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AND

THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

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## Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

For the Year 1946

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

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report as Acting Medical Officer of Health for the year 1946.

### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area ( in acres) . . . . .	4,616
Census Population, 1931 . . . . .	20,284
Registrar-General's Estimate of Resident Population, mid-1946 . . . . .	20,650
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1946), according to Rate Books . . . . .	5,210
Rateable Value . . . . .	£186,914
Sum represented by a Penny Rate . . . . .	£742 10s. 5d.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the Resident Population is 20,650, as compared with 19,940 for the previous year.

## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

				<b>Births.</b>		
				<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Live Births	...	...	...	217	203	420
Live Births—Legitimate	...	...	...	198	185	383
Illegitimate	...	...	...	19	18	37
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated Resident Population	...	...	...			20.34
Still Births	...	...	...	6	4	10
Still Births—Legitimate	...	...	...	4	3	7
Illegitimate	...	...	...	2	1	3
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still births) Births	...	...	...			20.8

				<b>Deaths.</b>		
				<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Deaths	...	...	...	128	127	255
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated Resident Population	...	...	...			12.35
Deaths from Diseases and Accidents of Pregnancy and Child-birth :						
From Sepsis	...	...	...	—	—	<i>Nil</i>
From other Causes	...	...	...	—	1	1
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :						
All Infants per 1,000 births live						38.1
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births						33.9
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births						81.1
Deaths from :						
Measles (all ages)	...	...	...			<i>Nil</i>
Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	1	1	2
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...	2	1	3
Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	22	20	42

The total number of Births was 420, as compared with 336 for the previous year ; the Birth Rate being 20.34 of the estimated Resident Population, against 16.8 for 1945.

The total number of Deaths was 255 ; the Death Rate being 12.35. In 1945 the rate was 12.2.

The deaths of Infants under one year per 1,000 Live Births was 38.1, compared with 35.7 for 1945. This figure compares favourably with the rate for the whole of England and Wales, which is 43.

**EXTRACT FROM REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S MORTALITY  
RETURN FOR THE BOROUGH.**

(Civilians only.)

1946.

<i>Cause of Death.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
All Causes ... ..	128	127	255
Cerebro-spinal Fever ... ..	—	1	1
Whooping Cough ... ..	1	1	2
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	8	5	13
Other Tuberculosis ... ..	2	—	2
Syphilitic diseases ... ..	1	—	1
Influenza ... ..	—	2	2
Cancer ... ..	22	20	42
Diabetes ... ..	—	1	1
Intracranial vascular lesions ...	8	16	24
Heart disease ... ..	33	36	69
Other diseases of circulatory system	6	6	12
Bronchitis ... ..	5	7	12
Pneumonia ... ..	4	3	7
Other Respiratory Diseases ... ..	3	—	3
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ...	2	1	3
Diarrhœa under 2 years ... ..	2	1	3
Appendicitis ... ..	—	1	1
Other digestive diseases ... ..	4	5	9
Nephritis ... ..	1	1	2
Other maternal causes... ..	—	1	1
Premature birth ... ..	2	1	3
Con. mal., birth inj. and infantile diseases	2	1	3
Suicide ... ..	2	2	4
Road traffic accidents ... ..	—	1	1
Other violent causes ... ..	5	2	7
All other causes ... ..	15	12	27

**NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1946.**  
(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 ... ..	10 (1)	10	—
Diphtheria ... ..	2 (2)	2	—
Puerperal Fever ... ..	2	2	—
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis ... ..	1	1	—
Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	3 (1)	2	—
Paratyphoid B. ... ..	1	—	—
Erysipelas ... ..	3	1	—
Dysentery ... ..	1	—	—
Pneumonia ... ..	1	1	1
Measles ... ..	250	1	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	5	—	1
Chicken Pox ... ..	6 (1)	—	—

The numbers in brackets are of Non-Civilians, included in the total.

TABLE II.  
AGE GROUPS OF THE NOTIFIED CASES.

<i>Disease</i>	Age not known	Under 1 Year	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	1	3	—	1	—	—
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
C'bro.-Spinal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
Paratyphoid...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Dysentery ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles ...	8	8	14	38	33	47	96	3	1	1	1	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	—	—	1	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chicken Pox	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	—

TABLE III.  
**TUBERCULOSIS.**  
 NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1946.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Resp.		Respiratory		Non-Resp.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
5 years ...	2	—	3	—	—	—	1	—
15 years ...	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
25 years ...	3	5	1	1	1	—	—	—
35 years ...	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
45 years ...	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 years ...	5	—	—	1	2	—	—	—
65 plus ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i> ...	17	10	6	3	4	—	1	1

I feel that this report would not be complete without reference to the death of Dr. Crofts, in July, 1946.

Dr. Crofts held the post of Medical Officer of Health to the Royal Borough of New Windsor for many years and, having worked in the closest association with him for 19 years, I feel that I can pay tribute to the very conscientious manner in which he performed the duties of this office. His work in connection with the Infant Welfare Centre was especially valuable and I feel that he rendered most valuable service to the Royal Borough in this respect.

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

Your obedient servant,

S. V. STRONG,

*Acting Medical Officer of Health.*

# Annual Report of the Health Visitor For the Year 1946

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

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

During the year our Department suffered a great loss, by the death in July, of our Medical Officer of Health, Dr. A. D. Crofts. May I be permitted to place on record the high esteem with which Dr. Crofts' staff regarded him. We shall always remember with gratitude the many happy years spent in working with him.

I respectfully submit my report upon the work done during the year 1946.

	<i>Resident.</i>	<i>Non-Resident.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Number of births notified ...	401	397	798
Number of still-births notified ...	10	19	29

The number of residential births has been adjusted to include those babies of residents who were born in Hospitals outside the Borough, and who have been transferred back to this district.

The non-resident births have been transferred to their own districts in a similar manner.

There are approximately 1,570 children under 5 years of age resident in the Borough.

During the year the following visits have been made :

To infants under 1 year ... ..	2318
To children from 1 to 5 years ... ..	2883
First visits to infants under 1 year ... ..	421
Special visits ... ..	85
In connection with deaths of infants under 1 year ...	13
In connection with still-births ... ..	8
In connection with the Home Help Service ... ..	88
Total number of visits ... ..	5816
Included in these numbers :	
Visits to individual families ... ..	4834
In connection with immunisation against diphtheria	51
In connection with measles ... ..	153

### THE INFANT WELFARE CENTRE.

A meeting of the Infant Welfare Centre's Committee is held quarterly, under the Chairmanship of Alderman Harris. The Staff of Voluntary Helpers, now numbering 21, has given invaluable assistance in the running of the centres. Probably most Welfare Centres receive some voluntary help, but I think it would be difficult to find a better band of workers than those who help at the Windsor Clinics. Owing to the large number attending the Windsor Infant Welfare Centre, it was decided to hold an additional weekly session on Wednesday afternoons. This was started at the beginning of September, and relieved the overcrowding at the Friday Centre considerably.

The main room at the Clewer Infant Welfare Centre was cleaned and redecorated during the Autumn. The provision of a sink, with a supply of gas, water, with "Ascot" heater, has been a great improvement to the Centre.

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>	
	<i>1946</i>	<i>1945</i>	<i>1946</i>	<i>1945</i>
Infants under 1 year ...	3940	3409	2645	2356
Children 1 to 5 years ...	1227	1656	1279	1356
Total attendances of infants and toddlers ...	5167	5065	3924	3712
Average attendances per session	76	95	42	40
Attending for the first time :				
(a) Infants under 1 year	230	196	139	101
(b) Children 1 to 5 years	22	13	14	7

The average attendance at the Windsor Clinic is considerably reduced on account of the starting of the additional weekly session on Wednesdays.

Three hundred and sixty-nine infants under 1 year made their first attendance at the Centres. This represents 93% of resident live births.

### THE TODDLERS' CLINIC.

The Special Clinic for Toddlers between the ages of 2 and 5 years is held monthly at each Centre. The children are weighed and 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 :

<i>Windsor.</i>		<i>Clewer.</i>		<i>Total.</i>	
<i>1946</i>	<i>1945</i>	<i>1946</i>	<i>1945</i>	<i>1946</i>	<i>1945</i>
469	454	245	238	714	692

The total attendances of Toddlers at the ordinary sessions : 2506.

### WEIGHING SCALES FOR USE AT HOME.

There are two pairs of scales with weights which are loaned out for use in the homes, for purposes of Test Feeding and when it is undesirable for any reason for an infant to attend the clinics.

### FOOD AND DRIED MILK.

The sale of food at the Centres is a small department in itself. Value of Food, etc., purchased for sale and free distribution :

			£	s.	d.
1st January to 31st December, 1943	...	...	1907	7	9
"	"	"	2291	10	9
"	"	"	2032	17	5
"	"	"	1880	7	6

This is an increase of 442% based on cost of the 1938 figure of £425 7s. 5d. An average of £40 is taken at the Centres weekly.

Approximately 33 people have received free food from the Centres, some of them for a short time only, during the year.

### 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 154 and 10 respectively.

The 1945 attendances numbered 92 and 4 respectively.

### DENTAL CARE FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS.

Five mothers have applied for treatment under the Scheme and have received financial assistance towards treatment, according to circumstances.

### BOARDED-OUT CHILDREN, ADOPTED CHILDREN, ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.

Miss Wilson, the Moral Welfare Worker for the Oxford Diocesan Moral Welfare Association, has carried out the duties of Infant Life Protection Visitor, with regard to the care and supervision of foster children and adopted children registered with the Welfare Authority, under the Adoption of Children (Regulations) Act, 1939. Miss Wilson has also kept the register of expected illegitimate births and illegitimate children, which is required under the Ministry of Health's Circular 2866.

At the end of the year, the figures were as follows :

Boarded-out children : 8 children on the register.

Children under the Adoption Act : 3 children on the register.

Expected Illegitimate Births : 5 on this register.

Illegitimate births : 90 names on this register. Of these, 20 have been adopted and the mothers of 4 have married ; so far as is known there are 66 illegitimate children under 5 years of age in Windsor.

#### **HOMES FOR ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.**

- (1) Burnell House, Bolton Avenue.  
Accommodation is available for 20 babies and their mothers.
- (2) Clewer Hill House (H.R.H. Princess Christian's Nursery).  
Organised by the Children's Society for Legitimate and Illegitimate Babies. There is accommodation for 30 babies. A Training School for Nursery Nurses is provided for 18 students.

#### **DIPHTHERIA PREVENTION.**

Systematic immunisation was commenced in January, 1939. An immunisation clinic is held every fortnight, alternatively at Windsor Clinic, Victoria Street and at the Infant Welfare Centre, Vale House, Clewer.

During the year 244 children under school age have received full immunisation.

The parents are advised to bring the children as soon as they reach the age of 11 months. The co-operation of the parents is very satisfactory.

The routine procedure for sending for each individual child sometimes many times before immunisation is completed, is a big factor in the success of the campaign. This would be impossible to carry out without the clerical staff.

#### **CARE OF PREMATURE INFANTS.**

The Notification of Birth Cards provides for the weight to be recorded, if 5½lbs. or less.

A register of these infants has been kept, according to Ministry of Health requirements. Cases which have left the Borough have been followed up and similar information has been supplied to other areas wishing to follow up their premature births.

There were 65 premature births notified during the year. There were 13 premature babies and 1 premature still-birth born to residents. Twelve of these babies survived, one lived 26½ hrs.

There is a special cot for use of premature infants ready for use at any time. Rubber hot water bottles have been loaned out on some occasions.

### GOVERNMENT WELFARE FOODS.

The Welfare foods (cod liver oil, orange juice and National dried milk) are distributed at the Centres. They can also be obtained at the Food Office.

1,155 bottles of cod liver oil and 6,533 bottles of orange juice under the Government scheme, have been issued from the Welfare Centres during the year.

Quantities of other preparations containing Vitamins A and D are also distributed at the Centres, apart from the Government provision.

### THE DAY NURSERIES.

The attendance at both Nurseries appears to show that they are still very necessary.

The Minister of Health has approved the scheme submitted by the Council for the retention of "The Lawns" as a Day Nursery for children under five, and the transfer of the Thames Street Nursery to the County Council as a nursery school.

### HOME HELP SERVICE.

Miss Bicknell was appointed as full-time Home Help in February.

Mrs. Baldock has undertaken to carry out part-time work.

Mrs. Brightwell and Mrs. Laurence have helped in emergencies.

Visits made to cases of sickness, infirmity, maternity or mothers with children under 5 years of age, are as follows :

Miss Bicknell	...	1126 visits.
Mrs. Baldock	...	186 visits.
Mrs. Brightwell	...	25 visits.
Mrs. Laurence	...	22 visits.

### STAFF.

Mrs. Wren, Clerk and General Assistant at the Clinics, resigned on February 9th.

Miss Hunt was appointed as Secretary/Shorthand-Typist on February 4th.

Miss Batty took up the duties as Additional Health Visitor on July 1st.

Miss Anderson, Junior Clerk and General Assistant, resigned to join the W.R.N.S., on December 7th.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

A. I. McALLISTER,  
*Senior Health Visitor.*

*September, 1947.*

# Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector

## For the Year 1946

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

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I respectfully submit for your consideration my  
Report for the year 1946.

### HOUSING.

#### (a) RE-HOUSING.

During 1946 two hundred and twenty-eight families were  
re-housed by the Council as under :

Post-war permanent houses ... ..	32
Temporary pre-fabricated bungalows ... ..	89
Requisitioned properties ... ..	65
Pre-war Council houses ... ..	12
Other Corporation properties ... ..	30

There are still about 1,400 applications on the files. There  
is no doubt that a large amount of overcrowding still exists and  
nothing but a new survey will disclose the true number of such  
cases. It is also estimated that there are at least 400 houses  
which should be demolished as soon as possible.

#### (b) INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	247
Number of inspections made... ..	756

(2) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded	28
Number of inspections made ... ..	167
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	11
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	30

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 ... ..	8
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ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :

A.—*Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	5
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a) By Owners ... ..	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	0

B.—*Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..	1

C.—*Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*

(1) Number of separate tenements in respect of which Closing Orders were made .. ..	4
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ..	0

UNDERTAKINGS FROM OWNERS.

Five undertakings were accepted from owners not to re-let when the premises become vacant.

### SANITARY DEFECTS AND NUISANCES.

During the year 961 sanitary defects and nuisances were discovered; 362 informal and 31 formal notices were served requiring abatement of the defects or nuisances. At the end of the year 66 informal and 21 formal notices had not been complied with.

### COMPLAINTS.

Four hundred and fifty-five complaints were received during the year relating to the following matters :

Housing defects ... ..	154
Rats and Mice ... ..	183
Offensive smells ... ..	13
Obstructed and defective drains ... ..	14
Keeping of animals causing nuisance ... ..	11
Absence of and dilapidated dustbins ... ..	7
Verminous premises ... ..	42
Wasps nests, etc.... ... ..	16
Nuisance from smoke ... ..	2
Dirty premises ... ..	5
Offensive accumulations ... ..	3
Food and Drugs ... ..	3
Miscellaneous ... ..	2
	455

### RENT RESTRICTIONS ACTS.

Complaints were received as under :

Furnished ... ..	4
Unfurnished ... ..	26

The majority of the complaints related to increases of rent due to increased rates. Necessary advice and information was given in each case.

### MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

**Slaughter House.**—The number of inspections made at the Government Slaughter House was 843.

The Table below shows the diseases and weight of meat condemned.

	Bulls	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Goats	Total	Weight in lbs.
No. KILLED ...	45	652	534	526	1085	3948	39	1	6830	—
No. INSPECTED ...	45	652	534	526	1085	3948	39	1	6830	—
<i>ALL DISEASES except Tuberculosis:</i>										
<i>Whole Carcasses Condemned—</i>										
Dropsy ...	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	106
Jaundice ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	36
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	790
Pyæmia ...	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	4	912
Swine Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	326
Uraemia ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	740
TOTALS ...	—	—	—	3	6	1	2	—	12	2910
<i>Carcases of which some part of Organ was Condemned—</i>										
Abscesses ...	2	49	39	31	2	37	2	—	162	2196
Actinomycosis ...	—	5	1	3	—	—	—	—	9	355
Angioma ...	—	4	3	23	—	—	—	—	30	440
Carcinoma ...	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	30
Echinococcus Cysts	—	11	3	2	—	—	—	—	16	363
Fatty Degeneration	—	2	3	11	—	—	—	—	16	230
Fluke ...	1	87	46	39	—	28	—	—	201	2386
Inflammation ...	—	5	4	5	—	—	—	—	14	28
Injuries ...	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	4	16
Induration ...	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	36
Mastitis ...	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	10	123
Melanosis ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	5
Necrosis ...	—	2	2	5	1	—	—	—	10	121
Nephritis ...	—	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	7	28
Other Parasitic Diseases ...	—	1	1	2	—	408	—	—	412	923
Pleurisy ...	2	17	10	8	—	—	—	—	37	521
Urinary Cysts ...	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	5	6
TOTALS ...	5	189	115	149	5	474	3	—	940	10717
<i>Percentage of No. of Animals Inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis ...</i>										
	11.1	29.0	21.5	28.9	1.0	12.0	12.8	—		
<i>TUBERCULOSIS only</i>										
Whole Carcasses Condemned ...	—	3	5	13	—	—	1	—	22	14991
Carcases of which some part of Organ was Condemned...	13	76	68	172	—	—	1	—	230	13297
TOTALS ...	13	79	73	185	—	—	2	—	252	28288
<i>Percentage of No. of Animals Inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...</i>										
	28.9	12.1	13.7	35.2	—	—	5.1	—		



Fats	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fish (fresh)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1734
Flour	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Fruit (fresh)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Fruit (dried)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	265
Nuts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Peas (dried)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Poultry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Rabbits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76
Sausages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Shellfish	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	190
Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Sweets and chocolate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Tea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
BOTTLED FOODS—									
Fish and Meat Pastes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Pickles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Preserves	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
CANNED FOODS—									
Beans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	109
Beverages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Condiments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	176
Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Lambs Tongues	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87
Meat (Extracts)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Meat (Sausage)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Meat & Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	544
Preserves	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
Puddings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Soups	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	256
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									<i>Total</i> ... .. 4954
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These foods were condemned for a variety of causes, *e.g.*, decomposition, blown tins and maggot infestation. The number of condemnations was 176. In practically every case these foods were brought to the office by the traders, as on my certificate of unfitness they are able to obtain replacements.

#### DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD.

All condemned meat from the Slaughterhouse, Depot and Butchers' Shops is coloured green, and removed by a Government Contractor for utilisation in purposes other than human food. Other unsound foodstuffs are dealt with in accordance with instructions issued by the Ministry of Food.

### FOOD AND DRUGS.

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

Article	Number Examined				Number Adulterated			
	Formal	In-formal	Private	Total	Formal	In-formal	Private	Total
Milk ... ..	33	-	-	33	-	-	-	-
Butter ... ..	8	-	-	8	-	-	-	-
Lard ... ..	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Curry Powder ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Semolina Pudding Mixture ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cloves ... ..	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Table Jelly ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Ground Ginger ...	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Soup Powder ...	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Gravy Powder ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pudding Mixture	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Fish Paste ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Flour and Potato Rissoles ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Self-Raising Flour	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cayenne Pepper...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Coffee ... ..	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Compound Mustard	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Mushroom Ketchup	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Black Pepper ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Horse Radish Sauce	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Malt Extract Tab'ts	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Mincemeat ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Saccharin Tablets	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Jelly Crystals ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cocoa ... ..	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Ginger Wine Flav'g.	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Glycerine ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Epsom Salts ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Castor Oil ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Bicarbonate of Soda	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Tincture of Iodine	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Sulphur Tablets...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Calamine Lotion	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Ammoniated Tinct. of Quinine ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Boracic Ointment	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Boracic Acid Powder ...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Sulphur Ointment	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Compd. Liquorice Powder ...	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
<i>Totals</i> ...	43	39	-	82	-	-	-	-

Forty-eight samples of milk were examined at the office by the Gerber test, one of which was found to be deficient. The formal samples taken in consequence were reported upon by the Public Analyst as genuine.

### MILK-SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS.

#### TUBERCULIN TESTED.

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	101
Passed both tests	...	...	...	...	74
Failed Methylene Blue test	...	...	...	...	13
Failed Coliform test	...	...	...	...	6
Failed both tests	...	...	...	...	8

#### TUBERCULIN TESTED (PASTEURISED).

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	2
Passed both tests	...	...	...	...	2

#### PASTEURISED.

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	25
Passed both tests	...	...	...	...	22
Failed Methylene Blue test	...	...	...	...	1
Failed Phosphatase test	...	...	...	...	2

#### EXAMINATION FOR TUBERCLE BACILLI (Animal Inoculation).

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	24
Passed	...	...	...	...	23
Failed (contained living Tubercle Bacilli)	...	...	...	...	1

With regard to the sample of milk found to contain living Tubercle Bacilli, the herd producing the sample was examined by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the milk of one cow was found to be biologically positive. The animal was slaughtered and found to be tubercular.

### ICE-CREAM.

Eighteen samples of ice-cream were submitted for bacteriological examination. The results of the samples were far from good and unless a great improvement takes place during the next summer it will be necessary to ask the Council to consider the revocation of some of the registrations.

### DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

The following are registered under the various Orders and Regulations :

Retail Purveyors of Milk	...	...	...	...	19
Dairymen	...	...	...	...	10
Cowkeepers	...	...	...	...	5

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 Pasteurised milk, and one Dairyman is licensed to pasteurise milk and sell the same.

### 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.

Three thousand six hundred and eighty-eight visits in this connection to various premises were made during the year. The number of rats found dead was 928, and mice 106. One operator is engaged full time on the work and the services of the Disinfector are used when he has time to spare from his other work.

### MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT.

One hundred and eighty-two inspections were made for the purpose of this Act ; the requirements of the Act as to Marking etc., have been well observed.

### SHOPS ACTS.

During the year six 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	...	1897
Articles of bedding and clothing destroyed	...	195
Rooms disinfected	... ..	63

### 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	... ..	5
Council houses disinfested	... ..	5
Other houses found to be infested	... ..	48
Other houses disinfested	... ..	48

In the 5 Council houses, 8 rooms were affected, and in the 48 other houses 108 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.



Places of Public Entertainment	...	...	...	...	8
Restaurant Kitchens	...	...	...	...	32
Shops Acts	...	...	...	...	6
Food Control	...	...	...	...	228
Food and Drugs : Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	75
Food Preparing	...	...	...	...	43
Ice-Cream	...	...	...	...	56
Meat Depots	...	...	...	...	555
Samples taken	...	...	...	...	300
Shops <i>re</i> Meat	...	...	...	...	117
Shops <i>re</i> other Foods	...	...	...	...	292
Slaughter-houses	...	...	...	...	843
Interviews with Owners, etc.	...	...	...	...	2339
Canine Meat Shop	...	...	...	...	15
Legal Proceedings and Enquiries	...	...	...	...	9
Markets and Stalls	...	...	...	...	35
Merchandise Marks	...	...	...	...	182
Notices served	...	...	...	...	43
Piggeries and Stables	...	...	...	...	49
Public and other Conveniences	...	...	...	...	18
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	3688
Other Pests	...	...	...	...	8
Rent Restrictions : Furnished	...	...	...	...	4
"    "    Unfurnished	...	...	...	...	26
References to other Departments	...	...	...	...	66
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	13
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	554
Meetings	...	...	...	...	116
Refuse Tips	...	...	...	...	46
Visits <i>re</i> Licences	...	...	...	...	65
Visits <i>re</i> Emergency Housing	...	...	...	...	600
Visits <i>re</i> Requisitioning of Premises	...	...	...	...	31
<i>Total</i>	...	...	...	...	13778

### THE LATE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

The Department has suffered a great loss during the year in the death of your Medical Officer of Health, Dr. A. D. Crofts. I had been in close association with him since 1924, and I shall miss his advice and help in my work considerably.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

F. ARNOLD,  
*Chief Sanitary Inspector.*

