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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

OF

**THE MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH**

*for the year*

## **1954**

BY

**J. KERR BROWN**  
B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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His Worship the Mayor  
(Councillor R. S. Marriott, J.P.)

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*Chairman:*

Councillor W. Taylor, J.P.

Alderman Mrs. G. E. Green

„ E. Murphy, L.C.C.

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Councillor S. H. Banks

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Public Health Department,

Deptford Town Hall, S.E.14.

August, 1955.

*To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the  
Metropolitan Borough of Deptford.*

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting this account of the health and sanitary circumstances of the Borough for 1954.

The population continues to decline and the Birth-Rate is the lowest since 1938. On the other hand the Infantile Mortality Rate at 16.5 is the lowest ever recorded in the Borough and must afford satisfaction. The figure is well below the average for London and the Country as a whole.

The death rate of 12.0 is above the average for London, but this figure would be much improved if our statistics were not weighted with the deaths of old people admitted to New Cross General Hospital.

Total notifications of Infectious Diseases showed considerable decline due mainly to the lower incidence of Measles and Dysentery. Primary cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis increased from 147 to 156, but there were five fewer deaths. Despite great advances in the treatment of this disease, as evidenced by fewer deaths, and excellent follow-up and contact tracing, the progress being made in eradicating Pulmonary Tuberculosis from the community is disappointing. It would appear that greater emphasis will have to be placed on immunology as opposed to sociology. As in all Infectious Diseases, sociological factors are important but individual resistance or immunity to tuberculosis may be even more vital from the epidemiological aspect. How often we find individuals living in perhaps better conditions and not as frequently exposed to infection, contract the disease and succumb quickly. It is therefore the duty of the epidemiologist while paying due attention to the living environment and social needs of each member of the community to examine the possibility of actively immunising every susceptible individual in much the same way as diphtheria prophylaxis is utilised. Of course, with Tuberculosis the population at risk is much greater, and the administrative difficulties are more formidable, but it seems that a more intensive use of B.C.G. Vaccination is indicated in the near future.

During the year the Beaver Report on atmospheric pollution was published and as a result of that report it is likely that new legislation will be promoted in Parliament to assist local authorities in their work.

Despite serious shortages of Sanitary Inspectors, the whole Borough was surveyed in a general way for slum clearance purposes. Areas and streets were divided preliminarily into priority groups and a tentative five year programme will be discussed with the County Council in due course. Cases of statutory overcrowding coming to our notice continued to be notified to the County.

In concluding this brief introduction, I wish to acknowledge the help and support of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Public Health Committee. Similarly the Chief Officers have shown me much consideration, and I am glad to acknowledge the application to duty of a loyal staff.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN KERR BROWN,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

**STAFF****Medical Officer of Health**

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L. H. Smith (Commenced 3.8.54)

Mrs. P. J. Stubbs (commenced 22.6.54. Left 31.7.54)

Mrs. K. N. Coleman

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**Sanitary Inspectors**

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J. E. Waring (i)

G. F. Wilton (i)

A. C. Webster (iii)

J. A. G. White (v)

G. Shakespeare (v)

(commenced 8.11.54)

(commenced 20.12.54)

**Food Inspector**

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- (ii) Certificate S.I.E.B. (London)
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- (iv) Smoke Inspector's Certificate, R.S.I.
- (v) Certificate R.S.I. Joint Award.

**Mortuary Keeper**

A. T. Capstick

*Rodent Control Staff*

Supervisor : E. J. Summers

2 Operators

*Disinfecting and Bathing Station Staff*

Chief Disinfecter

Driver

2 Disinfectors

2 Female Attendants

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VITAL STATISTICS

The following are the principal vital statistics for 1954 together with comparative figures for the previous year.

The proportions of old or young vary in different areas and the Registrar General gives Area Comparability factors which take these variations into account. The factor for births is 0.93 and for deaths 1.05 and the birth rate and death rate should be multiplied by the appropriate factor when making comparisons with rates in other towns.

The figure for population in the estimated mid-year home population. The estimated decrease in the population is 1,210, whereas the number of births exceed the number of deaths by 205.

The table setting out the causes of deaths will be found in the Appendix Table I. The deaths are classified under 36 headings based on the Abbreviated List of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948.

Area of Borough ... 1,254 acres  
 Estimated mid-year home population ... 73,830

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

VITAL STATISTICS

1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
17.5	17.5	0.32	0.30	13.0	10.7	16.2	20.7
0.38	0.25	13.0	13.0	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8
1,089	1,089	1,089	1,089	1,129	1,129	1,129	1,129
50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
886	886	886	886	886	886	886	886

There was one maternal death during 1954 resulting in a maternal mortality rate of 0.89.

\*Of this number 122 occurred in the New Cross General Hospital. The death rate for Deptford if these deaths were included would be 10.7 instead of 12.0.



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The figure for population is the estimated mid-year home population. The estimated decrease in the population is 1,210, whereas the number of births exceed the number of deaths by 203.

The table setting out the causes of deaths will be found in the Appendix Table I. The deaths are classified under 36 headings based on the Abbreviated List of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948.

Area of Borough ... .. 1,564 acres  
Estimated mid-year home population ... 73,820

	1954		1953	
	Deptford	London	Deptford	London
Birth rate (per 1,000 living) ...	14.7	15.2	15.0	17.5
Still births (ditto) ... ..	0.32	0.30	0.25	0.38
Death rate (ditto) ... ..	12.0	10.7	13.0	12.5
Infantile mortality rate (deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births) ... ..	16.5	20.7	26.5	24.8
Live births registered ... .. (adjusted for inward and outward transfers)	Legitimate ...	1,034	1,069	
	Illegitimate ...	55	60	
	Total ... ..	1,089	1,129	
Still births registered ... ..	Legitimate ...	20	18	
	Illegitimate ...	4	1	
	Total ... ..	24	19	
Infant deaths ... ..	Legitimate ...	13	24	
	Illegitimate ...	5	6	
	Total ... ..	18	30	
Total deaths ... ..		886	976*	

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General information for a year 61 has been furnished... The total number of cases of various infectious diseases was again below that of the previous year... against 49 in 1953.

Food poisoning and Stomach Disorders showed a decline with 64 cases as against 141 in the previous year. Whenever a case was reported, attempts were made to trace other cases which were discovered. All positive cases were given letters to their medical advisors regarding treatment and specimens were taken until the patient was clear of infection. In this connection 14 specimens were submitted for examination. Arrangements were made for food handlers found to be positive to carry on non-food-handling duties until successfully treated. For the fourth successive year there was no case of Diphtheria reported.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

DISEASE	MONTHS												TOTAL	
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
Diphtheria														
Scarlet fever														
Whooping cough														
Measles														
Polio														
Typhoid														
Shigellosis														
Salmonella														
Staphylococcal														
Food poisoning														
Stomach Disorders														
Other														

In the case of the year ending 31st March 1954, the total number of cases of infectious diseases was 1,111. This is a decrease of 10.5% on the total number of cases reported in 1953. The total number of cases of various infectious diseases was again below that of the previous year. The total number of cases of various infectious diseases was again below that of the previous year. The total number of cases of various infectious diseases was again below that of the previous year.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

### General

The total number of cases of notifiable infectious disease was again below that of the previous year, a total of 521 against 827 in 1953.

Scarlet Fever cases number 77 against 79, and Measles cases 236 against 429 in 1953.

Food Poisoning and Sonne Dysentery showed a decline with 64 cases as against 181 in the previous year. Wherever a case was reported, contacts were tested and very often other cases were discovered. All positive cases were given letters to their medical advisors regarding treatment and specimens were taken until the patient was clear of infection. In this connection 144 specimens were submitted for examination.

Arrangements were made for food handlers found to be positive to carry on non-food-handling duties until successfully treated.

For the fourth successive year there was no case of Diphtheria reported.

### Infectious Diseases. Corrected Notifications.

	0-1 years		1-2 years		2-5 years		5-15 years		15-25 years		25-45 years		45-65 years		Over 65 years		TOTAL	DEATHS
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
Meningococcal Inf. ...	1		2														3	
Scarlet Fever ...			5	3	7	6	30	20	3	1	2						77	
Erysipelas ...								1			1	3	1	2		1	9	
Acute Poliomyelitis ...					1	1	1	3	1			1					8	1
Dysentery ...			1	2	10	6	10	9			4	6	5	1	2		56	
Acute Pneumonia ...			2			1	2	1		1	5	2	5	2			21	15*
Measles ...	5	9	26	19	23	27	71	56									236	
Whooping Cough ...	4	3	9	8	14	7	23	22				1					91	
Scabies ...							2				2	1	1				6	
Zymotic Enteritis ...	1	1	1	2													5	
Food Poisoning ...										1	2	2	1	2			8	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1																1	
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>16</b>

No cases of smallpox, anthrax, para-typhoid fever, typhoid fever, diphtheria, or cerebro-spinal meningitis, or puerperal pyrexia were notified.

\* Includes deaths from all forms of pneumonia.

### Tuberculosis

All new cases in the Borough, whether or not they are transferred from other areas, are visited by the Sanitary Inspectors in order to ascertain the housing conditions and to see if any improvements can, or should, be effected.

The deaths due to respiratory tuberculosis in Deptford in 1954 were 12 males and 8 females as compared with 19 and 6 respectively during the previous year. Of the deaths from respiratory tuberculosis 8 of the 12 male deaths and 6 of the 8 female deaths were of persons between the ages of 15 and 65 years, whereas the deaths from all causes, only about 28% were within this age group.

### Tuberculosis Register

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Cases notified for the first time...	105	51	156	5	7	12
Posthumous notifications ...	1	—	1	—	—	—
New cases in Borough coming to knowledge otherwise than by primary notification ...	30	15	45	1	—	1
Cases on Tuberculosis Register at 31.12.54...	539	433	972	37	45	82

The Chest Physician, Dr. J. P. V. Rigby, has kindly supplied the following figures concerning the Chest Clinic at Harton Street, and the Tuberculosis Care Committee:—

Cases on Chest Clinic Register at 31.12.54:—

Definite ... ..	1,054
Observation ... ..	34
Number of new contacts examined ... ..	373
Total attendances at the Chest Clinic ... ..	5,795
Total attendances at the Refill Clinic ... ..	1,706

### TUBERCULOSIS CARE COMMITTEE

Interviews by Secretary ... ..	1,316
Cases assisted by Care Committee ... ..	58
Sums raised by Christmas Seal Sale (1954)	£207 13s. 0d.

Dr. Rigby also remarks "A very large number of cases are seen here during the year, at the request of private Doctors, for an opinion on the chest condition. You will be aware of the increase in the number of cases of cancer of the lung that have been detected both here and in many other areas in England. This problem is exercising the minds of physicians and chest surgeons who are attempting to find these growths in an

early stage and then trying to remove them by surgical means. Much depends on early diagnosis in these cases, and indeed in cases of pulmonary tuberculosis."

### Mass Miniature Radiography

There was no visit from the Mass Miniature Radiography Unit in 1954.

Year	Number of cases notified for the first time	Number of cases notified for the first time in the year	Number of cases notified for the first time in the year	Number of cases notified for the first time in the year
1954	105	21	126	7
1953	105	21	126	7
1952	105	21	126	7
1951	105	21	126	7
1950	105	21	126	7
1949	105	21	126	7
1948	105	21	126	7
1947	105	21	126	7
1946	105	21	126	7
1945	105	21	126	7
1944	105	21	126	7
1943	105	21	126	7
1942	105	21	126	7
1941	105	21	126	7
1940	105	21	126	7
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1932	105	21	126	7
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1928	105	21	126	7
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1920	105	21	126	7
1919	105	21	126	7
1918	105	21	126	7
1917	105	21	126	7
1916	105	21	126	7
1915	105	21	126	7
1914	105	21	126	7
1913	105	21	126	7
1912	105	21	126	7
1911	105	21	126	7
1910	105	21	126	7
1909	105	21	126	7
1908	105	21	126	7
1907	105	21	126	7
1906	105	21	126	7
1905	105	21	126	7
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1900	105	21	126	7

The Chest Physician, Dr. J. M. V. Rieby, has kindly supplied the following figures concerning the Chest Clinic at Hannon Street, and the Tuberculosis Care Committee.

Year	Total attendance at the Chest Clinic	Total attendance at the Rieby Clinic	Number of new contacts examined	Definite	Observation
1954	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
1953	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
1952	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
1951	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
1950	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
1949	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
1948	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
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1946	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
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1941	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
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1922	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
1921	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
1920	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
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1918	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
1917	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
1916	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
1915	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
1914	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
1913	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
1912	1,706	1,706	373	34	1,672
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early stage and the report on various other physical means which are being used in these cases, and in cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.

The deficiency in the Sanitary Inspector's establishment to which reference was made in my last two Annual Reports, was not made good until late December.

The system of priorities to which I have referred in previous reports was, therefore, continued during 1954, but it is hoped that a return to more normal working will be reached next year.

The total number of primary inspections during 1954 was 2,681, an increase of 277 upon the previous year. The number of complaints was approximately the same as last year but was found to increase slightly the visits paid to Factories, Shops and Food premises.

Towards the end of the year the impact of the Housing Reports and Rents Act was being felt, resulting in 67 inspections being made in consequence of applications for Certificates of Disrepair.

Defects found were dealt with under the Public Health (London) Act.

# SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

ETC., AND

# FACTORIES ACT

It was not necessary to undertake legal proceedings of any action other than informal during the year.

The Public Health Committee decided to establish a section for the investigation of atmospheric pollution, and it is hoped that this will be installed shortly in the Public Health Department buildings.

## Offensive Trade

The one factory in the Borough at which an offensive trade is carried on was kept under constant observation. Although in view of the situation of the factory I doubt if it will ever be entirely satisfactory, intelligent co-operation between the management of the factory and the staff of my Department may help to keep complaints to a minimum.

## Robust Control

One Robust Supervisor and two Operator-etc employed throughout the year under the general direction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, and the following tables summarise the work carried out.

## SANITARY INSPECTIONS

### General

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The system of priorities to which I have referred in previous reports was, therefore, continued during 1954, but it is hoped that a return to more normal working will be realised next year.

The total number of primary inspections during 1954 was 5,681, an increase of 577 upon the previous year. The number of complaints was approximately the same as last year but time was found to increase slightly the visits paid to Factories, Shops and Food premises.

Towards the end of the year the impact of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act was being felt, resulting in 67 inspections being made in consequence of applications for Certificates of Disrepair.

Defects found were dealt with under the Public Health (London) Act, the London County Council Bye-Laws and the London County Council General Powers Acts.

A summary of Sanitary Work carried out in the Borough appears in Tables II and III of the Appendix to this Report.

### Smoke Abatement and Air Pollution

It was not necessary to undertake legal proceedings or any action, other than informal during the year.

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### Rodent Control

One Rodent Supervisor and two Operators were employed throughout the year under the general direction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, and the following tables summarise the work carried out:—

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Report for the Year ended 31st December, 1954

	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)	(3) All other (including business premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1), (2) & (3)	(5) Agricultural
I. Number of properties in Local Authority's District (notes 1 and 2) ... ..	29	16,901	2,773	19,703	—
II. Number of properties inspected as a result of:—					
(a) Notification ...	—	267	20	287	—
(b) Survey under the Act ... ..	4	464	137	605	—
(c) Otherwise (e.g., when visited primarily for some other purpose) ...	—	—	—	—	—
III. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections. (To be completed only if figures are readily available) ... ..	6	1,044	161	1,211	—
IV. Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by:—					
(a) Rats { Major ...	1	289	14	304	—
{ Minor ...					
(b) Mice { Major ...	—	84	10	94	—
{ Minor ...					
V. Number of infested properties (in Sect IV) treated by the L.A. (Figures should <i>not</i> exceed those given at Sect. IV) ... ..	1	373	24	398	—



	Type of Property				
	Non-Agricultural				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)	(3) All other (including business premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	(5) Agricultural
VI. Total treatments carried out including re-treatments. (To be completed only if figures are readily available) ... ..	1	527	28	556	—
VII. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act:—					
(a) Treatment ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Structural Work (i.e. proofing) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
VIII. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
IX. Legal proceedings (see overleaf) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
X. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out ... ..	—	1	—	1	—

A high proportion of business premises in the Borough have their own contracts with private service companies for the control and destruction of rats and mice. This largely accounts for the smallness of the figure relating to business premises.

### Disinfection and Cleansing

The following is a summary of the work of disinfection, disinfestation and cleansing:—

Premises disinfected (infectious disease) ... ..	134
Premises disinfected (requests) ... ..	120
Premises disinfected (verminous condition) ...	440
Premises disinfected (removals) ... ..	3
Total number of articles disinfected ... ..	22,064
Books disinfected ... ..	98
Number of articles destroyed at owner's request...	240

In addition there was a small amount of disinfestation undertaken on behalf of the Admiralty in respect of stores of bedding at the Royal Victoria Yard, Grove Street, Deptford.

### Bathing Centre

Number of school children who received baths (other than for scabies) ... ..	983
Number of school children who received baths for the treatment of scabies ... ..	10
Adults who received baths (other than for scabies)	444
Scabies baths for adults ... ..	29

### Water Supply

The water supply for domestic purposes for the whole of the Borough is obtained from the mains of the Metropolitan Water Board.

Routine bacteriological examination is not normally carried out by the Council but the Water Board have supplied information on the bacteriological purity when requested.

The water supply has been fully satisfactory throughout the year.

Certificates in accordance with Section 95 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936, that dwelling houses had a proper and efficient water supply were issued in respect of 113 new premises.

### THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

The following is an epitomised statement of the administration of the Act. The inspections, visits, etc., are carried out by the District Sanitary Inspectors.

## Inspections

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Notices Written	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	56	24	—	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	339	103	—	—

## Defects Found

Sanitary Conveniences :	Found	Remedied	Referred	
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector
Unsuitable or Defective ... ..	5	5	—	—

The types of premises inspected were as follows:—

Bakehouses.	Printers.
Chemical works.	Stables, etc.
Cinemas.	Sawmills.
Dressmakers, etc.	Timber stores.
Engineering, general.	Tar refiners.
Engineering, motoring.	Tailors.
Foundries.	Woodwork joiners, etc.
Food preparation.	Woodchoppers.
Glass bottle makers.	Whitening manufacturers.
Laundries, cleaners.	Offensive trades.
Marine stores.	Miscellaneous.
Paint and varnish works.	

The number of inspections made to home workers premises was 36.

The types of works carried on by the 195 outworkers in this Borough were as follows:—

Wearing apparel (166), artificial flowers (3), paper bags (4), boxes (8), button cards (8), and shuttlecocks (2), paper hats (1), handbags (2) and wigs (1).

FOOD AND DRUGS

A full-time Food Inspector is employed in the supervision of food and Food Premises. Food samples are sent for chemical analysis to the Public Analyst and for bacteriological examination to County Hall.

Details of the work of the Food Inspector will be found in the Appendix Tables V, VI and VII and details from the Public Analyst's Report are included at the end of this section.

Royal Victoria Yard

Considerable quantities of food no longer considered fit for prolonged storage by the Admiralty, are examined in order to assess their fitness for sale to the general public.

# FOOD AND DRUGS

AND

# REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ANALYST

Forty-two samples were taken for bacteriological examination. The results are given in the Appendix Table I.

All pre-packed samples of food submitted under the Food and Drugs Act were considered also under the Labelling of Food Orders, 1946 and 1950. Eighty separate examinations were made under these Orders and three slight infringements were dealt with by correspondence.

Pharmacy and Medicines Act, 1941. All pre-packed drugs submitted under the Food and Drugs Act were also considered under the Pharmacy and Medicines Act, 1941. One infringement was dealt with by correspondence.

Food Standards. Twenty-three samples were specially examined under the various Food Standard Orders. In one instance infringement was dealt with by informal action.

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### Ice-Cream

Forty-two samples were taken for bacteriological examination.

Grade I ...	...	...	...	23
Grade II	...	...	...	10
Grade III	...	...	...	4
Grade IV	...	...	...	5
				—
				42
				—

### Labelling of Food Orders, 1946/50

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### Pharmacy and Medicines Act, 1941

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### Food Standards

Seventy-three samples were specially examined under the various Food Standard Orders. In one instance infringement was dealt with by informal action.

## Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations

Wherever desirable Food and Drugs Act samples were examined for the presence of prohibited preservatives and colouring matters and for excessive amounts of the permitted preservatives. Three infringements were dealt with informally.

### Mineral Oil in Food Order, 1949

Eighty-two samples were taken under the Order—no contraventions were found.

### School Milks

Twenty-four samples were sent for chemical examination and twenty were sent for bacteriological examination.

### Milk (Special Designations) Act

Thirty-five samples were submitted.

### Foreign Bodies in Food

A resident in the Borough brought a loaf to the Public Health Department which was discoloured. The loaf was sent to the Public Analyst, who reported that the loaf was contaminated by three mouse droppings and other dirty matter containing dust, fungus and decomposed flour.

The Vendor was summoned by the Council and he in turn summoned the Baker who had supplied the bread to him. The Baker (wholesaler) pleaded guilty and was granted an absolute discharge on the payment of £11 0s. 0d. costs to the Council and costs were also awarded to the Vendor.

### Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949-50

<i>Dealers Licences issued:</i>	Tuberculin Tested Milk	24
	Pasteurised Milk ...	66
	Sterilised Milk ...	92
<i>Supplementary Licences issued:</i>	Tuberculin Tested Milk	15
	Pasteurised Milk ...	15
	Sterilised Milk ...	18

### Slaughterhouses

Two Slaughterhouses were licenced in the Borough.

Following the derationing of meat the Slaughterhouse at 13a, Deptford High Street, came into operation again on 6th July, 1954. On 27th November, 1954, the Slaughterhouse at 180, Brockley Road, was again put into use.

## ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED

Slaughterhouse	Sheep	Pigs	Calves	Bovines	Total
13a, Deptford High Street ...	392	87	1	50	530
180, Brockley Road ...	—	159	107	55	321
Totals ...	392	246	108	105	851

## CONDEMNED

	13a, Deptford High Street	180, Brockley Road
<b>Sheep</b>		
Lungs ...	9	—
Livers ...	3½	—
<b>Bovines</b>		
Carcase and organs ...	—	1
Liver ...	10	17½
Lungs ...	1	10
Head ...	—	4
Mesentery ...	1	3
<b>Pigs</b>		
Carcase and organs ...	—	1
Pluck ...	1	—
Head ...	1	—
Mesentery ...	1	—
<b>Calves</b>		
Carcase and organs ...	—	3

## FOOD AND DRUGS ANALYSIS

## Food and Drugs Analysis

During the year, 402 samples were submitted for analysis under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, by Sampling Officers. These samples were also examined wherever applicable under the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations, 1943, the Food Standards Orders, 1944-51, and the Labelling of Food Orders, 1946-51.

Of the total number 12 were taken formally, in accordance with the procedure prescribed under the Food and Drugs Act, the remaining 390 being undivided, or informal samples.

The Public Analyst, Dr. H. Amphlett Williams, Ph.D.(Lond.), A.C.G.F.C., F.R.I.C., has submitted the following report on milk sampling:—

“ I have pleasure in furnishing the following particulars summarising the composition of the milk samples submitted for analysis during the year 1954.

“ Only 42 samples of milk were submitted during the year, of which 12 were Sunday samples. This total shows a further reduction compared with previous years.

“ One sample was reported as unsatisfactory, the proportion of solids-not-fat being one per cent. deficient, giving an ‘ adulteration ’ percentage of 2.4.

“ The average composition of the samples analysed is shown in the following Table, with the averages of previous years for comparison.”

#### AVERAGE COMPOSITION OF MILK, DEPTFORD

Period	Fat	Solids-not-fat	Total Solids
1947	3.51	8.68	12.19
1948	3.45	8.72	12.17
1949	3.47	8.74	12.21
1950	3.44	8.70	12.14
1951	3.52	8.63	12.15
1952	3.48	8.69	12.17
1953	3.44	8.69	12.13
1954	3.45	8.72	12.17

As may be seen, the averages show very little variation since the end of the War, due no doubt to the Metropolitan supply being composed almost entirely of bulked milk.

Eleven samples were submitted during February to April, one of which was a Channel Island Milk. Excluding this sample, the average composition of the remainder again showed the seasonal fall in solids-not-fat noted in recent years.

Period	Fat %	Solids-not-fat %	Total Solids %
Feb.-April, 1954	3.41	8.54	11.95



In addition to the analyses under the Food and Drugs Act, 243 other examinations under other Acts, Orders and Regulations were carried out. Particulars of these are furnished below:—

Relevant Act or Order	Article	Number of Samples	Number Failing to Comply	Nature of Irregularity
Food Standards (Liquid Coffee Essences) Order, 1945	Coffee Essence	5	0	
Food Standards (Self-raising Flour) Order, 1946	Self-raising Flour ...	5	0	
Food Standards (Mustard) (No. 2) Order, 1948	Mustard ...	1	0	
Food Standards (Tomato Ketchup) Order, 1949	Tomato Ketchup ...	4	0	
Food Standards (Table Jellies) Order, 1949	Jelly Tablets and Crystals...	16	1	Failed to satisfy the setting test.
Food Standards (Fish Cakes) Order, 1950	Fish Cakes ...	3	0	
Food Standards (Fish Paste) Order, 1951	Fish Paste ...	1	0	
Food Standards (Edible Gelatine) Order, 1951	Gelatine ...	1	0	
Food Standards (Suet) Order, 1952	Shredded Suet	4	0	
Food Standards (Cream) Order, 1953	Cream ...	11	0	

Relevant Act or Order	Article	Number of Samples	Number Failing to Comply	Nature of Irregularity
Food Standards (Preserves) Orders, 1944-1953	Mincemeat ...	5	0	
	Jam ...	2	0	
	Marmalade ...	3	0	
Food Standards (Soft Drinks) Order, 1943	Orange-squash	4	0	
	Lemon-squash	1	0	
Food Standards (Ice Cream) Order, 1953	Ice cream ...	7	0	
Flourine in Food Order, 1947	Self-raising Flour and Cake Mixtures	7	0	
Mineral Oil in Food Order, 1949-50	Various Foods	82	0	
Labelling of Food Orders, 1946-53	Desiccated Soup ...	1	1	Incomplete declaration of ingredients.
do.	Walnut cake mixture ...	1	1	Misleading description.
do.	Frying Oil ...	1	1	Misleading description.
do.	Various other pre-packed foods ...	77	0	
Pharmacy and Medicines Act, 1941	Chlorophyll Tablets ...	1	1	Deficient in chlorophyll.
	Total ...	243	5	

Food Standards Act or Order	Articles	Number of Samples	Number of Inspections
Food Standards (Preserves) Order, 1944	Marmalade ... Jam ...	3 2	0 0
Food Standards (Soft Drinks) Order, 1943	Orange-squash Lemon-squash	4 1	0 0
Food Standards (Ice Cream) Order, 1933	Ice cream ...	1	0
Flourine in Food Order, 1947	Self-raising Flour and Cake Mixtures	7	0
Food Order, 1949-50	Various Foods	82	0
Food Order, 1946-52	Desiccated Soup ...	1	1
do.	Walnut cake mixture	1	1
do.	Frying Oil	1	1
do.	Various other pre-packed foods	77	0
Pharmacy and Medicines Act, 1941	Chlorophyll Tablets	1	1
Total		144	2

Food Standards Act or Order

Articles

Number of Samples

Number of Inspections

HOUSING

At the end of 1954 the Council had a total of 386 permanent houses, masonries and flats, a total of 386 temporary houses of various types and controlled a further 1,371 properties under requisition. The requisitioned properties housed 1,280 units of tenancy.

During 1954, four flats and three houses were completed for the Council and 110 flats and 14 masonries were in the course of construction.

During 1954, 4,232 improvements were carried out in 1,430 houses, somewhat less than last year, and outstanding works at the end of the year totalled 302.

In the maintenance of existing property the following is a summary of the work done in 1954—

Public Health (London) Act, 1936

Total number of houses in housing districts	2,412
Number of houses in housing districts under requisition	1,371
Number of houses in housing districts under requisition and controlled	1,430

HOUSING

SERVICES

Number of individual dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	80
Number of families found to be living in overcrowded conditions during the year	23
Number of families who have obtained alternative accommodation during the year	31

There are many underground rooms throughout the Borough and a fairly high proportion of them, although used as dwellings, do not conform in all respects with the statutory requirements and cannot without major structural alterations be made to do so. Closure is not, however, practicable in present circumstances and owners have been co-operative in making their rooms reasonably fit.

Housing Repairs and Grants Act and Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Acts

Certificates of Disrepair were granted in 31 cases during the year.

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A limited classification of mess and individual houses has been made, however, in connection with the next five years' Housing programme.

## HOUSING

At the end of 1954 the Council had a total of 786 permanent houses, maisonettes and flats, a total of 586 temporary houses of various types and controlled a further 1,371 properties under requisition. The requisitioned properties housed 1,980 units of tenancy.

During 1954, four flats and three houses were completed for the Council and 110 flats and 14 maisonettes were in the course of construction.

During 1954, 4,238 improvements were carried out in 1,420 houses, somewhat less than last year, and outstanding works at the end of the year totalled 305.

In the maintenance of existing property the following is a summary of the work done in 1954:—

### Public Health (London) Act, 1936

Total number of houses inspected for housing defects ... ..	2,412
Number of Statutory Notices served ... ..	673
Number of houses repaired or nuisances remedied ... ..	1,420

### Overcrowding

Number of individual dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... ..	80
Number of families found to be living in overcrowded conditions during the year ... ..	23
Number of families who have obtained alternative accommodation during the year ... ..	31

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### Housing Repairs and Rents Act and Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Acts

Certificates of Disrepair were granted in 31 cases during the year.

### Slum Clearance

Owing to the shortage of Sanitary Inspector's staff a comprehensive and detailed survey has been out of the question.

A limited classification of areas and individual houses has been made however, in connection with the next five years' Housing programme.

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

The services which are provided by the London County Council at the various clinics are as follows:—

Health Centre, Newmarket Road, S.E.14.

Infant Welfare, Toddlers and Ante-Natal Clinics.

Vaccination and Immunisation.

Pneumonia and Nutrition Clinics.

Foot Clinic.

Mothercraft Class.

Day Nursery.

St. George's Hall, Shoreditch Road, S.E.4.

Infant Welfare and Ante-natal Clinics.

St. Luke's Hall, Goswell Road, S.E.8.

Infant Welfare Clinic.

# PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Princes Road, S.W.8.

Infant Welfare Clinic.

St. John's Nurse's Home, S.W.1.

Ante-natal Clinic.

School Treatment Centre, Richmond Square, S.W.7.

Dental Clinic.

Ophthalmic Clinic.

Minor Ailment Clinic.

Speech Therapy.

Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic.

St. Paul's House, Deptford High Street, S.E.8.

Home Help Organisation.

The headquarters of the Divisional Medical Officer are also at St. Paul's House, Deptford High Street.

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Vaccination and Immunisation.  
Rheumatism and nutrition clinics.  
Foot clinic.  
Mothercraft class.  
Day Nursery.

*St. George's Hall, Shardeloes Road, S.E.4.*

Infant Welfare and Ante-natal clinics.

*St. Luke's Hall, Gosterwood Street, S.E.8.*

Infant Welfare clinic.

*Princess Louise Institute, Hales Street, S.E.8.*

Infant Welfare clinic.

*St. John's Nurses' Home, Watson Street, S.E.8.*

Ante-natal clinic.

*School Treatment Centre, Reginald Square.*

Dental clinic.  
Ophthalmic clinic.  
Minor Ailment clinic.  
Speech Therapy.  
Ear, Nose and Throat clinic.

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MISCELLANEOUS

The section of the Grand Bury Canal passing through the Borough was inspected by the Health Inspector, but no reports were found of a type requiring inspection.

There is only one common lodging house in the Borough. This is Carington House which is maintained by the London County Council. This building was erected in 1903 and it contains 814 separate cubicles for use by men only. In addition to the usual facilities for washing and bathing, there is a reading room and a smoking room. The dining room is provided with a large stove on which the men can cook their own meals, and in addition, there is a canteen which provides excellent meals at a low price. A sick bed is provided on the ground floor for cases awaiting admission to hospital. No nursing of any sort is provided but sick persons are not so treated as they would be in cubicles on an upper floor, and serious or dangerous illness is less likely to be overlooked.

MISCELLANEOUS

The standard of cleanliness is high and it compares favourably with many of the best in the district. The water supply is abundant and is treated by various methods. Food samples are normally sent to the Medical Research Laboratory at County Hall, but clinical tests, e.g., faeces specimens, continue to be sent to the Park Hospital Laboratory.

The facilities at the Devonport Laboratory, Seaman's Hospital, Greenwich, are occasionally used by general practitioners for the examination of swabs and other specimens.

Before the war both the Boroughs of Deptford and Greenwich maintained their own mortuaries and coroner's courts. By arrangement, and following war damage, the coroner's court at Deptford and the mortuary at Greenwich have been closed. The mortuary at Watson Street, Deptford, serves parts of Greenwich and Woolwich, in addition to Deptford. The number of bodies received at the mortuary is, as a result of this arrangement, greatly increased. The number of bodies received during 1954 was 520, of which 215 were received from Greenwich and 305 from Woolwich. A fee of £1 1s 6d per body is paid by the Greenwich and Woolwich Borough Councils in respect of these admissions.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### Canal Boats Act

The section of the Grand Surrey Canal passing through the Borough was kept under observation by the District Inspector but no canal boats were found of a type requiring inspection.

### Common Lodging Houses

There is only one Common Lodging House in the Borough. This is Carrington House which is maintained by the London County Council. This building was erected in 1903 and it contains 814 separate cubicles, for use by men only. In addition to the usual facilities for washing and bathing, there is a reading room and a smoking room. The dining room is provided with a large stove on which the men can cook their own meals, and in addition, there is a canteen which provides excellent meals at a low price.

A sick bay is provided on the ground floor for cases awaiting admission to hospital. No nursing of any sort is provided but sick persons are not so isolated as they would be in cubicles on an upper floor, and serious or dangerous illness is less likely to be overlooked.

The standard of accommodation is high and it compares favourably with many of the rooms occupied by single elderly men throughout the district.

### Laboratory Service

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### Mortuary and Coroner's Court

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### National Assistance Act, 1948

#### *Burial of the Dead*

Under Section 50 of the above Act it is the duty of the Council to

arrange for the burial or cremation of any person who dies or is found dead within the Borough, and where no private arrangements are made for the disposal of the remains.

Six persons were buried under the provisions of this Act during 1954.

#### *Removal of Aged and Infirm Persons to Institutions*

Section 47 of this Act provides for securing the necessary care and attention for the aged and chronic sick by means of an order of the Court.

Several cases were removed either to hospital or County Council homes for the aged after persuasion, but it was necessary to invoke Section 47 in one case during the year.

#### *Services for Old People*

The voluntary services in the district provide some assistance and recreation for old people. The W.V.S. have organised five Darby and Joan Clubs in various parts of the Borough so that one or more is within reasonable reach of persons living in any part of the district. In addition, the Albany Institute Old People's Club, although situated just beyond the Borough boundary, is patronised mainly by Deptford people.

A Meals-on-Wheels service operates in the Borough. This supplies meals to aged and infirm people in their homes twice a week, to five of the Darby and Joan Clubs once a week, and to the Albany Institute daily from Monday to Friday. The meals are obtained from the London County Council's meals service and supplied to the old people at a charge of 10d. each. The vehicle was supplied and fitted by the Borough Council, which also provides the driver and maintains the vehicle. The remainder of the work is done by members of the W.V.S.

#### **Shops Act, 1950**

In the course of their routine inspection the Sanitary Inspectors paid attention to the ventilation and temperature of shops and the provision of washing accommodation and sanitary conveniences.

#### **Baths and Wash-Houses**

The Council maintains three swimming baths at Laurie Grove adjoining the Town Hall. A plant giving continuous filtration and sterilisation maintains the purity of the water at all times. The plant is capable of filtering the whole of the water in the baths within four hours and the system of "break-point" chlorination ensures the purity and safety of the water even during periods of maximum use.

Two of the swimming baths are open all the year, but the large bath is closed from October until April, during which time a sprung floor is put in place and the building is used as a hall. In addition to the swimming baths there are 60 slipper baths for public use at Laurie Grove.

At the Evelyn Baths, Clyde Street, there are 60 slipper baths and facilities for Russian Vapour Baths and Foam Baths, and in addition a public wash-house is provided.

At the baths at Ilderton Road 18 slipper baths are provided.

### **Pet Animals Act, 1951**

Eight applications for licences were received, and all were approved by the Council and granted.

### **Medical Examinations**

During the year 19 examinations were carried out to ascertain if people appointed to the Council's Permanent Staff were fit for admission to the Superannuation Scheme.

Fifty-three examinations of sick employees were also made during the year and reports submitted thereon.

### **Conferences**

The Council was represented at Conferences during the year as follows:

#### *Royal Sanitary Institute—Scarborough.*

The Chairman of the Public Health Committee (Councillor W. Taylor, J.P.) and the Medical Officer of Health.

#### *National Smoke Abatement Society—Scarborough.*

The Vice-Chairman of the Public Health Committee (Councillor Mrs. A. M. Ott) and the Medical Officer of Health.

#### *Sanitary Inspectors' Association—Southport*

Mr. H. E. Green, Sanitary Inspector.

### **Refresher Courses for Sanitary Inspectors**

The Public Health Committee authorised the payment of the fees and expenses of four Inspectors who attended a Course of Lectures (arranged by the Sanitary Inspectors' Association) dealing with all the various aspects of Housing and Slum Clearance, including the provisions of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

The payment of fees for a Meat Refresher Course was also authorised in the case of one Inspector.

TABLE I  
 Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life During 1953 in the  
 Metropolitan Borough of Deftord

Cause of Death	Age									
	All Ages	0-1	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65-75
1. Tuberculosis	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2. Tuberculosis other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Tuberculosis meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Acute Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. Mumps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. Malignant neoplasms	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12. Malignant neoplasms	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Malignant neoplasms	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Other malignant neoplasms	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Other malignant neoplasms	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16. Leukaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Vascular lesions of cardiovascular system	48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Coronary disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19. Hypertension with heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20. Other heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21. Other circulatory disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Injuries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

# APPENDIX



Table I (Continued)

Causes of Death	Sex	AGE								
		All Ages	0-1 years	1-5 years	5-15 years	15-25 years	25-45 years	45-65 years	65-75 years	75 years & over
23. Pneumonia ...	M	21	1	—	—	—	1	5	7	7
	F	15	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	10
24. Bronchitis ...	M	39	2	—	1	—	—	6	11	19
	F	31	—	—	—	—	1	2	8	20
25. Other diseases of respiratory system ..	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	2
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
28. Nephritis and nephrosis ...	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ...	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Pregnancy, child-birth or abortion	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
31. Congenital malformations...	M	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	M	28	7	—	—	—	2	4	8	7
	F	30	5	—	—	—	3	8	8	6
33. Motor vehicle accidents ...	M	4	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	1
	F	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
34. All other accidents	M	5	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	—
	F	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
35. Suicide ...	M	5	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	1
	F	4	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1
36. Homicide and operations of war	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total deaths, all causes	M	463	13	—	3	3	17	127	132	168
	F	423	5	—	1	2	25	80	91	220

TABLE II

## Summary of Sanitary Work Carried Out During the Year 1954

	Districts								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
<b>Primary Inspections</b>									
Complaints ... ..	203	277	236	256	169	238	321	486	2,186
Infectious Disease ... ..	14	14	28	15	31	63	35	22	222
Notice of Builder ... ..	60	98	61	35	58	71	98	34	515
Ref. T.B. Disp. ... ..	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	4
Factory (Power) ... ..	8	4	21	23	22	6	15	4	103
Factory (Non-Power) ... ..	1	—	2	7	8	1	5	—	24
Food Premises ... ..	53	12	34	70	46	29	46	11	301
Butcher's Premises... ..	9	1	8	14	27	2	8	2	71
Ice Cream Premises ... ..	20	2	5	6	8	5	10	5	61
Milk Premises ... ..	9	8	4	8	1	3	11	2	46
Bakehouses ... ..	5	—	3	6	—	3	4	1	22
Fish Premises ... ..	12	—	3	5	16	7	6	—	49
Offensive Trades ... ..	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	7
Comm. Lodg. Houses ... ..	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	6
Outworkers... ..	2	4	—	1	13	4	12	—	36
Shops Act Inspections ... ..	75	20	21	54	58	27	58	10	323
Special Housing Inspections	28	20	63	63	28	31	29	70	332
Pharmacy & Poisons Act Inspections... ..	2	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	7
Pet Animal Act Inspections	1	1	8	1	—	1	—	—	12
Housing Repairs and Rents Act Inspections ... ..	3	4	25	4	5	10	14	2	67
Miscellaneous ... ..	138	66	128	103	244	197	264	147	1,287
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>5,681</b>
<b>Re-Inspections, Calls, etc. ...</b>	<b>2,601</b>	<b>4,345</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>2,416</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>17,604</b>
<b>Notices Served—Public Health (London) Act, 1936</b>									
Intimation ... ..	167	216	213	184	56	102	175	353	1,466
Statutory ... ..	59	23	88	83	15	27	69	187	551
Section 40 ... ..	3	8	—	—	6	1	2	—	20
Section 105 ... ..	16	7	10	10	2	13	14	18	90
<b>London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1954</b>									
Section 12 ... ..	2	1	3	2	—	2	2	—	12
<b>Premises in Respect of Which Notices were Completed ...</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>1,420</b>
<b>Premises in Respect of Which Notices were Outstanding at the End of the Year ...</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>325</b>

TABLE III

Description of Sanitary Improvements Effected During the Year	Districts								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Rooms cleansed ... ..	55	169	110	179	28	43	41	236	861
Roofs repaired ... ..	53	62	67	93	19	36	70	135	515
Gutters and Rainwater Pipes renewed or repaired ...	28	56	12	46	9	27	23	59	260
Dampness abated ... ..	27	39	39	50	23	44	27	88	337
Yards and Forecourts, etc., repaired or repaved ...	4	21	4	10	1	5	1	18	64
Water Fittings renewed or repaired ... ..	19	19	34	30	14	26	24	36	202
Sink Waste Pipes renewed or repaired ... ..	16	10	16	10	10	18	34	17	131
Drains entirely reconstructed	—	—	—	1	1	1	3	1	7
Drains partially reconstructed	10	12	18	5	14	21	20	17	117
Drains unchoked ... ..	21	34	15	25	15	29	9	45	193
Soil and Ventilating Pipes renewed or repaired ...	6	1	5	5	10	11	15	4	57
Gullies provided, unchoked, etc.	2	8	8	7	5	22	13	9	74
Manholes, Chambers, Fresh Air Inlets provided or repaired ... ..	5	3	9	7	5	16	8	10	63
Premises in which repairs were effected to W.C.s ... ..	48	37	54	39	23	39	68	38	346
Repairs effected to Windows, etc. ... ..	22	51	21	45	8	29	21	79	276
Repairs to Stairs, Doors, etc.	8	25	5	25	4	6	3	27	103
Repairs to Stoves, Coppers, Flues, etc. ... ..	17	32	20	23	6	13	24	34	169
Repairs to Floors ... ..	7	22	14	33	7	14	15	29	141
Ventilation and Lighting improved ... ..	12	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	15
Offensive accumulations removed ... ..	3	1	3	5	1	1	3	3	20
Dustbins supplied or renewed	20	6	11	18	4	16	19	23	117
Miscellaneous improvements effected ... ..	12	33	14	26	6	18	12	49	170
Total ... ..	375	641	479	682	213	438	453	957	4,238



## TABLE IV

## Legal Proceedings

## Public Health (London) Act, 1936

Date of Hearing	Premises and Nature of Offence	Fine	Costs	Remarks
30th June, 1954	12, St. Donatt's Road. Non-compliance with Statutory Notice.	—	£5 5 0	Order for work to be completed in 28 days.
1st Nov., 1954	12, St. Donatt's Road. Non-compliance with Magistrate's Order.	£17 0 0	£3 3 0	—
20th Dec., 1954	15, Casella Road. Non-compliance with Magistrate's Order.	—	£5 0 0	Work completed prior to hearing.

## Legal Proceedings

## London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951

## Dustbin Notice Appeals

Date of Hearing	Premises and Nature of Offence	Fine	Costs	Remarks
20.11.54 to 10.1.55	164-166, Waller Road.	—	Appeal upheld £21 0 0	Costs against Council.

## London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1952

## (Rag and Bone Dealers)

Date of Hearing	Premises and Nature of Offence	Fine	Costs	Remarks
6th Dec., 1954	Exchange articles for Rags.	£1 0 0	—	—

## Food and Drugs Act, 1936

Date of Hearing	Premises and Nature of Offence	Fine	Costs	Remarks
29th Mar., 1954	Foreign matter in Bread	—	£11 0 0	Vendor summoned Wholesaler/Baker, who pleaded guilty. Costs awarded against Wholesaler/Baker.

TABLE V  
Samples of Food Submitted for Analysis

Food	Number Examined			Number Adulterated		
	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total
Ale ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Almonds ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Almonds, Ground ... ..	—	4	4	—	—	—
Arrowroot ... ..	—	3	3	—	1	1
Aspirin Tablets ... ..	—	3	3	—	1	1
Barley, Pearl ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Biscuits ... ..	—	9	9	—	—	—
Bread and Breadcrumbs ... ..	—	17	17	—	1	1
Bread Rolls, Buttered ... ..	—	2	2	—	1	1
Breakfast Cereal ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Butter ... ..	—	9	9	—	1	1
Butter Beans ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Calamine Lotion ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Cheese ... ..	—	3	3	—	—	—
Cheese Spread ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Camphorated Oil ... ..	—	4	4	—	—	—
Coffee Extract (liquid) ... ..	—	5	5	—	—	—
Confectionery, Flour ... ..	—	20	20	—	—	—
Confectionery, Sugar ... ..	—	34	34	—	—	—
Cornflour ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Cream ... ..	—	11	11	—	—	—
Cake Mixture ... ..	—	2	2	—	1	1
Cloves ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Cocoa ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Cooking Fat ... ..	—	3	3	—	—	—
Custard Powder ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Dessert Powder ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Soft Drinks, Powder ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Soft Drinks ... ..	—	5	5	—	1	1
Dripping ... ..	—	3	3	—	—	—
Fish (tinned) ... ..	—	5	5	—	—	—
Fish Paste (Tinned) ... ..	—	3	3	—	—	—
Flour (Self-raising) ... ..	—	5	5	—	—	—
Fruit (Canned) ... ..	—	9	9	—	—	—
Fruit (Dried) ... ..	—	28	28	—	2	2
Fruit Juice ... ..	—	1	1	—	1	1
Fruit (Bottled Cherries) ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Fruit Pie ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Fish Cakes ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Fruit (Grapes) ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Formalin Tablets ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Gee's Cough Linctus ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Gelatine ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Ginger, Ground ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Glycerine ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Gravy Preparation ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Herbs, Dried ... ..	—	4	4	—	—	—
Honey ... ..	—	4	4	—	—	—
Hydrogen Peroxide ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Ice Cream ... ..	—	7	7	—	—	—
Ice Cream Powder ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Ice Lolly ... ..	—	4	4	—	—	—
Icing Compound ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Isinglass ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Jam ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Jelly Crystals and Tablets ... ..	—	16	16	—	1	1
Lemonade Powder ... ..	—	3	3	—	—	—
Lozenges, Medicated ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Margarine ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Marzipan ... ..	—	3	3	—	1	1
Marmalade ... ..	—	3	3	—	—	—
Meat Products (Meat Pies, Sausage rolls, etc.) ... ..	—	35	35	—	1	1
Meat Products (Canned Meat) ... ..	—	5	5	—	—	—
Milk (Including 1 Channel Island) ... ..	12	30	42	—	1	1
Milk (Condensed) ... ..	—	8	8	—	—	—
Mustard ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Mince-meat ... ..	—	5	5	—	—	—
Maccaroni ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Meat (Irish Stew, etc.) ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Menthol and Wintergreen Ointment ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Nuts, Tiger ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Nuts and Raisins ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—

Table V (Continued)

Food	Number Examined			Number Adulterated		
	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total
Oatmeal ... ..	—	3	3	—	—	—
Oil, Frying ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Olive Oil ... ..	—	3	3	—	—	—
Pastry, Uncooked ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Paraffin, White Soft ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Paraffin, Medicinal ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Pickles ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Pickled Onions ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Peas, Dried ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Potato Crisps ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Pepper ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Pea Flour ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Peel, Candied ... ..	—	3	3	—	—	—
Perry ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Pudding, Christmas ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Quinine, Ammoniated Tincture of ... ..	—	2	2	—	1	1
Rennet, Essence of ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Rice ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Sausages ... ..	—	9	9	—	1	1
Salt ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Sauce (Tomato) ... ..	—	10	10	—	—	—
Sedative Tablets ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Semolina ... ..	—	3	3	—	1	1
Sherbert ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Soup, Canned ... ..	—	10	10	—	—	—
Soup, Preparation ... ..	—	4	4	—	—	—
Suet, Shredded ... ..	—	4	4	—	—	—
Sugar ... ..	—	5	5	—	—	—
Senna Pods ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Spices (Cinnamon) ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Spice (Pickling) ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Spaghetti ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Spaghetti in Tomato, with Cheese (Canned) ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Spreads (Chocolate) ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Stuffing Mixtures ... ..	—	3	3	—	—	—
Tapioca ... ..	—	6	6	—	—	—
Tea ... ..	—	4	4	—	—	—
Tomato Paste (Canned) ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Treacle ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Turmeric ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Vegetables (Canned) ... ..	—	16	16	—	—	—
Vinegar (Imitation) ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Vinegar (Malt) ... ..	—	2	2	—	—	—
Wine (alcoholic) ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Wine (Non-alcoholic) ... ..	—	2	2	—	1	1
Welsh Rarebit Mixture ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Zinc and Castor Oil Cream, Benzoated ... ..	—	1	1	—	—	—
Totals ... ..	12	390	402	—	17	17

## TABLE VI

## Food and Drugs

*FOOD INSPECTORS' VISITS*

Grocers ... ..	518
Dairies (Milk Distributors, etc.) ... ..	109
Ice Cream ... ..	104
Fish Premises ... ..	8
Chemists ... ..	27
Shops and Stalls ... ..	1,120
Miscellaneous ... ..	832
Slaughterhouses ... ..	131
Cafes ... ..	13
Butchers ... ..	94
Pharmacy and Poisons ... ..	17
Preserved, Pickled, etc., Premises ... ..	14
Bakers ... ..	28

*FOOD CONDEMNED AND DESTROYED*

Tinned Meat ... ..	444 tins
Tinned Vegetables ... ..	360 tins
Cheese packets ... ..	215 packets
Cheese ... ..	338 lb.
Tinned Milk ... ..	477 tins
Tinned Fruit ... ..	1,162 tins
Tinned Jams ... ..	80 tins
Meat ... ..	2,243½ lb.
Fish Paste ... ..	80 jars
Tinned Cream ... ..	16 tins
Pickles ... ..	6 jars
Tinned Cereals ... ..	9 tins
Fish ... ..	63½ stone
Flour ... ..	299 lb.
Potatoes ... ..	84 lb.
Tomatoes ... ..	581 packets
Tinned Puddings ... ..	28 tins
Tinned Fish ... ..	180 tins
Jam ... ..	11 jars
Tinned Soup ... ..	117 tins
Tinned Tomatoes ... ..	107 tins
Bacon ... ..	806 lb.—2 ozs.
Ham ... ..	86 lb.—13 ozs.
Peanut Butter ... ..	8 jars
Baby Food ... ..	960 tins
Pease Pudding ... ..	1 tin
Fresh Fruit ... ..	652 boxes
Cake ... ..	30 lb.

TABLE VI (Continued)

*FOOD CONDEMNED AND DESTROYED (Continued)*

Cocoa ... ..	1 tin
Butter ... ..	57 lb.
Cream Powder ... ..	2 packets
Margarine ... ..	1 lb.
Vegetables ... ..	2,890 bags
Sweets and Chocolate ... ..	161 packets
Poultry ... ..	102 lb.
Wild Rabbit ... ..	146 lb.
Sauces ... ..	5 bottles
Dried Fruit ... ..	499 lb.
Table Jelly ... ..	7 packets
Cereals ... ..	65 packets

## Royal Victoria Yard (Admiralty)

*FOOD FOUND FIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION*

Bacon ... ..	2,326 lb.
Bacon ... ..	2 tins
Bacon and Beans ... ..	20 tins
Baked Beans ... ..	665 tins
Beans in Tomato Sauce ... ..	20 tins
Beef Extract ... ..	33 jars
Boiled Beef and Carrots ... ..	875 lb.
Butter ... ..	94 lb.
Cake ... ..	283 tins
Celery Seed ... ..	37 lb.
Chocolate and Boiled Sweets ... ..	2,194 packets
Chopped Bacon... ..	20 tins
Cheese ... ..	1,170 tins
Cheese ... ..	20 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb.
Chewing Gum ... ..	59 packets
Currants ... ..	627 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.
Curry Powder ... ..	12 lb.
Cocoa Essence ... ..	24 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb.
Coffee ... ..	186 lb.
Corned Beef ... ..	611 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
Dehydrated Vegetables ... ..	3,523 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
Dehydrated Potatoes ... ..	40 lb.
Dried Fruits ... ..	887 lb.
Flying Rations ... ..	14
Fish (tinned) ... ..	1,051 tins



TABLE VI (Continued)

*FOOD FOUND FIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (Continued)*

Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	90 packets
Salt (in dispensers)	...	...	...	...	...	61
Sausage and Beans	...	...	...	...	...	20 tins
Tea	...	...	...	...	408 lb.—12½ ozs.	
Tinned Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	796 tins
Tomatoes	...	...	...	...	...	439 tins
Tongue	...	...	...	...	...	166 lb.
Tinned Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	9,653 tins
Tea and Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	3 packets
Vinegar	...	...	...	...	...	53 gallons
Yeast	...	...	...	...	...	112 lb.

*FOOD FOUND UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION BUT APPARENTLY FIT FOR ANIMAL FEEDING*

Biscuits	...	...	...	...	...	1,477¼ lb.
Dried Fruits	...	...	...	...	...	1,727¾ lb.
Flour, White	...	...	...	...	...	4,139 lb.
Haricot Beans	...	...	...	...	...	103½ lb.
Marrowfat Peas	...	...	...	...	...	47 lb.
Nuts and Raisins	...	...	...	...	...	20 packets
Oatmeal	...	...	...	...	...	399½ lb.
Rice	...	...	...	...	...	1,062½ lb.
Salt	...	...	...	...	...	210 lb.
Split Peas	...	...	...	...	...	187½ lb.
Tea	...	...	...	...	...	75 lb.

*FOOD UNFIT FOR NORMAL SALE BUT SUITABLE FOR MANUFACTURING PURPOSES*

Calcium Phosphate	...	...	...	...	...	84 lb.
Chocolate and Cocoa	...	...	...	...	...	2,051 lb.
Salt	...	...	...	...	...	104 lb.

*FOOD DESTROYED*

Acid Calcium Phosphate	...	...	...	...	...	42 lb.
Corned Beef	...	...	...	...	...	4 lb.
Figs	...	...	...	...	...	51 lb.
Lard	...	...	...	...	...	5 lb.
Tea	...	...	...	...	...	51 lb.

*RE-REFINING*

Sugar granulated	...	...	...	...	...	13,517 lb.
Sugar Demerara	...	...	...	...	...	45 lb.

TABLE VII

## Action taken in respect of Food and Drug Irregularities

Number	Food	Type of Sample	Nature of Irregularity	Action Taken
60	Bread.	Informal.	Unsound.	Legal proceedings taken. The loaf was discoloured and contaminated by three mouse droppings and other dirty matter containing dust, fungus and decomposed flour.
69	Apricots.	Informal.	Contained Sulphur dioxide, 4,300 parts per million.	Dried apricots should not contain more than 2,000 parts per million of sulphur dioxide. Test in connection with treatment of large consignment. Treatment not proceeded with.
116	Sausage Rolls.	Informal.	Unsound.	The rolls had a musty taste and contained some small growths of fungus. Consignment removed from sale.
108	Milk.	Informal.	Contained Fat 3.39%; Solids-not-fat 8.39%; corresponding to the presence of 1% of added water.	Seasonal deficiency.
2	Non-alcoholic Ginger-wine	Informal.	Contained Benzoic acid, 740 parts per million.	Non-alcoholic wines should not contain more than 600 parts per million of benzoic acid. Taken up with manufacturers. Old stock intended for export. Withdrawn from sale.
224	Buttered Rolls.	Informal.	Rolls, 94.5% spread, consisting of half butter and half margarine 5.5%.	Warned Vendor. Subsequent sample satisfactory.
222	Walnut Cake Mixture. Fully sweetened.	Informal.	Consisted of chocolate cake mixture with no walnuts.	Wrote to manufacturers.
135	Orange Squash	Informal.	Contained sulphur dioxide 450 parts per million.	Orange Squash should not contain more than 350 parts per million of sulphur dioxide. Wrote to manufacturers.
226	Semolina.	Informal.	Contaminated by insects.	Three small dead larvae and one live one were found in this sample. Their characters were similar to those of the bacon beetle, <i>Dermestes lardarius</i> . No further stock.
316	Aspirin Tablets.	Informal.	Contained Salicylic acid, 1.5 per cent.	The proportion of salicylic acid was excessive being ten times the maximum permitted. Withdrawn from sale.
264	Butter.	Informal.	Damaged butter.	Condemned remainder. The butter was discoloured by a number of black marks, which were found to be due to growths of fungus.
236	Dried Fruit Salad.	Informal.	Deteriorated.	Condemned remainder. The dried fruit was dirty and contaminated by mites.



Number	Food	Type of Sample	Nature of Irregularity	Action Taken
317	Orange Juice.	Informal.	Consisted of an Orange drink, containing sugar, citric acid, preservative, colouring matter, water, and not more than 10 per cent. of orange juice.	Taken up with retailers. The proportion of Vitamin C. present was found to be 0.4 milligram per fluid ounce, i.e. only about one thirtieth of that contained in orange juice.
287	Table Jelly.	Informal.	The sample failed to comply with the Setting Test specified in the Food Standards (Table Jellies) Order, 1949.	Taken up with the wholesalers. Subsequent sample satisfactory.
434	Almond Paste.	Informal.	The sample was dirty, the surface of the block of almond paste being contaminated by dust and a small dead fly.	Taken up with the Baker.
416	Ammoniated Tincture of Quinine.	Informal.	Ammonia 33 per cent. deficient.	The sample failed to comply with the standard of the British Pharmaceutica Codex. Vendor warned.
426	Preserved Pork Sausages.	Informal.	Meat content, 57 per cent.	Pork Sausages normally contain at least 65 per cent. of meat. No action in view of low price.

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