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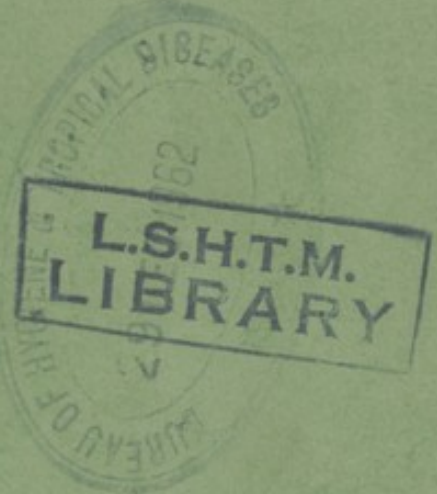


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FOR THE YEAR

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R. C. Charlton, District Inspector.

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 Dept. 20th March, 1961).  
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 2 Station Cleansing Attendants.  
 2 Disinfectors' Washing Machine Attendants.  
 3 Laundresses.  
 1 Stoker.

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 November, 1961).  
 2 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 1961.

The report follows a similar pattern to that of previous years which enables easy reference and comparison. The sections give you a guide to the varied work carried out by your Public Health Department.

It only remains for me to stress here an important aspect of our work. Namely *Infectious Diseases*. On March 28th, 1961, I was notified that a child aged 7 years had a positive swab for diphtheria and, on clinical examination, she was a classical case of membranous diphtheria of the throat. Immediately that late afternoon and evening all contacts were seen and swabbed. On the reswabbing a few days later a second child was positive and removed to hospital as a carrier.

Late in May two mild cases were diagnosed and also numerous carriers. From this short account it can be seen that great care must be taken to ensure a high level of active immunity. This, of course, means regular attendance at clinics for our infants and children to receive the necessary injections.

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, 1960	to 30th June, 1961
111,542	60,640	53,510	51,770

Rateable Value, 1st April, 1961	£1,576,600
Estimated net product of 1d. rate	£6,311
Estimated number of separately assessed dwellings, 1st April, 1961	15,454

## BIRTHS

The total number of births belonging to the borough registered during 1961 was 956 consisting of 490 males and 466 females. The number for 1960 was 868.

Live Births	931
Live Births, rate per 1,000 population	18.25
Still Births	25
Still Births, rate per 1,000 live and still births	26.15
Total live and still births	956
Infant Deaths	18
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births (Total)	19.33
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births (legitimate)	19.33
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births (illegitimate)	—
Neo-natal Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	15.03
Illegitimate live births % of total live births	4.40
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 1961 was 605, consisting of 317 males and 288 females. The number for 1960 was 565. The death rate for 1961 was 11·8 per thousand persons living, compared with 10·6 for 1960.

## MARRIAGES

The total number of marriages in the borough in 1961 was 410 being 36 more than the number for 1960, and 49 below the average for the last 10 years.

The figures have been supplied by the Superintendent Registrar.

Year	No.	Rate
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
1960	374	14·03
Average for years 1951–1960	459	16·10
1961	410	12·43

### INFANTILE MORTALITY

Year	Whole Borough		London	
	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Births	No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Births
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
1960	23	27	1,232	21.61
Average for years 1951-1960	21	22	1,189	22.5
1961	18	19	1,282	21.53

### 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
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
1960	3	0.06	235	0.07
Averages for years 1951-1960	10	0.19	618	0.18
1961	5	0.09	294	0.09

# CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1961.

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 .....	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—
Tuberculosis, other .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease .....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases .....	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach .....	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	2	—	1	—
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus .....	28	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	11	4	9	3	7	4
Malignant neoplasm, breast .....	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	6	—	4	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus .....	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms .....	25	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	8	14	6	7	10	10
Leukaemia, aleukaemia .....	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diabetes .....	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system .....	30	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	5	11	10	13	25
Coronary disease, angina .....	68	37	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	22	11	19	10	24	16

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1961—*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 .....	3	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	1	5	
Other heart disease .....	19	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	4	9	5	9	7	15
Other circulatory disease .....	24	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	3	8	6	11	18
Influenza .....	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
Pneumonia .....	16	16	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	—	3	2	6	14
Bronchitis .....	30	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	2	10	2	12	13
Other diseases of respiratory system .....	4	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum .....	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea .....	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Nephritis and nephrosis .....	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	3	—
Hyperplasia of prostate .....	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital malformations .....	6	6	2	6	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases .....	20	21	10	3	—	—	1	—	4	2	—	3	1	5	4	8
Motor vehicle accidents .....	4	3	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	1	—	1	—
All other accidents .....	6	4	—	—	1	1	1	—	2	—	1	2	1	1	—	—
Suicide .....	4	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—
Homicide and operations of war .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	317	288	13	10	4	1	5	1	18	8	86	67	84	66	107	135
TOTAL CERTIFIED DEATHS .....	605		23		5		6		26		153		150		242	

# 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-seven 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 1961

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED											TOTALS PER WARD													TOTAL		
	At all Ages	At Ages—Year										Saints	Neckinger	Central	Tunnel	Dockyard	Park	Raymouth	South	Thorburn	Willow Walk	South West	Abbey	Leather Market		Non Parishioners	
		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
Scarlet Fever ...	34	—	10	22	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	2	3	3	5	2	1	—	—	6	5	1	—	34
Whooping Cough	19	—	9	7	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	4	3	5	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	19
Measles ...	879	38	527	294	15	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	50	46	50	124	97	49	42	59	35	62	89	90	86	—	879
Diphtheria ...	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	3
Dysentery ...	75	8	24	12	2	—	3	10	6	5	1	4	2	2	18	17	12	—	3	2	—	1	3	2	13	—	75
Acute Gastro Enteritis	152	13	38	25	14	6	7	14	17	5	12	1	6	21	25	41	25	6	2	1	6	7	3	9	—	152	
Erysipelas ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
Food Poisoning	47	—	6	4	3	2	6	14	4	3	4	1	2	8	8	2	—	2	7	2	4	5	2	4	1	—	47
Tuberculosis—																											
Respiratory System ...	36	—	2	2	—	2	5	5	7	5	4	4	2	2	2	4	1	4	2	7	1	2	2	3	4	—	36
Other Forms	3	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	21	—	—	—	—	4	6	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	15	21
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	3
Scabies	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
TOTALS	1276	62	617	370	37	19	29	54	37	20	21	10	66	88	109	197	144	68	58	73	47	79	108	114	109	16	1276

# CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEARS 1952-1961

Notifiable Disease	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Scarlet Fever	87	59	62	113	82	69	52	64	25	34
Whooping Cough	40	124	135	51	43	113	32	14	78	19
Acute Polio-Myelitis and Acute Polio-Encephalitis	1	2	—	14	2	—	2	—	2	—
Measles	716	514	183	1271	149	1099	268	635	218	879
Diphtheria	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Dysentery	7	25	56	29	164	7	183	101	357	75
Meningococcal Infection	2	1	6	1	—	3	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia (Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal)	25	40	19	23	30	32	47	41	5	—
Enteric or Typhoid Fever...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	8	7	7	7	4	3	3	5	1	2
Food Poisoning	—	—	7	12	19	7	33	47	43	47
Tuberculosis—										
Respiratory System	59	72	63	54	60	76	51	46	26	36
Other Forms	8	10	10	6	6	—	9	2	4	3
Anthrax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	19	1	1	1	1	2	—	—	1	21
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
*Acute Gastro-Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	194	329	152
Scabies	4	—	5	4	4	7	11	3	9	2
*Notifiable as from 1st January 1959										
TOTALS	980	857	558	1588	564	1420	691	1152	1098	1276

## DIPHTHERIA

It will be noticed in the Infectious Diseases table that three cases of diphtheria were notified during the period under review. As this disease very seldom occurs, indeed it is six years since the last case was notified in the Borough, the following details are submitted.

### Case 1

A female child of 7 years was removed to hospital on 28th March, 1961 with classical faucial diphtheria, the date of onset being 26th March. She had last attended school on 24th March and as the school was dispersing for Easter holidays on 29th March a nominal roll of her classmates was obtained immediately and the 34 children were visited at home and swabbed twice during the period 30th March to 5th April. A male child of 6 years had a positive second swab and was removed to hospital as a carrier.

The original case had attended a children's dancing class in the Borough on the Saturday morning prior to her removal to hospital and a list of the names and addresses of children who had attended that class was obtained. 51 of the children who lived in the Borough were swabbed together with 9 of the children resident in an adjoining Borough but who were, during the school holidays, staying with relatives in Bermondsey during the day. The dancing class instructress and her family were also swabbed. Negative results were obtained in all cases. Details of 8 children resident outside the Borough were given to the Medical Officers of Health concerned.

### Case 2

A male child of 6 years was removed to hospital on 24th May as a mild case and routine case swabbing was carried out by the London County Council staff at the school. During the period 25th May to 7th June 14 children from the patient's school were removed to hospital as carriers.

### Case 3

This was a very mild case and occurred in a boy attending another school but his cousin was one of the above carriers. Swabbing of home contacts was carried out by the department throughout. One of the carriers had, prior to his admission to hospital, attended a meeting of a local Wolf Cub pack. Arrangements were made to swab the contacts resident in the Borough, numbering six, and details of eleven resident outside the Borough were passed to the Medical Officers of Health concerned.

Under the expert care and attention of Hither Green Hospital the three cases fully recovered; there were no complications.

## OLD PEOPLES WELFARE

I must again stress the value of encouraging the elderly to venture out as often as they are able. This is particularly important where the elderly who live alone are concerned. They can all too easily allow themselves to become careless in their personal cleanliness and to be easily satisfied with a makeshift meal. We are fortunate in Bermondsey that there are so many voluntary clubs catering solely for elderly people where this class of person can find some companionship. The Meals on Wheels service is proving invaluable in meeting the needs of the elderly handicapped person who lives alone. This section of the community requires a great deal of attention from the Welfare Services. A nucleus of old people requiring baths either in their own homes or in the Disinfecting Station numbered approximately 44 per week during the year. The old people who by reason of their medical condition required their bed linen and personal clothing to be cleansed by the Laundry Service averaged 59 per week.

### Municipal Club

The Club now in its fourth year has an increased enrolled membership of 458. This increase is due in no small measure to the improved accommodation provided by the extension to the Club which was completed in October. It was interesting to note that during the structural alterations members remained loyal. They apparently were not disturbed by the activities of the builders. The Mayor accompanied by the Mayoress and other Members of the Council opened the extension in November.

The Old Time Dancing classes, whist drives, darts and similar games form the basis of the Club's weekly programme. The programme is varied when the opportunity occurs by outings to the countryside and visits to the theatre and the cinema. The seat price concession for old people at many West End theatres and cinemas enables members to visit matinee performances at a price more suited to their pockets. The Arts and Crafts class introduced last year is increasing in its popularity.

A part of members under the guidance of the Club Organiser and her husband spent a fortnight's holiday in Jersey. The journey, which was made by air, was for these people an exciting and an adventurous one.

By arrangement with the Entertainments Officer, concert parties have played a number of times at the Club. This form of entertainment is always popular with the old people.

The Annual Outing of the Club and Workrooms was again to Southsea on 21st June. The number of members attending was 152 which was slightly higher than the figure for the previous year.

The workrooms have been increasingly active in fulfilling the contracts accepted for them. In addition to the production and preparation of various types of stationery, they have prepared braids for braces and assembled small pieces of diving equipment. The Bulletin published by the Borough Council is also assembled for despatch in the workrooms.

The South Eastern Gas Board demonstrated a new gas cooker designed especially for the use of the elderly and the handicapped. These cookers are available on hire from the S.E.G.B. on the production of a medical certificate.

A "Bring and Buy" sale was held in December. This is becoming an annual event and proves extremely useful in raising funds for the Christmas Party.

The fortnightly visit by the mobile library to the Club is eagerly awaited by those members who like to read.

The Council continues 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 during the year.

	<i>Meals on Wheels</i>	<i>Municipal Club</i>
January	1,978	937
February	1,797	844
March	2,020	941
April	1,794	827
May	2,103	876
June	2,048	777
July	2,013	794
August	2,023	969
September	1,989	863
October	2,234	971
November	2,257	1,018
December	1,967	757
	<hr/> 23,223 <hr/>	<hr/> 10,574 <hr/>

The Meals on Wheels service is operated by three units each consisting of a van, driver and attendant. The average number of meals supplied to the elderly homebound people by this service daily throughout the year was 93.

The outings organised for the Spring and Summer were mostly revisits to places visited the previous year. These were a trip to Southend by steamer and conducted tours of the Huntley & Palmers factory at Reading and the Guinness Brewery at Park Royal. This last visit is quite a favourite with the members. A tour of the hop-fields which also took in a short stay at Hastings was included in the programme. There were also trips to the castles at Windsor and Bodiam.

The fact that so much of the Club's activities show no great change in its variety does not mean there is a lack of ideas, but among old people there is, understandably, a feeling of contentment and security about familiar places.

The Club has maintained its association with the Women's Institute organisation. Visits were made to institutes at Bolney, Sussex, Beaconsfield, Bucks, and to Hadlow near Tonbridge. These visits besides giving members the opportunity of a day in the country, also affords them the opportunity of meeting people who live in a different environment. The members of the institutes visited by the Club have in their turn been invited to Bermondsey and entertained. Coach tours of the Borough were also arranged for them and to judge from the complimentary remarks made by the visitors many preconceived ideas about Bermondsey must have been dispelled.

Every Thursday a number of handicapped people are brought to the Club so that they may join the members in their activities. The number of such people and the frequency of the visits is restricted by the transport situation. If more transport was available the number of handicapped persons visiting the Club could be increased, thereby helping to bring them a little more companionship.

An extension to the Meals on Wheels service was introduced in May to cover the week-ends so that those people who are handicapped and therefore unable to make adequate provision for Saturday and Sunday could be provided with a meal. This addition to the service began with two people and by December this number had increased to eleven. The meal is a frozen one, flavour sealed and prepared by a well known firm of caterers. Four items make up the meal and they are easily heated for consumption by immersion for a few minutes in boiling water.

The Mayor on behalf of the Council for the Welfare of the Old People accepted from Messrs. Courage, Barclay and Simonds an Austin Mini-van which they had kindly donated to the Council for use on the week-end meals service.

I must record my appreciation for the services rendered by the staff who deliver the meals at the week-ends.

The arrangement whereby the council acts as agents for the Red Cross for the supplying of medical equipment to the sick has been of great benefit to many sick people throughout the year.

During the year the "Wireless for the Bedridden" Society supplied six wireless sets to elderly people and they also met the cost of the licences for these sets. The society generously agreed to pay the licence fee for another television set given by a local trader and to continue to meet the cost of licences covering wireless sets loaned by them in previous years.

The Women's Voluntary Service has on the recommendation of the Public Health Assistants provided clothing to many old people during the year.

I am grateful for the generosity and interest shown to the old people in the Borough by many private persons and organisations.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

### Section 47

Where necessary, the Council has authority under this Section of the Act to make application for a Court Order for the emergency removal to hospital, or institution, for a period not exceeding three months, of an aged, infirm, or physically incapacitated person who is suffering from a grave chronic disease or is living in insanitary conditions and who is "unable to devote to himself, and is not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention."

There is also provision under the National Assistance (Amendment) Act 1951 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. During the year under report, it was necessary to make application for a committal order under this Act in respect of an old lady aged 78 who was living alone and was a severe diabetic case. Contrary to the advice of her doctor she had refused to have hospital treatment despite the fact that she was fully aware of the serious state of her health. Unfortunately, the old lady's condition continued to deteriorate and she died within one month of her admission to hospital. It is only in exceptional cases of this kind, where persuasive efforts have failed, that compulsory measures are adopted.

During the course of the year, five old people agreed voluntarily to be admitted to homes for the elderly and the necessary arrangements were made.

### Section 50

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

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

1. Mr. G. G. Body recovered from Thames. Sister only relative traced, her financial circumstances being such that she could not contribute towards the cost of the funeral. Council's expenses recovered by death grant from Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance.
2. Mrs. J. P. K. Burial arranged after post mortem in the absence of relatives prepared to accept responsibility. Nearest relative a brother resident in Eire who intimated he or other relatives were unable to contribute towards the cost of the funeral. Council's expenses recovered by death grant.

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| 3. Still-born child. | } | Bodies recovered from Thames. Cost of burial written off in each case.   |
| 4. Still-born child. |   |  |
| 5. Unidentified man. |   |  |
| 6. Mr. T. P.         |   | Body recovered from Thames. Effects found on the body temporarily retained by police to aid possible identification. |
|                      |   | Burial arranged after post mortem in the absence of any relatives. Council's costs recovered from deceased's estate. |

### 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 5 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.

### STREET AND OPEN MARKETS

#### Bermondsey Square (New Caledonian)

Number of licences in operation	...	...	...	...	217
Income for 1961	...	...	...	...	£5090 16 0

#### Street Markets

Total Income for 1961	...	...	...	...	£4676 1 6
Number of licences in operation:					
Albion Street	...	...	...	...	8
Bermondsey Street	...	...	...	...	41
Railway Approach	...	...	...	...	15
Southwark Park Road	...	...	...	...	48
Tower Bridge Road	...	...	...	...	30
Trident Street	...	...	...	...	1
Various	...	...	...	...	14
				Total	157

There were two prosecutions for unlicensed trading during 1961. In one case a fine of 10/- was imposed with 30/- costs but in the other case the summons was dismissed.

## SANITARY

### CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH

The Borough Council completed 94 flats, 489 were in course of erection at the end of the year and plans for 709 were prepared or in course of preparation.

235 families from the waiting list, clearance areas etc. have been rehoused and 183 transfers and exchanges were arranged. This has resulted in 418 families being provided with improved accommodation by the Borough Council.

659 families were rehoused by the London County Council and 25 families were accommodated in new towns.

3 E.F.M. Bungalows were demolished during the year and 134 remain.

### HOUSING ACT, 1957—OVERCROWDING

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

In private dwellings	4
In Bermondsey Borough Council dwellings	1
In London County Council dwellings	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

Total number of cases of overcrowding at present on the Register 26

### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

The following table shows the fumigations carried out during 1961:—

	Disinfested
Council houses or flats	41
Other houses or flats	83

## INSPECTIONS, PROCEEDINGS, ETC.

Hereunder will be found particulars of Inspections, Proceedings, etc., for the year 1961:—

### INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .....	1,927
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose .....	13,213
(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 .....	10
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose .....	17
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .....	10
(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 .....	192

### 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 .....	710
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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 .....	697
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—

(a) By owners	238
(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	10
(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	Nil
(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	13
(2) Fines imposed	—
(3) Costs awarded or received	£39 10 0

# REGISTERED PREMISES—

Premises	Number on Register at end of 1961	Number of Inspections	Number of Prosecutions
Common Lodging Houses	1	29	—
Milkshops	117	101	—
Ice Cream Premises	205	38	—
Offensive Trades (including Poultry Slaughter-houses)	8	15	—
Hairdressers and Barbers	63	85	—

**SMOKE NUISANCES—**

Number of observations	69
Number of notices	1
Number of complaints	12
Number of summonses	1

**SALE OF FOOD—**

Number of premises used other than ice-cream premises, milk-shops and cowsheds	554
Number of inspections	1,856

**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 1961:—

Drains Tested	365
Visits to new building works	799
Other Visits	219
<b>Total visits</b>	<b>1,383</b>

**RENT ACT, 1957**

Number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	1
Number of decisions not to issue Certificates	—
Number of decisions to issue Certificates—	
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	1
(b) in respect of all defects	—
Number of undertakings given by landlords	—
Number of undertakings refused	—
Number of Certificates issued	1
Number of applications by landlords for cancellation of certificates	1
Number of objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	—
Number of decisions to cancel in spite of tenants' objection	—
Number of Certificates cancelled	1
Number of Certificates as to Remedying of Defects specified in Landlord's undertaking issued	7

## WORK OF DISTRICT INSPECTORS, 1961.

		Mr. CHARLTON	Mr. KNOTT	Mr. SHAKESPEARE	Mr. SMITH	Mr. EVANS	TOTALS
1	House-to-House ... ..	3	72	22	12	39	148
2	Special Inspections ... ..	650	1039	1240	866	303	4098
3	Complaints ... ..	393	604	470	229	170	1866
4	Infectious Diseases ... ..	340	190	216	161	41	948
5	Rats ... ..	22	14	316	3	26	381
6	Outworkers' Inspection ... ..	42	25	30	19	9	125
7	Drains Tested ... ..	2	69	17	8	16	112
8	Other Calls and Visits ... ..	378	3291	1269	1354	674	6966
9	Chimneys watched ... ..	2	9	50	5	3	69
10	Bakehouses ... ..	7	—	12	13	3	35
11	Common Lodging Houses ... ..	—	1	18	10	—	29
12	Butchers ... ..	53	205	63	59	15	395
13	Fishmongers, Friers and Curers ... ..	15	27	39	13	7	101
14	Food Stores ... ..	17	202	92	27	17	355
15	Fruiterers and Greengrocers ... ..	47	19	55	23	24	168
16	Pet Animals ... ..	8	9	—	—	2	19
17	Markets ... ..	63	101	4	67	—	235
18	Restaurants and Eating Houses ... ..	—	5	—	2	—	7
19	Destruction of Food ... ..	13	27	7	25	—	72
20	Hairdressers ... ..	27	26	15	13	4	85
21	Factories ... ..	128	30	23	30	23	234
22	Inspections under Rent Act, 1957 ... ..	4	2	58	—	—	64
23	Offensive Trades ... ..	—	—	—	15	—	15
24	Inspections under Clean Air Act, 1956 ... ..	178	—	389	664	53	1284
TOTALS { Visits ... ..		2392	5967	4405	3618	1429	17811
{ Intimation Notices ... ..		109	322	118	87	61	697

# **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	180	230	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	399	755	2	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	32	60	—	—
Total	611	1045	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	—	—	—	1	—
Not separate for Sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other Offences (Not including offences relating to Home Work)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2	2	—	1	—

FACTORIES 1937 to 1959  
**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 ...	42	18
Cotton Bag Stringing	11	9

Out-workers resident in Bermondsey notified by other Boroughs:

Nature of work	Number of Out-workers
Wearing Apparel ...	19
Paper Bags ...	1
Making of boxes, etc. ...	2
Showcards ...	6
Christmas Crackers ...	2
Leather Goods ...	3

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

**WATER SUPPLY**

The whole of the Borough is supplied direct from the public water mains of the Metropolitan Water Board. The Board is the authority responsible for the purity of the supply which has been satisfactory in quality and quantity throughout the year.

# RODENT CONTROL—Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council houses)	All others (inc. business premises)	Total
1. Number of properties	33	15,454	4,658	20,145
2. Number of properties found to be infested following inspection as result of:—				
(i) <i>Notification</i>				
Common Rat: Major	—	—	—	—
Minor	1	70	32	103
Ship Rat: Major	—	—	—	—
Minor	—	—	18	18
House Mouse: Major	—	—	—	—
Minor	3	151	46	200
(ii) <i>Survey under the Act.</i>				
Common Rat: Major	—	—	—	—
Minor	3	—	13	16
Ship Rat: Major	—	—	2	2
Minor	—	—	8	8
House Mouse: Major	—	—	—	—
Minor	—	—	2	2
(iii) <i>When visited primarily for some other purpose.</i>				
Common Rat: Major	—	—	—	—
Minor	—	12	—	12
Ship Rat: Major	—	—	—	—
Minor	—	—	—	—
House Mouse: Major	—	—	—	—
Minor	—	18	—	18
3. Total number of infested properties treated by Local Authority ...	7	251	111	369
4. Total treatments carried out including re-treatments ...	7	251	111	369
5. Number of Notices served under Sect. 4 of the Act. ...	—	—	—	—
6. Number of "block" control schemes carried out ...	2	—	—	—

**FACTORY BAKEHOUSES**

There are five 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 1961 :—

Disposal	Loads	tons	cwts.	qrs.
House Refuse to Barge .....	10,399	15,906	11	—
Trade Refuse to Barge .....	4,655	6,466	13	3
Street and Open Markets Refuse to Barge .....	1,191	633	16	—
Totals .....	16,245	23,007	—	3

**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 3 licences to keep a pet shop were granted. One of these was in respect of a stall in a market place.

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.	1 per c.c.	1 per c.c.	Absent from 100 c.c.
Central Baths 2nd Class	Bermondsey Borough Council	Metropolitan Water Board 80,000 gals.	Continuous rapid filtration Breakpoint chlorination.			48 per c.c.	22 per c.c.	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 No. 3 (Abbey Street) Smoke Control Order, 1960

This Order came into force on 1st October, 1961 and 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 were 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.

#### The Bermondsey No. 4 (Southwark Park) Smoke Control Order, 1961

This Order was made by the Council in September, 1961 and at the end of the year was awaiting confirmation. Details of the Smoke Control Area made by this Order are as follows:—

	Area: 237 acres	
Types of properties within the Area:	Industrial	24
	Commercial	249
	Dwellings	2,984
	Others	32

Of the 2,984 dwellings exemption have been made in respect of 474 dwellings which are situated within Clearance or Redevelopment Areas.

Works of replacement and adaptation of fireplaces are considered necessary in 1,443 dwellings and the provision of gas or electric points in 604 dwellings. The estimated total cost of these works is £33,730.0.0.

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 4,553 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

7.2.61

##### Offence

Emmission of dark smoke  
contrary to Section 1.

##### Result

Fine £5 0s. 0d.  
Costs £5 0s. 0d.

### INVESTIGATION OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The extent of atmospheric pollution has continued to be studied during the year in co-operation with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

# FOOD CONTROL

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

### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

As a riparian Borough with a considerable river frontage, Bermondsey has a vast quantity of imported foodstuffs arriving at the various wharves and Cold Stores, and the Wharves and Food Inspectors maintain constant surveillance to ensure that the cargoes are fit for human consumption. Their responsibilities include sampling for both bacteriological and chemical analysis.

The following samples were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year:

Egg Products	...	...	...	5,427
Desiccated Coconut	...	...	...	516
Frozen Prawns	...	...	...	147
Cheese	...	...	...	200
Canned Meats	...	...	...	19
Other Foods...	...	...	...	49
				<hr/> 6,358

112 samples were taken for chemical analysis as follows:

Article Examined	No. of Samples	Purpose of Examination	Result	Action
Almond Spread ...	1	To ascertain composition	Satisfactory	Released
Amandes Grillees ...	1	To ascertain composition	Found to be covered by a layer of mould	Imported for research purposes. Released
Anchovy Paste ...	1	To ascertain composition	Satisfactory	Released
Anchovy Paste with Butter	1	To ascertain composition	Fish content 62% instead of 70%	Released with warning to Importer
Apricot Pulp ...	10	For presence of preservatives and condition	Found to be decomposing	Whole consignment destroyed
Bahmi ...	1	To ascertain composition	Satisfactory	Released
Butter ...	7	To ascertain condition	"	"

Article Examined	No. of Samples	Purpose of Examination	Result	Action
Celery Creams (Biscuits) ...	1	To ascertain composition	Satisfactory	Released
Cheese ...	1	To ascertain condition	"	"
Chocolate ...	2	To ascertain condition	"	"
Coffee ...	1	For preservatives and metallic contamination	"	"
Confectionery ...	3	To ascertain composition	"	"
Corned Beef ...	5	For preservatives and metallic contamination	"	"
Cream, Canned ...	2	For milk fat content and metallic contamination	"	"
Cucumbers, Pickled	1	For presence of preservatives	"	"
Devonshire Roll ...	2	To ascertain composition	"	"
Eel in Dill Sauce ...	1	For presence of preservatives	"	"
Ghee Substitute ...	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Hamburgers in Sauce	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Honey ...	1	To ascertain condition	"	"
Honey, Pasteurised	1	"	"	"
Honey Cakes ...	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Jam ...	13	For presence of preservatives	"	"
Liver Puree ...	1	"	"	"
Milk, Dried ...	1	To ascertain condition	Equivalent pints $3\frac{1}{8}$ instead of $3\frac{1}{2}$ as stated on label	Released with warning to importer
Milk Powder ...	1	"	Satisfactory	Released
Mushrooms, Marinated	1	For presence of preservatives	Label incorrect	Released with warning to importer

Article Examined	No. of Samples	Purpose of Examination	Result	Action
Pastry, Granulated...	1	To ascertain composition	Contained only 3% fat	Released with warning to importer
Pork, Chopped ...	2	For presence of preservatives	Satisfactory	Released
Pork, Chopped (with Ham)	1	" "	Label incorrect	Released with warning to importer
" " "	1	" "	Satisfactory	Released
Ravioli ...	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Ravioli de Luxe ...	1	" "	"	"
Raspberries in Heavy Syrup	1	For preservatives and metallic contamination	"	"
Raspberry Pulp ...	1	" "	"	"
Rice, 5 minute ...	1	To ascertain condition	"	"
Salmon ...	1	For preservatives and metallic contamination	"	"
Sauce, Bolognese ...	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
" Curry ...	1	" "	"	"
" Mushroom ...	1	" "	"	"
Sauce Tartare ...	1	" "	"	"
Sauce, White ...	1	" "	"	"
Strawberry Pulp ...	1	For preservatives and metallic contamination	"	"
Sugar ...	3	To ascertain chemical contamination	Found to be contaminated with Sodium Antimoniate	Detained
Tea ...	26	For metallic contamination	Satisfactory	Released
Tomato Powder ...	1	For presence of preservatives	"	"
Turkish Delight ...	1	To ascertain composition	"	"
Vanilla ...	1	To ascertain condition	"	"

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

	Disposed of for purposes other than human food Weight				Destroyed Weight				Removed for sorting under Sanitary Authority Weight				Re-exported Weight			
	T.	C.	Q.	L.	T.	C.	Q.	L.	T.	C.	Q.	L.	T.	C.	Q.	L.
Bacon ...	3	15	—	—	1	9	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beans ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bread, Rye ...	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Butter ...	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	23	45	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cheese ...	—	—	—	—	15	9	1	22	—	1	1	20	—	—	—	—
Cocoa Beans ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	8	—	5	—	—	—	—
Coconut ...	—	3	2	8	—	5	3	16	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coffee ...	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Confectionery ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coriander Seed	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Egg Albumen	—	—	1	22	—	—	3	4	4	14	2	—	—	—	—	—
Egg, Dried ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	15	—	—	6	2	—	—
Egg, Frozen ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	14	334	7	2	—	15	8	—	—
Egg Yolk ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fish ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fish, Canned ...	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Flour ...	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fruit ...	—	—	—	—	7	11	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fruit, Canned ...	—	—	—	—	30	3	3	17	6	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fruit, Dried ...	2	11	1	3	—	—	1	22	68	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fruit Juice and Pulp ...	—	—	—	—	12	9	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Frogs Legs ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Gherkins ...	—	—	—	—	1	8	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ginger ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Horsemeat	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sausages ...	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lard ...	—	—	—	—	—	8	1	14	—	19	—	24	—	—	—	—
Meat ...	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meat, Canned ...	—	—	—	—	26	11	3	17	—	—	—	—	4	9	2	16
Milk Powder ...	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nuts ...	1	15	1	16	—	5	—	16	2	16	—	22	—	2	3	21
Offals ...	—	10	—	—	—	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Onions ...	—	—	—	—	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peas ...	—	9	1	3	—	3	—	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Potatoes ...	—	—	—	—	2	17	3	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Potatoes, Canned	—	—	—	—	—	17	1	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poultry ...	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prawns, Frozen	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	6	1	5
Rice ...	153	13	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sago ...	—	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salami ...	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Soups, Canned	—	—	—	—	8	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sugar ...	—	—	—	—	2	3	3	22	—	—	—	—	16	14	—	—
Tapioca ...	—	6	3	20	—	1	1	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tea ...	2	—	3	11	—	—	2	4	1	4	—	—	9	18	—	22
Tomatoes, Canned ...	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomato Juice ...	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomato Paste	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomato Puree	—	—	—	—	12	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vegetables, Canned ...	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Various ...	—	—	—	—	25	2	1	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	265	8	—	6	175	17	3	16	470	13	3	15	62	2	—	8

# SAMPLING OF EGG PRODUCTS, 1961

Sampling of egg products to determine possible contamination by *Salmonella* organisms was continued during 1961. In order to obtain a punctual examination and rapid decision, the importers paid for a considerable number of samples to be examined. These results, like all others, were submitted for my approval in the first instance.

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 and laboratory results showed that 4.5% of the samples taken from these consignments contained *Salmonellae*.

The total number of samples from all egg products found to be contaminated was 216 and the following table shows the type of contamination:—

	No. of samples
<i>Salmonella</i> aberdeen ... ..	1
<i>Salmonella</i> anatum ... ..	3
<i>Salmonella</i> bareilly ... ..	18
<i>Salmonella</i> braenderup ... ..	1
<i>Salmonella</i> cerro ... ..	1
<i>Salmonella</i> dublin ... ..	1
<i>Salmonella</i> emek ... ..	1
<i>Salmonella</i> enteritidis ... ..	9
<i>Salmonella</i> give ... ..	1
<i>Salmonella</i> heilbron ... ..	1
<i>Salmonella</i> hessarek... ..	9
<i>Salmonella</i> infantis ... ..	4
<i>Salmonella</i> kentucky ... ..	4
<i>Salmonella</i> london ... ..	3
<i>Salmonella</i> montevideo ... ..	1
<i>Salmonella</i> muenchen ... ..	2
<i>Salmonella</i> muenster ... ..	6
<i>Salmonella</i> oranienburg ... ..	3
<i>Salmonella</i> oslo ... ..	1
<i>Salmonella</i> reading ... ..	1
<i>Salmonella</i> senftenberg ... ..	1
<i>Salmonella</i> singapore ... ..	2
<i>Salmonella</i> thompson ... ..	3
<i>Salmonella</i> typhi-murium ... ..	138
<i>Salmonella</i> westhampton ... ..	1
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# IMPORTATION OF EGG PRODUCTS, 1961

Country of Origin	Type of Egg Product	Quantity Imported	No. of Samples taken	No. of Samples positive	Quantity of contaminated egg	Disposal of contaminated egg			
		T. C. Q. L.			Released for pasteurisation T. C. Q. L.	Re-exported T. C. Q. L.	Still under detention T. C. Q. L.		
ARGENTINA	Frozen Albumen	152 17 — —	77	—					
	Dried Whole Egg	192 7 — —	66	—					
AUSTRALIA	Frozen Whole Egg	10001 4 — —	3436	138	252 17 — —	240 16 1 —		12 — 3 —	
	Frozen Albumen	976 15 — —	360	2	2 17 — —	1 7 — —		1 10 — —	
	Frozen Yolk	1 — — —	5	—					
	Dried Whole Egg	34 11 — —	16	—					
	Dried Albumen	2 — — —	1	—					
CHINA	Frozen Whole Egg	265 13 — —	108	3	5 8 3 —		5 8 2 —	1 —	
	Frozen Albumen	29 13 — —	24	—					
	Dried Whole Egg	70 12 — —	58	2	2 — —	1 — —	1 — —		
	Dried Yolk	29 11 — —	28	—					
DENMARK	Dried Whole Egg	1 — — —	1	—					
	Dried Albumen	1 — — —	1	—					
FRANCE	Frozen Albumen	61 18 — —	8	—					
HOLLAND	Frozen Whole Egg	9 — — —	3	2	4 — — —		4 — — —		
	Frozen Albumen	20 16 — —	6	—					
	Dried Whole Egg	5 10 — —	1	—					
ISRAEL	Frozen Whole Egg	1431 6 — —	420	32	250 15 3 —	250 15 3 —			
	Frozen Albumen	111 1 — —	43	1	5 2 — —	5 2 — —			
MEXICO	Dried Whole Egg	12 6 — —	14	—					
NEW ZEALAND	Frozen Whole Egg	175 10 — —	24	—					
POLAND	Frozen Whole Egg	994 17 — —	182	—					
	Dried Whole Egg	10 — — —	20	—					
SOUTH AFRICA	Frozen Whole Egg	1167 15 — —	499	36	102 14 3 —	102 14 3 —			
U.S.A.	Frozen Albumen	107 4 — —	21	—					
	Dried Albumen	2 7 — —	2	—					
	Dried Yolk	4 9 — —	3	—					
	Totals ...	15870 4 — —	5427	216	619 — 3 —	596 — 1 —	9 9 2 —	13 11 — —	

### IMPORTED FROZEN PRAWNS

Consignments of Frozen Prawns and Shrimps from various countries continued to enter the borough during 1961. A total of 147 samples was taken.

Samples from four consignments showed bacteriological plate counts per gm. at 37°C in excess of 2,000,000 and these consignments were detained.

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.

<i>Surface plate count at 37°C.</i>	<i>No. of samples</i>
Less than 250,000 ... ..	97
250,000 — 2,000,000 ... ..	44
More than 2,000,000 ... ..	6
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### DESICCATED COCONUT

516 samples of Desiccated Coconut were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year. No Salmonella organisms were found in any of the samples examined.

### 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.

<i>Description of Food</i>	<i>Weight</i>			
	<i>tons</i>	<i>cwts.</i>	<i>qrs.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
Milk, Canned	—	—	2	22
Fruit, Canned	—	—	3	12
Meat, Canned	—	11	2	3
Vegetables, Canned	—	—	1	4
Butter	—	—	3	18
Cereals	—	—	3	2
Meat, not canned	—	3	—	24
Frozen Foods	—	1	2	24
Various	—	1	3	25
Total	1	1	3	22

## SECTION 14, FOOD &amp; DRUGS ACT

	No. of Premises	No. of Inspections
Ice Cream Premises	215	38
Preserved Food, etc.	89	198

## 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	118
Factory Canteens	82
Grocers and General Provisions	123
Butchers	45
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	73
Fishmongers and Curers	26
Bakers and Pastrycooks	30
Confectioners	57
Public Houses	140
Food Factories	178
Wholesale Food Stores	112
Food Wharves and Depots	53

## CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

Inspections and re-visits	723
Notices served	55

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

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

<i>Date of hearing</i>	<i>Offence</i>	<i>Result</i>
15.3.61	Selling loaf of bread containing piece of cloth	Fine: £10.0.0. Costs: £5.0.0.
9.8.61	Selling loaf of bread containing part of a cigarette	Fine: £20.0.0. Costs: £5.0.0.
9.8.61	Selling pork pie contaminated with mould growth	Fine: £5.0.0. Costs: £5.0.0.
4.10.61	Selling bottle of milk containing black mould	Fine: £5.0.0. Costs: £2.2.0.

Ten 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 55 premises.

**Legal Proceedings**

<i>Type of Premises</i>	<i>Offence</i>	<i>Result</i>
Cafe	Defective and insanitary condition of premises, food exposed to the risk of contamination, absence of materials for first aid treatment. Regulations 4, 5, 17 & 23.	Fine: £5.0.0. Costs: £3.3.0.
Bakers	Defective and insanitary condition of premises, food exposed to the risk of contamination. Regulations 5, 6, 19 & 23.	Fine: £40.0.0. Costs: £5.0.0.

## WORK OF THE WHARVES AND FOOD INSPECTORS, 1961.

		Mr. BUTCHER	Mr. TAPSFIELD	Mr. CAMPBELL	Mr. HANCOCK	TOTALS
Visits	Food Wharves and Depots	1843	1560	1675	15	5093
	Food Factories	137	187	170	94	588
	Food Stores	650	289	205	263	1407
	Condemnation of Food	237	296	520	86	1139
	Milksellers	—	—	—	101	101
	Ice Cream Premises	—	—	—	38	38
	Pharmacy and Poisons	—	—	—	22	22
	Catering Establishments	—	—	—	723	723
	Various	157	54	406	207	824
Number of samples taken for analysis	Consignments of Imported Food detained	79	100	50	—	229
	Certificates issued for Unsound Food	343	195	420	142	1100
	Intimations Served	—	—	—	55	55
	Food and Drugs	—	—	—	611	611
	Swimming Bath Water	—	—	—	4	4
	Imported Food Regulations	11	23	78	—	112
	Egg Products	39	309	21	—	369
	Frozen Prawns & Shrimps	—	—	147	—	147
	Desiccated Coconut	—	516	—	—	516
	Canned and Cooked Meats	—	2	8	9	19
	Other Foods	9	6	11	23	49
	Milk (Special Designation) Regulations	—	—	—	105	105
	Milk for T.B.	—	—	—	2	2
	Milk for Brucella Abortus	—	—	—	1	1
	Ice Cream	—	—	—	33	33
	Cheese	190	10	—	—	200
	Swimming Bath Water	—	—	—	4	4

## FOOD AND DRUGS

During the year 611 samples were submitted by the Food and Drugs Inspector. In 34 cases the analysis disclosed an infringement of the law.

No.	Date Purchased	Sample	Infringement	Remarks
235	3.1.61	Non-brewed Condiment	Contained only 3.4% of acetic acid instead of 4%	Letter to manufacturer
274	12.1.61	Bronchial Cough Mixture	Contained chloroform only one quarter of that stated on label	Letter to manufacturer
284	2.2.61	Frankfurters	No list of ingredients on label	Letter to manufacturer
341	22.2.61	Glycerine, Lemon & Ipecacuanha Cough Mixture	Contained only 1% of Glycerine	Letter to manufacturer
398	20.3.61	Tomato Juice, Canned	Interior of can had been attacked and juice contained dissolved metals	Remainder of stock destroyed
429	4.4.61	Vienna Sausages, Canned	Contained only 62% meat. Label claimed "100% Beef".	Letter to manufacturer
430	4.4.61	Glycerine, Lemon & Ipecacuanha, with Squills	Contained only 2.5% of glycerine	Now out of production
432	5.4.61	Pork Sausages	Contained only 47% of meat	Prosecution. Summons incorrectly served—Invalid
439	10.4.61	Orange Drink	Contained only 10% of orange juice instead of 25%	Letter to manufacturer
444	10.4.61	Instant Mashed Potato	Contained 160 parts per million Sulphur Dioxide, presence of which was not declared on label	Letter to manufacturer
454	17.4.61	Whole Orange Drink	Contained only 12% orange juice	Letter to manufacturer
456	17.4.61	Sausage Rolls	Contained only 40% meat	Letter to manufacturer
503	4.5.61	Pasteurised Milk	Contained partially oxidised iron	Letter to bottler
504	5.5.61	Carrots, canned	No label on can	Letter to retailer
585	6.6.61	Breakfast Sausage	Contained 80 parts per million Sulphur Dioxide	Letter to manufacturer
586	6.6.61	Liver Sausage	Contained 110 parts per million Sulphur Dioxide	Letter to manufacturer
593	12.6.61	Lemon Drink	Contained only 15% lemon juice instead of 25%	Letter to manufacturer
640	23.6.61	Peas, Canned	No label on can	Letter to retailer
674	7.7.61	Lime Juice Cordial	Contained only 12½% lime juice instead of 25%	Letter to manufacturer
742	8.8.61	Shredded Beef Suet	Contained 82.2% beef fat instead of 83%	Letter to manufacturer
754	14.8.61	Milk	Milk bottle contained mould	Prosecution:— Fine: £5.0.0. Costs: £2.2.0.

No.	Date Purchased	Sample	Infringement	Remarks
773	23.8.61	Lemonade—Double Strength	Label—"Double Strength" considered misleading	Letter to manufacturer
781	30.8.61	Orange Juice, canned	No label on can	Letter to retailer
782	30.8.61	Pineapple juice, canned	No label on can and analysis indicated 30% added water	Letter to retailer
800	28.7.61	Lime Juice Cordial	Contained only 12½% lime juice instead of 25%	Prosecution:— Fine £5.0.0. Costs: £3.3.0.
809	7.9.61	Tomato Juice, canned	Presence of added salt not declared on label	Letter to manufacturer
820	14.9.61	Lemon Juice	Sample had deteriorated and Vitamin C only one third of amount claimed	Remainder of stock destroyed
825	18.9.61	Non-brewed Condiment	Contained only 3.6% acetic acid instead of 4%	Letter to manufacturer
834	21.9.61	Jelly Tablets	Failed to set satisfactorily and did not comply with the Food Standards (Table Jellies) Order	Letter to manufacturer
835	22.9.61	Tomato Juice, canned	Presence of added salt not declared on label	Letter to manufacturer
843	25.9.61	Royal Dairy Cake	Made with cooking fat instead of butter	Letter to manufacturer
881	23.10.61	Non-brewed Condiment	Contained only 3.65% acetic acid instead of 4%	Letter to manufacturer
950	20.11.61	Dried Fruit Salad	Ingredients not correctly listed on label	Letter to manufacturer
958	23.11.61	Margarine	Contained only 380 international units of Vitamin A instead of 760	Letter to manufacturer

## ICE CREAM

33 samples of ice cream have been examined, with the following results:—

*Methylene Blue Grading*

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**Chemical Analysis**

Seventeen 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****PHARMACY AND MEDICINES ACT 1941**

47 premises were entered on the Council's List for the year under report.

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

9 milksellers were registered under the above-mentioned Acts during 1961 and 8 were removed from the Register. There were 117 milksellers on the register at the end of the year.

**MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS 1960**

During the year under report the following licences were granted, to remain in operation until 31st December, 1965:—

*Dealers' (Prepacked Milk) Licences*

To sell Pasteurised Milk	...	...	97
To sell Sterilised Milk	...	...	109
To sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	59

### 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 1961 was 198 of which number 100 were taken from schools, hospitals, etc.

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

Condensed Milk	....	....	....	....	....	3
Evaporated Milk	....	....	....	....	....	4
Sterilised Milk	....	....	....	....	....	7
Pasteurised Milk	....	....	....	....	....	69
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk	....	....	....	....	....	5
Channel Islands Milk	....	....	....	....	....	5
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#### For Bacteriological Examination.

##### Pasteurised Milk:

For tubercle bacilli	....	....	....	....	....	2
For brucella abortus	....	....	....	....	....	1
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#### For Examination under Milk (Special Designations) Regulations.

Pasteurised Milk (from schools, hospitals, etc.)....	....	50
Pasteurised Milk (other than from schools)	....	23
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk	....	22
Sterilised Milk	....	10
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