glauber Salts	_ 1 _ 4	1	-	1	1	-	_	-
Gravy Browning	<b>-</b> 3	4		4 2	4 2	-	1	-
Iodised Throat Lozenges	- 1	1		1	1			1
Jam	- 3	3	-	3	3	_	_	
Lemon Squash Lime Water	1 2	3	1	2	3	-	_	_
Margarina	$\begin{bmatrix} - & 1 \\ - & 3 \end{bmatrix}$	1 3	-	1	1	-	-	-
Milk		100	92	3	3 93	7	_	7
Mustard	- 1	1	_	1	1			
Oatmeal Olive Oil	- 2	2	-	2	2		_	_
Pancake Miyture	$\begin{bmatrix} - & 1 \\ - & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Pepper	- 1	1 1		1 1	1 1	-	-	-
Peroxide of Hydrogen	- 1	1	_	1	1			
Phanacitin & Caffeine Tablets	- 1	1	_	1	1	_		
Pickles Port Wine	- 1	1	-	1	1	-	-	_
Rum	3 -	3	3	-	3	-	-	-
Saccharin Tablets	- 1	1	1	1	1 1		-	-
Sauce	- î	1		1	1			
Sausages	- 3	3	-	3	3	_	_	
Sherry Stout	1 -	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Sugar	$\frac{2}{-} \frac{-}{1}$	2	2	-	2	-	-	-
Sulphur Tablets	- 1	1		1 1	1 1		-	-
Syrup of Figs	- 1	1	_	1	1	_		_
Syrup of Horehound	- 1	1		1	1	-	_	_
Tincture of Iodine	- 2 - 1	2		2	2	-	-	-
Tonic	3 _	3	1	1 1	1 2	1		-
Vaseline	- 1	1	_	1	1	_		1
Whiskey	8 1 -	8	8	-	8	-		
Yeast Zinc Ointment	- 2 - 1	2	-	2	2	-	-	-
Zinc Ointment	_ 1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	135 87 2	22	122	85 2	207	12	3	15
		1						1

### PUBLIC HEALTH (PRESERVATIVES, Etc., IN FOOD) REGULA-TIONS, 1925, 1926, 1927.

All articles of food to which preservatives might be added were examined for the presence of preservatives. In no case was preservative found in any article to which the addition of preservatives are prohibited, nor in excess of the permitted amounts in any food to which it is permissible under the Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) Regulations, 1925/7, to add certain preservatives.

### FOOD SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS.

The average percentage composition of the Milk examined in 1942 was as follows:—

PERIOD.		Sa	No. o	of M	lilk Fat er cen	Solid t.	ls not Fat per cent.
1st Quarter			26		3.46		8.74
and Quarter			15		3.26		8 84
ord Quarter			31 .		3.60		8 81
4th Quarter			28 .		3.72		8.58
1st January to 31st December, 19	943.		100 .		3.54		8.73

TABLE II.—Administrative Action taken in respect of samples reported by the Public Analyst not to be genuine or otherwise irregular.

No. of	Sample	Article.	Nature of Adulterat	ion.	Action Taken.
Inf'ml	Formal	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			
_	162	Spitfire Cocktail	Sample not genuine— Citric Acid Other Solid Matter Coloured and flavoured Water	0.5% 0.3% 99.2%	Manufacturer prosecuted in the Borough Court and convicted. See Table III.
				100.0%	
-	198	Phos-Vita Tonic	Sample not genuine— Phosphoric Acid Quinine Other Solid Matter Coloured and flavoured Water	0.07% 0.02% 0.10% 99.81%	Manufacturer prosecuted in the Borough Court and convicted See Table III.
				100.00%	
-	199	Spit-Fire Cocktail	Sample not genuine Citric Acid Other Solid Matter Coloured and flavoured Water	0.4% 0.3% 99.3%	Manufacturer prosecuted in the Borough Court and convicted See Table III.
				100.0%	
201	-	Gravy Browning	Sample not genuine Salt Organic Matter Water	2.6%	Formal sample No. 210 taker and proved to be genuine.
				100.0%	
-	238	Milk	Deficient in Fat 14%.		Vendor prosecuted in Borough Court and convicted. See Table III.
-	240	Milk.	Deficient in Fat 2%.		Resolved-That the Town Clerk
38	-	Camphor- ated Oil.	Sample not genuine— Camphor Oil	16.2% 83.8—	send a letter of warning. Resolved—Further sample to be taken.
,				100.0%	
61	-	Camphor- ated Oil	Deficient of 20% Cham Sample not genuine— Camphor Oil	ohor. 16.5% 83.5%	Resolved—That the Town Clerk send a letter of warning.
				100.0%	
			Deficient of 13% Camp	hor.	

# TABLE II.—continued.

o. of	Sample	Article	Name of Adultera	4.5	
f'ml	Formal	Article	Name of Adultera	tion	Action Taken
	82	Black- currant Flavour Cordial.	Sample not genuine— Citric Acid Other Solid Matter Coloured and flavoured Water	1.6% 2.0% 96.4%	Resolved—That this case be referred to the Ministry of Food for consideration.
				100.0%	
	83	Spitfire Cocktail	Sample not genuine— Citric Acid Other solid matter Coloured and flavoured	0.5% 0.3%	Manufacturer prosecuted in Borough Court. See Table III.
			Water	99.2%	
				100.0%	
	103	Milk.	Added Water 7%		Vendor prosecuted in Borough Court. See Table III.
	109	Milk.	Added Water 21%.		Vendor prosecuted in Borough Court. See Table III.
	110	Milk.	Added Water 8%.		Vendor prosecuted in Borough Court. See Table III.
	111	Milk.	Added Water 2%.		Vendor prosecuted in Borough Court. See Table III.
-	113	Milk.	Added Water 9%.		Vendor prosecuted in Borough Court. See Table III.

Details of Legal Proceedings-TABLE No. III.

Acts, Byelaws or Regulations under which proceedings were instituted.	Default or Offence.	Result.	Fines.	Costs.
Food & Drugs Act, 1938	Selling Spitfire Cocktail not of the nature, etc. demanded and under misleading label	Conviction	£30 0 0	£1 5 3
Food & Drugs Act, 1938	Selling Phos-Vita Tonic not of the nature, etc. demanded and under misleading label.	Conviction	£30 0 0	£6 11 0
Food & Drugs Act, 1938	Selling Spitfire Cocktail not of the nature, etc. demanded and under misleading label.	Conviction	£30 0 0	£1 6 3
Food & Drugs Act, 1938	Selling Milk deficient of 14% of Fat.	Conviction	£2 0 0	_
Food & Drugs Act, 1938	Selling Spitfire Cocktail not of the nature, etc. demanded and under misleading label.	Dismissed on payment of costs.	-	£1 0 0
Food & Drugs Act, 1938	Selling Milk adulterated by the addition of 7% of added water. Supplier, summoned by defendant was discharged and awarded costs.	Conviction —	£5 0 0 —	£1 11 6
Food & Drugs Act, 1938	Selling Milk adulterated by the adition of 21% of added water, and of 8% of added water (2 samples).	Conviction	£15 0 0	£1 1 0
Food & Drugs Act, 1938	Selling Milk adulterated by the addition of 2% of added water.	Conviction	£2 0 0	10 0
Food & Drugs Act, 1938	Selling Milk adulterated by the addition of 9% of added water.	Conviction	£5 0 0	10 6
	Total		£129 0 0	£19 2 0

In concluding this, my tenth and last report to you, on the administration of the Sanitary Inspector's Section of the Department, I am reminded that this completes the record of a decade of our work together towards securing improvement in the conditions of life of the people of Bury. I wish to express my appreciation of your confidence and support to me in the course of my duties during the whole period 1934 to 1944.

My thanks are also due to the Sanitary Inspectors and Clerical Staff, for their loyal co-operation during the year.

Yours faithfully,

Bury, June, 1944.

JOSEPH ECKERSLEY.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

### SECTION 4.

# PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES GENERALLY.

Smallpox.—No case of Smallpox occurred in the borough during the year.

The following table gives particulars regarding vaccination during recent years:—

				mber 31st.		
1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1243
Number of Births 1,087	1,080	1,105	1.173	1.214	1.161	1.374
Vaccinated 14.17	8.05%	12.85%	14.66%	15.82%	26.44%	22.49%
Con. Objection Certs. 70.0	76.11%	67.96%	42.11%	52.64%	58.49%	58.44%
Unaccounted for 5.9	5.83%	9.41%	2.47%	5.52%	2.33%	3.64%

Scarlet Fever.—There were 220 cases of Scarlet Fever notified during 1943. None of these cases died. Of the notified cases 181 were removed to hospital for treatment.

In the majority of cases the infection was of a mild type.

**Diphtheria.**—There were 73 cases of Diphtheria notified during 1943, all of which were removed to hospital for treatment. There were four deaths from this disease during the year.

### OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Pneumonia.—There were 123 cases of pneumonia notified in 1943, and there were 56 deaths from this cause during the year.

Whooping Cough.—There were 266 cases of this disease notified, as compared with 10 in the previous year. There was one death.

Cerebro-Spinal Fever.—There were two cases of this disease notified during 1943.

### Hospital Accommodation.

The hospital accommodation available for cases of infectious diseases, whether notifiable or not notifiable, is sufficient and is utilised to the best advantage.

### Bacteriological Examinations.

The following are the particulars of the specimens bacteriologically examined during the year:—

1	Positiv	e. N	legativ	e. D	oubtfu	ıl.	Total
Swabs for Diphtheria	45		574		10		629
Blood for Typhoid Fever	-		-		_		_
Sputum for Tuberculosis	7		101		-		108
Miscellaneous Examinations			8		1		9

Table A.-Incidence of Notifiable Infectious Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis), Age Grouping, Ward Distribution, Cases Removed to Hospital, and Deaths during the Year 1943.

			T	Total Cases	ses N	otified	in W	Notified in Whole District.	Distric	ţ.					4	-	2.1.0		_	_
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.							At Ages	ses							in	in each Ward.	in each Ward.	pa	Total	
	Ages.	Under	1.2	2.3	5.4	9	5.10	10-15 15-20	15-20	20-35	35-45 45-65	THE REAL PROPERTY.	Over 65	-Yoolf side.	East.	Сригор.	Redv'l's	.no.Ha	Temovd to to Hospiti	v'd of Notifi'd It'l Cases.
Scarlet Fever	220	1	4	2	15	24	011	84	00	00	1	-1	1	57	63	-	45 2	22	8 181	-1
Diphtheria	73	1	4	1	3	25	20	7	00	5	1	1	1	15	22	13	10	6	4 73	4
Erysipelas	19	1	1	1	1	1	Н	1	1	1	9	7	4	00	+	3	2	2	3	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3	33	1	1	1	I	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	
Cerebro Spinal Fever	2	1	1	1	1		-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	- 2	-
Puerperal Fever	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	ī	1	1	-1	1	1	1	
Puerperal Pyrexia	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	-	1	3	1		
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-	- 1		1	-	-	1	
Malaria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	П	1	1	1	-	-	1		- 1		
Pneumonia	123	7	4	9	23	7	14	23	60	00	11	38	20	19	20 1	13 3	31 3	35		56
Whooping Cough	266	30 3	39	41	38	45	99	2	2	2	1	1	- 1	26	49 4	40. 6	61 2	29 31	1 1	-
Measles	544	30 5	50	63 (	1 29	116 1	181	21	00	50	8	1	ī	- 09	85 9	90 182		74 53	3	-
Totals 1257		70 1	70 101 113 125	13 1	100000	217 3	393	82	29	34	23	45	25 2	216 24	246 184	338	172	2 101	1 264	19

		Total aged	under 5 on 31/12/43.			1,402.	Total aged	5-14 years on 31/12/43.								4,872.	449	6,723.	n calculating the totals at the end of 1943 no account is taken of deaths which
Persons inoculated each year from 1934-1943.	1943	1	262	186	191	182	224	141	177	132	126	172	148	134	116	102	5	2,268	taken o
	1942	1	140	137	77	113	115	86	95	79	74	78	4	40	59	16	==	1,176	count is
	1941	1	103	148	119	140	165	206	213	175	199	202	186	320	31	49	22	2,278	3 no acc
	1940	1	9	10	17	10	12	6	5	4	9	1	3	1	1	3	1	87	leulating the totals at the end of 1943 n
	1939	1	3	10	11	13	9	9	9	4	5	3	3	9	4	1	4	85	he end
	1938	1	1	00	4	12	14	13	7	9	3	9	4	1	2	1	2	82	als at t
La	1937	1	1	5	4	1	5	1	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	1		26	the tot
	1936	-1	4	6	12	6	16	26	25	10	00	8	6	9	7	5	1	154	ulating
	1935	1	19	25	33	50	92	129	21	31	30	37	28	. 19	21	14	18	567	In calc
	1934		1	1	1	-	1	I	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
on 31st Dec. of the corresponding	year.	0	1	2	3	4	5	9	7	8	6	10	11	12	13	14	15 and over	Total each year	

# SECTION 5.

### TUBERCULOSIS.

### Incidence.

A total of 64 new cases was notified to the Health Department during 1943. Of this number 39 were males and 25 females.

The following table gives the number of cases notified and the death rates per 1,000 for each year for the last twenty-five years:—

TUBERCULOSIS 1919-1943.

			Pulmonary	Tuberculosis	Other Tuberc	ulous Diseases
	Year		No. of cases notified	Death rate per 1,000 pop.	No. of cases notified	Death rate per 1,000 pop.
1919			69	0.89	17	0.37
1920			68	0.83	28	0.72
1921			52	0.89	40	0.55
1922			43	0.61	36	)-26
1923		**	53	0.94	18	0.09
	e for 5		-57	0 83	-28	0.24
1924			72	0.79	26	0.14
1925			72	0.97	32	0.19
1926		***	63	0.59	41	0.53
1927			70	0.72	47	0.51
1928			62	0.72	23	0.14
	e for 5		-68	0.76	-34	0.18
1929			47	0.65	32	0.16
1930			52	0.60	26	0.53
1931		***	42	0.76	20	0.13
1932		***	45	0.45	16	0.18
1933			40	0.21	21	0.12
	e for 5		-45	0.59	-23	0.17
1934			52	0.63	29	0.20
1935			34	0.48	25	0.16
1936			48	0.18	22	0.14
1937			41	0.20	30	0.15
1938			41	0.39	20	0.15
Averag	ge for 5	years	- 43	0:50	-25	0.12
1939			31	0.36	19	0.08
1940			31	0.31	13	0 11
1941			30	0.43	17	0.13
1942			25	0.39	10	0.07
1943			47	0.34	17	0.10
Averag	ge for 5		-33	0.37	-15	0.10

Five year averages are indicated in the table since such periods can be considered fair ones for comparison. On perusal of the table it can be seen that the average death rate for the last five years is the lowest recorded for both Pulmonary Tuberculosis and other tuberculous diseases.

### Diagnosis of Tuberculosis.

The diagnosis of tuberculosis is effected at the Tuberculosis Dispensary situated at the joint Clinics, The Wylde. The times of the sessions are Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10-0 o'clock weekly, and Wednesday evenings at 6-30 o'clock when necessary for the convenience of patients who are working during the day. Cases are obtained from reference by the patients' own private practitioner and from other sources. The Dispensary acts as a consultative centre and a sorting house at which patients can be advised to obtain the best possible treatment. The only treatment given at the Dispensary is that administered by artificial light therapy. The important part of the work at the Clinic is the examination of contacts of cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, and this work was carried out as usual during the year. One hundred and eighty-three X-ray examinations of tuberculous persons and of contacts were made. This branch of the work is most important, since X-rays often reveal the affection in early stages when most good can be done.

### Home Visits.

During 1943, 1,381 visits were paid to the homes of patients by the Tuberculosis Officer and by the Health Visitors.

### Treatment of Tuberculosis.

Institution treatment is given to cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis at the Bury and District Joint Hospital Board's Institution (the Aitken Sanatorium at Holcombe, near Bury) and at the Jericho Hospital. Children suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis are sent to the Liverpool Open-Air Hospital for Children, Leasowe, and Shelf Sanatorium, Halifax.

Cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis are treated mainly at the Bury Infirmary, the Manchester and Salford Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, and the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopædic Hospital.

The number of patients treated at the various institutions, together with the patient days during 1943, are as follows:—

Institutions.	(undisc	harge	ed at end	
	C *****	nce 10	lmitted No.	of patien
Aitken Sanatorium	duii	39		
Bury Innimary		9		
Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthor Hospital, Oswestry	pædic	-		
Jericho Hospital		7		1,330
Jericho Hospital Liverpool Open-Air Hospital for Ch	iildren.	2	***********	32
Leasowe		17		2,343
Liverpool Sanatorium, near Frodsham		5		485
riamax Sanatorium Halifax		1		42
Wrightington Hospital, near Wigan		1		5
Koyai Southern Hospital Liverpool		2	***************************************	
Manchester Royal Infirmary Manchester & Salford Hospital for Ski		1		15
Out-patients	10	S:		
Out-patient attendances	80			

#### After Care.

This is a very important branch of the work. In 1943, ten patients received extra nourishments. Grants were made, comprising a total of 239 gallons of milk, and in certain cases eggs were granted where supplies allowed.

Patients discharged from sanatorium are kept in touch by our nurses and the tuberculosis officer by visitation at their homes. The patients also attend the dispensary for regular examinations. Employers were got in touch with regarding finding discharged patients suitable occupation. Various house owners were approached in order to obtain improved accommodation for persons who had completed their sanatorium treatment.

We have to thank the Bury Charity Organisation Society, which has helped tuberculosis patients by grants of food, clothing, etc., during 1943.

### Allowances.

Under the Ministry of Health Memo. 266/T allowances were made to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. Up to the end of 1943 a recommendation for grant was made in 39 cases.

# Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

No case of Tuberculosis among employers in the milk trade was notified during the year; no action in this respect, therefore, being necessary.

## SECTION 6.

### VENEREAL DISEASES.

#### Treatment.

During 1943 patients suffering from Venereal Diseases were treated as before at the Joint Clinics, The Wylde. The Clinic sessions are as follows:—

Males.

Females.

Tuesday, 7-0 to 8-30 p.m.

Friday, 5-30 to 7-30 p.m.

Saturday, 10-0 a.m. to 1-0 p.m.

Intermediate clinics for males and females are held every week-day.

Tuesday, 5-30 to 7-0 p.m.

Thursday, 2-0 to 5-0 p.m.

Friday, 7-30 to 8-30 p.m.

#### Incidence.

The number of new cases during 1943 was 283, composed of 50 cases of syphilis, 64 of gonorrhœa, and 169 cases diagnosed as non-Venereal Disease. The out-patient attendances for 1943 were 4,218, and were 27 more than those of the previous year.

Bury residents accounted for 51.42 per cent. of the attendances made at the Clinic; Lancashire County cases accounted for 45.78 per cent., and other County Borough cases for 2.80 per cent.

The following table shows the number of new cases, consultations, intermediate attendances, and pathological examinations at the Venereal Diseases Clinic, 1939-43:—

Year	New Cases.			
1939	356	7505	3051	920
1940	326	5211	2477	- 903
1941	249	4015	1676	989
1942	210	3166	1025	859
1943	283	3437	781	832

During the year pathological specimens were sent from the Clinic to the Public Health Laboratory, Manchester, for examination as follows:—

For the Wasserman Test	514
For the Kahn Test	1
For Gonococcus	

## SECTION 7.

### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Health Visiting.—During the year the Health Visitors made 8,388 visits to children between the ages under one year and up to five years of age.

Infant Welfare Centres.—These were held at the Joint Clinics, The Wylde (Monday and Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings), and at 166, Tottington Road, Elton (Wednesday and Friday afternoons). The Clinics show an increase in attendances as compared with the previous year.

The following table gives particulars of Clinic sessions and attendances:—

Tottington

attendances:—	CO1 337 1		Totting	ton	m-+-1	
	The Wy	ide.	Road		Total,	
Number of sessions held	148		100		248	
Total Attendances made:-						
Infants under 1 year	6303		2814		9117	
Children 1 to 5 years	4027		1539		5566	
Number of Doctors' Consultations	. 5504		2114		7618	
Average attendance per session	70		43			

Orthopædic Clinic.—Arrangements are in force for cases to be referred to Lancashire County Council's Orthopædic Clinic at Whitefield. In-patient treatment is provided under the scheme if necessary at the Biddulph Orthopædic Hospital, and at Ancoats Hospital, Manchester.

During 1943, 14 new cases had 19 consultations with the surgeon at the Whitefield Clinic, whilst 7 consultations were also given by the surgeon to old cases.

Ante-Natal Clinics.—Two ante-natal clinic sessions are held weekly—on Wednesday mornings at The Wylde and on Thursday afternoons at Tottington Road Clinic.

Attendances during 1943 were as follows:-

		Ante	The Wylde Clinic. Ante- Post-			Ante- Post-					
						Total					Total
No. o	of new cases	 127		-		127		57		. 8	65
No.	of attendances	 516		8		524		292		. 9	)

Dr. W. M. Martin, Obstetric Consultant at Bury Infirmary, has continued as Gynæcological Consultant to the Municipal Ante-Natal Clinics, and visits each clinic monthly to deal with special cases. At other times cases are referred to him at Bury Infirmary or Jericho Hospital.

In addition expectant mothers attend the Ante-Natal Clinics at the Bury Infirmary and Jericho Hospital. During 1943 the number of expectant mothers who attended these Clinics was 444 and 1,490 attendances were made. Also 196 post-natal attendances were made at these clinics.

Milk and Meals Assistance Scheme.—The Corporation has arranged for the provision of free milk (fresh and dried) to mothers and children and free meals to expectant mothers in necessitous cases where the family income, according to the number of persons, comes within a prescribed scale. Owing to the National Milk Scheme, the number of mothers and children who obtained free milk under the Corporation Milk Assistance Scheme was very few, and no grants of cows' milk were made during the year.

- 2. Extra Nourishments: Malt and oil, cod-liver oil, etc., to the value of £42, was supplied free of cost during the year to necessitous children attending the clinic.

Midwives.—The number of midwives registered as practising during 1943 was 28. Of these five were Municipal Midwives, 13 were midwives at Jericho Hospital, 5 were midwives at the Bury Infirmary, and 5 were midwives in private practice.

Municipal Midwives.—Four Municipal Midwives were employed by the Local Authority at the beginning of 1943. In July, 1943, an additional municipal midwife was appointed. The number of cases attended by these midwives during the year was:

As midwives, 255. As maternity nurses, 34.

Since the municipal midwives have been in the Corporation's employ they have been required to assist at the municipal ante and post natal clinics.

It must, of course, be clearly understood that the services of the salaried midwives are not free, but payment is expected in accordance with financial ability. However, a scale of income with appropriate charges is in force, and in fact there have been a number of cases where the services were rendered free of charge. The five midwives' names, addresses, and telephone numbers are:—

Nurse M. H. Cunliffe ... ... 4, Maxwell Street, Bury. Bury 1706.

"D. M. Molyneux ... do. do. do.

"M. M. Buckley ... do. do. do.

(Commenced duty 19th July, 1943.)

"M. Boyd... ... 68, Heywood Street, Bury. Bury 1703.

"V. Page ... ... 7, Fenton Street, Bury. Bury 1711.

And the charges are:

£2 5s. 0d. as a midwife. £2 5s. 0d. as a maternity nurse. 10s. for attention at other cases.

Maternal Mortality.—There were three maternal deaths in 1943, giving a maternal mortality rate of 3.6 per 1,000 total births. In 1942 the maternal mortality rate was 3.3 per 1,000 total births, and in 1941 there were no maternal deaths.

Puerperal Pyrexia.—Four cases of Puerperal Pyrexia and one case of Puerperal Fever were notified, and there were no deaths. One case was removed to the Florence Nightingale Hospital for treatment.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.—Three cases of Ophthalmic Neonatorum were notified during the year, the rate per 1,000 live births being 3.7, as compared with 4.7 per 1,000 births in 1942. The following table gives further particulars:—

Cases.	Notified.	Trea	ated.	Vision Unim-	Vision Im-	Total Blind-	Deaths
		At Home.	At Hospital	paired.	paired	ness.	Dentillo
3	3	2	1				_

Instruction in Mothercraft.—During school term, two sessions weekly are held at the Wylde Clinic, where instruction is given by the Senior School Nurse of the Education Department. The arrangement with the Education Committee continues, and girls in the last term at school attend in groups of not more than 30 at a time, each group attending for a period of six weeks, and they come from all the senior elementary schools.

# Child Life Protection-Public Health Act, 1936.

(Section 206 to 220).

The duties and powers under the above, which make provision for the supervision of children who are nursed for gain apart from their parents, are administered by this department.

There were 18 foster parents on the Register at the end of 1943. The children nursed by these foster parents were visited by the four Health Visitors who are the appointed visitors under the Act. The number of visits made during the year was 87.

**Boarding-out of Children.**—The Council's administrative scheme under the Local Government Act, 1929, made Maternity and Child Welfare a declared service; therefore duties under the Order were imposed upon this department.

There were eight children on the Register at the end of 1943, and during the year 73 visits have been paid in connection with these boarded-out children.

## SUMMARY OF WORK OF THE HEALTH VISITORS.

### VISITS AND ATTENDANCES.

No.

	Service in
First Visits to notified births	724
Re-visits to infants under one year of age	1848
Re-visits to children over one and under five years	3727
Visits to expectant mothers	
Re-visits to expectant mothers	127
Visits re deaths of infants under one year of age	17
Re-visits during the summer diarrhoea season	
Visits re infectious diseases (including school notifications)	-
Measles, Whooping Cough, Chicken-pox, etc	
Visits re Ophthalmia Neonatorum	7
Visits re Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia	4
Visits to houses in which cases of Tuberculosis have been	
notified	57
Re-visits to houses in which cases of Tuberculosis have been	
notified	1224
Visits to Midwives	7
Visits and enquiries re application under milk and meals	
assistance scheme	3
Visits and enquiries re applications for extra nourishments	0
under Tuberculosis scheme	8
Visits re disinfection	20
Visits to Boarded-out, Nursed-out, and Adopted Children	191
Visits re Diphtheria Immunisation	856
Visits for other causes	56
Attendances at Clinics:—Sunlight Clinics	20
Infant Welfare Centres	
Tuberculosis, Morning Clinics	393
,, Evening Clinics	52
Diphtheria Immunisation Clinics	2
Total Visits	13
Total Attendances at Clinics 460	
400	



