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# Annual Reports

OF

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

THE HEALTH VISITOR

AND THE

SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the Year 1941

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# Borough of New Windsor

# Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR 1941

To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of The Borough of New Windsor.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

In my Report for the year 1941 I will confine myself to remarks upon the chief Health Services and work undertaken by them; also new facilities that have operated during the year.

Tables 1, 2 and 3 are those required by the Ministry for Notifiable Infectious Diseases and Tuberculosis. During May and June, Measles and Whooping Cough were epidemic; both these diseases are now notifiable. Cases occurring amongst evacuee children were admitted to the Sick Bay in Alma Road, but no such provision is made for our own children. Excellent work was done in visiting homes by the Health Visitors and School Nurses.

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES.—For Report and Statistics I would refer to Miss McAllister's (Health Visitor) Report. I would like to pay tribute to the work done by Miss McAllister and Miss Smith, and also to express our gratitude to all the Voluntary Helpers without whom the work could not be carried through with the success that is achieved.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION.—The number of children who completed their immunization during the year was 1,394. I refer to this later on.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.—These are held twice a month. The total attendance was 203. Any serious abnormality I refer to the Specialists at Windsor Hospital and I am increasingly impressed with the necessity of these Clinics. When conditions in the home are undesirable I have been able to make arrangements for admission of pregnant women to the Emergency Hospital, Old Windsor. The Staff there are always most ready to help.

WAR-TIME DAY NURSERY.—A Nursery for Children from 2—5 was started at the Ex-Service Men's Club, St. Leonard's Road, and as a pioneer effort I have nothing but praise and am most grateful for the work done by the V.A.D.'s. Owing to the building being required in an emergency, we had to look elsewhere and the work was later transferred to Thames Street, over the A.B.C. The total number of attendances of the children was 1,601. These children are medically inspected at regular intervals and records kept. Miss McAllister attends every Monday morning and should a child require medical attention she lets me know. Should dental treatment be necessary, Mr. Trevleaven has kindly offered his help. Arrangements are also made for the children to attend the Diphtheria Immunization Clinic. The mid-day meal is obtained from the British Restaurant.

BRITISH RESTAURANT.—This was opened during the year and is highly appreciated. The daily meals average about 280. Cooked food, for consumption away from the Premises, can be obtained.

DINNERS IN SCHOOL.—At three Schools in the Borough arrangements were made for providing a mid-day meal. At present 50 per cent. of the children are taking advantage of the scheme. In necessitous cases it is free, if the nutrition of the child is sub-normal. I see the weekly menus, which are designed with due regard to dietetic values.

WATER ANALYSIS.—Samples are taken each month and satsifactory reports have been obtained. The samples taken from the Dedworth bore shew the water to be excellent in quality, both chemically and bacteriologically.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.—I would refer you to the Sanitary Officer's Report (Mr. Arnold). I would like to state here my high appreciation of the work Mr. Arnold does. War conditions have added considerably to his responsibilities and his report gives some idea of the amount of work that isgot through in his Department.

# NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1941.

(Other than Tuberculosis.)

TABLE I.

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	51	39	
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	13	11	2
Pneumonia	11	10	_
Acute-Polio Myelitis	14	14	2
Erysipelas	1	1	
Dysentery	1	1	

TABLE II.

AGE GROUPS OF THE NOTIFIED CASES.

Disease	Under 1 Year	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	-	_	3	4	5	25	7	4	2	1	_	_
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	_	_	_	1		2	3	2	4	_	1	_
Pneumonia Acute-Polio-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	1	3	-	-	-
Myelitis	-	1	1	1	-	5	4	2	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas Dysentery	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1	1	_

TABLE III.

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1941.

		New	Cases.		Deaths.			
Age Periods	Respiratory		Non-	Non-Resp.		ratory	Non	Resp
	М	F	М	F	М	F	M	F
0			1				1	
0 years	 _	_	1	1	_		1	1
1 year 5 years	 _	3	1	1				
15 years	 1	6	1	1	_	2	_	
25 years	 4	1	-	_	_	ī	_	_
35 years	 1	î	_	_	1	_	-	-
45 years	 4	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
55 years	 -	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 plus	 -	-	-	_	-	-	-	_
Totals	 10	13	3	2	3	4	1	1

The following remarks apply only to cases occurring within the Borough and do not include cases admitted to Windsor Hospital from surrounding districts. The figures in Table I

include all notified cases, including Windsor Hospital.

The number of **Scarlet Fever** cases is above our average. The type was mild and in normal times I could have isolated more at home, but owing to the crowded state of the Borough (population is increased by 10,000 approximately), and the fact that so many mothers are doing war work, is is increasingly difficult to carry this out.

Diphtheria.—No case was notified during the year and in my experience this has never happened before. I have now carried out diphtheria immunization systematically for three years. The total number of children up to 15 years of age who have received the two doses of Alum Precipitated Toxord is 2,800. Of this number, 905 were under 5 years of age. These numbers are exclusive of cases treated by practictioners in the Borough. Each month I hold two clinics, one for the Infant Welfare children and one for the School children. Infectious diseases seem to run in cycles of 3—4 years and the future may spoil our record, but certainly, I think, one can claim some credit already for immunization.

Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.—There were four cases, all of whom made a good recovery.

Acute Poliomelitis (Infantile Paralysis).—We had eight cases. The first was notified at the end of August. The ages varied from 2 to 16—3 girls and 5 boys. Two boys in one family developed it within a few hours of each other. All cases were admitted to Windsor Hospital and two were eventually transferred to the Wingfield Morris Orthopaedic Hospital at Headington. There were two deaths, both occurring within a few hours of onset of symptoms. The others showed paralytic symptoms of the legs, which, in all but one case, have regained their powers to a great extent.

Six of the cases occurred in the west side of the Borough (Clewer and Dedworth).

There was no evidence that any case arose from a previous one. All contacts were visited and strict injunctions as to their movements and association with others enforced. In no case did a contact develop the disease. Several precautions were immediately taken, including closure of all Schools, including Private ones; exclusion of children from cinemas and theatres (in this latter connection I had the ready co-operation of the proprietors). There was no evidence that any case had any connection with the Slough epidemic.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. DOUGLAS CROFTS,

Medical Officer of Health.

# Annual Report of the Health Visitor

## FOR THE YEAR 1941

TO THE MAYOR, MRS. CARTERET-CAREY, AND GENTLEMEN,

I respectfully submit my Report upon the work done during the year 1941.

Notification has been received of 629 births during the past year, including 37 still-births. 351 of the notifications, including 21 still-births, were of births to families who were not residents of the town; these were transferred in connection with the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme to the Public Health Authorities of the areas to which they belonged.

There are 1,274 families recorded in the current visiting register, with approximately 1,911 infants and children to be visited. The pre-war figures for 1938 were 841 families, with 1,261 infants and children.

All evacuated children under school age, of whom information has been obtained, have been visited and invited to attend the Infant Welfare Centres, of which opportunity a good proportion have taken advantage.

During the year the following visits h	ave l	een ma	de:	
To infants under 1 year				2077
To children from 1 to 5 years				3469
Special Visits				122
First visits to infants under 1 year				355
In connection with deaths of infants	unde	r 1 year		9
In connection with still-births				12
To registered boarded-out children				45
Total number of visits				6089
Visits to families (not included in tot	al)			4288

#### THE INFANT WELFARE CENTRES.

The Infant Welfare Centres sustained a very great loss on March 21st by the death of Mrs. Harris, who had been the President, Secretary, and Treasurer for a great number of years. Although for some time Mrs. Harris had not been able to take an active part in the Centres, she still showed unfailing interest in all that concerned the work.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Committee meet quarterly. The assistance given by the voluntary helpers at the Centres is quite invaluable. It would be impossible to carry on the Centres in their present form without this help.

The Centres were closed for some weeks on account of infection, which accounts for the decrease in the total attendances. The average attendance at both Centres has increased.

The following were the attendances at both Centres during the year, and for the purpose of comparison, the previous years' figures are also given.

1 12/1	Win	dsor.	Clew	er.
	1941	1940	1941	1940
Infants under 1 year	2462	2777	 1708	1728
	1231	843	 1100	1344
Total attendance of Infants and Toddlers	3693	3620	 2808	3072
Average attendance per sessi	on 93	80	 72	65
Attending for the first time				
(a) Infants under 1 year	178	218	 80	103
(b) Toddlers		61	 33	38

## THE TODDLERS' CLINIC.

The special Clinic for Toddlers between the age of 2 years and School age is held at the Windsor Welfare Centre on the first Friday of each month.

Each child is examined by the Medical Officer, whose notes on the child are subsequently passed on to the School Medical Department when the child enters school. A special Clinic for Toddlers was started at Clewer in June, 1941. Lord Dunboyne has kindly provided another room in his house, so that the doctor can examine these children undisturbed by the other business of the Clinic.

Two hundred and eleven toddlers attended at these special Clinics; 2,331 toddlers attended at the ordinary sessions at both Centres during the year.

#### FOOD AND DRIED MILK.

The work of the sales department at the Clinics has increased enormously, as the following figures show.

Value of foods, etc., purchased for sale or free distribution:

						£	8.	d.
Year	ending	March,	1938	 	 	425	7	5
,,	,,	,,	1939	 	 	506	16	9
,,	,,	,,	1940	 	 	611	5	9
,,	,,	,,	1941	 	 	1027	7	7
Marc	h to De	cember,	1941	 	 	1086	16	6

## THE ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS.

The Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinic is held on the second Monday of each month at the Clinic, Victoria Street, Windsor, at 3 p.m. The attendances number 199 and 5 respectively. These figures do not include the numbers attending the clinic at the Princess Christian's Maternity Home.

## BOARDED-OUT CHILDREN.

There are 7 children registered under the Children Acts, and 6 persons are registered as foster parents. At the beginning of the year, there were 6 children registered. Three additional children have been registered, and the names of 2 removed from the register. Forty-five visits have been made in this

connection and on every occasion conditions were found to be as satisfactory as can be expected under war-time conditions.

In one instance permission to register as a foster child could not be granted, owing to insufficient accommodation, and the child was removed.

#### DIPHTHERIA PREVENTION.

The Clinic for immunization against Diphtheria of children under school age is held once a month at the Victoria Street Clinic. 434 children have received full immunization and 409 have received their first injection.

#### ADDITIONAL CLOTHING COUPONS.

The additional Clothing Coupons to Expectant Mothers are distributed from the Health Visitor's Office, 13, Park Street.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. I. McALLISTER, Health Visitor.

# Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector

# FOR THE YEAR 1941

To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of Thr Borough of New Windsor. Mr Mayor, Mrs. Carteret-Carey and Gentlemen.

I respectfully submit for your consideration my Report upon the work done by my Department during the year 1941.

#### HOUSING.

During the year 118 houses were inspected for housing defects either under the Housing Act or the Public Health Act. Notices were served for any defects found and in the great majority of cases these were remedied during the year.

#### OVERCROWDING.

The large number of evacuees and refugees received into the Borough have caused many houses to be over-crowded and I am afraid it will be necessary, when hostilities cease, for the over-crowding survey to be carried out again. Ten cases of over-crowding came to the notice of the department during the year. The Billeting Authorities have been very helpful in finding accommodation for overcrowded persons.

#### SANITARY DEFECTS AND NUISANCES.

710 sanitary defects and nuisances were discovered during the year. 175 informal and 21 formal notices were served requiring abatement of the defects or nuisances. At the end of the year 27 informal and 8 formal notices had not been complied with. Proceedings were taken for failure to comply with notices to abate nuisances in 2 instances. In one case the nuisance was abated and the case was withdrawn. In the other case an Order was made for the abatement of the nuisance within 28 days, with costs.

#### COMPLAINTS.

Two hundred and thirty-three complaints were received during the year.

#### MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

Slaughter House.—The number of inspections made to the Government Slaughter House was 626. Slaughtering is carried out each day of the week except Friday and Saturday and has entailed many hours of work by your Inspectors after 5 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons and evenings.

The number of animals slaughtered during the year was:

Bullocks		412	Sheep		
Heifers	 	383	Pigs		95
Bulls	 	38			
Cows	 	338		Total	 7871
Calves	 	978			

The carcases of 16 cows, 5 heifers, 1 bull and 1 calf affected with Generalized Tuberculosis were wholly condemned. Portions of carcases of 93 cows, 42 heifers, 62 bullocks, 2 bulls and 1 pig affected with Localized Tuberculosis were condemned.

The carcases of 7 sheep, 2 cows, 1 heifer, 1 calf and 1 pig were condemned for diseases other than tuberculosis.

Portions of carcases of 105 sheep, 88 cows, 40 heifers, 38 bullocks, 2 bulls, 2 pigs and 1 calf were condemned for diseased conditions other than tuberculosis.

The percentage of numbers of animals inspected affected with Tuberculosis was:

Bulls ... 7.9 per cent. Calves ... .10 per cent. Bullocks ... 15.05 ,, ,, Pigs ... 1.05 ,, ,, Heifers ... 12.27 ,, ,, Sheep ... Nil

Percentage of total animals inspected affected with disease:

The weight of diseased meat condemned at the Slaughter-house was 11 tons 4 cwts. 1 qr. 19 lbs.

# OTHER FOOD PREMISES, INCLUDING WHOLESALE MEAT STORES.

One thousand two hundred and seven visits of inspection were made to these premises and the following carcases not slaughtered in the Borough were inspected at the Meat Depots:

The carcases of 2 cows and 5 sheep were condemned because of diseased conditions other than Tuberculosis; 292 lbs. of imported meat and 21 lbs. of English meat were condemned because of unsound condition.

The weight of meat condemned at the Depots was 11 cwts.

2 lbs.

At shops, a variety of food stuffs were condemned because of its unfitness for human food. The weight of these articles was 2 tons 18 cwts. 2 qrs. 9 lbs.

The total weight of unsound food dealt with during the year

was 14 tons 14 cwts. 2 lbs.

Two seizures of unsound food took place during the year, one of butter and one of tomatoes. In the case of the butter the Food Control Enforcement Committee took proceedings under the Waste of Food Order and the vendor was fined £5 and £3 3s. 0d. costs; on that account proceedings were not taken under the Food and Drugs Act. In the case of the tomatoes the person responsible for exposing them for sale was prosecuted under the Food and Drugs Act and fined £5 plus 4s. costs.

All the diseased or unsound meat from the Slaughter House and the wholesale meat stores, after being coloured with acid green, is collected by a Government contractor for utilisation for purposes other than human food. Other unsound foodstuffs are dealt with according to instructions issued by the Ministry

of Food.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS.

The following table shows the number of samples of Food taken and submitted to the Public Analyst for analysis, the results of such analysis and action taken:

	N	umber E	xamined		Nu	ımber Aa	lulterated	
Article	Formal	In- formal	Private	Total	Formal	In- formal	Private	Tota
Milk	33	4		37	6	2	_	8
Milk Butter	5	_		5	_	_	_	-
Coffee	_	4	_	4		-	_	_
Castor Oil	_	3	_	3	-	_	-	_
Roast Pork Roll	2	_	_	2	_	_	-	_
Beef Roll		-	_	1	_	_	_	-
Oranjeast		_	_	1	-		-	_
Dookoog Egg	1			-				1
Peakegg, Egg Powder Substitute	1			1	1	_	_	1
Choc. Macaroons	-	1		1	_	1	_	1
		1		1	_	-		1
Coffee & Chicory Coffee Extract		1		1				
	1 2 2 2	1		1				
Tinned Carrots Tinned Plums		1		1				
		1		1				- 15.5
Tinned Salmon Tinned Harricot	-	1		1				_
		1		1				
Beans		1	-	1				-
Glauber Salts	1	1		1				
Borax and Honey	-	1		1	_	-	_	_
Baking Powder		1	_	1	_	-	_	_
Plain Flour		1	-	1		-	_	-
Self-Raising Flour	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cake Flour		1	-	1	-	-		-
Onion Extract		1	_	1	-	-	-	-
Lem-Lem Lemon								
Substitute		1	-	1	_	-	-	-
Anti-gas Ointment				4				
No. 2		1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Grapefruit Squash	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Orange Squash		1	_	1	-	-	-	_
Bl'kcurrantCordial	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Zinc Ointment		1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Sulphur Ointment	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Compound Liq-					1	la contraction	1	
uorice Powder		1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Aspirin Tablets		1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Stomach Tablets	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Vitamin C Tablets	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cod Liver Oil		1	-	1	-	-	1.	-
Bemax		1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cheese Powder		1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Compound Mustare	d -	1	-	1		-	-	-
Pepper		1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cocoa		1	-	1	-	-	-	-
RiceCustard Pud'g	ş	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Totals	. 43	43	_	86	7	3	_	10

One sample of Milk Powder was purchased to ascertain if it was labelled correctly. It was, and was not submitted for analysis.

#### LIST OF ADULTERATED SAMPLES.

Serial Num- ber	Article Formal Informal Private		Informal	Nature of Adulteration or Irregularity	Adulteration or				
101	Chocol		Informal	False description		Police took action for obtaining money by false pretencse. Defendant was sentenced on three charges to 3, 6, 6 months imprisonment to run concurrently.			
122	Milk		Formal	13.33% deficient in fat		Proceedings taken. Fined			
124	Milk		Formal	5.53% added water 10% deficient in fat	1	£2 and £1 11s. 6d. costs. Proceedings taken. Fined			
125	Milk		Formal	8.35% added water		£2 and £1 11s. 6d. costs on each sample.			
134	Milk		Formal	3.64% added water		Proceedings taken. Fined £2 and £1 11s. 6d. costs.			
136	Milk		Informal	6.66% deficient in fat		Appeal to Cow.			
137	Milk		Informal	1.66% deficient in fat		Appeal to Cow.			
138	Milk		Formal	3.33% deficient in fat		Taken in course of delivery from same churn as Sample No. 137			
139	Milk		Formal	10% deficient in fat		Taken in course of delivery from same churn as			
166	Peake Egg Po der su stitute	W-	Formal	False description Misleading label		Sample No. 136. After obtaining Counsel's opinion it was decided to take no legal action.			

# BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Samples are sent to the National Institute for Research in Dairying, Reading. Two samples of Pasteurised and seven samples of Tuberculin-tested milk were submitted for bacteriological examination. The two samples of Pasteurised Milk and three samples of Tuberculin-tested milk failed to comply with the prescribed tests. In each case the producer was warned. Two samples of Tuberculin-tested milk sent by rail to the Institute were found on arrival to be too old to test.

## DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

The following are registered under the various Orders and Regulations:

Retail Purv	eyors	of Mill	ζ	 	 	25
Dairymen				 	 	11
Cowkeepers				 	 	4

The number of cows kept in the district is about 100; the various premises have been regularly inspected.

Seven Dairymen are licensed to sell Tuberculin-tested milk, one to sell Accredited milk, and three to sell Pasteurised milk.

Legal proceedings were instituted against a retailer for filling milk bottles in the street on three occasions; a fine of £5 was inflicted in each case.

Legal proceedings were instituted against a roundsman for filling a milk bottle in the street; defence was that the milk was for his own use and case was dismissed.

## CANAL BOATS.

Several visits were made to the riverside; on no occasion was any canal boat discovered.

## COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

The Common Logding Houses have been regularly inspected. They have been satisfactorily kept and have given no cause for complaint during the year.

# RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION.

During the year, 1,378 visits were made to various premises for the purpose of destroying rats and mice. The number of rats found dead was 348; the number caught in traps was 301.

#### MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT.

One hundred and eighteen inspections were made for the purposes of this Act; the requirement of the Act as to Marking, etc., have been well observed.

#### SHOPS ACTS.

During the year, 272 inspections were made.

#### DISINFECTION.

In infectious cases, bedding and clothing are removed to the Steam Disinfector at Dedworth. The rooms are sprayed and fumigated. During the year disinfections were as follows:

Articles of bedding and	clothing disir	nfected	 4620
Articles of bedding and	clothing dest	troyed	 526
Rooms disinfected			 280

#### BED BUGS.

The eradication of bed bugs during the warm months takes a great deal of time. During the year the following work was carried out:

Council Houses found to be infested	 	 6
Council Houses disinfested	 	 6
Other Houses found to be infested	 	 41
Other Houses disinfested	 	 41

In the 6 Council houses 11 rooms were affected, and in the 41 other houses 90 rooms.

The method adopted for freeing houses from bed bugs is to spray with an insecticide; two sprayings with an interval of eight days between being the usual process. In bad infestations, one of the proprietary fumigating blocks, used in conjunction with an insecticide, has given good results. The work is carried out by the department. The fumigating blocks used are Cimex, the principal insecticide used is Zaldecide.

#### OTHER PESTS.

The department was called upon to help in the destruction of other pests, as under:

Ants	 	38	Crickets	 3
Wasps	 	17	Mosquitoes	 7
Beetles		46		

#### FOOD CONTROL.

The work as Enforcement Inspector to the Food Control Committee has been considerable; 631 inspections were made.

# SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS, ETC.

Housing Act Inspections		 	10
Housing Act Re-Inspections		 	48
Overcrowding Inspections		 	258
Public Health Act Inspections (Housing)		 	108
Public Health Act Re-Inspections (Housing	ıg)	 	598
Drain Tests and Inspections		 	117
Nuisance Inspections		 	229
Nuisance Re-Inspections		 	632
Infectious Disease cases investigated		 	49
Visits re Disinfection		 	78
Food Premises, Stalls, etc., inspected		 	1207
Dairy, Cowshed and Milkshop Inspections		 	116
Factories and Workshops inspected		 	39
Shops Acts Inspections		 	272
Moveable Dwellings inspected		 	115
Common Lodging House Inspections		 	20
Merchandise Marks Act Inspections		 	118
Ice Cream, Visits re Manufacture and Sale		 	23
Visits re Rats and Mice		 	1378
Piggery Inspections		 	3
Food Control Inspections		 	631
Air Raid Shelter Inspections		 	949
Miscellaneous Inspections		 	32
Interviews with Owners, Builders, etc.		 	124
Slaughter House Inspections		 	626
Inspections, Rent Restrictions Acts		 	23
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Total		 	7803

# RENT RESTRICTIONS ACTS.

Legal proceedings were taken for extortionate rent charged for furnished rooms. The case was dismissed, the magistrates remarking that it was a border-line case and they made no Order for costs against the Council.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

F. ARNOLD, Chief Sanitary Inspector.