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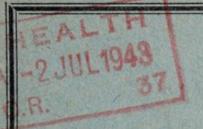
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#### ANNUAL REPORT

OF

Medical Officer of Health

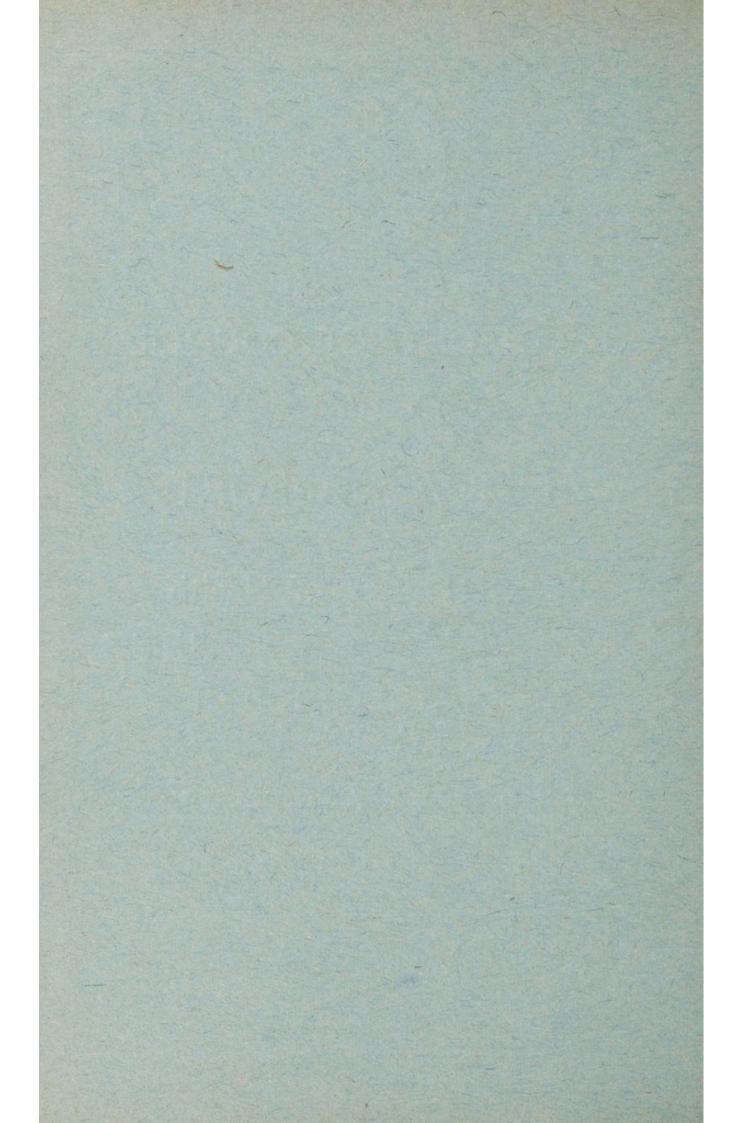
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### Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report for 1940

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PAIGNTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

#### Mr. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS,-

I have the honour to submit my Report for 1940. In accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Health, the Report for this year is confined chiefly to statistical records.

A. DICK, Medical Officer of Health.

#### GENERAL STATISTICS.

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1—
Area (acres) 5,177
Population—Census 1939 (September) 22,510
Registrar-General's estimated resident population 1939 23,130
Registrar-General's estimated resident population 1940 26,960
Number of inhabited houses:—1939, 8,250; 1940 8,320
Rateable Value, 31st March, 1941 £246,145
Estimated sum represented by Penny Rate—1940/41 £950
2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR
Total. M. F.
T: D: 0
Live Births 254 149 105  Legitimate 244 143 101
Illegitimate 10 6 4
Still Births 7 4 3
Legitimate 7 4 3
Legitimate          7       4       3         Illegitimate          0       0       0
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population 8.75
(E. & W. 14.6)
Deaths 400 184 216
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population 14.83
(E. & W. 14.3)
Standardised Death Rate for Paignton 10.38
Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy
and child-birth:—
From Sepsis Nil
From other causes 1
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—
All Infants per 1,000 live births 31.49
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births 32.78
births 32.78

Illegitimate Infants	per	1,000	illegitu	mate		
live births						0
Deaths from Measles (all a	iges)					- 1
Deaths from Whooping Co	ugh	(all ag	(es)			0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (une	der 2	2 years	of age)		-	2

#### CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1940

				M.	F.
All causes		Y		 184	218
Typhoid and paratyphoid feve	r			 1	0.
Measles				 1	0
Scarlet fever				 0	0
Whooping cough		/		 0	0
Diphtheria				 0 -	0
Influenza				 2	1
Encephalitis lethargica				 0	0
Cerebro-spinal fever				 0	1
Tuberculosis of the respiratory	syste	m		 4	3
Other tuberculosis				 0	1
Syphilis				 - 1	0
G.P.I., tabes, etc				 . 0	0
Cancer				 24	34
Diabetes				 3	1
Cerebral hæmorrbage				 17	24
Heart disease				 46	61
Other circulatory diseases				 5	6
Bronchitis				 11	15
Pneumonia (all forms)				 11	14
Other respiratory diseases				 6	0
Peptic ulcer				 0	0
Diarrhœa under 2 years				 1	1
Appendicitis				 2	1
Cirrhosis of liver				 0-	0
Other liver diseases				 0	0
Other digestive diseases				 3	10
Acute and chronic nephritis				 9	15
Puerperal sepsis				 0	0
Other puerperal diseases				 0	1
Congenital debility, premature	birth,	etc.		 1	1
Senility				 0	0
Suicide				 4	1
Other violence				 5	4
Other defined diseases				 22	21
Ill-defined or not known				 0	0
Diarrhœa, 2 years and over				 0	0
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	r of ag	ge: To	tal	 3	5 5
Legitimate				 3	
Illegitimate				 0	0

## TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1940

		New	Cases.			Deaths.			
Age Periods.	Pnlm	onary		on- onary	Puln	nonary	Pulme	on- onary	
	М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	
0—1	 -	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2-5	 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6—10 11—15	 1 _	1	1	_	-	-	_	_	
16-20	 1	2	_	1	_	3	_	_	
21—25	 1	I 4	1	1	-	-	-	_	
26—35	 1	4	-	1	2	1	-	-	
36—45	 -	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
46—55 56—65	 6	-	-	1	1	-	-	=	
66 upwards	 1 -	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Totals	 11	12	2	4	3	4	-	_	

## DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR

Dise	ase.		Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Paignton Hospital.	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever		 	25	21	_
Pneumonia		 	15	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	a	 	-	-	-
Erysipelas		 	7	-	_
Diphtheria		 	7	6	1
Dysentery		 	_	-	- 1

# THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Total number of cases, 79: -Males 35, Females 44.

KINGSBRIDGE R.D.C.	1	1	1		1
DARTMOUTH.	,	1	1 4	o	12
BRIXHAM.	63	24	1	4	31
PAIGNTON.	· 21	9		9	. 35
	:	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:	<i>y</i> :
DISEASE.	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Cerebrol-spinal Fever	Others	TOTALS

Deaths:—Diphtheria 1 (Paignton).

Cerebro-Spinal Fever, 1 (Paignton).

I. FREEMAN, Matron.

#### . MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

THE Maternity and Child Welfare Centre continues to be held at the Congregational Schoolrooms, Dartmouth Read, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, Thursday afternoons being for Ante-Natal work.

The attendances for the year were as follows:-

#### RESIDENTS.

Mothers				 	3491
Babies and	Toddle	rs		 	3989
Ante-Natal	Clinic			 	422
		TIME	OTTER		

#### EVACUEES.

Mothers		 	 721
Babies and	Toddlers	 	 830
Ante-Natal	Clinic	 	 55

The Voluntary Members of the Welfare Sub-Committee at the Centre again continued their excellent work throughout the year.

#### VACCINATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Births register	red	 	 	 		298
Vaccinated		 	 	 		115
Exempted		 	 	 		128
Insusceptible		 	 	 		_
Postponed		 	 	 		6
Left District		 	 	 	*	23
Died unvaccin	nated	 	 	 		5
Not yet dealt	with	 	 	 		21

F. REVELL, Vaccination Officer.

#### WATER SUPPLY

Several samples were taken during the year, the chemical and bacteriological results of all proving satisfactory.

# Chief Sanitary Inspector's Annual Report for 1940.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PAIGNTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,-

I submit herewith my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

Owing to the war, this Report is chiefly a statistical record.

#### DRAINAGE

Old Houses.—The drainage of 49 houses was tested. Thirty-seven were found defective, of which 6 were re-laid and 31 repaired.

New Houses.—The drainage systems and sanitary fittings of 36 houses erected during the year were inspected and tested.

Seventy-nine visits were paid in connection therewith, and 50 tests applied.

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION

Infectious Diseases.—Thirty-three notifiable cases were investigated during the year and enquiries made.

Thirty-five cases were removed to the Council's Isolation Hospital from Paignton, and 44 from other Districts.

**Disinfections.**—One hundred and twenty-one houses were disinfected for the following reasons:—

Notifiable diseases	 	 38
Tuberculosis	 	 12
Other infectious diseases	 	 10
Verminous conditions	 	 14
Other cases	 	 47

Details of articles passed through the Steam Disinfector:-

MAT	TRESSES.	PILLOWS.	BLANKETS.	OTHER ARTICLES.
From Paignton	87	340	559	248
From Districts				
outside Paignton	14	12	45	24

#### INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

Slaughterhouses.—There are two Slaughterhouses in the District—one Private (Registered), situated at Crown and Anchor Arch, and one Public, at Luscombe Road.

From the 14th January, the Ministry of Food took over the killing at both Slaughterhouses, commandeering the Registered one and paying a rental to the owner, and using the Public Slaughterhouse and paying to the Council the tolls which were in operation pre-war, and which were considerably lower than paid by the Ministry of Food in respect of the use of the Slaughterhouses of adjoining Authorities. The Council made quite a number of improvements at the Public Slaughterhouse at the request of the Ministry of Food, the cost of which was borne by the Council.

Killing takes place in both Slaughterhouses for Paignton and certain surrounding districts.

The number of carcases inspected is as follows:—

Before in use by the Ministry of Food (1st—13th January):—

SLAUGHTER-

HOUSES.	ST	EERS.	lows.	HEIFERS.	CALV	ES. SHEEP.	Pigs.	. Total
Public		9	6	11	3	77	65	171
Registered		24	2	20	10	150	43	249
		33	8	31	13	227	108	420

After in use by the Ministry of Food (14th January—31st December:—

	Bui	LS	STEERS	Cows	HEIFERS	CALV	ES SHEEP	Pigs	Total
Public		7	182	101	188	343	3682	1391	6894
Registd		1	534	543	560	465	6353	4	8460
Meat D	epot	-	4 -	-	-	-	-	265	265
		8	749	652	779	821	12262	1768	16039

It will be observed that the number of carcases inspected during the year was 16,039 as compared with 4,905 in 1939—an increase of 11,134.

This work entailed a considerable amount of evening duty (almost daily), including Sundays, up to a late hour, and had to be carried out with a depleted Staff.

#### UNSOUND FOOD

Statement of meat and other foods condemned and destroyed as unfit for human consumption:—

as unfit for human	consumpt	10D :-			
	CATTLE (excldg.	Cows	Calves	SHEEP AND LAMBS	Pigs
Number killed	1536	652	821	12262	1768
Number inspected		652	821	12262	1768
All diseases except					1.00
Tuberculosis :-					
Whole carcases con-					
demned		3	2	23	7
Carcases of which					
some part or organ					
was condemned	338	5	3	322	14
Percentage of the					
number inspected,					
affected with dis-					
ease other than					
Tuberculosis		1.23	.61	2.81	1.19
Tuberculosis only:-					
Whole carcases					
condemned	5	4	0	0	1
Carcases of which					
some part or					
organ was					
condemned	113	. 7	1	0	60
Percentage of number					
inspected, pffected					
with Tuberculosis	7.68	1.69	.12	0	3.45
Tubi	ERCULOSIS.		HER DISEAS:		TOTAL.
Beef	6114 lbs.		43741 lbs.	10	488\lbs.
Pork	905 lbs.		912 lbs.	1	817 lbs.
Mutton			1101 lbs.	1	101 lbs.
Offals	2413 lbs.		5496 lbs.	7	909 lbs.
TOTALS	94321bs.		11883 <del>4</del> lbs.	21	315‡lbs.
	IMPOL	TITO I	COOD		

#### IMPORTED FOOD

2 Carcases Chilled Lamb-M		 	 	811bs.
1 Trunk Chilled I amb—Mo	uld	 	 	111bs.
2 Legs Chilled—Mould		 	 	13lbs.
TOTAL		 	 	105lbs.

#### OTHER UNSOUND FOOD DESTROYED

28lbs. Brawn. 40lbs. Bacon.

The total amount of food condemned and destroyed as unfit for human consumption was :-

9 tons

11 cwts.

3 grs. 121 lbs.

#### **BAKEHOUSES**

There are 10 Bakehouses on the Register. All have been periodically inspected and found in a clean condition.

#### MILK SUPPLY

Number of Cowkeepers or Dairym	nen on Register at end of year	47
Number Registered as Producer-l	Retailer	4
Number Registered as Producer-	Wholesaler	13
Number Registered as Producer-l	Retailer Wholesaler	0
Number Registered as Retailers		30

#### BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK

Sixty samples of milk (59 for cleanliness and 1 for Tuberculosis) were taken for Bacteriological Examination, and were examined by the County Bacteriologist. The results for cleanliness are as 10llows :-

> Passed ... 36 Failed ... 23

	Local ducers	Local F obtainin	g Milk om		etailers	From Retailers outside the the District		
Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Passed Failed		Passed	Failed	
20	21	0	0	9	1	7	1	

The sample taken for Tuberculosis was negative.

Additional Milk Sampling Scheme.-Five hundred and four samples were taken under this Scheme in conjunction with the Local Dairymen's Association, with the following results:-

Passed ... 210

Failed ... 237

#### FACTORIES ACT

A Register is kept of all Factories. Visits are paid, any defects found were dealt with.

#### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection.—Five thousand six hundred and eighty-four loads (approximating 8527.83 tons) of refuse were collected.

**Disposal** is by means of controlled tipping in Goodrington Valley. The covering material is obtained from Brown's Field.

During the year 4,662 loads were obtained from Brown's Field, and 103 loads from other outside sources.

#### Cost in connection with Collection and Disposal :-

				N. P.	£	s.	a.
Collection			 		 3889	4	8
Disposal			 		 2372	3	8
						_	-
						S.	a
Collection-	-cost p	er ton	 			9	2
Disposal—c	cost per	r ton	 			6	9
4125						_	

#### HOUSING

Forty-six houses were inspected under the Public Health and Housing Acts, and all these were found not to be in a reasonable state of repair.

None of the 46 inspected were recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations.

Demolition Orders were made in respect of two houses—"Tree Tops," Blagdon, and "Cross Cottage," Totnes Road.

In both cases the owners gave an undertaking that such houses should not be used for human habitation. The Council accepted these undertakings, and the Demolition Orders did not become operative.

Overcrowding.—One case of overcrowding was found to exist.

#### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

	INFESTED.	DISINFESTED.
(1) (a) Council houses	 5	5
(b) Other houses	 6	6

(2) The methods employed are (a) by spraying with insecticide (Zaldecide) in mild cases, and (b) "Cimex" blocks in severe cases.

In all cases the woodwork (skirtings, picture rails and architraves) have been removed, also floor boards eased in order to allow complete penetration.

Success has been obtained with these methods. Where considered necessary, bedding is also removed for steam disinfection.

- (3) The methods previously mentioned are also employed, if necessary, to ensure that the belongings of the tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council houses.
  - (4) Disinfestation is carried out by the Local Authority.

(5) Frequent visits are paid, and advice given.

#### RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT

The administration of this Act has been delegated to the Local Authority by the County Council.

As in previous years, the Council employ a man practically all the year dealing with this pest, and satisfactory results have been obtained.

#### SHOPS ACT

The Council are now responsible for carrying out all the provision of Section 10 in this Act, powers having been delegated from the County Council.

Five shops have been inspected and Notices served in respect of:-

Washing accommodation ... ... 2
Sanitary accommodation ... ... 3

All have been complied with.

#### **EVACUATION**

In February, notification was received that 2,500 children would be evacuated to Paignton.

Leaflets were delivered by the Post Office to every householder, asking them to sign a Form signifying their willingness to accept Evacuees. Visits had to be paid to all inhabited houses, numbering approximately 7,000. The Scheme was then explained and enquiries made re the need for additional beds and blankets. All this information had to be tabulated and entailed a considerable amount of clerical work. During February, 90 Roman Catholic children arrived, and in April 38 more.

In May two houses—"Dunedin," Polsham Park, and "Templemore," Midvale Road—were requisitioned as hostels for bed-wetters and children found to be not billetable. These houses were equipped with the necessary furniture and crockery and Staff obtained as tar as possible.

During June, 1,795 children and 170 adults (Teachers and Helpers) arrived.

On their arrival at the Station, 'buses met the evacuees, and they were taken to distributing centres, where light refreshments were provided. All the children were medically inspected and passed on to the Billeting Officers, who had previously arranged the billets. Owing to the number of children not passed by the Doctor, another hostel—"Pensilva," Cliff Road—was requisitioned and equipped.

All the arrangements made for the reception and billeting of the children passed off without a hitch.

The Women's Voluntary Services allocated me a number of their Members to act as Billeting Officers, and I would here like to pay tribute to the very excellent work these Officers carried out, and are still carrying out, sometimes under very difficult conditions. At the same time, I would like to gratefully acknowledge the very valuable assistance rendered to me by the W.V.S. generally in the many problems which arose out of Evacuation.

In July, 471 more children and 50 adults arrived. During this month I appointed several Official Helpers.

During August a Conference was held with the Head Teachers, re clothing and footwear of the children.

One hundred and eighty-two children and 16 adults arrived in September; also, families were arriving in the town, some having arranged for private billets. For those without accommodation, "Homelee," Queen's Road, and "Atherfield," Cleveland Road, were requisitioned, furnished, and Staff appointed.

A Welfare Committee was formed, consisting of Representatives of the Leaders of Parties, Helpers and various Women's Organisations in the town.

October witnessed the arrival of 156 children and 16 adults. Owing to the increasing number of mothers and children arriving, and the difficulty of obtaining billets, No. 46 Youngs Park was requisitioned, where the various families looked after themselves.

No. 62, Dartmouth Road was taken over for difficult boys and bed-wetters of certain ages. "Clare Lodge," Central Avenue, was also requisitioned as a hostel, and the children from "Dunedin" were transferred here, "Dunedin" being opened as an Auxiliary Isolation Hospital.

The evacuees from "Pensilva" were transferred to "Atherfield," which was opened as a Skin Hostel, "Pensilva" being used as a Sick Bay.

In November, 57 French refugees arrived and were taken to Cecil Road Rest Centre, where food was provided and temporary accommodation. The following day, eight persons were provided with accommodation at "Homelee" and 10 slept at "Arderne," Queen's Road (previously requisitioned), obtaining their food at the Rest Centre. A French Representative had already leased two houses—"Baildon Royd," Marine Park, and No. 71, Winner Street—but they were unfurnished. These facts were reported to the Senior

Regional Officer of the Ministry of Health, and I was instructed to completely furnish the houses, which was done.

Nineteen more French refugees arrived in December, who should have gone to South Brent. One family wished to stay in Paignton, and a Flat was furnished for them. The remainder were transferred to South Brent.

Correspondence took place between the Ministry of Health and the London County Council in reference to Christmas Entertainments for the children, and it was agreed that Evacuating Authorities should be empowered to contribute reasonable expenditure towards such Parties.

I arranged Entertainments for the children, and nearly three thousand participated.

During this month Sir Hugh Elles, the Regional Commissioner, visited the district and surveyed all our various activities in connection with Evacuation. He expressed himself satisfied with Paignton's efforts.

The question of opening a Nursery Centre is under consideration, owing to the number of children in the district between the ages of two and five.

At the end of the year the number of Official Evacuees in Paignton was as follows:—

Children			 	 	2732
Adults			 	 	265
French	Refug	ees	 	 	76

#### **SALVAGE**

THE under-mentioned Table shows the amount of Salvage collected and the monies received for Sales during the year:—

and the momes receive					Ам	our	T
		QUAN	TITY-		REC	EIV	ED.
	Tons.	cwts.	qis.	lbs.	£	8.	d.
Paper	108	9	0	4	436	18	4
Rags	. 9	12	0	2	90	0	1
Mixed Metals	9	8	1	4	56	5	6
Aluminium	. 0	1	1	8	2	9	0
Bottles					15	5	3
Scrap Iron	25	10	3	14	58	2	0
Mattresses					0	5	5
Hair, Flock, etc	0	3	2	19	3	1	6
Bones	1	16	1	15	2	14	4
Totals	159	1	2	10	£665	1	5

FREDK. J. THICK, F.S.I.A., etc.,

Chief Sanitary Inspector. Meat and Food Inspector

#### SUMMARY

House roofs repaired and made	waterti	ght		 	4
Damp walls remedied				 	5
External walls repaired				 	1
Internal plastering repaired				 	1
Ceilings repaired				 	-
Ceilings and walls cleansed				 	2
Floors repaired and made good				 	
Scullery floors repaired				 	7 -
Doors, window frames and sills i	renewed	or re	paired	 	7
Sashcords provided				 	
Drinking water cisterns cleansed				 	-
Drinking water cisterns provided				 	_
Water supplies taken inside the				 	2
Kitchen ranges repaired				 	_
Additional ventilation repaired				 	1
Larders provided				 	_
Yards repaired				 	3
R.W.P.'s repaired or provided				 	9
New shuting provided					
Sinks provided				 	)
				 	1
New waste pipes to sinks, etc.				 	6
New W.C.'s built				 	7
New W.C. pans fitted	vided.			 	
Flushing cisterns repaired or pro				 	12
New urinals provided			•••	 	-
New lavatory basins provided				 	3
New baths provided				 	2
Inspection chambers constructed				 	17
Interceptors fixed				 	3
New soil pipes fixed				 	6
New vent shafts				 	2
F.A.I.'s provided				 	5
Septic tanks or cesspools abolished					
main sewer					-
Drains of new houses or building	gs passe	ed		 	36
New manhole covers provided				 	
				 	6
Drains to old houses repaired				 	31
Drain tests applied to old houses	S			 	74
Drain tests applied to new house	es			 	50
Drains cleared					28
Accumul ations removed				 	1
New dus+bins provided				 	16
Handrails				 	1

1	-Insp	ectio	n of dwelling-houses during the year:	
	(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health Act or Housing Acts)	46
		(b)	Number of Inspections made for the purpose	99
	(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under the Sub-Head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	0
		(b)	Number of Inspections made for the purpose	0
	(3)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	0
	(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	46
0	Dam	or v	of defects during the year without service of	
2.	Kom	cuy	formal Notices :-	
	Nun		of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in onsequence of informal action by the Local Authority of their Officers	43
3	Acti	on u	nder Statutory Powers during the year :-	
(a)-	-Pro	ceedi	ings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
		Not -Nur	mber of dwelling-houses in respect of which ices were served requiring repairs mber of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit r service of formal Notices:—	0
				0
			(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	. 0
b)-	-Pro	ceedi	ings under Public Health Acts:—	
	(1)-		mber of dwelling-houses in respect of which tices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
	(2)-		mber of dwelling-houses in which defects were edied after service of formal Notice:—	
			(a) By Owners	1
			(b) By Local Authority in default of Owner	

(c)—	-Pro	ceedı	ings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
			mber of dwelling-houses in respect of which olition Orders were made	2
	(2)—	of I	mber of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance Demolition Orders	0
(d)-	-Pro	ceedi	ings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
	(1)—		mber of separate tenements or underground rooms, respect of which Closing Orders were made	0
	(2)—	ın re	mber of separate tenements or underground 100ms espect of which Closing Orders were determined, the ement or room having been rendered fit	0
4.—	Hous	ing	Act, 1936—Part 4, Overcrowding.	
	(a)	(1) (2) (3)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	0 0
	(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	0
	(c)	(1) (2)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	1 4
	(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	0
	(e)		Any other particulars with respect of overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	None

