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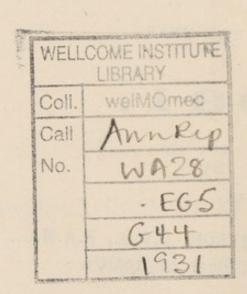
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#### PREFACE.

The General Health of Gibraltar has been satisfactory during the year under review.

There was an epidemic of Influenza during the early part of the year and a large proportion of the population was attacked, but the disease was of a comparatively mild type.

Apart from this, there was no serious outbreak of infectious disease during the year.

The total number of infectious diseases notified was less than the previous year, and the zymotic death rate remains low.

No case of Small Pox or Undulant Fever occurred.

Thanks are due to those who have contributed to the preparation of this Report, and to the Local Press for their continued assistance.

G. D. Jameson, Major R.A.M.C, Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department, Gibraltar, June, 1932. · who were the state of the

# CITY COUNCIL OF GIBRALTAR.

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## PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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#### SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1931.

Total area of Gibraltar Territory $\dots \left\{ 2 \right\}$	1,387 acres, roods, 3 poles
Area of the City $\left\{ _{3}\right\}$	104 acres, roods, 33 poles.
Estimated Total Civil Population of Gibraltar	17,613 persons.
Estimated Fixed Civil Population of Gibraltar	16,188 persons.
Births in Fixed Civil Population {	195 Males. 182 Females.
Total Births	377.
Birth rate per 1,000 of Fixed Civil Population	23.2.
Deaths in Fixed Civil Population {	138 Males. 116 Females.
Total Deaths	304.
Crude death rate per 1,000 of Total Civil Population	14.4.
Average crude death rate for previous ten years	16.17.
Death rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1'4 per 1,000.
Infantile Mortality rate	61 per 1,000 births.

#### METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1931.

Latitude 36° 6′ N. Longitude 5° 21′ W. Instruments verified at the National Physical Laboratory, Kew.

The Meteorological Station is situated in the Alameda Gardens on the South-West side of the "Rock." Barometer 90 ft. above mean sea level. Thermoters and Rain gauge 102 ft. above mean sea level.

The shade thermometers, kept in a Stevenson screen are: one self-recording maximum, one self-recording minimum, a dry and wet bulb. A self-recording grass thermometer is used for registering the temperature on the grass.

The rain gauge is an 8 inch copper meteorological pattern.

The anemometer is fixed in Victoria Gardens, North Front, on the isthmus which joins Gibraltar to the mainland, and clear of the Rock to avoid eddies.

A report is sent twice daily to the Meteorological Office, London, and daily to the Gibraltar Chronicle for general information. A complete monthly report is also sent to the Meteorological Office, London, for publication in their journals.

The report contains statistics showing the means for the year in barometric pressure, air, temperature, rainfall, humidity, cloud and wind, compared with the averages for a series of years, number of days of clear sky, overcast days, and days on which rain fell during the year. Readings are taken every day throughout the year at the 7th, 13th, 18th, and 21st hour, but the following tables are compiled from the readings at the 7th, 13th, and 21st hours only.

#### WEATHER.

Rain Season 1930-31	27.82 inches.
Rainfall for the year 1931	31.34 ,,
Number of days with 0.1 inch of rain	
or more	81
Number of days with 0'4 inch of rain	
or more	61
Wettest day	2.56 ins. 23rd Dec.
Highest recorded temperature in the	
screen	95°—13th July.
Lowest recorded temperature in the	
screen	38°—16th Jan.

Mean temperature for the year	65.2
Mean Humidity for the year	74%
Lowest temperature on the grass	33°—16th Jan.
Mean amount of cloud for the year	3.9
Number of days of clear sky	103
Number of days of overcast sky	35
Number of days with thunderstorm	9
Number of occasions when hail fell	1
Number of gales and gale gusts	7
Number of days with fog	2
Number of days with frost	-

BAROMETER. The mean Barometric Reading for the year was 30.041 in. when reduced to mean sea level and to a temperature of 32° F. The highest corrected reading of the year was 30.401 in. on January 16th and December 4th, and the highest corrected monthly mean 30.180 in.—December. The lowest corrected reading of the year was 29.389 in. on March 12th, and the lowest corrected monthly mean 29.922 in.—March.

TEMPERATURE. The mean temperature for the year was 65°2 which was 0°9° above the average. The highest shade temperature recorded was 95° on the 13th of July. January February and November were unusually dry, fine and warm.

WIND. Westerly winds predominated, a gale from the East lasting 32 hours occurred on December 23rd and 24th, doing much damage.

RAINFALL. The rainfall for the year was 4.38 inches below the average. February being unusually dry with a fall of only 0.17 inches. March was the wettest month with 8.09 inches.

HUMIDITY. Normal.

These details and comparative tables of the Meteorology of Gibraltar are given in the Annual Meteorological Report of Gibraltar by Mr. Henry Bentley, Public Works Department, Meteorological Observer.

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## TABLE I.

Month	Barometric pressure reduced to		nı and Mini nperatures.		Difference from aver- age for 40	Maximum	Minimum
	sea level & 32° Fahr. Inches.	Maximum °F.	Minimum	Mean °F.	years.	date.	date.
Jan. Feb Mar.	30°125 30°135 29°922	62°4 63°9 66°2	49'I 49'0 54'3	55.8 56.5 60.2	+ 0.6 + 0.6 + 5.8	72-27th 70-16th 74-31st	38-16th 42-20th 49-22nd 23rd
April May	29'945 30'009	69°3 74°5	54'3 57'5	61.8	+ o.2 + o.2	78 - 27th 82—9th	47—22nd 51—4th 5th
June July	30.037	83.3	64·3 67·7	72°3 75°5	+ 2.8	91—11th 95—13th	55—1st 63—2nd 7th
Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov	30.082 30.082	84. 78.7 74.1 68.1	67.2 65.4 61.8 57.0	75.6 72.1 67.9 62.6	- 0.4 - 0.4 + 1.8 + 3.1	93 - 20th 88 - 3rd 83 - 1st 75 - 9th	61—22nd 57—13th 46 - 29th 47—16th
Dec.	30.180	62.9	48.5	55'7	- o·3	70 - 6th 9th	17th 40—21st 24th 31st
Year	30.041	72.2	58.0	65.2	+ 1.0	95—13th July	38—16th Jan.

## TABLE II.

	Sha	de Temperat	ure.	Humidity.				
Month.	7th hour.	13th hour.	21st hour.	7th hour.	13th hour.	21st hour		
anuary	50.6	56.6	52.3	82	71	79		
February	50.2	60.6	53.0	77	57			
March	55'7.	62.4	57.5	77 87 85 81	74	73 84 81		
April	55'7	66.1	58.6	85	58	81		
May	59'4	70.5	62.3	81	58	76		
une	66.3	77 7 78 7	69.1	80	55	72		
uly	69'1	787	71.4	78	59	74		
August	68.5	79'7	71.4	79 85	56	74 81		
September	66.5	74.8	68.4	85	65	81		
October	63.1	71.3	65.0	84	67	82		
November.	58.2	66.3	59.6	86	68	82		
December	50.3	60.6	52.4	79	60	77		
Year	59.5	68.8	61.8	82	63	78		

TABLE III.

	Terre	strial Rad	liation.	Solar Radiation.  Black bulb in vacuum.				
Month	Temper	ature on t	he grass.					
	Mean °F.	Min. °F.	Date.	Mean °F.	Max.	Date.		
January February March April May June July August September October November December	45'5 45'3 51'7 51'8 54'5 61'9 65'3 64'6 63'6 59'5 54'3 45'3	33 38 46 44 46 52 59 56 53 43 42 35	16th 6th-20th 22nd, 23rd 22nd 5th 1st 7th, 8th 22nd 13th 29th 16th, 17th 22nd 31st	100 104 98 107 121 122 124 133 113 98 100	125 123 124 134 134 142 148 149 140 138 122 120	27th 26th 30th 27th 17th, 30th 11th, 14th 14th 15th 4th 11th 6th, 9th 5th		
Year	55'3	33	16th Jan.	110	149	15th Aug.		

TABLE IV.

Wanth	Cl	oud amount 0-	10.	Clear sky days.	Overcast days.	
Month.	7th hour.	13th hour.	21st hour.	Less than 0.2 cloud.	More than	
January	3'4	4.9	3.5	12	4	
February	3.5 6.5	3.4	2.0	9	_	
March		7.0	4.9	10	7 5	
April	4.3	3.3	3.3	8	3	
May June	4.4 3.8	3.6	3.0	9	3	
July	3.2	2·I	2.6	15	ī	
August	2.4	1.7	1.3	17		
September	4.7	3.8	3.8	6	2	
October	56	5.0	4.3	5 3	3 6	
November	6.1	5'4	5.0	3		
December	4.1	3,9	2.7	9	4	
Year	4.4	4.1	3.5	103	35	

## TABLE V.

	Rainfall 1931.			est fall in	s As	82 82	Rain Season.		
Month.		ion verage		beginning 7 a.m.	er of days linches	ar of days 4 inches	193	0-31	
	Total inches.	Deviation from average	Inches.	Date.	Number of with '01 incl or more.	Number with '04 i	Month.	Total inches.	
Jan ,	1.58	3.78	0.66	13th	8	6	Aug	_	
Feb	0.12	-4.02	0'04	3rd	6	2	Sept	0'04	
March	8.09	+3.31	1.97	15th	16	13	Oct	2.04	
April	5'44	+2.80	1.08	ioth	11	8	Nov	7.25	
May	0.36	-1.38	0.18	2nd	4	3	Dec	2.95	
June	0'20	-0.58	0.08	23rd	4	3	Jan	1.58	
July	-	-0.04	-	-	-		Feb	0.12	
August	-	-0.13		-	-		Mar	8.09	
Sept	1.46	+0.08	0.48	28th	7	5	April	5'44	
October	5'99	+2.68	2.51	23rd	6	5	May	0.36	
Nov	3.84	-2.56	3,10	5th	11	11	June	0'20	
Dec	4.21	-1.07	2.26	23rd	8	5	July		
Year	31.34	-4.38	2.26	23rd Dec.	81	61	Rain Season	27.82	

## TABLE VI.

Month.		Winds	obs.	at 7-1	Calm.	Force	Force	Force 8 or				
	N.	N.E.	E.	S.E.	s.	s.w.	W.	N.W.		1-3	4-7	more
anuary	5	2	7	2	1	15	26	26	9	59	25	_
February	4	5	12	4	2	3	27	23	4	4	35	-
March		1	16		3	39	28	6	2	46	45	-
April	I	2	23	12	3 2	6	20	12	11	57	22	-
May	-	3 6	13	6	2	25	33	9	2	76	15	-
une	1	6	24	3	3	27	11	3	12	69	9	-
uly		-	29	3	6	28	20	2	5	71	17	-
August	1	T	16	3 8	-	23	28	9	1.2	65	16	
September.	1	I	39	8	1	14	8	6	12	56	22	
October	2	2	37	5	1	1.1	16	6	10	54	29	-
November	1	2	25	6		11	25	16	4	46	40	-
December .	7	8	22	11	2	4	1 1	17	11	63	17	2
Tear	23	33	263	63	24		2 ; 1	135	94	707	292	2

#### VITAL STATISTICS.

The census of Gibraltar taken on the 26th April, 1931, forms the basis on which the various rates connected with the the vital statistics have been calculated in this report.

Data concerning the Naval and Military population are not neluded in these figures.

#### 1. POPULATION.

The total Civil population is estimated at 17,613 persons, of which number 15,990 are British subjects other than Maltese, 198 British subjects born in Malta, 1,259 aliens residing in the Town, and 166 aliens resident in the Bay.

The following table shows the fluctuation in population of Gibraltar during recent years:—

How estimated.	British Subjects Fixed Population.	Alien Subjects Floating Population.	Total Population
Census June, 1921	16,753	1,787	18,540
Police Estimate at end of 1922	16,182	1,145	17,327
Police Fstimate at end of 1923	6 16,165	1,181	17,346
Police Estimate at end of 1924	16,177	1,147	17,324
Police Estimate at end of 1925	16,127	1,161	17,288
Police Estimate at end of 1926	16,150	1,013	17,163
Police Estimate at end of 1927	16,120	1,076	17,196
Police Estimate at end of 1928	15,719	1,112	16,831
Police Estimate at end of 1929	15,647	1,052	16,699
Police Estimate at end of 1930	15,526	922	16,448
Census April 1931	16,188	1,425	17,613

These figures represent the population of Gibraltar between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5.30 a.m. To calculate the daily population it will be necessary to add some 5,000 aliens and 1,500 British subjects residing in La Linea who come into Gibraltar daily.

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1931	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1991		Year		
16188	15526	15647	15719	16120	16150	16127	16177	16165	16182	16753		Fixed.		100000000000000000000000000000000000000
17613	16448	16699	16831	17196	17168	17288	17324	17846	17327	18540		Total.	Population.	
Census					Police   Estimate					Census		How Estimated.	on.	
250	240	254	286	291	971	249	250	285	298	282	No.	Fixed population.		
254	240	262	293	297	276	256	254	294	304	292		Total population.	Deaths	-
15.4	15.6	16:36	18:19	18:05	16.78	15.44	15.45	17.68	18:40	15.74	Fixed population.	Rate per 1,000 population.	ths	
14.4	14.5	15.68	17.40	17.27	16.08	14.80	14.66	16.95	17.54	16.83	Total population.	Rate per 1,000 of population.		
23	25	18	45	36	46	31	88	40	00	44		No.	>_	
61	71.8	46.6	122.9	99.1	107	88	91	109.5	103.8	102.5	birth.	Rate per 1,000	Infantile Mortality.	
377	849	50 50 50 50	366	363	427	872	360	365	366	429		No.		
23.28	22.4	24.7	23.2	222	25	223	22.2	22.5	22.6	95.6	Fixed population	Birth rate per 1 000 living of	Births.	
4	00	10	30	18	20	10	18	00	27	ಯ ಯ		No	2.	1
.24	. 19.	.63	1.7	ò	1.2	.52	1.05	1.84	1.56	1.78	Fixed population.	Rate per 1,000	Zymotic Mortality.	

The age and sex incidence of the population of Gibraltar in 1931, is as follows:—

	Persons o of age a	f ten years and over.	Persons under 10 years of age.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
British Subjects	6,012	7,139	1,406	1,433	
Maltese	121	77		1	
Aliens in the Bay	106				
Aliens in the Town	281	978			
Totals	6,580	8,194	1,406	1,433	

Total Males 7,986; Females 9,627.

#### 2. DEATHS.

The number of deaths registered for the resident Civil population was two hundred and fifty. Four deaths occurred in resident aliens, and of the patients brought in expressly for treatment fifty died.

The crude death rate per 1,000 of the fixed population is 154; that of the total population 144.

The following table shows the crude death rate for the past 10 years:—

Year	1922	1923	1024	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
Fixed Population	18:40	17.63	15.45	15.44	16.78	18:05	18.19	16.36	15.6	15.4
Total Population	17.54	16.95	14.66	14.80	16.08	17.27	17:40	15.68	14.5	14.4

#### 3. MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY MORTALITY.

The highest number of deaths occurred in January, and the lowest in June and October

The death rate during the first quarter of the year was the highest and that of the fourth the lowest.

The number of deaths registered each month was as follows:-

January 42	April 37	July 24	October 16
February 34	May 18	August 25	November 19
March 31	June 16	September 21	December 21
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107	71	70	56
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These figures include cases landed from the Bay or brought into the town expressly for treatment.

# Causes of death in Civil population in 1931, according to the International Abbreviated List, with Age and Sex incidence.

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Cause of Death.	All	Under	l year.	1 year and	n	2 years	under 5	5 years	under 15.	15 years and	under 25.	25 years and	under 45.	45 vears and	under 65.	65 years and	over.	Deaths in Institutions.
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9. Influenza	3	_	_		1	-		_	_		-	.1		_		1	_	_
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14. Tuberculosis of nervous																		
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15 Other tuberculous diseases	3				-			-	-	_	1	1	-	1	_		_	3
16. Cancer, Malignant	26									_		-1	-	8	6	9	2	6
17. Meningitis	4	1	_	1		1	1		1			_	_			_		3
18. Hæmorrhage, apoplexy		1						-							7			
and softening of brain	16			_		_		_	-			-		_	3	10000	10	2
19. Heart diseases	28	-		-				-	17-3		1	2	-	8	1		6	6
21. Chronic bronchitis	10	-	-	-	-	-				-	-		1	4	1	72.	-	2 3
22. Pneumonia	15	-	**	1	1	-		-		-		1	-	6	2	1	3	9
23. Other diseases of res- piratory system	3		_					100				1		1		1		2
25. Diarrhœa and enteritis																1		-
(under 2 years)	2	1	1	-	-			_	-	_	-	_	_	_	_			2
27. Hernia Intestinal					1 3													
obstruction	2	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
29. Acute and chronic	10				19							0		0			0	e
nephritis	12				-		_			1	-	2	1	3	-	3	2	6
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nancy and parturition	1	_			_	_		_	_	-	1	_		-	_		_	1
33. Congenital debility and																		
malformations		7	8	-	-			_			-		-	-	-	-	-	8
34. Old age	36			-	-			-	-	-		-	-	1	-	10	25	22
35. Violent deaths (suicide	5						-			2		0		1		28		3
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37. Other diseases	38	3	1	_						_	1	3	3	2	6	12	7	14
38. Diseases not stated or										. 8	1							
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#### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Welfare Centre continues to be well attended and the demands on it were such during 1931, that it was necessary to curtail the issue of milk and other food preparations by having monthly instead of fortnightly meetings as heretofore so that the funds available would cover the output.

With the opening of the Maternity Ward at the Colonial Hospital the number of attendances by the Welfare Nurse in cases of childbirth have been much reduced in late years. Every effort is made to induce the expectant mother to go to hospital, but cases occur in which circumstances render this impracticable.

The number of confinements attended by the Welfare Nurse (and paid out of Colonial Government funds), during the year was 15, as compared with 29 in 1930.

Maternity and Children's Ward, Colonial Hospital -

The admittance of women to the Maternity Ward at the Colonial Hospital during the year was 145, and 149 children were admitted to the Children's Ward during the same period.

#### STATISTICS.

One hundred and ninety-five males and one hundred and eighty-two females making a total of three hundred and seventy-seven children, were born during the year giving a birth rate of 23.28 per 1,000 of population.

The number of children born in Gibraltar of parents residing at La Linea (British Subjects) was 68; 43 being males and 25 females.

The following is the birth rate of Gibraltar compared with that of England and Wales and Malta, for the past 10 years:-

Year	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
England and Wales	20.6	19-7	18.8	18.3	17.8	16.6	16.7	16.3	16.3	_
Malta	36.4	34.2	34.6	33.3	32.9	32.6	31.7	33.2	34.15	-
Gibraltar	22.6	22.5	22.2	23	25.2	22.5	23.2	24.7	22.4	28.2

#### INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The infantile mortality rate again shows a large drop as compared with previous years, except for 1929, when the exceptionally low figure of 46 deaths per 1,000 births was recorded.

The rate for 1931 was 61 deaths under one year of age per 1,000 births, and the accompanying table is given for comparison with the figures for recent years.

Year	England & Wales	Malta	Gibraltar
1911	130		119
1912	95	_	78
1913	108		75
1914	105	-	93
1915	110	_	90
1916	91		123
1917	96	_	113
1918	97	_	124
1919	89		108
1920	80	_	128
1921	83	_	102
1922	77	261	103
1923	69	280	109
1924	75	268	91
1925	75	271	83
1926	70	260	107
1927	69	301	99
1928	69	267	121
1929	74	260	46
1930	60	296.70	71
1931	_	_	61

#### WELFARE CENTRE.

The attendances of mothers bringing their children to be weighed and for advice numbered 1,855, and the average number of children weighed at each meeting was 75. These figures show a decline on previous years, but it should be realised that the greater number of those attending do so to obtain the privilege of cheap milk, etc., and, as has already been stated, the necessity for retrenchment has rendered it imperative to limit such issues strictly to very necessitous cases.

As, however, the Centre is open daily the attendances of mothers bringing children to be weighed on irregular days have been numerous, and the Centre is generally appreciated. No records are kept of these attendances.

The amount of Milk, Virol, Glaxo and other food prepara-

tions, etc., issued during the year was as follows:-

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Milk	3,710	tins
Glaxo	86	,,
Nestle Food	9	,,
Virol	7	pots
Feeders	50	No.

The trained nurse paid 112 visits to the homes of Children

during the year.

The Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company has continued to supply the Centre with milk at a reduced rate.

MIDWIVES.

Eight midwives are registered under "The Midwives, Ordinance, 1907."

The number of live births attended by registered midwives during the year was 189 or 50'l per cent. of the total births, as compared with 51'8 per cent. for the previous year.

The number of still-births for the year was 17.

The inspection of midwives, carried out at intervals during the year, proved on the whole, satisfactory.

Two midwives who had attended on cases of puerperal fever were suspended from practice for 15 days, and their bags, etc. disinfected.

#### SCHOOL CLINIC.

The school clinic has been carried on by members of the medical and nursing staff of the Colonial Hospital.

The duties of school dentist have been carried out by Mr. Garesse.

OF AGE IN GIBRALTAR DURING 1931.

Cause of Death.	Under 1 week.	1 week and under 2.	2 weeks and under 3.	3 weeks and under 4.	Total under 4 weeks.	1 month and under 3.	3 months and nnder 6.	6 months and under 9.	9 months and under 12.	Total under 1 year.
Convulsions	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Prematurity	5	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	-	6
Congenital debility and malformations	1	2	-	-	3	-	2	-	1	6
Other diseases peculiar to early infancy	5	_	-	_	5	-	-	-	-	5
Congenital heart disease	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	2
Meningitis	-	-	-	-		-		1	-	1
Gastro-Enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	-		2	-	2
Totals	12	2	-	2	16		3	3	1	23
Death rate in each age period per 1,000 births	31.8	5.3	-	5.3	42.4	_	7:9	7.9	2.6	61
Percentage of total infant deaths occurring in each age period	52.3	8.6	-	8.6	69.5		13	13	4.3	

#### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Apart from an epidemic of Influenza, the year under review has been remarkably free from infectious disease.

The number of cases of notifiable infectious diseases reported during the year, exclusive of Naval and Military cases and cases landed from shipping in the Bay or brought into the Town for treatment, was three hundred and two. This is a decrease of ninety-one as compared with the previous year.

Of the 302 cases reported, 123 were cases of Pneumonia and Influenzal Pneumonia.

Four deaths were attributed to one or other of the eight principal infectious diseases (1 Enteric Fever and 2 Diarrhœa and Enteritis), giving a zymotic death rate of .18 per 1,000 of population.

The main features of the year were:

- 1. Prevalence of Influenza during the early part of the year.
- 2. A rise in the number of cases of Pneumonia and Influenzal Pneumonia notified.
- 3. Continued absence of cases of Undulant Fever and Small Pox.

The Influenza epidemic occurred in the late winter and early spring. Influenza is not a notifiable disease under the Public Health Ordinance, 1907, and therefore, exact figures are not available. The disease was of a comparatively mild nature, but tended to spread with considerable rapidity and there is no doubt that a large percentage of the population was attacked.

Pamphlets giving advice and instruction on measures of prophylaxis were issued by the Public Health Department and Sanitary Inspectors paid frequent visits to places of entertainment, cafes etc., to ensure that these places were thoroughly ventilated and disinfected at regular intervals, and that special care was taken in the sterilization of eating and drinking utensils after use.

In institutions where measures of prophylaxis could be systematically carried out and controlled, a considerable measure of success was attained, but the crowding which still exists in certain localities of the City makes the general control of droplet infections a matter of considerable difficulty.

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# QUARTERLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES. CIVIL POPULATION.

Disease	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	Total	Deaths
Enteric Fever	4	2		4	10	1
Pneumonia	37	29	13	28	107	15
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	8	5	9	9	31	25
Erysipelas	10	6	11	7	34	-
Mumps	1	_	-	1	2	_
Influenzal Pneumonia	15		-	1	16	_
Chicken Pox	12	3	1		16	_
Measles	9	9	4	1	23	-
Rubella	1	15	4	8	28	-
Diphtheria	1	1	1	7	10	_
Puerperal Fever	-	1	_	1	2	1
Scarlet Fever	-	3		8	11	
Gastro Enteritis	-	1	1		2	3
Venereal Diseases	_	3	4	1	8	
Acute Poliomyelitis	_	_	1	_	1	_
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	_	i		1	_
Totals	98	78	50	76	302	45

# CASES LANDED FROM THE BAY OR BROUGHT INTO THE TOWN FOR TREATMENT.

Disease	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	Total	Deaths
Pulmonary Tuberculosis Enteric Fever Pneumonia Diphtheria Gastro Enteritis Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	2 2 —	2 - 1 - -	1 1 1 1	1 - - - 1	5 3 -3 1 1	3 - 5 - 1 1
Totals	5	3	4	2	14	10

Age and Sex incidence of notifiable Infectious Diseases amongst Civil Population during 1931.

Totals	Enteric Fever Pneumonia Pulmonary Tuberculosis Erysipelas Mumps Influenzal Pneumonia Chicken Pox Rubella Diphtheria Puerperal Fever Scarlet Fever Gastro-Enteritis Ophthalmia Neonatorum Venereal Diseases Acute Poliomyelitis Measles		Notifiable Disease.	
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Monthly notification of notifiable Infectious Diseases. - Civil Population.

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#### ENTERIC FEVER.

Ten cases of "enteric group" fevers were notified during the year, four being paratyphoid infections. One case proved fatal.

This figure is somewhat higher than last year (which was abnormally low) but does not indicate any undue prevalence as compared generally with recent years. Of the B typhosus infections, three can be attributed to infection contracted in Spain. Investigations failed to reveal definitely the source of infection in the remaining three cases which occurred sporadically during the year. In addition three cases were landed from the Bay or brought into the Town for treatment.

SEASONAL PREVALENCY OF ENTERIC FEVER IN GIBRALTAR DURING 1931.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aag.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov	Dec.	Total
Local cases	3		1	1	_	1	-	-	_	1	3	-	10
Imported cases		1	1	_	-	-	1	-	-	-	+	-	3

#### AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION.

Age				Under 5	01	5 to 10	24.0	01 01 01	15 40 90	9	20 04 06	3	95 to 45	3	45 to 65	40 00 04		65 & over		lotal.
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Cases			 -	-	-	1	_	-	1	2	1	-	2	2	-	-	1		5	5
Deaths		*** *****	 -		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	35134	1

#### DIPHTHERIA.

Ten cases were notified during the year, a considerable decrease as compared with the previous year. In addition, one case was brought into the Town for treatment. There were no death's. The seasonal prevalency of the disease is shown below.

Of the five local cases notified in December, four were traced to infection by alien servants who were proved bacteriologically to be 'carriers' of fully virulent K.L.B.

#### DIPHTHERIA ANTITOXIN.

Seventy-eight thousand units were supplied to the hospital and to the local private medical practitioners by the Public Health Department.

#### SEASONAL PREVALENCY OF DIPHTHERIA IN GIBRALTAR DURING 1931.

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Local Cases	-	-	1.	1	-	_	-	-	1	1	1	5	10
Imported Cases	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	1	-	-	-	1

#### AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION.

Аче	Under 3	3 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	65 & over	Total
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#### PNEUMONIA.

There were 123 local cases notified during the year, of which 16 were returned as influenzal pneumonia. The majority of the cases occurred in the first four months of the year and may be taken as an index of the prevalence of influenza.

#### SEASONAL PREVALENCY.

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Pneumonia	6	22	9	18	4	7	5	4	4	3	6	19	107
Influenzal Pneumonia	4	10	1	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	-	1	16

#### UNDULANT FEVER.

No case of this disease was notified during the year.

#### SMALL POX.

For the seventh year in succession, no case of this disease occurred in Gibraltar nor was any case landed from the Bay or brought into the Town for treatment.

The continued immunity of the City from this disease may be considered to be the direct result of strict compliance with the vaccination laws in force.

#### Vaccination.

The number of vaccinations performed during the year was 553. Of these 246 were on children who had attained the age of 12 years. The Public Vaccinator carried out 537 vaccinations and re-vaccinations during the year.

The following statistics show the state of vaccination for births during the year 1931:—

Number of children born	377
Died before vaccination	14
Left Gibraltar	53
Certified as insusceptible to vaccination	3
Vaccination postponed	
Number successfully vaccinated	181
Objectors to vaccination	1
Outstanding (under 3 months of age)	77

#### VENEREAL DISEASE.

The treatment centre is established at the Colonial Hospital where both in and out-patients are treated free of charge.

Laboratory investigations in connection with venereal disease are undertaken at the Public Health Laboratories free of charge to Gibraltar residents and Gibraltarians residing in the neighbourhood, and to the Port.

The number treated in the Male Venereal Ward Colonial Hospital was 29, of which number 6 were mercantile seamen.

The number of intravenous injections was 266.

#### PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

The number of cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified during the year was 31, giving a case rate of 1.7 per 1,000 of population.

The disease accounted for 25 deaths, equivalent to a death rate of 1.4 per 1 000 of population.

The number of cases of this disease accommodated during the year in the Gibraltar Home for Sick and Aged was 10.

#### AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF CASES AND DEATHS FROM PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS IN GIBRALTAR DURING 1931.

Age	Under 5	5 to 10	years	10 to 15	15 to 20	ear	20 to 25	ear	25 to 30	ear	30 to 40	years	40 to 50	years	50 to 60	years	60 years	and over	E	Lotal
	M F	M	F	MF	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Cases	1-	-	-	-	- 3	2	2	1		1	1	2	5	3	4	2	1	3	17	14
Deaths	- -	-		-	-	1	-	2	1	2	3	2	5	2	4	1	1	1	14	11

#### DESTITUTE SICK AND TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

This is maintained by an annual Colonial Government grant admini tered by the City Council, and is divided into:—

- (a) Outdoor Relief.
- (b) Indoor Relief.

#### (a) OUTDOOR RELIEF.

All cases applying for relief are investigated by the Medical Officer of Health whose recommendations are brought before a Standing Committee composed of members of the City Council. Relief is limited to British subjects resident in Gibraltar who are in poor circumstances and by reason of illness or injury are unable to earn a livelihood.

Relief is given in the form of meat and milk.

. Monetary relief is contrary to the Council's general policy and is only given in every exceptional cases.

The number of persons in receipt of outdoor relief during the year was as follows:—

January	79
February	77
March	77
April	73
	74
June	4
	68
	69
	66
	66
November	-
December	10

The total amount of relief issued during the year was :-

 Meat
 5,725 lbs.

 Milk (fresh)
 3,770 pints

 Milk (condensed)
 3,876 tins

The total amount expended on Outdoor Relief during the year was £598.

#### (b) INDOOR RELIEF.

The Gibraltar Home for Sick and Aged, situated in Flat Bastion Road, accommodates destitute persons ineligible or unwilling to enter other charitable institutions and has a portion set apart specially for the reception of cases of pulmonary tuber culosis.

The 'Home' has accommodation for 45 men and 25 women.

During the year the average number accommodated in the 'Home' was 58, including 10 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.

During the year thorough re-decorations and repair of the buildings were carried out; a work which was urgently needed and which had been unavoidably postponed from the previous year for financial reasons.

Certain minor structural alterations were also undertaken which resulted in the provision of an extra sitting room for the men, a larger dining room for the women and the more complete separation of the sexes. Electric radiators were also installed in the sitting rooms and dining rooms. The present buildings have still, however, many structural disadvantages and are capable of considerable improvement. Proposals were put forward and considered during the year but in view of the expenditure likely to be involved, it was considered necessary to postpone all major works during the present period of financial stringency.

The cost of feeding has averaged 10½d. per head per day. which allows for an ample dietary and provides special food for cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.

The all-in cost per head per day was 1/104d.

The total expenditure on indoor relief was £1.968.

The total expenditure on outdoor and indoor relief during the year was £2,951.

#### DESTITUTE SICK AND TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

SUMMARY OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1931.

#### INDOOR RELIEF.

D						£ s.	d,	£	8.	d.
Provisions						935 2	7			
*Miscellaneous						242 18	5			
Maintenance of I	Buildin	ngs				163 1	1			
Rent						283 8	6			
Light			***			33 10	5			
Water						63 15	3			
Telephone						10 0	0			
Printing						2 6	6			
Insurance		***				1 10	0			
Funeral Expenses						5 18	0			
Clothing, etc.						226 12	6			
							_	£1,968	3	0
Days of subsit	stence		233			21,261				
Average num						58				
('ost of feedin						10½d.				
Cost of feeding						£16 2 3	516			
Total all-in co						1/101/4	7%			
Total all-in co						£33 18	8			
Calories per h						2,838	0			
Calories per h	leau p	er day				2,000				
		OUT	DOOR	REL	IEF.					
						£ s.	d.			
Meat-5,725 lbs.						214 13	9			
Milk (Fresh)-3,77						55 0	2			
Milk (Condensed)	- 3,876	tins				136 0	0			
Money grants						172 7	0			
Printing						9 3	4			
Funeral expenses						10 16	6			
							_	598	0	9
Salaries								385	0	0
			370.9							
Total expenditure	on Ir	ndoor a	and Or	tdoor						
Relief for 193								£2,951	3	9
1101101 101 100	7	***						22,001		

<sup>\*</sup>Includes washing and cleaning, coal and charcoal, boot repairs, utensils, ice, medicines, tobacco for inmates, etc., etc.

#### INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION OF OTHER DISEASES.

MOSQUITOES.

The Council employ a small permanent anti-mosquito staff who carry out anti-mosquito measures continually throughout the year. This staff is augmented during the summer months by personnel engaged solely for this service. As in former years, the supervision of anti-mosquito work was under the direct control of a sanitary inspector specially detailed for this work. Close co operation is maintained with the Naval and Military authorities.

Special attention was paid to certain localities which have given considerable trouble in recent years where, it is hoped, the breeding grounds may be permanently eliminated. Antimosquito measures in Gibraltar are, however, mainly a matter of continual supervision of tanks cisterns and small collections of water, and it is only by strict attention to detail on the part of the anti-mosquito squads and co-operation on the part of owners of private properties that any measure of success can be attained.

During the winter months an inspection is made of all tanks, both roof and underground tanks, to ensure that these are mosquito proof. The number of tanks examined during the year was as follows:—

In	spected.	Found defective.
Fresh water tanks	341	30
Brackish water tanks	182	9
Total	523	39

The number of men employed during the year on anti-mosquito work was as follows:—

- 2 men from 1st January to 6th May.
- 5 men from 7th May to 5th July.
- 8 men from 6th July to 13th July.
- 9 men from 14th July to 30th September.
- 4 men from 1st October to 31st October.
- 2 men from 1st November to 31st December.

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	Totals		is, disused tins,
	Others	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	baths, disused
FRONT	Karthenware   Vessels		bath
NORTH	Barrels	*	
X	Tubs	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	galvanized
	Others	14 : 14	gall ts.
South	Karthenware Vessels	111111111111111111111111111   2	tanks,
Sol	Barrels		
	8duT		underground, bottles, flow
w .	Others		
UPPER	Earthenware		s, boats,
Town-	Barrels		tanks
To	sqnL		iron
LE	Stadio		galvanized
Midden	Enrihenware Vessels	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	
WW	Barrels	1	gullies,
T	Tube		pits, g
œ	Others		sgutters, 1
-Lower	Earthenware Vessels		- 5
Town-	Barrels		is, eav
To	sduT		r tanks,
	Premises Visited.	\$28.007	le—Fresh water
	Week ending	Jan 8 8 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 11 10 10	Others include

storm water drains, buckets, sinks, sumps, pots, brackish waters tanks, bottles, flower pots, grin animal drinking troughs, &c., &c.

| Tubs | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences | 1st Offences

FLIES.

Active measures were taken during the summer months and a Sanitary Inspector was detailed to visit all stables to ensure that manure was properly removed and that the stables were disinfected weekly.

The double daily collection of house refuse was again put into force during the summer.

Owing to the limited space available and the fact that there is no market for manure in Gibraltar, the satisfactory disposal of manure still remains a difficulty. A certain amount is transported to Spain by private contractors. A limited amount is incinerated and the remainder dumped into the sea. As this latter method has to be, at any rate partially, suspended during the summer owing to the risk of fouling the beaches, the difficulties become more acute at a time when fly-breeding is most likely to occur.

The number of disinfections carried out in stables during the year was 1,110.

#### RAT REPRESSION.

The rat campaign was carried out on the same lines as in previous years. Traps and poison baits are the methods employed, and the ratcatchers are entitled to a small bonus for all rats caught or killed.

A certain number of the rats collected are sent weekly to the City Analyst for examination. No plague infected rats were discovered during the year.

The following tables summarise the results for the year.

# Rats destroyed during 193!, by Districts (not including H.M. Dockyard).

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
South District	403	302	319	277	289	273	331	275	244	295	225	216	3,449
Town ,,	470	378	400	396	339	341	385	357	300	297	276	252	4,191
North ,,	137	90	108	110	96	67	77	50	89	63	43	47	977
Sheds and Warehouses Waterport Wharf and Commercial Mole		16	22	15	12	17	13	15	27	19	22	14	220
Total	1,038	786	849	798	736	698	806	697	660	674	566	529	8,837

#### Rats examined during 1931.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Infected	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	-	_
Uninfected	9	12	12	3	12	3	3	-	-	-	6	15	75

#### Number of poisoned baits laid by Rat Catchers during 1931.

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
8,412	6,604	6,722	7,441	8,361	8,704	7,020	7,261	8,567	9,302	7,324	8,137	93,855

#### Rats destroyed during 1931.

		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec	Total
	Trapped	1,026	778	834	788	727	688	791	686	651	660	558	524	8,711
Colonial Property	Poisoned	12	8	15	10	9	10	15	11	9	14	8	5	126
н.м.	Trapped	107	94	110	95	98	102	108	127	110	79	158	184	1,372
Dockyard	Poisoned	36	21	43	24	42	37	23	19	30	13	10	14	312
Tot	al	1,181	901	1,002	917	876	837	937	843	800	766	734	727	10,521

#### MEDICAL WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

It is the policy of the Council to cause all workmen to be medically examined prior to employment, and the numbers so examined by the Medical Officer of Health during the year were as follows:—

January	
	2
March	17
April	1
May	10
	1
July	14
August	3
September	1
October	1
November	3
December	2
·Total	74

All men injured on duty are first seen by the Medical Officer of Health and then sent to Hospital for treatment the expenses being borne by the Council. Sick injury pay is allowed whilst under treatment.

The number of men treated as in-patients during the year was 7, and the total number of days in which men were absent from work due to disability amounted to 790.

#### SERA, VACCINES, &c., KEPT IN STOCK.

Anti-Meningococcu's Serum
Anti-Streptococcus Serum
Anti-Anthrax Serum
Anti-Dysentery Serum
Tetanus Antitoxin
Influenza Vaccine
Scarlet Fever Streptococcus Antitoxin
Calf Lymph
Anti-Plague Serum
Plague Prophylactic
Cholera Vaccine
Diphtheria Antitoxin
Tuberculin

#### DISINFECTION.

The routine disinfection of all premises (including bedding, clothing, etc.) after the occurrence of infectious disease, was continued during the year. Premises are disinfected under the strict supervision of a Sanitary Inspector by formalin spray or vapour, and the bedding, etc., is subjected to steam disinfection at the Council's Disinfecting Station, North Front. These disinfections are carried out free of charge, and when it is considered expedient to destroy any article of bedding, etc., compensation is granted.

All 'stables were disinfected weekly during the fly-breeding season.

The following table gives the details of disinfections carried out during the year:—

Number of premises disinfected for infectious dise	ase 132
Number of premises disinfected for vermin	15
Number of disinfections carried out in stables	1,110
Number of articles disinfected at North Front Disining Station	

#### DETAILS OF ARTICLES DISINFECTED BY MONTHS.

Month	Beds and Mattresses	Bolsters and Pillows.	Blankets and Quilts.	Sheets.	Counterpanes.	Books.	Sundries.	Totals.
January	53	119	99	87	8		309	675
February	29	45	46	30	8 3 2 -	_	53	206
March	50	45	40	27	2	111111111	55	219
April	44	81	62	57	-	_	201	445
May	133	248	201	203	_	_	489	1,274
June	125	249	184	163	_	-	388	1,109
July	53	103	78	62			274	570
August	51	43	26	29	2	-	132	283
September	159	92	91	63		-	33	438
October	141	145	121	116	8	-	83	614
November	80	73	42	33	1	-	21	250
December	125	91	56	42	1		18	333
Totals	1,043	1,334	1,046	912	25	-	2,056	6,416

#### AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The same arrangements as explained in previous reports have continued to operate during 1931.

Two men in the Department are qualified drivers and alternate their duties to render the service continuous. In addition, the Sanitary Inspectors (who in turn take duty after office hours) are licensed drivers.

Local infectious cases are conveyed free of charge.

Details of cases conveyed in the Ambulance during 1931, are as follows:—

Loc	cal Cases	Bay Case	S
Fractures	2	12	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3	1	
Diphtheria	2	1	
Pneumonia	1	5	
Dysentery	1	1	
Appendicitis	_	5	
Enteric Fever	1	2	
Gastro-Enteritis	1	1	
Scarlet Fever	1	–	
Puerperal Fever	2	—	
Miscellaneous	17	19	
	_		
Totals	31	47	
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#### REPORT OF THE CITY ANALYST AND BACTERIOLOGIST.

The total number of specimens and samples of all classes examined during the year 1931 was 4,519. Over ninety-eight per cent. of the work was in connection with the public health of Gibraltar and the personal well-being of the people.

The activities of the City Laboratory have been maintained. It is satisfactory to be able to report a marked reduction in the number of foodstuffs found to be below the statutory limits. For the greater part these were not of a serious nature. An increase of ninety-five samples taken under the Public Health Ordinance is noticed. A series of bacteriological examinations were carried out as a check on the efficient sterilisation of milk. Research as to the presence of nitrates in Gibraltar and Spanish waters to secure possible corroborative evidence in connection with the adulteration of milks by watering was undertaken.

The report is divided into four parts, as follows:-

Part I.—Food and Drugs, Public Health Ordinance.

Part II.—Miscellaneous.

Part III.—Bacteriology, Chemical Pathology and Public Health Work.

Part IV.—Testing of ships for inflammable gas.

#### PART I.

Article	Number examined
Cow's Milk	19
Goat's Milk	76
Butter	4
Margarine	7
Lard	6
Spirits (Whiskey, Rum, Gin, Brandy)	21
Tea, Coffee and Cocoa	
Cereals	15
Olive Oil	14
Mineral drinks	27
Drugs	23
Total	218

#### ADULTERATED SAMPLES.

The number of samples found to be below the standards set out in the Public Health Ordinance was 11, or 5 per cent. For comparison, the number below the standard for 1930 was 15.5 per cent.

In all cases where the City Council considered it advisable legal action was instituted against the vendor. Two convictions were obtained for addition of water to milk. Fine's amounted to £6 and costs £2 6 0.

PARTICULARS OF ADULTERATED SAMPLES.
GOAT'S MILK CONTAINING ADDED WATER.

Lab. No.	Fat	Non-fatty Solids.	Added Water per cent.	Remarks.
1939	3.25	6.58	17.7	Fined £3 and £1-3-0 costs.
1940	3.33	6.28	17.7	Fined £3 and
1392	3.65	7.80	2.5	£1-3-0 costs.

The statutory limit for non-fatty solids is 8.0 per cent.

GOAT'S MILK DEFICIENT IN MILK FAT.

Lab. No.	Milk fat per cent.	Fat deficiency per cent.	Rema	arks.
913	3.20	8.5	Declared s	kimmed.
947	3.00	14.2	do.	do.
910	3.30	5.7	do.	do.
908	3.30	5.7	do.	do.
925	3.35	4.4	do.	do.
927	2.90	17.1	do.	do.

#### OTHER SAMPLES.

Lab. No.	Article	Irregularity	Remarks.
1471	Tinct. Iodine	11.3% excess iodine	In excess of B.P.
1504	Wheat Flour	Acarus farinae present	Requirements. Condemned.

#### AVERAGE COMPOSITION OF MILKS.

The average composition of Goat's Milk was:—
Milk fat—4.34 per cent.
Non fatty solids 8.91 per cent

Non-fatty solids—8.91 per cent.

The average composition of Cow's Milk was:—
Milk fat—4.34 per cent.
Non-fatty solids—8.70 per cent.

DRUGS.

All of the drug samples purchased from the pharmacists in Gibraltar were genuine with the exception of one sample of tincture of iodine. This sample contained iodine much in excess of the genuine article.

#### SPIRITS.

Of the twenty one samples received all contained the necessary proportion of alcohol and were found in other respects to be genuine.

#### OLIVE OIL.

Of the fourteen samples of olive oil examined all were found to be of good quality, with low acid values.

#### GOATS' BOILED MILK.

It is satisfactory to report that no sample of imported goat's milk was found to be unboiled or contained a proportion of unboiled milk.

Of the seventy-six samples of goats' milk analysed, six or 8 per cent. were found to be deficient in milk-fat as the result of skimming by the vendor. Milk samples deficient in fat the previous year amounted to 21 per cent., so it would appear that the vendors are taking more care not to deprive this article of diet of its valuable fat when clearing it of scum which is likely to form on the surface after boiling. No legal proceedings are taken when the vendor declares at the time of purchase that the milk has been skimmed. In my opinion the practice of robbing milk of its natural fat to such an extent that it is sold below the statutory limit is most unsatisfactory and should be prohibited.

#### AERATED WATERS.

Soda water, lemonade, ginger ale cider and the like, were submitted for examination for lead contamination. These samples taken from the factories of Gibraltar remain free from this objectionable impurity.

#### GRAPES.

Three samples of grape's were purchased from shops to determine the possible presence of arsenic. Arsenical preparations are sometimes used as insecticide sprays on the vines. No trace of arsenic was, however detected in either sample.

#### CONDENSED MILK.

The following results of analysis of a condensed milk are of interest in so far that they do not agree with the statement on the label which declared it to be "full cream."

#### ANALYSIS.

Water.	Ash.	Proteids.	Milk Sugar.	Fat.	Cane Sugar.
24.03	1.58	8.84	11.46	8.59	45.5

For Great Britain the Condensed Milk Regulations, 1923, demand 9.0 per cent. of milk fat and 31.0 per cent. of all milk solids. The above sample shows milk-fat and all milk solids to be somewhat deficient. Three separate tins of the same consignment were tested especially for fat content with these results:—

Tin No. 1—8.59 per cent. of fat. Tin No. 2—8.55 per cent. of fat. Tin No. 3—8.41 per cent. of fat.

The deficiency was therefore general throughout the consignment.

#### STERILISED MILK.

Again this year bacteriological investigations were carried out to determine whether milk imported from Spain is effectively sterilised before being sold to the public. Eighteen milks were tested. By sterilising imported milk the Gibraltar public is safeguarded against milk-borne diseases, i.e., tuberculosis, enteric and undulant fevers, etc. Milk soon after it has been obfrom the animal is teeming with micro-organisms—not necessarily dangerous ones. Of the harmful organisms, Brucella melitensis (undulant fever-goats) and the tubercle bacillus and streptococci (cows) may be present in the milk when in the udder of diseased animals. Other pathogenic bacilli (enteric, etc.) may gain entrance to milk after or at the time of milking. To kill off any disease-producing germ which may possibly be present is the reason why, by law, imported milk is boiled or sterilised. It is essential therefore, if outbreaks of disease are to be avoided that those in control of the health of the community should assure themselves that sterilisation is adequately carried out. For this purpose the Medical Officer of Health has arranged that periodic bacteriological examinations be undertaken as a safeguard and control. Two methods of sterilising milk are practised, (i) in sealed bottles; (ii) in open cauldrons in which milk is brought to the boil (goats). The sealed bottles of sterilised milk are sold unopened. In the case of "loose" milk there is some bacterial contamination with ladle's, dust, etc.,

but the risk of entry of harmful organisms in this way may be considered negligible once the milk has been boiled in Gibraltar. For record purposes, results of these examinations are given in tabulated form. It will be seen that two cases of goat's milk were inefficiently sterilised.

Sample	B. Coli in 30 c.c.	Streptococci in 30 c.c.	Enteriditis change in 30 c c.	Total organisms at 37 C per c.c.
1. Cow's (bottle)	None	None	None	None
2. Goat's (bottle)	None	None	None	280
3. Gat's (caldron) .	None	None	None	14
4. Goat's (caldron	None	None	None	None
5. Goat's (bottle)	None	None	None	None
6. Cow's (bottle)	None	None	None	118
7. Goat's (ealdron)	None	None	None	70
8. Cow's (bottle)	None	None	None	150
9. Goat's (bottle) .	None	None	None	None
0. Goat's (caldron)	None	None	None	2768
1. Goat's (caldron)	None	None	None	None
2. Goat's (caldron)	None	None	Noue	None
3. Cow's (bottle)	None	Nore	None	None
4. Goat's (bottle)	None	None	None	6
5. Goat's (caldron) .	Present in			
	0.1 c.c.	None	None	3200
6. Cow's (bottle)	None	None	None	None
7. Goat's (bottle)	None	None	None	8
8. Goat's (caldron)	Present in 0.1 c.c.	None	None	7168

#### NITRATE TEST FOR ADULTERATED MILKS.

Considerable success is reported by public analysts in Great Britain in finding a confirmatory test to prove the presence of added water to milk by the detection of Nitrates. It is claimed that the very small quantity of Nitrate's occurring normally in natural waters can be detected after the water has been added to milk as an adulterant.

Milk as taken from the cow and goat contains no trace of Nitrates and this also applies to the milk of cows which have been experimentally dosed with Nitre over long periods. Difficulty has been experienced in convincing magistrates when by the results of the usual chemical analyses water has been found to have been added in small amounts. The finding of Nitrates in such cases would be of value as corroborative evidence.

In investigating the tests under local conditions it was found that Gibraltar drinking waters, i.e., the general supply and tank waters of private houses contained no nitrates, but that all of the underground streams (Gibraltar) and drinking waters procured from La Linea and surrounding district contained it to a marked degree. Conclusions drawn, therefore are (i) the Nitrate test cannot be applied if milks are adulterated in Gibraltar; (ii) if water is added to milk before importation it would be possible in the majority of cases to prove this by the presence of Nitrates.

#### PART II.-MISCELLANEOUS.

Samples under this heading which were analysed during the year numbered 101, as follows:—

5 samples of Alcohol to determine alcoholic strength.

21 samples of sugar to determine if damaged by sea water and extent.

1 deposit in sewer to find nature of.

1 sample of bleaching powder for percentage of available chlorine.

1 soda water cap for presence of lead.

2 samples of ice—bacteriological examination for purity.

2 potato sacking to determine if damaged by sea water and extent.

- 2 carboard boxes to determine if damaged by sea water and extent.
- 2 bags to determine if damaged by sea water and extent.
- 2 samples of sand to determine if suitable for building purposes.

1 bottle of medicine for analysis.

3 trousers

1 pyjamas | examination of stains of pus.

1 shirt

3 Condensed milks for chemical analysis.

1 encrustation from boiler for chemical analysis.
1 box of 21 powders to find exact weight of each.

15 bottles to find exact capacity of each.

2 anaesthetic ether—examination for purity.

2 samples of gum for presence of lead.

2 scales with weights—checked for accuracy.

5 first field dressings—bacteriological for sterility.

3 waters for presence of metallic poisons.

1 sausage—bacteriological examination for food poisoning organisms.

3 samples of coal—chemical analysis and calorific power.

1 lead pipe—nature of corrosion.

1 sample of olive oil—chemical analysis.

2 sugars—chemical analysis.

1 sample of Rum—for analysis.

1 sample of dried milk-for analysis.

1 file

a flat iron a pair brown shoes examination for presence of blood.

1 tea sediment from dixie—metallic poisons.

3 waters—metallic poisons.

1 gastric contents—for presence of morphine. 2 litres of standard sulphuric acid prepared.

3 Winchester quarts of glucose saline prepared.

#### TOXICOLOGICAL AND FORENSIC.

A-Various articles submitted by the Chief of Police.

(i) Piece of iron—No trace of blood was detected and the white particles were found to be paint not bone.

(ii) Piece of black silk scarf—Blood not detected. The red stains were of paint.

(iii) A flat iron—Blood not found.

(iv) Apron—Blood not found; the red stains were due to paint.

(v) Painter's trousers—Six stains examined but blood not detected.

(vi) A large file—Small amount of material which was picked out from behind some of the rasps gave the characteristic reactions for blood.

(vii) Brown shoes-Blood not detected.

B—Various articles of clothing for evidence of pus in certain stains. Pus cells were not distinguishable but as the stains were some six months old it is possible disintegration had taken place. The stains contained nucleo protein which points strongly to there being pus in origin.

C—Gastric contents of man: Group reactions for alkaloids were positive and morphine was identified—minute quanti-

ties only present.

#### FOOD POISONING.

Food poisoning was suspected in August as the cause of mild symptoms amongst a few men at a mess. The matter was investigated and resulted in the bacteriological examination of (i) eight stools for food poisoning organisms; (ii) three specimens of blood for evidence of agglutinins of the Salmonella group; (iii) three blood cultures for Salmonella group; (iv) three samples of drinking water for the mineral poisons lead, copper, tin arsenic; (v) sediment from tea dixie for mineral poisons; and (vi) sausage for food poisoning organisms. No evidence of food poisoning either bacteriological or by chemical analysis was obtained. No common article of food of which all cases partook could be traced.

#### PURITY OF ICE.

Two samples of ice were examined bacteriologically to determine if suitable for domestic use. One sample was imported and the other was manufactured in Gibraltar. The results are given below.

	Gibraltar Ice.	Imported Ice.
B Coli	Not in 30 c c.	 Present in 10 e.c.
Streptococci	Not in 30 c.c.	 Present in 5 c.c.
Enteriditis change	Not in 30 c c	 Not in 30 c.c
Organisms at 37° C	22	 530
Organisms at 22° C	40	 1,360
Chlorine	2.1	 6 6
(Parts per 100,000)		

From these results it is seen that the ice sample manufactured in Gibraltar is quite safe for domestic use while the imported sample shows evidence of contamination. In view of the fact that the source of this water is not known, the ice from which it is made should be considered unfit for dietetic purposes.

## PART III.—BACTERIOLOGICAL—CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH WORK.

No. o	of Specimens.
Drinking Waters and others	293
Swabs-B. Diphtheriæ, Vincent's organ-	
isms, etc.	605
Sputa—Tubercle bacillus and other causa-	
tive organisms	224
Bloods—Widal T.A.B. and Undulant Fever	240
Bloods—Goat's, Widal for Undulant Fever	139
Bloods—Count's, Hb, red and white cells	
and differential	35
Bloods—Smears for Malaria, piroplasmosis,	
Anthrax etc.	43
Bloods—for Cultures	32
Bloods—Sugar estimations, including sugar	
tolerance test's	150
Bloods—Urea estimations, including urea	
concentration factor	26
Bloods—Wassermann reaction	442
Bloods—Grouping	7
Naso-pharyngeal swabs—Meningococcus	
culturally	43
Cerebro-spinal fluids—Cytology, globulin,	
sugar, etc., Micro-organisms and Was-	
sermann	23
Pleural, Hydrocele, Peritoneal fluids—Cy-	
tology, organisms	9

Urines—General analysis, sediment and	
bacteriological	1 308
Urines—Urea estimations, including urea	
concentration tests	53
Pus—Gonococcus and other causative or-	
ganisms	52
Faeces—Bacteriological for enteric, dysen-	
tery and food poisoning organisms;	
Helminths	170
Breast Milks—Chemical analysis	11
	11
Serum for V.S.—for Tr. Pallidum (dark	0.4
ground)	31
Rats—Examination for plague	75
Histological—Cutting, fixing and staining	
'sections	8
Gastrie Contents—including fractional	
meals	110
Guineapig inoculations, virulence tests	
K.L.B. and T.B.	12
Autogenous Vaccines—from labgrown	12
	26
cultures	
Stock vaccines—diluted	22
*Miscellaneous	6
Total	4.195

<sup>\*</sup>comprise ringworm hair, tapeworm, skin scrapings, etc.

#### DISTILLED WATER.

Three hundred and eighteen gallon's were made and sold.

#### ANIMAL INOCULATIONS.

The inoculation of guineapigs to determine the presence or virulence of organisms was conducted on twelve cases. Eleven of these were B. Diphtheriæ isolated from throats of patients or contacts. Nine were reported to be fully virulent and of these, eight were new cases of diphtheria and one was a contact swab.

The inoculation of one sputum to determine the presence of Tubercle bacillus was also done. This was negative.

#### BLOOD GROUPING.

To provide ready donors in the event of urgent blood transfusions, seven volunteers were tested at these laboratories. Four of these were found to belong to Group IV. and three to Group II.

#### TUBERCLE BACILLUS.

Varied specimens were submitted for detection of Tubercle bacilli.

Sputum—244 specimens were examined and tubercle bacillus found in 34.

Pus—Tubercle bacillus found in one specimen.

Faeces—Tubercle bacillus present in one specimen.

#### ANTHRAX.

Three blood smears of animals were examined, but anthrax was not found.

#### VINCENT'S ANGINA.

Vincent's organisms were found in the direct smear examination of one swab. They were present in four swabs the previous year.

#### B. DIPHTHERIA.

In the examination of throat swabs for B. Diphtheriæ, only the Klebs-Loeffler organism was considered, the Hoffmann bacillus being disregarded as not virulent. Altogether 605 swabs were examined, and 15 new cases of diphtheria were diagnosed.

Contact Swabs—In connection with the above new cases of diphtheria, 246 contact swabs were taken and examined. Of these, 241 were negative, 4 were positive and the throat swab of one cat was positive—a percentage of 1.6.

#### MALARIA.

The blood of 43 patients was examined for malaria parasites of which four were positive.

#### DYSENTERY.

Many stools were bacteriologically examined to determine the causative organism. Of the true dysentery cases showing blood and pus in the faeces, B. Dysenteriæ Flexner was isolated from one. The Amæbic form of dysentery was not met with during the year.

#### ENTERIC FEVER.

B. Paratyphosus "B" was obtained from one stool and one urine.

The positive serological test for B. Typhosus numbered 14; for B. Paratyphosus "A" 2; and for B. Paratyphosus "B" 20.

#### UNDULANT FEVER.

Four specimen's of blood showed positive agglutination for this disease.

#### SUSPECTED CASE OF MENINGOCOCCUS MENINGITIS.

The laboratory investigation of the patient resulted in:

- (1) Two post-nasal swabs—no meningococci found.
- (2) Cerebro-Spinal fluid—No meningococci. There was much fluid and globulin was slightly increased. Sugar—normal. Cells—3 per c.m.m.
- (3) Contact swabs numbering 38, all with negative results for the meningococcus.

#### BLOOD SUGAR ESTIMATIONS AND SUGAR TOLERANCE TESTS.

During the year, 150 estimations of blood sugar were done. These were individual tests made on diabetics for guidance in insulin treatment. Four complete sugar tolerance tests were also undertaken for the diagnosis of diabetes. These results are reported in detail.

	Blood Sugar before	Blood Sugar (%) after taking sugar.					
Patient	giving 50 gms. glucose	å hr.	1 hr.	1½ hrs.	2 hrs.	2½ hrs.	
1	0.092	0.201	0.206	0.143	0.088	_	
2	0.140	0.234	0.365	0.382	0.369	0.307	
3	0.146	0.231	0:281	0.277	0.235	0.203	
4	0.063	0.125	0.218	0.231	0.206	0.131	

Patient 1-Showed sugar in urine.

Patient 2 3, 4—The same person with an interval of approximately one month between the tests. First test showed sugar and acetone in urine; second test sugar but no acetone in urine; third test contained no sugar in urine.

While patient 1 shows little indication of defective sugar storage, Patient 2's inability to store sugar was very marked, but in subsequent tests after treatment there was a progressive improvement.

#### CEREBRO-SPINAL FLUIDS.

Cytology, globulin, sugar test, and bacteriological examinations were systematically carried out on 23 specimens received. When specially indicated the amounts of sugar, urea and sodium chloride were determined and the Wassermann reaction done.

Results of findings were as follows:-

Normal fluids-Nine.

Meningococcus-None.

Streptococcus—One.

Tubercle B.—None.

Fluids pointing to tubercular meningitis but organism not found—Three.

Wassermann negative—Two.

Fluids obviously pathogenic but without organisms—Four. Encephalitis Lethargica—Four (all same patient with marked meningeal symptoms and fluid practically normal except for quantity).

#### PLEURAL FLUIDS.

Cytology and bacteriological examinations were conducted on the nine specimens submitted.

Streptococci present in one.

No micro-organisms were found in four though polymorphs were numerous.

Four were probably tubercular indicated by presence of numerous lymphocytes.

#### GASTRIC DISORDERS AND FRACTIONAL TEST MEALS.

The analysis of gastric contents in the laboratory diagnosis of gastric ulcer, carcinoma, hypersecretion, etc., were undertaken for 9 patients representing 110 specimens of stomach contents. These laboratory examinations entailed the estimation of free HC 1 and total acidity, and the detection of blood, pus, bile, starch and mucus in each specimen before and every fifteen minutes after taking the test meal. In each case a curve is plotted showing the percentages of free HC 1 and total acidity in relation to the 15 minutes intervals until the stomach has emptied.

#### RENAL EFFICIENCY TESTS.

In connection with kidney diseases the degree of efficiency of these organs in eliminating the waste nitrogenous products (urea) of the body is determined in two ways, (i) Urea concentration factor: (ii) Urea concentration test.

Urea concentration factor:—Estimations of blood urea and urine urea are done at the same time. The ratio of one to the other gives the number of times the kidneys are able to concentrate the blood urea in the urine. Tests normal factor is about 70 times or even more. Tests were conducted on 24 patients.

Some of the results obtained showing the difference between diseased kidneys and efficient ones are of interest.

Case.	Blood Urea (mgms. in 100 c.c.)	Urine Urea (mgms. in 100 c.c.)	Ureu concentration factor (Mclean).
1	65	900	13.8—Bad
2	295	1100	3.7—Very bad
3	189	1000	5.2—Very bad
4	72.5	2600	35.8—Medium
5	19	2350	123-Very good
6	16	1100	68-Good

Urea Concentration tests:—The amount of urea in urine is ascertained one hour and two hours after the patient has taken 15 gms. of urea dissolved in water. In normal conditions 2.5 per cent. or over of urea is to be expected. Some variations obtained on fourteen patients are given.

	Case 1.	Case 2.	Case 3.	Case 4.
Urea in urine 1st hour Urea in urine 2nd hour	1.8 0.9 poor	4.6 4.6 very good	1.6 2.6 good	2·9 2·7 good

#### DRINKING WATERS AND OTHERS.

These include samples taken from Moorish Castle, 54; Governor's Parade Water Fountain, 11; Brackish Water, 11; Sea Water, 11; Underground tanks and wells, 173; North Front wells, 11; Watering Jetty, 11; and Catalan Bay Water, 16.

Tables showing the monthly analyses of Gibraltar Drinking Water, North Front wells, Watering Jetty, and Catalan Bay water follow this report.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIMENS.

For record purposes all specimens and samples examined during the year can be allocated as follows:—

From Military Authorities—697. From Naval Authorities—185.

From Navy but received from Military Hospital-133.

From Colonial Hospital-835.

From Spain-78.

From Civil, which includes the general public and City Council—2591.

Total-4519.

#### EQUIPMENT.

A separate office and library was provided for the City Analyst, and a fume cupboard, which was badly needed, was placed in the laboratory.

#### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The table given below shows the number and nature of specimens examined and the results obtained in connection with notifiable diseases venereal diseases, etc.

Blood, Wassermann Pus for Gonococci Sputum for Tubercle bacilli Swabs for B. Diphtheria ,, "Vincent's organisms"	Total. 442 52 224 605	Positive, 91 12 35 2
Widal reaction for Enteric, Melitensis:  B. Typhosus B. Paratyphosus 'A' B. Paratyphosus 'B' Br. Melitensis Blood for Malaria parasites Serum for Tr. Pallidum	240 43 31	14 2 20 4 4 9
Faeces for Enteric and Dysentery organisms:— B. Typhosus B. Paratyphosus 'A' B. Paratyphosus 'B' B. Dysenteriæ Flexner Urine for B. Paratyphosus 'B'	117	_ _ 1 1 1

#### PART IV.—TESTING OF SHIPS FOR INFLAMMABLE GAS.

The City Analyst is entrusted with the testing of compartments of oil carrying ships for dangerous gases. This class of work was first undertaken for Naval Authorities in 1928.

Gas free certificates are required before ships of this class enter dry dock for repairs.

(i) Tanker—4,700 tons gross; all tanks, cofferdams, summer tanks and pump room were reported negative.

(ii) Tanker—8,000 tons; No. 5 tank central starboard side reported free.

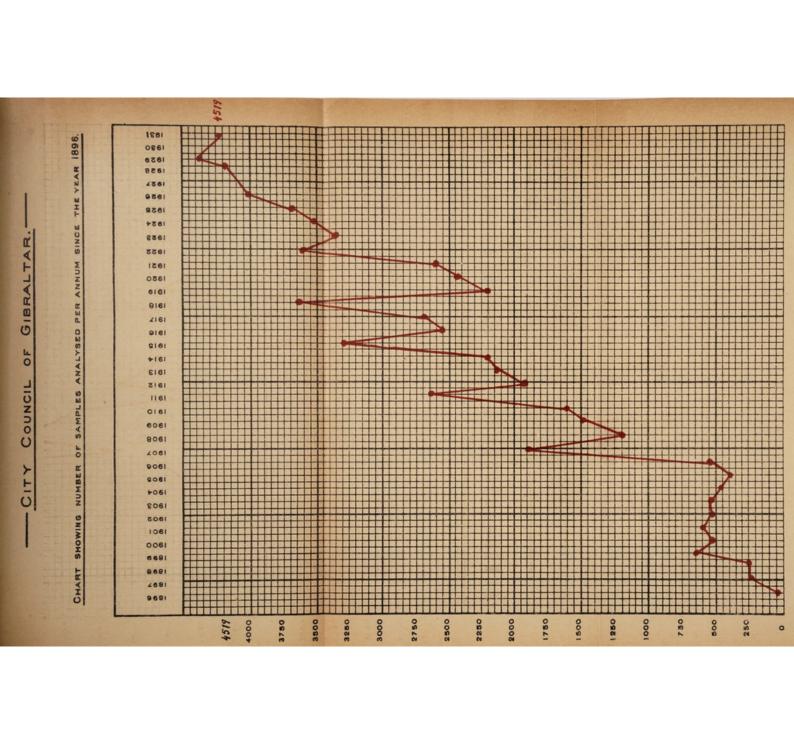
(iii) Tanker-Deep tank both sides, reported free.

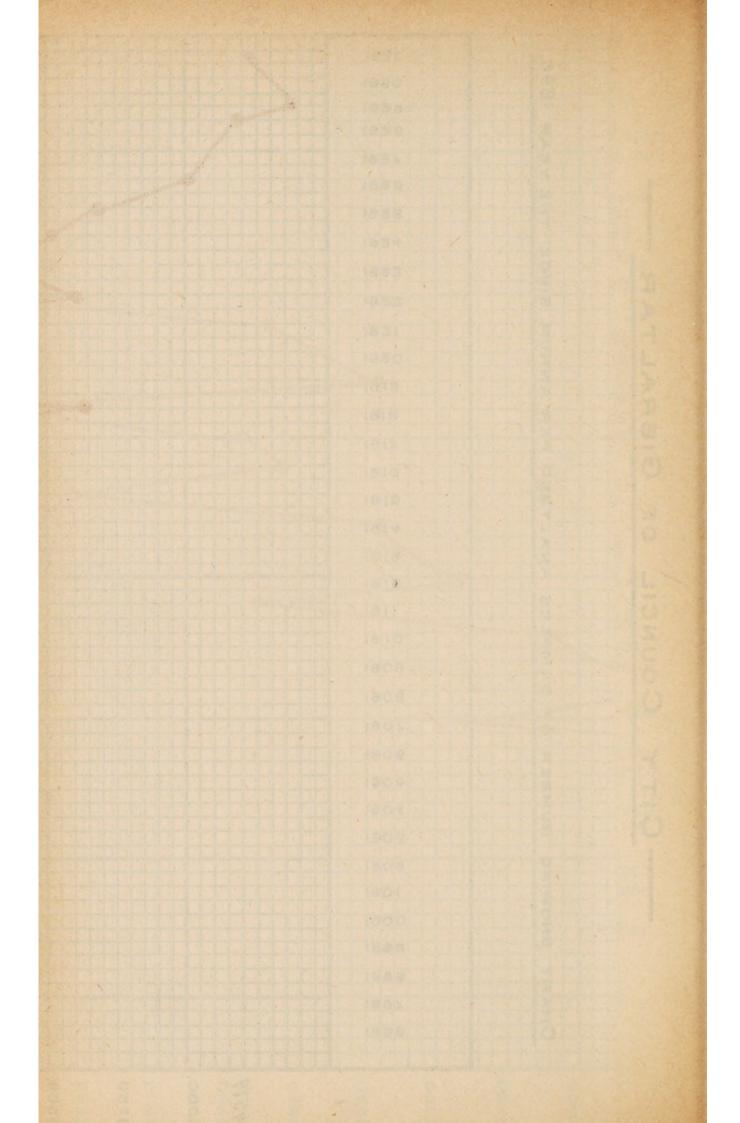
(iv) Barge—700 tons; all tanks examined, reported free.(v) Tanker—9 tanks, 5 summer tanks and 2 cofferdams

examined and found free.

(vi) Tanker—8 tanks, 4 summer tanks and after cofferdam, all found free of inflammable gas.

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#### DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIMENS.

Nature of Specimen.	Civil.	Military.	Navy Received from Military Hospital.	Navy.	Spain.	Colonial Hospital.	Total
Dlood Wassamann	166	28	7	85	15	141	442
Blood, Wassermann Blood, Count	12	(2000)		3	(100)	20	35
Di3 C-limno	1	12	15			4	32
Di- A Cmman	27	19		***	3	101	150
Disad IInos	14			***	1	11	26
Blood, Urea Blood, Widal	157	28	20	***	6	29	240
Blood, Malaria	18	6	6	***		13	43
Disad Casanina		7		***			7
Goats' blood for Mic. Meli-	***	-		***			
hamada 11	139	1	1				139
Swabs for K.L.B., &c	239	258	13	11		84	605
Sputum	85	29	28	2	1	79	224
Urine	944	46	10	5	42	261	1,308
Fæces	38	38	11		1	29	117
Cerebro-Spinal Fluid	2	8	3			10	23
Pus-Gonococci, &c	28	5	i	1		17	52
Serum-Tr. Pallidum	3		1	27			31
Human Milk	11						11
Histological	4	3				1	8
Gastric contents	12	84	13-			i	110
Rats for Plague	75						75
Food and Drugs Act	217						217
Other Food, Drinks, &c	38			2	1		41
Waters	195	98		3	2		298
Pleural fluids	3	2		***	***	4	9
Auto-Vaccines	13	6	2			5	26
Stock Vaccines	15				5	2	22
Guineapig Inoculation	6	6					12
Urea concentration test	38					15	53
Coal	3				200		3
Naso-pharyngeal Swabs		2	3	38			43
Miscellaneous	88	\12		8	1	8	117
Total	2,591	697	133	185	78	835	4,519

# RESULTS OF MONTHLY ANALYSES OF WELL WATER. SAMPLES TAKEN AT NO. 5 WELL, NORTH FRONT.

Date	Chlorine (parts per 100,000).	B. Coli
Jan. 13 Mar. 23 Apr. 30 May 30 Jun. 30 Jul. 31 Aug. 26 Sept. 25 Oct. 29 Dec. 2 ,, 30	6·5 6·4 5·0 12·5 20 25 40·5 49·2 49 68 29·6	B. Coli present in 5 c.c.  "" 5 c.c.  "" 5 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10 c.c.  "" 10
Average	28.3	

### MONTHLY ANALYSES OF GIBRALTAR DRINKING WATER-1931.

Date.	Chlorine (parts per 100,000).	B. Coli.
Jan. 14 Mar. 23 Apr. 30 May 30 Jun. 30 Jul. 31 Aug. 26 Sep. 25 Oct. 29 Dec. 2	1.6 2 2.2 2.2 2.1 2.0 2 2 5 3.6 5.2	B. Coli not found in 25 c.c.  " present in 5 c.c.  " 10 c.c.  " not found in 25 c.c.  " " "  " present in 10 c.c.  " 5 c.c.  " not found in 25 c.c.
Average	2.7	

#### RESULT OF MONTHLY ANALYSES OF SEA WATER.

Date	Chlorine (parts per 100,000).	B. Coli	- white
Jan. 14 Mar. 23 Apr. 30 May 30 Jun. 30 Jul. 31 Aug. 26 Sep. 25 Oct. 29 Dec. 2 , 30	2050 1020 2160 2080 2040 2000 2020 2100 1860 1080 2070	Present in 1 c.c.  ,, 0 i c.c. ,, 2 c.c. ,, 1 c.c. ,, 2 c.c. ,, 2 c.c. ,, 2 c.c. ,, 2 c.c. ,, 2 c.c. ,, 5 c.c. ,, 5 c.c.	Fi and the second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second second secon
Average	1860		

## RESULT OF ANALYSES OF BOILER WATER. SAMPLES TAKEN AT WATERING JETTY.

Date	Chlorine (parts per 100,000).	B. Coli
Jan. 13	32.5	Present in 2 c.c.
Mar. 23	26.8	, ,,1 c.c.
Apr. 30	24.3	,, ,, 5 c.c.
May 30	27	,. ,, 2 c.c.
Jun. 30	25	,, ,, 1 c.c.
Jul. 31	25	,, ,, 0·1 c.c.
Aug. 26	45	,, ,, 5 c.c.
Sep. 25	19.6	,, ,, 2 c.c.
Oct. 29	22	" " 2 c.c.
Dec. 2	22.5	not found in 25 c.c.
,, 30	16.6	", ", 25 c.c.
Average	26	

## RESULTS OF MONTHLY ANALYSES OF BRACKISH WATER. SAMPLES OBTAINED FROM MAIN IN GOVERNOR'S STREET.

Date	Chlorine (parts per 100,000).	B. Celi
Jan. 14	920	Present in 0.1 c.c.
Mar. 23	840	" "0·1 c.c.
Apr. 30	860	" ", 2 c.c.
May 30	1340	" " 2 c.c.
Jun. 30	810	", "1 c c.
Jul. 31	830	,, ,, 1 c.c.
Aug. 26	890	,, ,, 2 c.c.
Sep. 25	820	" ", 1 e.c.
Oct. 29	690	" " l c.c.
Dec. 2	650	" " 5 c.c.
,, 30	840	" ", 5 c.c.
Average	862-7	

#### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

Much of the information given in this section of the report has been kindly supplied by Mr. W. H. Pearce, M.Inst.C.E., F.S.I., M.Inst.W.E., City and Water Engineer.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

Three classes of water are supplied by the City Council of Gibraltar, viz.: (a) Potable Water; (b) Brackish Water; and (c) Boiler Water.

(a) POTABLE WATER.

This water is caught directly from the rainfall upon specially prepared catchment areas some 35 acres in extent and stored in 5 large reservoirs constructed in excavations in the heart of the Rock. The total storage capacity is over 8 million gallons.

A system of pipes conveys the water from the reservoirs to the houses, wharves and public points of supply. During the year 1931, the following works of improvement were effected to the Potable Water Works:—

> (a) The old and defective supply main along Town Range was taken up and replaced by a new main of larger capacity.

> (b) An additional fountain or supply point was erected

at Chicardo's Passage.

- (c) The excavation in the rock for the construction of an additional one million gallon storage reservoir was continued. The excavation will be completed in readiness to commence the building of walls, etc., in 1932.
- (d) Extensive repairs were effected to the concrete filling of the rock crevices in the natural collecting areas on the western side of the Rock.
- (e) A further section of the Eastern Catchment Area which had been attacked by the white ant was bared the defective framework renewed with teak timbers and the corrugated iron sheets replaced or renewed.

The quantity of water collected in the Council's Potable

Water Reservoirs during 1931, was 12 608,298 gallons.

In addition, an estimated quantity of 1,977,688 gallons was run into the Brackish Water Reservoirs and to waste due to lack of storage capacity in the Potable Water Reservoirs.

During the year the supply was as follows:-

#### (b) brackish water.

This water is somewhat saline, the amount of salinity varying with the seasons, and is used for baths, fire fighting, road watering and general sanitary purposes. It is obtained from a number of wells situated at North Front from which it is elevated by pumping machinery to several service reservoirs situated in various parts of the City.

An intercommunicating system of distributing pipes conveys the water by gravitation to every house and the supply is con-

stant.

The Council also pumps brackish water for War Department purposes to reservoirs near the top of the Rock approximately

1,390 feet above sea level.

During the year 1931, a new pumping station was erected at North Front including a duplicate set of pumps and motors, new suction mains, etc. at a cost of £5,300 and a considerable improvement to the service has been effected thereby.

A new trunk supply main was laid from Engineer Road Reservoir and over <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile of old and defective mains in the South

District were relaid with larger pipes.

In the Central District the old water mains in Chicardo's Passage, Abecasis' Passage and Hospital Ramp were renewed and several interconnections and improvements effected.

The quantity of brackish water pumped and distributed dur-

ing 1931 amounted to 262,690,500 gallons.

#### (c) BOILER WATER.

This water is pumped from shallow wells at North Front to water towers from which it is supplied to the Shipping for non-dietetic purposes.

During the year 1931, the quantity thus supplied was 789,900

gallons.

#### SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

The whole of the sewage of Gibraltar eventually discharges at Europa Point where the prevailing strong currents speedily carry it out to sea. The main gravitating trunk sewer is about 2½ miles in length, and its size at the outfall is 6'0' x 4'6." It takes both sewage and storm water.

The sewage from the low lying Northern District is lifted to the main gravitating sewer by a series of Ejectors. During the year 1931, the quantity of sewage and storm water so lifted

amounted to 68,461,488 gallons.

Storm overflows discharging into the sea en route to the main outfall are provided on the line of the main sewer at such levels that they only come into operation in times of heavy floods when the sewer is running at nearly full capacity. Certain districts are also provided with independent storm water relief drains.

The rate of run off is abnormal and though practically no flooding takes place now the margin of safety is still small.

Minor improvements have been effected during 1931 and further improvements including the enlargement of a portion of the main sewer at present overcharged by the flow of converging tributary sewers, will be taken in hand during 1932.

#### SCAVENGING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL.

Household refuse is collected once a day in winter and twice a day in summer, and conveyed for incineration to the Council's Destructor in petrol driven Freighter cars. The Refuse Destructor is situated away from the Town at North Front and is an efficient modern installation comprising two complete duplicate continuous grate incinerating units with subsidiary plant, building's, etc. The average daily collection and disposal of refuse amounted to about 18 tons and the service and plant has been well maintained.

Steam generated in incinerating the refuse is utilized for disinfecting purposes at the Council's Disinfecting Station adjacent to the Destructor Buildings.

#### HIGHWAYS.

All the Public Highways in Gibraltar are provided with nonabsorbent waterproof surfaces and are well cared for and maintained.

The most noteworthy improvement effected during 1931 was the provision of a bus centre including passengers' shelters, public lavatory, etc., at the entrance to the Town on the site of the old Poultry Market which was demolished.

Street sweeping and cleansing is well organised, the whole city being divided into sweeping districts and a sweeper with orderly hand cart, etc. is detailed for each section. Street orderly bins are provided at strategic points and these are regularly emptied by Freighter dust carts.

Travelling gangs wash down the streets and public steps with brackish water from watering hydrants by means of hoses and spreaders, and occasionally disinfectant is added.

#### PUBLIC BATHS.

The Council maintains a bathing establishment centrally situated in Irish Town containing hot and cold slipper baths, douches, etc.

A fine sea bathing pavilion which is extremely popular during the bathing season is also maintained, and there are in addition two small second class bathing establishments.

Further additions to the amenities of the Sea Bathing Pavilion such as the provision of sun bathing platforms diving raft, shoot, etc., were made during 1931, and additional cubicles will be constructed in 1932.

#### SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

All public sanitary conveniences are fitted on modern lines and their number was increased in 1931 by the construction of an additional one for men and women at the New Bus Centre at the entrance to the Town.

#### HOUSING.

The systematic inspection of houses which was started in 1925, was completed early in 1931. Elaborate records of all buildings in Gibraltar, which include the measurements of every room are now available. These are entered up in special books from which every detail regarding sanitary conditions, lavatory accommodation, etc., can be obtained.

The following gives a summary of work carried out and progress made:—

	Lower District	Middle District	Upper District	South
No. of houses inspected No. of houses requiring general repairs and	204	241	214	96
overhaul	39	53	83	30
Repairs completed	38	50	61	26
Outstanding	1	3	22	4

The majority of those outstanding are Crown Properties which are due for re-leasing.

No work of major importance has been carried out during the year in relation with the Progressive Housing Scheme, but a number of private houses have been entirely reconstructed and remodelled.

# SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS DURING THE YEAR 1931.

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED.	
Written	
Verbal	. 279
PREMISES INSPECTED.	
General Inspection (systematic house-to-house)	. 18
Casual Inspection	
	02
NUISANCES FOUND.	100
Defective drains	
Obstructed drains	
Defective water closets	
Defective water closet fittings	
, water fittings	
,, rainwater pipes	
" eavesgutters	
, roofs	
" yard paving	32
Dampnes's	16
Premises dirty	101
Defective or no dustbin	218
Suspected pollution of water in underground tank	45
Underground tank not insect proof	12
Brackish water tank not insect proof	
Brackish water running to waste	
Other minor defects	
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.	
Samples of food and drugs taken for analysis	206
Premises disinfected for infectious disease	
Premises disinfected for vermin	
Stables disinfected	
Articles disinfected at North Front Disinfecting Station	
Visits of enquiry re infectious disease	146
Cases removed in Ambulance's:	140
	45
Local	47
Bay	
Visits to Milk shops	
Visits to Eating houses	333
Visits to Mineral Water factories	
Visits to Common Lodging houses	4
Visits to premises on which notice for abatement of nuis-	
ances have been served and are re-visited for the pur-	
pose of ascertaining if requirements have been com-	
plied with	1755

# MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES—(Contd.) Notices served in accordance with "The Vaccination Ordinance, 1887" 314 Legal proceedings instituted 11 Street water fittings found defective 174 Defects found 3912 Defects remedied 3881 Pending on 31/12/1931 31

#### COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There is only one Common Lodging House at present in Gibraltar.

Inspections have been carried out at intervals, and the conditions generally, found to be satisfactory.

# LIST OF ORDINANCES, BYE LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH ENACTED IN GIBRALTAR DURING 1931.

An Ordinance entitled "The Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Ordinance 1931," was brought into force during the year. This Ordinance is modelled on the English "Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928."

#### REPORT OF THE VETERINARY ADVISER.

The general health of all animals in the Colony remains good, and there have been no serious outbreaks of infectious or contagious disease during the year under review.

#### HORSES AND MULES.

Twenty-seven were imported by sea into the Colony during the year, and were examined on landing and found free from disease. Their countries of origin were:—

Malta	2
French Morocco	2
Tangier	12
England	
Ceuta	

Total ...... 27

There were, in addition, a number of horses and mules imported by land from Spain, but no records are kept of these imports.

Horses examined prior to export and their destination were:-

Malta	 	5
Tangier	 	16

Total ...... 27

One case of tetanus occurred in a horse probably due to imported peat moss which was used as bedding. There was no other case of contagious disease either in civilian or military animals.

#### CATTLE.

The numbers imported with their country of origin were :-

		Staughter Cattle	Milch Cows	Sheep	Pigs
Spain	 	224	4	3,236	1,639
Morroco	 	2,144	10	10	_
Total	 	2,368	14	3,246	1,639

These were examined on landing and generally, were in good health except for occasional cases of Foot and Mouth disease in the Moroccan cattle. These were, however, far less numerous than in recent years, the total cases of Foot and Mouth disease during the whole year amounted to

 Cattle
 56

 Pigs
 Nil

compared with 100 in 1930, and 1,198 in 1929.

There were no cases of Foot and Mouth disease in cattle or pigs from Spain.

Exports of cattle during the year were:-

Tangier ...... 11 Sheep

## MILCH COWS AND GOATS.

All milch cows and goats were inspected during the year and were in good health and condition. All milch cows and bulls used for breeding were tested with tuberculin during the year, none re-acting.

It is proposed in future to carry out this procedure annually.

## DOGS, CATS, &C.

There were no proved cases of rabies during the year and stringent regulations ar still in force, *i.e.* permanent muzzling and strict quarantine of imported dogs.

Post mortem examinations were made on 2 cats and 1 dog suspected to have died from rabies, and the brains sent to the Pasteur Institute, Tangier for examination.

One dog and one cat were negative, and Negri bodies were found in the brain of the other cat, but the presence of rabies was not confirmed by animal inoculation

Details of dogs and cat's undergoing isolation, etc., were :-

	Dogs.	Cats.
Numbers detained in isolation suspected as rabid	17	2
Number destroyed	45	211
Number imported without undergoing quarantine	23	
Number imported which underwent quarantine		
of six months or less	. 6	

# C. H. S. TOWNSEND.

Major, R.A.V.C.

Veterinary Adviser to the City Council.

## FOOD.

#### SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

General supervision of restaurants, cafes, eating houses and places where food is sold, stored or prepared is carried out by the City Council Sanitary Inspectors, who also act as sampling officers. Details of the samples taken during the year are given in the City Analyst's section of this report.

The Itinerant Market Produce Vendors which came into force in 1930 and of which mention was made in last year's report has continued to work satisfactorily.

During the year an ordinance for the better control of food, entitled "The Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Ordinance, 1931," came into force. This ordinance supersedes sections 210 to 243 of "The Public Health Ordinance, 1907," and brings the Food and Drugs section of this ordinance into line with the latest English legislation.

The new Food and Drugs Ordinance also empowers the City Council to make bye laws for the better control of milk and certain other foods. These bye laws are at present under consideration.

#### GIBRALTAR MILK SUPPLY.

The majority of the fresh milk consumed in Gibraltar is imported from Spain. All imported milk is required to be boiled or sterilised before sale.

A small amount of fresh milk is produced locally. This may be sold raw.

The daily consumption of milk in Gibraltar is approximately:

	COWB		
	GOATS'		•
Imported			-
	Total4	,060	pints

Condensed milk is used to the extent of 1,000 tins a day.

All goats in Gibraltar are examined serologically for undulant fever twice yearly, and all cows submitted to the Tuberculin test by the Veterinary Adviser to the Council, All goats proved free from infection.

MILK SHOPS AND MILK VENDORS.

There are five registered milkshops in Gibraltar in addition to four milk stalls in the Markets. These were inspected at regular intervals and found satisfactory.

There were 46 milk vendors registered with the City Council

during the year.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are eight bakehouses in Gibraltar. In addition, a certain amount of Spanish bread is imported. The importation of this bread is supervised by the Markets staff.

BUTCHER'S SHOPS.

There are four butcher's shops in Gibraltar for the sale of fresh meat. In addition, permission was granted during the year to one applicant to open a shop for the sale by retail of imported frozen meat only.

ICE CREAM.

Ice cream manufactured in four places in Gibraltar.

Before permission to sell ice cream is granted the applicant is required to satisfy the Council that the premises and methods of manufacture are suitable and hygienic.

MARKETS AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

The further improvements mentioned in the Annual Report for 1930 have been carried out during the year under review. These improvements consisted of:—

(a) Re-roofing and re-conditioning of the vegetable stalls.

(b) Re-painting of and repairs to Fish Market.

(c) Reconstruction of the Offal Stalls.

(d) Provision of a new fish cleaning bench with water supply, behind the Offal Stalls.

(e) Provision of a new, lighter and more commodious

meat inspection room.

It was also found necessary to renew the Soyer's stoves in the Milk Market. These stoves were designed to burn coal and had rapidly become unserviceable owing to the use of wood or charcoal as fuel. They were replaced by copper boilers built with permanent brick fireplaces.

During the year three members of the Markets staff, viz.:—
the Supervisor of Markets, the Inspector in charge of the
Slaughterhouse and one Market Inspector obtained the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as qualified Inspectors of

Meat and other Foods.

The importation of frozen meat is still a marked feature, and the consumption of this class of meat continues to increase.

The amount of frozen meat imported during the past 3 years is shewn below:—

				Beef	Mutton	Pork
Year	1929	 	 	 11,713	2,885	2,366
Year	1930	 	 ***	 54,741	25,380	6,374
Year	1931	 	 	 96,157	69,926	16,923

This meat is imported from Smithfield Market or direct from Australia and is therefore, of uniformly excellent quality.

The Government slaughterhouse has been kept in good condition. The number of animals slaughtered during the year was as follows:—

Cattle	 	2,456
Sheep	 	3,224
Pigs	 	1,643

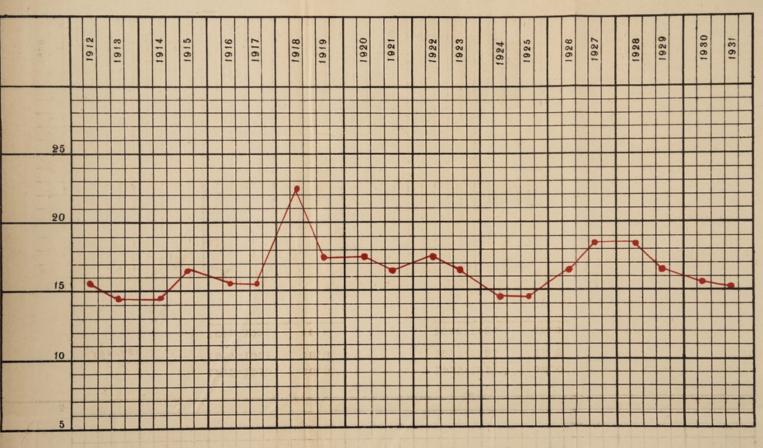
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# AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT OF GIBRALTAR DURING THE YEAR 1931.

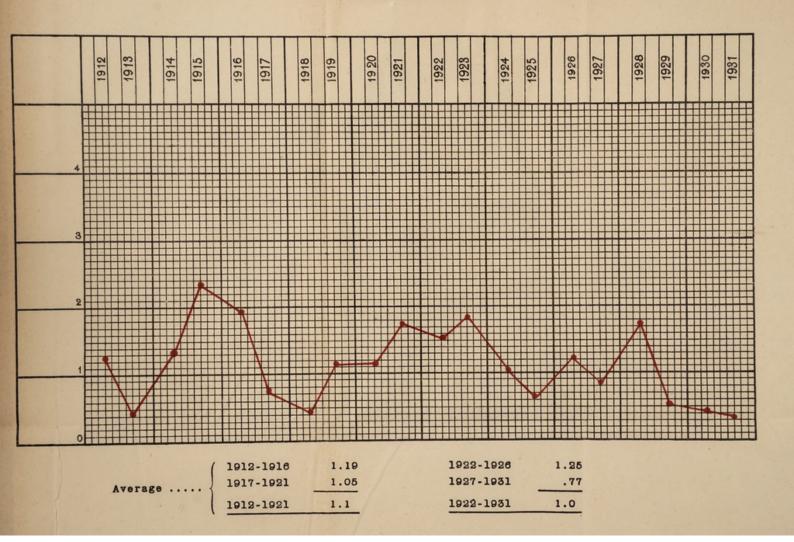
	Number.	Net Tonnage.	Number inspected.	Number left in quarantine.	Number admitted to Pratique.
British { Steam	947	3,286,985 2,746	2		2
Total British	968	3,289,631	2		2
Foreign Sailing	1,404	3,579,035 31,987	2	-	2
Total Foreign	2,541	3,611,022	2	<u> </u>	2
Total British and Foreign.	3,509	6,900,703	4	-	4

GENERAL DEATH RATE PER 1,000 OF POPULATION (TOTAL CIVIL), GIBRALTAR, FOR THE DECENNIAL PERIODS
1912-1921 and 1922-1931



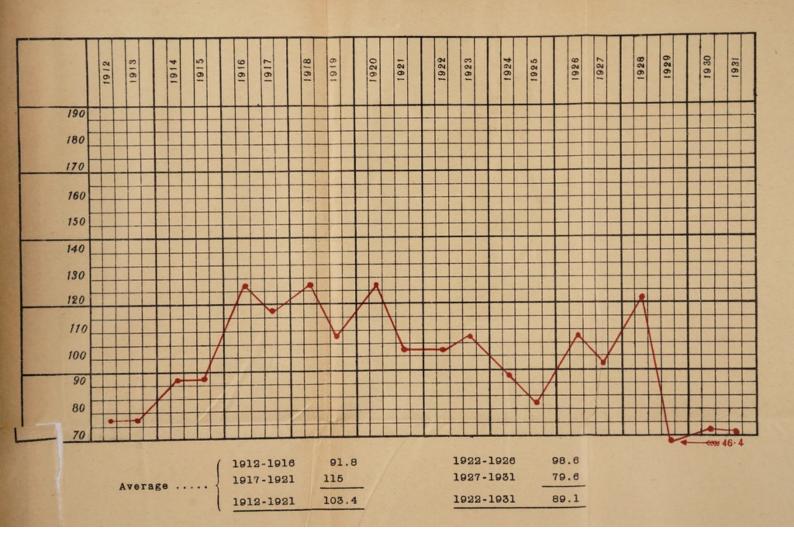
Average ..... 1912-1916 15.0 1917-1921 18.0 1912-1921 16.5 1922-1928 16.0 1927-1931 15.8 1922-1931 15.9

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INFANTILE MORTALITY PER 1,000 BIRTHS, GIBRALTAR, FOR THE DECENNIAL PERIODS
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