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BOROUGH OF LOUGHBOROUGH.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the Year 1942

To The Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors
of the Borough of Loughborough.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present herewith my 6th Annual Report on the health of your Borough. As in the case of previous wartime reports, this is brief and deals with items of special interest only.

The apprehension felt at the beginning of the war that large movements of the population under the evacuation scheme, restrictions of dietary and the general depression of standards of living due to war conditions would lead to a considerable increase in illhealth and epidemic disease has so far proved to be unfounded, and there is no indication that these early fears will be realised.

No unusual incidence of infectious disease has been noted, the increase in scabies (which actually began before the war) seems to have been checked, and nutritional standards have been well maintained. The population appears to have adjusted itself well to wartime conditions.

I wish to thank the Health Committee and all the members of the staff for their co-operation and support during the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. CAUTLEY HOLDERNESS

<u>Maternity & Child Welfare.</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>
Number of notifications of birth	600	706

Maternity Services.

There was a considerable increase in the number of cases attended by the Municipal Midwives during the year. (Two were employed.)

Work of Municipal Midwives.	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>
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Number of cases delivered :- Midwifery	105	129
Maternity	57	89
	<u>162</u>	<u>218</u>

Number of visits made :- Ante-natal	1078	1335
During puerperium	3000	3335
	<u>4078</u>	<u>4670</u>

Evacuation.

The flow of expectant mothers to Loughborough under the Government Evacuation Scheme increased somewhat during the year. Four ante-natal clinics per week are held and the following table shews the work carried out :-

<u>Ante-natal Clinic.</u>		1941	1942
New Cases	- Loughborough	125	113
	Evacuees	729	981
Attendances	- Loughborough	480	474
	Evacuees	2558	2991
Cases referred to Dental Clinic		21	13

CHILD WELFARE.

As forecast in the report for 1941 the figures for that year were not wholly maintained in 1942. The calls of wartime employment and increased domestic difficulties, together with a fall in the numbers of evacuated children under 5 years have lead to some diminution in attendances at the Welfare Centres. The Temporary Additional Health Visitor resigned at the end of 1941 and her place has not been filled. This, together with the special duties in connection with diphtheria immunisation carried out by the Health Visitors during the year at the request of the Ministry (referred to later) reduced the number of domiciliary visits considerably. In addition one Health Visitor was absent from duty for 10 weeks owing to an injury.

<u>Attendances at Welfare Centres.</u>		1941	1942
First attendances	under 1 year	435	471
"	" over 1 year	112	46
Other attendances	under 1 year	8331	7767
"	" over 1 year	6882	6513
		<u>15760</u>	<u>14797</u>

<u>Attendances at Minor Ailments Clinic etc.</u>			
Number of children referred		135	124
Total number of attendances		1478	910
Children referred to Dental Clinic		55	17
"	" " Eye "	18	8
"	" " Cripples Guild	13	21

<u>Home Visits by Health Visitors.</u>			
To children under 1 year	- First visits	611	620
	Re-visits	3448	1701
To children 1-5 years		6976	4110
To expectant mothers	- First Visits	147	120
	Re-visits	1001	81
		<u>12183</u>	<u>6632</u>

WARTIME NURSERIES.

In July a wartime day nursery was opened at Mill Lane, Nottingham Road. This has accommodation for 15 children under the age of 2 years and 25 between 2 & 5 years. It is open between 7-0 a.m. and 7-0 p.m. each weekday. The accommodation has been fully taken up since the commencement. The Committee already had a part-time nursery at Tudor Hall for 25 children between the ages of 2 & 5 years. This was taken over from the evacuation Committee in August 1941.

The costs of both nurseries are reimbursed by the Ministry of Health.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (See also table at end of Report)

Diphtheria.

110 notifications of this disease were received (compared with 117 in 1941) 5 being in respect of non-civilians. The diagnosis was not confirmed in the case of three civilians and one non-civilian. All the cases were removed to hospital. Three deaths occurred. About two thirds of the cases occurred in the first three months and the remainder sporadically throughout the rest of the year.

Scarlet Fever.

30 cases of this disease were notified during the year (compared with 66 in 1941). 25 of these were removed to hospital. No deaths occurred. The cases occurred sporadically throughout the year.

Cerebro-spinal Fever.

In two of the 5 cases notified the diagnosis was not confirmed.

Food Poisoning.

In May of the year under review there occurred a small outbreak of food poisoning due to infection with *Bacillus Gaertner*. There were 11 cases including 1 death (an elderly person.) All the affected persons had partaken of an ox tongue - which in all probability was the vehicle of infection. It was not possible to trace the actual source of the infection. The circumstances of the case completely exonerated the butcher who had supplied the tongue. In the course of the examination some 60 specimens were taken for bacteriological examination. The latter were carried out at the Ministry of Health Emergency Laboratory at Leicester.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year the Ministry of Health, in conjunction with Local Authorities carried out a campaign for diphtheria immunisation by means of press and cinema advertisements, broadcast talks, etc. At the request of the Ministry the Health Visitors carried out a survey of all children under 5 years on their districts and a personal canvas of parents urging them to have their children immunised. So far as Loughborough was concerned, this was mainly an intensification of the work which was being carried out as a routine, but the survey was valuable in checking the accuracy of the estimates of children immunised by private practitioners and in stimulating a more rapid response from a number of parents.

	1941	1942
Number of children immunised :-		
Between 1 and 5 years	417	676
Over 5 years	329	429
	<u>746</u>	<u>1105</u>

At the end of the year the percentage immunised was as follows:-

0 - 5 years	53.43%
5 - 15 years	74.16%

It should be noted that the maximum percentage of children under 5 years that can be immunised is 80% as immunisation is not carried out until a child is 12 months old.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1942.

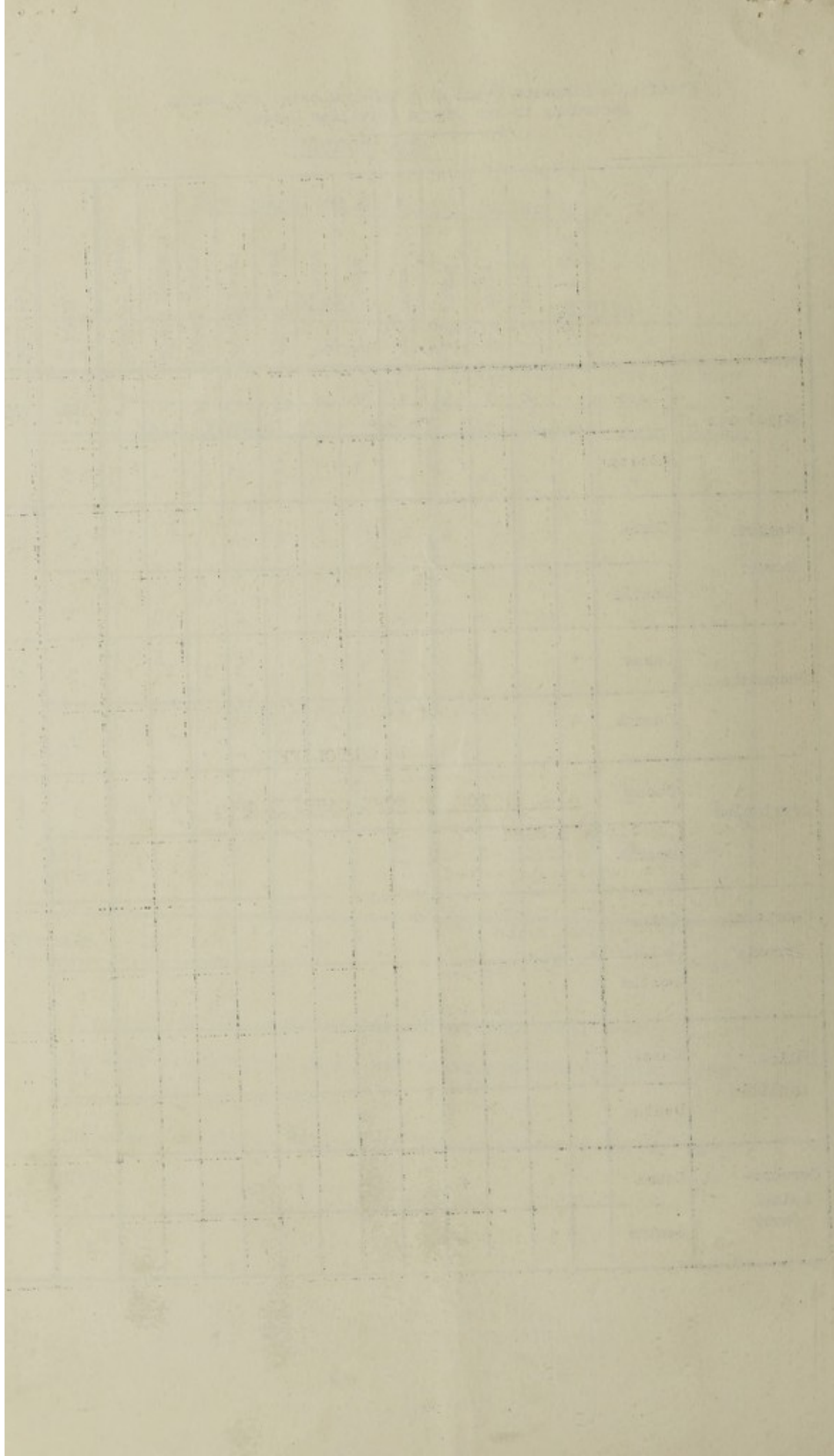
Age Periods	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	5	3	-	-	1	4
5	1	2	3	1	-	-	-	-
15	5	2	1	-	1	1	-	-
25	2	5	-	-	1	1	-	-
35	3	2	-	2	-	2	-	-
45	4	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
55	5	1	-	-	5	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Totals	20	12	10	6	9	4	2	4

3 out of 19 Tuberculosis Deaths were not notified, but in 2 of these the illness was acute and the diagnosis was not made before death.

No cases of wilful neglect to notify occurred during the year.

Notifiable Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) and Deaths
According to Age Groups (Civilian Cases)

		Under 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years	5-10 years	10-15 years	15-20 years	20-35 years	35-45 years	45-65 years	over 65 years	TOTAL	Admitted to Isolation Hospital.
Diphtheria	Cases		2	3	5	1	30	28	13	15	2	2	1	102	105
	Deaths						1	1		1				3	
Scarlet Fever	Cases			2	4	4	10	5	1	4				30	25
	Deaths													-	
Pneumonia	Cases	1					1			1	3	2	1	9	-
	Deaths	1									1	2		4	
Erysipelas	Cases									1		1	1	3	3
	Deaths											1		1	
Puerperal Pyrexia	Cases									1	1			2	1
	Deaths										1			1	
Polio-myelitis	Cases	1												1	-
	Deaths													-	
Cerebro-spinal fever	Cases		1		1				1	1				4	5
	Deaths		1							1				2	



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1942.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Borough of Loughborough
Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my thirty-fourth Annual Report on the operations of the Sanitary Department for the year ending December 31st, 1942.

As in previous years the paper restrictions will not permit of a comprehensive report but the brief details outline the continued satisfactory progress of my Department.

The main topic of the times is Salvage and from the figure of £3747. 7. 11. received from the sale of Salvage during 1942 the record figure of £2072. 4. 6 for the year 1941 was easily broken; and I anticipate that the year 1943 will see even this figure surpassed.

I would, in conclusion like to take this opportunity of thanking the Health Committee, my assistants and clerks for their support and co-operation during the year

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. BINTOLIFFE.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK CARRIED OUT.

Number of notices issued	-	332
" " " complied with	-	302
" " houses re-inspected	-	883
" " house to house inspections	-	112
" " infected houses visited	-	182
" " rooms fumigated	-	210
" " " sprayed	-	276
" " lots of infected beds stoved at Farm	-	72
" " " " " destroyed at Farm	-	64
" " drains and other inspections	-	9218
" " complaints received	-	101
" " communications re dust removals	-	60
" " dairies, cowsheds and milkshops inspected	-	294
" " factories inspected	-	209
" " outworkers inspected	-	114
" " offensive trades	-	166
" " drains tested	-	34
" " smoke observations	-	6
" " samples of milk taken for bact. examination	-	32
" " slaughterhouses inspected during office hours	-	123
" " " " " evenings & Sundays	-	60
" " meat stalls and stores inspected	-	226
" " samples of water taken for analysis	-	4
" " food stores insp. other than where meat is kept	-	179
" " inspections under the Housing Overcrowding Act	-	77
" " premises inspected for vermin	-	61
" " rooms treated for vermin	-	85
" " shops inspected	-	261
" " canal boats inspected	-	32

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT.

New drains laid	-	22
Drains taken out	-	5
" unstopped and cleansed	-	88
" ventilated and disconnected	-	9
Inspection chambers built	-	11
New gullies provided	-	14
Waste pipes of sinks disconnected	-	1
Sink waste pipes renewed or repaired	-	29
Sink waste channels repaired	-	12
New sink stones provided	-	2
Bath and washbasins disconnected	-	4
Drains tested by smoke, water or colour test	-	34
Water closets repaired	-	66
New water closets provided	-	8
Pail closets converted to water carriage system	-	2
Pail closets provided	-	1
Yard surface repaired or paved	-	18
Rain water conductors repaired or fixed	-	33
Soft water cisterns cleansed	-	4
Windows and cords repaired	-	36
Floors repaired or concreted	-	22
Dirty houses cleansed	-	20
" cellars "	-	2
Water or sewage removed from cellars	-	2
Roofs stripped and repaired	-	64
Ventilators repaired	-	10
Damp walls remedied	-	9
Damp courses provided	-	7
Plaster ceilings repaired	-	16
Plaster walls repaired	-	22
General internal and external defects remedied	-	84
Ashpits dispensed with	-	-
Water service pipes repaired	-	17
Wells closed	-	1
" cleansed and repaired	-	2
Houses connected to public sewer	-	1
Damp courses repaired	-	4

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number in district at end of 1942	-	1. Privies	30
		2. Pails	487
		3. W.C.'s.	11834

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Total number of inspections	-	10761
" " " defects or nuisances discovered (excluding smoke nuisances)	-	3741
" " " complaints received	-	101
" " " notices served	-	-
(a) Formal	-	21
(b) Informal	-	332
" " " defects remedied after serving of notices	-	3691

The above inspections include those under the following headings:
Housing inspection under Housing Act, 1936.
Inspection of drains, Factories, & Bakehouses.
Inspection of Dairies, Cowsheds, Milkshops, Tents, Vans, and Sheds.
Slaughterhouses, Offensive Trades, treatment of premises for vermin.
Markets, Meatstalls, and Foodstalls, other than where meat is kept, and inspections under the Shops Act

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

MILK.

Total number of retail Purveyors on Register.	163.
Number residing in the District including shopkeepers registered for the sale of pasteurised and sterilised milk in bottles only.	127
Number of Retail Purveyors residing outside the district.	8
Total number of producers on register including producers who retail their own milk.	41

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDERS. 1923 & 1936.

Number of Certified Tuberculin Tested Producers in the district.	2.
Number of Accredited Retailers in the district -	6.
Number of Accredited Bottlers Licensed in the district.	2
Number of Certified Tuberculin Tested Retailers residing outside the district retailing in the Borough.	Nil.
Total inspections for all purposes.	294

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK.

32 samples of milk have been submitted during the year for bacteriological examination and 24 were recorded as satisfactory. In the case of unsatisfactory results, frequent inspections have been made to the farms and dairies concerned and advice given to the farmer and dairymen.

The milk supplied to the schools in the Borough is submitted monthly for bacteriological examination and every three months for fat content, and the standard of the milk has reached a high level.

	No. of samples taken.	Satisfactory.	Not satisfactory.	% satisfactory.
1942	32	24	8	75. 0.
1941	48	43	5	89. 5.
1940	39	35	4	89. 7.
1939	62	53	9	85. 5.
1938	101	90	11	89. 1.
1937	82	71	11	87. 0

MEAT & FOOD CONTROL.

175 pigs and 4 lambs were slaughtered in the Borough slaughter houses during the year. These were slaughtered by local people for their own consumption. 16 stone of pork was destroyed after examination of these animals, as unfit for human consumption. 175 inspections and visits were made.

KNACKERS YARDS.

22 inspections were made of the one registered knackers yard in the district and the conditions were found at all times to be satisfactory.

INSPECTION OF FOODSTORES, ETC.

Number of meat stores etc. inspected	147
" " shops, meat stalls etc. inspected	226
" " premises where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale	179.

HOUSE DISINFECTION.

Number of infected houses visited	-	-	276.
" " " rooms fumigated.	-	-	210
" " " " sprayed.	-	-	276.
" " lots of infected bedding steam disinfected	-	-	72.
" " " " " destroyed.	-	-	80.

The usual practice of dealing with infected cases has been continued and disinfectants supplied free to householders when such cases have been notified.

DISINFESTATION

61 premises were inspected for vermin, which necessitated 85 rooms being treated. Effective results were obtained after treatment.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

20 trades are registered with the Local Authority and during the year under survey, 166 visits were made and conditions found to be satisfactory, no serious infringements were found.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919

Wartime conditions have necessitated stricter supervision of this branch of our duties. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries have emphasised how important it is to prevent the destruction of our food supplies and desire responsible officers to increase their activities to check this serious menace.

During the year 246 visits were paid to infested premises and the use of the Hydro-Cyanide Acid gas pump has proved very effective in ridding a large number of premises of rats. The payment of 2d. per carcase has been continued and 779 rats were bought at a cost of £6. 9s. 10d.

SHOPS ACTS, 1912, 1913, 1928, 1934, & 1936.

261 shops in the Borough were inspected under the above Acts, dealing with sanitary and washing accommodation, ventilators and the working conditions of the shop assistants and hours of employment of the young persons.

No legal proceedings were taken during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Routine inspections of factories have been carried out in the district. 209 inspections having been made and alterations and improvements affected in the sanitary conditions of several factories.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Factories with mechanical power	22
" without	101.
Bakehouses inspections	86.

OUTDOORS.

114 Outworkers were inspected during the year and it is pleasing to note that the improvement of the working conditions continues. 2 cases of infectious disease were found which necessitated the disinfection of the premises and outwork material.

SALVAGE

The year 1942 has been very successful and the following brief summary gives proof of the splendid response to our frequent appeals for salvage materials.

	Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	C.	S.	D.
Wastepaper.	461.	6.	1.	2627.	13.	10.
Scrap Metals.	34.	6.	2.	108.	13.	9.
Bones.	13.	16.	0.	48.	4.	2.
Rags.	22.	16.	1.	282.	12.	9.
Kitchen Waste.	421.	13.	0.	631.	0.	4.
Tins.	24.	19.	2.	24.	19.	6.
Bottles. (456)					19.	0.
Rubber.	5.	12.	3.	13.	15.	4.
Miscellaneous.				9.	9.	3

Total receipts for year ending December, 1942.	83747.	7.	11.
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SUMMARY OF FOODS CONTRIBUTED.

BEEF.	4 cwts: 3 qrs.
PORK.	11 stone.
BACON.	2 cwts: 3 qrs.
SAUSAGE.	46 stone.
TINNED MEATS.	371 tins.
BEEF EXTRACT.	40
MEAT PIES.	460
SAUSAGE ROLLS.	450
TINNED FISH.	141 tins.
FRESH FISH.	37 boxes & 140½ stone.
ONIONS.	15 cwts: 2½ qrs.
SPRING CABBAGE.	70 lbs.
TINNED VEGETABLES.	328 tins.
TOMATOES. (Fresh).	8 boxes.
ORANGES.	760
APPLES.	1,055 lbs.
CHERRIES.	3½ stone.
PRUNES.	2½ stone.
EVAPORATED MILK.	502 tins.
CONDENSED MILK.	12 tins.
SKIMMED MILK.	7 tins.
MARGARINE.	5½ lbs.
BUTTER.	8 lbs.
EGGS.	149.
TINNED FRUIT.	81 tins.
MARSHMALLOW CREAM.	2 stone.
CREAM POWDER.	2 stone.
JELLY.	7 tins.
CHOCOLATE CREAM BARS.	46.
CAKE.	13½ stone.
CHEESE	2 cwts: 2 qrs.
PICKLED VEGETABLES.	5 jars.
PRESERVES.	11 tins.
SOUP.	7 tins.

