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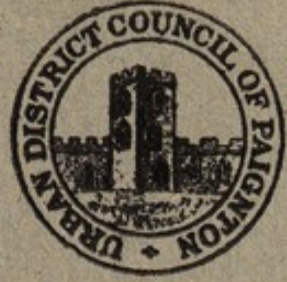
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Medical Superintendent of Isolation Hospital

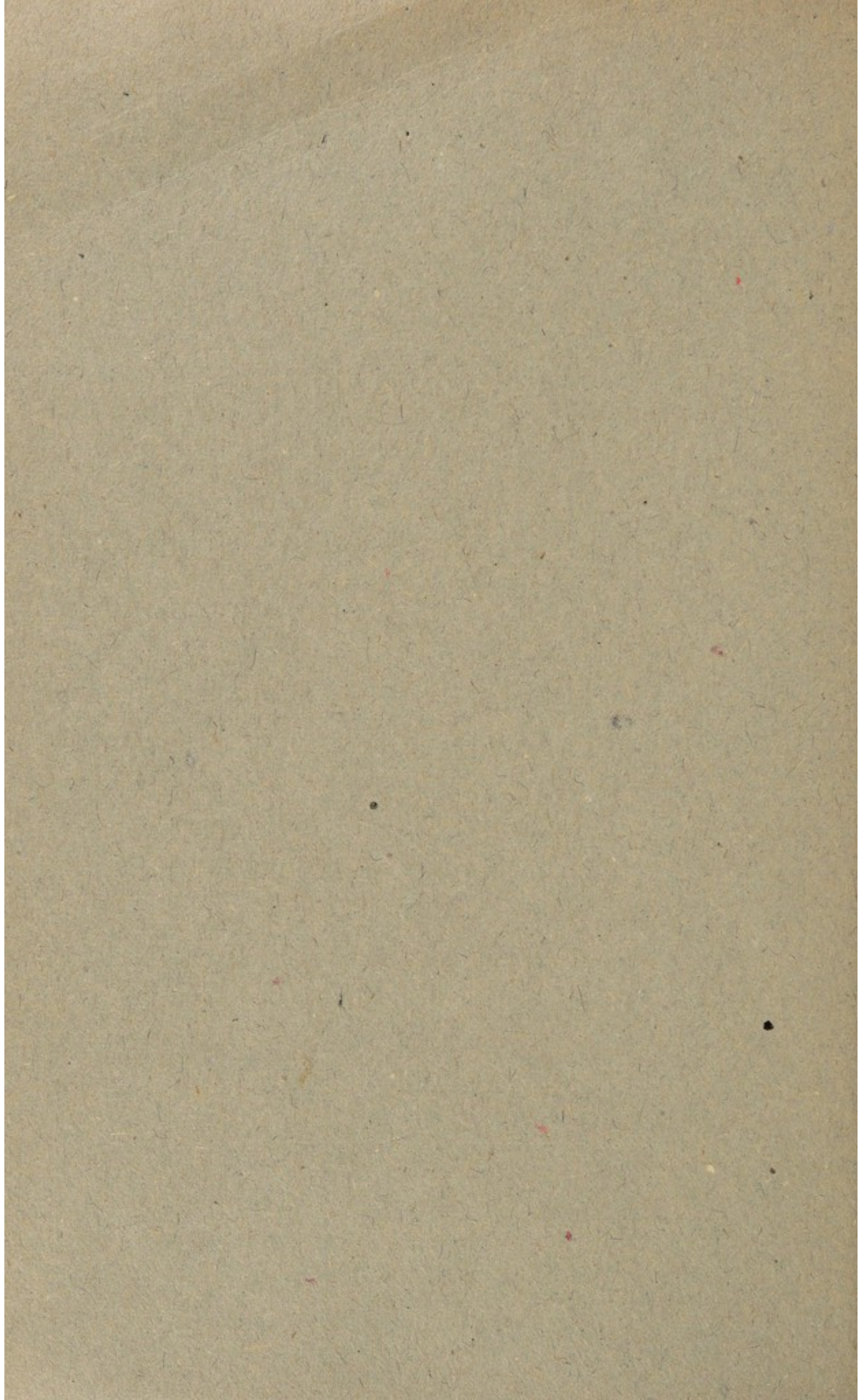
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Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report for 1942

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

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS,—

I have the honour to submit my Report for the year 1942. In accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Health, the Report is confined chiefly to statistics.

Vital Statistics.

The Birth Rate shows a marked rise, at 15.8 as compared with 9.93 for the year 1941. The Death Rate at 16.74 (last year, 14.29) is not standardised, as a comparability factor is unavailable for the present year; consequently, the age-group death ratio for Paignton can not be compared with other districts. It is a coincidence that the actual number of deaths is the same for this year as it was for 1941, namely, 439. Of these deaths, 225 were of persons over 70 years of age, 93 of whom were over 80 years with 13 of the latter over 90 years of age.

Infectious Disease.

There was a greatly decreased incidence of all the common infections, including pneumonia. Measles and Whooping Cough were the most frequent. There were 5 cases of Diphtheria.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Four hundred and thirty-one school children and 171 children aged 1 to 5 years received complete protection, immunisation of the latter being carried out by Dr. Muriel Morris at the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

During December, immunisation was commenced in a further 344 unprotected school children whose parents had given consent.

“ DUNEDIN ” AUXILIARY ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The following Table gives the number of Patients treated. (Total number of cases, 21 ; Males 9, Females 12).

DISEASE.	PAIGNTON	BRIXHAM	DARTMOUTH	TOTNES R.D.C
Scarlet Fever	6	1	1	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—
Measles	2	—	—	2
Whooping Cough	1	—	—	—
Mumps	4	—	—	—
Broncho-pneumonia	1	—	—	—
Scabies and Impetigo	—	3	—	—
TOTALS	14	4	1	2

E. HARRISON, Matron.

“ Atherfield ” Skin Hostel.

Scabies continued to be as prevalent as in the year 1941—an experience no less shared by other comparable districts. The closure of a similar hostel at Dartmouth—on the removal of Evacuees from that Borough—brought to “Atherfield” a final overflow of scabies cases from there. A Skin Hostel was also closed in Totnes Rural District, and scabies cases were thereafter also treated in “Atherfield” from parts of that district.

The following Tables show the numbers and distribution :—

	EVACUEES.		DEVON RESIDENTS.	
	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Adults.
1—Paignton :				
Scabies	89	7	107	38
Impetigo	8	—	5	—
Dermatitis	—	—	9	1
Ringworm, Sores, etc.	7	—	4	1
TOTAL	104	7	125	40
2—Dartmouth :				
Total Scabies	12	2	7	—
3—Brixham :				
Scabies	5	—	—	—
Impetigo	1	—	—	—
TOTAL	6	—	—	—

4—Totnes R.D.C. :

Scabies	24	2	6	2
Impetigo	1	—	—	—
TOTAL	25	2	6	2
Totals	147	11	138	42

The grand total number of cases treated is 338 :—158 Evacuees and 180 Devon residents.

D. T. WARD, Matron.

Verminous Conditions.

Under the Evacuation Scheme, a Cleansing Clinic (occupying a part of the new Devon County Council School Clinic, Midvale Road) was opened on the 13th January. A bath was also installed. During the year, 194 Paignton resident children and 286 Evacuee children were cleansed at this Centre.

The following Table shows the numbers and distribution :—

THE CLEANSING CLINIC.

1942	DEVONS.		EVACUEES.	
	Head Cleansing	Baths	Head Cleansing	Baths
January	26	—	30	6
February	29	—	26	—
March	13	—	40	10
April	—	—	31	3
May	10	2	29	7
June	—	13	33	—
July	10	5	16	—
August... ..	—	—	—	—
September	32	—	12	—
October	14	—	7	—
November	14	10	15	2
December	11	5	19	—
TOTALS	159	35	258	28

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

A. DICK, Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

1—

Area (acres)	5,177
Population—Census 1939 (September)	22,510
Registrar-General's estimated resident population, 1941 ...	30,710
Registrar-General's estimated resident population, 1942 ...	26,210
Number of inhabited houses :—1941, 8,480 ; 1942 ...	8,496
Rateable Value, 31st March, 1943	£244,950
Estimated sum represented by Penny Rate, 1942/43 ...	£970

2—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	Total.	M.	F.
Live Births	365	172	193
Legitimate	337	156	181
Illegitimate	28	16	12
Still Births	11	7	4
Legitimate	9	6	3
Illegitimate	2	1	1
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population (E. & W. 15.8).			13.92

	Total.	M.	F.
Deaths	439	193	246
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population (E. & W. 11.6).			16.74

Standardised Death Rate for Paignton :—

Comparability Factor not available for 1942.

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy
and child-birth :—

From Sepsis	1
From other causes	Nil.
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—	
All Infants per 1,000 live births	38.35
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births	35.60
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...	2

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1942

	M.	F.
All causes	193	246
Typhoid and paratyphoid fever	0	0
Measles	0	0
Scarlet fever	0	0
Whooping cough	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Influenza	1	2
Encephalitis lethargica	0	0
Cerebro-spinal fever	0	0
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	7	7
Other tuberculosis... ..	3	0
Syphilis	0	0
G.P.I., tabes, etc.	0	0
Cancer	21	46
Diabetes	1	3
Cerebral hæmorrhage	20	36
Heart disease	52	62
Other circulatory diseases	6	4
Bronchitis	12	4
Pneumonia (all forms)	12	8
Other respiratory diseases	1	2
Ulcer of stomach	3	1
Diarrhœa under 2 years	2	0
Appendicitis	1	1
Cirrhosis of liver	0	0
Other liver diseases	0	0
Other digestive diseases	6	12
Acute and chronic nephritis	7	7
Puerperal sepsis	0	1
Other puerperal diseases	0	0
Congenital debility, premature birth, etc.	6	2
Senility	0	0
Suicide	1	2
Road Traffic Accidents	1	0
Other violence	12	16
Other defined diseases	18	30
Ill-defined or not known... ..	0	0
Diarrhœa, 2 years and over	0	0
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age : Total	10	4
Legitimate	8	4
Illegitimate	2	0

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY
DURING 1942

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2—5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6—10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
11—15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16—20	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
21—25	4	2	1	-	-	2	-	-
26—35	7	5	1	-	1	2	1	-
36—45	5	4	1	-	-	1	-	-
46—55	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
56—65	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
66 upwards ...	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-
TOTALS	18	15	3	2	4	8	2	-

DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFIED
DURING THE YEAR

Disease	Total Cas Notified.	Cases admitted to Paignton Hospitals.	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	14	12	-
Pneumonia	14	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	-	-
Erysipelas	6	-	-
Diphtheria	5	5	-
Dysentery	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	1	-
Measles	64	4	-
Whooping Cough	22	1	-

THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Total number of cases, 22:—Males 8, Females 14.

DISEASE	PAIGNTON	BRIXHAM	DARTMOUTH
Scarlet Fever... ..	6	—	—
Diphtheria	5	1	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	—	—
Erysipelas	—	1	—
Others	2	2	—
Cases admitted for observation	1	2	—
TOTALS	15	6	1

I. FREEMAN, Matron.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

The Maternity and Child Welfare Centre continues to be held at the Congregational Schoolrooms, Dartmouth Road.

The Centre was opened on four days each week, namely, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The attendances for the year were as follows:—

EVACUEES.

Mothers	895
Babies and Toddlers	1030
Ante-Natal Clinic	17

DEVON RESIDENTS.

Mothers	3641
Babies and Toddlers	4255
Ante-Natal Clinic	359

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

VACCINATION OFFICER'S REPORT

No Report has been received

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 1942.

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 of December, 1942.

As in previous Reports during the war, the information contained herein is chiefly a statistical record of work carried out.

DRAINAGE

Old Houses.—The drainage of 16 houses was tested. Fourteen were found defective, of which 2 were re-laid and 12 repaired.

New Houses.—The drainage system and sanitary fittings of 2 houses erected during the year were inspected and tested.

Thirty-four visits were paid in connection therewith, and 28 tests applied.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION

Infectious Diseases.—Nineteen notifiable cases were investigated during the year and enquiries made as to possible source of infection.

Fifteen cases were removed to the Council's Isolation Hospital from Paignton, and 7 from other districts; and 14 cases were removed from Paignton and 7 from other districts to Dunedin Auxiliary Isolation Hospital.

Disinfections.—One hundred and fifty-five houses were disinfected for the following reasons:—

Notifiable diseases	...	...	...	...	13
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	15
Other infectious diseases	...	...	...	...	71
Verminous conditions	...	...	...	...	22
Other cases	...	...	...	...	34

Details of articles passed through the Steam Disinfectors:—

	MATTRESSES.	PILLOWS.	BLANKETS.	OTHER ARTICLES.
From Paignton	336	332	3376	2892
From Districts outside Paignton	96	20	488	28

INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

Slaughterhouses.—There are 2 Slaughter-houses in the District—one Private (Registered), situated at Crown and Anchor Arch, and one Public, at Luscombe Road. Both are used by the Ministry of Food, and killing takes place for Paignton and certain surrounding districts.

Meat Inspection.—The number of carcasses inspected at both Slaughterhouses was as follows:—

	CATTLE	COWS	PIGS	CALVES	SHEEP & LAMBS	TOTALS
Registered Slaughterhouse...	949	503	0	547	5666	7665
Public Slaughterhouse...	450	209	115	82	7339	8195
TOTALS ...	1399	712	115	629	13005	15860

Carcasses imported into the District have all been inspected at the Meat Depot.

UN SOUND FOOD

Statement of Meat and other Foods inspected, condemned and destroyed as unfit for human consumption:—

Carcasses inspected and destroyed:—

	CATTLE (exclg. Cows)	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP AND LAMBS	PIGS
Number killed	1399	712	629	13005	115
Number inspected	1399	712	629	13005	115
All diseases except Tuberculosis:—					
Whole carcasses con- demned	0	4	0	16	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	116	53	5	184	13

	CATTLE (exclgd. Cows).	COWS.	CALVES	SHEEP AND LAMBS	PIGS
Percentage of the number inspected, affected with disease other than Tuberculosis ...	8.29	8.01	.79	1.54	11.3
Tuberculosis only:—					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	0	11	1	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	64	39	1	0	7
Percentage of number inspected, affected with Tuberculosis	4.57	7.02	.32	0	6.1

	TUBERCULOSIS.	OTHER DISEASES AND CONDITIONS.	TOTAL.
Beef	9272 lbs.	2639 lbs.	11911 lbs.
Pork	92 lbs.	156 lbs.	248 lbs.
Mutton	—	985 lbs.	985 lbs.
Veal	173 lbs.	6 lbs.	179 lbs.
Offals	2257 lbs.	2845 lbs.	5102 lbs.
TOTALS	11794 lbs.	6631 lbs.	18425 lbs.

OTHER UNSOUND FOOD DESTROYED.

30lbs. apples	32 tins apples
24 tins apricots	3 tins braised beans
25 tins baked beans	35 tins beans
70lbs. beans	7 tins braised beef
71½lbs. bacon	1 tin blackberries
92½lbs. butter	2 tins beef roll
4 pkts. baking powder	4 pkts. bicarbonate of soda
50 cubes Beefex	118 tins corned beef
1 tin cheese savoury roll	21 tins carrots
80lbs. cheese	90½lbs. cod fish
12lbs. custard powder	1 pkt. custard powder
1 pkt. chocolate powder	64lbs. cake
1 jar chicken and ham	13 tins dried eggs
28 eggs	3 tins fish roll
1 bottle fish paste	5 pkts. digestive flour
12 bags cake flour	45lbs. white flour
1 pkt. gravy powder	10 tins herrings
11 tins chopped ham	½lb. ham roll
1 bottle H.P. sauce	1 tin hot-pot
35½lbs. hake	15 stone kippers
26 tins luncheon meat	28lbs. lemon sole

OTHER UNSOUND FOOD DESTROYED—[Continued].

9 tins meat roll	415 tins evaporated milk
213 tins condensed milk	1 tin meat galantine
4lbs. marmalade	1 tin meat soup
1 tin Macedoine	56lbs. rolled oats
9 cwts. 1 qr. 14lbs. oranges	3 tins picnic roll
1 tin pork tongue	20lbs. prunes
14 tins pork	58 tins pilchards
25lbs. peaches	2 tins peaches
85 tins pineapples	2 tins prepared meal
15 tins plums	50lbs. plums
49 tins peas	5 tins pears
1 tin pressed beef	6 tins Prem
1 tin pork sausage meat	35 tins luncheon meat
4 tins rabbit	8 pkts. Ryvita
3 cwts. 12lbs. raspberry pulp	1 cwt. rice
2 pkts suet	17 tins soup
18 tins salmon	2 tins sausages
11 tins sausage meat	4 tins spaghetti
4 tin sardines	4 pkts. shredded wheat
1 tin salad	2 tins steak
5 pkts. Saxa salt	1 pkt. Semolina
4 tins tongue	56 tins tomatoes
2 tins Treet	381½lbs. tea
100 turnips	3 bottles tonic stout
3 tins vegetable salad	3 tins vegetables
1 pkt. Weetabix	5 pkts. Yorkshire pudding
1 tin ham	

BAKEHOUSES

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

MILK SUPPLY

Number of Cowkeepers or Dairymen on the Register at end of year	68
Number Registered as Producer-Retailer	2
Number Registered as Producer-Wholesaler	11
Number Registered as Producer-Retailer Wholesaler	6
Number Registered as Retailers only	47

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK

Thirty-eight samples of milk (36 for cleanliness and 2 for tuberculosis) were taken for bacteriological examination, and were examined by the County Bacteriologist. The results for cleanliness are as follows:—

Passed ... 15 Failed ... 21

From Local Producers		From Local Retailers obtaining Milk from Local Producers		From Local Retailers obtaining Milk from Outside Producers		From Retailers outside the District	
Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
9	10	3	2	3	7	1	—

Both the samples taken for Tuberculosis were negative.

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

Passed ... 161 Failed ... 166

FACTORIES ACT

Number inspected... .. 1

Notices served for Sanitary Accommodation ... 1

(This Notice was complied with).

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection.—Three thousand three hundred and fifty-three loads (approximating 5506.06 tons) of refuse were collected.

Refuse Disposal.—During the year 2,269 loads were obtained from Brown's Field.

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

Cost in connection with Collection and Disposal :—

	£	s.	d.
Collection	4826	3	6
Disposal	1817	4	5
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Collection—cost per ton		17	6
Disposal—cost per ton		10	8
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SALVAGE

Street Stewards.

The suggestion of the Ministry of Supply for the appointment of Street Salvage Stewards was considered by a Meeting I convened in February of representatives of the Women's Voluntary Services, Women's Co-operative Guild, and British Legion (Women's Section) All these representatives attended and promised their active support. In March, a further meeting was held of all persons who had expressed their willingness to become Street Salvage Stewards. Mr. Tully was appointed Chief Street Salvage Steward, and 85 Stewards were enrolled and allotted districts. I arranged for the loan from the Entertainments Department of the Council of beach huts, and by the end of the year over one hundred were placed in various suitable positions in the district, each under the control and supervision of a Salvage Steward. Mr. Tully resigned his position in May, and I wish to extend to him my appreciation of the excellent work he put into the organisation of the district in allocating Stewards. Mr. Bryant was appointed in Mr. Tully's place and became Chairman of the Salvage Stewards' Committee, and under his able guidance the scheme has continued to prosper and has proved a great success. The support he has received from the Stewards has been very gratifying, and the Council is greatly indebted for their valuable assistance.

Lorries.

To further assist in the collection of salvage, all refuse lorries have been partitioned in order that salvage may be collected and kept separate from rubbish; also, a trailer has been attached to each lorry to provide additional collection space.

Pig Waste.

In March the Council took over the pig waste plant at Clennon Valley from the local Rotary Club at an agreed valuation. The Club started this plant and made collections, and did very useful and valuable work. Since taking over by the Council, the plant has been

enlarged and the collection of waste has been materially increased by the provision in various parts of the town, and also in the Urban District of Brixham, of bins for the storage of waste food. Collections, of course, are also made from individual houses and other establishments in the district.

Salvage Drives.

In July, a Scrap Metal Drive was organised at the request of the Ministry of Public Works and Buildings, working in conjunction with the Ministry of Supply. Valuable assistance was rendered by the Street Salvage Stewards Committee and various of the local women's organisations. The target was 79 tons—metal for one 14-inch Naval gun. With the co-operation of the public, this target was well exceeded.

August found us in the throes of another Drive—a County Salvage Drive for all materials. This was also very successful. Part of the Drive consisted of a "Mile of Books" Campaign. The total number of books given weighed 26 cwt.

Legal Proceedings.

Were taken against children for damaging pig waste bins and stealing from salvage huts. Having to take such proceedings is very regrettable, but it is very essential in order that the offenders may realise that such practices must cease.

Salvage Collected.

The undermentioned figures show the amount of salvage collected and monies received for sale thereof during the year. The total amount of money received (£2,111 18s. 11d) can, I think, be regarded as very satisfactory, and must give gratification to all those who so materially assisted in this result, especially when comparing the figures for 1940 (£665 1s. 5d.) and 1941 (£665 3s. 7d.).

General.

In concluding this report on Salvage, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation to Mr. G. E. Lovatt, of my Staff, who carried out all duties assigned to him with keenness and enthusiasm.

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

	QUANTITY—				AMOUNT RECEIVED.		
	Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	£	s.	d.
Paper	277	5	0	1	1627	14	1½
Mixed Metals	4	0	3	14	57	11	5½
Rags	16	4	2	17	170	11	0
Bagging and Carpets	2	7	2	6	7	6	7
Rubber	10	8	1	14	19	3	8
Scrap Iron	92	6	0	0	66	1	5

	QUANTITY				AMOUNT RECEIVED		
	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	£	s.	d.
Tins	18	18	0	0	40	0	6
Bottles (1719 doz.) ...					84	3	7
Bones	6	9	2	0	33	1	6
Hair	0	3	2	5	4	6	6
Jars					0	13	6
String	0	1	3	21	0	5	9
Leather	0	10	0	0	0	15	0
Canvas	0	0	3	14	0	4	4
Totals	428	16	1	2	£2,111	18	11

HOUSING

One hundred and sixteen houses were inspected under the Public Health and Housing Acts, and 106 of these were found not to be in a reasonable state of repair.

Four of the 116 inspected were recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations.

Overcrowding.—Four cases of overcrowding were found to exist.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

	INFESTED.	DISINFESTED.
(1) (a) Council houses ...	4	4
(b) Other houses ...	7	7

(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, 1934

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

Four shops have been inspected, and all found satisfactory.

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

**Chief Sanitary Inspector
Meat and Food Inspector**

SUMMARY

House roofs repaired and made watertight	5
Damp walls remedied	8
External walls repaired	2
Internal plastering repaired	1
Ceilings repaired	3
Floors repaired and made good	2
Drinking water cisterns repaired	2
Water service repaired	10
Kitchen ranges repaired	1
Fireplaces repaired	3
Nuisances by keeping animals	1
R.W.P.'s repaired	1
Sinks provided	1
Waste pipes to sinks cleared	5
New W.C.'s built	9
New W.C. pans fitted	7
Flushing cisterns provided or repaired	10
New bath provided	1
Inspection chambers constructed	9
Interceptors fixed	3
New soil pipes fixed	1
New vent shafts	2
F.A.I.'s provided or repaired	4
Drains of new houses or buildings passed	2
New manhole covers provided	2
Drains to old houses re-laid	2
Drains to old houses repaired	12
Drain tests applied to old houses	26
Drain tests applied to new houses	2
Drains cleared	38
Accumulations removed	2
New dustbins provided	34

1.—Inspection 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)	116
(b)	Number of Inspections made for the purpose ...	212
(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	4
(b)	Number of Inspections made for the purpose ...	4
(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	106

2.—Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal Notices :—

	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or of their Officers	104
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3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—

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

(1)	--Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	0
(2)	--Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal Notices :—	
(a)	By Owners	0
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	0

(b)—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1)	--Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	2
(2)	--Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal Notice :—	
(a)	By Owners	2
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	0

(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		0
(2)—Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders		0
(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 ...		0
(2)—Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ...		0

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

(a) (1) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year		0
(2) Number of families dwelling therein		0
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein		0
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year		4
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year		4
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ...		26
(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

EVACUATION

Claims for Compensation.

Twenty-one claims for compensation were received in respect of damage alleged to have been caused by evacuees. All were investigated and forwarded to the Ministry of Health with a recommendation.

Hostels.

The Hostels at Nos. 16 and 18, Midvale Road were closed in January, and the children transferred to Clare Lodge and Kingshurst. Evacuated families were transferred to No. 16, and No. 18 (with the exception of one room for the storage of furniture) was, with the consent of the Ministry of Health, allocated to the Council's Water Department for use as Offices.

In April, arrangements were made for husbands, whilst on leave, to stay at the hostels where their wives and children were accommodated; a reasonable charge was made.

Hostels are still in use at Clare Lodge (General), Kingshurst (General), Annick Lodge (for difficult boys) and Atherfield (for skin complaints).

Nos. 3 to 9, Sands Road.

As mentioned in last year's Report, women and children from evacuation areas were accommodated in these houses. Many difficulties arose in connection with the occupants, who, I am afraid to say, could not be regarded as ideal tenants. For various reasons, all the families migrated, and in March the premises became empty.

Women's Club.

Owing to lack of support, this Club was closed on the 12th November.

Welfare Committee.

Meetings of this Committee have been held monthly, when all matters affecting the welfare of evacuated children have been dealt with in accordance with the procedure laid down under this heading in the Report for 1941.

In April, the Proprietor of the Paignton Zoo very kindly invited the children to visit the Zoo. Six hundred and ninety-one children attended, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

With the very valuable assistance and co-operation of the Head Teachers' Consultative Committee, Christmas Parties were arranged at six centres for evacuees and children of householders on whom evacuees were billeted. Entertainers were also provided at each centre.

As in previous years, a Christmas Tree was provided at each hostel, where the Matron and Staff arranged a Party for the children.

General.

It was reported that 74 billetors had had the same evacuees for over two years, and a letter of appreciation was sent by the Chairman of the Council to each billetor.

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