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CITY OF CANTERBURY.

Public Health Committee, 1939.

Mayor :

Councillor Mrs. WILLIAMSON.

Chairman :

Alderman R. H. ARROWSMITH.

Alderman F. HOOKER.	Councillor J. G. B. Stone.
„ C. LEFEVRE.	„ S. Palmer.
Councillor H. RIGDEN.	„ W. J. DRAY.
„ E. H. SHEPPARD.	„ Mrs. HEWS.
„ H. HARRISON.	„ C. EVANS.

Chairman of the Education Committee :

Alderman F. HOOKER.

Chairman of the Public Assistance Committee :

Councillor J. G. B. STONE.

Chairman of the Blind Welfare Committee :

Councillor Mrs. HEWS.

Chairman of the Committee for the Care of the

Mentally Defective : Councillor Mrs. WILLIAMSON.

Maternity and Child Welfare Work is under the control of the
Public Health Committee.

Town Clerk and Public Assistance Officer :

G. W. MARKS.

Public Medical Services Staff.

Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer :

WILLIAM GORONWY EVANS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health (part-time) :

Miss H. M. GARLICK, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

Clinical Tuberculosis Officer : J. A. ROBSON, M.D., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Dental Surgeon : Miss PAULINE FIGDOR, L.R.C.P., L.D.S

Sanitary Inspector : SAMUEL JEFFERY, C.R.S.I.,

Meat Inspector's Certificate.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector : A. R. CLARK, C.R.S.I.,

Meat Inspector's Certificate.

Health Visitor : Miss GRACE E. MAGUIRE, S.R.N., C.M.B.,

Guy's and Queen Charlotte Hospitals.

Matron, Isolation Hospital : Miss W. SHAW, S.R.N.

School Nurses : Miss GLASSBOROW, S.R.N., S.C.M.,

and Miss P. TROY, S.R.N., S.C.M.

Municipal Midwives : Mrs. L. LYNES, S.C.M.,

Mrs. E. H. OWEN, S.C.M.,

Mrs. E. TEMPLETON, S.C.M.,

and Miss E. DEW, S.R.N., S.C.M.

Clerk : Miss N. THOMAS.

Assistant Clerk : Miss K. ACKRILL.

Disinfector : GEORGE COX.

Officers devoting part-time to Public Health Services—

Medical Superintendent, Nunnery Fields Hospital, and

District Medical Officer : HAROLD WACHER, M.D., B.Chir.

Medical Superintendent, City Mental Hospital :

FRANCIS L. SCOTT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Public Vaccinator : Miss H. M. GARLICK, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

Medical Officer, V.D. Clinics : DAVID ERSKINE, M.D., B.S.

Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon :

T. A. CLARKE, M.D., Ch.B., D.L.O.

Surgeon, Orthopædic Clinic :

A. BERESFORD-JONES, M.S., M.B.

Ophthalmic Surgeon : J. A. PRINGLE, M.D., B.Ch.

Public Analyst : E. M. HAWKINS, F.I.C., 19, Watling Street.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the City and County Borough of Canterbury.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health Administration of the County Borough of Canterbury, together with the report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, for the year 1939.

At the outbreak of war in September, Canterbury was declared a Reception Area, and women and children from the Medway Towns were sent here. The vital statistics have been compiled normally for the first nine months of the year and with a view to the movement of the population in the last three months.

During the year, 11 cases of Poliomyelitis and one case of Polioencephalitis were notified and of these, 2 died. This disease was not confined to Canterbury only and the Registrar-General's statistics show that the disease was scattered throughout England.

The common infectious diseases were less prevalent during the year, only 36 cases of Scarlet Fever and 4 of Diphtheria being notified.

It is particularly encouraging to note that there were only 5 deaths of infants under one year of age as compared with 15 in the previous year.

My thanks are due to the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee and to the Town Clerk and other officials of the Council for their advice and help, particularly when I took over duties as Medical Officer of Health early in October.

I have to express my grateful recognition of the loyal support of the staff of the Public Health Department.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

W. G. EVANS,

Medical Officer of Health.

General Statistics, 1939.

Area (Acres), 4,702.

Registrar-General's estimate of

(a) resident population, mid - 1939 : 26,300.

(b) average population appropriate to the calculation of death rates : 26,430.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1939) according to Rate Books, 7,226.

Rateable Value, £241,801.

Sum represented by penny rate, £951/6/10.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

Live Births—	Total.	M.	F.
Legitimate	353	170	183
Birth Rate for 1,000 estimated population	Mid-1939—13.95.		
Illegitimate	14	5	9
Stillbirths	16	8	8
	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births—41.7.		
Deaths	329	163	166
	Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population—12.4.		
Deaths from puerperal causes :		Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births.	
	Deaths.		
Puerperal sepsis	Nil.	Nil.	
Other puerperal causes	2	5.2	
Deaths of Infants under one year of age :	Legitimate, 5. Illegitimate, Nil. Total 5.		
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :			
All Infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births	13.0.		
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	13.5.		
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil.		
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil.		
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil.		
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil.		
„ „ Cancer (all ages)	44.		

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Laboratory Facilities.—There is a well-equipped Pathological and Bacteriological Laboratory at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury, and this service has been maintained throughout the year.

A Small Laboratory in the Health Department for the cultivation of diphtheria swabs has dealt with 76 swabs.

A Bacteriological Laboratory was established in the King's School Science Laboratory by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory early in October. This was used for the examination of throat swabs, faeces, blood and urine, vaginal swabs, and cerebro-spinal fluid. The Laboratory was transferred to another part of the country on December 11th.

Ambulance Facilities.—Two motor ambulances are kept by the Kent and Canterbury Hospital. The St. John Ambulance Association own an ambulance, and this is used in Canterbury and district.

An ambulance is kept for infectious cases at the Isolation Hospital.

These ambulances appear to satisfy the routine demands, and they are not used for Air Raid Casualties except in great necessity.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

(a) **General Nursing.**—The Queen's Institute of District Nurses supplies two District Nurses.

(b) **Infectious Diseases.**—A part-time Nurse is employed from the District Nurses by the Town Council in cases of Measles, Whooping Cough or other Infectious Diseases, when this is considered desirable by the Medical Officer of Health.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

(a) Infant Welfare Clinics at the Public Health Department, 20A, Stour Street, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2.30 to 4 p.m. Delicate children under school age can be sent to the Alford Aid Society's Open-Air Day Nursery on St. Martin's Hill.

(b) Ante-Natal Clinics at the Welfare Centre every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. The services of a Consultant may be obtained by Doctors needing assistance in difficult or complicated Maternity cases.

- (c) Minor Ailments Clinic at St. John's Council School, Northgate, on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, at 9.15 a.m.
- (d) A full time Dental Officer inspects the teeth of school children and treatment is given at the Dental Clinic. Children under 5 years of age and Expectant Mothers can receive treatment at this Clinic if recommended to do so by the Medical Officer of Health.
- (e) On the recommendation of the School Medical Officer, treatment is given at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital to children suffering from Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids, Crippling Defects, Defective Vision and Surgical Tuberculosis.
- (f) The Venereal Diseases Clinic is held at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, as follows:—
 Females—Tuesdays, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 Males—Tuesdays, 5.15 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- (g) Immunisation Clinic for protection against Diphtheria, on Friday mornings at the School Clinic, and at other times when required.
- (h) The Tuberculosis Officer attends at the Canterbury Dispensary, 11, Longport Street, on Fridays from 10.30 to 12.30 p.m.
- (i) **Mental Hygiene.**—A Psycho-Therapeutic Clinic is held at the General Hospital by the Medical Superintendent of the City Mental Hospital.
 The Health Visitor acts as an authorised officer for the purposes of Section 17 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1930.
- (j) **Cancer.**—Operative treatment is available at the General Hospital. A Cancer Clinic has been established at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital and is held weekly.

Hospital Services Available for the Inhabitants of the Area.—

The Council have not yet consulted with any Consultative Hospital Committee set up in the area (Sec. 13 of Local Government Act, 1929).

—The Hospital provision for Canterbury is as follows:—

- (a) **General Medical and Surgical Cases.**—The Kent and Canterbury Hospital has 371 beds, including 10 beds at the Whitstable and Tankerton Cottage Hospital Convalescent Homes. These figures include beds

erected under the Emergency Hospital Scheme. The civil population accommodation was limited at the outbreak of war, but the usual complement of beds was available by the end of the year.

- (b) **Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.**—Appropriate Specialists attend at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

The Council make payment for the treatment of cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum at this Hospital (including In-patient treatment).

- (c) **Orthopædic.**—An Orthopædic Specialist attends at the above Hospital.

- (d) **Children.**—A Children's Ward at the above Hospital.

- (e) **Isolation Hospital.**—The Borough Infectious Disease Hospital in Stodmarsh Road has well equipped Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria and Typhoid Blocks and supplies accommodation in 42 beds and cots. The Nursing staff consists of the Matron, a Staff Nurse and 5 Assistant Nurses.

- (f) **Smallpox Hospital.**—An arrangement has been entered into for the use of the Smallpox Hospital belonging to the Borough of Dover.

- (g) **Tuberculosis.**—The County Sanatorium at Lenham contains 10 beds for the use of Canterbury patients. Accommodation can be obtained at other Sanatoria and Training Colonies when necessary.

- (h) **The Public Assistance Hospital and Institution.**—There is accommodation for chronic sick and elderly persons, as well as homeless infants and children, at the Hospital of the Public Assistance Committee at Nunnery Fields.

The number of beds available in 12 wards are as follows :—

For Men (Medical, Surgical & Chronic Sick)	115
For Women „ „ „	113
For Maternity Cases 	Nil
For Tuberculosis Cases	Nil
For Children (under 16 years of age)	10
Total 	238

These figures include beds erected under the Emergency Hospital Scheme,

- (i) **Maternity.**—The Canterbury Maternity Hostel in the Dane John has accommodation for 6 patients. Two beds are available at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital for complicated Maternity cases.
- (j) **Mental Hospital.**—260 Beds are provided in the Canterbury Mental Hospital for the reception of Mental patients. Three Hospitals in Canterbury have beds allocated under the Emergency Hospital Scheme for the Ministry of Health:—The Kent and Canterbury Hospital, The Public Assistance Institution, and The Mental Hospital.

Administration of Institutional Medical Services.

- (i) There have been no alterations in the administration of Institutional Medical Services during 1939.
- (ii) **Poor Law Medical Out-Relief.**—No applications were received during the year for Medical Out-Relief under the Poor Law.
- (iii) **Institutional Provision for the Care of Mental Defectives.**—A Mental Hospital with 260 Beds provides for the requirements of Mental Defectives in the City who are in need of Institutional Treatment. 40 Beds are reserved at this Hospital under the Emergency Hospital Scheme, but, other than this, the Hospital has not been affected by war-time measures.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

- (i) **Midwifery Service.**—There have been no alterations in the Midwifery Services in the City during the past year, and I consider the number of Midwives practising in the district, i.e. 10, to be adequate.
- (ii) **Maternity Services.**—Infant Welfare Clinics are held twice a week at the Health Department, 20A, Stour Street, and an Ante-Natal Clinic is held once a week at the Welfare Centre. These Clinics have been well used both by local Mothers and those evacuated into the City owing to the outbreak of war.
- (iii) **Institutional Provision for Mothers and Children.**—In addition to the 3 Maternity Nursing Homes already existing in the City at the outbreak of war, an Emergency Maternity Home was opened for the reception of Expectant Mothers who were evacuated from the

Medway Towns. This Home, which has beds for 6 patients, is meeting the need for additional accommodation arising out of the Evacuation Scheme.

Owing to the demands of the Emergency Hospital Scheme, it has not been possible to reserve accommodation at the Public Assistance Institution for Maternity Cases, but arrangements have been made for any cases who would normally have been treated in this Institution to be admitted to other Homes.

A Creche with 15 places for children under 5 years of age, was opened at the outbreak of war to receive evacuees from the Medway Towns.

- (iv) **Health Visitors.**—The work of the Health Visitor has increased considerably owing to the additional population in the City.
- (v) **Child Life Protection.**—During the year the Relieving Officer has continued as Infant Life Protection Visitor with the Health Visitor acting in certain cases.
- (vi) **Arrangements for Dental, Orthopædic, etc., Cases.**—Expectant Mothers and young children who require dental treatment are recommended by the Medical Officer of Health to attend the School Dental Clinic, where arrangements have been made for the School Dental Surgeon to deal with these cases.

The Medical Officer of Health recommends any children under 5 who need Orthopædic treatment to attend at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital to be seen by the Orthopædic Surgeon.

Registration of Nursing Homes.—There was only one new Home registered during the year, and that was an Emergency Maternity Home with 6 beds, and was opened for the reception of Expectant Mothers evacuated into the City under the Government Evacuation Scheme.

The Medical Officer of Health investigates any enquiry received concerning unregistered Homes, and during the year no such Homes were discovered.

It was not found necessary to take any action during 1939 with regard to the Homes registered as they all appeared to be satisfactory.

Prevalence of, and Control Over, Infectious and Other Diseases.

Under the Notification of Diseases Section of the Public Health Act 1936, 87 cases (exclusive of Tuberculosis) were notified by Medical Practitioners, as against 79 in 1938.

Eleven cases of Poliomyelitis and one of Polioencephalitis were notified, and of these, two died. The Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector visited all cases and advised the necessary disinfection. All contacts were excluded from school and children in classes who had in any way been in contact with the cases had their throats sprayed with permanganate.

Twenty-five cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year. Twenty-four were removed to the Borough Isolation Hospital and there was one death. Concentrated Streptococcus Antitoxin (Scarlatina) Globulins are used for Scarlet Fever cases with excellent results.

Only four cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year, and there were no deaths.

As the notification of Measles and Whooping Cough was not compulsory until early in November, only three notifications of each disease were received.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) for the Year 1939.

Disease.				Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox	...	..	...	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	25	24	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	4	4	—
Pneumonia	...	...	...	16	—	12
Erysipelas	...	...	...	13	—	—
Malaria	...	...	...	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	...	...	...	4	1	—
Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	1	1	1
Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	11	7	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	2	2	—
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	1	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	3	1	—
Enteric Fever...	...	...	...	1	—	—
Dysentery	...	...	...	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	3	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	3	—	—
TOTALS	...	...	...	87	40	15

Table II. Age Distribution of All Cases Notified (except Tuberculosis) during 1939.

DISEASES.	NUMBER OF CASES.											
	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5-10 years	10-15 years	15-20 years	20-35 years	35-45 years	45-65 years	Over 65 years
Small Pox...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	1	3	12	4	3	1	1	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	4	5	2	2
Erysipelas	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	4	2	4	—
Malaria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis-Lethargica ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—
Dysentery...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Polio-Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis	—	—	2	—	2	2	3	1	1	—	—	—
Ophthalmia-Neonatorum...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	2	1	3	1	7	19	10	12	15	9	6	2

Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic.—Free immunisation is offered to all school children and infants.

T.A.F. is the prophylactic used for Diphtheria Immunisation.

The following Table gives details of the work accomplished up to the end of 1939 :—

Number of Sessions held (1939)	37
Number of attendances in 1939 (including a few immunised at the Health Offices, Sanatorium and Welfare Centre) ...	988
Total number of children dealt with up to the end of 1939	3188
Cases immunised 1928-1930, but records lost	20
Number recorded in Card Index (1928-1939)	3168
Number of children whose names were added to Card Index during 1939	184
Number of Schick Tests performed in 1939...	238

Treatment of Cancer.—Operative treatment is available at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, and a Cancer Clinic is held weekly at this Hospital.

There were 44 deaths from Cancer allocated to the area during the year, and the following table gives the age distribution of all cases of Cancer notified during 1939 :—

Age Distribution of All Cases of Cancer notified during 1939.

DISEASE	NUMBER OF CASES										
	Under 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	2-5 yrs.	5-15 yrs.	15-25 yrs.	25-35 yrs.	35-45 yrs.	45-55 yrs.	55-65 yrs.	65-75 yrs.	Over 75
CANCER	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	13	12	15

Treatment of Tuberculosis.—It was not found necessary to take any action during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Inspection of Factories and Workplaces.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector.

Premises	No. of		
	Inspections	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories — with mechanical power	27	13	} Nil.
Factories — without mechanical power... ..	43	17	
Other Premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including out-workers' premises)	10	1	
Total	80	31	Nil.

Defects Found.

Particulars	No. of Defects			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ...	16	15	} Nil.	Nil.
Overcrowding... ..	—	—		
Unreasonable temperature	—	—		
Inadequate ventilation	4	4		
Ineffective drainage of floors	1	1		
Sanitary Conveniences				
Insufficient ...	4	4		
Unsuitable or Defective ...	15	14		
Not separate for sexes	1	1		
Other offences... ..	25	24		
Total	66	60	—	—

Outwork in Unwholesome Premises. Section 111 of Act of 1937.

It was not found necessary to give any verbal or written notice under this section during the year.

Public Health Act, 1925. Section 62.

No action was taken by the Council under this Section during the year.

Factory Act, 1937. Section 34.

Two Certificates of "Adequate Means of Escape in Case of Fire" were issued by the City Council during the year.

Factories Act, 1937. Section 54.

(1) One basement bakehouse remained in use in the City during 1938. The City Council considered a Report by the Chief Sanitary Inspector as to the condition and situation of this bakehouse.

(2) The Occupier was given "Notice" to attend a meeting of the Public Health Committee, and objected to the closing of the bakehouse during the currency of the present lease. The Committee decided that the bakehouse should be closed in September, 1939.

The Occupier appealed to a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, who amended the decision of the City Council and ordered that the Basement Bakehouse should not be used after June, 1940.

Housing Acts—Year 1939.

Number of New Houses erected during the year :—

(1) By the Local Authority ...	...	...	Nil
(2) By other Local Authorities ...	...	...	Nil
(3) By Private Enterprise ...	...	...	75
Total ...			75
Houses Demolished ...	...	...	22
Net Increase of Houses ...			53

As set out in the Housing Statistics, 206 houses were inspected and recorded by the Sanitary Inspector under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.

The chief cause of complaint is the damp condition and small floor space of many of the cottages inspected, also the low pitch of many of the second floor attic rooms; in a number of cases the "Owners" have permanently closed these second floor rooms so as not to be used for human habitation.

Reed Avenue Housing Estate : Area purchased, 15.05 acres
Forty-four three-bedroomed and two four-bedroomed houses have now been completed and inhabited on part of this site.

The rent of the three-bedroomed houses is 8/1 per week and the four-bedroomed houses 9/8 per week inclusive.

The City Council have prepared plans and lay-out for building further houses on this site. The scheme is, however, in abeyance during the War Emergency.

Action Taken Under the Housing Act.

Twenty-one representations were made in respect of houses unfit for habitation during year. Of these :—

(1) Demolition Orders were made in respect to nine houses :

186, Wincheap Street.
187, Wincheap Street.
188, Wincheap Street.
4/5, Blue Coat Boy Cottages.
12, Church Lane.
76, St. Stephen's Road.
78, St. Stephen's Road.
29, Artillery Gardens.
24, King Street.

(2) Undertakings not to let for human habitation were accepted in respect to twelve houses :

5, Whitstable Road.
7, Whitstable Road.
9, Whitstable Road.
11, Whitstable Road.
68, St. Stephen's Road.
70, St. Stephen's Road.
72, St. Stephen's Road.
74, St. Stephen's Road.
17, Whitstable Road.
19, Whitstable Road.
23, Black Friars Street.
25D, New Dover Road (Basement Flat).

- (3) Twenty-two houses upon which Demolition Orders have been made were demolished during the year :

5, Rosemary Lane.
 2, New Ruttington Lane.
 4, New Ruttington Lane.
 5, New Ruttington Lane.
 11, Union Place.
 13, Union Place.
 4, Hospital Lane.
 7, Hospital Lane.
 8, Hospital Lane.
 9, Hospital Lane.
 10, Hospital Lane.
 53, Dover Street.
 54, Dover Street.
 13, King Street.
 14, King Street.
 15, King Street.
 1, Welby's Square.
 2, Welby's Square.
 3, Welby's Square.
 4, Welby's Square.
 5, Welby's Square.
 6, Welby's Square.

- (4) Nine further representations were made, in addition to above. These were adjourned for consideration after the War Emergency Period.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year :—

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|---|-----|
| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 340 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... | 406 |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 | 206 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... | 232 |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 30 |

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	274
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2. Remedy of Defects during Year without Service of Formal Notices :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authorities or their officers	260
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :—

A.—*Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By Owners	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	—

B.—*Proceedings under Public Health Acts :*

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By Owners	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	—

C.—*Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	9
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	22

D.—*Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	1
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(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	—
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4. Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding:—

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	29
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	30
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	218
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	—
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	4
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	27
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	—



REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1939.

Sanitary Inspector's Office,
20A, Stour Street.

*To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
City and County Borough of Canterbury.*

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour to submit herewith my **twenty-seventh** Annual Report as Sanitary Inspector and Housing Officer for the City of Canterbury.

I desire to tender my best thanks to the Members of the Council for their support during the year, also to the Officials of the Council for their help and advice in carrying out the various duties of a Sanitary Inspector.

The Report has been curtailed as requested in the Ministry of Health Circular, No. 1967.

Return of Sanitary Work for the Year 1939.

No. of Premises Inspected (Public Health Acts)...	...	160
„ Re-Inspections (Public Health Acts) ...	...	274
„ Premises Inspected (Housing Act) ...	...	206
„ Re-Inspections (Housing Act) ...	...	32
„ Bacterial Milks Taken ...	...	38
„ Premises Inspected (Infectious Diseases) ...	...	31
„ „ „ Factories—Power ...	...	27
„ „ „ Factories—Without Power ...	...	43
„ „ „ Dairies, Cowsheds & Milkshops	...	30
„ „ „ Ice Cream Makers ...	...	9
„ „ „ Bakehouses ...	...	30
„ „ „ Slaughterhouses ...	...	1367
„ „ „ (Shops Acts) ...	...	25
Visits, <i>re</i> Sale of Food Stuffs...	...	95
„ <i>re</i> Food and Drugs Acts ...	...	112
„ <i>re</i> Samples of Water—Public 17, Private 19 ...	...	36
Inspections ...	...	2515
Calls, etc. ...	...	5093
Total Inspections ...		7608

Improvements.

Drains—

Re-constructed, intercepted and ventilated	31
Repaired	96
Soil pipe or ventilator pipes repaired or provided ...	29
Gulley or other Traps fixed	116

Water-Closets or Closets—

Pan and Trap provided	109
Water Supply provided	83
Ventilated	60

Sanitary Dustbins provided	62
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Yards—

Paving repaired	71
Paving provided	24
Sinks provided	51
Overcrowding abated	2

Other Improvements—

Rooms cleansed	175
Walls repaired for dampness	281
Floors repaired or ventilated	110
Roofs repaired	67
Guttering repaired	53
Rooms disinfected	301
Miscellaneous	587

Total Improvements	2308
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Total Premises Improved	383
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Preliminary Notices served, 239 ; Statutory Notices served, — ;
Complied, —.

Complaints—Verbally, 12 ; In writing, 63.—Total, 75.

Letters written, 277.

Particulars—Drains tested :

Water 92, Smoke 156, Chemical 29—Total 277.

Drains found defective :

Water 15, Smoke 30, Chemical 5—Total 50.

Inspection of Food.

One thousand three hundred and sixty-seven inspections of Slaughter-houses and Food Depots were made during the year 1939 :—

Number of visits in which unsound or diseased
food was dealt with 530

Amount surrendered or destroyed 13,078 lbs.

In dealing with diseased carcasses the recommendations of the Departmental Committee on Meat are carefully considered in each case.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED, 1939.

	Cattle ex- cluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	NOT KNOWN				
Number inspected	525	114	604	2134	3738
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS: Whole carcasses condemned ..	—	—	—	2	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	59	13	1	23	110
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	11.3	11.4	0.2	1.2	2.9
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY— Whole carcasses condemned ..	1	—	1	—	6
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	74	66	7	—	178
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with tuber- culosis	14.1	57.9	1.2	—	4.2

Total number of animals inspected—7,115.

Shops Act, 1934

Section 10 : Arrangements for the Health and Comfort of Shop Workers.

The City Council having instructed the Sanitary Inspector to enforce this section, action was taken during the year in respect to twelve premises which were found, upon inspection, not to be provided with the necessary sanitary conveniences, etc., to comply with this Section.

No further "Certificates of Exemption" under this Section were applied for during the year.

No. of additional sanitary conveniences provided during the year under Section 10	...	...	5
No. of additional washing facilities provided during the year under Section 10	...	...	11
Other nuisances under the Public Health Acts dealt with during the year in "Shops"	...		13

Dairies, Cowsheds, Milkshops.

Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922.

Number on Register at end of year :—

Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	8
Dairies	...	...	...	...	27
Total	...	...	...		35

Thirty-seven Retail Purveyors of Milk were on the Register at the end of the year.

Thirty inspections have been made ; also a number of re-visits during the repairs, and alterations of premises.

The utensils inspected were in good condition and clean.

Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1923.

Ten Licences have been granted under the Order :—

Two " Bottling " Licences for " Tuberculin Tested " Milk.

Four " Producer's " Licences for " Accredited " Milk.

Two Licences in respect to bottling establishments for " Pasteurised " Milk, the apparatus used being the " Astra " Self-Recording Apparatus, capacity 200 gallons; and the " Unified " Machine, capacity 75 gallons per hour.

Two " Distributor's " Licences for " T.T." Milk.

Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936.

Six samples were submitted for analysis by the Public Analyst, three of " Accredited " Milk and three of " Pasteurised " Milk. Five were reported as satisfying the prescribed test. One " Accredited " was reported as unsatisfactory ; the Vendor was informed and requested to comply with the terms of the Licence.

Clean Milk.

Six samples of " Ordinary Milk " were submitted for examination ; all were reported as complying with the " Methylene Blue Test " for graded milks.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

SAMUEL JEFFERY,

Cert. Royal Sanitary Institute.

Meat Insp.

Advt. Hygiene Board of Education.

Member Sanitary Inspectors' Association.



