Edwin Chadwick The Public Health Movement 1832-1854

Edwin Chadwick was a civil servant employed by the Poor Law Commission. He was asked by parliament to investigate living conditions in Britain. His 1842 Report on the Sanitary Conditions of the Cities and the Public Health Act of 1848 were the first steps towards improved public health.

The Public Health Act of 1848 was established during the cholera outbreak in 19th century London. The Public Health Act created a Central Board of Health to deal with health concerns in London. But what did this act create?

1) First off a Central Board of Health was established.
2) This Board was given powers to control the spread of disease.
3) It also had the power to control the disposal of rubbish and waste.
4) The Board was given the power to control the use of water and the disposal of sewage.
5) It also had the power to control the building of new houses and the improvement of old ones.

Report on the sanitary conditions of... - Health Foundation

Edwin Chadwick was a renowned social reformer and a key proponent of sanitary reform. In 1832 he was appointed to the Poor Law Commission to investigate sanitation. He became one of the most important public health activists of the 19th century.

The government proposed a Public Health Bill that was based on some of Edwin Chadwick's recommendations. There were still many supporters of what was known as laissez-faire. This was a belief that government should not interfere in the free market.

City Chaos, Contagion, Chadwick, and Social Justice

The 1848 Public Health Act - UK Parliament

The 1848 Public Health Act was the first step on the road to improved public health. One of the individuals who played an integral role in its creation was Edwin Chadwick, a social reformer. Edwin Chadwick was one of the architects of the 1842 Poor Law, which was based on the principle that making the provision of poor relief so unpleasant would put off all but the most desperate.

The Sanitary Report, 1842

Sir Edwin Chadwick (1800-1890) | LSHTM

Sir Edwin Chadwick (24 January 1800 - 6 July 1890) was an English social reformer who is noted for his leadership in reforming the Poor Laws in England and instituting major reforms in urban sanitation and public health.

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Edwin Chadwick was born in Manchester in 1800. While studying to become a lawyer in London, Chadwick became interested in political and social reform. He became one of the most important public health activists of the 1800s.

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