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OF HEALTH,

THE HEALTH VISITOR

AND

THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the Year 1943



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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health For the Year 1943

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF
THE BOROUGH OF NEW WINDSOR.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report, as Medical Officer of Health, for the year 1943. Of necessity, it will be brief and confined to detailing the various Services available and measures in force in the Borough.

INFECTIOUS AND NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.—The total number of infectious and notifiable diseases was the lowest of the war years. The **Scarlet Fever** cases were of mild type and, out of 27, 22 were isolated at Maidenhead Hospital, owing to the overcrowded condition of the Borough and impossibility of home isolation. There were only 2 cases of **Diphtheria**, one being a girl aged 15, who had been immunized several years previously. Of the 4 **Dysentery** cases, 2 were of children in Victoria Barracks, where several cases had occurred amongst the Troops. The other 2 were admitted to Windsor Hospital from outside. The one case of **Polio-myelitis** was of a non-resident in Windsor Hospital. Tables I and II give an analysis of all cases.

Tuberculosis.—The number of cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis notified during the year was 22 (20 the previous year). There were 8 deaths during the year amongst all the cases on the Register (last year 11).

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION.—I have now completed five years of systematic immunization. During 1943, 454 children were immunized. Approximately 93% of under 5 years and 95% from 5—15 have had treatment. These figures do not take into account those children treated privately. There are two Clinics, one held at Clewer Welfare Centre and the other at the Windsor Centre

THE INFANT WELFARE CENTRES.—I would refer you to Miss McAllister's Report for details of the work accomplished at both Clewer and Windsor. Both Centres are handicapped by lack of accommodation owing to the increased attendances, especially at Clewer. The sale of dried milk and other necessities has increased enormously. In 1938 the turn-over was £425, in 1943 £1,907. This entails a tremendous amount of work which the voluntary staff undertake. Our grateful thanks are due to them for all they do. I am very struck by the value of the Toddlers Clinic. Many cases of Orthopaedic deformity have had treatment with encouraging results.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.—These Clinics are held on the first and second Mondays in the month. The number of individual mothers attending was 158, and the total attendance 411. Abnormal cases are referred to Windsor Hospital.

WAR-TIME DAY NURSERIES.—(1) **Thames Street** ; (2) **The Lawns, Clewer.** Both Nurseries are doing good work. The attendances have dropped somewhat. Illness amongst the children has been very little. The Wardens and their staff have successfully overcome domestic difficulties.

THE BRITISH RESTAURANT.—Owing no doubt to the return of many evacuees to their homes, the attendances have not been so many in 1943. Perhaps the novelty has worn off, and then so many more people are claimed for the war effort. The food is excellent and many suggestions have been made and acted upon to attract more people. The staff has done a good year's work.

DINNERS AT SCHOOLS.—The approximate daily number of children taking dinners at school is 1,106, of which number 150 are free.

MILK IN SCHOOLS.—There are 2,103 children having milk including 119 free.

EMERGENCY SANATORIUM, 95, Alma Road.—The admission was less than the previous year owing to return home of evacuees, but the idea of having such a sick bay has been a great asset. That the Borough has sanctioned the use of it for special cases of our own, under agreement with the Evacuation Authority, is a splendid thing for our children.

WATER SUPPLY.—Samples are sent for analysis monthly. The reports have been uniformly good. It has been found, by investigation undertaken at Oxford, that the iodine content of Windsor's water is above the average.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1943.
(Other than Tuberculosis.)

TABLE I.

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Total cases notified</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital</i>	<i>Total Deaths</i>
Scarlet Fever	27	22	—
Diphtheria	2	2	—
Dysentery (Sonne)	4	4	—
Pneumonia	7	1	—
Acute Polio-Myelitis	1	1	—
Para-Typhoid	2	1	—

TABLE II.

AGE GROUPS OF THE NOTIFIED CASES.

<i>Disease</i>	Under 1 Year	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 and over
Scarlet Fever ...	—	1	1	—	8	—	11	1	1	3	1	—
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	1	2
Acute Polio-Myelitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Para-Typhoid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—

TABLE III.
TUBERCULOSIS.
 NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1943.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	<i>New Cases.</i>				<i>Deaths.</i>			
	<i>Respiratory</i>		<i>Non-Resp.</i>		<i>Respiratory</i>		<i>Non-Resp.</i>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 years ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
15 years ...	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
25 years ...	4	1	—	2	—	1	—	—
35 years ...	2	4	—	—	—	2	—	—
45 years ...	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 years ...	2	1	1	—	1	1	—	—
65 plus ...	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
<i>Totals</i> ...	13	9	1	4	3	5	—	—

DENTAL TREATMENT.

Adolescents.—In order that dental treatment should be made available for children leaving school, until such treatment was open to them under the National Insurance Scheme, a plan somewhat on the lines of the one in operation at Guildford was decided upon. The Guildford scheme, however, was stated to be self-supporting.

Owing to the present difficulty in obtaining adequate treatment it has been impossible to successfully launch the scheme here.

Moreover, from a letter which the Town Clerk has received from the Ministry of Health, it would appear that there is no statutory authority to introduce any scheme which would result in a charge falling on the rates.

Expectant Mothers.—This scheme was decided upon in November last for a trial period of six months. Approval of the Ministry of Health was given on 25th November.

I recommend that the period be extended.

HOME HELPS.—This Scheme has been adopted by the Council, but so far no applications have been received for the work.

NURSING ASSOCIATION.—During the latter part of the year a provident scheme for Home Nursing was inaugurated. By all parties it was taken up with enthusiasm and for a beginning it was decided that two Queen's Nurses should be engaged. This has been a long-felt want, and the two Nurses commenced duties early in the New Year. No doubt, as the idea spreads, sufficient members will justify additional Nurses.

THE RED CROSS CLINIC.—This Clinic, held daily at the Civil Defence Headquarters, Trinity Place, is available for the treatment of Scabies and other skin infections. It fills a very necessary want for our own residents.

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

Your obedient servant,

A. DOUGLAS CROFTS,

Medical Officer of Health.

Borough of New Windsor

Annual Report of the Health Visitor

For the Year 1943

TO THE MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I respectfully submit my Report upon the work done during the year 1943.

	<i>Resident.</i>	<i>Non-Resident.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Number of Births notified ...	260	441	701
Number of Still-births notified ...	5	33	38

The births to non-resident families have been transferred to their own districts.

There are approximately 1,592 children under 5 years of age resident in the Borough.

All evacuated children under school age, of whom information has been received, have been visited and invited to attend the Infant Welfare Centres.

During the year the following visits have been made :

To infants under 1 year	1148
To children from 1 to 5 years	2032
First visits to infants under 1 year	336
Special Visits	105
In connection with deaths of infants under 1 year ...	6
" " " Still-births	12
" " " the adoption of children	13
To Registered boarded-out children	48
Total number of visits	3700
Included in these numbers :	
Visits to individual families	2799
In connection with immunisation	275
" " " measles	217

THE INFANT WELFARE CENTRES.

A meeting of the Infant Welfare Centres Committee is held quarterly, under the Chairmanship of Alderman Harris.

With the extension of the work, there is an ever increasing demand upon the services of the Committee, who are always most willing to give their time and work for the benefit of the Centres.

Throughout the year, the voluntary helpers have given invaluable assistance to the Centres.

297 infants under 1 year made their first attendance at the Centres. As there were only 255 resident live births notified during the year, the attendance exceeded 100% by 16. The probable reason for this is the number of infants born in the Old Windsor Emergency Hospital, who are residents here.

The following attendances were made at both Centres during the year, the figures for the previous year are given for comparison.

	<i>Windsor.</i>		<i>Clewer.</i>	
	1943	1942	1943	1942
Infants under 1 year ...	3329	2794	2427	2108
Children 1 to 5 years ...	2299	2060	979	994
Total attendance of infants and toddlers ...	5628	4854	3406	3102
Average attendance per session	118	106	74	68
Attending for the first time :				
(a) Infants under 1 year	200	165	97	90
(b) Children 1 to 5 years	30	39	30	27
Total ...	230	204	210	117

THE TODDLERS' CLINIC.

The special Clinic for Toddlers, between the age of 2 and 5 years, is held monthly at each Centre. The children are examined by the Medical Officer, whose notes on the child's pre-school health are passed on to the School Medical Department, when the child enters school.

Attendances at these Clinics: Windsor, 210; Clewer, 69; Total, 279. The total attendance of Toddlers at the ordinary sessions: 3278.

The accommodation at both the Centres is very inadequate.

The average attendance of 118 at Windsor is the highest recorded, the previous highest figure being 106. On many afternoons there has been an attendance of between 130 to 160 infants and children, with a record of 164. At Clewer there has been a steady increase, attendances frequently numbering between 80 and 100, with a record of 114. This Centre is particularly overcrowded, as with the exception of the medical inspections, all activities have to take place in one room.

FOOD AND DRIED MILKS.

The work of the sales department at the Centres has increased as the following figures show. Value of foods, etc., purchased for sale or free distribution :

				£	s.	d.
Year ending March, 1938	...	...	...	425	7	5
" " " 1939	...	...	...	506	16	9
" " " 1940	...	...	...	611	5	9
" " " 1941	...	...	...	1027	7	7
January to December, 1942	...	...	...	1611	19	5
" " " 1943	...	...	...	1907	7	9

On an average, approximately £31 is taken as a result of the sale of foods on Fridays at the Windsor Clinic, and an average of £15 on Tuesdays at Clewer. Approximately 36 people have received free food from the Centres.

THE ANTE-NATAL CLINIC.

The Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinic is held on the second Monday of each month at the Clinic, Victoria Street, at 3 p.m. The attendances number 123 and 4 respectively. These figures do not include the numbers attending the Clinic at Princess Christian's Maternity Home.

BOARDED-OUT CHILDREN.

There are 5 children registered under the Children Acts, and 3 persons are registered as foster-parents. At the beginning of the year, there were 6 children registered. During the year, 3 additional children have been registered and the names of 4 removed from the register. 48 visits have been made in this connection. Conditions were found to be as satisfactory as possible under war-time conditions.

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (REGULATION) ACT, 1939.

There are 2 children registered under the Act. Thirteen visits have been made in connection with the adoption of children.

DIPHThERIA PREVENTION.

A Clinic for immunization against Diphtheria is held every fortnight alternately at Windsor Clinic, Victoria Street, and the Infant Welfare Centre, Vale House, Clewer. During the year, 327 children under school age have received full immunization, and 244 have received their first injection. At least 93% are immunized.

GOVERNMENT VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTS.

The vitamin supplements (Cod Liver Oil and Orange Juice) are distributed at the Centres. They can also be obtained from the Food Office. Quantities of other preparations containing Vitamins A and D are also distributed at the Centres, apart from the Government provision, *e.g.*, Pure Cod Liver Oil, Cod Liver Oil Emulsion, Adexolin liquid and capsules (concentrated Vitamins A and D) and Cod Liver Oil and Malt. Over a trial period of three months it was estimated that sufficient quantities of these were distributed to provide approximately 118 children per week with some form of these vitamins.

STAFF.

In February, Miss Hills, who had been in the Office for over six years, was called up, and Mrs. Wren appointed in her place. On April 3rd, Miss Smith (additional Health Visitor) vacated her position to take up Industrial Welfare Work; her place was taken by Miss Jones, who commenced her duties on May 24th and stayed until September 3rd, when she left to take up an appointment in Torquay. In December, Miss Chick was appointed to the post, to take up her duties in 1944.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

A. I. McALLISTER,

Health Visitor.

Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector For the Year 1943

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF
THE BOROUGH OF NEW WINDSOR.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I respectfully submit for your consideration my Report upon the work done by my Department during the year 1943.

HOUSING.

During the year 217 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.

Nine new cases of overcrowding came to the notice of the Department during the year. Of these, 2 were abated. Of the cases still on the books, 3 were abated.

SANITARY DEFECTS AND NUISANCES.

405 sanitary defects and nuisances were discovered during the year. 222 informal and 28 formal notices were served requiring abatement of the defects or nuisances. At the end of the year 36 informal and 13 formal notices had not been complied with.

Legal proceedings were taken against 2 occupiers for dirty conditions. Orders were made for the abatement of the nuisances ; in one case 3 guineas costs were awarded and in the other the occupier was fined £1 and 3 guineas costs. One of the occupiers failed to comply with the Court Order and was fined £5, a daily penalty of £1 for 6 days and 3 guineas costs were awarded.

Legal proceedings were taken against an owner for failing to comply with a notice. An Order was made, a fine of £5 inflicted and 3 guineas costs awarded.

COMPLAINTS.

Three hundred and eleven complaints were received during the year.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

Slaughter House.—The number of inspections made to the Government Slaughter House was 548. Slaughtering is carried out each day of the week except Friday and Saturday.

The number of animals slaughtered during the year was :

Bulls	...	...	31	Sheep	...	...	4817
Steers	...	...	379	Goats	...	...	1
Cows	...	...	133				—
Heifers	...	...	332	<i>Total</i>	...	...	7446
Calves	...	...	1683				—
Pigs	...	...	70				

The carcasses of 1 bull, 1 steer, 8 cows, 1 heifer and 4 calves affected with Generalised Tuberculosis were wholly condemned. Portions of carcasses of 8 bulls, 32 steers, 26 cows, 35 heifers, 5 calves and 4 pigs affected with Localised Tuberculosis were condemned. The carcasses of 2 cows, 1 calf and 9 sheep were condemned for diseases other than Tuberculosis. Portions of carcasses or organs of 4 bulls, 95 steers, 43 cows, 64 heifers, 19 calves, 22 pigs and 400 sheep were condemned for diseased conditions other than Tuberculosis.

The percentage of animals inspected affected with Tuberculosis was :

Bulls	...	29.0 per cent.	Calves	...	0.5 per cent
Steers	...	8.7 „ „	Pigs	...	5.7 „ „
Cows	...	25.6 „ „	Sheep	...	<i>Nil</i>
Heifers	...	10.8 „ „			

The percentage of animals inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis was :

Bulls	...	12.7 per cent.	Calves	...	1.2 per cent
Steers	...	25.0 „ „	Pigs	...	31.4 „ „
Cows	...	33.8 „ „	Sheep	...	8.5 „ „
Heifers	...	19.3 „ „			

The weight of diseased meat condemned at the Slaughter House was 8 tons 7 cwts. 1 qr. 18lbs.

OTHER FOOD PREMISES, INCLUDING WHOLESALE MEAT STORES.

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

Bulls	...	...	13	Pigs	...	...	43
Steers	...	...	20	Sheep	...	...	84
Cows	...	...	145				—
Heifers	...	...	9	<i>Total</i>	...	...	794
Calves	...	...	480				—

The carcasses of 1 steer and 1 cow affected with Generalised Tuberculosis, and 6 cows, 1 sheep and 2 pigs affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis were wholly condemned; 218lbs. of imported meat and 313lbs. of English meat were condemned because of unsound conditions; 455 tins of corned beef, 98 tins of corned mutton and 10 tins of corned pork were also condemned.

The total weight of meat condemned at the Depots was 2 tons 2 cwts. 3 qrs. 18lbs.

At shops, a variety of food stuffs were condemned because of unfitness for human food. The weight of these articles was 2 tons 9 cwts. 1 qr.

One seizure was made of tomatoes exposed for sale. A letter of warning was sent to the trader concerned.

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.

KNACKER'S YARD.

The licence granted in September, 1942, was renewed in March, 1943, for six months. The amount of slaughtering has greatly increased and the premises are no longer suitable or

sufficient for the business carried on. The number of inspections made was 204, and the number of animals slaughtered 957.

FOOD AND DRUGS.

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

<i>Article</i>	<i>Number Examined</i>				<i>Number Adulterated</i>			
	<i>Formal</i>	<i>In-formal</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Formal</i>	<i>In-formal</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Total</i>
Milk	45	4	—	49	4	2	—	6
Margarine	4	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
Butter	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Lard	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Coffee	2	2	—	4	—	—	—	—
Lemon Squash	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Pres'ved Sausages	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Breakfast Sausage	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Pork Sausage Meat	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Fish Paste	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Flour	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Soya Flour	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Self-Raising Flour	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Baking Powder	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Yorkshire Pudding	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mixture	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Sweetened Cake	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Flour	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Junket	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Cocoa	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Egg Substitute	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Piccailli	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Prepared Liquid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mustard	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Mustard	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Black Pepper	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Pure Rice Starch	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1
Camphorated Oil	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Iodine Ointment	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Tincture of Iodine	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Iodised Lozenges	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Aspirin Tablets	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Syrup of Figs	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Epsom Salts	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i>	58	34	—	92	4	3	—	7

In addition, 83 samples of milk were examined at the office by the Gerber test. Of these, 75 were satisfactory and 8 were not.

LIST OF ADULTERATED SAMPLES.

<i>Serial Number</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Formal Informal Private</i>	<i>Nature of Adulteration or Irregularity</i>	<i>Observations</i>
269	Milk ...	Formal	12% added water ... 3.66% deficient in fat	Proceedings taken. Case dismissed under Probation of Offenders Act on payment of £1 1s. costs.
275	Milk ...	Formal	3.53% deficient in solids-not-fat	
276	Milk ...	Formal	4.6% added water 3.33% deficient in fat	Letter of warning sent.
281	Margarine	Formal	Exposed for sale unmarked	
289	Milk ...	Informal	3.33% deficient in fat	Cases dismissed under Probation of Offenders Act on payment of £6 19s. 0d. costs. Defendants also agreed to pay costs of samples £1 1s., and cost of the 10 samples taken at their request £5 5s. 0d.
291	Milk ...	Informal	23.64% added water 16.66% deficient in fat	
292	Milk ...	Formal	12.58 added water 3.66% deficient in fat	
40	Pure Rice Starch	Informal	100% of starch having the characteristics of tapioca	

MILK. SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS.

TUBERCULIN TESTED.

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	144
Passed both tests	...	...	...	...	76
Failed Methylene Blue test	...	...	...	...	16
Failed Coliform test	...	...	...	...	14
Failed both tests	...	...	...	...	37
Sample broken in transit	...	...	...	...	1

PASTEURISED.

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	16
Passed both tests	...	...	...	...	10
Failed Phosphatase test	...	...	...	...	1
Failed Platecount	...	...	...	...	5

Examination for Tubercle Bacilli (Animal Inoculation).

Number of samples taken (both passed)	2
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DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

The following are registered under the various Orders and Regulations :

Retail Purveyors of Milk	...	...	...	...	17
Dairymen	...	...	...	...	7
Cowkeepers	...	...	...	...	4

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

Six Dairymen are licensed to sell Tuberculin-tested milk, and two to sell Pasteurised milk.

Legal proceedings were taken against a dairyman for bottling milk other than on registered premises. A fine of £7 was inflicted with 3 guineas costs.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

The Common Lodging 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, 1,366 visits were made to various premises for the purpose of destroying rats and mice. The number of rats found dead was 397 ; the number caught in traps was 185.

MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT.

Six hundred and seventy-four inspections were made for the purposes of this Act ; the requirements of the Act as to Marking, etc., have been well observed.

SHOPS ACTS.

During the year, 23 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 disinfected	...	4216
Articles of bedding and clothing destroyed	...	306
Rooms disinfected	...	83
Rags, Books, etc., destroyed	...	44 cwt.

Public Health Act Inspections (Housing)	177
" " " Re-inspections (Housing)	148
" " " Inspections (other than Housing)	399
" " " Re-inspections (" " ")	251
Verminous Premises, Council Houses	7
" " " Other Houses	30
Factories, Shops, etc.—	
Bakehouses, Mechanical	10
" Non-Mechanical	7
Factories, Mechanical	29
" Non-Mechanical	4
Outworkers	3
Places of Public Entertainment	3
Restaurant Kitchens	4
Shops Acts	23
Food Control	624
Food and Drugs—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	173
Food Preparing	38
Meat Depots	444
Samples Taken	337
Shops <i>re</i> Meat	246
Shops <i>re</i> other Foods	924
Slaughter Houses	548
Interviews with Owners, etc.	537
Knacker's Yard	204
Legal Proceedings and Enquiries	23
Markets and Stalls	60
Merchandise Marks	674
Notices served	11
Piggeries and Stables	27
Public and Other Conveniences	11
Rats and Mice	1366
Other Pests	86
Rent Restrictions—Furnished	9
Unfurnished	79
Smoke Observations	1
Tents, Vans and Sheds	2
Water—Samples taken	6
Miscellaneous	363
Shelters	19
Water Courses	9
Meetings	26
<i>Total</i>	8375

RENT RESTRICTIONS ACTS.

Complaints received and actions taken are set out below :

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES.

Furnished 4 Unfurnished 13

FURNISHED.			
No.			
1	£2 12s. 6d. per week	2 rooms, Scullery and Bathroom.	Occupier vacated owing rent before enquiries were completed.
2	£1 8s. 0d. per week	House consisting of 4 rooms	Owner demanded increase of 12/- per week. Tenant advised that £2 per week was not exorbitant.
3	£2 2s. 0d. per week	1 room very large.	Complaint unfounded.
4	£2 per week	3 rooms, 2 empty attics bathroom.	Tenant advised that rent was not exorbitant having regard to locality and accommodation.
UNFURNISHED.			
5	13/3 per week	5 rooms.	Owner attempted to increase rent. Communicated with owner, who withdrew notice of increase.
6	15/- per week	2 rooms.	After informal action owner reduced rent to 13/1 per week. Overpaid rent refunded.
7	15/3 per week	2 rooms.	After informal action owner reduced rent to 14/7 per week. Overpaid rent refunded.
8	10/- per week	2 rooms.	Council House. The Acts did not apply. Reported to Housing Committee.
9	15/- per week	1 room.	Council House. The Acts did not apply. Reported to Housing Committee.
10	12/6 per week	2 rooms.	Owner attempted to increase rent by 2/- per week. Withdrew demand after informal action.
11	£1 5s. 0d. per week	2 rooms.	Tenant vacated flat before enquiries were completed.
12	16/- per week	House consisting of 5 rooms.	Owner attempted to increase rent by 1/- per week. Tenant advised not to pay increase.
13	10/- per week	1 room.	On advice given, tenant applied to County Court. Case settled out of Court. Rent reduced to 5/- per week. £9 refunded.
14	25/- per week	4 rooms.	On advice given, tenant applied to County Court. Case settled out of Court. Rent reduced to 12/6 per week. £23 refunded.
15	£1 per week	3 rooms.	Complaint unfounded.
16	18/- per week	Whole House	After informal action, owner reduced rent to 17/6 per week and refunded amount overpaid.
17	35/- per week	5 rooms.	Rent paid by previous tenant 27/6 per week. Advised tenant that excess rent was recoverable for two years back.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

F. ARNOLD,
Chief Sanitary Inspector.