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Bermondsey 2441

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3 Laundresses.
1 Stoker.

RODENT CONTROL

H. E. Staples, Rodent Control Officer.
3 Rodent Operators.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

16 Female Convenience Attendants.
16 Male Convenience Attendants.
2 Urinal Cleaners.

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Borough of Bermondsey

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Bermondsey.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you for your consideration a report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Borough for 1960.

Having taken over duties as Medical Officer of Health on 1st July 1960, I am privileged to submit my first Annual Report. You will realise, of course, that during the first half of 1960 Dr. W. Stott was Acting Medical Officer and I must acknowledge that the work of the Public Health Department was under his wise direction during this period and that in September 1960 he was appointed Deputy Medical Officer.

The report follows the pattern of previous years and this facilitates easy reference and comparison. From the various sections you will be able to see the work that was carried on by your Health Department.

May I extend my thanks to members of the Council and to the Public Health Committee for their support and encouragement during the year, also to all members of the staff for their help and loyal support.

I am, Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. EPSOM.

VITAL STATISTICS.

AREA

The area of the borough (exclusive of area covered by water) is 1,336 acres.

POPULATION

Census		Estimate of Registrar-General	
1931	1951	to 30th June, 1959	to 30th June, 1960
111,542	60,640	54,120	53,510

Rateable Value, 1st April, 1960	£1,570,601
Estimated net product of 1d. rate	£6,344
Estimated number of separately assessed dwellings, 1st April, 1960	15,696

BIRTHS

The total number of births belonging to the borough registered during 1960 was 868 consisting of 430 males and 438 females. The number for 1959 was 877.

Live Births	849
Live Births, rate per 1,000 population	16.01
Still Births	19
Still Births, rate per 1,000 live and still births	21.88
Total live and still births	868
Infant Deaths	23
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births (Total)	27.09
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births (legitimate)	25.67
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births (illegitimate)	1.01
Neo-natal Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	16.72
Illegitimate live births % of total live births	4.10
Maternal deaths	Nil
Maternal mortality per 1,000 live and still births	Nil

DEATHS

The total number of deaths belonging to the borough registered during 1960 was 565, consisting of 317 males and 248 females. The number for 1959 was 619. The death rate for 1960 was 10·6 per thousand persons living, compared with 11·4 for 1959.

MARRIAGES

The total number of marriages in the borough in 1960 was 374 being 4 more than the number for 1959, and 102 below the average for the last 10 years.

The figures have been supplied by the Superintendent Registrar.

Year	No.	Rate
1950	545	18·23
1951	582	19·28
1952	516	17·26
1953	520	17·52
1954	475	16·21
1955	501	17·40
1956	468	16·60
1957	430	15·70
1958	357	13·30
1959	370	13·70
Average for years 1950–1959	476	16·52
1960	374	14·03

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Year	Whole Borough		London	
	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Births	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Births
1950	23	20	1,372	26
1951	27	25	1,333	25
1952	20	20	1,189	23
1953	27	27	1,216	24
1954	23	24	1,047	21
1955	21	23	1,157	23
1956	18	16	1,106	21
1957	20	21	1,160	22
1958	18	19	1,218	22·6
1959	17	19	1,238	22
Average for years 1950-1959	21	21	1,203	22·9
1960	23	27	1,232	21·61

There is an increase in the number of infantile deaths for the period under review but these apply mainly to prematurity and congenital malformations.

TUBERCULOSIS OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

In the following Table will be found particulars of deaths from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System since the year 1950.

Year	Whole Borough		London	
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1950	23	0·38	1,585	0·47
1951	21	0·35	1,225	0·36
1952	20	0·35	1,154	0·34
1953	14	0·24	933	0·28
1954	14	0·24	596	0·18
1955	8	0·14	517	0·16
1956	10	0·18	423	0·13
1957	9	0·16	378	0·12
1958	6	0·11	379	0·12
1959	4	0·07	343	0·11
Averages for years 1950-1959	12	0·22	753	0·22
1960	3	0·06	235	0·07

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1960.

Causes of Death	Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring in or beyond the District.															
	All Ages		0—4		5—14		15—24		25—44		45—64		65—74		75 & over	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	11	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	3	1	4	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	37	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	1	12	2	6	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	3	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	28	29	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	8	9	11	8	8	11	—
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
Diabetes	23	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	3	9	8	9	23	13
Vascular lesions of nervous system	59	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	27	7	15	10	15	—
Coronary disease, angina	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1960—continued.

Causes of Death	Deaths at the subjoined ages of "Residents" whether occurring in or beyond the District															
	All Ages		0—4		5—14		15—24		25—44		45—64		65—74		75 & over	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Hypertension with heart disease	5	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	2	1	5
Other heart disease	19	11	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	4	1	1	6	11	1	—
Other circulatory disease	14	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	7	9	12	—
Influenza	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
Pneumonia	15	18	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	3	9	11	—
Bronchitis	27	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	8	4	10	12	—
Other diseases of respiratory system	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	4	—	1	2	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	6	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	2	1	3	—
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	6	2	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	26	34	7	9	—	—	1	—	1	2	2	5	4	6	11	12
Motor vehicle accidents	7	3	1	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	2	1	2	1	—	—
All other accidents	9	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	2	—	2	—
Suicide	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	—
Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	317	248	15	15	1	—	4	1	13	9	93	40	89	63	102	120
TOTAL CERTIFIED DEATHS	565		30		1		5		22		133		152		222	

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Every medical practitioner attending on, or called in to visit a patient, shall, as soon as he becomes aware that the patient is suffering from a notifiable infectious disease, send to the Medical Officer of Health of the district in which the disease occurs a certificate stating the name and address of the patient and the disease from which the patient is suffering.

Books of certificates are available free of charge from this Department.

The following diseases are notifiable:—

Acute Encephalitis	Malaria
Acute Gastro Enteritis	Measles
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	Membranous Croup
Acute Primary Pneumonia	Meningococcal Infection
Acute Poliomyelitis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Anthrax	Plague
Cholera	Puerperal Pyrexia
Continued Fever	Relapsing Fever
Diphtheria	*Scabies
Dysentery	Scarlatina or Scarlet Fever
Enteric Fever (includes Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	Small-pox
Erysipelas	Tuberculosis
Food Poisoning	Typhus Fever
Glanders	Whooping Cough
Hydrophobia in Man	
Leprosy (to be notified to Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health).	

*A notification is not required where to the knowledge of the medical practitioner, a case of scabies has occurred in the house and has been notified within the four weeks immediately preceding the date on which he first became aware of the disease in the case he is attending.

FOOD POISONING

Forty-three cases of food poisoning were notified to me during the year under The Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 26.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1960

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED												TOTALS PER WARD														
	At all Ages	At Ages—Year											Saints	Neckinger	Central	Tunnel	Dockyard	Park	Raymouth	South	Thorburn	Willow Walk	South West	Abbey	Leather Market	TOTAL	
		0 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 and over															
Tuberculosis—																											
Respiratory System	26	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	5	6	6	3	—	—	3	3	2	3	1	1	2	3	3	4	1	26	
Other Forms	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
Scarlet Fever	25	—	9	8	6	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	2	3	3	—	1	1	1	2	3	3	4	25	
Whooping Cough	78	6	42	28	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	14	15	14	3	2	6	2	1	3	4	3	9	78	
Acute Poliomyelitis	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	
Measles	218	7	147	62	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	21	25	38	13	10	24	11	13	9	20	15	4	218	
Pneumonia	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	5	
Dysentery	357	12	99	104	38	9	11	29	13	21	10	11	8	22	31	41	73	9	18	15	14	36	36	15	39	357	
Erysipelas	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Food Poisoning	43	—	3	—	2	—	4	11	5	6	3	9	1	5	10	8	1	3	2	3	1	1	4	3	1	43	
Acute Gastro																											
Enteritis	329	26	71	68	38	9	16	41	16	19	16	9	19	29	41	88	52	11	8	10	8	18	4	37	4	329	
Scabies	9	—	2	4	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	3	—	—	9	
TOTALS	1098	51	375	274	88	18	34	90	44	53	35	36	49	91	127	196	149	39	60	43	41	77	79	82	65	1098	

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEARS 1951-1960

Notifiable Disease	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Scarlet Fever	82	87	59	62	113	82	69	52	64	25
Whooping Cough	75	40	124	135	51	43	113	32	14	78
Acute Polio-Myelitis and Acute Polio-Encephalitis	2	1	2	—	14	2	—	2	—	2
Measles	1197	716	514	183	1271	149	1099	268	635	218
Diphtheria	2	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	131	7	25	56	29	164	7	183	101	357
Meningococcal Infection	6	2	1	6	1	—	3	—	—	—
Pneumonia (Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal)	28	25	40	19	23	30	32	47	41	5
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	—
Erysipelas	9	8	7	7	7	4	3	3	5	1
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	7	12	19	7	33	47	43
Tuberculosis—										
Respiratory System	89	59	72	63	54	60	76	51	46	26
Other Forms	9	8	10	10	6	6	—	9	2	4
Anthrax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	18	19	1	1	1	1	2	—	—	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
*Acute Gastro-Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	194	329
Scabies	6	4	—	5	4	4	7	11	3	9
*Notifiable as from 1st January 1959										
TOTALS	1656	980	857	558	1588	564	1420	691	1152	1098

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47

Under Section 47 of the Act the Council has authority to make application, where necessary, for a Court Order for the emergency removal to hospital, or institution, of an aged, infirm, or physically incapacitated person who is living in insanitary conditions and who is "unable to devote to himself, and is not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention".

The National Assistance (Amendment) Act 1951 also provides for a magistrate to order the emergency removal of such persons to a hospital or institution for a period not exceeding twenty one days, on certification by the Medical Officer of Health and a general medical practitioner.

Fortunately, it is only in exceptional cases that such action is necessary and then only when persuasive efforts have failed.

During the year under report the Council made application for committal orders in respect of three persons whose condition had had been giving cause for concern and none of whom was prepared to enter a hospital or home for the elderly on a voluntary basis. Details are given below.

Mrs. E. T., aged 85, had been visited regularly since December 1957 and it was noted that her confused mental state had resulted in a marked deterioration in her personal cleanliness. It was subsequently reported by the warden of the home to which she was committed that her condition had warranted her transfer to a mental hospital for treatment.

Mrs. A. G., aged 58, occupied two top floor rooms in a terrace house and her accommodation was found to be in a filthy condition. The death of her son in a Japanese prison camp and unhappy family associations had contributed to a confused mental state which had necessitated treatment in a mental hospital. Her condition had not improved despite efforts by her daughter to induce her mother to take an interest in life, and it was considered there was no alternative but to apply for a committal order in view of her unwillingness to enter a home voluntarily and her apparent refusal to reside with her daughter. On expiry of the statutory period of twenty one days it was reported by the warden of the home that Mrs. G had been admitted to a mental hospital for treatment. She has since discharged herself and is living with her daughter.

Mrs. F. H., aged 86, was visited at the request of relatives who were concerned about her physical condition. Apart from the insanitary state of her accommodation and her lack of personal cleanliness, it was observed that she was mentally confused and evidently incapable of caring for herself adequately. It was discovered that she has never been registered with a doctor and after a

local practitioner was contacted he agreed to accept her as his patient. He diagnosed senile dementia and cerebral arterio sclerosis and agreed to countersign the necessary application for a committal order. It was afterwards reported by the Welfare Officer at the home to which she had been admitted that Mrs. H. had settled in well and had agreed to reside there permanently.

During the course of the year, ten old people agreed voluntarily to be admitted to hospital or homes for the elderly, and the necessary arrangements were made. One of these cases was that of an old man, aged 78, whose living conditions were drawn to the attention of the department by a general practitioner. The patient was living alone in a three room flat which was in a very dirty condition, the furniture having been heaped together in the corners of rooms, and his physical condition was such that he was persuaded to enter hospital for treatment. Unfortunately, the patient was so ill that he died the following day.

Section 50

It is the responsibility of the Council, under this section of the Act, to arrange for the burial or cremation of a person dying in the Borough where there are no relatives, or others, who would be prepared to make the funeral arrangements. The Council's expenses in such cases, inclusive of an administrative charge, are recoverable from the deceased's estate, where appropriate.

During the course of the year, three burials were arranged at the request of the Coroner's Officer and particulars of these cases are given hereunder:

Mr. J. L. died in a Common Lodging House and it was not possible to trace any relatives. There were no effects, apart from the sum of £3 found on the body, and the Council's costs, less this amount were written off as irrecoverable.

Mr. H. D. A., who had had no regular employment or permanent address, was found dead in disused stables. His wife, from whom he had been separated for some 25 years, was traced by the police and she informed the Coroner's Officer that she was financially incapable of meeting the funeral expenses. She subsequently intimated, however, that she would be able to contribute £5 towards the Council's costs and this offer was accepted.

Mr. R. G. L. was accidentally gassed in his flat and funeral arrangements were made in the absence of known relatives. The Council's costs were recovered from the estate.

Apart from these cases, the body of a male person was conveyed to the mortuary after recovery from the Thames. Funeral arrangements were made by relatives.

PUBLIC HEALTH (LONDON) ACT 1936, SECTION 122

The Council are authorised to remove and cleanse personal effects where the Medical Officer considers that the condition of such articles is likely to cause the spread of infectious disease.

During the year, the Medical Officer visited the homes of 41 old people who were seriously ill or senile. Quantities of soiled bedding and personal clothing were found in each case and it was necessary for these articles to be regularly collected for cleansing in the Disinfecting Station and returned to the owners.

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SURVEY OF OLD PEOPLE

During 1960 details required by the survey have been obtained from 1,374 elderly people, which again shows an increase over those for the previous year (1,014 in 1959) and brings the total number of cases registered during the four years of the survey to 4,095 as follows :-

Table 1—Age and sex distribution

Age (or age at death)	Living		Deceased	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
50—60	27	70	3	7
61—65	58	253	9	9
66—70	219	520	25	29
71—75	300	621	43	66
76—80	259	544	62	77
81—90	169	411	80	125
91 plus	12	27	4	19
Totals:	1,044	2,446	226	332
Total (all columns)			4,048	
Plus cases moved away or entered homes			47	
			4,095	

of the 558 deaths, 386 occurred in hospital.

The figures, in the main, seem to be following the previous pattern, although the proportion of men to women shows a slight increase. The Public Health Assistants are experiencing some difficulty in finding the occupiers at home at numerous addresses and have to rely on information from neighbours, which sometimes inadvertently proves to be false, as there are still many elderly persons living in houses and flats whose existence is unknown to

their neighbours. There are, too, the females who will not admit to themselves that they are 60, and would certainly not let other people know. A few of both sexes refuse information altogether. Apart from these difficulties, there is no reason why, ultimately, the survey should not produce realistic figures on which the Committee can plan for the future.

Table II—Mobility

The importance of mobility cannot be over-emphasized and there is no doubt that the many and varied social activities arranged for the elderly in Bermondsey by voluntary clubs and otherwise does much to encourage them to be "out and about". In the Municipal Club members are often heard to say "I wasn't coming out to-day but I didn't want to miss the whist drive, Old Time Dancing Class (or some other activity)". The Workrooms have done a great deal to keep many old people mobile who would almost certainly have hibernated and in a very short-time become bed-bound, which is inevitably followed by hospitalisation.

Age	Male			Female		
	Mobile	House-bound	Bed-bound	Mobile	House-bound	Bed-bound
50—60	20	5	2	47	20	3
61—65	52	6	—	240	13	—
66—70	204	14	1	488	31	1
71—75	278	22	—	560	59	2
76—80	239	17	3	460	79	5
81—90	139	29	1	295	107	9
91+	11	1	—	11	16	—
Total ...	943	94	7	2,101	325	20

The house-bound and bed-bound categories, although small in number, demand a considerable amount of attention and it is essential continually to ensure that the services necessary in many cases; nursing, home help, meals service, incontinent laundry service, library service and others, function satisfactorily.

Table III—Isolation

The problem of the elderly who live alone is one which calls for priority in our work. This class often feel that they are no longer wanted and lose interest in their homes and personal cleanliness, and cease to prepare proper food for themselves. They are often unaware of their deterioration and it is difficult in some cases to bring it to their notice. Others are aware and try to hide behind closed doors. Both types need very careful handling and constant visiting so that their personal confidence can be regained. Here, too, the clubs are a great blessing.

Age	Male			Female		
	Total in age group	Living alone	No next of kin	Total in age group	Living alone	No next of kin
50—60	27	11	1	70	25	2
61—65	58	8	1	253	75	7
66—70	219	36	2	520	175	11
71—75	300	52	7	621	250	14
76—80	259	75	7	544	266	12
81—90	169	58	6	411	224	13
91 +	12	4	1	27	14	—
Total	... 1,044	244	25	2,446	1,029	59

It is pleasing to note that the number living alone who have no next of kin is comparatively small.

Table IV—Utilisation of Welfare Services

Throughout the year an average of 90 meals a day has been supplied to elderly, homebound people by the Meals on Wheels Service. Approximately 42 old people per week have been bathed, either in their own homes or at the Disinfecting Station, and an average of 60 old people per week have had bedding and personal clothing cleansed by the Laundry Service. The persons availing themselves of these services are often in need for only short periods; they are, therefore, ever-changing, and it would be of little value to show them in age groups.

Age	Male		Female	
	Home Help	Dist. Nurse	Home Help	Dist. Nurse
50—60	7	—	7	8
61—65	2	—	11	1
66—70	12	4	35	10
71—75	20	3	61	11
76—80	31	8	114	19
81—90	44	5	138	27
91 +	4	—	11	2
Total	... 120	20	377	78

These figures denote that females require the service of nurses and home helps more than do males and that, roughly, one in seven of the cases recorded utilise the home help service.

Age	Male		Female	
	Total Home Help	Living alone & Home Help	Total Home Help	Living alone & Home Help
50—60	7	4	7	3
61—65	2	1	11	7
66—70	12	5	35	24
71—75	20	10	61	35
76—80	31	13	114	81
81 +	48	23	149	107
Totals:	120	56	377	257
	(Approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ of total)		(Approx. $\frac{2}{3}$ of total)	

Here is shown the large percentage of those living alone who require aid from the home help service, which substantiates the point made previously that those in isolation need special attention.

Table V—Disability Distribution

The main disability in both sexes is associated with the respiratory system.

MALES

	Age					
	50—60	61—65	66—70	71—75	76—80	81 & over
Total number in age group	27	58	219	300	259	181
Gastro Intestinal Tract	2	3	9	5	4	8
Respiratory System	4	6	40	42	34	18
Cardio Vascular System	2	3	14	14	12	7
Locomotion	1	3	7	12	5	5
Blind	1	1	—	5	3	4
Deaf	—	—	2	—	4	3
Blind and Deaf	—	—	—	1	—	—

FEMALES

	Age					
	50—60	61—65	66—70	71—75	76—80	81 & over
Total number in age group	70	253	520	621	544	438
Gastro Intestinal Tract	5	2	9	10	14	10
Respiratory System	3	21	42	33	35	26
Cardio Vascular System	4	11	15	29	21	25
Locomotion	8	8	14	24	30	30
Blind	2	2	5	5	10	14
Deaf	—	2	2	12	7	8
Blind and Deaf	—	—	—	—	—	1

In a few cases there was more than one handicap.

Table VI—Housing

Well over half of the elderly in the survey are housed by the Bermondsey Borough Council or the London County Council.

Age	Male			Female		
	L.C.C.	B.B.C.	Private	L.C.C.	B.B.C.	Private
50—60	1	12	14	6	27	37
61—65	7	20	31	19	60	174
66—70	16	58	145	40	146	334
71—75	21	85	194	50	169	402
76—80	14	74	171	37	153	354
81—90	14	48	107	29	134	248
91+	2	2	8	4	5	18
	75	299	670	185	694	1,567

General

During the year 7,046 visits have been made to elderly people by the Public Health Assistants, as follows :-

Miss D. Bishop (has also performed relief duties at Municipal Club)	...	1,448
Mrs. N. Witherden	... ..	2,734
Mr. W. White	... ..	2,864
		<hr/> 7,046 <hr/>

Conclusions

The number of house-bound and bed-bound is very small and every effort is being made, by utilising the services available, to keep these unfortunates out of the chronic sick wards of the hospitals. The voluntary clubs are doing excellent work in giving their members many and varied interests and are most helpful in letting me know when one of their number has not been seen around for a time, or if deterioration is evident. The Municipal Club, likewise, is most useful in this direction but, alas, is now getting so overcrowded that some members are staying away. The success of this venture makes it imperative that the Committee should consider planning not only for an extension of the existing Club, but also for a similar project in another part of the Borough, for the future.

The final phase of the survey may take some time as those at present "outside the net" may be the most difficult to find.

The three Public Health Assistants can now plan periodic visits to all known cases, the frequency of the visits being determined by the need. By this means it is hoped to cut down the number of elderly people found *dead or seriously ill* in their homes.

Municipal Club

Now that the Club has entered its third year, it is gratifying to note that enrolled membership has continued to rise and is now 390, the average weekly attendance being 360.

The normal weekly programme of whist drives, Old Time Dancing Classes and film shows was extended in the Autumn by the formation of an Arts and Crafts Class, which embraces basketry, embroidery, and the making of soft toys, calendars and Christmas Cards. This class has proved extremely popular with the old people.

With the co-operation of the Libraries Committee, since the beginning of the year the services of a mobile library have been made available to members, and this service has been greatly appreciated by them.

As an experiment, monthly evening socials were held during the early months of the year, and these were very popular.

Many trips to West End theatres and cinemas were organised throughout the year, for which members were able to take advantage of specially reduced seating prices.

Amongst the various games played by members, darts is one which hitherto has been mostly confined to the men, but lately, the ladies, too, have started playing, and friendly matches are arranged between them. A dartboard surround with scoring panels was kindly donated to the Club by a firm of brewers.

A local trader generously undertook to loan the Club a television set on those occasions when items of general interest were being televised, such as the Royal Wedding earlier in the year, and members have been very pleased to take advantage of this.

The Annual Outing of the Club and Workrooms, which this year was to Southsea, took place on Monday, 27th June, 145 members attending. The coaches left the Public Health Centre at 8.30 a.m., arriving at Southsea just before lunch at 1 p.m., which was provided in the Castle Restaurant. The meal was very good indeed and was greatly enjoyed. The cost was 5/9d. per head but it was possible to provide it free of charge to members, and also to give them 2/6d. towards the cost of tea, for which they made their own arrangements. Members rejoined the coaches at 6 p.m. for the return journey, after a very enjoyable day. Music on the coaches was provided by a member of the staff.

Many outings were arranged during the spring and summer, which included a day trip to Southend on one of the Eagle Steamers, a conducted tour of the Guinness Brewery at Park Royal and also Huntley & Palmer's factory at Reading. Hopfields tours were arranged during the season and also a trip to Southend to see the illuminations.

Visits have been made to several Women's Institutes in the country and, on one of these to Bolney, Sussex, members were conducted over a local farm where pedigree cattle are reared and were able to see some of the general running of the farm, which they found very interesting. Return visits to the Club were made by parties from the Women's Institutes, all of whom showed great interest in the activities of the Club and the welfare of the members.

Club members have always shown great interest in the Annual Flower Show organised by the Gardens Section, and it is gratifying to report that Club entries were awarded first prize in the Floral Decorations section and third prizes in each of the sections for Cage Birds and Special Plants.

Towards the end of the year a Bring and Buy Sale was organised to raise funds for the Annual Christmas Party, which was held on 21st December in the large Libraries Hall. The Mayor and Mayoress very kindly accepted an invitation and attended with the Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Welfare of Old People. Carols were sung during tea by girls from the Aylwin School, and entertainments during the evening included a concert party, Old Time Dancing, a sing-song, and games, for which prizes were given. Each old person received a gift, and also a bag of fruit and sweets on leaving. The evening was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned.

During the year, the Workrooms have undertaken many and varied contracts, which have included the production of various types of folders, postcard albums and braids for braces, the assembly and packing of nose-pieces for skin diving apparatus, and the packing of fancy goods, etc., for various companies according to seasonal demand. It must be stated that the value of the Workrooms is twofold, insofar as it not only enables the old people to add their modest incomes but affords them the reassurance of knowing that they are continuing to lead a purposeful and active life in the community.

It would not be practicable to record individually all the acts of generosity and donations of money and services made to the Club by various individuals and organisations during the past year, but for all these the gratitude and appreciation of Club members is recorded, and also for the continued interest in the activities of their Club.

The Council continued to act as agents for the Council for the Welfare of Old People in the operation of the Meals on Wheels Service and the Meals Service provided for the Municipal Club. The following table sets out the number of meals supplied monthly during the year.

	<i>Meals on Wheels</i>	<i>Municipal Club</i>
January	1,832	959
February	1,898	980
March	1,954	1,063
April	1,782	858
May	2,041	1,014
June	1,964	819
July	1,956	869
August	1,926	968
September	1,862	897
October	1,785	1,036
November	1,923	1,087
December	1,788	853
	<hr/> 22,711 <hr/>	<hr/> 11,403 <hr/>

The Council act as agents for the British Red Cross for the supply of sick room requisites and this appears to be a very satisfactory arrangement as immediate issues can be made from stock. Special aids and fireguards have also been obtained from the London County Council for the use of the physically handicapped.

During the year wireless sets for the use of 21 homebound persons were obtained from the Society for the Provision of Wireless for the Homebound, and, through the generosity of a local trader, television sets were made available to three homebound, old people, for which the costs of the licenses have also been kindly met by the Society.

Clothing, also, was provided for many old people throughout the year by the Women's Voluntary Service on the recommendation of the Department's Public Health Assistants.

STREET AND OPEN MARKETS

Bermondsey Square (New Caledonian)

Number of licences in operation	....	....	....	214
Income for 1960	....	....	....	£4576 17 0

Street Markets

Total Income for 1960	....	....	....	£4507 5 6
Number of licences in operation :				
Albion Street	....	....	....	13
Bermondsey Street	....	....	....	42
Railway Approach	....	....	....	15
Southwark Park Road	....	....	....	48
Tower Bridge Road	....	....	....	31
Trident Street	....	....	....	1
Various	....	....	....	12
			Total	162

There were no prosecutions for unlicensed trading during 1960.

INVESTIGATION OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

During the year the study of atmospheric pollution has been continued in co-operation with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. The following tables show the concentration of smoke and sulphur-dioxide, as recorded at the Municipal Offices, and the amount of deposited matter recorded by the deposit gauges at Brunel Road, Rotherhithe, and the Public Health Centre, Grange Road.

Concentration of Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide

Month	Smoke expressed in mgs. per 100 cubic metres		Sulphur dioxide expressed in parts per 100 million	
	Monthly Average	Highest Daily Average	Monthly Average	Highest Daily Average
January	48	173	13·6	38·2
February	40	110	11·1	26·2
March	30	64	10·5	18·2
April	16	35	8·2	18·2
May	18	54	8·1	16·1
June	7	21	5·5	13·0
July	11	20	4·9	9·6
August	12	23	4·8	10·1
September	13	35	5·1	16·6
October	40	108	8·0	11·6
November	43	107	7·9	17·0
December	60	120	11·8	24·1

Deposited Matter

Month	Grange Road		Brunel Road	
	Rain, ins.	Matter deposited in tons per sq. ml.	Rain, ins.	Matter deposited in tons per sq. ml.
January	1·44	21·58	0·30	5·84
February	1·66	21·84	No analysis made	
March	1·76	40·04	1·18	25·98
April	0·39	15·07	0·36	13·60
May	1·90	*44·23	1·94	16·17
June	0·76	19·87	1·20	15·34
July	2·77	13·89	2·88	12·40
August	2·10	12·92	0·63	5·40
September	4·67	19·96	4·67	19·41
October	5·54	24·87	5·19	25·44
November	3·55	14·89	2·98	10·01
December	2·44	23·05	2·29	21·14

*Deposited matter contained considerable quantity of vegetable debris from nearby trees. It was not possible to remove and disregard it, and it has increased the figures to abnormally high values.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH

The Borough Council completed 172 flats, 529 were in course of erection at the end of the year and plans for 447 were prepared or in course of preparation.

261 families from the waiting list, clearance areas etc. have been rehoused and 182 transfers and exchanges were arranged. This has resulted in 443 families being provided with improved accommodation by the Borough Council.

402 families were rehoused by the London County Council and 18 families were accommodated in new towns.

3 E.F.M. Bungalows were demolished during the year and 137 remain.

HOUSING ACT, 1957—OVERCROWDING

The following new cases of overcrowding have been encountered during the year:—

In private dwellings	7
In Bermondsey Borough Council dwellings	—
In London County Council dwellings	—
Total	7

Total number of cases of overcrowding at present on the Register 21

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

The following table shows the fumigations carried out during 1960:—

	Disinfested
Council houses or flats	39
Other houses or flats	65

INSPECTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, ETC.

Hereunder will be found particulars of Inspections, Proceedings, etc., for the year 1960:—

INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	2,035
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	16,592
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	6
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	10
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	6
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding subhead) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	422

REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	614
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ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:—

(A) Proceedings under the Housing Act, 1957:—

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

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	991
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—

(a) By owners	288
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	1

(C) Proceedings under Housing Act 1957:—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	5
(3) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil
(4) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	1
(5) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit....	Nil

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH (LONDON) ACT, 1936:—

(1) Number of prosecutions	9
(2) Fines imposed	—
(3) Costs awarded	£26 1 0

REGISTERED PREMISES—

Premises	Number on Register at end of 1960	Number of Inspections	Number of Prosecutions
Common Lodging Houses	2	30	—
Milkshops	117	103	—
Ice Cream Premises	204	45	—
Offensive Trades (including Poultry Slaughter-houses)	8	11	—
Hairdressers and Barbers	62	74	—

SMOKE NUISANCES—

Number of observations	86
Number of notices	1
Number of complaints	8
Number of summonses	1

SALE OF FOOD—

Number of premises used other than ice-cream premises, milk-shops and cowsheds	555
Number of inspections	1,877

RAG, FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951:

Number of premises registered	3
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DRAINAGE WORK

Particulars of work carried out by the Drainage Inspector during 1960:—

Drains Tested	352
Visits to new building works	761
Other Visits	258
Total visits	1,371

RENT ACT, 1957

Number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	4
Number of decisions not to issue Certificates	—
Number of decisions to issue Certificates—	
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	2
(b) in respect of all defects	2
Number of undertakings given by landlords	2
Number of undertakings refused	—
Number of Certificates issued	2
Number of applications by landlords for cancellation of certificates	—
Number of objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	—
Number of decisions to cancel in spite of tenants' objection	—
Number of Certificates cancelled	—
Number of Certificates as to Remedying of Defects specified in Landlord's undertaking issued	18

WORK OF DISTRICT INSPECTORS, 1959.

		Mr. CHARLTON	Mr. KNOTT	Mr. SHAKESPEARE	Mr. SMITH	TOTALS
1	House-to-House	8	19	27	—	54
2	Special Inspections	791	789	1046	801	3427
3	Complaints	406	678	440	261	1785
4	Infectious Diseases	435	330	228	140	1133
5	Rats	21	24	168	—	213
6	Outworkers' Inspection	24	34	29	27	114
7	Drains Tested	11	36	6	6	59
8	Other Calls and Visits	397	3249	1729	1583	6958
9	Chimneys watched	22	—	59	5	86
10	Bakehouses	—	3	30	8	41
11	Common Lodging Houses	—	—	25	5	30
12	Butchers	28	154	54	61	297
13	Fishmongers, Friers and Curers	9	9	7	24	49
14	Food Stores	30	131	23	47	231
15	Fruiterers and Greengrocers	20	18	33	11	82
16	Pet Animals	1	12	—	—	13
17	Markets	67	64	—	73	204
18	Restaurants and Eating Houses...	1	6	—	1	8
19	Destruction of Food	13	21	8	25	67
20	Hairdressers	20	23	15	16	74
21	Factories	35	29	52	30	146
22	Inspections under Rent Act, 1957	10	9	55	—	74
23	Offensive Trades	—	—	1	10	11
24	Inspections under Clean Air Act, 1956	458	—	463	539	1460
TOTALS { Visits		2807	5638	4498	3673	16616
Intimations		170	459	218	151	998

WORK OF DISTRICT INSPECTORS

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

INSPECTIONS

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	196	200	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	363	685	2	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	64	207	—	—
Total	623	1092	2	—

DEFECTS FOUND

Particulars	Number of Cases in which Defects were found				Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6.)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)—					
Insufficient	2	2	—	—	—
Unsuitable or Defective	—	—	—	2	—
Not separate for Sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other Offences (Not including offences relating to Home Work)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2	2	—	2	—

WORK OF DISTRICT INSPECTORS 1959 FACTORY ACT 1937 to 1959 INSPECTIONS OUTWORK

Nature of work	Number of out-workers in August lists as required by Sect. 110(1)(c)(2)	Number of Bermondsey residents included in lists
Wearing Apparel ...	168	15
Cotton Bag Stringing	13	8

Out-workers resident in Bermondsey notified by other Boroughs:

Nature of work	Number of Out-workers
Wearing Apparel ...	17
Paper Bags ...	1
Making of boxes, etc.	8
Carding of buttons, etc.	7
Christmas Crackers	4

There were no instances of work in unwholesome premises and no notices were served or prosecutions undertaken.

RODENT CONTROL

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

	Type of Property			
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	All other (including Business and Industrial)	Total
I. Total number of properties in Local Authorities District	33	15,400	4,600	20,033
II. Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority as a result of (a) notification or (b) otherwise.	(a) 5	269	115	389
	(b) 9	—	353	362
III. Number of properties (under II) found to be infested by rats.	Major —	—	12	12
	Minor 4	145	160	309
IV. Number of properties (under II) found to be seriously infested by mice	Major —	—	1	1
	Minor 2	95	107	204
V. Number of infested properties (under III and IV) treated by the Local Authority	6	240	208	454
VI. Number of Notices served under Section 4:—				
1. Treatment	—	—	—	—
2. Structural Works (i.e. Proofing)	—	—	—	—
— Total	—	—	—	—
VII. Number of cases in which default action was taken by Local Authority following issue of Notice under Section 4....	—	—	—	—
VIII. Legal Proceedings	—	—	—	—
IX. Number of "block" control schemes carried out				3

FACTORY BAKEHOUSES

There are nine factory bakehouses in use, all of them situated above ground.

HOUSE, TRADE AND MARKET REFUSE

The following table shows the amount of house, trade and market refuse disposed of during 1960 :—

Disposal	Loads	tons	cwts.	qrs.
House Refuse to Barge	11,389	16,167	9	—
Trade Refuse to Barge	5,238	5,963	4	2
Street and Open Markets Refuse to Barge	939	515	—	—
Totals	17,566	22,645	13	2

OFFENSIVE TRADES

The offensive trades on the Register are as follows :—

Fellmongers	3	Dresser of Fur Skins	4
Glue and size makers	1		

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

During the year 4 licences to keep a pet shop were granted. Two of these were in respect of stalls in market places.

Inspections are made to ensure that the terms of the licence are complied with.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are three swimming baths in the Borough open for public use, two indoor pools controlled by the Borough Council and one outdoor pool controlled by the London County Council. The water in each is examined for chemical and bacteriological condition at least once each summer during a period of peak use.

Bath	Controlled by	Source of water and capacity of Bath	Method of treatment	Frequency of change of water i.e. turn-over period	Filtration area available	Bacteriological Condition of Water		
						No. of micro organisms living and capable of developing upon agar at 37°C.	No. of micro organisms living and capable of developing upon agar at 22°C.	Coliform group, Cl. welchii Streptococci.
Central Baths 1st Class	Bermondsey Borough Council	Metropolitan Water Board 120,000 gals.	Continuous rapid filtration Breakpoint chlorination	4 hrs.	250 sq. ft.	Nil	Nil	Absent from 100 c.c.
Central Baths 2nd Class	Bermondsey Borough Council	Metropolitan Water Board 80,000 gals.	Continuous rapid filtration Breakpoint chlorination.			Nil	Nil	Absent from 100 c.c.
Southwark Park Open-air Pool	London County Council	Metropolitan Water Board 365,000 gals.	Filtration, chlorination and aeration. Wallace & Turner plant BD/PIM (chlorine injection 8 lbs. per hour)	8 hrs.	96 sq. ft.	Nil	Nil	Absent from 100 c.c.

CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

The Bermondsey (Tooley Street No. 1) Smoke Control Order, 1959

This Order came into force on 1st July, 1960 and details of the Smoke Control Area made by this Order are as follows :

Area: 39.5 acres

Types of properties within Area :	Industrial	11
	Commercial	118
	Dwellings	775
	Others	2

Of the 775 dwellings exemptions were made in respect of 414 as these are situated in proposed Clearance Areas.

Works of replacement and adaptation of fireplaces were necessary in 186 dwellings and the provision of gas or electric points in 93. The estimated total cost of these works is £4,180.13.6.

The Bermondsey No. 3 (Abbey Street) Smoke Control Order, 1960

This Order was made by the Council in November, 1960 and, at the end of the year, was awaiting confirmation. Details of the Smoke Control Area made by this Order are as follows:-

Area: 68.5 Acres

Types of properties within Area:	Industrial	51
	Commercial	98
	Dwellings	1,107
	Others	10

Works of replacement and adaptation of fireplaces are considered necessary in 237 dwellings and the provision of gas or electric points in 438 dwellings. The estimated total cost of these works is £5,324.4.6

Surveys of properties in connection with the establishment of Smoke Control Areas have continued throughout the year in accordance with the Council's objective of establishing one Area each year until the whole of the Borough is covered. During the year 2,463 visits were made by the staff of the Department.

The Council is represented on various bodies dealing with the problems of Clean Air such as the National Society for Clean Air and the Standing Conference of Co-operating Bodies, and a number of meetings have been attended by the Council's representatives.

Legal Proceedings

Date of Hearing	Offence	Result
30.11.60	Emmission of smoke from the chimney of a building within a Smoke Control Area.	Fine £5 0s. 0d. Costs £3 3s. 0d.

FOOD CONTROL

PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937/48.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

183 samples were taken during the year by the Wharves Inspectors.

Article Examined	No. of Samples	Purpose of Examination	Result	Action
Almond Spread ...	1	To ascertain composition	Ingredients not correctly stated on label	Released with warning to importers
Antipasto ...	1	" "	Satisfactory	Released
Apple Sauce ...	1	For presence of preservatives	"	"
Apricots, Dried ...	4	" "	"	"
" "	1	" "	Contained 2080 parts per million Sulphur Dioxide	Released with warning to importers
" "	1	" "	Contained quantity of insect frass	"
Bacon & Liver Patties	1	For presence of preservatives	Satisfactory	Released
Bircher Muesli ...	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Butter ...	16	To ascertain condition	"	"
Butter, Pastry ...	3	" "	"	"
Cheese ...	2	" "	"	"
Chicken, Dehydrated	1	" "	"	"
Chocolate, Milk ...	1	" "	"	"
Chocolate Milk Drink	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Chocolate, Cognac...	1	" "	"	"
Chocolate, Kirsch	1	" "	"	"

Article Examined	No. of Samples	Purpose of Examination	Result	Action
Coffee, Instant ...	1	For preservatives & metallic contamination	Satisfactory	Released
Confectionery containing Brandy	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Corned Beef Loaf	1	For preservatives & metallic contamination	"	"
Cranberries in Syrup	1	" "	"	"
Cream, Canned ...	5	For milk fat content, preservatives & metallic contamination	"	"
Cucumbers, Pickled	2	For presence of preservatives	"	"
Cucumber Slices ...	1	For presence of preservatives	Label incorrect	Released with warning to importers
Currants ...	2	To ascertain condition	Satisfactory	Released
Familia ...	2	To ascertain composition	"	"
Gherkins, Sweet ...	1	For presence of preservatives	Label incorrect	Released with warning to importers
Ham, Chopped ...	1	To ascertain composition and for preservatives	Contained 85% instead of 95% meat and also added cereal	Released with warning to importers
Honey ...	1	To ascertain condition	Satisfactory	Released
Ice Cream Powder	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Lard ...	1	To ascertain condition	"	"
Luncheon Meat ...	1	For preservatives & metallic contamination	Presence of sodium nitrite not declared on label	Released with warning to importers
Marzipan ...	1	For presence of preservatives	Contained 75 parts per million benzoic acid	Released with warning to importers

Article Examined	No. of Samples	Purpose of Examination	Result	Action
Meat Balls	1	To ascertain composition	Satisfactory	Released
Meat Balls with Lentils	1	" "	No statement of ingredients on label	Released with warning to importers
Milk, Evaporated ...	1	To ascertain condition	Satisfactory	Released
Milk, Powdered ...	1	" "	Label incorrect	Released with warning to importers
Mustard	1	For presence of preservatives	Satisfactory	Released
Orange Juice ...	1	" "	"	"
Oranges & Wrappers	1	" "	"	"
Paella	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Pastry	1	" "	"	"
Pate de Foie Gras ...	1	" "	"	"
Peanuts, Flaked ...	1	For presence of preservatives	"	"
Pork Cutlets ...	1	For preservatives & metallic contamination	Presence of sodium nitrite not declared on label	Released with warning to importers
Pork, Chopped (with Ham) ...	2	" "	Satisfactory	Released
Pork Luncheon Meat	1	" "	"	"
Ravioli	4	To ascertain composition	Satisfactory	Released
Raspberries, Canned	1	For preservatives & metallic contamination	Syrup 30° Brix instead of 40°	Released with warning to importers
Risotto	1	To ascertain composition	Satisfactory	Released
Salad Cream ...	1	For preservatives & metallic contamination	Contained 600 parts per million Benzoic Acid	Re-exported
" "	1	" "	Satisfactory	Released

Article Examined	No. of Samples	Purpose of Examination	Result	Action
Salmon Mayonnaise	1	For presence of preservatives	Satisfactory	Released
Sausages in Brine ...	1	For preservatives & metallic contamination	"	"
Shrimps, Sliced ...	1	" "	Label incorrect	Released with warning to importers
Smoked Salmon Mayonnaise	1	For presence of preservatives	Satisfactory	Released
Sprats ...	1	For preservatives & metallic contamination	"	"
Strawberries, Canned	2	" "	"	"
Sultanas ...	1	To ascertain condition	"	"
Sweet & Sour Sauce	1	For presence of preservatives	"	"
Swiss Dessert ...	1	To ascertain composition	Ingredients not correctly stated on label	Released with warning to importers
"	"	"	"	"
Tea ...	74	For metallic contamination	Satisfactory	Released
"	4	" "	Contained small amount of Lead	Released with warning to importers
"	2	" "	Contained small quantity of metallic iron & acid-insoluble ash	"
"	5	" "	Excess iron contamination	Detained
Tea, Instant...	1	" "	Satisfactory	Released
Veal & Pork Patties	1	For presence of preservatives	"	"
Vegetables with Chopped Beef	1	To ascertain composition	No statement of ingredients on label	Released with warning to importers
Vegetables in Wine Vinegar	1	" "	Satisfactory	Released
Zapichit ...	1	For presence of preservatives and to ascertain composition	Contained 45 parts per million Benzoic Acid	Released with warning to importers

PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937/48

	Disposed of for purposes other than human food				Destroyed				Removed for sorting under Sanitary Authority				Re-exported			
	T.	C.	Q.	L.	T.	C.	Q.	L.	T.	C.	Q.	L.	T.	C.	Q.	L.
Bacon ...	7	2	3	10	—	6	3	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beans ...	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Butter ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	21	4	17	1	—	—	—	—	—
Casings ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—
Cabbage ...	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cheese ...	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	18	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cheese Spread	—	—	—	—	—	12	2	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cocoa ...	—	—	—	—	2	12	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coconut, Desi.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	—	24	4	5	1	12
Coffee ...	—	—	—	—	—	14	2	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Confectionery	—	2	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coriander Seed	—	2	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Corn Meal ...	—	18	1	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cucumbers, Pkld.	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Egg, Dried ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	—	—	—	—	5	6	—	—
Egg, Frozen ...	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	4	538	9	1	—	35	15	—	—
Egg Albumen ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	21	9	19	—	—
Fish, Canned	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Flour ...	—	8	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Frankfurters ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fruit ...	9	14	—	—	6	5	—	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fruit, Canned	—	—	—	—	24	3	2	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fruit, Dried ...	—	—	—	—	2	5	—	24	1	13	1	20	3	9	2	4
Fruit Juice & Pulp	—	—	—	—	8	9	2	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gherkins ...	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ginger ...	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lard ...	—	3	—	—	—	2	3	1	4	9	3	—	—	—	—	—
Meat ...	—	—	2	19	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—
Meat, Canned	3	15	—	11	36	19	1	8	—	—	—	—	14	3	2	18
Milk, Canned	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nuts ...	3	7	2	7	—	12	3	6	3	—	3	1	—	—	—	—
Offals ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	15	6	1	—
Onions ...	—	—	—	—	11	1	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Onion Powder	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peas, Frozen ...	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Potatoes ...	—	—	—	—	6	4	3	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poultry ...	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poultry, Canned	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prawns, Frozen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	1	—	—
Preserves ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rice ...	2	6	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sago ...	—	3	2	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sauerkraut ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Semolina ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sugar ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	4	—	13	—	25	—	—	—	—
Tapioca ...	—	14	1	7	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tea ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	2	—	—	10	6	1	—
Tomatoes ...	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomatoes, Canned ...	—	—	—	—	50	19	2	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomato Juice ...	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomato Paste	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomato Puree	—	—	—	—	13	2	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vegetables ...	—	—	—	—	2	6	3	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vegetables, Canned ...	—	—	—	—	1	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Various ...	—	—	—	—	32	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	28	19	1	—	211	14	1	26	558	16	1	7	122	11	—	6

IMPORTED FROZEN PRAWNS

Consignments of Frozen Prawns and Shrimps from various countries continued to enter the borough during 1960 and samples were taken as follows :-

	No. of samples taken
Chinese Frozen Prawns & Shrimps (Uncooked)	46
Japanese Frozen Prawns (Cooked)	32
Chilean Frozen Prawns (Uncooked)	9
Port Said Frozen Prawns (Cooked)	9
Total ...	96

Samples from three consignments showed a plate count per gm. at 37°C. in excess of 2,000,000 and these consignments were detained and later re-exported.

Where a consignment showed a plate count of between 250,000 and 2,000,000 the importer was warned that the prawns must be used immediately after defrosting.

No organisms of the Salmonella or Dysentery groups were found in any of the samples taken.

DESICCATED COCONUT

409 samples of Desiccated Coconut were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year, 407 being from consignments from Ceylon and the remaining 2 from a consignment from the Phillipines.

Salmonella organisms were found in 13 of the samples of Ceylonese coconut examined and the types of contamination were as follows :-

Salmonella senftenberg	...	...	...	...	...	1
Salmonella waycross	...	...	...	...	...	3
Salmonella nchanga	...	...	...	...	...	5
Salmonella ferlac	...	...	...	...	...	4

SAMPLING OF EGG PRODUCTS 1960

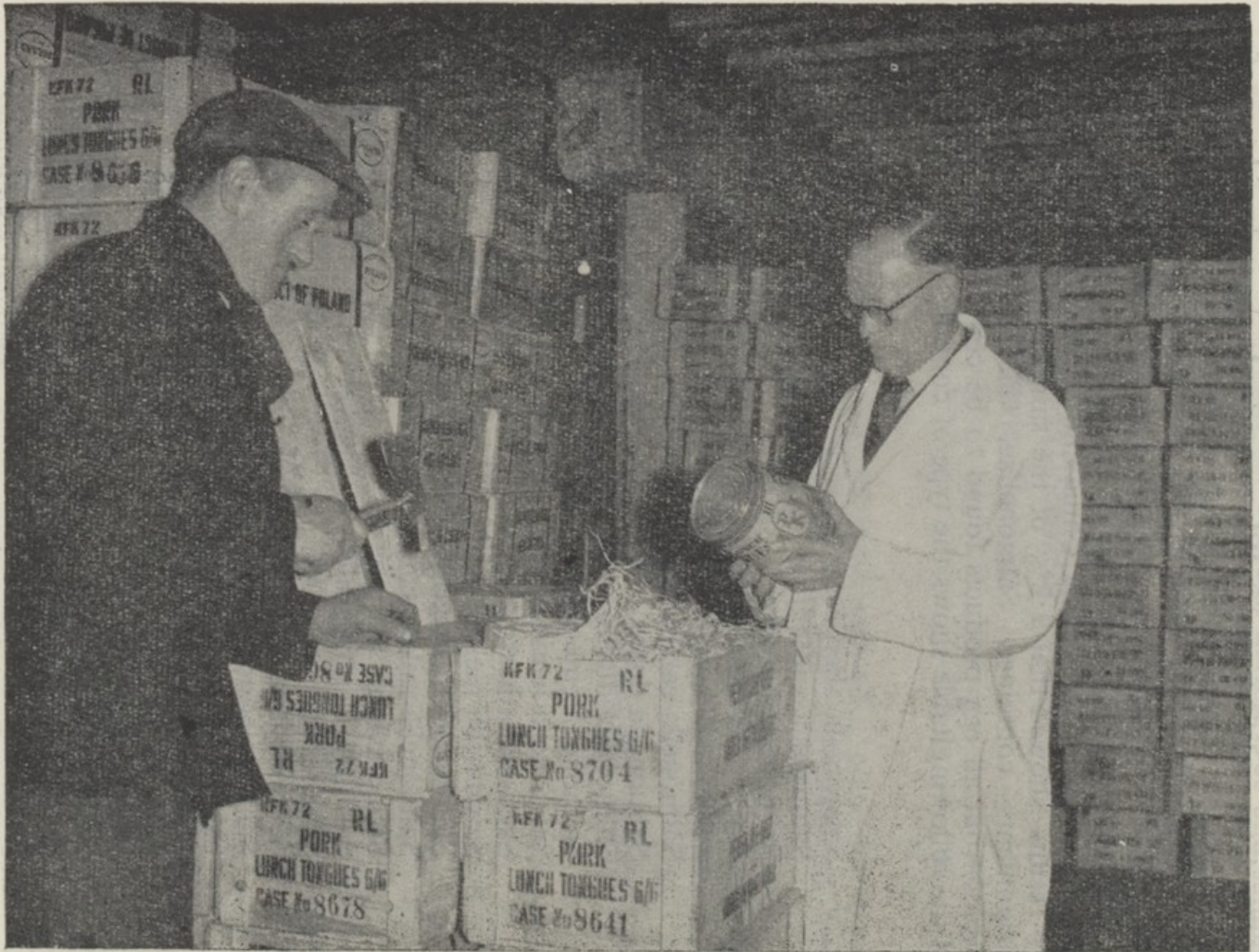
Sampling of egg products to determine possible contamination by *Salmonella* organisms was continued during 1960. In order to obtain a punctual examination and rapid decision, the importers paid for a considerable number of samples to be examined.

The method of sampling was by batch numbers (signifying packing dates and factories). Where a sample showed evidence of contamination the whole batch was placed under detention and later either re-exported or released for pasteurisation and high temperature baking.

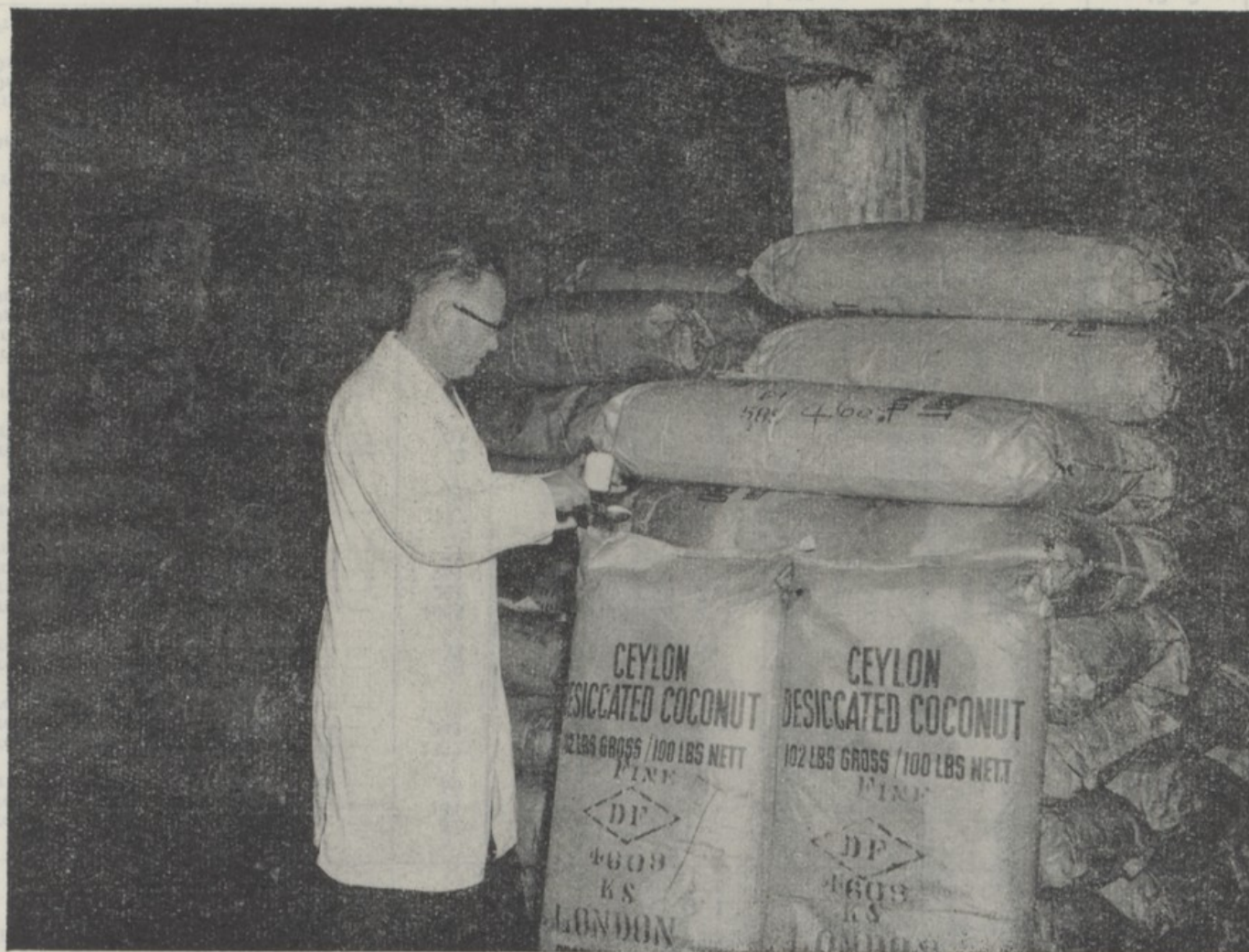
The main importations were of frozen whole egg of which the chief exporters were Australia, China and South Africa and laboratory results showed that 9.2% of the samples taken from these consignments contained *Salmonellae*. The total number of samples from all egg products found to be contaminated was 440 and the following table shows the type of contamination:—

	<i>No. of samples</i>
<i>Salmonella</i> aberdeen	21
<i>Salmonella</i> anatum	9
<i>Salmonella</i> bareilly	37
<i>Salmonella</i> bloemfontein	1
<i>Salmonella</i> bovis morbificans	4
<i>Salmonella</i> cambridge	1
<i>Salmonella</i> derby	2
<i>Salmonella</i> dublin	1
<i>Salmonella</i> enteritidis	1
<i>Salmonella</i> heidelberg	1
<i>Salmonella</i> hessarek	1
<i>Salmonella</i> meleagridis	1
<i>Salmonella</i> meleagridis and potsdam	1
<i>Salmonella</i> mikawasima	7
<i>Salmonella</i> mississippi	1
<i>Salmonella</i> montevideo	2
<i>Salmonella</i> muenchen	1
<i>Salmonella</i> newport	7
<i>Salmonella</i> norwich	1
<i>Salmonella</i> nyborg	2
<i>Salmonella</i> paratyphi B.	75
<i>Salmonella</i> potsdam	30
<i>Salmonella</i> st. paul	1
<i>Salmonella</i> san diego	1
<i>Salmonella</i> senftenberg	2
<i>Salmonella</i> thompson	55
<i>Salmonella</i> typhi-murium	166
<i>Salmonella</i> virchow	4
Unidentified <i>Salmonella</i>	4
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The samples of paratyphi B. include a considerable number of samples taken at the request of the Central Public Health Laboratory from egg known to be contaminated.



Examination of Imported Canned Goods



Sampling of Imported Desiccated Coconut

IMPORTATION OF FOOD PRODUCTS 1920

IMPORTATION OF EGG PRODUCTS, 1960

Country of origin	Type of Egg Product	Quantity Imported (to nearest cwt.) T. C. Q. L.	No. of samples taken	No. of samples positive	Quantity of contaminated egg T. C. Q. L.	Disposal of contaminated egg			
						Released for pasteurisation T. C. Q. L.	Re-exported T. C. Q. L.	Destroyed T. C. Q. L.	Still under detention T. C. Q. L.
ARGENTINA	Frozen Whole Egg	128 3 — —	52	2	4 18 — —		4 18 — —		
	Frozen Albumen	187 7 — —	141	3	3 6 2 —	3 6 2 —			
	Dried Whole Egg	114 3 — —	60	—					
AUSTRALIA	Frozen Whole Egg	5063 8 — —	2332	149	289 9 2 —	287 13 2 —			1 16 — —
	Frozen Albumen	406 5 — —	245	1	18 — —	— 18 — —			
	Frozen Yolk	25 — — —	17	—					
CANADA	Frozen Whole Egg	60 — — —	20	—					
	Frozen Albumen	73 — — —	38	—					
CHINA	Frozen Whole Egg	1911 7 — —	1058	177	148 8 2 —	101 4 2 —	45 8 — —	— 17 2 —	— 18 2 —
	Frozen Albumen	387 10 — —	221	6	9 16 2 —	3 2 2 —	6 14 — —		
	Dried Whole Egg	233 8 — —	261	31	8 7 — —	— 3 — —	7 14 — —		— 10 — —
	Dried Yolk	19 17 — —	27	—					
DENMARK	Frozen Albumen	12 10 — —	2	—					
	Dried Albumen	— 10 — —	1	—					
FRANCE	Frozen Whole Egg	9 13 — —	2	—					
	Frozen Albumen	60 12 — —	23	—					
GERMANY	Frozen Albumen	8 16 — —	10	—					
HOLLAND	Frozen Whole Egg	13 15 — —	4	—					
	Frozen Albumen	29 6 — —	10	—					
	Dried Whole Egg	— 11 — —	1	—					
	Dried Albumen	— 8 — —	1	—					
NEW ZEALAND	Frozen Whole Egg	621 5 — —	348	—					
POLAND	Frozen Whole Egg	142 1 — —	74	—					
SOUTH AFRICA	Frozen Whole Egg	1802 — — —	908	71	201 11 — —	201 11 — —			
SWEDEN	Dried Yolk	— 8 — —	4	—					
U.S.A.	Frozen Albumen	150 3 — —	16	—					
	Dried Albumen	36 3 — —	32	—					
	Dried Yolk	11 2 — —	7	—					
YUGOSLAVIA	Frozen Albumen	39 10 — —	11	—					
	Totals	11548 1 — —	5926	440	666 15 — —	597 19 — —	64 14 — —	— 17 2 —	3 4 2 —

SECTION 14, FOOD & DRUGS ACT

			<i>No. of Premises</i>	<i>No. of Inspections</i>
Ice Cream Premises	....	....	204	45
Preserved Food, etc.	....	....	89	210

DISPOSAL OF UNSOUND FOOD

Condemned food suitable for animal feeding is disposed of for this purpose under supervision.

Condemned food for destruction is collected by Council's van and barged with household refuse.

FOOD PREMISES AND TYPES OF BUSINESS

Restaurants, cafes and snack bars	....	....	....	120
Factory Canteens	....	....	....	83
Grocers and General Provisions	....	....	....	122
Butchers	....	....	....	44
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	....	....	....	73
Fishmongers and Curers	....	....	....	26
Bakers and Pastrycooks	....	....	....	30
Confectioners	....	....	....	57
Public Houses	....	....	....	138
Food Factories	....	....	....	178
Wholesale Food Stores	....	....	....	112
Food Wharves and Depots	....	....	....	53

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

Inspections and re-visits	....	....	....	819
Notices served	....	....	....	36

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955**MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1959**

Legal proceedings taken as result of complaints made by members of the public.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Offence</i>	<i>Result</i>
8.3.60	Selling a cake containing a nail	Absolute discharge Costs: £5.5.0
20.7.60	Selling a bottle of milk containing a plastic button	Fine: £1.0.0 Costs: £3.3.0
6.10.60	Selling a Swiss Tart containing a metal split pin	Absolute discharge Costs: £5.5.0
9.11.60	Selling a loaf of bread containing the larva of an insect	Fine: £2.0.0 Costs: £3.3.0

Nine warning letters were sent in respect of other articles of food complained of by members of the public.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955**FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960**

All food premises are inspected by the Public Health Inspectors and during the year written notice of requirements under the Regulations was given in respect of 36 premises.

Legal proceedings were taken in respect of two premises. In one case a fine of £1 was imposed in respect of each of four infringements of the Regulations with £3.3.0 costs. In the other case a fine of £25 was imposed in respect of one infringement of the Regulations and £5 in respect of each of two other infringements with £5.5.0 costs

WORK OF THE WHARVES AND FOOD INSPECTORS, 1960.

		Mr. BUTCHER	Mr. TAPSFIELD	Mr. CAMPBELL	Mr. HANCOCK	TOTALS
Visits	Food Wharves and Depots	1933	1736	1689	—	5358
	Food Factories	159	172	193	18	542
	Food Stores	678	234	341	146	1399
	Condemnation of Food	276	289	311	36	912
	Milksellers	—	—	—	103	103
	Ice Cream Premises	—	—	—	45	45
	Pharmacy and Poisons	—	—	—	26	26
	Catering Establishments	—	—	—	819	819
	Various	172	63	147	588	970
Number of samples taken for analysis	Consignments of Imported Food detained	94	98	69	—	261
	Certificates issued for Unsound Food	381	219	356	32	988
	Intimations Served	—	—	—	36	36
	Chemical					
	Food and Drugs	—	—	—	700	700
	Imported Food Regulations	37	77	69	—	183
	Bacteriological					
	Egg Products	3080	624	2272	—	5926
	Frozen Prawns & Shrimps	1	—	97	—	98
	Desiccated Coconut	—	409	—	5	414
	Canned and Cooked Meats	—	6	—	9	15
	Other Foods	14	—	7	9	30
	Milk (Special Designation) Regulations	—	—	—	100	100
	Milk for T.B.	—	—	—	4	4
	Milk for Brucella Abortus	—	—	—	2	2
	Ice Cream	—	—	—	33	33
	Tea	11	—	—	—	11
	Swimming Bath Water	—	—	—	4	4

FOOD AND DRUGS

During the year 700 samples were submitted by the Food and Drugs Inspector. In 40 cases the analysis disclosed an infringement of the law.

No.	Date purchased	Sample	Infringement	Remarks
397	21.1.60	Tomato Flavour Soup Powder	Contained a prohibited red coal-tar dye	Remainder of stock destroyed. No longer in production
398	21.1.60	Pearl Barley	Found to be infested with living mites	Remainder of stock destroyed
443	3.2.60	Friars Balsam B.P.	Contained 12% w/v total solids instead of not less than 16 per cent	Remainder of Stock destroyed
501	29.2.60	Salmon & Anchovy Paste	Contained a prohibited coal-tar dye	Letter to manufacturer
556	23.3.60	Smoked Salmon Mayonnaise	Contained 1,000 parts per million Benzoic Acid	Letter to manufacturer
574	30.3.60	Savoury Steak Cutlets in Meat Gravy	Meat content only 32%	Disposed of for animal food
614	19.4.60	Milk Chocolate containing Irish Whiskey	Contained only 0.35% whiskey. Label misleading	Letter to manufacturer
621	21.4.60	Gluconis	Amount of Vitamin B1 found was rather less than a quarter of the amount claimed on the label	Old stock. No longer in production
625	21.4.60	Casserole Meat	Contained 63% meat instead of not less than 95%	Letter to manufacturer
661	2.5.60	Tomato Flavour Soup Powder	Contained a prohibited coal-tar dye	Remainder of stock destroyed
693	9.5.60	Casserole Meat in Gravy	Contained 63% meat instead of not less than 75%	Letter to importer
714	17.5.60	Peeled Tomatoes	Can slightly "blown" owing to decomposition of contents	Remainder of stock destroyed
718	19.5.60	Soft Drink	Contained excess benzoic acid	Letter to manufacturer
755	3.6.60	Milk Chocolate containing Irish Whisky	Remarks as above—Sample No. 614.	
770	14.6.60	Luncheon Meat	Presence of sodium nitrate not declared on label	Letter to manufacturer
820	4.7.60	Vegetable Soup	Contained 2.8% solid matter and 0.63 % protein instead of 7% solid matter and 1% protein	Letter to manufacturer
821	4.7.60	Chicken Soup	Contained only 3.06% solid matter and 0.88% protein	Letter to manufacturer
833	11.7.60	Milk Loaf	Contained 2% non-fat milk solids instead of not less than 4.5% whole milk solids	Letter to manufacturer

No.	Date purchased	Sample	Infringement	Remarks
848	18.7.60	Currants	Contained live insect eggs	Remainder of stock destroyed
890	27.7.60	Tomato Flavour Soup Powder	Contained prohibited coal-tar dye	Remainder of stock destroyed
898	3.8.60	Tomato Flavour Soup Powder	Contained prohibited coal-tar dye	Remainder of stock destroyed
909	8.8.60	Tomato Sauce	No list of ingredients on label	No longer in production
910	8.8.60	Pilchards in Tomato	No list of ingredients on label	Letter to importer
914	9.8.60	Steak Pie	Contained 15% meat instead of not less than 20%	Letter to manufacturer
934	18.8.60	Sultanas	Infested with insects	Letter to retailer
24	20.9.60	Non-brewed Condiment	Contained 3.2% acetic acid instead of not less than 4%	Letter to retailer
35	22.9.60	Pears in Heavy Syrup	Contents of can discoloured with unpleasant odour	Remainder of stock destroyed
37	4.10.60	Buttered Rolls	Contained margarine instead of butter	Prosecution: Fine—£1.0.0. Costs—£3.3.0.
52	10.10.60	Milk Chocolate containing Irish Whiskey	Remarks as above—Sample No. 614	
98	31.10.60	Orange Squash	Contained prohibited coal-tar dye	Letter to manufacturer
101	31.10.60	Minced beef and Gravy	Sample had an unpleasant and rancid odour	Letter to manufacturer
107	1.11.60	Custard Powder with added glucose	Contained only 2.2% glucose	Letter to manufacturer
109	2.11.60	Beef Sausages	Contained 41% meat instead of not less than 50%	Letter to manufacturer
113	4.11.60	Chocolate made with genuine old Jamaica Rum	Contained only 0.9% rum. Label misleading	Letter to manufacturer
138	14.11.60	Self-raising Flour	Slightly deficient in available Carbon Dioxide	Letter to manufacturer
139	14.11.60	Fruit Milk Scones	No indication that skim milk powder was used	Letter to manufacturer
209	8.12.60	Milk Scones	No indication that skim milk powder was used	Letter to manufacturer
210	9.12.60	Cold & Influenza Mixture	Contained no appreciable amount of Ethyl Nitrite	Letter to manufacturer
212	12.12.60	Non-brewed Condiment	Contained 2.8% acetic acid instead of not less than 4%	Letter to manufacturer
225	29.12.60	Orange Squash	Contained 15% Fruit Juice instead of not less than 25%	Letter to manufacturer

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED) REGULATIONS, 1949

During the year under report the following licences were granted:—

Dealers' Licences.

To sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	....	....	....	52
To sell Pasteurised Milk	....	....	....	101
To sell Sterilised Milk	....	....	....	124

Supplementary Licences

To sell Pasteurised Milk	....	....	....	16
To sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	....	....	....	16
To sell Sterilised Milk	....	....	....	21

All premises used for the sale of milk are regularly inspected to ensure that the standard of cleanliness laid down is maintained.

UNSOUND FOOD

The general inspection of food in shops and on stalls forms part of the duty of the District Public Health Inspectors. Food, in the quantities stated, came under the notice of the Inspectors during the year, and being found unfit for human consumption was destroyed or disposed of for purposes other than human food.

Description of Food	Weight			
	tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Vegetables, Canned	—	—	—	19
Milk, Canned	—	—	1	17
Meat, Canned	—	6	3	13
Fish, Canned	—	—	—	3
Fruit, Canned	—	1	3	25
Meat, not Canned	—	1	2	25
Poultry	—	1	1	21
Fish, not Canned	—	—	3	7
Fruit, Fresh	—	—	1	15
Various	—	—	—	23
Total	—	14	—	—

ICE CREAM

31 samples of ice cream have been examined, with the following results :-

Methylene Blue Grading.		
Grade	1	26
	2	3
	3	1
	4	1
		—
		31
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Chemical analysis

Eight samples of ice cream were submitted for chemical analysis under the Food Standards (Ice Cream) Order, 1953. All samples were satisfactory.

PHARMACY AND POISONS ACT 1933 AND PHARMACY AND MEDICINES ACT 1941

49 premises were entered on the Council's list for the year under report.

MILK PREMISES FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955 MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS 1949

15 milk sellers were registered under the above-mentioned Acts during 1960 and 14 were removed from the register. There were 139 milk sellers on the register at the end of the year.

MILK SAMPLING

Samples of milk, both for bacteriological and chemical examination, are taken from milksellers and special arrangements are made for the sampling of milk supplied to all schools, school meals services and hospitals in the borough. The total number of samples submitted for analysis during 1960 was 228 of which number 98 were taken from schools, hospitals, etc.

For Chemical (i.e., Fat and non-Fatty Solids Analysis).

Condensed Milk	.....	3
Evaporated Milk	.....	5
Sterilised Milk	.....	17
Pasteurised Milk	91
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk	6
Channel Islands Milk	8
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For Bacteriological Examination.**Pasteurised Milk:**

For tubercle bacilli	4
For brucella abortus	2
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		6

For Examination under Milk (Special Designations) Regulations.

Pasteurised Milk (from schools, hospitals, etc.)	49
Pasteurised Milk (other than from schools)	.....	20
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk	18
Sterilised Milk	10
Channel Islands Milk	...	1
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		98

22 Samples of milk, both for bacteriological and chemical analysis, are taken from milksters and special arrangements are made for the sampling of milk supplied to all schools, school meals, etc. and hospitals in the borough. The total number of samples submitted for analysis during 1969 was 528 of which number 98 were taken from schools, hospitals, etc.