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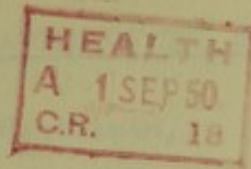
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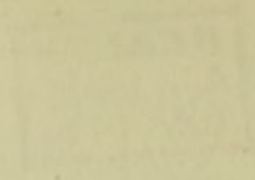
of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and of the

SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the year 1949.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ANNUAL REPORT

of

NATIONAL OFFICE OF HEALTH

and of the

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

for the year 1920

TO THE CORPORATION OF THE BOROUGH OF DROITWICH.

Your Worship, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report upon the health of the Borough for the year 1949.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS.

Area.	1735 acres.
Register-General's estimate of resident population, mid 1949	5780.
Number of inhabited houses 1949 according to Rate Books	1590.
Rateable Value.	£41,377.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£155. 17. 9.3d.

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	98.	54.	44.
Illegitimate	5.	3.	2.
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the resident population (estimated)	17.8		
Birth Rate for England and Wales	16.7.		

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

The Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population 0.35
The Still Birth Rate per 1,000 England and Wales 0.39.

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	74	33	41

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population 12.8
Death Rate England and Wales same period 11.7

Deaths from PUERPERAL CAUSES - Nil.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate	4	-	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infantile Mortality Rate for the year 38.8
Infantile Mortality Rate England & Wales 32.0

IN THE CORPORATION OF THE BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

Mrs. Worsnip, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the report upon the health of the

Borough for the year 1948.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS.

1735 acres.

Area.

2780.

Registrar-General's estimate
of resident population, mid 1948

1880.

Number of inhabited houses 1948 according
to Rate Books

641,377.

Notable Virus.

138. 17. 0.38

was represented by a Penny Rate.

The following are extracts from the vital statistics for the

Year 1948

<u>Live Births.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate	88.	88.	84.	44.
Illegitimate	3.	3.	3.	0.
Birth rate per 1,000 of the resident population (estimated) 17.8				
Birth rate for England and Wales 16.7.				

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

The still birth rate per 1,000 population 0.38
The still birth rate per 1,000 England and Wales 0.38.

<u>Deaths.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	74	74	35	39

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population 12.8
Death rate England and Wales same period 11.7

Deaths from TUBERCULAR CAUSES - Nil.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.

<u>Deaths.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate	4	4	-	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-

Infantile mortality rate for the year 58.8
Infantile mortality rate England & Wales 55.0

Deaths occurring from special causes During the year.

	<u>1945.</u>	<u>1946.</u>	<u>1947.</u>	<u>1948.</u>	<u>1949.</u>
Deaths from cancer (all ages)	8	11	14	14	11
Deaths from measles (all ages)	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years of age)	Nil.	1.	Nil.	Nil.	1.

Causes of Death.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Typhoid & Parat. Fevers.	-	-
Cerebro-spinal fever.	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	-	-
Whooping Cough.	-	-
Diphtheria.	-	-
Tub- of resp. system	2	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	-
Syphilitic diseases	-	-
Influenza	2	-
Measles	-	-
Ac. polio-myel. and polio-enceph.	-	-
Ac. inf. enceph.	-	-
Cancer of buc-cav. & oesoph (M) uterus (F)	-	-
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	2	1
Cancer of breast	-	1
Cancer of all other sites	3	4
Diabetes	-	-
Intracranial vascular lesions	2	4
Heart diseases	16	12
Other diseases of circ. system	-	-
Bronchitis	5	2
Pneumonia	-	1
Other resp. diseases	-	-
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	-	-
Diarrhoea under 2 years	-	1
Appendicitis	-	-
Other digestive diseases	-	-
Nephritis	-	-
Peur. and post-abortion sepsis	-	-
Other maternal causes	-	1
Premature Birth	-	-
Con. mal. birth. inj. infant, dis.	-	3
Suicide	-	-
Road Traffic Acc.	-	-
Other violent causes	-	-
All other causes	1	10
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	33.	41.
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Deaths occurring from special causes during the year.

1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	Deaths from special causes (all ages)
11	12	11	11	10	Deaths from measles (all ages)
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Deaths from Diphtheria (under two years of age)
1.	Nil.	Nil.	1.	Nil.	

Causes of Death.

1943	1942	Causes of Death
-	-	Typhoid & Paratyphoid
-	-	Gonorrhoea-syphilitic fever
-	-	Scarlet fever
-	-	Whooping Cough
-	-	Diphtheria
1	2	Whooping Cough
-	-	Other forms of tuberculosis
-	-	Syphilitic diseases
-	-	Influenza
-	-	Measles
-	-	Ac. polio-myel. and polio-enceph.
-	-	Ac. int. mening.
-	-	Cancer of breast & cervix (M) uterus (F)
1	2	Cancer of stomach and duodenum
1	2	Cancer of breast
4	3	Cancer of all other sites
-	-	Diabetes
4	2	Ischaemic vascular lesions
10	10	Heart diseases
-	-	Other diseases of circ. system
3	5	Pneumonia
1	-	Influenza
-	-	Other resp. diseases
-	-	Cancer of stomach or duodenum
-	-	Cancer under 5 years
1	-	Ataxoidia
-	-	Other digestive diseases
-	-	Septicæmia
-	-	Scar. and post-scar. septicæmia
-	-	Other bacterial diseases
-	-	Fracture of hip
-	-	Con. mal. diph. int. infam. etc.
-	-	Relapsing fever
-	-	Scar. fever
-	-	Other violent causes
10	7	All other causes
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41.	38.	
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SECTION B.

General provision of health services for the area.

1. Under the provisions of the National Health Service Act 1946 (Part III) the following services are provided by the County Council:-

(a) Ambulance Service.

(b) Home Nursing Service.

Two District Nurse Midwives are working in the Borough. They attend maternity cases and cases of general illness.

(c) Health Visiting Service.

One of the County Council's Health Visitors works in the Borough. The after care and visiting of tuberculosis patients is carried out by one of the County Council's Health Visitors.

(d) Vaccination and Immunisation.

Vaccinations and Immunisations can be undertaken, free of charge, by the patients own Doctor or at one of the County Council's clinics.

(e) Care of Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Young Children.

The County Council's Infant Welfare Clinic is held in the Baptist Church Hall, Droitwich, every Tuesday afternoon. During the year the following attendances were made at the clinic.

Attendances of children under 1 year of age	1262.
" " " 1 - 5 years of age	713.

The County Council's Ante-Natal Clinic is held on the first and third Wednesday mornings in each month at The Baptist Church Hall, Droitwich. During the year 310 attendances were made at this clinic.

2. Hospitals.

The district is served by general hospitals in Worcester and Birmingham.

Cases of infectious disease are admitted to Hill Top Isolation Hospital, Bromsgrove.

Treatment for cases of Tuberculosis is provided at Knightwick Sanatorium and Hill Top Isolation Hospital, Bromsgrove.

Maternity cases can be admitted to the Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital, Stourport; the Mary Stevens Maternity Home at Stourbridge, and Rigby Hall Maternity Home at Bromsgrove.

3. National Assistance Act 1948 (Section 47).

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

General provision of health services for the area.

Under the provisions of the National Health Service Act 1948 (Part III) the following services are provided by the County Council:-

- (a) Ambulance Service.
- (b) Home Nursing Service.
Two District Nurse Midwives are working in the Borough. They attend maternity cases and cases of general illness.
- (c) Health Visiting Service.
One of the County Council's Health Visitors works in the Borough. The after care and visiting of tuberculous patients is carried out by one of the County Council's Health Visitors.
- (d) Vaccination and Immunisation.
Vaccinations and Immunisations can be undertaken free of charge, by the patients own doctor or at one of the County Council's clinics.
- (e) Care of Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Young Children.
The County Council's Infant Welfare Clinic is held in the Baptist Church Hall, Incewiche, every Tuesday afternoon. During the year the following attendances were made at the clinic.

Attendance of children under 1 year of age	1882
" " " " 1 - 5 years of age	717

The County Council's Ante-Natal Clinic is held on the first and third Wednesday mornings in each month at the Baptist Church Hall, Incewiche. During the year 210 attendances were made at this clinic.

2. Hospitals.

The district is served by general hospitals in Worcester and Birmingham.

Cases of infectious disease are admitted to Hill Top Isolation Hospital, Bromsgrove.

Treatment for cases of Tuberculosis is provided at Incewiche Sanatorium and Hill Top Isolation Hospital, Bromsgrove.

Maternity cases can be admitted to the Lady Baldwin Maternity Hospital, Stourport; the Lady Stovens Maternity Home at Stourbridge and High Hill Maternity Home at Bromsgrove.

3. National Assistance Act 1948 (Section 47).

No action was taken by the Council during the year under this section of the Act.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. Water Supply.

The water supply to the Borough, purchased in bulk from the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company, continued to be adequate in both quantity and quality throughout the year. Samples were taken for analysis quarterly and gave satisfactory results. A copy of the County Analyst's report on a sample of this water is given below.

The majority of dwelling houses in the Town have a water supply direct from the public mains, with the exception of outlying farms and cottages which have a supply from wells.

Number of standpipes in the area	12.
Number of wells in the area	16.

Report of County Analyst on sample of Town Water.

<u>Physical Characters.</u>	Clear.
Odour	None
Deposit	None pH 7.4
<u>Chemical Examination.</u> (Results expressed in parts per 100,000).	
Solids in suspension (Dried at 100°C)	None.
Solids in solution (Dried at 100°C)	27.
" " " After ignition	23.
Chlorides calculated as Common Salt	3.5
Hardness Permanent	4
" Temporary	14
" Total	18
Free and Saline Ammonia	0.0016
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0024
Nitric Nitrogen (Nitrates)	0.3
Nitrous Nitrogen (Nitrites)	None.
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C (N/80 Permanganate)	None.
Toxic Metals	None detected.

Note - To convert the above parts per 100,000 to grains per gallon multiply by 0.7

Bacteriological Examination.

Number of colonies developing upon Agar	
(a) In two days at 37°C	Nil per one ml.
(b) In three days at 22°C	Nil per one ml.
Coli-aerogenes (Presumptive Coli) Count	Nil per 100 ml.

Opinion:-

The sample is fit for drinking

(Signed) M.M. LOVE.
County Analyst.

4th August 1949.

SECTION 2.
LABORATORY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ANALYSES.

1. Water Supply.

The water supply for the Borough, purchased in bulk from the East Yorkshire Waterworks Company, continued to be adequate in both quantity and quality throughout the year. Samples were taken for analysis quarterly and gave satisfactory results. A copy of the County Analyst's report on a sample of this water is given below.

The majority of dwelling houses in the town have a water supply direct from the public mains, with the exception of existing farms and cottages which have a supply from wells.

Number of dwellings in the area
12
Number of wells in the area
12
Report of County Analyst on sample of town water.

<u>Physical Properties.</u>	
Color	None
Deposit	None to 7.4
<u>Chemical Examination.</u> (Results expressed in parts per 100,000)	
Alkaline reaction	(Titrated at 100°C)
Acid reaction	(Titrated at 100°C)
Chlorides estimated as Common Salt	2.2
Iron and Saline Minerals	0.0018
Ammonia Nitrogen	0.0002
Nitric Nitrogen (Nitrate)	0.0
Nitrous Nitrogen (Nitrite)	None
Organic Matter in 1 hour at 57°C	None
(2/00 fermentation)	None
Total Solids	
None	

Note - To convert the above parts per 100,000 to grains per gallon multiply by 0.7.

Microbiological Examination.

Number of colonies developing upon agar
(a) in two days at 57°C
(b) in three days at 22°C
Coliforms (Presumptive Total) 0.0002 per 100 ml.
All per one ml.

The sample is fit for drinking.

(Signed) E. H. LANE,
County Analyst.
21st August 1900.

2. Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

No changes were made in these services during the year. The Disposal works were kept under supervision and samples taken of the effluent proved to be satisfactory.

3. Smoke Abatement.

No action was taken in this matter during the year.

4. Swimming Baths.

The open Air Swimming Bath in the Brine Baths Park was kept under supervision during the year. Samples of water taken for analysis were found to be satisfactory.

5. Droitwich Canal.

The part of the Canal which runs through the Borough is in a derelict and dirty condition. It is hoped that it will be possible to take some action with regard to this matter in the near future.

Examination, Sewerage and Sewer Disposal.

Examinations were held in these services during the year. The physical works were kept under supervision and regular tests of the effluent proved to be satisfactory.

Public Amusement.

No action was taken in this matter during the year.

Swimming Baths.

The open air swimming bath at the Public Baths Park was kept under supervision during the year. Samples of water taken for analysis were found to be satisfactory.

Leitchfield Canal.

The part of the Canal which runs through the Borough is in a good and dry condition. It is hoped that it will be possible to take some action with regard to this matter in the near future.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

Good progress was again made in the building of new houses during the year with the result that a number of cases of overcrowding were relieved.

There are a number of insanitary houses in the Borough which should be dealt with by Demolition Orders. It is hoped it will be possible to take action in this matter when the housing situation improves.

Housing and Tuberculosis.

Re-housing of Tuberculous patients in suitable conditions and the relief of overcrowding in tuberculous households is of the greatest importance both from the point of view of the well being of the patient and in order to prevent the spread of the disease to other members of the community.

Cases of Tuberculosis which are living in unsuitable or overcrowded conditions are reported to me by the Tuberculosis Officers and every consideration has been given to these cases by the Housing Committee and Council of this Borough. The following figures are of interest and show the number of cases where overcrowding in tuberculous households has been relieved:-

<u>1948.</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950.</u>
7 cases.	2 cases.	3 cases.

The following table shows the housing work carried out during the year:-

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(1) By the local authority.	64
(2) By other local authorities.	-
(3) By other bodies or persons.	9

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	166
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.	201
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932.	39
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.	72
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	-
(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.	106

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit as a consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	64
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HOUSING

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Cases of tuberculosis which are living in unsuitable or overcrowded conditions are reported to me by the Tuberculosis Officer and every consideration has been given to these cases by the Housing Committee and Council of this Borough. The following figures are of interest and show the number of cases where overcrowding in tuberculosis households has been relieved:-

1932	1933	1934
7 cases	5 cases	5 cases

The following table shows the housing work carried out during the year:-

Number of new houses started during the year:-

- (1) By the local authority.
- (2) By other local authorities.
- (3) By other bodies or persons.

Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:-

- (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 182
- (a) Number of dwelling-houses (including sub-let (b) above) which were inspected and reported under the Housing Committee Regulations, 1929 and 1932 72
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 72

Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous as to require to be pulled down or to require reconstruction for insanitary conditions.

(a) Number of dwelling-houses (excluding of those referred to under the preceding paragraph) found not to be in all respects satisfactory for human habitation. 102

Number of defects during the year without receipt of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses reported (1) in accordance with the Housing Committee Regulations, 1929 and 1932 and (2) in accordance with the Housing Committee Regulations, 1929 and 1932.

Continued:-

3. Action under Statutory powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 & 16 of the Housing Act 1936 :-

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs None.

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :-

(a) By owners. None

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

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. None

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a) By owners. None

(b) By local authority in default of owners. None

(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 None

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. None

(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. 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) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. No figures available.

(2) Number of families dwelling therein -

(3) Number of persons dwelling therein -

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

(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. 8

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases 37

(3) Number of houses again overcrowded after being previously relieved. None

3. Action under Statutory powers during the year.
(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 & 11 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs
None

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :-

(a) By owners, None
(b) By local authority in default of owners, None

(3) Proceedings under Public Health Act:-

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs to be remedied, None

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a) By owners, None
(b) By local authority in default of owners, None

(4) Proceedings under sections 11 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made, None

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders, None

(3) Proceedings under section 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Disrepair Orders were made, None

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Disrepair Orders were Annulled, the tenement or room having been tenanted, None

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

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year, No figure available.

(2) Number of families dwelling therein, -

(3) 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, 8

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases, 27

(3) Number of houses again overcrowded after being previously relieved, None

SECTION E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The inspection and supervision of conditions under which food is prepared and handled becomes of increasing importance as the habit of communal feeding grows. Food poisoning and many food-borne diseases can be prevented to a great extent by hygienic methods of food preparation. This matter is of particular importance in a Spa such as Droitwich where large numbers of visitors are catered for each year.

Visits of inspection have been made during the year to bakehouses, dairies and other premises where food is handled.

During the year the Council decided to adopt byelaws for the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and sale of Food in the Open Air under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act 1938. It is hoped that these Bye-laws will be brought into operation in the near future.

Early in 1950 a Film Show and Lecture was held on the subject of Food and Food Poisoning. All food handlers in the town were invited to attend this meeting.

Premises used for the manufacture and sale of Ice Cream were kept under supervision and samples of Ice Cream were taken for examination. The results of these were satisfactory.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The inspection and supervision of conditions under which food is prepared and handled becomes of increasing importance as the habit of consuming food grown, food processing and any food-borne diseases can be prevented to a great extent by hygienic methods of food preparation. This matter is of particular importance in a city such as Honolulu where large numbers of visitors are attracted for each year.

Visits of inspection have been made during the year to restaurants, dairies and other premises where food is handled.

During the year the Council decided to adopt bylaws for the handling, wrapping and delivery of food and sale of food in the open air under Section 15 of the Food and Drug Act 1933. It is hoped that these by-laws will be brought into operation in the near future.

Early in 1933 a Film Show and Lecture was held on the subject of food and food poisoning. All food handlers in the town were invited to attend this meeting.

Provision was made for the manufacture and sale of ice cream kept under supervision and samples of ice cream were taken for examination. The results of these were satisfactory.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year 122 children completed a full course of immunisation and 47 children received a reinforcing dose.

Vaccination.

During the year 66 persons were Vaccinated in the Borough and 22 were re-vaccinated.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Particulars of cases of infectious diseases occurring during the year are shown in the following tables:-

Disease.	Total Cases	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	2	2	Nil
Diphtheria	Nil	Nil	Nil
Measles	78	5	Nil
Whooping Cough	22	Nil	Nil
Erysipelas	3	Nil	Nil
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Nil	Nil	Nil
Primary Pneumonia	1	Nil	1 Transferred Death.

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

Age Group	Scarlet fever.	Measles	Diphth- eria.	Erysi- pelas.	Ophth- almia Neon- atorum	Whoop- ing Cough	Primary Pnnu- monia.
Under 1 year.	-	3	-	-	-	2	-
1-	-	19	-	-	-	2	1
2-	1	18	-	-	-	2	-
3-	-	14	-	-	-	7	-
4-	1	8	-	-	-	2	-
5-	-	12	-	-	-	7	-
10-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
20-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
35-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
45-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
66 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	78	-	3	-	22	1

SECTION 2.

STATEMENT ON THE CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Cholera Immunity.

During the year 1923 children completed a full course of immunization and 47 children received a reinforcing dose.

Vaccination.

During the year 20 persons were vaccinated in the Borough and 20 were re-vaccinated.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Particulars of cases of infectious diseases occurring during the year are shown in the following table:-

Disease.	Total Cases.	Deaths.
Scarlet fever.	2	Nil
Diphtheria.	11	Nil
Whooping Cough.	78	Nil
Measles.	20	Nil
Typhoid.	2	Nil
Scarletina Erythematosa.	Nil	Nil
Primary Infection.	1	Transferred to other parts.

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

Age Group.	Measles.	Scarlet fever.	Diphtheria.	Whooping Cough.	Scarletina Erythematosa.	Primary Infection.
Under 1 year.	-	2	-	2	-	-
1 to 2 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
2 to 3 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
3 to 4 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
4 to 5 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
5 to 6 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
6 to 7 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
7 to 8 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
8 to 9 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
9 to 10 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
10 to 11 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
11 to 12 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
12 to 13 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
13 to 14 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
14 to 15 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
15 to 16 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
16 to 17 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
17 to 18 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
18 to 19 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
19 to 20 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
20 to 21 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
21 to 22 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
22 to 23 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
23 to 24 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
24 to 25 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
25 to 26 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
26 to 27 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
27 to 28 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
28 to 29 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
29 to 30 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
30 to 31 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
31 to 32 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
32 to 33 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
33 to 34 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
34 to 35 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
35 to 36 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
36 to 37 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
37 to 38 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
38 to 39 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
39 to 40 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
40 to 41 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
41 to 42 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
42 to 43 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
43 to 44 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
44 to 45 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
45 to 46 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
46 to 47 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
47 to 48 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
48 to 49 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
49 to 50 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
50 to 51 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
51 to 52 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
52 to 53 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
53 to 54 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
54 to 55 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
55 to 56 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
56 to 57 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
57 to 58 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
58 to 59 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
59 to 60 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
60 to 61 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
61 to 62 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
62 to 63 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
63 to 64 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
64 to 65 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
65 to 66 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
66 to 67 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
67 to 68 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
68 to 69 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
69 to 70 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
70 to 71 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
71 to 72 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
72 to 73 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
73 to 74 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
74 to 75 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
75 to 76 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
76 to 77 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
77 to 78 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
78 to 79 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
79 to 80 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
80 to 81 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
81 to 82 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
82 to 83 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
83 to 84 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
84 to 85 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
85 to 86 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
86 to 87 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
87 to 88 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
88 to 89 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
89 to 90 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
90 to 91 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
91 to 92 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
92 to 93 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
93 to 94 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
94 to 95 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
95 to 96 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
96 to 97 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
97 to 98 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
98 to 99 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
99 to 100 years.	1	1	-	1	-	-
Total.	2	78	2	78	1	1

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TUBERCULOSIS.

Particulars of new cases and deaths from tuberculosis are as follows:-

Age Periods.	NEW CASES				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory.		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	-
25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6	3	Nil	Nil	2	1	Nil	Nil

The number of cases of tuberculosis on the Register at the end of December 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949 were as follows:-

	Pulmonary Cases		Non-Pulmonary Cases.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1946	16	12	2	5
1947	16	10	2	5
1948	17	8	2	4
1949	20	10	2	4

No action was taken in 1949 under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, (relating to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade) or under section 17 of the Public Health Act 1936, (relating to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis).

I wish to express my thanks to members of the Council and to the Town Clerk and other Officers for their help and co-operation throughout the year.

I am,
Your obedient servant

MARGARET C. FELL

Medical Officer of Health.

TUBERCULOSIS

Statistics of new cases and deaths from tuberculosis are as follows:

Age Period	New Cases		Deaths	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-4	-	-	-	-
5-9	-	-	-	-
10-14	-	-	-	-
15-19	1	-	-	-
20-24	1	-	-	-
25-29	-	-	-	-
30-34	-	-	-	-
35-39	-	-	-	-
40-44	-	-	-	-
45-49	-	-	-	-
50-54	-	-	-	-
55-59	-	-	-	-
60-64	-	-	-	-
65-69	-	-	-	-
70-74	-	-	-	-
75-79	-	-	-	-
80-84	-	-	-	-
85-89	-	-	-	-
90-94	-	-	-	-
95-99	-	-	-	-
Total	2	0	0	0

The number of cases of tuberculosis in the District of Columbia and of deaths from tuberculosis in 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951 are as follows:

Year	Tuberculous Cases		Non-Tuberculous Cases	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1948	12	10	2	0
1949	10	10	2	0
1950	0	0	2	0
1951	10	10	2	0

The action was taken in 1949 under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1955 (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 to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis).

I wish to express my thanks to members of the Council and to the Town Clerk and other officers for their help and co-operation throughout the year.

I am,
Your obedient servant

MARGARET D. WELLS

Medical Officer of Health

Borough Surveyor's Dept.,
Town Hall,
Droitwich.

August 1950.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Droitwich Town Council,
Your Worship, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my fifth Annual Report upon my work as Sanitary Inspector to your Council, with which I have coupled my report of Work administered or carried out by the Engineer's and Surveyor's Department.

May I take this opportunity of again thanking you for the continued support I have been privileged to receive from your Council and also the Town Clerk, the other Officials and the Staff of my Department for their ever ready assistance.

When submitting my Annual Report last year I looked forward to the appointment of an Additional Sanitary Inspector, whose appointment would permit the systematic survey and recording of the unfit houses in the Town, ready for the time when the work of slum clearance so long delayed may recommence. Unfortunately the Council was not permitted to engage such assistance and this housing work still requires attention, further it has been impossible to give the full attention one would like and which is indeed necessary, for the adequate supervision and inspection of premises used for the preparation and sale of food. Even so, these important matters have not been entirely neglected, as a perusal of this report will reveal.

As in previous years I would first submit a statement of the inspections made during the year:-

Visits of inspection to Stalls Farm Estate & Roundabouts Estate	20
" " " " direct labour and Contract Works.	132
Inspection of new buildings under the Building Byelaws	226
" re maintenance of highways.	109
" re public water supply.	46
" of Factories including Bakehouses	11
" of Sea Bathing Lido Swimming Pool	4
Visits re maintenance of Canal	4
Inspections of Food Shops	24
" " Cow-Sheds	8

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Northampton Surveyor's Dept.,
Town Hall,
Northampton,
August 1895.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Northampton Town Council,
Your Welfare, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to
you my 1895 Annual Report upon my work as Sanitary Inspector to
your Council, with which I have complied my report of work
administered or carried out by the Engineer's and Surveyor's
Department.

May I beg to say that the responsibility of
again thanking you for the continued support I have been privileged
to receive from your Council and also the Town Ward, the other
Officers and the Staff of my Department for their ever ready
assistance.

When submitting my Annual Report
last year I looked forward to the appointment of an additional
Sanitary Inspector, whose appointment would permit the systematic
survey and recording of the water houses in the Town, ready for the
time when the work of their clearance so long delayed my recommendations.
Unfortunately the Council was not permitted to engage such assistance
and this pending work still requires attention, further it has been
impossible to give the full attention one would like and which is
indeed necessary, for the adequate supervision and inspection of
premises used for the preparation and sale of food, &c. &c., these
important matters have not been entirely neglected, as a perusal of
this report will reveal.

As in previous years I would first
submit a statement of the inspections made during the year:-

30	Visits of inspection to stalls, beer houses & refreshment houses
133	" "
225	" "
100	Inspection of new buildings under the Building By-Laws
100	" "
10	" "
11	" "
4	" "
4	" "
24	Visits to maintenance of Canal
10	Inspection of Food Stalls
5	" "

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Visits to Council Houses re repairs	62
" " re supervision of Sewage Works and Refuse Tip	37
" " " " Parks and Open Spaces.	67
Samples taken for analysis, including milk, sewage, water, ice-cream and swimming bath water.	29
Number of houses inspected for housing defects	139
Miscellaneous visits not otherwise recorded.	105
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HOUSING.

The good progress in house building at the Stalls Farm Estate reported in 1948 was maintained and 64 new dwellings were occupied, in December 52 houses were in progress, and two Contracts were being negotiated for a further 30.

During the year 6 houses were completed at the Roundabouts Estate, and 2 were in progress, the latter 2 houses having been delayed because of difficulties over the settlement of the Development Charge.

Some private building has been permitted and by December 9 privately owned houses were completed, 6 were in progress and a waiting list of 38 persons for Civil Building Licences was registered, 1 House was requisitioned, making a total of 5 requisitioned houses to date.

EXISTING HOUSES.

8 Cases of overcrowding were relieved during the year and 12 families were taken from unfit houses and rehoused. It is to be regretted that housing needs were still so acute in the Borough that these unfit houses had to be re-let, efforts were made to see that they were re-let to persons without Children in their families. Six houses were so unfit as to be beyond occupation and the Council were at the end year negotiating to purchase the Site of this block of property to secure the demolition of the houses and the re-development of the site. It does appear desirable that consideration should be given to the re-development of sites lying derelict in the Town, and in fact negotiations for the erection of houses on such a Site are in hand.

Various minor repairs have been carried out to a number of properties and with the coming of the Housing Act 1949

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Various to Council House to report
 to supervision of House Work and House Tip
 Parks and Open Spaces
 Samples taken for analysis, including milk, sewage,
 water, ice-cream and swimming bath water.
 Number of houses inspected for housing defects
 Miscellaneous visits not otherwise recorded.

HOUSING

The good progress in house-building at the State Farm
 Refuge reported in 1949 was maintained and 64 new dwellings were
 completed, in addition 52 houses were in progress, and the Council
 was being requested for a further 50.

During the year 6 houses were completed at the
 Remounts Refuge, and 2 were in progress, the latter 2 houses
 having been delayed because of difficulties over the settlement of
 the development charges.

Some private building has been permitted and by December
 3 privately owned houses were completed, 2 were in progress and 1
 waiting list of 25 persons for State building licenses are registered.
 1 house was requisitioned, making a total of 6 requisitioned houses
 to date.

EXISTING HOMES

A Census of overcrowding was taken during the year
 and 13 families were taken from unfit houses and rehoused. It is to
 be reported that housing needs were still so acute in the Borough
 that those unfit houses had to be re-let, efforts were made to see
 that they were re-let to persons without children in their families.
 Six houses were so unfit as to be beyond occupation and 2 Council
 were at the end year requisitioned to purchase the site of this block
 of property to remove the condition of the houses and the
 redevelopment of the site. It has again been decided that
 requisition should be given to the re-development of other unfit
 houses in the town, and in fact requisition for the acquisition
 of houses on such a site has been made.

Further plans regarding have been carried out in a
 number of properties and with the leasing of the housing for 1950
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it is hoped that many properties now sub-standard, but structurally sound may be reconditioned and brought up to a condition comparable with modern Council Houses and thus have many years of useful life still before them.

Letting of Council Houses and the Administration of the Points Scheme.

The Points Scheme has been closely adhered to for the letting of Council Houses and has been found to work well, there has been a minimum of friction in house letting during the past year.

The proposed grouping of applicants under the scheme was carried into effect early in the year, and houses were only allotted to Groups (1) and (2), i.e. persons living in Droitwich before 1939, and persons having come to reside or work in the Borough since, or Droitwich people forced out of the Town because of the lack of housing accommodation. Approximately 80% of houses are allotted to Group (1) and 20% to Group (2).

Consideration is being given to the revision of the scheme more points being allotted for insanitary conditions and less for persons living in lodgings.

Food Inspections.

There are situated within the Borough 4 Bakehouses, 21 premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream, one of which is a large factory, 6 Dairies and 11 Cafe's all of which require systematic visits of inspection, apart from the Butchers, Grocers and Fishmongers shops and Factory Canteens.

Periodic inspections are made, but there is ample scope for much more systematic work than is possible with the present staff. A step forward was made when the Council decided to adopt Bye-laws for securing the observance of sanitary and clean conditions and practices in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food and sale of food in the open air.

Rodent Control.

9 premises were dealt with for the destruction of Rats. Whilst there are no large reservoirs of rats, there is little

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It is noted that many properties now sub-standard, but
extensively sound may be reconditioned and brought up to a
condition compatible with modern Council House and that have
many years of useful life still before them.

Reconditioning of Council Houses and the
Reconditioning of the Council House.

The Council House has been already referred to for the
reconditioning of Council houses and has been found to work well, there
has been a minimum of objection to these houses during the past
year.

The proposed grouping of applicants under the scheme was
carried into effect early in the year, and houses were only
allotted to Groups (1) and (2), i.e. houses having in English
before 1939, and persons having come to work in the
borough since, or within people listed out of the Town Council
of the lack of housing accommodation. Approximately 80% of
houses are allotted to Group (1) and 20% to Group (2).

The intention is being given to the reconditioning of the scheme
more points being affected for temporary conditions and less for
persons living in lodgings.

Food Inspections.

There are situated within the Borough 2 Bakeries, 11
premises registered for the sale of Ice-cream, one of which is
a large factory, 3 Butchers and 11 Sweets all of which require
systematic visits of inspection, apart from the Butchers,
Grocers and Fishmongers shops and Factory Bakeries.

Periodic inspections are made, but there is ample scope for
more systematic work than is possible at the present
staff. A plan forward was made when the Council decided to
adopt bye-laws for securing the observance of sanitary and clean
conditions and inspection is connected with the handling,
stepping and delivery of food and sale of food in the open air.

Food Control.

7 premises were dealt with for the destruction of rats.
While there are no large quantities of rats, there is a
small number of rats in the Borough.

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doubt that there are many minor infestations in the Borough.

Scavenging and Public Cleansing.

Refuse has been collected from all but isolated premises each week, and from the larger Hotels three times each week and night soil is also collected once each week from 13 premises. Owing to the growth of the Town an ordinary lorry has to be used to assist in the collection one day per week.

The Contract for the emptying of Street Gullies has operated satisfactorily during the year.

Salvage collection ceased in July 1949, collection for 1949 to that date amounted in value to £117. 14. 0d.

Sampling.

Samples taken were as follows:-

Milk (Ordinary)	3
Ice Cream	16
Town Water	4
Well Water	1
Water from Swimming Pool	5.

All were found to be satisfactory.

Highways.

The whole of the district roads were thoroughly patched and surface dressed, and the reconstruction of footpaths in Witton was commenced.

Negotiations were proceeding for the making up by the owners concerned of the lower end of York Avenue and Alexander and Florence Avenues.

Sewers and Sewage Disposal Works.

These have been maintained in proper order during the year and periodic samples of the Effluent were found to be satisfactory.

Water Supply.

The water supply purchased in bulk from the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company has been maintained satisfactorily both as regards quantity and quality.

Water consumed during 1949 was 113,374,000 gallons averaging 310,600 gallons per day as compared with 103,510,000 gallons averaging 283,600 gallons per day for 1948.

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Group has been and will continue to be the Borough.

Sanitation and Public Health

Sanitation has been collected from all the existing premises each week, and for the larger hotels three times each week and night soil is also collected each week from its premises. Owing to the growth of the town an additional forty men are used to assist in the collection one day per week.

The contract for the emptying of street gutters has operated satisfactorily during the year.

Garbage collection ceased in July 1945, collection for 1946 to that date amounted in value to £117. 15. 0d.

Sanitation

Sanitation work was as follows:

10	Milk (Ordinary)
10	Ice Cream
4	Tom Water
1	Half Water
	Water from Swimming Pool 5.

All work found to be satisfactory.

Highways

The state of the principal roads were thoroughly inspected and repairs effected, and the reconstruction of footpaths in Winton was completed.

Repairs were also proceeded for the paving of the square containing the lower end of Park Avenue and Alexander and Florence Avenues.

Public and Private Works

There have been maintained in various parts during the year and particular attention of the Council was to be

satisfactory.

Water Supply

The water supply throughout the Borough has been maintained satisfactorily. The water supply throughout the Borough has been maintained satisfactorily both in quantity and quality.

Water supply during 1945 was 115,574,000 gallons

and during 1946 was 105,510,000 gallons

and during 1947 was 105,510,000 gallons

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Parks & Public Open Spaces.

These were maintained in a satisfactory condition.

The Drainage scheme carried out at the King George Playing Field was successful and has resulted in the field drying out more quickly after rain and permits regular play even in wet weather.

Building Bye-laws.

Systematic inspection of buildings in course of erection has been carried out and generally the standard of building was found to be satisfactory.

Industrial Development.

The approval of the Ministry of Town & Country Planning for the purchase of land needed for Industrial Development was received during the year.

Negotiations for the letting of the land to suitable firms proceeded, but unfortunately broke down owing to the inability of the firms to obtain licences to build.

Negotiations are still in progress.

I am sir, Ladies & Gentleman,

Your obedient servant,

GRAHAM L. ROBINSON.

Borough Engineer & Surveyor.

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I am, Sir, Ladies & Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
Graham J. ...
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