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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

TOWN HALL,

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THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF CROSBY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the sixth Annual Report upon the health and sanitary conditions of the Borough of Crosby for the year ended 31st December, 1942.

The general health of the Borough has remained uniformly good—the Public Health Services have continued to function under the inconveniences necessarily associated with measures for Civil Defence.

In accordance with the suggestions of the Ministry of Health the Report is condensed and provides essentially important information and statistics only.

I have to express my thanks to the Staff of the Department for their help during this trying year and to members of the Health Committee for their interest and readiness to listen to any suggestions for the improvement of the Health Services of the Borough.

I am,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,

A. J. W. CUNNINGHAM, Medical Officer of Health

SECTION I.

Vital Statistics.

Area, 6,852 acres (Land and inland water 4,771 acres, Foreshore 2,081 acres).

Population (Census 1931), 50,562.

Population (Estimated 1942), 53,010.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1942) according to Rate Books, 14,977.

Rateable value at January, 1943, £500,234.

Sum represented by a penny rate (Estimated 1942-43), £1,920.

Live births-

	Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate	876	468	408	
Illegitimate	52	24	28	
	-	-	_	
Total	928	492	436	
Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated reside	ent pop	pulatio	n	17.5
	Total	M.	F.	
Stillbirths	39	20	19	
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births				40
	Total	M.	F.	
Deaths	631			
Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated aver	age po			11.9
Deaths from puerperal causes—	0 1			
2 cuito from puerperar causes		De	eaths	
Puerperal sepsis			0	
Other Maternal causes			0	
			_	
Total			0	
Death-rate per 1,000 total (live and still) b	oirths	*******		Nil
Death-rate of infants under one year of age:—				
All infants per 1,000 live births			61	
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate liv	e birth	S	60	
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate l	ive bir	ths	77	
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)			93	
" Measles (all ages)			1	
35 Whooping Cough (all ages)			Niil	
", Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)			2	
(Jours of age)			da	

	Per	1,000 of es	timated popula	Maternity	Maternity Mortality rate		
	Live birth- rate	Crude death- rate	Death Rate from Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	Death- rate from Cancer	Per 1000 live births	Per 1000 total live & still births	Rate of deaths under one year per 1000 live births
Mean of 5 years,	14.0	12.6		1 06	2 70	2 65	67
1937-1941	14.2	13.6	0.58	1.86	3.78	3.65	67
Year 1941	15.6	17.8	0.77	2.00	3.96	3.84	87
,, 1942	17.5	11.9	0.67	1.75	nil	nil	61

Increase or decrease in 1942 on— 5 years' average

1937-1941 Previous	+ 2.9	- 1.7	+ 0.09	- 0.11 - 3.78	-3.65	- 6
year	+ 2.3	- 5.9	- 0.10	- 0.25 - 3.96	- 3.84	-26

TABLE I

Causes of Death in the Borough of Crosby, 1942.

	Causes of Death (Civilians only)	Males	F	emales
ALL	CAUSES	317		314
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers Cerebro Spinal Fever	_		_
2.	Cerebro Spinal Fever	2		1
3.	Scarlet Fever	_		
4.	Whooping Cough	-		-
5.	Diphtheria Tuberculosis of respiratory system Other forms of Tuberculosis	3		2
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	23		13
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	3		-
8.	Syphilitic Diseases	4		2
9.	Influenza	1		1
10.	Measles	1		
11.	Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	_		
12.	Acute Infective Encephalitis	1		_
13.	Cancer: buccal cav. and oesoph. (M); uterus (F)	10		3
14.	Cancer: stomach and duodenum	11		11
15.	Cancer: breast			10
16.	Cancer: all other sites	28		20
17.	Diabetes	4		3
18.	Intra cranial vascular lesions	30		43
19.	Heart Disease	64	****	84
20.	Other diseases of the circulatory system	7		7.7
21.	Bronchitis	13		6
22.	Pneumonia	8		13
23.	Other respiratory diseases	0		15
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1		L
25.	Diarrhoea under 2 years	6		2
26.	Appendicitis	2		_
27.	Other digestive diseases	1		2
28.	Nenhritic	10		6
29.	Nephritis Puerperal and post abortive sepsis	13		8
30.	Other maternal causes	-	****	-
31.		-		_
32.		6		10
33.	Congenital debility, Malformations, Birth injuries, etc.	8		5
34.		5		2
35.	Road traffic accidents	5		-
36.	Other violent causes	12		7
50.	All other causes	35	****	44
DEATH	S OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE			
Tota				
	Pinate.	29		28
	itimate	28		25
	THE THE THE PARTY OF THE PARTY	1		3
LIVE B	IRTHS			
Tota		// page 1		
	timate			436
Illea	itimate			408
THE	Activities	24		28
STILL	BIRTHS			
Tota				
	timate	20		19
Illen	itimate	10		16
ruck	itimate	4		3
		-		

TABLE II
BIRTH RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH RATES,
ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY, AND CASE RATES
FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN
THE YEAR 1942.

England and Wales, London, 126 Great Towns and 148 Smaller Towns.

(Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns).

	England and Wales	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Adminis- trative County	Borough of Crosby
		†Rates per 1	,000 Civilia	n Population	1
BIRTHS Live Still	15.8 0.54	17.3	18.4	14.0	17.5
Still	0.54	0.00	0.02	0.40	0.75
All Causes Typhoid and Para-	11.6	13.3	12.1	13.9	11.9
typhoid Fevers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scarlet Fever	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.00
Diphtheria	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.02	0.09
Influenza	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.07	0.03
Smallpox	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00
Measles	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
Notifications		1	10	Difference of the last of the	
Typhoid Fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0.14	0.17	0.12	0.15	0.08
Scarlet Fever	2.19	2.49	2.34	1.86	0.90
Whooping Cough	1.73	1.97	1.58	2.72	0.36
Diphtheria	1.05	1.35	0.91	0.76	2.62
Erysipelas	0.30	0.36	0.26	0.43	0.64
Smallpox	****		2000	1111	
Measles	7.46	9.27	7.39	8.62	6.09
Pneumonia	1.07	1.30	0.94	0.94	0.77
		Rates p	er 1,000 Liv	e Births	
Deaths under 1 year of	49	59	46	60	61
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age	5.2	7.5	4.8	8.6	2.2
		es per 1,000			
MATERNAL MORTALITY	-				
(excluding Abortion) Puerperal Infection		1			
(No. 147) Others Total	$\left. \begin{array}{c} 0.42 \\ 1.59 \\ 2.01 \end{array} \right\}$	Not av	ailable		$\left\{\begin{array}{c} 0.00 \\ 0.00 \\ 0.00 \end{array}\right.$
Notifications Puerperal Fever Puerperal pyrexia	12.61	15.94	10.80	3.10	0.00
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[†] A Dash (—) signifies that there were no deaths.

SECTION 2

General Provision of Health Services in the Area Hospitals

SMALLPOX AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There is no Infectious Hospital in the district, but an arrangement is in force whereby cases are treated in the Liverpool Infectious Diseases Hospitals. Patients are received until the Hospitals are full, the available accommodation being sufficient for the needs of the district.

TUBERCULOSIS

Administered by the County Council.

MATERNITY CASES

There is no Maternity Hospital in the district, but the Liverpool Hospitals are available.

CHILDRENS AND OTHERS

Waterloo and District General Hospital, also Bootle and Liverpool Hospitals.

Three Institutions in the district receive unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants or homeless children.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

(a) For Infectious Cases—Liverpool Corporation Motor Ambulance.
(b) For non-infectious cases and accident cases—Motor Ambulances, Bootle General Hospital, Lancashire Public Assistance Committee, and Merseyside Hospitals (Penny in the £ subscribers) Ambulance.

CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Provided by CROSBY CORPORATION

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

- 1. Consultation and Treatment.
 - (a). The Clinic, Prince Street, Waterloo.
 Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

(b). The Clinic, Alexandra Hall, Crosby. Thursday afternoons.

(c). Waterloo General Hospital.
Operative Clinic—Circumcision.
Alternate Thursday mornings.

Provided by CROSBY CORPORATION

2. Ante-Natal Clinic.

The Clinic, Prince Street, Waterloo. Friday mornings.

Post-Natal Clinic.
 The Clinic, Prince Street, Waterloo.
 Monday afternoons.

4. Immunisation Clinic.
The Clinic, Prince Street, Waterloo.
Tuesday afternoons.

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SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICES

- 1. The Clinic, Prince Street, Waterloo.
 - (a). Minor Ailments Clinic.
 Every morning—treatment.
 Friday morning—Doctors' Consultation.
 - (b). Artificial Light Clinic. Monday and Thursday mornings.
 - (c). Dental Clinic.
 Every morning—Friday and Saturday excepted
 Thursday morning—Gas cases.
 Thursday afternoon—Dental Inspections.
 - (d). Ophthalmic Clinic.Wednesday and Thursday mornings.
 - (e). Aural Clinic.
 Monday and Thursday mornings.
 - (f). Tonsil and Adenoid Consultant Clinic. Monday mornings—when necessary.
- 2. The Clinic, Alexandra Hall, Crosby.
 - (a). Dental Clinic.Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning.Wednesday morning—Gas cases.
- 3. Waterloo and District General Hospital.

 Tonsil and Adenoid Operative Clinic.

 Monday mornings—when necessary.

Jointly with the LANCS, C. C.

4. The Clinic, Ince Avenue, Litherland.
Orthopaedic Clinic.
Thursday morning.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

OTHER SERVICES.

- 1. Tuberculosis Treatment.
 The Dispensary, "Ellesmere,"
 Crosby Rd. North, Waterloo.
- Venereal Diseases.
 Treated at Liverpool and Bootle Hospitals.

Miscellaneous.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME

There are two Nursing Associations in the Borough:

1. The Waterloo and Seaforth Nursing Association which employs two nurses.

The Great Crosby Nursing Association which also employs two nurses.

MIDWIVES

There are 9 Midwives practising in the district of which 5 are salaried Midwives appointed to the Borough by the Lancashire County Council participating in the scheme of a National Service of State Midwives. All the Midwives are qualified, holding the certificate of the Central Midwives Board. This number does not include the midwives practising exclusively in the Nursing Homes and Resident Institutions in the Borough.

BACTERIOLOGICAL WORK

All specimens requiring bacteriological examination are submitted to Professor Wright, City Bacteriologist, City Laboratories, Liverpool.

PUBLIC ANALYST—FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938

Professor Roberts, City Analyst, City Laboratories, Liverpool, who was appointed Public Analyst to the Borough of Crosby under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply for the district is supplied by Liverpool Corporation. The chief source of supply is Lake Vyrnwy in Wales. The water is moderately soft in character and is excellent for all domestic purposes. All houses are supplied from the public mains.

SCAVENGING

This work is carried out by the Corporation workmen under the supervision of a Cleansing Superintendent directed by the Borough Engineer.

The main roads are cleansed daily, other roads at less frequent intervals—at least once weekly. The district is therefore kept in a clean and tidy state.

SECTION 3.

Maternity and Child Welfare

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Under this Act, 779 live births and 20 still-births were notified during 1942 and 264 births were transferred, from hospitals and nursing homes outside this district, to the area. Of the Births notified and transferred 857 were visited and 1754 re-visits were made to children under the age of one year.

1984 visits were made to children between the ages of one and five years and whenever necessary the parents were advised to obtain medical aid. Visits were made to children requiring attention. Enquiries were made regarding the 20 still-births.

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

The following table shows the attendances at these clinics and is a good indication of their popularity and usefulness. The clinic for Crosby residents is held at the Alexandra Hall, Crosby, on Thursdays, that for Waterloo residents is held at the Prince Street Clinic on Mondays, and that for Seaforth residents is also held at the Prince Street clinic on Wednesdays.

Table showing Attendances at Infant Welfare Clinics, 1942.

TABLE III

	CRO	SBY	WATE	RLOO	SEA	SEAFORTH		Totals	
Month	Under 1 year	1-5 yrs.							
January	180	32	128	33	99	24	407	89	
February	176	39	191	60	105	30	472	129	
March	157	25	222	75	146	35	525	135	
April	194	31	207	53	114	20	515	104	
May	192	22	303	50	132	18	627	90	
June	194	31	306	38	202	19	702	88	
July	315	23	368	71	178	16	861	110	
August	228	23	281	40	281	22	790	85	
September	286	31	414	66	262	34	962	131	
October	240	31	313	44	190	22	743	97	
November	278	37	290	49	275	31	843	117	
December	305	27	252	59	241	33	798	119	
Totals	2745	352	3275	638	2225	304	8245	1294	

The Ladies of the Waterloo-with-Seaforth Health Society continue to do most excellent work in connection with Maternity and Child Welfare. During the year the Society has given very necessary assistance to a large number of families, including nursing and expectant mothers. Each case was personally and regularly visited

and the circumstances entered into by the Ladies. Virol, Irridex and Maltoline have been supplied free or at reduced prices upon the instructions of the Society, the difference in cost being reimbursed to the Corporation out of the Society's funds. Fire guards have been provided at a low cost, and baby garments are supplied at cost price.

ANTE-NATAL AND POST NATAL CLINICS

It is interesting to note that in spite of war conditions the attendances at these clinics have increased. This increase is partly due to the mothers attending earlier in pregnancy and resulting in considerable benefits to both mother and child.

The County Midwives continue to attend the ante-natal clinic with their patients and close co-operation is maintained between the Midwives and the Health Visitors. Where necessary patients are referred to hospital for special advice, treatment or investigation. A number of patients have been referred for dental treatment and in special circumstances have been treated by the Clinic Dentist. For these patients dentures are supplied either free of charge or at less than cost price.

Attendances at Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics.

TABLE IV										
Clinic	No. of Notified Births	No. of Expectant and recent Mothers who attended	Total Attendances to Clinic	atten	number ded to ber of d births					
	Dirtns	Clinic	Canic	1942	1941					
Ante-Natal	785	392	1625	41.9	55.2					
Post-Natal	785	136	322	17.3	24.9					

TABLE IV

Of the 528 cases who attended the ante-natal and post-natal clinics a large number were referred to the clinic by local practitioners and by the midwives practising in the district. A small number were recommended to attend after leaving hospitals and nursing homes.

In addition to the attendances at the clinic the health visitors made 276 first visits and 297 re-visits to the homes of these cases.

ARTIFICIAL SUNLIGHT CLINIC

Before treatment each child is examined by the Medical Officer who recommends suitable cases for treatment. In many cases the children are suffering from insufficient nourishment and are referred to the Ladies Health Society, through whose generous help much needed supplies of medical necessities (Malt, Halibut Oil, Vitamin Capsules, etc.) are supplied.

During 1942, 78 new cases received treatment and 772 re-visits of children for treatment were recorded.

AURAL CLINIC

Before treatment at the aural clinic all children are examined by the Medical Officer who then recommends suitable cases for treatment. During 1942, 33 new cases were treated and 196 re-visits of children for treatment were recorded.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936—CHILD LIFE PROTECTION

Provision has been made for carrying out the duties under Sections 206 to 220 of this Act. The Health Visitors are all appointed Child Life Protection Visitors and during the year they made 99 visits to children in the care of foster parents.

The children were all well cared for.

There are now on the register 10 registered foster parents having the care of 14 children.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

TABLE VII

	CASES				
Number Notified	Tre	eated	Unimpaired	Donaha	
Notined	At Home	In Hospital	Vision	Deaths	
1	_	1	1	_	

All cases notified as suffering from Ophthalmia Neonatorum were visited by the Health Visitor.

SECTION 4.

Immunisation

DIPHTHERIA

The facilities for immunisation against Diphtheria which have been available to residents for several years were continued during 1942. Up to this year, unless otherwise requested, immunisation in this Borough was always in respect of both Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever, but during the year a change of policy was made and immunisation against Diphtheria only is now offered except in very special cases.

The year was noteworthy as a drive to increase this work was carried out during the year. Propaganda work was very actively carried out by newspaper advertisements, exhibitions of posters, special visiting of homes by the Health Visitors and talks to parents at the Schools and Clinics. Immunisation was offered free, and carried out at all Elementary and Secondary Schools, Institutions and Orphanages in the Borough, and it is pleasing to note very gratifying results from the special efforts made during the year.

Every effort was made to follow the instructions of the Ministry of Health as outlined in the special circular issued on this subject.

The prophylactics used are supplied by Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co., and the dosage is as follows:—

3 Fortnightly doses of 1 c.c. T.A.F.

The number of persons immunised against Diphtheria in the last five years is given below and illustrated the increase for 1942:—

Number immunised								
Year	Under 5	5-15	Over 15	Total				
1938	103	274	24	401				
1939	146	423	18	587				
1940	253	108	2	363				
1941	418	422	18	859				
1942	708	1248	1	1957				

IMMUNISATION 17

During the year, 191 post-Schick tests were carried out.

The following copy of returns made to the Ministry of Health illustrated the progress made during the year:—

(1)	Estimated number of children under 5 years	3777	(1) Estimated number of children 5–15 years	8223
(2)	Percentage of children in this group immunised at 30th June, 1942	33.2%	(2) Percentage of children in this group immunised at 30th June, 1942	59.58%
(3)	Percentage of children in this group immunised at 31st Dec., 1942	45.8%	(3) Percentage of children in this group immunised at 31st Dec., 1942	67.5%

SECTION 5.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

During the year 180 samples of food were purchased and submitted for examination. Of these samples 111 were formal and 69 were informal, full details being set out in the following table.

	Nu	mber exan	nined	Number adulterated or otherwise giving rise to irregularity			Vendors	Informa-
Article	For- mal	In- formal	Total	For- mal	In- formal	Total	warned	laid
Aspirin Tablets	_	1	1	_		_	_	_
Apple Pulp	_	2	2	_	_	-	-	_
Baking Powder	_	2	2	_	2	2	2	
Beef and Vegetable Extract	-	1	1	-	_	_	_	-
Butter	2	_	2	_	_		_	-
Black Puddings	2	_	2	-	_			
Boracic Acid Crystals	_	1	1	-	_		_	
Cake	_	1	1	_	_	-	-	_
Coffee	_	2	2	_			_	
Cocoa	-	1	1	_	-		_	-
Cheese Powder	_	1	1	_	_		_	-
Coffee & Chickory Extract	_	1	1	_	1	1	_	_
Custard Powder	-	1	1	_	_		_	-
Cod Liver Oil Compound	_	1	1	_	_	_	_	_
Chocolate Brown Colouring	-	1	1	_	_	-	_	_
Cornflour	_	1	1	_			_	20000
Dates	_	1	1	_	_	_	_	-
Dried Egg	-	1	1	_	_	_	_	_
Drisauce	_	1	1	_	_	_	_	
Egg Substitute Pdr.	_	3	3	_	_			
Essence of Lemon	-	1	1	_	_	_	_	_
Flour	_	1	î	_	_	_	_	
Fish Cakes	-	î	î	_	_			
French Mustard	-	î	î		_	_		_
Forcemeat		î	î	_		_	_	_
Ginger Beer	_	1	î	_	_	_		
Gravy Salt	-	î	î	_				
Gelatine Crystals	-	1	î	_		_		
Glauber Salts		1	î	_	_	_		
Horseradish Cream	-	î	î	_	_	_		
Lemon Juice Substitute		1	1	_				
Lemon Squash	-	î	î	_	_	_	_	
Margarine	1		î	_		_	_	
Milk Pudding Pdr.		1	î	_		_		_
Mineral Water		1	î	-		_	_	_
Mustard Paste	_	i	î	_	_	_		
Meat & Vet. Extr	****	î	î	_	_	_		
Mixed Spice	-	î	î		_	_		
Milk	104	13	117	12	_	12	5	2
Orange Juice		1	1			-	_	_
Potted Salmon and Shrimp Paste	-	î	î		_	_		-
Pepper	_	î	î	_		_		
Pudding Mixture	-	î	1	_				
Pharmilk Full Cream Milk Food	_	î	î			_		
Sausages	2	_	2	_			_	
Sausage Meat	_	1	ī		_	_		
Salmon Paste		1	i	_			_	_
Semolina	-	î	i	_				
Tinned Meat Roll	-	1	1	_		_		
Tinned Soup	_	1	1	_	_		_	
Tinned Steak and Kidney Pudding	-	1	i					
Lable Cream	_	1	1	_	_	-	-	-
Violet Colouring	_	î	1			-	-	
Water Bran	_	1	1			-	-	
I Cast Tablets	_	1	1	_	_	-	-	_
Zahna Spread Pdr.		i	1			-	-	-
			4	_	_	-	-	-
Totals	111	69	180	12	3	15	7	2

Of the 180 samples of food taken and submitted for analysis 15 or 8.3% were reported against as falling short of the required standard, as being definitely adulterated, or giving rise to other irregularities. Details of the samples reported against are set out in the following table.

TABLE IX

1	AND S	UPERVI	SION	of Foor						19
	Remarks	Fined £3 and £2 2s. 0d. costs. Vendor warned.	No action taken. No action taken. Further sample to be ob-	Vendor fined £1. Further sample taken and found satisfactory No action taken. Further samples to be ob-	Previous sample exceptionally good. No action	Further sample taken and found satisfactory. Vendors visited and advised. Baking Powder was withdrawn from sale and returned to the	manufacturers by the vendor.	Vendor warned. Further samples to be taken Two "appeal to cow" samples taken and re- ported to be of abnormal composition	Vendor warned. Vendor warned, premises visited and advice	given. Vendor warned owing to special circumstances.
	Nature of Adulteration or Irregularity	Contained 6% added water. Deprived of 10% of its milk fat.	Sweetened with Saccharine. Deprived of 8% of its milk fat.	Contained 6% added water. Deprived of 10% of its milk fat. Deprived of 8% of its milk fat.	Deprived of 6% of its milk fat.	Deprived of 10% of its milk fat. Tartrate Baking Powder deficient in Carbon Dioxide. Available Car-	bon Dioxide 6.5% Phosphate Baking Pdr. very deficient in available C.D. Available Carbon Di-	oxide 3%. Deprived of 13% of its milk fat. Deprived of 23% of its milk fat.	Contained 4% added water.	Deprived of 26% of its milk fat.
	Formal (F) or Informal (I)	ri ri	H.H.	ninini.	H.	H.H.	ï	प्राप्त	F.	н.
	Article	New Milk New Milk Coffee and Chi-	ckory Extract New Milk	New Milk New Milk New Milk	New Milk	New Milk Baking Powder	Baking Powder	Milk New Milk	Milk	Milk
	Serial No.	374 425 410	432	437 440 445	446	453	462	482	504	509

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (RIVERS BOARD AND GENERAL POWERS) ACT, 1938

Sections 115 and 116 of this Act, which came into operation on the 1st of April, 1939, have been adopted by the Corporation and were administered during 1942. All persons and premises classified in the provisions of these sections of the Act have been visited and the Inspectors reports show that a high standard of cleanliness is being maintained.

These Sections provide for:-

- 1. The Registration of Hawkers of Meat, Fish, Fruit and Vegetables, and of premises (if any) for the storage of such goods.
- The Registration of premises used in connection with the sale or storage of ice cream.
- 3. The Registration of premises used in connection with the preparation or manufacture of sausages, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved meat, fish or other food intended for sale.

ICE CREAM

Owing to the restrictions imposed on the use of milk and cream by the Ministry of Food the majority of shops in the Borough ceased the manufacture or sale of this commodity. There were, therefore, no samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, or for bacteriological examination during the year.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are no slaughterhouses in the Borough, practically all the meat which comes into this area is from the Liverpool Corporation Abattoir.

The inspection of Food premises is carried out by inspectors possessing the necessary qualifications. Shops, vehicles and premises, dealing with the preparation, storage and retailing of food are kept under constant supervision. In carrying out this work the following visits of inspection were made:—

^{*}Butchers Shops, 293 visits.

^{*}Other Food Shops and Premises, 317 visits.

^{*}The figures are in addition to the visits made by the Shops Inspector, who is also a Sanitary Inspector. Visits under the Shops Acts are reported in Section 8, on page 27.

The following articles of food, being unfit for human consumption, were voluntarily surrendered and where necessary destroyed. In certain cases, on the undertaking that it would not be used for edible purposes, the food was returned to the wholesaler, or utilised in other ways by the Ministry of Food Salvage Department.

	lbs.		lbs.
Bacon	3151	Margarine and Lard	121
Beef	370	Sausages	56
Butter	161	Sugar	254
Cheese	1455	Toffee	974
Chocolate	132	Tinned Meat	10531
Cocoa	11	,, Milk	5963
Corn Flakes	108	,, Vegetables	155
Dried Skimmed Milk	195	,, Fish	331
Fruit	25	,, Fruit	266
Flour	454	,, Soup	71
Ground Rice	30		
Jams and Preserves	77	Total	6624
Lentils	36		

There were no cases of Food Poisoning notified during the year.

MILK SUPPLY

At the end of 1942 there were 22 cowkeepers on the register. The number of dairies and milk shops on the register, other than those belonging to cowkeepers, is 27.

The visits of inspection made during the year numbered 211. 58 samples of milk were taken in the Borough and submitted for examination, 5 (or 8.6%) were found to contain tubercle bacilli. Of these, one of the infected samples was produced outside the Borough. The County Medical Officer of Health was notified in each instance and examination of the respective herds was subsequently carried out by the Veterinary Inspectors of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries. The animals found to be infected were removed and slaughtered.

CLEANLINESS OF MILK SUPPLY

The standard of cleanliness adopted by the Corporation is B Coli absent in 1/100 c.c., and a colony count of less than 200,000 per c.c.

Fifty nine samples of milk were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year and of these 28 or 47.5% reached the required standard of cleanliness. Of these samples 26 were found to have B. Coli present in 1/100 c.c. and 18 were found to have a colony count in excess of 200,000 per c.c.

All producers of samples failing to reach the required standard were visited and requested to exercise more care in the methods of production and in the handling and storage of the milk supplies. The producers concerned stressed the difficulties they experience in retaining their skilled labour and also in obtaining the required amount of labour. This factor would appear to contribute largely to their failure to maintain their usual high standard of cleanliness in milk production.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936

Five Cowkeepers hold licences from the Lancashire County Council for the production of Accredited Milk.

The Corporation granted "Dealers Licences" to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk to four purveyors of milk. In addition a Supplementary Licence to use the designation Tuberculin Tested in relation to milk retailed in the Borough was granted to a purveyor of milk retailing in the Borough by deliveries from a large central dairy in a neighbouring area.

BAKEHOUSES

At the end of 1942 there were 34 bakehouses in the Borough, 3 of these being basement bakehouses. All bakehouses were visited and inspected and generally were found to be maintained in a clean and satisfactory condition, 78 visits of inspection being made during the year.

In 4 instances bakehouses were noticed to be in need of cleansing and limewashing, and on notifying the occupier the matter was promptly remedied in each case. In a further 3 instances sanitary defects were noted and on intimation were subsequently rectified.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 54, of the Factories Act, 1937, Certificates of Suitability are in existence in respect of the three basement bakehouses.

SECTION 6

Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious Diseases

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED

During the year 623 cases of infectious disease were notified, this figure including 17 cases of infection occurring amongst non-civilian personnel stationed or billeted in the borough. The figure gives a general attack rate of 11.75 per 1000 of the estimated population and compares favourably with the figure for 1941, 669 cases being notified in that year giving an attack rate of 12.23 per 1000 of the estimated population. Table XI is an analysis of the cases notified, removed to hospital, etc.

DIPHTHERIA

149 cases of Diphtheria were notified during 1942 as compared with 181 cases in 1941. The incidence of Diphtheria in the South West Lancashire area still shows little signs of decreasing, but it is pleasing to record a decreased number of cases during the year under review. Of the 149 cases notified, 111 were children under 15 years of age and 86 of the children had not been immunised.

4 of the cases notified during the year occurred amongst non-civilians stationed in the area.

ENTERIC FEVER

No cases were notified during 1942.

OTHER DISEASES

An increase in the number of notifications of measles occurred towards the end of the year and by the end of 1942 the outbreak had become epidemic in character. 328 cases were notified and the epidemic continued well into 1943.

SCABIES

A general increase in the incidence of this disease was noticed during 1942, a total of 411 children alone being treated at the School Clinic. The increased number of cases of this disease appears to have arisen from "war-time" conditions as mentioned in my report for 1941.

GENERAL

Enquiries were made into each case of infectious disease notified, 595 visits being made by the Sanitary Staff under this heading. Intimations were sent to the Education Department regarding all school children from houses where cases occurred, and when necessary similar intimations were sent to the Public Libraries.

DISINFECTION

Disinfection was carried out at all houses where infectious disease occurred, entailing the disinfection of 437 rooms at 400 premises. In addition, 4187 articles of clothing, bedding, etc., and 423 library books were removed from such houses and treated at the disinfecting stations.

A.R.P. SERVICES

Additional disinfection was carried out regularly in respect of A.R.P. services. All stations and depots were disinfected regularly, and all bedding removed and stoved at the disinfecting station. 16339 articles of bedding and clothing were so treated and the premises used as Fire Stations, First Aid Posts, etc., were disinfected on 616 occasions. The bedding used by the Fire Watchers' on the various premises in the Borough was disinfected when required.

NAVAL AND MILITARY FORCES

Close co-operation exists between the Department and the Naval and Military Authorities in the area. At the request of these Authorities 16721 articles of bedding, clothing, etc., were disinfected after outbreaks of infectious disease or on account of verminous and dirty conditions.

BACTERIOLOGICAL WORK

The following specimens were submitted to Professor Wright, City Bacteriologist, Liverpool, for examination:—

TABLE X

Specimens submitted	Examination requested for	No. examined	No. positive
Swabs	Diphtheria Bacilli	314	40
Swabs	Haemolytic Streptococci	5	5
Swabs	Tubercle Bacilli	_	-
Sputum	Tubercle Bacilli	1	1
Blood	Enteric Group	1	-
Faeces	Enteric Group	7	2
Urine	Enteric Group	_	-
C.S. Fluid	Meningococci	-	
Smears	Tubercle Bacilli	1	-

Measles Scarlet Fever Malaria

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Diphtheria Pneumonia

Table of Notifiable Diseases

Number of cases of infectious disease notified other than tuberculosis, the number of deaths from these diseases, the number of cases removed to hospital, and the deaths in hospital during the year 1942

					Tot	al Ca	ses N	Total Cases Notified	p						Hos	Hospital
Disease	Total						Ye	Years						Total	Total	Deaths in
	Cases at all Ages	Under	1-2	67	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20 20-35	20-35	35.45	45-65	65 and over		removed to Hospital	of Persons belonging to District
Scarlet Fever	53		: 5	- u	101	40	23	7	2	6	1:		1	1	25	:4
Pneumonia	42	7 -	+ -	0		21	4	1 20	1	11	11	12	9	18	14/	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	7		-	- !	-	1	***	-	1	-	::	:	***	-	2	
Enteric Fever Cerebro, Spinal Fever	4		1. 1	1 1	7		1	-	1	1	1		-	2	4	
Ophthalmia Neon	-	1	:		-	-	1	-						1	1	1
Erysipelas	14	-	-						1	****	1	7	4	1	3	1
Measles	328	9	12	24	32		194	9	7	10	-	7			2	_
German Measles	6	****	-	-		7	-	7	3	-	*****	:::	-	****	*****	
Whooping Cough	19	3	7	2	-	2	4	_	1	:		-	****	*****	2	*****
Malaria	-		3	-	****	****	::	****	****	-	-		-	-	******	
Dysentry.	-	-	-			-			-	-		-			-	
						-									1	
Totals	623	14	19	33	48	19	273	54	27	41	18	24	11	29	188	6
Included in the above figures are 17	bove fig	gures a	re 17	cases	of In	fection	Dans D	iseas	e occ	urring	amo	ngst 1	оп-с	ivilians	cases of Infectious Disease occurring amongst non-civilians stationed	pa
No of	ופרווכר	חוות חוות) TITLE		Removed to No	to	No. of	Jo						Rer	Removed to	0
	Disease			H	Hospital	77	S	Cases			Disease	se		1	Hospital	
									-					-		1

SECTION 7.

Tuberculosis

Under the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1930, 85 cases were notified in 1942 as suffering from this disease, 70 pulmonary cases and 15 non-pulmonary cases.

In the same period 44 cases were removed from the register after notification of death, which in the majority of cases was directly attributable to the disease.

Details of all new cases and deaths are given in Table XII.

Comparative figures for 1941 at 95 cases notified and 59 removals after death indicate a decrease in the incidence of the disease during 1942.

In accordance with the provisions of the Public Health (Tuber-culosis) Regulations, 1940, particulars of all cases falling within the specified age groups were sent to the County Medical Officer of Health for transmission, to the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

The activities of the Lancashire County Council Dispensing Organisation, which is responsible for the treatment of tuberculosis in the Borough, were well maintained during the year. Good cooperation exists between this Department and the local Dispensary.

TABLE XII

		New	CASES		DEATHS			
Age Periods	Pulm	ionary		on- ionary	Pulm	ionary	Pulm	on- ionary
	М.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years								
0-1				1000			1	
1-5			1	*****				
5-10		1	2	2			1	
0-15				2	1			
5-20	2	6	2			3	1	
0-25	5	5		1	1	2	1	
5-35	5	11	1	2	3	7		1
5-45	7	4		2	5			
5-55	13	2			9	1		
5-65	7	1			6	1		
5 and over	2		1		2	1	*****	
		-	-			-		
Totals	41	29	7	8	26	14	3	1
	-	~	-	-	-	-	_	-
	7	70]	5	1 4	1()	1	4

SECTION 8

Shops Acts, 1912-1938

The routine inspection of shops under the above Acts was resumed during 1942. A total of 1225 inspections was made during the year and 185 defects and contraventions were discovered and referred to the persons responsible. These matters received prompt attention and were dealt with informally. At the end of the year there were 872 occupied shops on the register. There are several empty shops in the area.

The general closing hours fixed by sub-section 1 of Section 1 of the Shops (Hours of Closing) Act, 1928, were amended by Defence Regulation, 1939, No. 60 A.B. An Order made under this Regulation on October 27th, 1941, by the Corporation of Crosby substituted 7.30 p.m. on the late day and 6.0 p.m. on any other day of the week for the period December 2nd, 1941, to 28th February, 1942. As in the previous year, however, the majority of the shops closed at an earlier hour.

SECTION 9

Factories Act, 1937

All factories in the district have been inspected, 129 visits having been made.

The walls and ceilings of 4 workrooms required limewashing or cleansing and on intimation the necessary work was carried out.

13 nuisances were discovered at workshops, which included the

cleansing or repair of sanitary conveniences.

There were no notices relative to this Act received from H.M. Inspector of Factories during the year.

HOME WORKERS

Occupiers of factories from which work of certain kinds is given out are compelled to keep a list of outworkers employed by them, and to send a copy of the list to the Local Authority in February and August of each year.

Two such lists were received during these months, referring to the

same person.

The home-worker was visited on each occasion and the premises found to be satisfactory.

1. Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

TABLE XIII

		Number of	
Premises (1)	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers prosecuted (4)
Factories with mechanical power Factories without mechanical	29	3	-
power	100	5	-
but not including outworkers' premises)		-	-
Total	129	8	_

[†]Electrical Stations should be reckoned as factories.

2. Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces TABLE XIV

		Number	of Defects	,
Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	No. of defects in respect of which pro- secutions were instituted
Want of cleanliness (S. 1) 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 Other offences (Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937)	1 4	5 - 1 4 -	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	
Total	17	17	_	_

SECTION 10

Housing and Environmental Hygiene

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR (a). Total Nil 1. By the Local Authority Nil 2. By other Local Authorities Nil 3. By other bodies or persons Nil (b). With State Assistance under the Housing Acts:— 1. By the Local Authority Nil 2. By other bodies or persons Nil

INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

During the year 3052 premises were inspected in the district.

As a result of these inspections it was necessary to serve 1569 preliminary notices on the owners or occupiers. In the majority of cases these notices received prompt attention. In several instances it was necessary to report the existence of nuisances to the Health Committee and Statutory Notices were ordered to be served. It was found necessary to serve 237 Statutory Notices. The various premises were visited during the progress of the work with the object of ensuring that the nuisances enumerated in the notices were satisfactorily abated, the number of such re-inspections being 4125. During the year 2590 nuisances were discovered by the Sanitary Inspectors and 2127 abated.

On several occasions it was necessary to report default of compliance to abate nuisances to the Borough Solicitor and by his action Court proceedings were avoided.

Intimations were sent to the Borough Engineer's Department on 219 occasions regarding the following matters noted during inspections of the district.

Dangerous Buildings	20
Housing defects due to war damage	69
Choked or damaged sewers or drains	80
Removal of refuse and debris	13
Defects to public conveniences and Corporation properties	34
Defective A.R.P. Shelters	3
In all cases the intimations received immediate attention	

In all cases the intimations received immediate attention.

On three occasions the smoke test was applied to old drains.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE Y	YEAR
1. (a). Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	3,052
(b). Number of inspections made for the purpose	4,125
2. (a). Number of dwelling-houses (included under (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	58
(b). Number of inspections made for the purpose	63
3. Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of (3) above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	1,569
REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES	
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	1,356
ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS	
Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
 Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:— 	237
(a). By owners	151
(b). By Local Authority in default of owners	21
Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1). Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
(2). Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil

OVERCROWDING

Overcrowding still exists in the Borough and has increased, but to what extent is not accurately known. There is little information regarding the cases scheduled under the survey of 1936 and known to be still overcrowded at the end of 1940. The position has deteriorated owing to the destruction of property caused by enemy action, and the large influx of evacuees and homeless persons from the heavier damaged neighbouring localities.

HOUSES LET IN LODGINGS

There were 7 houses let in lodgings on the register at the end of the year. 47 visits of inspection were made and the houses were found to be generally well kept.

OFFENSIVE TRADES AND FISH FRIERS

There is now only one establishment in the Borough engaged in an offensive trade. The premises, used by a fat melter, were visited periodically and found to be maintained in a clean and satisfactory condition.

There were 26 fish frying establishments on the register at the end of 1942. 51 visits of inspection were made during the year and in all cases the premises were found to be maintained in a clean and satisfactory condition.

HOUSE REFUSE

This work is carried out under the direction of the Borough Engineer and is supervised by the Cleansing Superintendent.

For the removal of household refuse the Pagefield System is in operation, except in Hightown and Little Crosby area; the removal of refuse in Hightown is by means of a covered motor vehicle. In Little Crosby Village where the closet and refuse accommodation is mainly of the privy midden type, the middens are emptied by the Corporation workmen, and local farmers remove the refuse on to the land for manure.

Ashbins and pail closets are emptied weekly, and privy middens at intervals of approximately two months.

Shop refuse is removed twice weekly by means of a covered motor vehicle, and the charge for collection is 3d. per bin after one free bin.

The Corporation dispose of the refuse on to tips, controlled tipping being carried out.

During the year 11,062 tons of refuse were collected by the Pagefield System, and 1,275 tons by other motor vehicles. The total amount of refuse removed being 12,337 tons. In addition to this the Corporation removed, during the year, 2,080 tons of refuse from Naval and Military Camps, Quarters, and other establishments situated in the Borough.

STREAMS AND WATERCOURSES

The watercourses and ditches are cleansed and bottomed by their respective owners, and receive frequent inspection. Rimrose Brook, which is situated on the eastern boundary, is polluted mainly from an effluent drain from a large piggery situate outside the Borough. This

effluent has a very offensive smell, and contains far too much suspended matter to discharge into any watercourse, and gives rise to a nuisance during the summer season when there is little dilution taking place.

Representations have been made from time to time to the Authority in whose district the piggery is situated.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

There are six factory chimneys in the Borough, 4 laundries, 1 brickworks, and 1 large mail order stores.

In accordance with the instructions laid down by the Ministry of Home Security in Circular No. 139/1940 no action was taken during 1941 with regard to smoke nuisances.

There are no Bye-Laws in force under the Public Health (Smoke Abatement) Act, 1926, or the Public Health Act, 1936.

CINEMAS

There are seven cinemas in the Borough. All were inspected and found to be well conducted.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

The methods employed for the freeing of infested houses from bed bugs are:—the removal of infested bedding and clothing to the disinfecting station, and spraying the rooms thoroughly with Cromessol Solution B or similar insecticide.

All complaints received regarding bug infestation were investigated and the number of houses found to be infested were:

Council Houses, Nil. Other Houses, 79.

151 visits of inspection were recorded under this heading during the year.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are now no temporary dwellings in the Borough.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919

Complaints were received regarding rat infestation and the ensuing investigations entailed 300 visits. These complaints were mainly from lands and premises in or near the agricultural portion of the Borough. In 4 instances, informal notices were served upon the

owners or occupiers of infested premises requiring them to take such measures as directed to abate and further prevent such infestation. In all cases the requirements of the notices were complied with.

The methods adopted for the destruction of these rodents are dogs and ferrets, traps, poisonous bait, and rat varnish smeared on cardboard. Our experience is that the best results are obtained by means of dogs and ferrets.

The Corporation have an arrangement with an employee who has dogs and ferrets to act as Rat Catcher in his own time, and 175 rats were caught by him during the year. Where necessary traps are also loaned out free by the Department.

PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

At the end of 1942 there were 21 Public Elementary Schools in the Borough. The schools were inspected periodically during the year and any defects discovered were reported to the Education Department. All the children who are excluded from school on account of infectious disease in their homes are notified to the Education Department and the Head Teachers are also informed.

SUMMARY OF WORK OF SANITARY INSPECTORS, 1942
Complaints received and investigated
Public Health and Housing Acts Number of dwelling houses inspected under Public Health Act 2994 Number of dwelling houses re-visited under Public Health Act 4062
Number of houses inspected under Housing Acts
Overcrowding
Number of Houses inspected 14 Number of Houses re-visited 12
Verminous Premises
Number of Houses inspected 79 Number of Houses re-visited 72
Miscellaneous Housing Visits 2
Infectious Disease and Disinfection
Number of visits of enquiry re infectious disease 410 Number of visits re disinfection 95
Number of visits re disinfection 95 Miscellaneous infectious disease visits 90
Number of premises fumigated 400
Number of articles of bedding, clothing, etc., disinfected 4187 Number of Public Elementary Schools disinfected—infectious disease —
Number of Air Raid Shelters sprayed—infectious disease Number of library books disinfected 423
Disinfection—Civil Defence Services
Number of Stations fumigated 616 Number of articles of bedding, clothing, etc., disinfected 16,339
Disinfection—Verminous Premises
Number of houses treated
Disinfection for the Services
Number of articles of bedding, clothing and equipment disin- fected
Number of Preliminary Notices served 1569 Number of Preliminary Notices complied with 1356 Number of Statutory Notices served 237
Number of Statutory Notices complied with 172
General Sanitation
No. of visits re Water Supply
., Stables and Piggeries
" Offensive Trades
Houses let in lodgings 47
33 33 Houses let in loagings

33	33	Bakehouses	7
33	33	Public Conveniences	8
"	33	Theatres and places of entertainment	
"	33	Refuse Collection	3
33	33	Refuse Disposal	7
,,,	33	Rats and Mice	30
12	33	Schools	3
"	33	Petrol Stores	9
33	33	Watercourses and ditches	2
))	22	Smoke Testing Drains	
,,,	23	Air Raid Shelters	9
33	2)	Soldiers' billets, camps, etc.	
,,,	33	Rear Passages	4
	33	Smoke Observations	
33		Interviews with Owners, Contractors, etc.	28
33		Derelict Properties	55
Meat and Fo		spection	18
No. of v	risits to	Butchers	29
33	33	Meat Shops and Stalls	
33	,,	Fishmongers and Poulterers	2
"	>>	Grocers	13
33	33	Greengrocers	7
33	23	Restaurants	4
33	33	Miscellaneous Food Premises	3
33	33	Cowsheds	9
. "	33	Dairies and Milkshops	11
No. of i	nspecti	ions under the Shops Acts	122
No. of ii 193		ions under the Employment of Young Persons Act	
Visits in con	nection	n with Food Sampling	
Milk-F	Bacterio	ological and Tubercle Bacilli	6

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