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TO THE CORPORATION OF THE BOROUGH OF DROITWICH.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Report upon the public health of the Borough during the year 1940.

This Report is arranged according to the instructions given in Circular 1961 which was issued by the Ministry of Health in February, 1940.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF AREA.

Area (in acres.)	1735 acres.
Registrar-General's estimate of:	
(a) resident population, mid-1940.....)	
(b) average population appropriate to the)	4738
calculation of death rates.	
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1940) according to Rate Books.	1479
Rateable Value	£34,580
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£142

The following are extracts from the vital statistics for the year.

<u>Live Births.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate		72	33	39
Illegitimate		6	2	4

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population mid-1940 = 14.5

<u>Still-Births.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate		2	1	1
Illegitimate		-	-	-

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births = 14.9

<u>Deaths.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
		87	39	48

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated average population. 18.3

Deaths from Puerperal causes. None.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:	
All infants per 1,000 live births.	97
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.	76
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	333

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	13		
" " Measles (all ages)	0		
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	1		
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0		
" " of Infants under 1 year of age:	7		
	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate	5	2	3
Illegitimate	2	1	1

TO THE COMMISSION OF THE BORDERS OF PROTECTION

MR. MAYOR AND COUNCIL,

I have the honor to present my Report upon the public health of the Borough during the year 1940. This Report is prepared according to the instructions given in Circular 1931 which was issued by the Ministry of Health in February, 1940.

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF AREA

Area (in acres) 1735 acres.
 Number of inhabited houses (end of 1940) 234,580
 according to Rate Books.

Estimated population (end of 1940) 4730
 (1) average population appropriate to the calculation of death rates
 (2) resident population, end-1940

Births
 Total 18
 Males 10
 Females 8

Deaths
 Total 27
 Males 19
 Females 8

Infants
 Total 233
 Males 120
 Females 113

Illnesses
 Total 1010
 Males 510
 Females 500

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. (i) Public Health Officers of the Authority.

a. Medical. Dr. A. B. Follows was appointed Medical Officer of Health on the 1st April, 1939 and on the 31st December I took over his duties temporarily in an acting capacity.

b. Others. Mr. R. E. Hulse, Cert. R. San. I., is a whole-time officer and combines the duties of Borough Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

(ii). There have been no developments or changes in the services provided under the following heads:

a. Laboratory facilities.

b. Ambulance facilities. These have been good, and have only been used for the transport of sickness and accident cases. All infectious cases were removed by special ambulances provided by the Bromsgrove, Droitwich & Redditch Joint Hospital Board.

c. Nursing in the Home.

d. Treatment Centres and Clinics.

e. Hospitals.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) Water.

The supply of water from the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company has been satisfactory in quality and all samples taken for analysis were satisfactory. Towards the end of the year the population of the area was substantially increased by unofficial evacuees and soldiers. Difficulties were experienced owing to water shortage and after conferences with the Military Authorities, arrangements were made for an additional pipe line to be laid from Wychbold to Droitwich to supplement the existing 6 inch pipe. Sanction for the work was obtained at the end of the year

(ii) Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal have satisfactorily dealt with the additional quantity of sewage from the increased population.

2. Rivers and Streams.

The River Salwarpe, a tributary of the River Severn, passes through the town. No pollution has occurred, the condition of the canals has been satisfactory and prophylactic measures are still applied to prevent larvae from breeding.

3. (i) Closet Accommodation.

One pail closet has been converted and 50 additional W.C.s. have been put in during the course of the year.

(ii) Public Cleansing.

The methods in use for the collection and disposal of refuse have been satisfactory.

(iii) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Details of this will be found in the attached Tabular Statement.

(iv) Shops. Inspections have been carried out and any necessary

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. (i) Public Health Officers of the Authority.

a. Medical. Dr. J. B. Williams was appointed Medical Officer of Health on the 1st April, 1933 and on the 31st December I took over his duties temporarily in an acting capacity.

b. Officers. Mr. R. E. White, Cert. R. San. I., is a whole-time officer and combines the duties of Borough Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

(ii) There have been no developments or changes in the services provided under the following heads:

a. Laboratory facilities.

b. Ambulance facilities. There have been good and have only been used for the transport of sickness and accident cases. All infectious cases were removed by special ambulances provided by the Bromsgrove, Droitwich & Redditch Joint Hospital Board.

c. Nursing in the Home.

d. Treatment Centres and Clinics.

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SECTION C.

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1. (i) Water.

The supply of water from the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company has been satisfactory in quality and all analyses taken for analysis were satisfactory. Towards the end of the year the population of the area was substantially increased by unskilled avocates and soldiers. Difficulties were experienced owing to water shortage and after consultation with the Military Authorities, arrangements were made for an additional pipe line to be laid from Droitwich to supplement the existing 6 inch pipe. Sanction for the work was obtained at the end of the year.

(ii) Drainage, Sewerage and Sewer Disposal have satisfactorily dealt with the additional quantity of sewage from the increased population.

2. Rivers and Streams.

The River Severn, a tributary of the River Severn, passes through the town. No pollution has occurred, the condition of the channel has been satisfactory and prophylactic measures are still applied to prevent larvae from breeding.

3. (i) Cloest Accommodation.

One hall cloest has been converted and 50 additional W.C.s. have been put in during the course of the year.

(ii) Public Cleanliness.

The methods in use for the collection and disposal of refuse have been satisfactory.

(iii) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Details of this will be found in the attached Tabular Statement.

(iv) Spleen. Inspections have been carried out and any necessary

alterations have been done.

(v) Camping Sites. There are no sites in the area used for camping purposes.

(vi) Smoke Abatement.

No action has been necessary in this matter.

(vii) Swimming Baths and Pools.

There is one privately owned Swimming Pool in the Borough. All samples of water taken for bacteriological examination proved satisfactory.

(viii) Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No action in connection with this matter was necessary during the year.

4. Schools.

The sanitary condition of the Schools is fair; the water supply good. The scholars were inspected regularly during the year and all cases of infectious disease, together with immediate contacts of notifiable diseases, were excluded.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health of Housing Acts).....	310
and number of inspections made for the purpose.....	362
(b) Number of dwellinghouses (included above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925 and 1932.....	31
and number of inspections made for the purpose.....	31
(c) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	None
(d) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	67

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. 67

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

(a). Proceeding under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs (or defects remedied). None

(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.

(a) By owners. None
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners. None.

Microscopic have been done.
(v) General Notes. There are no flies in the area used for
sanitary purposes.

(vi) Sanitary Measures.
No action has been necessary in this matter.

(vii) Sanitary Measures and Results.
There is one privy only used. Sanitation is fair in the locality.
All samples of water taken for bacteriological examination proved
satisfactory.

(viii) Condition of the Year.
No action in connection with this matter was necessary during
the year.

9. Schools.
The sanitary condition of the schools is fair; the water
supply good. The schools were inspected regularly during the year
and all cases of infectious disease, together with immediate contacts
of notified diseases, were excluded.

SECTION D.

WELLHOUSES

1. Inspection of Wellhouses during the year
 - (a) Total number of wellhouses inspected for sanitary
defects (under Public Health Act)..... 312
and number of inspections made for the purpose..... 312
 - (b) Number of wellhouses (included above) which were
inspected and reported under the Act (Consolidated
Regulations, 1905 and 1906)..... 31
and number of inspections made for the purpose..... 31
 - (c) Number of wellhouses found to be in a state so
dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for
human habitation..... None
 - (d) Number of wellhouses (exclusive of those referred
to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in
All requests transmitted for human habitation..... 37

2. Reports of defects without service of formal notices.
Number of defective wellhouses reported in in
consequence of informal action by the local authority
or their officers..... 37

3. Action under Statutory Powers
 - (a) Proceedings under Sections 7, 10 and 15 of the
Public Health Act, 1906
 - (1) Number of wellhouses in respect of which
notices were served requiring repairs (or
defects remedied)..... None
 - (2) Number of wellhouses which were rendered
fit after service of formal notices..... None
 - (a) by owners..... None
 - (b) by local authority in default of owners..... None

(b). Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

- (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. None.
- (2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:
- (a) By the Owner. None.
 - (b) Local Authority in default of owner. None.

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. None.
- (2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. None.

(d). Proceedings under Section 12 of Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. None.
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. None.

4. Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding.

- (a) (i). Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year. 26.
- (ii). Number of families dwelling therein. 30
- (iii). Number of persons dwelling therein. 169½
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. None
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. 29
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such. 187½
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. None available.
No records have yet been obtained concerning many premises now overcrowded owing to war-time conditions.
- (e) Overcrowding in the Borough is acute on account of unofficial evacuees and soldiers but it has not been possible to obtain any census; however, the worst cases are under review, and it is hoped that some steps may be taken to relieve the condition as opportunity arises. Unfortunately although the Council's Scheme for the abatement of overcrowding (by the construction of 70 additional houses) was ready for adoption on the completion of the remaining 34 houses during the year, 36 of these have been requisitioned by a Government Department and therefore only 34 houses were available for the intended purpose.

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Act

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.

(2) Number of dwellings in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.

(a) By the Council
(b) Local Authority in default of owner.

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 12 of Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.

(2) Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.

(d) Proceedings under Section 14 of Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Clearance Orders were made.

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Clearance Orders were made during the year, the tenement or room having been rendered unfit for habitation.

Housing Act, 1936, Part IV, Overcrowding.

(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year.
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein.
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein.

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.

(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.

(d) Number of persons concerned in such cases.

(e) Particulars of any cases in which dwellings have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. No records have yet been obtained concerning any progress now overcrowded owing to such conditions.

(f) Overcrowding in the Borough is acute or acute of individual houses and soldiers but it has not been possible to obtain any census; however, the worst cases are under review, and it is hoped that some steps may be taken to relieve the condition as opportunity arises. Under the terms of the Council's Order for the abatement of overcrowding (by the construction of 10 additional houses) was ready for adoption on the completion of the remaining 34 houses during the year, 35 of these have been requisitioned by a Government Department and therefore only 34 houses were available for the intended purpose.

None available.

32
30
1937

None

29

1874

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk.

All premises used in connection with the production or sale of milk were inspected regularly by the Sanitary Inspector during the year and all samples taken by him were satisfactory.

(b) Meat.

Meat inspection has been confined to that in butchers' shops and stores as no slaughtering now takes place in the local slaughter-houses.

During the year, 277 pounds of meat were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

(c) Adulteration.

No action was taken during the year.

(d) Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

This work is carried out by the County Analyst and Bacteriologist at the County Buildings, Worcester.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

A diphtheria immunisation campaign was commenced in the Borough and 330 children were completely immunised during the course of the year.

The diphtheria prophylactic used was T.A.M. and each child received the three injections at the Schools.

The numbers of children immunised were as follows:

(a) pre-school children	22
(b) School children	<u>308</u>
Total	330

In order to show the big part that is played by school teachers in such a campaign, the percentage of children for whom parental consents were obtained at each school is recorded; -

<u>School.</u>	<u>Consent Rate.</u>
St. Peter's Boys.	80%
" " Girls.	81%
" " - Infants	64%
Winnett's Lane Infants'	85%

Thanks are due to Mr. Fisher, Headmaster of St. Peter's Boys' School and to Miss Willmore, Headmistress of Winnett's Lane Infants' School, for providing facilities and co-operating so energetically in this undertaking.

SECTION I.
INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF MILLS

(a) Mills

All premises used in connection with the production or sale of mill will were inspected personally by the County Inspector during the year and all engines taken by him were satisfactory.

(b) Mills

Most inspection has been confined to that in factories, shops and stores as no slaughtering now takes place in the local slaughter-houses.

During the year, 277 pounds of meat were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

(c) Abattoirs

No action was taken during the year.

(d) Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food

This work is carried out by the County Analyst and Bacteriologist at the County Buildings, Worcester.

SECTION II.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER DISEASES

Diphtheria Immunisation

Diphtheria immunisation campaign was commenced in the Borough and 330 children were completely immunised during the course of the year.

The diphtheria prophylactic used was T.A.M. and each child received the three injections at the schools.

The numbers of children immunised were as follows:

(a) Pre-school children	22
(b) School children	308
Total	330

In order to show the progress that is being made by school teachers in such a campaign, the percentage of children for whom parental consent was obtained at each school is recorded as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
St. Peter's Boys	80%
" "	85%
" "	85%
" "	85%
Winnett's Lane Infants	85%

Thanks are due to Mr. Fisher, Inspector of St. Peter's Boys' School and to Miss Williams, Governess of Winnett's Lane Infants' School for providing facilities and co-operating so energetically in this undertaking.

Notifiable Diseases during the year 1940.

In spite of overcrowding due to the influx of unofficial evacuees and military into the Borough, the incidence of infectious disease remained remarkably low, and only one death occurred during the year.

Particulars of cases of infectious diseases which occurred during the course of the year (together with those of measles and whooping cough which became notifiable in October 1939) are shown in the following table:

<u>Disease.</u>	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	4	3	0
Diphtheria	4	4	0
Measles	37	1	0
Whooping Cough	1	0	1
Erysipelas	2	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	2	2	0
Primary Pneumonia	1	0	0

An analysis of the total notified cases are tabulated below according to age-groups.

Age Group	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria	Measles	Whooping Cough.	Erysipelas.	Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	Primary Pneumonia.
Under 1 yr.	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
1 -	1	1	2	1	-	-	-
2 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -	2	2	5	-	-	-	-
10 -	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
15 -	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
20 -	1	-	13	-	1	2	-
35 -	-	1	3	-	-	-	1
45 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

Notifiable Diseases during the year 1930

In spite of expanding the list of notifiable diseases and adding into the category of notifiable diseases which became notifiable in October 1929, the number of cases of infectious diseases remained remarkably low, and only one death occurred during the year.

Particulars of cases of infectious diseases which occurred during the course of the year, together with those of measles and whooping cough which became notifiable in October 1929, are shown in the following table:

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	4	0	0
Diphtheria	4	4	0
Measles	29	1	0
Whooping Cough	1	0	1
Erysipelas	3	0	0
Gastro-Spinal Nephritis	2	0	0
Typhoid Pneumonia	1	0	0

An analysis of the total notified cases are tabulated below according to age-groups:

Age Group	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Measles	Whooping Cough	Erysipelas	Gastro-Spinal Nephritis	Typhoid Pneumonia
Under 5 yrs.	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
5 to 10	1	1	2	1	-	-	-
10 to 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 to 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40 to 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 to 50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50 to 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 to 60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60 to 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 to 70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70 to 75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 to 80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
80 to 85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
85 to 90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90 to 95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
95 to 100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	4	29	1	3	2	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

During the year no deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis occurred.
Particulars of new cases are as follows: -

Age Periods.	<u>NEW CASES.</u>				<u>DEATHS.</u>			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 -	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
25 -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Total.</u>	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	-

No action was taken in 1940 under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, (relating to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade) or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, (relating to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis).

My thanks are due to Mr. R. E. Hulse, the Borough Surveyor, and his Staff, for the help they have given me in compiling this Report.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

S. Chalmers Parry

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year no deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis occurred.
Particulars of new cases are as follows:

Period	NEW CASES		DEATHS	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1st Quarter	-	-	-	-
2nd Quarter	-	-	-	-
3rd Quarter	-	-	-	-
4th Quarter	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

No action was taken in 1940 under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1935 (relating to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade) or under Section 14 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (relating to the compulsory removal of persons suffering from tuberculosis).

My thanks are due to Mr. R. E. Miles, the Borough Surveyor, and his staff, for the help they have given me in compiling this Report.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT
of the Sanitary Work completed in the year ended
31st December, 1940.

Infectious Diseases, etc.

Visits to houses on account of notifiable disease	50
Houses disinfected after notifiable disease	10
Other houses disinfected	9

Housing.

Houses erected: (a) By Local Authority	34
(b) By private enterprise or subsidy	2
1. (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects	310
(b) Number (included above) inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925	31
(c) Number of houses found unfit for habitation	None
(d) Number of houses (excluding c.) not in all respects fit for habitation	67
2. Number of defective houses rendered fit after informal action.	67
3. <u>Housing Act, 1936, Sections 9, 10 and 16.</u>	
(a) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs or defects remedied.	None
(b) Number of dwellings subsequently rendered fit after notice by:	
(a) The Owner	None
(b) Local Authority in default of owner	None
4. <u>Public Health Acts.</u>	
(a) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs or defects remedied.	None.
(b) Number of dwellings subsequently rendered fit after notice by:	
(a) The Oner	None
(b) Local Authority in default of owner	None
5. <u>Housing Act, 1936, Sections 11 and 13.</u>	
(a) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	None
(b) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	None
6. <u>Housing Act, 1936, Section 12.</u>	
(a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	None
(b) Number of Closing Orders determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	None
7. <u>Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.</u>	
(a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	26
Number of families dwelling therein	30
Number of persons dwelling therein	169½
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	None.
(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	29
Number of persons concerned in such cases	187½

SARITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT
of the Sanitary work completed during the year ended
31st December, 1940.

Intestinal Diseases, etc.

Other houses disinfected _____
Houses disinfected after notifiable disease _____
Visits to houses on account of notifiable disease _____

Houses.

Houses erected: (a) By Local Authority _____
(b) By private enterprise or subsidy _____
Total number of houses inspected for housing defects _____
(a) Number (included above) inspected and reported under
the Housing (General) Regulations, 1935 _____
(b) Number of houses found unfit for habitation _____
(c) Number of houses (excluding a.), not in all respects
fit for habitation _____

Number of defective houses rendered fit after informal
notice. _____

Housing Act, 1936, Sections 7, 10 and 11.

(a) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices
were served requiring repairs or defects remedied. _____
(b) Number of dwellings subsequently rendered fit
after notice by: _____
(a) The Owner _____
(b) Local Authority in default of owner _____

Public Health Acts.

(a) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices
were served requiring repairs or defects remedied. _____
(b) Number of dwellings subsequently rendered fit
after notice by: _____
(a) The Owner _____
(b) Local Authority in default of owner _____

Housing Act, 1936, Sections 11 and 12.

(a) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition
Orders were made _____
(b) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of
Demolition Orders. _____

Housing Act, 1936, Section 12.

(a) Number of separate tenements or sub-tenement rooms
in respect of which Closing Orders were made _____
(b) Number of Closing Orders determined, the tenement
or room having been rendered fit _____

Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

(a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the
year _____
Number of families dwelling therein _____
Number of persons dwelling therein _____
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported
during the year _____
(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during
the year _____
Number of persons concerned in each case _____

(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.	Many premises now overcrowded owing to war time conditions but no records have yet been obtained.
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report.	
Dirty Houses dealt with	None
Yards paved or repaved	36
<u>Movable Dwellings, Caravans etc.</u>	
Number observed	6
Number dealt with as insanitary	None.
<u>House Drainage etc.</u>	
Number laid or relaid	41
Number trapped, ventilated and repaired	6
Number of obstructed drains dealt with	31
Number of house-drains tested	36
Number of insanitary lavatories, sinks and urinals rectified	9
In what parishes, if any, is there need for a sewerage scheme, or improvement in sewage disposa.	None
Number of privy middens in use at end of year in rural portion of the Borough.	3
Number of earth or pail closets in use at end of year in rural portion of the Borough.	37
<u>Water Closets.</u>	
Number of privy or pail conversions including additional W.C.'s.	1
Number of defective W.C.'s. remedied	69
Number of Slop Closets converted to W.C.'s with fresh water flush.	None
Number of additional W.C.'s. put in	50
<u>Scavenging.</u>	
Number of houses from which refuse was removed	1399
Number of privies cleansed	None
Number of ashpits cleansed in rural portion of the Borough.	10
Number of portable receptacles cleansed	1309
Number of ashpits removed and ash bins provided	None
How often is house refuse removed	Weekly.
<u>Smoke Nuisances.</u>	
Number under observation	None.
Number abated	None.
<u>Offensive Trades.</u>	
Number under observation	None.
Number improperly conducted	None.
Number newly established with consent of Council	None.
<u>Water Supply.</u>	
Number of wells sunk	None
Number of wells cleansed and repaired	None.
Number of wells closed as polluted	None.
Number of houses supplied from waterworks during year	36
Number of samples of water sent for analysis	3

Number of houses with contaminated or deficient water-supplies dealt with None.
 Is there a deficiency in any parish or part of the District? None.
 If so, please give name of parish or part?

Slaughter Houses.

Public Slaughter houses None.
 Number registered (private) None.
 Number licensed (private) 5
 Number of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found None.
 Cases of slaughtering on unlicensed premises reported 6
 Number of inspections Premises not in use owing to Food Control.

Milk.

Number of registered dairy farms in the area 8
 Total number of Retailers in district 19
 Number of Licences under Milk (Special Designations) Order:

	Pasteurised	Accredited	Tuberculin Tested.
Bottlers	nil	1	nil.
Retailers	2	5	1
Producers	nil	2	nil.

Approximate number of milking cows in the district 95

Canal Boats.

There are no Canal Boats registered.

Lodging Houses.

Number on Register None.
 Number of inspections None.
 Number of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found None.

Houses Let in Lodgings.

Number on Register None.
 Number of Inspections None.
 Number of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found None.

Food.

Number of seizures as unfit for consumption 2
 Amount voluntarily surrendered as unfit for consumption 277 lbs.
 Amount destroyed as unfit for consumption: Meat - 277 lbs.
 Other Foodstuffs None.
 Cases of animals affected with Tuberculosis: Oxen None.
 Pigs. None.

Food & Drugs' Act.

Samples taken for analysis 1
 Number of samples certified genuine 1
 Number of samples certified adulterated None.

Other Matters.

Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, Cases dealt with None.
 Verminous Persons Cases dealt with None.
 Verminous Houses do. 7
 Stagnant Water do. None.
 Nuisances arising from domestic animals None.

Number of houses with contaminated or deficient water supply daily with
 Is there a deficiency in any part of the District?
 If so, please give name of party or parties

None

Number of registered daily farms in the area
 Total number of registers in District
 Number of licenses under Milk (Special Designation) Order
 Number of inspections
 Cases of inspection on registered premises reported
 Number of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found
 Number of registers (private)
 Number of registers (private)
 Number of registers (private)

None

Number of registered daily farms in the area
 Total number of registers in District
 Number of licenses under Milk (Special Designation) Order

Registered	Inspected	Approved	Not Approved
1	1	1	0
1	1	1	0

Approximate supply of milk in the District
 Total milk

There are no local boats registered.

Local boats

Number of registers
 Number of inspections
 Number of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found

None

Number of registers
 Number of inspections
 Number of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found

None

Number of animals affected with Tuberculosis
 Cases of animals affected with Tuberculosis
 Other Tuberculosis
 Number of animals examined as well for consumption
 Number of animals voluntarily surrendered as well for consumption
 Number of animals destroyed as well for consumption

None

Food & Drug Act
 Number of samples for analysis
 Number of samples certified genuine
 Number of samples certified adulterated

None

Other matters
 Pests and Weeds (Destruction) Act, Cases dealt with
 Verminous Articles, Cases dealt with
 Verminous Houses
 Stagnant Water
 Intoxicants obtained from domestic animals

None

Legal Proceedings.

Convictions obtained with regard to insanitary conditions	None.
Convictions obtained with regard to unsound food	None.

Outbreaks of Infectious Disease.

No serious outbreak of Infectious Disease or other abnormal illness occurred during the year.

Sanitary Improvements.

No large sanitary improvements were made during the year.

Chief Sanitary Requirements.

There are no chief sanitary requirements.

Fever.

No cases of Typhoid or Paratyphoid occurred during the year.

General Remarks.

The Town Council were fortunate in being able to complete their scheme of 70 houses on the Experimental Gardens housing site early in 1940. 34 of these houses were let to tenants who were formerly living under overcrowded conditions but the remaining 36 houses were requisitioned on completion by the Military Authorities.

Towards the end of 1940 the population of the area was substantially increased by unofficial evacuees and soldiers. Difficulties were experienced with water supply and after conferences with the Military Authorities arrangements were made for an additional pipe line to be laid from Wychbold to Droitwich as the existing 6" pipe was inadequate to deliver the amount of water required. Sanction for this work was obtained at the end of 1940 and the constructional work is now (March, 1941) in hand.

Overcrowding in the Borough is acute on account of unofficial evacuees but it has not been possible to obtain any census but the worst cases are under review and it is hoped that some steps may be taken to relieve this trouble as opportunity arises.

(Signed) R. E. HULSE,

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29th August, 1941.

