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**BOROUGH OF BUXTON**



# **Annual Report**

of the

**Medical Officer of Health**

**School Medical Officer**

and

**Senior Sanitary Inspector**

**For the Year 1945.**



# Public Health Officers of the Authority.

**Medical Officer of Health, School Medical Officer, Superintendent of Child Welfare Centre and Medical Superintendent of Isolation Hospital :**

**GEORGE COCHRANE, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.**

**Senior Sanitary Inspector :**

**W. O. COATES, F.R.San.I., F.S.I.A.**  
(Cert. Inspector of Meat and Other Foods).

**Second Sanitary Inspector :**

**HARRY PEARSON, Cert. S.I.B., M.S.I.A., A.R.I.P.H. & H.**  
(On Active Service from 5th June, 1940).

**Senior Clerk :**

**L. R. KNOWLES, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.**  
(On Active Service until 17th December, 1945).

**Secretary and Typist :**

**MRS. M. BALL.**

**Temporary Clerk :**

**MRS. J. SOTHERN.**  
(Resigned 31st July, 1945).

**Junior Clerk :**

**Miss M. MATTHEWS.**  
(Commenced 14th August, 1945).

**Pupil Sanitary Inspector :**

**H. W. MYCOCK.**  
(On Active Service from 24th May, 1943).

**Meat Inspector :**

**R. S. HOWE, M.R.C.V.S., D.V.S.M. (Vict.)**

**Superintendent Health Visitor and School Nurse :**

**MRS. DOWNES, S.R.N., A.R.R.C., S.C.M.**  
(Resigned, August 1945. Died, 26th October, 1945).

**Miss L. HOUGH, S.R.N., S.C.M., A.R.San.I.**  
(Commenced, 1st November, 1945).

**Assistant Health Visitor and School Nurse :**

**Miss N. KEOGH, A.R.San.I., S.R.N., C.M.B.**  
(Resigned, 7th November, 1945).

**Dental Attendant :**

**Miss M. J. WORDSWORTH.**  
(Resigned, 7th April, 1945).

**Matron and Charge Nurse, Isolation Hospital :**

**Miss M. A. ROBERTS.**

**Temporary Nurse, Isolation Hospital :**

**Miss A. M. BLAND.**  
(Resigned, September, 1945).

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BOROUGH OF BUXTON

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# Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health.

For the Year 1945.



PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

PEAK BUILDINGS,

BUXTON.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Buxton.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Annual Report on the health of the Borough of Buxton for the year, 1945.

The report is still abbreviated and deals mainly with statistics.

The number of births for the year continues to exceed the pre-war figure, and totalled 301. Actually there were 368 babies born within the Borough, but of these 67 are not truly appropriate to the town and are regarded as transferable births. This large number, however, shows the extent of "additional" maternity work in the town, either in private houses or in maternity homes, and is an index of the service rendered by maternity homes to those outside the borough in the surrounding districts taking advantage of the facilities within the town. It constitutes a strong argument for the establishment of a Maternity Hospital in the Borough, rather than in a county area. The live birth-rate per thousand population was 16.7 against 16.1 for England and Wales. The gain to the population, however, is more evident by a comparison of the births with the deaths—301 against 241.

Heart disease maintaining its high toll of deaths claimed 75 lives, and was followed by Cancer of all sites with a total of 35, and Intracranial Vascular lesions with a total of 26.

There was one death from puerperal or other maternal causes.

Immunization against Diphtheria continued to be carried out and I desire to record my thanks to the Health Visitors for their assistance in this, as in other work, for their constant effort to persuade the parents of young children (1—5 years) to have the necessary treatment carried out. By December, 1945, 555 children between 1 and 5 years had completed the course.

The introduction of the new Education Act materially affects this Borough by the transfer of its powers to the County Council and this will be the last year in which, as your School Medical Officer, I shall make a report to this Authority. On what has been accomplished in the School Medical Service one can look back with a certain degree of satisfaction. On what has been left uncompleted—the appointment of a fully qualified instructor, a physical gymnast who would be entirely responsible for the training and physical culture of the children attending the elementary schools, the provision of nursery classes, the treatment of defects of speech, better arrangements for dealing with mentally deficient and much retarded children—one cannot but have inward and lasting regret. It will remain for the future to fill up the existing blanks in the Service.

Lastly, I must refer to the deplorable lack of houses in the Borough, and one views the plight of the returning Serviceman or of him who seeks to set up a home, with no small measure of distress. One must make a solemn appeal for wholehearted and unanimous support in tackling this wearisome problem.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE COCHRANE.



## Section A.

### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

The elevation of the District is from 950 to 1,200 feet above sea-level.

Area of the Borough: 5,959 acres.

Population: 17,940.

#### EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

		M.	F.
Live Births—Legitimate .....	272	139	133
Illegitimate .....	29	13	16
Total .....	301	152	149
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population .....	16.7		
Stillbirths—Legitimate .....	10	5	5
Illegitimate .....	1	1	0
Total .....	11	6	5
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	35.2		
Deaths.....	Total 241	M. 118	F. 123
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population .....	13.4		
Deaths from puerperal causes:—		Rate per 1,000 total	
	Deaths	(live and still) births	
Puerperal sepsis .....	0	0.00	
Other puerperal causes .....	0	0.00	
Total .....	0	0.00	
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—			
All infants per 1,000 live births .....			59.8
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births .....			58.8
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births .....			68.9
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) .....			35
Deaths from Measles (all ages) .....			0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) .....			1
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age) .....			2

There has been no unusual or excessive mortality during the year

#### EPIDEMIC DISEASES.

No deaths from Influenza occurred.

#### TUBERCULOSIS OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.

3 deaths occurred, giving a death-rate of 0.16 per 1,000.

#### CANCER.

35 deaths occurred, giving a death-rate of 1.95 per 1,000.

#### RESPIRATORY DISEASES.

26 deaths occurred, giving a death-rate of 1.45 per 1,000.

# CAUSES OF DEATH IN BOROUGH OF BUXTON DURING YEAR 1945.

Causes of Death.						Males.	Females.
All Causes	...	...	...	...	...	118	123
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2. Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4. Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
5. Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
7. Other Forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
8. Syphilitic Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
9. Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
10. Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
13. Cancer of Bue: cav: and Œsoph; (M)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
14. Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
15. Cancer of Breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
16. Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	15	12
17. Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
18. Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions	...	...	...	...	...	9	17
19. Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	34	41
20. Other Diseases of the Circulatory System	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
21. Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	12	5
22. Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	2	7
23. Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
24. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
25. Diarrhoea, under 2 years	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
26. Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
27. Other Digestive Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	6	3
28. Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	5	2
29. Puerperal and Post Abortive Sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
30. Other Maternal Causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
31. Premature Birth	...	...	...	...	...	2	4
32. Congenital Debility, Birth Injury, Infant Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
33. Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
34. Road Traffic Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	4	—
35. Other Violent Causes	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
36. All Other Causes	...	...	...	...	...	13	10
Deaths of Infants under 1 year							
{ Total						10	8
{ Legitimate						10	6
{ Illegitimate						—	2
Live Births							
{ Total						152	149
{ Legitimate						139	133
{ Illegitimate						13	16
Stillbirths							
{ Total						6	5
{ Legitimate						5	5
{ Illegitimate						1	—



# BIRTH-RATES, DEATH-RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY, MATERNAL DEATH-RATES, AND CASE-RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1945.

ENGLAND AND WALES, LONDON, 126 COUNTY BOROUGHES AND GREAT TOWNS, AND 148 SMALLER TOWNS.

RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION.																							RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS	RATES PER 1,000 TOTAL BIRTHS (i.e. Live & Still)	NOTIFICATIONS
RATE per 1,000 Pop'LN	DEATHS.												NOTIFICATIONS I.D.									DEATHS	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	
	Live Births	Still-Births	All Causes	Typhoid and Paratyphoid fevers	Small-pox	Measles	Scarlet fever	Whooping cough	Diphtheria	Influenza	Violence	Small-pox	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Cerebro Spinal Fever	Erysipelas	Pneumonia	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles				
England & Wales ...	16.1	0.46	11.4	0.00	—	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.08	—	0.00	1.89	0.46	0.05	0.25	0.87	0.01	0.01	1.64	11.67	5.6	46	9.93	12.65
126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London ...	19.1	0.58	13.5	0.00	—	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.07	—	0.00	2.02	0.52	0.05	0.28	1.03	0.01	0.00	1.65	10.89	7.8	54		
148 Smaller Towns (Estimated Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at Census, 1931) ...	19.2	0.53	12.3	0.00	—	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.07	—	0.00	2.03	0.56	0.05	0.24	0.72	0.01	0.01	1.47	11.19	4.5	43	8.81	
London ...	15.7	0.40	13.8	0.00	—	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.07	—	0.00	1.57	0.31	0.06	0.31	0.78	0.01	0.00	1.25	9.03	7.6	53	15.87	
BUXTON ...	16.7	0.61	13.4	0.00	—	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.00	1.94	0.39	0.16	0.16	1.06	0.00	0.00	1.55	15.7	6.6	59.8	3.2	

The maternal mortality rates for England and Wales are as follows :

Abortion with sepsis	0.25	Abortion without sepsis	0.08	Puerperal Infections	0.24	Other	1.22
3.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

The maternal mortality rates for **BUXTON** are as follows :

3.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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## Section B.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(a) **LABORATORY FACILITIES:** Pathological and Bacteriological Investigations are carried out at the County Public Health Laboratory, Derby, and at the Devonshire Royal Hospital, Buxton.

(b) **AMBULANCE FACILITIES:** (i) Infectious Cases—Motor Fever Ambulance: (ii) Non-Infectious cases and accident cases are conveyed in a motor ambulance which is garaged in the centre of the town, and is under the supervision of the Health Committee. During the year a second ambulance, an A.R.P. vehicle, was purchased, and this was converted to become a first-class modern ambulance. The other Borough ambulance has now reached a stage when its replacement has become necessary.

(c) **NURSING IN THE HOME:** The District Nursing Association provides for general nursing three nurses, who do, in addition, a certain amount of midwifery. A grant of £20 per annum is paid to the Association by the Borough Council for the home nursing and care of patients suffering from Measles, Ophthalmia Neonatorum, etc. During the year 12 cases were attended: 1 Ophthalmia Neonatorum, 1 Gonorrhæa and 10 Threadworm; and the number of visits paid was 78: Ophthalmia Neonatorum 48, Gonorrhæa 20, and Threadworm 10.

#### (d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES:—

Name and Situation.	Clinic Held.	By whom provided
Maternity and Child Welfare, Bridge Street.	Mon., 2—4. Wed., 2—4.	Borough of Buxton M. & C.W. Com.
Ante-Natal Clinic, Bridge St.	Sat., 10—11.	M. & C. W. Com.
School Clinic, Bridge Street.	Tues., 2—4.	Local Ed. Com.
Dental Clinic, Peak Buildings.	Wed., } 9—4. Thurs., }	" "
Ear, Throat and Nose Clinic: Buxton & District Hospital.	First Sunday in each month.	" "
Orthopædic Clinic, Bridge Street	Fourth Thursday in each month.	" "
Tuberculosis Dispensary, Chinley.	Mon., 11—1. 2—4.	Derbys. C.C.
Venereal Disease Clinic, Derby.		" "

#### (e) HOSPITALS (Provided or subsidised by the Corporation):—

- (1) Isolation Hospital, Ashwood Dale, Buxton. 26 beds. For cases of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, etc.
- (2) Smallpox Hospital:—In spite of much correspondence no satisfactory settlement was reached for the treatment of any cases of Smallpox which might arise in the Borough. Negotiations are still in progress.

(3) Other Hospitals :—

- (a) Buxton and District Hospital.
- (b) Devonshire Royal Hospital.
- (c) Ancoats Hospital, Manchester.
- (d) Manchester Royal Infirmary.
- (e) Stockport Infirmary.
- (f) Children's Hospital, Pendlebury.
- (g) Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield.
- (h) St. Mary's Hospital for Women, Manchester.
- (i) Tuberculosis Hospitals under Derbyshire C.C.

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

### 1. MIDWIFERY AND MATERNITY SERVICES :—

- (a) Number of midwives practising in the area served by the Corporation for maternity and child welfare at the end of the year : 11.
- (b) Number (1) employed by the Corporation : 0.  
(2) subsidised by the Corporation : 0.  
(3) employed by Voluntary Associations : 4.
- (c) Number of cases during the year in which the Corporation paid or contributed to the fee of a midwife : 0.
- (d) Number of cases attended by midwives during the year :—
  - (1) as midwives : 158.
  - (2) as maternity nurses : 207.
- (e) Maternal Deaths :
  - (i) Number of women who died in, or in consequence of, childbirth in the area served by the Corporation for maternity and child welfare during the year :—
    - (1) from sepsis : 1.
    - (2) from other causes : 0.
  - (ii) Number of these cases which died :—
    - (1) at home : 1.
    - (2) in institutions : 0.

### 2. INSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR MOTHERS OR CHILDREN :—

There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children, other than The Elms, Chapel-en-le-Frith (Public Assistance Institution, Derbyshire County Council).



3. HEALTH VISITORS :—

(a) Number of officers employed for health visiting at the end of the year :—

(1) by the Corporation : 1.

(2) by Voluntary Associations : 0.

(b) Equivalent of whole-time services devoted by the whole staff to health visiting (including attendance at infant welfare centres) :  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$

(c) Number of visits paid during the year by Health Visitors :—

(1) To expectant mothers ... First visits : 61  
Total visits : 153

(2) To children under 1 year  
of age ..... First visits : 239  
Total visits : 531

(3) To children between the  
ages of 1 and 5 years... Total visits : 596

(d) Infant Welfare Centres :—

(1) Number of Centres provided and maintained by the Corporation : One.

(2) Number of Centres provided and maintained by Voluntary Associations : Nil.

(3) Total number of children who first attended at the Centres during the year and who, on the date of their first attendance, were :—

(a) under 1 year of age : 195.

(b) between the ages of 1 and 5 years : 37.

(4) Total number of children under 5 years of age who attended at the Centres during the year and who, at the end of the year, were :—

(a) under 1 year of age : 166.

(b) over 1 year of age : 508.

(5) Percentage of notified live births represented by the number in (3) (a) :  $64.78\%$ .



(e) Ante-natal and Post-natal Services :—

	Ante-natal	Post-natal
Ante-natal and Post-natal Clinics (whether held at Infant Welfare Centres or at other premises) :—		
(a) Number of Clinics provided and maintained by the Corporation	1	1
(b) Number of Clinics provided and maintained by Voluntary Associations .....	Nil	Nil
(c) Total number of women who attended at the Clinics during the year .....	58	9

4. INFANT LIFE PROTECTION (SECTIONS 206 to 220, PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936) :—

(a) Number of persons on the Register who were receiving children for reward at the end of the year .....	3
(b) Number of children on the Register :—	
(1) at the end of the year .....	3
(2) who died during the year .....	0
(3) on whom inquests were held during the year	0
(c) Number of Infant Protection Visitors at the end of the year who were :—	
(1) Health Visitors .....	1
(2) Female, other than Health Visitors .....	0
(3) Male .....	0

**Section C.**

**SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.**

**WATER SUPPLY :** The Borough is almost entirely covered by a piped supply, which in a year of normal average rainfall, meets the demand. There does arise, however, with a period of prolonged drought the question of larger storage accommodation. The water is mainly upland surface water. The supplies are tested chemically and bacteriologically at least once a month, and daily examinations are conducted for the Ph. A Chlorinating Plant is installed at each reservoir. 16 farms and 21 dwelling-houses situated in the rural outskirts of the Borough are not supplied from the mains. 12 houses in the rural portion of the Borough are supplied by two standpipes.

**SWIMMING BATHS :** There are two swimming pools in the Borough, one owned by the Corporation and one privately owned. Neither pool is supplied with filtration or chlorinating plant.

## Section D.

### HOUSING STATISTICS.

Year ended 31st December, 1945.

Number of New Houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total .....	0
(b) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme .....	0
(c) Existing house converted into 3 flats .....	6
"      "      "      "      2      " .....	1

## Section E.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

#### (A) MILK SUPPLY.

There are 30 cow-keepers on the register.

There are 57 Cowsheds at the 30 Dairy Farms in the Borough, the cubic space per cow varying from 200 cubic feet to 800 cubic feet. All the sheds are occupied by cows which are habitually turned out to grass during a part of the day throughout the year.

No formal action was taken under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.

Particulars of inspections :—

	No. on Register.	No. of Inspections.
Cowsheds .....	30	85
Dairies .....	24	108
Milkshops .....	16	51

As a result of inspection, 27 contraventions were remedied, and 3 other structural improvements effected.

Milk is also supplied from 26 sources outside the Borough, and is generally good.

243 specimens of milk were obtained and subjected to bacteriological examinations. 154 of the specimens were of " Designated " milks, and the remaining 89 were " non-designated."

No supplies were found to include milk from animals affected with tuberculosis.

A summary of the results of examination is included in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.



Particulars of licences granted for the sale of milk under the Sale of Milk (Special Designations) Orders, 1936-41, are set out below :—

Dealers in Tuberculin Tested Milk .....	3
Dealers in " Accredited " Milk .....	0
Dealers in " Pasteurised " Milk .....	3
Refusals or revocation of licences .....	0

#### (B) MEAT.

- (1) Meat Inspection.—See Meat Inspector's Report (Appendix A).  
(In case of absence, the Sanitary Inspector carries out this duty.)
- (2) Administration of Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, as regards stalls, shops, stores and vehicles. Inspected by the Sanitary Inspector.
- (3) Slaughterhouses.  
Privately owned slaughterhouses. None in use, owing to war-time legislation.  
Meat for the Borough is distributed from a Government controlled slaughterhouse in an adjoining authority.

### Section F.

#### PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.—GENERAL.

The year 1945 was marked by a large number of cases of Measles, which occurred throughout the Borough generally; there were 283 cases. (For the year 1944 there were only 9 cases).

Diphtheria Anti-toxin is available free of charge to necessitous cases for prompt use.

Immunisation against Diphtheria was commenced in January, 1940. By the 31st December, 1945, the report to the Ministry of Health gave the following return :—

#### IMMUNISATION IN RELATION TO CHILD POPULATION.

Number of Children who had completed a full course of Immunisation at any time up to 31st Dec., 1945.								
Age at 31.12.45 .. i.e. Born in Year	Under 1 1945	1 1944	2 1943	3 1942	4 1941	5 to 9 1936—1940	10 to 14 1931—1935	Total under 15
Number Immunised	25	100	165	145	120	952	882	2,389
Estimated mid-year population 1945	1,400					3,000		4,400



# NOTIFIABLE DISEASES FOR YEAR 1945.

DISEASE.	Total Cases Notified (all ages)	Adm't'd to Hospital	Total Deaths	Analysis of Total Notified Cases in age groups.												
				0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over	
Malaria ...	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—
Smallpox...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	35	25	—	—	1	—	3	2	16	7	1	3	1	—	—	1
Diphtheria ...	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	19	5	9	4	2	1	1	—	1	2	—	1	1	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C.S. Fever ...	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	283	1	—	10	16	17	26	36	141	17	8	8	4	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	28	1	1	1	1	—	4	2	16	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Erysipelas ...	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Observation Cases :—																
Scarlet Fever ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria ...	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid B. ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

## PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER TUBERCULOSIS.

There is no special incidence of this disease in the district.

Number of cases notified during the year ..... 18

Pulmonary ..... 12

Non-pulmonary ..... 6

There were 3 deaths from tuberculosis of the respiratory system.  
0 deaths from non-pulmonary form occurred.

In case of death or removal the house is disinfected.

No action taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

The methods of control are :—

(a) The Derbyshire County Sanatorium, which was opened in March, 1915, and has 100 beds—50 for males and 50 for females.

Patients are admitted by sending the patient to the Tuberculosis Officer at Chinley, when, if found suitable, they are put on the waiting list for admission.

(b) The Tuberculosis Dispensary at Lower Lane, Chinley.  
OPEN—Mondays.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

### NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1945.

Age Periods				New Cases				Deaths			
				Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
35	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
45	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	1	1	...	...
55	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals				5	7	4	2	1	2	0	0

## APPENDIX A.

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### REPORT OF THE MEAT INSPECTOR.

To The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Buxton.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of submitting for your consideration my report on meat inspection for the year ending 31st December, 1945.

The Ministry of Food continues the control of slaughtering and distribution of meat.

Since the closing of the Central Slaughterhouse in Buxton in September, 1943, all meat consumed within the Borough has come from the New Mills Depot.

At the request of the Medical Officer of Health I have attended at the Slaughterhouse in New Mills and examined all meat destined for Buxton.

All home killed meat which passes examination is marked with a rubber stamp by me and no unmarked meat is accepted in the Borough.

I wish to thank Mr. Coates and his staff for their help during the past year.



Details of slaughterhouse and meat inspections are set forth in the following tables :—

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number inspected ... ..	324	1,299	384	2,179	19
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS—					
Whole carcasses condemned	8	23	7	5	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned ... ..	69	327	16	138	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ... ..	23.75	26.09	5.9	6.5	21.4
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY—					
Whole carcasses condemned	16	49	11	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned ... ..	83	335	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ... ..	25.6	29.29	0	0	0

INSPECTIONS OF SLAUGHTERHOUSES..... Visits made 45

DISEASED OR UNSOUND MEAT SURRENDERED AND DESTROYED :—

(1) TUBERCULOSIS :	lbs.	lbs.
(a) Generalised. Whole carcasses destroyed :		
Oxen .....	30,529	
Pigs .....	0	
	—	30,529
(b) Localised.—Portions of carcasses and Organs :		
Oxen .....	26,361	
Pigs .....	38	
	—	26,399
(2) FLUKY LIVERS (Distomatosis) :		
Oxen .....	3,627	
Sheep .....	265	
	—	3,892
(3) Miscellaneous Lesions, Cysts, Abscesses, Bruised Flesh, &c. ....		10,243
Grand Total .....		71,063

I have the honour to be, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. S. HOWE,

Meat Inspector.

## APPENDIX B.

### BOROUGH OF BUXTON.

Meteorological Office,  
Buxton.

August 1st, 1946.

To the Mayor, Corporation and Citizens of Buxton.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting the annual report on our never-failing topic of conversation, the weather.

The rainfall total during 1945 was 1104.3 millimetres, the lowest since 1934. October achieved the record for one month's total—183.5 millimetres, which fell on 15 days. The wettest day of the year was October 26th, with 33.0 millimetres recorded.

The sunshine recorded during the year totalled 1104.5 hours, an average of just over 3 hours daily. On June 17th the sun shone without haze for 13.4 hours. This figure has often been exceeded in earlier years.

The mean temperature at 9.00 hours throughout the year was 47.1 degrees. July 25th was the warmest day, when the thermometer reached 77 degrees. This is the lowest annual maximum since 1938. The minimum temperature for the year was 7 degrees on January 27th—a five year record.

The average relative humidity for the year was 85%.

The prevailing wind during the year was the N.W.

The barometer did not distinguish itself in either direction during 1945.

I remain, ladies and gentlemen,

Your much maligned servant,

E. W. PILKINGTON,

Borough Meteorologist





BOROUGH OF BUXTON

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# Annual Report

OF THE

School Medical Officer

For the Year 1945.



# MEDICAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT RETURNS.

TABLE I.

MEDICAL INSPECTIONS OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

## A. ROUTINE MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

(1)	Number of Inspections in the prescribed Groups.								
	Entrants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	205
	Second Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
	Third Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	103
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	362
(2)	Number of other Routine Inspections								134
	Grand Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	496

## B. OTHER INSPECTIONS.

Number of Special Inspections and Re-Inspections...	...	...	534
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TABLE II.

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

Number of Children Inspected	A (Excellent)		B (Normal)		C (Slightly) subnormal)		D (Bad)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
496	455	91.74	37	7.46	4	0.8	0	0.0

TABLE III.

## GROUP I. TREATMENT OF MINOR AILMENTS.

Total Number of defects treated or under treatment during the year

under the Authority's Scheme ... .. 598

## GROUP II.—DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT (excluding Minor Eye Defects treated as Minor Ailments—Group I).

	Number of defects dealt with		No. of children for whom spectacles were			
	Under the Authority's Scheme.	Otherwise.	Prescribed (a)		Obtained (b)	
			Under the Authority's Scheme.	Otherwise.	Under the Authority's Scheme.	Otherwise.
Errors of Refraction (including Squint)	137	—	54	—	54	—
Other Defect or Disease of the eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I)	5	—	—	—	—	—
Total ... ..	142	—	54	—	54	—

## GROUP III.—TREATMENT OF DEFECTS OF NOSE AND THROAT.

## Number of Defects.

Received Operative Treatment.		Received other forms of Treatment.	Total number treated
Under the Authority's Scheme in Clinic or Hospital.	By Private Practitioner or Hospital, apart from the Authority's Scheme.		
52	—	30	82



TABLE IV.—DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.

(1) Number of pupils inspected by the Dentist :—	(6) Fillings :—
(a) Routine age-groups ..... 872	Permanent teeth 807 } Total 979
(b) Specials ..... 235	Temporary teeth 172 }
(c) Total (Routine & Specials) 1,107	
(2) Number found to require treatment ..... 657	(7) Extractions :—
(3) Number actually treated ..... 420	Permanent teeth 171 } Total 837
(4) Attendances made by children for treatment ..... 1,037	Temporary teeth 666 }
(5) Half-days devoted to :—	(8) Administrations of general anæsthetics for extractions 15
Inspection ..... 5 }	
Treatment ..... 149 } Total 154	(9) Other Operations :—
	Permanent teeth 55 } Total 61
	Temporary teeth 6 }

TABLE V.—UNCLEANLINESS AND VERMINOUS CONDITIONS.

(i). Average number of visits per school made during the year by the School Nurses ... ..	13
(ii). Total number of examinations of children in the Schools by School Nurses	6,722
(iii). Number of individual children found unclean ... ..	153

TABLE VI.  
BLIND AND DEAF PUPILS.

Number of totally or almost totally blind and deaf pupils who are NOT at the present time educated in a Special School. The return should relate to all such pupils, including evacuees resident in the Authority's area.

	1. At a Maintained Primary or Secondary School.	2. At an Institution other than a Special School.	3. At no School or Institution.
Blind Pupils ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
Deaf Pupils ...	Nil	Nil	Nil

BOROUGH OF BUXTON

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# Annual Report

OF THE

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

For the Year 1945.



PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

PEAK BUILDINGS,

BUXTON.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Buxton.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit for your consideration my Annual Report for the year 1945.

A considerable number of working hours are spent walking to and from premises in the execution of duties. This is unfortunately a necessary waste of time, due to lack of provision of transport for this Department.

The vacancies in the male technical staff, occasioned by service in H.M. Forces, of Assistant Inspector Pearson and Knowles, and Pupil Sanitary Inspector Mycock, remain unfilled by temporary appointments. The whole of the inspectorial work, therefore, was carried out by your Senior Sanitary Inspector unaided, apart from the period December 17th to the end of the year, when Mr. R. Knowles on release from H.M. Forces, returned to take up his appointment.

Although urgent matters were attended to promptly, every endeavour was made to avoid lapses in main routine matters, some branches of the work received a minimum of attention. Shortage of labour and materials in the building trades continued to handicap the execution of sanitary works and repairs to property, almost to the extent of complete "standstill" on occasions. The two main summaries of this Report, viz: Inspections Made and Defects Remedied continue to suffer adversely in comparison with pre-war years.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE, REMOVAL OF PATIENTS TO HOSPITAL, DISINFECTIONS, Etc.

The following table gives the number of patients suffering from notifiable, and other infectious diseases, who were removed to the Borough Isolation Hospital during the year :—

	Buxton Borough	Other Authorities	Military Cases
Scarlet Fever .....	21	3	1
Diphtheria .....	6	—	1
C.S.M. ....	2	—	—
Erysipelas .....	1	—	—
Para-Typhoid (suspect) .....	1	—	—
Observation Cases :—			
Scarlet Fever .....	1	—	—
Diphtheria .....	3	—	—
	—	—	—
Totals .....	35	3	2
	—	—	—

The remaining cases notified were treated at home, and kept under observation by your officers.

Details in connection with disinfection are :—

Number of rooms disinfected .....	200
Number of houses or premises concerned.....	100
Number of articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected at the disinfecting station .....	2,651
Corporation non-infectious ambulance (motor) disinfected times .....	36
Library books destroyed .....	4
Library books disinfected .....	14
Number of visits paid to premises in connection with in- fectious disease and disinfections .....	105

The disinfecting station is situated in the grounds of the Isolation Hospital, the machine being of the "Washington Lyons" type.



## ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The principal details of the year's working at this institution are given below :—

Total number of patients treated :—

Admitted during the year, 1945.....	40	
Carried over from the year, 1944.....	1	
	—	41

Total number of days' maintenance :—

Patient days .....	732	
Staff days .....	1,323	
	—	2,055

Average number of patients per day treated ..... 2

Average length of detention per patient 2 weeks, 5.6 days

Average cost per day for maintenance (Provisions only  
exclusive of preparation) ..... 1s. 7.98d.

## ASHPITS—DUSTBINS.

Only 15 Ashpits are in use, and these are located outside the "cleansing area."

Number of new standard galvanised iron dustbins  
provided during the year 1945 ..... 237

## SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE, ETC.

Suspension of sewerage extension schemes has postponed, until after the war, the redrainage of a considerable number of houses in the Harpur Hill area.

Details of drain tests made and of reconstructional repair work carried out during 1945 are given in the following table :—

Drains opened up and examined .....	1
Primary smoke tests applied to old drains .....	1
Water tests applied to new drains .....	3
Smoke tests applied to repaired drains .....	1
Coloured water tests for tracing leaks and connections	16
Sewer maintenance works executed (Sec. 24 P.H.A. 1936)	48
House drains reconstructed .....	4
House drains repaired .....	8



## HOUSING.

Drastic curtailment of Housing Inspection and associated work was enforced by war conditions and depletion of staff. No formal action under the Housing Act, 1936, was taken.

Work done under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the year 1945 is summarised below:—

(a) HOUSING ACT 1936.

Number of houses inspected under Housing Act ... 1

(b) PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

Number of houses inspected for defects under Public Health Act ..... 82

Number of houses at which defects were found and dealt with under the Public Health Acts ..... 62

Number of houses at which defects were remedied :—

(1) By owners after notice under the Public Health Acts ..... 38

(2) By the Corporation :— .....

(i) In default of owners ..... 5

(ii) By agreement with owners following informal action ..... 18

— 23

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## FOOD INSPECTION, ETC.

Food inspection by the Sanitary Inspector was mainly confined to food other than meat; and owing to trading conditions brought about by the functioning of the Ministry of Food this branch of work has considerably increased during the war period. Inspection of meat at time of slaughtering was wholly performed by the Meat Inspector Mr. R. S. Howe, M.R.C.V.S.

Details of the work are set out below:—

Inspection of Shops and Market Stalls ..... 296

UNSOOUND FOOD SURRENDERED :—

No. of Articles      Wt. in lbs.

(1) MEAT, BACON, HAM AND CANNED MEAT :—

Bacon ..... — 26

Beef ..... — 75

Corned Beef ( $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. tins) ..... 155 —

Ham, chopped ( $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. tins) ..... 10 —

Meat Pies ..... 349 —

Mutton, canned ..... — 12

Pork Sausage Links ..... — 742

Pork Sausage Meat ..... — 44

Pork Luncheon Meat ( $2\frac{1}{2}$  lb. tins) ... 11 —

Pork Luncheon Meat ( $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. tins) ... 29 —

Stewed Steak (1 lb. tins) ..... 7 —

Tongue (6 lb. tins) ..... 1 —

	No. of Articles.	Wt. in lbs.
(2) FISH :—		
Crabs .....	—	26
Crayfish (tinned) .....	2	—
Fillets (Cool Fish) .....	—	54
Herrings .....	—	56
Herrings (Kippered).....	—	35
Plaice .....	—	78
Fish Cakes .....	633	—
(3) FRUIT :—		
Damsons (tinned) .....	7	—
Raisins .....	—	270
(4) CANNED FOOD (MISCELLANEOUS) :—		
Baked Beans .....	57	—
Carrots .....	1	—
Herrings .....	99	—
Mackerel .....	7	—
Milk, Evaporated .....	124	—
Milk, Condensed .....	4	—
Pilchards .....	135	—
Salmon .....	19	—
Sardines .....	25	—
Soup .....	8	—
(5) JAM, PICKLES AND SAUCES :—		
Jam (2 lb. jars).....	3	—
Jam (2 lb. tins) .....	1	—
Jam (1 lb. jars).....	12	—
Lemon Cheese (1 lb. jars) .....	1	—
Marmalade (2 lb. tins) .....	2	—
Marmalade (2 lb. jars) .....	25	—
Marmalade (1 lb. jars) .....	1	—
Pickles (small) .....	1	—
(6) MISCELLANEOUS FOODSTUFFS :—		
Egg (shell) .....	1,175	—
Biscuits .....	—	55
Butter .....	—	124
Cake (Madeira) .....	1	—
Crumpets .....	176	—
Lard .....	—	56
Margarine .....	—	24
Milk (Liquid) .....	3 galls.	—
Fruit Pies .....	15	—
Potato Cakes .....	180	—
Potatoes, Seed .....	—	3,248
Potatoes, Ware .....	—	1,680
Sausage Rusk .....	—	112



## COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

The milk supply of Buxton is derived from 54 sources; and of these 51 per cent. are farms situated outside the Borough.

The table below provides an analysis of the supplies:—

Producer/retailers: within the Borough .....	20
Producer/wholesalers: within the Borough.....	8
Producer/retailers: from without the Borough .....	9
Producer/wholesalers: from without the Borough .....	17
Total .....	54

Four producers within the Borough supply milk wholesale to dairies in Manchester and Stockport.

During the year a number of structural defects were remedied and other improvements effected, details of these being included in the concluding table appended to this section.

In the following table details are given respecting the persons and premises registered and the inspections made during the year:—

Number of Persons or Firms registered as Cowkeepers,  
Dairymen or Purveyors:—

From within the Borough .....	46
From without the Borough .....	9
Total .....	55

Number of Dairy Premises registered:—

(a) Cowsheds .....	30
(b) Dairies .....	24
(c) Retail Milk Shops .....	16

Inspections of Dairies:—

(a) Cowsheds .....	85
(b) Dairies .....	108
(c) Milk Shops .....	51
Total .....	244

Contraventions of Order: Nuisances found and dealt with,  
Improvements, etc., effected:—

Default in limewashing during the prescribed months ...	19
Cowshed floor repaired .....	1
Accumulation of manure removed .....	1
Dairy floors repaired .....	2
Dairies limewashed .....	7



## BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF MILK.

Number of samples taken in 1945 was 243, as against 239 for the year 1944.

Phosphatase tests and Bacterial Plate Counts for Pasteurised Milks and Methylene Blue Reduction Tests, and test for *Bacillus Coli* for raw milks were carried out at the Devonshire Royal Hospital, Buxton. Guinea pig inoculation tests for Tubercle Bacilli were carried out at the Derby County Public Health Laboratory.

Generally, the results of examination showed a maintenance in the standard of the milk supply in the year 1944, virtually approximating that of pre-war years.

Action as outlined in former annual reports continued to be taken in respect of unsatisfactory supplies.

Details as to samples taken and results of tests are summarised in the accompanying table.

# BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK SAMPLES.

## DESCRIPTION AND RESULTS OF TESTS.

DESCRIPTION OF SAMPLE AND DESIGNATION OF MILK.		No. of Samples	TUBERCLE BACILLI (Guinea Pig Inoculation)			BACILLUS COLI (In 0.01 M/L)		METHYLENE BLUE REDUCTION TEST		PHOSPHATASE TEST**		BACTERIAL PLATE COUNT Per M/L ***
			N'g'tive	Positive	No.* Result	Absent	Present	Passed	Failed	Under 2.3 L.B. Units Properly Pasteurised	Over 2.3 L.B. Units Improperly Pasteurised	
PRIMARY SAMPLES :—			20	—	4	51	5	57	2	—	—	—
Non-Designated ..			3	—	—	6	—	5	1	—	—	—
Tuberculin Tested ..			23	—	5	53	4	53	3	—	—	—
Accredited ..			3	—	—	6	—	22	—	23	1	{ Lowest Count 200 Highest Count 276,000 Average 48,450
Pasteurised ..			49	—	9	116	9	134	4	23	1	33
Total Primary Samples ..			8	—	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—
Non-Designated ..			3	—	—	2	—	1	2	—	—	—
Tuberculin Tested ..			15	—	—	10	—	8	3	—	—	—
Accredited ..			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pasteurised ..			26	—	—	16	9	13	5	—	—	—
Total Re-Take Samples ..			58	—	9	132	9	147	9	23	1	33
GRAND TOTALS ..												

REFERENCES \*—TUBERCLE BACILLI—No Result—Guinea Pig died under Test.

\*\*—L.B.—Lovi-Bond Units.

\*\*\*—Maximum Bacterial Plate Count permitted for "Pasteurised" Milk 100,000 per Millilitre.



## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 193

The Derby County Council is the "Food and Drugs" Authority for the area and I am indebted to the County Analyst for the following report in respect of samples obtained within the Borough and action taken during the year 1945.

(1) Total number of samples taken .....	50
(2) Milk samples included in above total .....	14
(3) Informal sample of British Wine Port Type deficient in alcohol .....	1

### ACTION TAKEN :—

- (2) One sample deficient in fat the vendor was fined £1 and £7 7s. costs. Two other samples, one deficient in fat and one containing slight amount added water. Vendors cautioned.

One sample of British Wine Port Type was found to be slightly deficient in alcohol and the vendor was cautioned.

## WATER SUPPLY—SAMPLING.

Samples from the town's three principal reservoir supply areas, viz. :—Stanley Moor, Lightwood and Burbage, were taken each month for analysis by the Bio-chemist, Mr. J. Race, at the Laboratory, Devonshire Royal Hospital. The number of samples was :—

For chemical examination .....	36
For bacteriological examination .....	36
	—
	72
	—

Reference to this service is also made in the Medical Officer of Health's report.

## FACTORIES.

Particulars as to registered factories, and work done under the Factories Act, 1937, are given below :—

Number of Factories on the Register (including Bake-houses) .....	106
Number of Inspections of Factories .....	153
List of Outworkers received from Employers .....	—
Inspection of Outworker's premises.....	—
List of Outworkers sent to other Authorities regarding Outworkers residing in their districts.....	—
Number of Notices received from H.M. Inspector of Factories .....	5



Number of defects found and dealt with :—

	Factories.		Bakehouses.	Total.
	With Mechanical Power.	Without Mechanical Power.		
(a) Defects found .....	24	5	18	47
(b) Defects remedied ...	20	4	16	40

Classification of above defects :—

	Found	Remedied
Want of cleanliness .....	30	28
Inadequate ventilation .....	1	1
Sanitary Accommodation :—		
Unsuitable or defective .....	15	10
Not separate for sexes.....	—	—
Other Offences under Factories Act .....	1	1
	—	—
Totals .....	47	40
	—	—

### SHOP ACTS.

Owing to depletion of inspectorial staff, administrative work under the Act was drastically curtailed.

Work done during the year is summarised below :—

Number of shops entered in Register .....	428
Number of inspections of shops made during 1945.....	2

### SMOKE ABATEMENT.

In October, 1943, the temporary "war-time" procedure outlined by Home Security Circular Nos. 139/140, and 211/1940, was rescinded. The Corporation's Byelaw, consequently, came again into operation; subject to the condition that before any proceedings are taken for offences against the Byelaw, the Minister of Fuel and Power shall be consulted.

### THEATRES, MUSIC HALLS, Etc.

There are four places of amusement in the Borough, viz : The Opera House, The Pavilion Gardens, The Spa Cinema, and The Playhouse.

All the establishments are well managed, and have, during recent years, been modernized.

### OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Particulars as to offensive trades established in the Borough and inspection of premises are given below :—

Established Trades—Tripe Boiler .....	1
Inspections Made .....	7

## RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION.

Government supervision of this service was transferred during the year 1943 under the Infestation Order, 1943, to the Ministry of Food, and the first requirement demanded was a "Survey" of the Borough for the purpose of ascertaining the size and location of "Infestations" by rats, such infestations being classified as (No. 1) "Reservoir Type," (No. 2) "Major Primary Type," and (No. 3) "Minor Secondary Type."

To cope with this additional work a Full-time Temporary "Rodent Operative" was appointed, who commenced duty in February, 1944.

Details of the work done and results thereof are given below:—

VISITS TO PREMISES MADE FOR ALL PURPOSES ..... 3,127

\*KILLS OF RATS AND MICE, AND METHODS USED:—

	Rats	Mice
(a) Poison Baiting .....	831	18
(b) "Rat Lime Traps" (Sticky board traps) .....	194	493
(c) Trapping .....	10	—
Total .....	1,035	511

\* The figures given are for dead rats and mice actually picked up and counted.

Treatment of Sewers within the Borough commenced in December, and up to the end of the year 143 manholes had been pre-baited for four days, poison used on the fifth day.

## INSPECTIONS, NOTICES SERVED, NUISANCES ABATED, ETC.

Particulars as to the classification and number of inspections made, notices served and other action taken, and the number and nature of the nuisances abated and sanitary improvements effected as a result of such action, are set out in Appendices I, II and III.

In concluding this report, I desire to express my thanks for the support I have received from the Council, and from the members of the Health Committee; also for the ready help, kindness and courtesy that I have received from my brother Officers.

Further, I would express my thanks to the Public Health Department Staff for their loyal service.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

**WM. OWEN COATES,**

Senior Sanitary Inspector.



# APPENDIX I.

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

Infectious Disease—Investigations and Disinfections	...	...	105
Houses Inspected under Housing Acts	...	...	1
Houses inspected for defects under Public Health Acts :—			
On Complaint	...	...	10
Routine Inspections	...	...	75
		—	85
Houses Let in Lodgings	...	...	26
Complaints (General) investigated	...	...	11
General Inspections	...	...	85
Inspections of Cowsheds	...	...	85
„ „ Dairies	...	...	108
„ „ Milkshops	...	...	51
„ „ Ice Cream Shops	...	...	12
„ „ Factories	...	...	41
„ „ Workshops	...	...	33
„ „ Bakehouses	...	...	76
„ „ Laundries	...	...	3
„ „ Outworkers	...	...	0
„ „ Slaughterhouses	...	...	0
„ „ Butchers', Fishmongers', etc., Shops and Market Stalls	...	...	296
„ „ Piggeries	...	...	5
„ „ Food Preparation Premises	...	...	103
„ „ Fried Fish Shops	...	...	3
„ „ Offensive Trades	...	...	7
„ „ Stables	...	...	5
„ „ Tents, Sheds, Vans, etc.	...	...	32
„ „ Drainage work in progress...	...	...	71
„ „ Schools	...	...	5
„ „ Theatres and places of amusement	...	...	1
Shop Acts—Visits and Inspections	...	...	12
Rat Infestation Survey	...	...	63
Sundry Visits	...	...	84
Re-inspections	...	...	982
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Total	...	...	2,996
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## APPENDIX II.

### NOTICES, &c.

#### INFORMAL NOTICES SERVED :—

Verbal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	126
Letters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Written Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67
Total									<hr/> 209 <hr/>

#### STATUTORY NOTICES SERVED :—

##### Housing Act, 1936

Section 9—Notice requiring execution of works	...	1
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#### OTHER ACTION :—

Blocked Sewers reported to Borough Surveyor for attention	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
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# APPENDIX III.

## NUISANCES ABATED AND SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED.

Houses and premises cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	22
Houses—Structure repaired	...	...	...	...	...	8
„ Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	6
„ Window frames and/or sashes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	13
„ Window sash cords renewed	...	...	...	...	...	8
„ Eaves, gutters and rain water pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	13
„ Water fittings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Water Supply, provided or restored	...	...	...	...	...	15
Sewers—Repaired, renewed or improved	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ Cleansed and emptied (unstopped)	...	...	...	...	...	43
Drains—Reconstructed...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ Repaired	...	...	...	...	...	8
„ Unstopped and cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	56
„ Obsolete traps replaced by stoneware gullies	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Gullies and gully settings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Inspection chambers repaired	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ New inspection chambers constructed	...	...	...	...	...	3
Soil Pipes and Vents—New construction	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ „ Old repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Pail Closets—New pails provided	...	...	...	...	...	3
Water Closets—Additional closets provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ „ W.C. cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	6
„ „ Fittings repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ „ Flushing systems repaired	...	...	...	...	...	8
„ „ New flushing systems provided	...	...	...	...	...	3
Urinals—Cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sinks—New sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	6
„ Repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Waste Pipes—New waste pipes provided	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ „ Repaired	...	...	...	...	...	6
„ „ Trapped	...	...	...	...	...	3
Portable galvanised iron Dustbins (New) provided	...	...	...	...	...	237
Yards—Unpaved yards paved	...	...	...	...	...	11
„ Defective pavings relaid	...	...	...	...	...	14
„ Additional paved area provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	6
Inproper keeping of animals discontinued	...	...	...	...	...	3
Miscellaneous nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	10





