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BOROUGH OF ECCLES.

# REPORT

OF THE

# Medical Officer of Health

For the year ended 31st Dec., 1939.



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# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1939.

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Eccles. Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have to submit a condensed Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department for 1939. This has been prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Health's Circular 2067. The usual full records of the year's work have been prepared and will be preserved in order that the annual records may be continuous and complete.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,
J.E. SPENCE,
Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department, Irwell Place, Eccles.



#### Infectious Diseases.

During the year 583 cases of infectious disease were notified compared with 1514 in 1938, the reduction being due to the freedom from measles.

33 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified compared with 123 in the preceding year while 62 cases of diphtheria were notified compared with 55 in 1938. In addition 18 diphtheria carriers were recognised and treated, four of them in hospital, while four cases, sent into hospital on a clinical diagnosis, were finally diagnosed as tonsillitis.

The maximum incidence of diphtheria occurred during the month of March when 21 cases were notified, five carriers recognised and two cases of tonsillitis were removed to hospital for observation and diagnosis. Twelve of the cases and one carrier occurred in Winton Ward where there was a group of cases mainly among young persons over school age. These cases were of a severe type but two of the associated cases occurred in children who had been immunised and it is interesting to note that in these instances the disease was much less severe. During the year 25 cases out of 62 occurred in Winton Ward.

Immunisation of children with APT in two doses of 0.1 c.c. and 0.5 c.c. with a 3 week interval was continued during the year in the schools and at the Infant Welfare Centre. 463 children were immunised in school and 118 pre-school children were immunised at the Welfare Centre.

One case of psittacosis was removed to hospital where the diagnosis was confirmed. The illness could not be traced to any particular bird or group of birds. The patient had been handling two parrots and a number of budgerigars in the course of her business and of these, a parrot, was suspect but could not be examined as it had been sold out of the district.

There was an epidemic of Whooping Cough during the early part of the year which attained its maximum in February when 80 cases were notified, and terminated in June. 299 cases were notified during the year.

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#### Food & Drugs Act, 1938.

Until October last this act was administered by the Lancashire County Council through the police force.

Up to October 65 samples, all of which, with one exception, were genuine were taken as set out in the following list.

The sample of milk which was not genuine was found to be deficient in fat to the extent of 20%. Further samples taken from the same vendor were found to be genuine.

Samples taken under Food & Drugs Act, 1938, in the Borough of Eccles during period 1st. January, 30th. September, 1939.

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During the last quarter of the year, after the transference of the supervision of food stuffs to the local authority under the Foed & Drugs Act, 19:8, 25 samples were taken.

Twelve of the samples were of milk. One was not genuine, being deficient in fat to the extent of 6.3 %, but the freezing test was satisfactory. The vendor of the sample was warned and further samples which were taken were found to be genuine. Thirteen samples were taken of other commodities, all of which were genuine, namely:-

Butter	2
Margarine	2
Jam	2
Candied Peel	2
Glace Cherries	2
Ground Almonds	2
Olive Oil	4

In the case of the jam, candied peel and grace cherries obtained from one firm the amount of preservative present approximated closely to the permitted amount while no preservative was present in the articles obtained from the other firm.

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#### Bacteriological Examination of Milk.

examination. 18 were samples of loose milk in which the total number of organisms found varied from 8200 to 22,400,000 per c.c. Only 6 of the samples contained less than 100,000 organisms per c.c., 7 contained between 100,000 and 1,000,000 per c.c., while 5 contained more than 1,000,000 organisms per c.c. - a striking illustration of the unsatisfactory condition of a large proportion of the loose milk retailed in the Borough. In all cases the information was conveyed to the retailers with a request to take steps to ensure that milk was sold in a more wholesome condition. In 10 instances B. Coli were found to be present in 0.01 c.c. in all three tubes. In three instances tubercle bacilli were found in loose milk i.e. in 17% of the samples examined.

Six samples of bottled milk were submitted for examination and in three instances the number of organisms per c.c. exceeded 100,000 while B. Coli were found in three instances in O.l c.c. in three tubes.

Eleven samples of T.T. milk were also submitted for bacteriological examination in none of which tubercle bacilli were found. 9 were satisfactory to the Methylene blue test.

#### Maternity & Child Welfare.

The close co-ordination between the maternity and child welfare and school medical services has been maintained and all the clinic facilities of the school medical service are available for children under school age. The supervision of pre-school and school children is carried out by one staff and the records are continuous from birth up to the school leaving age.

During the year 568 first visits have been made to infants and young children in their homes, 3816 re-visits have been made to children under one year of age, 2663 to children aged one to two years and 2803 to children aged two to five years. In addition 9871 visits were paid by in ants to the Welfare Centre, 2849 by children aged one to two years and 1772 by children aged two to five years. The number of visits to homes made by the Health

A DESIGNATION OF THE STATE OF T  visitors shows an increase on the previous year due to the fact that the schools were closed at the outbreak of war and the nurses were able to devote more time to home visiting. In addition to routine visits 662 special visits have been paid to the homes of mothers and children, 224 in connection with cases of infectious disease, 338 to expectant mothers, 93 to nurse children and 7 for other reasons.

Children under one year of age are seen by the Health
Visitors either at home or at the Welfare Centre on an average once
each fortnight, while children aged one to two years are seen approximately
every five weeks. In the third year of life they are seen every two
months.

The Infant Welfare Centre is open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week from 2 p.m. until 4-30 p.m. for the weighing and supervision of infants and young children. The number of new children who attended the centre during the year was 500 of whom 477 were under one year of age equivalent to 93 per cent of the children born. The total number of children who attended the centre during the year was 913. The centre was open on 201 afternoons during the year, the total attendance of mothers being 14492, an average of 66 mothers with 49 infants and 23 toddlers per session. No special clinic for toddlers is held but they are encouraged to continue in attendance at the welfare centre until they go to school, and over 40% of the attendances at the welfare centre are made by children over one year of age. Any toddlers suffering from minor ailments, ophthalmic, orthopaedic or other defects are referred to the school clinic for treatment. During the year 74 children under school age attended the school clinic for the treatment of minor ailments, 32 for squint and ophthalmic defects, 14 for orthopaedic defects and 54 for toothache.

On the outbreak of war the distribution of anti-gas helmets for babies under the age of two years was undertaken by the staff of the the Health Department and 1145 helmets were distributed at the Infant Welfare Centre. Arrangements made also for the exchange of babies helmets for small childrens respirators when the babies attained the age of two years or out grew the helmets.

When they are returned all babies protective helmets are completely dissembled and thoroughly disinfected at the Infant Welfare Centre before being reissued. Up to the end of the year 446 small childrens respirators were also issued. Arrangements have been made for the continuation of this service for the duration of the war, one afternoon per week being set aside for the purpose. When the parents are requested to exchange the babies helmets for small childrens respirators they are also invited to have their children immunised if they have not already done so and the response to the invitation has been very satisfactory. During the year 128 toddlers were immunised at the welfare centre but since the end of the year there has been a considerable increase in the number of immunisations.

#### Child Life Protection.

At the beginning of the year there were 19 children on the register of boarded out children who were in the care of 18 foster parents. Eight new children were registered during the year, seven left the district, three returned to their parents and one was adopted leaving sixteen on the register at the close of the year. 108 visits were paid to the homes of foster children during the year.

## Municipal Midwifery Service.

The Municipal Midwifery service continues to run smoothly in the Borough.

At the outbreak of hostilities in September, Park Hospital became no longer available for maternity cases, and for a short period all confinements took place in the district. Hope Hospital, by arrangements with Salford Corporation, agreed to admit suitable cases selected at the clinic, and all emergencies sent in by general practitioners. St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester also agreed to these conditions. This considerably relieved the pressure of work in the district.

On July 27th. Nurse Massey surrendered her certificate on the grounds of ill-health. Applications were invited for the vacant post of municipal midwife and Nurse Lomax was appointed, commencing her duties on the 14th. August, 1939.

At the commencement of the year there were 93 cases on the books of the four municipal midwives, and 393 cases were booked during the year. The majority of the cases attended the Ante-natal clinic for supervision and advice.

351 cases were attended by the midwives during the year,
278 as midwives, and 73 as maternity nurses. 35 cases were referred
to hospital. Medical aid was summoned by the midwives in 100
instances.

On application, the service of a midwife was granted free in 7 instances, and in one instance at a reduced rate.

At the commencement of the year fees to the amount of £8-4-0 were outstanding in respect of the midwives services during 1938, while fees due for the year 1939 amounted to £674-10-0. £614-15-6 was collected during the year and a sum of £67-18-6 was outstanding at the end of the year.

#### Midwives Acts.

At the commencement of the year there were 9 midwives practising in the Borough.

On the 1st. May, Nurse Lynch was requested to surrender her certificate. Nurse Lynch suddenly passed away on the 28th. June before she had surrendered her certificate. On July 27th. Nurse Walker and Nurse Holroyd surrendered their certificates. Thus, at the end of the year, in addition to the four municipal midwives, there were only 2 private midwives practising in the Borough.

A total of 565 cases was attended by the midwives, 351 as midwives, and 167 as maternity nurses.

2 midwives attended over 100 cases.

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Medical aid was summoned in 115 instances, equivalent to 20.8 per cent of the cases attended by the midwives.

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The reasons for sending for medical help were as follows :-

Ante-na	tal		
	Abortion	1	
	Ante-partum haemorrhage	7 .	8
Intra-na	atal		
	Delayed labour	40	
	Retained Placenta	3 .	43
Post-nat	tal		
	Ruptured Perineum	43	
	Pyrexia	4	
	Other conditions	5 .	52
Conditio	on of child		
	Feebleness of child	1	
	Prematurity	2	
	Malformation	2	
	Stillborn	2	
	Other conditions	6	. 12
			115

The number of claims submitted by medical practitioners in connection with assistance rendered to midwives in accordance with Section 3 (1) (E) of the Midwives Act, 1902, was 83; the amount paid for their service was £103-15-0 and of this amount £57-15-0 was assessed on the patients and £29-12-6 recovered.

## Ante-natal - Post-natal Clinic.

The work of supervising expectant and post-natal mothers continues to expand. Up to October there had been two sessions every Friday at 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m., but it was still found that many mothers had a long time to wait and that they were not receiving the detailed attention which is the ideal of the clinic. Consequently an extra session was arranged for Wednesday at 9-30 a.m. This session is for re-visits only, and new cases or cases for re-examination are not interviewed. This arrangement allows extra time to be spent on Friday in examining and advising new cases, particularly those mothers who are expecting their first baby.

The services of Dr. ".R. Addis have been retained as consultant. He attends on the first Friday in each month, when special cases presenting unusual or difficult features are referred to him.

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The arrangements with the Lancashire County Council by area which patients from the surrounding County/attend the Ante-natal Clinic in Eccles, have been continued, the County Council paying this authority the sum of six guineas each month for the facilities provided.

107 clinics were held during the year. 461 expectant mothers attended, of whom 84 had commenced attendance in 1938. The total number of attendances of expectant mothers was 2192.

148 mothers returned to the clinic for post-natal examination making a total of 175 attendances. Although this number shows a slight increase, it is still far from satisfactory.

#### Home Helps.

The system of providing Home Helps in necessitous cases continues to be practised in the Borough, and with hospital accommodation now being limited, the service is being used more often. During 1939 Home Helps were provided free in 14 instances.

#### Maternal Mortality.

The services of Dr. W.R. Addis have been retained by the Council under the Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia Regulations, and he is available for the assistance of medical practitioners in all cases in which a consultation is considered necessary. Arrangements have also been made for Dr. Addis to give assistance in cases of difficult labour, should his services be required, but during the year no call has been made for his assistance.

All maternal deaths and still births are investigated, and this work is closely co-ordinated with the supervision of midwives.

There were 2 maternal deaths during the year.

### Maternity and Nursing Homes.

There is now one private nursing home with a total of six beds registered under the Nursing Homes' Registration Act, 1927, which caters for maternity cases only.

The Nursing Home has been inspected periodically throughout the year and has been found to be maintained in a satisfactory condition.

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Application for exemption from the operation of the Act was made under Section 6 by the Board of Management of the Eccles & Patricroft Hospital, and the exemption was renewed by the Council.

96 maternity patients were delivered in the private nursing home during the year; 77 were delivered by doctors and 19 were delivered by midwives.

There is one home in the Borough for unmarried mothers and their children provided by the Manchester Diocesan Association for Preventive and Rescue Work, at "Ennismore", Regent Street, Eccles, which has accommodation for twelve mothers with their babies.

# Provision of Milk for Mothers, Infants and Young Children.

During the year assistance was given to 263 mothers by providing additional milk during pregnancy or until the baby had attained its first birthday. 145 mothers received dried milk, 106 fresh milk and 12 both fresh and dried milk. The total quantity of dried milk supplied was 2516 lbs., and 1319½ gallons of fresh milk was supplied. The total cost was £331 - 8 - 3½d. an average of £6-7-5 per week or £1-5-2½ per case. Owing to the high rate of unemployment during the year the cost was practically double that of the preceeding years.

Milk, cod liver oil emulsion etc., was also given to toddlers who were under nourished or ailing. The total number of children assisted was 92. 243 lbs., of dried milk, 1051 gallons of fresh milk and 542 bottles of emulsion were supplied at a total cost of £157-16-6. The cost of this form of assistance also showed a marked increase during the year being more than double the cost during the preceeding year.

A scheme for the supply of milk at a reduced price in accordance with the scheme made by the Milk Marketing Board and Circular 1840 of the Ministry of Health was submitted to a special meeting of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee in August last and approved by them. As the essential objective of the scheme was to increase the consumption of fresh milk no upper income limit was incorporated in it. When it was submitted for approval

to the Ministry they stated that it would be necessary to include an income scale, excluding from participation in the scheme families whose income was above this scale. Having regard to the primary object of the scheme, namely the desire to increase the consumption of liquid milk, it was considered that the income scale limiting participation in the scheme should be reasonably high. A scale was devised therefore by which a family of five persons having a gross income of approximately £6-0-0 per week would be entitled to obtain milk at a reduced price and thereby be enabled to increase their normal consumption of milk. This scale was rejected by the Ministry and four lower scales based on gross incomes for a family of five persons of £4-6-0, £4-0-0, £3-14-0 and £3-7-0 per week were devised. Of these scales the Council adopted the highest and submitted it to the Ministry but this scale was also rejected. Finally a scale which provided for a gross income of approximately £2-18-0 per week for a family of five was submitted and approved and the scheme was put into operation.

The operation of the scheme has increased considerably the amount of clerical work in connection with the supply of milk to necessitous mothers and children but has failed entirely in its object of increasing the consumption of liquid milk, an object which was heralded as the prime essence of the scheme. Furthermore it has eliminated any control that build be exercised formerly over the careless and negligent parents when the supply of milk free or at a reduced cost was conditional upon the attendance at the infant welfare centre. It has however succeeded in increasing the consumption of liquid milk to some extent by its substitution for dried milk but the main advantage that has accrued as a result of adoption of the scheme is that the cost of liquid milk supplied by the local authority has been reduced.

The most urgent amendment necessary to improve the scheme is the removal of the condition that the supply of milk should not be conditional on attendance at the infant welfare centre.

Immediately the scheme was put into operation a certain number of

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careless mothers promptly ceased to attend the welfare centre and any opportunity for the close supervision of their children was lost as they also refused to admit the Health Visitors to their homes.

During the year assistance was given to 274 mothers by providing additional milk during pregnancy or until the baby had attained its first birthday. 154 mothers were supplied with dried milk, 117 with fresh milk and 3 with both fresh and dried milk. The total quantity of dried milk supplied was 2516 lbs., while 1319 gallons 4 pints of fresh milk were supplied. The total cost was £331-18-1½ an average of £6-7-5½ per week or £1-4-2 per case.

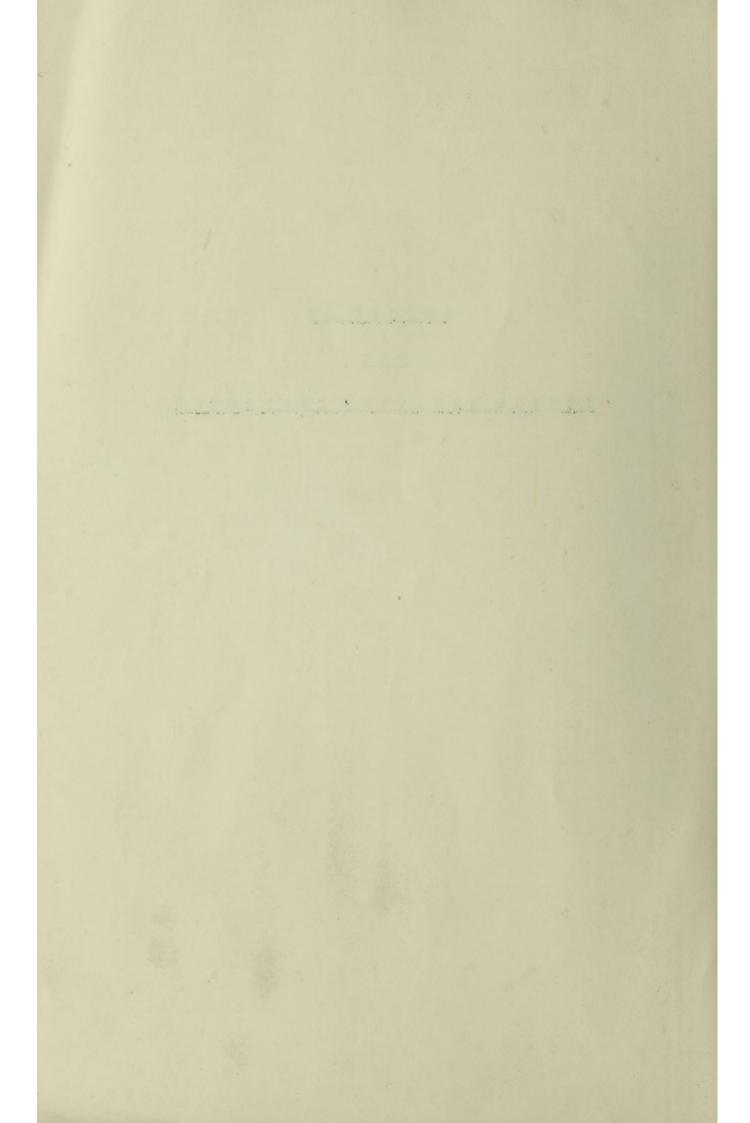
Milk, cod liver oil emulsion, etc., was also given to toddlers who were not thriving or were showing signs of undernourishment. The total numner of children assisted was 92. 243 lbs., of dried milk, 105 gallons 7 pints of fresh milk, and 542 bottles of cod liver oil emulsion were supplied at a total cost of £157-16-6.

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SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR.



# HOUSING.

#### Statistics.

	er of new houses erected during the year.	
(a) Total	(including numbers given separately under b)	382
(11) By	the Local Authority other Local Authorities other bodies and persons	158
	STATE ASSISTANCE under the Housing Acts.	224
(i) By	the Local Authority other bodies or persons	158
1. Inpp	ection of Dwelling Houses during the year.  (a) Total number of Dwelling Houses inspecte housing defects (under Public Health or Ho Acts  (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	d for using 161
(2)	(a) Number of Dwelling Houses (included und sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925  (b) Number of inspections made for the	er 135
(3)	barbose	135
	Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	17
(4)	Number of Dwelling Houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding subhead) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	144
Numbe conse	y of Defects during the year without Service Formal Notices. r of defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit i quence of informal action by the Local rity or their Officers	n 107
**	on under Statutory Powers during the year. roceedings under sections 9, 10, and 16 of ousing Act, 1936.	,
(1)	Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	21
(2)	Number of Dwelling Houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) by Owners	24
	(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	-
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There were 1151 inspections made of work in progress.

#### HOUSING.

The number of new houses built during the year was 382 the number demolished was 33 giving a nett increase of 349.

The total number of houses and flats in the Borough is 12,630. The number of houses owned by the Corporation is 1,578.

The following table gives the number of houses built and the number demolished for the years 1920 to 1939 inclusive.

Year	Houses built by local authority.	Houses built by private enterprise.	Houses demolished
1920	-	2	-
1	112	5	
2	268	3	-
3	277	24	1
4	-	50	-
5	104	15	12
6	72	36	15
7	19	37	24
8	78	46	69
9	137	16	34
1930	26	3	29
1	21	68	40
2	-	69	14
3	12	55	20
4	112	85	68
5	1	234	46
6	82	251	76
7	-	202	28
8	2	294	10
9	158	224	33
Totals	1481	1719	519

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#### SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

The number and variety of Sanitary Conveniences in use at the end of the year were was follows:-

Fresh-water flushed Waste-water flushed Fresh-water flushed	closets	15,765 56 83
Pail closets Ashbins Baths		13,670 8,370

In 11 instances, water closets were found to be defective, and in 58 instances various defects were found in connection with fittings.

Water supply.

The Manchester Corporation gave a continuous and adequate supply of water during the year. There was no occasion for restriction in its use by house-holders.

#### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Number of houses found to be infested:-

(a) Council Houses 31. (b) Other Houses 71.

The method employed for freeing infested houses is by spraying with Zaldecide.

For ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council houses:-

Furniture sprayed and bedding steam disinfected.

The work of disinfestation is carried out by the Local Authority.

#### OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The only premises under this heading in the Borough are 35 fish frying premises, two tipe boilers, and four rag and bone dealers.

#### THEATRES AND CINEMAS.

There are seven such places of entertainment in the Borough, and in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular No. 120, were inspected during the year, and no cause for complaint was found.

#### COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There is only one registered common lodging house in the Borough and this has accommodation for 66 males only. It is under the personal supervision of the proprietor and is well managed.

#### DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

There are four cowkeepers registered in the Borough and the average number of cows kept was 48.

Five licences were issued under the Milk (Special Designation) Order, one a dealer's licence to bottle Tuberculin tested milk, four supplementary licences, one being for Tuberculin tested milk and three for pasteurised milk.

The number of inspections made in connection with Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops was 87.

## MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

The number of slaughter houses in the Borough is 9 - two registered and seven licensed.

The number of visits paid to slaughter-houses was 750.

All carcages are inspected before being removed from the slaughter-houses, the number of animals killed being 14,344 made up as follows:-

	T	otal	14,344
Pigs		•••	2503
Sheep and Lamb	S		9649
Calves			8
Cattle	• • • •		2184

#### Food Surrendered:-

#### TUBERCULOSIS

Carcases	and portions	 	3,319 lbs.
Other diseases and	conditions :-		
Carcases	and portions	 	2,642 108.
Fish:-			

Hake	 		• • • •	 70	lbs.
		To	tal	6031	lbs.

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#### Factories, Workshops, Workplaces and Homework.

## 1 - Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

	Numbe	r of	
Premises	Inspections	Written	Prosecutions
Factories Workshops including Workshop	26	-	-
Laundries and Bakehouses Workplaces	3+	-	-
Total	65	_	-

#### 11. - DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIET, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars			Pefects Referr'd to H.M. Insp'tor	Number of Prose- cutions
Nuisances under the Public Healt Acts:- Sanitary accommodation :- Insufficient Unsuitable or defective Not separate for sexes Other nuisances Want of Cleanliness	12712	2112	111111	
Total	6	6	-	

# 111. - OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES NIL.

#### Diseases of Animals Acts.

The number of licences granted for the movement of animals during the year was 52.

There are 32 stable premises, and 8 premises where pigs are kept.

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There are 990 shops of various kinds on the Register.

Weekly half-holiday Orders have been made in connection with Butchers Shops, Boot and Shoe Retailers and Barbers and Hairdressers.

The work of inspection of shops under the Whops Act, 1934, was continued. In 9 instances contraventions with regard to the keeping of records, 2 instances with regard to seating accommodation for females, and 1 instance with regard to heating of shops was noted.

The attention of the occupiers of the shops was drawn to the contravention.

#### Offices.

In connection with the inspections made of Offices, two instances of insufficient and unsuitable W.C. accommodation were dealt with.

#### Mortuary

The mortuary was used on twenty-nine occasions for the reception of bodies. Of these :-

20 had died from natural causes. 3 from drowning. 2 accident 3 suicides 1 stillborn

#### Proceedings Before the Magistrates.

No Police Court proceedings were taken during the year.

There were ho inspections of Canal Boats during the year. The Boats delivering coal to the Wharfs here are day-boats, and are not occupied by any person. The other traffic on the Canal consists of those boats passing through the district without stopping.

#### Inspections.

Bakehouses	72
Food Preparing Establishments	40
Fish Friers	32 31 72 15 29
Ice Cream Shops	31
Milkshops	72
Cowsheds	15
Butchers premises	29
Mineral Water Works	
Slaughter Houses	750
Marine Store Dealers	35
Stables and Piggeries	104
Workshops, Laundries, Etc.	39
Factories	26
Offices	12
Out-Workers Premises	10
Van Dwellers	8 15 56 7
Common Lodging Houses Houses let in Lodgings	15
Schools, Sanitary Conveniences	56
Theatres and Cinemas	7
Tests applied to drains	54
Drains opened up	23
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#### Inspections (contd)

District Inspection of Houses	1472
Re-inspection of nuisances, &c	1983
Visits in cases of Infectious Disease	294
Visits re Shops Acts.	48
Smoke observations	40
Owners seen	294
Visits re suitability of Tenants for Corporation	
Houses	318
Housing Act (Overcrowding) Inquiries	94
Housing Act (Overcrowding) Houses Measured	94 41

#### Refuse Collection.

The work of house refuse collection continues to be carried out in a satisfactory manner. At the close of the year there were in the Borough 13,670 galvanized iron dustbins and they were emptied regularly each week.

During the year 9,122 loads of refuse were removed to the destructor works, the total weight being 10,926 tons.

The Department supplied 575 dustbins and dustbin-lids at the cost of the owners.

G.V. HULSE.

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

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