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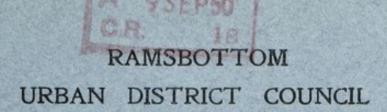
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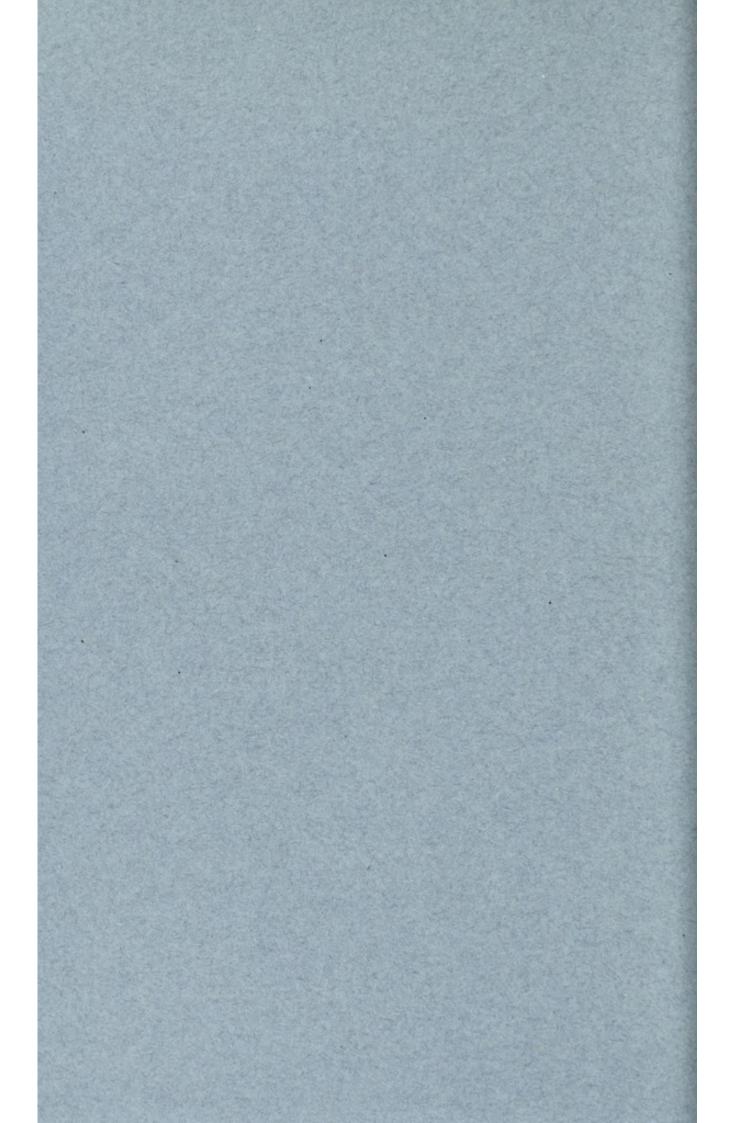
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31st JULY, 1950.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RAMSBOTTOM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1949 on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the district. Following the custom of recent years the report of the Medical Officer of Health is combined with that of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

The health of the population generally, as measured by such well recognised indicators as the infantile and maternal death rates, has been well maintained, and the year has been notable for the low incidence of infectious diseases except in the case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Nevertheless, those in closest touch with the living conditions of the people are only too well aware of a number of adverse factors, all of which are difficult to assess statistically. Of these influences, prejudicial to health, the most important is bad housing.

The environmental health services under the control of the Urban District Council play a vitally important part in maintaining the health of the community, and there is ample evidence in the body of the report of the most valuable work done in this field. I mention in particular the great increase in the number of samples taken from private water supplies and in the bacteriological examination of milk and ice cream. The results of these examinations show such extensive potential pollution of private water supplies that it is advisable for all such water to be boiled. Of the 131 samples of raw milk a large proportion showed an unsatisfactory

bacterial content and the need for boiling all raw milk is also emphasised. Mention should be made also of the constant attention paid to meat and food inspection and of the painstaking work of your Sanitary Inspectors in examining over 6,000 pig carcases during the year.

While, therefore, much work has been done and some progress can be recorded in these aspects of environmental public health, the position as regards Housing is less satisfactory. Bad housing and poor living conditions not only contribute materially to high sickness rates, to minor maladies and serious dis-harmonies in family life, and to a vast amount of human misery and frustration, but also render largely useless the attempts to provide health and welfare services to families living in overcrowded and unhealthy surroundings. Mr. Kellett has referred to the difficulties in achieving repairs and the problem of uncomfirmed clearance orders, but it is evident that there is much need for this subject to be attacked with all the resources and vigour available. When it is realised that no accurate figures can be produced to show the extent of overcrowding, or the true number of sub-standard houses in the district then the importance of initiating a detailed housing survey to establish the true housing needs of the area becomes apparent.

In submitting this report I take the opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Council in general and particularly to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support and encouragement. I also desire to record my appreciation of the willing co-operation and help of your Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. H. Kellett, and of the good work done by the other members of the Health Department staff.

Yours faithfully,

R. W. FARQUHAR,

B.Sc. (Agric.), M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting, in conjunction with the report of the Medical Officer of Health, my Annual Report on the Sanitary Inspection of the Urban District for the year 1949.

During the year the Council provided transport for the use of the Department. This has greatly facilitated the work of the inspectorial staff.

The many aspects of environmental public health have been the concern of the Department during the year. Particular attention has been paid to the numerous private water supplies many of which have proved to be polluted. The provision of safe water supplies is one of the fundamentals of organised society, with its protection of the public health. Safe water has been one of the major causes of the elimination of the scourge of typhoid fever and similar water born diseases, which at one time decimated the people of this country.

Special attention has been paid to milk supplies, and the results of two hundred and eighty six tests show the need for the very highest standard in production and distribution. It is disturbing to have to report a far too high percentage of pigs affected with Tuberculosis. It is hoped that the Inter-Departmental Committee on Meat Inspection will suggest means of its eradication at the source, before it reaches the slaughter house.

During the past few years there has been a great improvement in the sanitary facilities provided in some of the factories in the district. The owners are to be commended for adopting the highest standards, conforming with the most modern practice. The housing shortage is the cause of much human misery. Many houses which are the subject of unconfirmed clearance area procedure present a problem. In other properties the small landlord finds repairs a financial embarrassment due to increased costs of repairs and the control of rents. The Ridley Committee endorsed rent control under

the present conditions, but the Housing Act 1949, if applied should help towards the improvement of housing conditions in certain classes of property.

The cost of the preventative health service is high, and for this reason alone, quite apart from the large volume of suffering caused by bad environmental hygiene, we ought to strive as citizens and individuals, by all means in our power, to improve the conditions under which we live.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Health Committee for their keen interest in all matters connected with the public health, and the Officers of the Council for their co-operation in the day to day running of the Department.

I wish to record my appreciation of the support and advice of the Medical Officer of Health, and the loyal service given by Mr. D. J. Emm, Sanitary Inspector and the members of the staff.

Yours faithfully,

H. KELLETT, M.R.SAN.I., M.S.I.A.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION I

6			4040		
	istics of t	he Area	, 1949		0.550
Area in acres					9,559
Population (census 1931)					15,530
Registrar-General's estim		1949			14,530
Number of inhabited hor	uses—				
(a) Census, 1931					4,390
(b) End of 1949					5,052
Rateable value					£80,925
Sum represented by a pe	enny rate				£318
	Vital St	atistics			
	Total	M.	F.		
Legitimate	199	98	101	Birth rate	
Illegitimate	11	7	4	estimated	
Live Births		_	_	tion mid-	
Total	210	105	105		
	_	_			
		_	. 1	Rate per	r 1,000
Still Births	9	5	43	total (liv still) birth	ve and
Deaths	199	96	103	Death ra 1,000 est population	imated
				population	1 = 13.7
	Birth rate .		6.7		
Wales \[\] I	Death rate.	1	1.7		
A	ge Period	of Dea	ths		
			Male	Female	Total
Under 1 year			3	1	4
Between 1 and 5 years Between 5 and 15 years			1	_	1
Between 15 and 25 years			_	1	1
Between 25 and 45 years			5	2	7
Between 45 and 65 years			26	22	48
65 years and over			61	77	138
			96	103	199
			_	_	_

Maternal Mortality

Dont		- 1 000 -	total
	n rate pe		
Deaths (liv	re and st	ill) birth	IS
Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis Nil	N	il	
Other Maternal Causes Nil	N	il	
	N		
Total Maternal Mortality Nil	14	11	
Death Rate of Infants under One Yes	ar of Ag	ge	
All infants per 1,000 live births			19
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births			20
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live birth	S		Nil
The special section of the section o	7.117	in ald	
Deaths from certain Specified Di	seases		
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)			22
Deaths from Measles (all ages)			Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)			Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoa (under 2 years of age)			Nil
Death's from Diarrica (under 2 years of age)			1411

COMMENTS ON VITAL STATISTICS.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age: The infantile mortality rate was 19 per 1000 live births. As will be seen from Table I this is the second lowest rate ever recorded in Ramsbottom. The corresponding figure for England and Wales was 32 per 1000.

Maternal Mortality: For the third successive year there have been no deaths from diseases or accidents of pregnancy or childbirth.

Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis: There were 6 deaths from Respiratory Tuberculosis as compared with 1 in 1948, and the death rate from all forms of Tuberculosis was 0.41 per 1000, compared with 0.45 for England and Wales. The number of new cases of Tuberculosis notified during 1949 was also considerably higher than in the previous year. These adverse trends in the incidence and mortality of Tuberculosis are occurring throughout the country and are ascribed to the long delay in the admission to hospital of infectious cases and consequently to such cases having to be nursed at home often under overcrowded and unsatisfactory conditions.

Birth Rate: This was 14.5 per 1000 residents, the lowest rate recorded since 1942, and with a death rate of 13.7 there was an excess of births over deaths of 11 only.

Still Birth Rate: The total number of registered still births during 1949 was 9 as compared with 5 in the previous year. This corresponds to a rate of 41 per 1000 total births, which is double the national figure.

CAUSES OF DEATH	1949	1948
ALL CAUSES	199	219
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal Fever		0
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	6	2 2
Other Forms of Tuberculosis		2
Syphilitic Diseases	1	0
Influenza	2	0
Measles	0	0
Acute Polio-myelitis and Polio-encephalitis	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	1
Uterus (F)	4	5
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	8	6
Cancer of the Breast		1
Cancer of all other sites	8	17
Diabetes	1	0
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	30	41
Heart Diseases	72	86
Other Circulatory Diseases	13 11	6
Pneumonia (all forms)	4	14
Other Respiratory Diseases	3	2
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	2	0
Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	0	0
Appendicitis	0	1
Other Digestive Diseases	4	6
Nephritis	6	8
Puerperal and post abortive sepsis	0	0
Other maternal causes	0	0
Premature Birth	0	0
Congenital Malformation, Birth Injury and Infantile		
Disease	1	2
Suicide	1	1 1 3
Road Traffic Accidents	3	1
Other Violent Causes	6	
All Other Causes	11	8

RAMSBOTTOM U.D.C. STATISTICS, 1949 TO 1929

oui:	Tuberculosis all Forms Death Rate	1888 · 3. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2.	06.
Maternal	Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still Births	NEW SECTION OF SECTION	76.4
Crill	Births per 1,000 live and still Births	41 20 31 33 35.87 45 45 45 46 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48 48	ı
ALITY	Illeg. Infants per 1,000 Illeg. Births	ZSU 181 111.1 165.66 111.1 167.1 167.1 168.0 168.0 169	1
INFANTILE MORTALITY	Leg. Infants per 1,000 Leg. Births	20 112 441 600 600 57 57 64 64 64 60 70 100 55	1
INFA	All Infants	1122 122 122 123 124 125 126 127 127 128 128 129 129 129 129 129 129 129 129 129 129	60
	Birth Rate Per 1,000	14.5 16.7 17.8 15.98 15.98 11.0 11.5 11.3 11.3 11.3 11.3 11.3 11.3	0.61
	Death Rate per 1,000	2.5.7.7.4.1.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2.2	6.61
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	Year	1949 1948 1944 1944 1944 1940 1939 1938 1938 1938 1938 1938 1939 1931 1931	6761

TABLE II
COMPARATIVE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1949

Birth-rates, Civilian Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality and Case-rates for Certain Infectious Diseases in the Year 1949. Provisional figures based on Quarterly Returns of the Registrar-General

	England and Wales	126 C.B.'s & Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Pop. 25,000—50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Admin. County	Rams- bottom
	RATES PER 1,	000 CIVILIAN P	OPULATION		
Births.				-	
Live Births Still Births	16·7(a) 0·39(a)	18·7 0·47	18·0 0·40	18·5 0·37	14·5 0·62
Deaths.		- 1			
All Causes	11·7(a)	12.5	11.6	12-2	13.7
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00
Diphtheria		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis		0.52	0.42	0.52	0.41
Influenza	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.11	0.14
Smallpox		-	-		
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencepha-		0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
litis	0.01	0.02	0·02 0·49	0.59	0.00
Pneumonia	0.51	0.30	0.49	0.39	0.21
Notifications (Commeted)					
Notifications (Corrected) Typhoid fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Paratyphoid fever	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00
Cerebro-spinal fever	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.00
Scarlet fever	1 62	1.72	1.83	1.46	1.58
Whooping Cough	2.20	2.44	2.39	1.70	1.51
Diphtheria	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.07	0.00
Ervsipelas	0.10	0.20	0.19	0.17	0.55
Smallpox	_	- 1	_	-	-
Measles	8.95	8.91	9.18	8.54	0.75
Pneumonia		0.91	0.65	0.55	0.89
Acute Poliomyelitis		0.13	0.12	0.18	0.13
Acute Polioencephalitis		0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00
Food Poisoning, etc	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.19	0.00
	RATES PER 1,	000 Live Birth	IS		
Deaths.		1		20	10
All causes under 1 year of age		37	30	29	19
Enteritis and Diarrhœa under 2 years		2.0	0.4	1.7	0.0
of age	3.0	3.8	2.4	1.1	0.0
	RATES PER 1.	000 TOTAL (LI	VE AND STILL) BIRTHS		
Notifications (Corrected)				13.00	3 3
Puerperal fever and pyrexia	6.31	8.14	5.30	6.82	0.0

(a)—Rates per 1,000 total population.

(b)-Per 1,000 related births.



TABLE III
RAMSBOTTOM U.D.C. STATISTICS
MEAN RATES FOR THE PAST FIFTY YEARS

	Rate of Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	137 120 110 85 85 83 73 60 60
ULATION	Death Rate from Respiratory Tuberculosis	1.16 1.43 1.21 0.99 0.72 0.58 0.41 0.32 0.32
PER 1,000 OF ESTIMATED POPULATION	Crude Death Rate	14:5 14:0 12:8 12:8 13:9 15:3
PER 1,000	Live Birth Rate	23.0 19.0 17.4 13.5 13.7 11.5 16.9
	Mean of 5 Years	1895—1899 1900—1904 1905—1909 1910—1914 1915—1919 1926—1924 1935—1939 1940—1944 1945—1949

TABLE IV

	PER 1,0	00 OF ESTIN	PER 1,000 OF ESTIMATED POPULATION	1	Maternal M	Maternal Mortality rate	Rate of
RAMSBOTTOM U.D.	Live birth-rate	Crude death-rate	Death-rate from tuterculosis of respira- tory system	Death-rate per 1,000 from LIVE cancer births	per 1,000 LIVE births	Per 1,000 TOTAL (live and still) births	under one year per 1,000 live births
Population— For Birth-rate For death rates Mean of 5 Years, 1944-1948 Year— 1948	17.3 16.7 14.5	15·3 * 15·2	0·30 2·01 1·51	2·00 2·01 1·51	NEW EN	NE 1:63	40 12 19
(a) 5 Years' Average, 1944-1948 (b) Previous Year	1 2.2		+ 0.28	+ 0.49	- 1·67 Nil	- 1·63 Nil	+ 21
* 1949 adjusted death-rate (comparability factor, 0.86) = 11.8 per 1,000	eath-rate (co	mparability	factor, 0.86)	= 11.8 per	1,000		

SECTION II

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Water Supply.

The following table shows the number of houses and types of supply in the district:—

	APPROXIMATE 1	NUMBER OF HOUSES	
Number of Inhabited Houses	With piped supply from mains	With piped supply from private sources 596	Without piped supply 30
5,052	4,466	390	50

There are no stand pipes in the district.

(a) Public.—The public water supply is provided and maintained by the Irwell Valley Water Board. The sources of the water are upland surface reservoirs at Clowbridge, Ogden, Calf Hey, and Scout Moor. The whole supply is chlorinated and part is filtered through closed pressure filters. There is liability to slight plumbo-solvency at Clowbridge and Ogden reservoirs. Lime treatment is carried out at most of the reservoirs, and during the year the Water Board took 177 samples in the district for plumbo-solvency. Quantity is insufficient in a few properties connected to low pressure mains.

Five samples were taken by the Department of the public supply all of which were satisfactory; the Water Board report that the results of analysis of their samples have been satisfactory.

(b) PRIVATE.—Many houses and isolated farms draw their water from private supplies. One hundred and thirteen bacteriological samples were taken from private supplies which were suspected.

The results of these samples are shown in the following table:

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS—PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

_										
479	ater	Total No. of Samples	37	25	2	28	3	15	3	113
	100 cc. W	Nil	7	7	2	3	1	1	2	22
iples taken	isms per	1 and 2	5	1	1	∞	2	1	1	17
Particulars of Samples taken	form organ	3-10	∞	2	1	6	1	1	1	19
Particu	Probable No. of Coliform organisms per 100 cc. Water	11-50	7	2	1	2	1	4	1	15
y fa y fas	Probable 1	90 and 160	3	4	1	3	1	3	1	13
	130	+08I	7	6	1	3	1	00	1	27
Other	Prop-	erties Supplied	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
,	No. of Houses	Supplied	58	46	5	31	5	43	91	279
gai	Supply	No.	1	2	03	4	5	9	7	Totals

During the year a four inch water main was laid by the Irwell Valley Water Board from Edenfield to Turn, Shuttleworth, a distance of 1,836 yards. Twenty five houses and one shop were connected to this main. Further samples of the private supplies are being taken and it is hoped that the remaining houses and school in the village will eventually be connected to the public supply. Careful investigation and sampling proceeded in three other areas with a view to substituting the public water supply for the private supplies at present in use.

Four houses without a piped supply at all were connected to the public main.

Sewerage Disposal.

The sewage disposal works are situated at Summerseat. They embody detritus tanks, sedimentation tanks, percolating filters and humus tanks. No important changes were made during the year.

Rivers and Streams.

No action was taken during the year.

Closet Accommodation.

The following conversions were carried out during the year :-

- 40 Waste Water Closets converted to Fresh Water Closets.
- 2 Privy middens abolished and 2 pail closets substituted in an isolated part of the district.
- 1 Ashpit was abolished and 4 moveable ashbins substituted.

ACCOMMODATION AT END OF 1949.

Privy Middens	 	 	 29
Pail Closets	 	 	 171
Waste Water Closets	 	 	 1,025
Fresh Water Closets	 	 	 3,413

Public Cleansing.

Types of receptacles in use at the beginning of the year :-

Privy Middens	 	 	 31
Pail Closets	 	 	 169
Dry Ash Pits	 	 	 24
Dustbins (approx.)	 	 	 4,632

(a) Refuse Collection.

The collection of domestic and trade refuse, salvage and kitchen waste, is carried out by direct labour. Two S. & D. Freighters and one Karrier Bantam, all 7 cu. yd. capacity, are engaged on this work. A new 7 cu. yd. S. & D. Freighter came into service in February, 1949. During the year the Health Committee gave approval for the purchase of a second S. & D. Freighter, a replacement for one of the existing machines which has done twelve years service.

The labour problem has been present throughout the year, and the Cleansing Staff have never been at full strength. The recruitment of suitable personnel is extremely difficult, the use of casual labour being far from satisfactory. The normal establishment consists of one foreman, three drivers, two tipmen, and thirteen ashbinmen.

The cleansing staff are provided with two sets of overalls annually and a set of waterproof clothing bi-annually.

The principle of the 44 hour week came into effect on the 1st October, 1948; this is spread over $5\frac{1}{2}$ days during November to February; and 5 days during the remainder of the year. A special collection of trade refuse is made on Saturday morning during the 5 day week period, by one vehicle.

(b) Refuse Disposal.

The method of disposal of house and trade refuse is by Controlled Tipping. Two tips are in use, one at Miller Street, Summerseat, and the other at Blackburn Road, Edenfield. Every effort is made to conform to the Ministry of Health requirements for controlled tips, but this is often difficult in the face of a lack of adequate labour facilities and suitable covering material. Two tip attendants are normally employed on these tips. A new tip is required in the southern part of the district and this matter is having the consideration of the council.

The contents of pail closets, collected by a tank, are discharged via a special chute into the sewer. A new night soil tank was provided during the year.

Kitchen waste is delivered to and processed by the Rochdale Corporation Cleansing Department. The processed waste in the form of "puddings" is sold to local pig keepers.

Wastepaper, newsprint, cardboard, bones, rags, ferrous and nonferrous metals, etc., are salvaged and disposed of to the trade. In September in view of the revocation of the Salvage of Waste Materials (No. 2 & No. 3) Orders and the failure to find a market for waste paper the Health Committee abandoned paper salvage.

(c) Expenditure.

The nett cost of refuse collection and disposal for the financial year ending 31st March, 1950, was £5,891 0s. 6d., compared with £4,789 17s. 2d. for the previous year.

(d) Provision of Dustbins.

163 dustbins were supplied under this scheme during the year to the owners of property.

(e) Salvage of Materials.

128 tons of salvage were recovered during the year ending 31st March, 1950, and the income from the sale of these materials amounted to £718 1s. 1d.

Number and Nature of Insp	pections		Primary Inspec- tions	Revisits	Total Visits
Housing—Housing Act			12	7	19
Housing-Public Health A	ct		58	114	172
Other Visits-Public Healt	h Act		63	45	108
Houses Let in Lodgings			_	1	1
Temporary Dwellings			1	-	1
Vermin Infestations			7	6	13
Infectious Diseases			32	17	49
Water Supply			110	49	159
Water Samples			118		118
Sanitary Accommodation			53	74	127
Conversion of Obsolete	Closets	to		LINGUI TO	
F.W.C.'s			26	37	63
Drainage			160	221	381
Refuse Accommodation			147	78	225
Public Cleansing			127	23	150
Public Conveniences	***		64	1	65
Dairies and Cowsheds			60	22	82
Bakehouses			19	_	19
Food Preparing Premises			59	6	65
General Food Premises			11	1	12
Licensed Premises			1	2	3
Restaurants			6	1	7
Slaughterhouses			3	2	5
Ice Cream Samples			59	_	59
Milk Samples (Bacteriologi			131		131
Other Samples (with Count			35	9124	35
Meat Inspection	-3)		236	15	251
Eggd Ingraction			12	1	13
Eastories Act	***		59	26	85
O	***	***	23		23
Chans	***		49		49
0.1.1			5	4	9
Officering Trades			4	3	7
Con-la Alassamans			4		4
D. J. Control			89	93	182
			27		29
Keeping of Animals	***	200	60	2 5	65
Miscellaneous Visits	***	***	2	_	2
Complaints Unfounded					2
			1,932	856	2,788
Notices Served.					1
nformal Notices				***	28
Statutory Notices					N

DEFECTS AND NUISANCES FOUND

(a) Housing.		-	
Houses with:—		Found or de- fective	Reme- died
Defective Roofs		8	2
Defective Downspouts, Eaves, and Gutters		8	2
Defective Pointing and Rendering		3	
Other External Defects		4	I
Rising Dampness		I	
Penetrating Dampness		10	3
Defective Plaster		5	
Minor Internal Defects		16	7
Insanitary Sinks		4	
Unsatisfactory Cooking facilities		I	
Unsatisfactory lighting or ventilation			I
Defective Yard Paving		I	2
No. of houses involved:			
Unfit			_
Partially unfit		27	8
(b) Sanitary and Refuse Accommoda	tio	n.	
	-		
No Refuse Accommodation		17	20
Insufficent Refuse Accommodation			24
Refuse Bins			25
Ashpits converted to Refuse Bins			I
Privy Middens converted to Pail Closets			2
Pail Closets		2	I
W.W.C.'s or Structures		9	
W.W.C.'s converted			
Choked W.W.C.'s			
W.C.'s or Structures			
Insufficient Sanitary Accommodation			
Extra W.C.'s installed			5

		22				Found or de-	Reme-
(c) Drainage.						fective	died
Choked Drainage						 29	29
5 5 .						 12	10
Old Drains Tested		***					3
New Drains inspected and	pass	ed					121
Colour Tests							49
Smoke Tests							23
Water Tests							10
(1) 0							
(d) General.							
						 I	
Offensive Accumulations						-	
Dirty Houses							
Verminous Premises, exclude			2000000				7
Bed Bugs: Private Houses						2	2
Smoke Nuisances						I	
Flooded Cellars and Sub-F						 2	
Other Nuisances					***	 5	
Offensive Effluvia		***		***		3	
Polluted Streams						 I	
(e) Food Preparing	Dro	mis	08.				
Cleanliness Washing Facilities						 2	I
Disrepair						2	
Risk of Contamination						3	1
Risk of Contamination						 1	
(f) Shops.							
Ventilation						2	
						 1	
			1988			W.W	
(g) General Food Pr	em	ises					
Temperature						 I	
Other Offences						 I	

(h) Bakehouses.	Found or de- fective	Reme- died
Washing Facilities	 I	
Temperature	 4	
Other Offences		I
(i) Cowsheds and Dairies. Disrepair	 I	
(j) Factories. Contravention of Sec. 7	 11	7

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

(1) Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health:-

Premises		Number of				
Fremises	Number on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted		
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by the L.A.		4	_			
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by L.A.	107	78	11	mat d		
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers premises)		3	_	_		
Total	150	85	11	_		

(2) Cases in which Defects were found:

	No. of cas	No. of cases			
Particulars	Found Remedied To H.M. By H.M. Inspector Inspector				
Want of cleanliness	_	_	_	_	_
Overcrowding	-	-	_	-	_
Reasonable temperature			_	_	_
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors Sanitary conveniences	_	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient (Sec. 7)	1	-	_	_	_
(b) Unsuitable or defec- tive	10	7	_	10	_
(c) Not separate for sexes	_		_	-	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) Total		- 7	=	<u></u>	=

Smoke Abatement.

There are thirty-nine factory chimneys in the district. No observations were taken during the year. One complaint was received of the emission of soot and grit. The factory was visited and the management and boilermen interviewed.

The main excuse for production of black smoke is usually the quality of the fuel, although this is not entirely responsible. Inefficient stoking, with lack of knowledge of the elementary principles of combustion, is partly responsible for emission of smoke and grit, and the fact that many boilers are hand fired, Shell type, Lancashire or Cornish boilers, notorious producers of black smoke. A warning letter was sent to the offending factory.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

(a)	Council Houses infested	 	 Nil
	Council Houses Disinfested	 	 Nil
(b)	Private Houses found infested	 	 2
	Private Houses Disinfested	 	 2

Treatment was carried out by the Department, using various types of residual spray, containing varying percentages of D.D.T. and Gammexane. The sprays have been generally efficient.

In order to prevent the infestation of Council Houses the premises of prospective tenants are inspected by the Department in conjunction with the Housing Manager. Certain bug-infested houses are found during these visits, and are subsequently treated.

Schools.

The sanitary accommodation at two schools in the rural part of the area leave much to be desired. Turn County School is on pail closets, Buckhurst C.E. School is on privy middens. In neither case is there a sewer available.

The water supplies to Turn County School and Buckurst are private supplies and neither are satisfactory from a bacteriological point of view. The former is to go on to the mains supply, and towns water is being delivered daily by the School Meals Service to the latter School.

Rodent Control.

Considerable work was done under this heading during the year, under the Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1919, and the Infestation Order, 1943. One part-time trained rodent operative is employed in the Department.

(a) SURFACE INFESTATIONS.—During the year the following surface infestations were treated:—

OTITA	TAOT	TATTTOTT	ATTICATO
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SUL	TILL	INFEST	ULLUINO

	RATS	MICE
Number of Treatments	39	2
Number of Points Baited	1,004	Thomas - at
Number of Points Poisoned	421	24
Estimated Kill	845	Not known
Bodies found	105	2
Types of Infestation :-		Prome Pr
(a) Reservoir	4	_
(b) Major	9	_
(c) Minor	26	2

The Councils refuse tips received four treatments during the year, and the sewage works received two treatments.

These sites are subject to reinfestation from agricultural land and more paricularly from the river. Infestation has been reduced to a minimum.

(b) SEWER TREATMENTS.

(1) MAINTENANCE TREATMENT.—Two took place during the year, one in February/March, the other in August/September. In the first case 170 manholes were poisoned with 10% arsenic and bread mash, 29 complete takes and 55 partial takes occured. In the second case 47 manholes were poisoned with 2½% zinc phosphide and sausage rusk, 1 complete take and 3 partial takes occured.

(2) TEST-BAIT.—A 20% test baiting of the sewers was carried out in August between the above two treatments; 112 manholes were treated. Nine complete and two partial takes occurred.

(c) RIVER IRWELL TREATMENT.

A joint committee consisting of representatives of the riparian authorities of the Rivers Irwell, Croal and Roch agreed to a full scale treatment of the banks of these rivers. The Council agreed to the treatment of eleven miles of river bank in the Ramsbottom area. A careful survey was made of each bank of the river, it was divided into 28 sections, and then the following action took place.

- (1) TEST-BAIT.—Between 11th April and 5th May, 1,386 test baits were laid at intervals along the river bank, in holes in stone walls, and in the banks proper. In certain areas evidence of extensive rat infestation was found. There were 434 good takes.
- (2) TREATMENT.—Between 23rd May and 23rd July, bait was placed at 3,123 points on three alternative days, and 1,433 points were poisoned with 2½% zinc phosphide on the last day. There were 214 'good' takes, 799 'partial' takes, and it is estimated from the quantity of poison taken that some five thousand rats were killed.

The combined operation of twenty local authorities made a co-ordinated attack on a task of some magnitude. The treatment proved heavy rat infestation in certain areas, which should be treated next year. It was a new operation in Rodent Control, but it was felt to be well worth while.

Councillors G. Holt and J. Hogan, and the Chief Sanitary Inspector were the Local Authority's representatives on the Rodent Control Workable Area Committee No. 15 for the year 1949, this met at the offices of the various authorities constituting the Committee.

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SECTION III

HOUSING

1.—Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—	
(1) (a) Total number of Dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	=-
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	70
(2) (a) Number of Dwelling-houses (included under sub- head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	Nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
(3) Number of Dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of Dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	27
 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 their Officers	
3.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13, Housing Act, 1936 :— Undertakings accepted under Sec. 11 (3)	1
4.—Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding. No accurate figures are available. Complete survey of district necessary in order to assess degree of overcrowding.	
5 Clearance Area Procedure No action during the year	

NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR

(a)	By the Local Authority (Permanent)	 	56
(b)	By the Local Authority (Temporary)	 	Nil
(c)	By Private Enterprise	 	7

SECTION IV

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply.

No. of Dairy Farms							69
No. of Dairymen or	Purvey	ors of	Milk	(other	than	cow-	
keepers)							18
Dealers licences to sell	Pasteu	rised N	lilk				4
Tuberculin Tested Pro	oducers						1
Accredited Producers							5
Number of Visits to C	Cowshed	s or D	airies				82
Dairies Reconstructed							6

Bacteriological Examination of Milk.

The following table shows the results of samples of milk submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital, Manchester.

Total No.		221	4	30	11	17	6	286
Phosphatase Test	Failed	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Phosp	Passed	1	2	12	1	1	-	15
Tubercle Bacilli	Failed	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
Tub	Passed	31	1	9	2	3	1	43
Methylene Blue	Passed Failed Passed Failed Passed Failed	43	1	1	4	2	I	51
Meth	Passed	09	1	11	1	9	1	80
Bacillus Coli	Failed	32	1	1	2	2	1	36
Bac	Passed	54	1	1	2	4	1	09
Number of Samples	Submitted	103	2	12	5	8	1	131
		:	:		:	:	:	:
		:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Type of Milk		p	p	:	Tested	:	:	:
Tyi		Undesignated	Heat Treated	Pasteurised	Tuberculin Tested	Accredited	Sterilised	Totals

The unsatisfactory accredited and tuberculin tested samples were reported to and followed up by the County Sanitary Officer, Lancs. County Council, with whom there is close liaison in all matters connected with milk production and control, which affect both the County Authority and the Local Authority. The unsatisfactory pasteurised and heat treated samples were taken up with the appropriate authorities in whose district they were produced.

One sample out of forty three revealed the presence of Tubercle Bacilli. This was dealt with by the veterinary officer of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

All the unsatisfactory samples were followed up, and advice given on the production of clean milk. The sale of loose milk from open churns in the street is deprecated as being most unhygienic. The fact is often lost sight of that milk in its raw state is a food drunk largely by children and nursing mothers, and its cleanliness and freedom from disease should be above question.

On 1st October, 1949, the control of the production of milk passed to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949. Control of distribution remains in the hands of the local authority.

(b) Ice Cream.

The following is a list of the various types of ice cream premises registered within the district.

Registered	Wholesale and Retail Manufacturers	 2
Registered	Retail Manufacturers	 2
Registered	Retail Vendor's Premises (in use)	 24

In January, 1949, the Council adopted five Codes of Practice approved by the Lancs. County Council, covering the manufacture, transportation, storing and sale of ice cream. All persons dealing with this product were circulated with the appropriate Code, and this is now the standard required in all premises.

The following table shows the results of samples of ice-cream taken in the district during the year, which were examined and classified according to their reaction to the methylene blue reduction test.

Tyma of Ica Craam	Pro	vision	al G	rade	Methylene	Blue Test	Total
Type of Ice Cream	1	2	3	4	Passed	Failed	Tests
Local Manufacture	17	6	2	2	23	4	27
Not Local Manufacture	11	8	6	7	19	13	32
Totals	28	14	8	9	42	17	59

When considering these results it should be remembered that the methylene blue test and the grading as applied to ice-cream is provisional, and is only an index of its bacterial cleanliness and not its safety for human consumption.

The Ministry of Health suggest that over a period of six months, 50% of a vendors samples should fall into Grade I, 80% into Grade I or II, not more than 20% into Grade III, and none into Grade IV.

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Ramsbottom Urban District Council

WEIGHTS OF CARCASES AND ORGANS FOUND TO BE UNFIT FOR HUMAN FOOD

and organs Pounds
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Ramsbottom Urban District Council
CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED—1938-1949

		ALL DISI	ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS	BERCULOSIS		TUBERCULOSIS ONLY	ILY
94	Number Inspec- ted	Whole carcases Condemned	Carcases of which some part or organ was	% of No. inspected affected by disease other than tuberculosis	Whole carcases condemned	Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	% of No. inspected affected with tuberculosis
	2,143	2	13	0.7	1	127	5.9
	1,181	2	15	1.4	1	89	5.8
	5,572	*	*	*	*	*	*
	6,604	1	*	*	6	*	*
	3,949	2	*	*	5	*	*
	3,935	2	*	*	7	*	*
	3,549	Nil	*	*	12	*	*
	3,730	1	*	*	15	*	*
	4,200	Nii	*	*	7	*	*
	2,266	2	*	*	10	*	*
	2,979	1	154	5.2	23	159	6-11
	6,157	4	283	4.66	33	460	8-01

* No record kept of actual numbers; record of weights only.

Ramsbottom Urban District Council

NUMBER OF CARCASES EXAMINED AFTER SLAUGHTER

	Bulls	Bullocks	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Pigs	Total
1934	57	340	205	107	27	487	1223
1935	39	373	140	112	16	2181	2861
1936	27	387	132	89	10	2519	3164
1937	21	323	186	111	19	2082	2742
1938	17	250	232	78	11	1555	2143
1939	24	152	267	61	4	673	1181
*1940	2	5	19	_	_	5546	5572
1941	_	_	_	_	_	6604	6604
1942	_	_	_	_	_	3949	3949
1943	_	_	_	_	_	3935	3935
1944	-	_	_	_	_	3549	3549
1945	_	_	-	_	_	3730	3730
1946	-	_	_		_	4200	4200
1947	_	_		_	_	2266	2266
1948	_	_	_	_	_	2979	2979
1949	_		_	-	-	6157	6157
Γotal	187	1830	1181	558	87	52412	56255

^{*} Regional Slaughtering commenced: Local Bacon Factory continued to operate.

(c) Meat and Food Inspection.

(i) MEAT.

During the year all the pigs slaughtered at the Bacon Factory in the district have been examined. Particulars of carcases inspected and amounts condemned are shown below.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

Number killed			 		6,157
Number inspected			 		6,157
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT Whole Carcases Con Carcases of which so Percentage of numb other than Tubero	ndemned ome part o per inspec	or Orga			4 283 4·66
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY Whole Carcases con-	demned ome part o			.;	33 460

Weight of Carcases and Organs found to be unfit for human consumption:

	Whole Carcases and organs pounds	Part Carcases and organs pounds	Total pounds
All diseases except Tuberculosis Tuberculosis only	E 101	1,307 10,500	2,009 15,621
Totals	5,823	11,807	17,630

The above figures include 250 pigs slaughtered for private consumption of which parts were surrendered. Due to the increased number of pigs slaughtered, inspection took place on twenty seven Sundays during the year.

(ii) OTHER FOODS.

In the course of visits to shops, food-stores, food preparation premises the following food stuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption.

2	Butter Bovine Heads (d			
4	Boxes Fish	 	 245	lbs.
	Tins Milk			
12	Tins Meat	 	 19	lbs.
3	Tins Fish Paste	 	 $2\frac{1}{4}$	lbs.
6	Tins Vegetables	 	 7	lbs.
			3584	lbs.

(iii) FOOD AND DRUG SAMPLING.

The provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 relating to the sampling of food for quality are carried out by the Lancashire County Council, Public Health Department, through its County Sanitary Officer.

Dr. F. Hall, the County Medical Officer of Health, has kindly supplied the following information.

A total of 90 samples were obtained in the Ramsbottom District, an increase of 20 above the year 1948.

Sixty of the samples were milk, and 30 other foods comprising:—

2	Cooking Fat.	4 Coffee.
I	Honey.	ı Jelly.
3	Ice Cream.	I Liquorice Powder.
I	Zinc Ointment.	1 Veal loaf, canned.
1	Borax.	2 Cheese.
I	Custard Powder.	I Cornflour.
I	Beef sausage.	2 White pepper.
I	Nutmeg, ground.	I Cinnamon, ground.
2	Boric acid crystals.	2 Camphorated oil.
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2 Sulphur ointment.

All the above samples were certified by the County Analyst to be genuine with the exception of the following:—

	Sam	ple	Result	Action taken
I	formal	milk.	Deficient 6.0%, solids not fat, freezing point indicated presence of 1.0% of extraneous	Same Vendor.
			water.	> came vendor.
I	formal	milk.	Deficient 12.8% solids not fat, freezing point indicated presence of 6.7% of extraneous water.	Vendor cautioned.
Ι	informa	l milk.	Deficient of 0.6% solids not fat, freezing point indicated presence of 1.3% of extraneous water.	
I	informa	l milk.	Deficient 1.2% solids not fat, freezing point indicated	Same Vendor.
			presence of 1.4% of extraneous water.	Vendor cautioned and
I	informa	l milk.	Freezing point indicated presence of 0.3% of extraneous	further samples obtained.
I	informa	l milk.	water. Deficient 1.7% solids not fat, freezing point indicated presence of 1.1% of extraneous water.	
I	formal	milk.	Deficient 2.3% solids not fat, freezing point indicated presence of 2.0% of extraneous water.	cautioned and
I	formal	milk.	Deficient 5.0% fat.	Vendor notified.
I	formal	milk.	Freezing point indicated presence of 0.6% of extraneous water.	Same Vendor.
I	formal	milk.	Freezing point indicated presence of 0.6% of extraneous water.	Vendor cautioned.
I	formal	milk.	Deficient 3.3% fat. Low in solids not fat.	Same Vendor.
I	formal	milk.	Deficient 6.6% fat. Low in solids not fat.	Vendor notified.
1	formal	milk.	Deficient 15% fat.	nouncd.

	Samp	ole		Result		Action taken
I	formal	milk.	Freezing presence of water.		indicated extraneous	Vendor cautioned.
I	formal	milk.	Freezing presence of water.	point 1.6% of	indicated extraneous	Vendor cautioned and further samples obtained.

In addition 5 "appeal to cow" samples were taken during the year.

SECTION V

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE

(i) Infectious Diseases.

Cases of infectious diseases are now admitted free of charge to the most suitable infectious disease hospital without regard to local boundaries.

(ii) Laboratory Facilities.

Laboratory facilities are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital, Manchester for the bacteriological examination of food, milk, water, ice-cream, fæces and urine, etc.

The following specimens w	ere	subn	iitted	for	exan	inati	on:
Diphtheria Swabs							4
Scarlet Fever Swabs							
Sputum for Tuberculosis							3
Blood							I
Fæces							7
Urine							2
Milk for Tuberculosis							44
Milk for Methylene Blue							131
Milk for B. Coli							96
Milk for Phosphatase Test							15
Water for Bacteria							118
Ice Cream for Methylene B	lue						63
Ice Cream for B. Coli							16

The co-operation and advice of the laboratory staff, under the direction of Dr. T. M. Parker is greatly appreciated.

(iii)

Apart from Respiratory Tuberculosis the incidence of infectious disease has been low and cases have been mild in character.

(iv) Diphtheria.

Three cases were notified as against thirteen cases in the previous year. When admitted to hospital the diagnosis in all cases was found not to be true diphtheria.

(v) Whooping Cough.

22 cases were notified, as against 18 cases in the previous year.

(vi) Scabies.

Under modern conditions, there is little reason why there should be any cases of scabies, and with few exceptions most of the cases are due to carelessness. No cases were treated at the School Clinic.

(vii) Poliomyelitis.

There were two cases of poliomyelitis during the year, both of a mild type.

(viii) Tuberculosis.

There were 9 new cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis and 4 of Non-respiratory Tuberculosis, which is the highest incidence of this disease since 1946. High priority is given for re-housing whenever an infectious case of Tuberculosis is reported.

(ix) Disinfection.

Present-day knowledge has reduced the necessity for disinfection as frequently as in the past, and during the year under review, twenty houses were disinfected, the majority being cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1940-1949

1940	25 38 22 211 4 4 4 7 7	344
1941	39 31 102 105 106 28 28 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	495
1942	25 27 27 38 6 6 11 11 38 6 6 11 11 11 11 11 11	119
1943	23 190 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	341
1944	69 69 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17	176
1945	22 104 12 12 12 12 13 14 15 15 15 15 15 15 15	299
1946	20 20 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1	172
1947	39 172 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 4 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	247
1948	25 13 13 14 27 18 13 1 1	360
1949	8 1 2 2 1 8 9 4 1 2 1	93
DISEASE	Scarlet Fever Diphtheria Measles Whooping Cough Puerperal Pyrexia Puerperal Pyrexia Puerperal Pyrexia Puerperal Pyrexia Puerperal Pyrexia Cophthalmia Neonatorum Erysipelas Non-respiratory Tuberculosis Dysentery Cerebro-Spinal Fever Encephalitis Lethargica Acute Polio-myelitis Acute Polio-encephalitis Acute Polio-encephalitis	Totals

Measles and Whooping Cough only notifiable from October, 1939.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING 1949

				TOT	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED	CASI	ES N	OTI	FIEL							
A. A	Total				A	GE P	AGE PERIODS—YEARS	s-Y	EARS			1			Cases	-
DISEASE	Cases all ages	Un- der	132	236	6 0 4	4 9 5 0	5 to 10	10 15 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over	Total Deaths	moved to Hospital	Deams in Hospi- tal
Scarlet Fever	23	1	2	1	4	2	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	1
Measles	11	1	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Whooping Cough	22	-	2	9	3	4	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pneumonia	13	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	3	4	1	1
Erysipelas	00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	,1	-	1	1	1	1
Acute Polio-myelitis	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	- 1	1	1	2	1
Totals	80	9	ī	11	7	00	22	4	6	1	6	10	4	4	24	1
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Monthly Incidence, 1949

Dec.	8 1 1 9 1 1 1 1 1	15
Oct. Nov.	9 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	00
	111111	3
July Aug. Sept.	1112111	4
Aug.		3
	1 9 7 7 1 1 1 1	6
June	016111111	6
Feb. Mar. Apl. May June	1 2 6 1 7 1 1 1	19
Apl.	112111211	. 70
Mar.	118418111	11
Feb.	1 1 1 1 1 1	2
Jan.	1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1	70
Total	23 11 22 13 8 9 9	93
		:
Disease	Scarlet Fever	Totals
	Scarlet Fever Measles . Whooping Co Pneumonia . Erysipelas . Respiratory T Non-respirato Encephalitis I Acute Polio-n	

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1949

Age	New Cases				Deaths			
PERIODS	Respiratory			on- ratory	Respi	ratory		on- ratory
Years	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1	 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5	 -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5 to 10	 -	-		-	-	-	-	-
10 to 15	 -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 to 20	 1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 25	 -	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
25 to 35	 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 45	 -	1	1	-	-	-	-	3
45 to 55	 2		_	_	2	-	-	9
55 to 65	 -	2	-	-	-	1	_	-
65 and over	 -	1	-	-	1	1	_	-
								4
Totals	 4	5	2	2	3	3	-	
	9)	4	1	6	5	-	

