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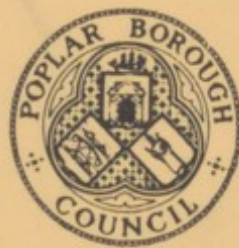


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The Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE YEAR

1964

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1964-65

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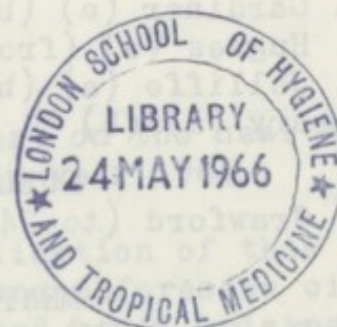
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TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS
OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF POPLAR

Dear Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Borough during the year 1964.

My apologies are offered for the late publication of this report which has arisen owing to quite extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances relating to the transfer of documents and staff arising from the amalgamation of the borough with Bethnal Green and Stepney.

Population

The population rose by 700 to reach a total of 68,530. This is in keeping with the trend indicated in my previous report. It is anticipated that there will be a small but steady increase towards a planned total of 90,000 when redevelopment of the area is completed at the end of the century.

Births

Live births totalling 1,374 were 2% higher than last year.

Still-births decreased by nearly one-third in the year.

Deaths

The peri-natal mortality rate declined by 2.62%.

Deaths from lung cancer increased by more than 50% and the fall of 22% in bronchitis may indicate that as a result of improved diagnosis deaths from bronchitis may previously have included some cases of cancer of the lung - although a diminution in bronchitis deaths was to be anticipated from changed smoking habits, the mild winter and improvements in treatment.

Deaths from heart conditions, coronary disease and hypertension showed an approximate increase of 10%.

Infectious Disease

The number of cases of infectious diseases was a third less than the total for last year. Measles accounted for more than a half and although 20% were cases of Dysentery the majority of these were in isolated outbreaks not connected. Scarlet Fever accounted for 12%.

There were no notified cases of Diphtheria, Food Poisoning, Poliomyelitis or Typhoid.

Mobile Dwellings

During the year licences were granted to the London County Council for the erection of 186 mobile homes on various sites throughout the Borough. Not only are they providing many families with urgently needed accommodation but, at the same time, their erection has reduced the number of open sites which have occasioned so much nuisance and undesirable occupation by caravan trespassers in the past.

Houses in Multiple Occupation

Work under this section of the Housing Act produced a number of problems. There was difficulty on many occasions in establishing not only the ownership of premises but also the occupation of individual rooms. The frequent changes of the tenancy of rooms made it necessary for regular revisiting of all premises registered under this section of the Housing Act and, in many cases, this entailed inspection at night.

As the survey of the Borough proceeded and more premises came under surveillance, in order that satisfactory progress be maintained a separate section dealing full-time with the problems of multiple occupation has been created.

It is important that the practice of over-occupation of houses be stopped before it becomes out of control. The law needs strengthening so that houses suitable for multiple occupation can be registered before reoccupation, as the nuisance is made worse by owners, many being recent immigrants, who purchase old property when vacant and proceed, in many cases, to let each room separately.

Welfare

The Welfare Section of the Department dealing with the ascertainment of the needs of old people and their problems is now well established and the number of cases registered is expanding. The regular routine visiting where necessary and checking of living conditions and welfare is maintained. At the same time every effort is made to discover new cases where assistance is required.

The Incontinent Laundry Service is being utilised to its full capacity, while the Home Bathing Service has increased by the appointment of a male attendant.

The Annual Holiday under the supervision of the Welfare Officer, arranged by the Mayor, was extremely successful and enjoyed immensely by the participants.

Clean Air

The area of the Borough now under Clean Air Zones amounts to 929 acres, which does not include the Dock area of 515 acres under the control of the Port Health Authority. A further Order affecting 488 acres comes into operation on 1st July 1966 and, in addition, preparations are in hand for the survey and representation of the remaining area in 1966 which will bring the whole of the Borough under control.

Health Education

Greater consideration is being given by the Department to increasing activity in the field of Health Education. There is a great need for a more strenuous policy by all authorities connected with public welfare; unnecessary infection, home accidents and injuries are brought about by carelessness, ignorance and failure to take elementary precautions. A vigorous campaign to spread knowledge is a matter of urgency.

I would like to express my thanks to Members of the Council and, in particular, to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, for their help and encouragement.

My thanks are also due to the other Chief Officers and their staffs for their assistance and co-operation at all times, and to my own staff for their loyal and ready support.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. C. TURNER,

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION A

VITAL STATISTICS

During the year births registered exceeded deaths registered by 680 and the home population estimated by the Registrar-General to number 68,530 at the middle of the year shows an increase of 700 compared with the estimate for the previous year.

The birth-rate was 20.04 per 1,000 of the population as compared with 19.82 for 1963. To enable a fair comparison to be made with other areas and the country as a whole, area comparability factors which take into consideration the age and sex distribution of the population are provided by the Registrar-General. Factors are supplied both for births and deaths. Using the comparability factor the adjusted birth-rate would be 19.03 as compared with 18.4 for England and Wales.

The infant mortality rate, being the number of deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 births, was 24.01 as compared with 23.04 for the previous year. The figures for England and Wales are 20.0 and 21.1 respectively.

The death rate in 1964 was 10.41 per 1,000 of the population as compared with 11.05 for 1963. Again using the comparability factor the adjusted death rate would be 12.7 as compared with 11.3 for England and Wales. Comparative rates for the previous year were 13.48 and 12.2 respectively.

The causes of death are shown in Table I in accordance with the classification used by the Registrar-General. Deaths from Neoplasms of the lung show an increase of nearly 50 per cent over last year, the deaths among males accounting for over 60 per cent of the total. Coronary disease shows an increase over last year.

Table I

DEATHS - 1964
(Registrar-General's Return)

CAUSE OF DEATH	ALL AGES			Age Groups									
	Total	M	F	-1	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
1 Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
2 Tuberculosis, other	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
3 Syphilitic Disease	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
9 Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
10 Malignant neoplasm, stomach	18	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	6	8
11 Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	65	56	9	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	17	27	8
12 Malignant neoplasm, breast	14	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	7	3	1
13 Malignant neoplasm, uterus	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1
14 Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	69	41	28	-	-	-	1	1	3	6	16	17	25
15 Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	-
16 Diabetes	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
17 Vascular lesions of nervous system	57	25	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	8	15	31
18 Coronary disease, angina	140	82	58	-	-	-	-	-	4	15	20	45	56
19 Hypertension with heart disease	6	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4
20 Other heart disease	45	18	27	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	6	13	22
21 Other circulatory disease	41	21	20	-	-	-	1	-	2	4	8	10	16
22 Influenza	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Pneumonia	53	29	24	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	4	36
24 Bronchitis	60	44	16	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	15	21	20
25 Other diseases of respiratory system	6	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	3

(Contd.)

Table 1 (continued)

CAUSE OF DEATH		Total	M	F	-1	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	6	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	3
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	4	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
28	Nephritis and nephroses	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
31	Congenital malformations	7	5	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	62	29	33	18	2	2	1	-	4	3	6	12	14
33	Motor vehicle accidents	10	10	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	1	1	2	2
34	All other accidents	14	10	4	-	3	1	2	2	2	-	1	1	2
35	Suicide	11	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	3	-
36	Homicide and operations of war	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Males -			416		27	5	2	4	6	23	39	86	116	108
Females -				298	6	1	1	3	-	9	16	40	71	151
GRAND TOTAL:			714		33	6	3	7	6	32	55	126	187	259

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

				Males	Females	TOTAL
Live Births:	Legitimate	..	..	652	573	1,225
	Illegitimate	..	..	91	58	149
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population			..			20.04
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births						10.84
Stillbirths:	Legitimate			8	11	19
	Illegitimate	..	..	1	-	1
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births						14.34
Total live and still births		..	..			1,394
Deaths	..	..	..	416	298	714
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population			..			10.41
Deaths of Infants under one year of age:						
	Legitimate	..	..	25	6	31
	Illegitimate	..	..	2	-	2
Death rate of Infants under one year of age:						
	Legitimate infants per 1,000					
	legitimate live births		..			24.16
	Illegitimate infants per 1,000					
	illegitimate live births		..			6.71
	All infants per 1,000 live births		..			24.01
Neo-natal mortality rate (under 4 weeks) per 1,000 live births						16.02
Early neo-natal mortality rate (under 1 week) per 1,000 live births						14.55
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined) per 1,000 live and still births			..			28.69
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	..		..			"
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths						"

SECTION B

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The domestic water supply in the Borough is taken from the Metropolitan Water Board. Samples of the water are subjected to regular routine chemical and bacteriological examination at the Board's laboratories and the results of these examinations are made available to the local authority.

The water supply to the Borough has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity during 1964.

The water supply to the area is a mixture of River Thames-derived and River Lee-derived filtered water in varying and unpredictable proportions. A summary of the results of the chemical and bacteriological analyses of the water passing into supply from these two sources for the year 1964 is set out on page

The waters are not plumbo-solvent.

Immediate action is taken in respect of any form of contamination revealed by inspection or analysis. All new and repaired mains are disinfected with chlorine and the water in them is checked as to its quality afterwards, before the structures are restored to service.

All inhabited houses are supplied with a piped water supply direct to them, and no houses are permanently supplied by stand-pipe. Most have a supply for potable purposes direct off the main.

There have been no new sources of supply or new important extensions of trunk mains in this area during the period under consideration, and there were no changes in the general scheme of supply. New mains were laid to the extent of 468 yards.

Acknowledgments are due to Dr. E. Windle Taylor, Director of Water Examination, Metropolitan Water Board, who supplied facts and figures.

Water supply certificates were granted in accordance with Section 95 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936, in 585 cases.

There are 11 private wells in the Borough, some of which are used for industrial purposes. In no case is the water used for drinking purposes, but by arrangement with the owners of the wells, the Metropolitan Water Board takes samples periodically for examin-

ation so as to have some record of the probable suitability of the water for drinking should this become necessary in the unlikely event of a major breakdown in the normal supply or in case of war.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

The District Public Health Inspectors are responsible for the investigation of all complaints in connection with premises within their areas whether these be used as dwellings or for commercial or industrial purposes. The greater portion of the work concerns dwellings as can be seen from the summary of work done which follows, on page

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (excluding water)	2,136 acres
Area (including water)	2,331 acres
Population, estimated mid-year	68,530
Number of inhabited houses (according to Rate books)	18,921
Rateable Value	£4,773,735
General Rate (1964-65)	8/2d in £
Sum represented by a penny rate (1964-65)	£18,050

Completed	Not Completed	Defects Found in Dwelling-houses:
31	32	Defective drains
127	130	Drains obstructed
39	43	Waste pipes defective, etc.
-	-	Rainwater pipes not disconnected
150	141	W.C.'s and flushing apparatus defective
321	387	Dampness (not due to defects elsewhere)
18	18	Water supply cut off
17	17	Dust receptacles - insufficient or defective

Table II

INSPECTIONS, INSANITARY CONDITIONS THEN EXISTING
AND RE-INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR 1964

No. of Complaints received	...	...	2,580
No. of Inspections:			
House-to-House	...	...	1,219
Dwelling-houses - on complaint	...	...	2,472
" - after Infectious Disease	...	...	1,283
Factories - where power is used	...	...	164
" - no power used	...	...	-
" - others	...	...	-
Outworkers	...	...	14
Stables	...	...	-
Smoke Observations	...	...	23
Miscellaneous visits, re-inspections (including visits to infectious disease contacts, school inspections, etc.)			7,154
Premises requiring amendment:			
Dwelling-houses	...	...	1,605
Others	...	...	28
Service of Intimations, etc.:			
Intimations served	...	...	1,427
Intimations complied with	...	...	1,840
Notices served	...	...	503
Notices complied with ..	...	...	387
Final notices served ..	...	...	111
Final notices complied with	...	...	83
Work done (number of instances not included above)			
(a) After legal proceedings	...	...	43
(b) Voluntarily	...	...	9
Summonses applied for ..	...	...	47
Defects found in Dwelling-houses:	Nuisances etc. found	Works completed	
Defective drains	32	31	
Drains obstructed	130	127	
Waste pipes defective, etc.	43	39	
Rainwater pipes not disconnected	-	-	
W.C.'s and flushing apparatus defective	141	130	
Dampness (not due to defects elsewhere) ..	387	321	
Water supply cut off	18	18	
Dust receptacles - insufficient or defective ..	17	17	

Table III

	Nuisances etc. found	Works completed
Miscellaneous:		
Rooms, etc. dirty and/or verminous	147	147
Cases of overcrowding	28	-
Yards, etc. not properly paved or drained	15	13
Roofs defective	401	385
Rainwater pipes and gutters defective	210	209
Public House urinals requiring cleansing	14	14
Other nuisances or defects	2,104	2,001
Defects, etc. found in Factories:		
Sanitary defects	-	-
W.C. accommodation insufficient or unsuitable	38	38
Overcrowding	-	-

HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Day Inspections	1,064
Night Inspections	90
Notices of Direction served	53

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The institution of legal proceedings under the Public Health (London) Act, 1936, the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1927, and the Housing Act, 1957, Section 36, was necessary in the instances shown in Table III which follows :-

Table III

PUBLIC HEALTH (LONDON) ACT, 1936

<u>Address</u>	<u>Nature of Complaint</u>	<u>Result</u>
32 Cardigan Road	Broken W.C. pan. Chimney pot missing from ground floor back addition flue.	28 days Order Costs £3 9 0
60 St. Stephens Road	Second floor attic room - dampness to walls and ceiling and various other defects.	28 days Order Costs £3 9 0
90 Ellerman Street	Roof leaking	Work done Costs £3 9 0
91 Ellerman Street	Roof leaking	-do-
95 Hind Grove	Basement back room - damp and defective plaster and various other defects	-do-
30 Usher Road	Unlawfully to comply with a Nuisance Order.	Fine £50 0 0 Costs £5 5 0
20 Tredegar Road	Various defects	Summons not served. Defendant had left address
52 McCullum Road	Defective roof	28 days Order Costs £3 9 0
47 Ordell Road	Dampness in walls of first floor front (left hand) room	-do-
25 Byron Street	Premises without a proper and sufficient supply of water	14 days Order Costs £3 9 0
26 Usher Road	Dampness in ground floor front room and first floor back addition room	28 days Order Costs £3 9 0
28 Usher Road	First floor back addition room dampness. First floor back room dampness. Defective back addition roof and guttering.	-do-

<u>Address</u>	<u>Nature of Complaint</u>	<u>Result</u>
107 Morville Street	Ground floor back room - rotten and defective top window sash, etc.	Work done Costs £3 9 0
8 Parnell Road	First floor front room - fracture to south party wall, etc.	-do-
29 Libra Road	First floor back room (kitchen) wooden draining board rotted and unclean	28 days Order Costs £3 9 0
Site adjacent to 2 East Ferry Road	Accumulation of old rags and general refuse	-do-
91 Morville Street	First floor back addition room dampness to ceiling and flank walls, etc.	Work done Costs £3 9 0
105 Morville Street	Roof defective. First floor front room ceiling defective-bulged, loose and part likely to fall.	-do-
16 Arrow Road	First floor front room wall damp	28 days Order Costs £3 9 0
87 Saxon Road	First floor back room - dampness to ceiling and various defects	Work done Costs £3 7 0
78 Parnell Road	Ground floor front room - defective sash to window. Dampness to front wall	28 days Order Costs £3 9 0
29 Three Mill Lane	First floor front room - woodwork perished, etc.	Work done. Costs £3 9 0
26 Usher Road	Unlawfully fail to comply with a nuisance order dated 28.2.64.	Fine £83 Costs £3 9 0
60 St. Stephens Road	Unlawfully fail to comply with a nuisance order	-do-
32 Cardigan Road	Unlawfully fail to comply with a nuisance order dated 13.3.64.	Fine £15 Costs £3 7 0

<u>Address</u>	<u>Nature of Complaint</u>	<u>Result</u>
5 Cantrell Road	Ground floor scullery flooring defective and other defects	28 days Order Costs £3 9 0
47 Libra Road	First floor landing, first floor front room, ground floor back room and basement back addition room - defective and broken sashcords and other defects	Work done Costs £3 9 0
"Three Colts" P.H. 450 Old Ford Road	Dampness to toilet and bar parlour and other defects	-do-
40 Usher Road	Penetrating dampness in first floor front room and other defects	Work done Costs £3 9 0
8 Lacey Street	First floor back - dampness to ceiling and other defects	Work done Costs £3 9 0
295 Old Ford Road	First floor front room - dampness to ceiling and various defects	28 days Order Costs £3 9 0
39 Gawthorne Street	Ground floor W.C. defective and leaking joint to flush pipe and pan and various defects.	Work done Costs £3 9 0
83 Lefevre Road	Dampness to first floor rooms ceilings. Main roof leaking and defective.	-do-
105 Morville Street	Back addition gutter rusted and defective and various defects	-do-
17 Stafford Road	Front basement forecourt - accumulation of rubbish in yard, etc. and various defects	-do-
29 Morville Street	Ground floor back addition metal tallboy to flue has collapsed and various defects	-do-

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

<u>Address</u>	<u>Nature of Complaint</u>	<u>Result</u>
6 Edgar Road	Main roof not weatherproof, ground floor back addition room wall damp	28 days Order Costs £3 9 0
40 Appian Road	Ground floor back room - dampness to party wall, chimney breast and rear wall	Work done Costs £3 7 0
97 Monier Road	Ground floor passage wall damp and various other defects	Closing Order Costs £3 7 0
99 Monier Road	Ground floor front room reveals to window defective (external) and various other defects	-do-
103 Monier Road	Main roof defective and various other defects	-do-
50 Bromley Hall Road	Condition and state of rear yard	28 days Order Costs £3 7 0
39 Portree Street	Ground floor front flooring broken and defective	Work done Costs £3 7 0
18 Driffield Road	Rubbish on site	-do-
78 Parnell Road	Unlawfully fail to comply with a nuisance order	Fine £25 0 0 Costs £3 7 0
43 Cardigan Road	Ground floor front room - rotten skirting boards and various defects	28 days Order Costs £15 15 0
185 Malmesbury Road	First floor front room - broken sash cords to window and other defects.	28 days Order Costs £3 9 0

HOUSING ACTS, 1957 & 1961

<u>Address</u>	<u>Nature of Complaint</u>	<u>Result</u>
40 Bow Road	Did knowingly fail to comply with the requirements of a Direction in permitting other persons to take up residence in the premises	Fine £5.0.0 Costs £3.9.0
37 Mostyn Street	Unlawfully default in complying with the requirements of a Notice dated 24.4.64	Fine £10.0.0 Costs £3.9.0
119 Morville Street	Did unlawfully obstruct informant from entering said premises for the purpose of survey and examination on 13.8.64, having been served with a Notice dated 11.8.64	Fine £10.0.0 Costs £3.7.0
31 Gawthorne Street	Did knowingly fail to comply with the requirements of a Notice dated 11.9.64	Fine £5.0.0 Costs £3.13.0

DRAINAGE

During the year 96 plans of drainage works to new and existing buildings were submitted and approved.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND SEWERAGE

The disposal of sewage in London is the responsibility of the London County Council, and the position as far as Poplar is concerned is generally satisfactory.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

One Dresser of Furskins is established in the Borough.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There was one licensed Common Lodging House, with accommodation for 244 males, in the Borough. Eleven day inspections and 8 night inspections were made during the year.

SEAMEN'S LODGING HOUSES

There were two licensed Seamen's Lodging Houses, providing accommodation for 187 and 26 males respectively, in the Borough.

Inspections made during the year totalled 7.

Each year, when considering applications for renewal of licences for Common Lodging Houses and Seamen's Lodging Houses detailed inspections are made of the premises by

- (a) Public Health Department
- (b) Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department
(This includes fire precautions)
- (c) London Electricity Board

and a licence is issued subject to the requirements and recommendations of these Departments being met.

PERSONAL CLEANSING

As in recent years the arrangement was continued with Stepney Borough Council whereby persons requiring personal cleansing were treated where necessary at the Stepney Cleansing Station at Branch Road.

The Poplar Cleansing Station, which is in Geo Street adjoining the Disinfecting Station, is maintained in proper order and can be re-opened at any time should this be necessary.

The number of persons cleansed during 1964 was as follows:-

		Vermineous	Scabies	Total
Jan. 1961	Adults	33	10	43
Feb. 1961	Children	2	1	3
1962				
1963	Totals:	35	11	46
1964				

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

The Council maintains a disinfecting station at Yeo Street and a summary of the work carried out is given below:

		<u>Premises</u>	<u>Articles</u>
(a) Disinfection		<u>Disinfected</u>	<u>Disinfected</u>
Infectious Disease	...	26	229
Tuberculosis	...	43	458
Scabies	...	-	-
Miscellaneous		180	683
TOTALS:		249	1,370
(b) Disinfestation:			
Inspections:			
Number of visits	...	...	793
Premises requiring treatment	...	...	792
Furniture requiring treatment	...	...	201
Number of treatments	...	...	1,663
Re-inspections after disinfestation	...	...	55
Miscellaneous visits and revisits	...	...	54
Disinfestation carried out:			
Rooms (in 895 premises)	...	...	2,113
Beds, bedding, etc., articles	...	...	3,408
Furniture articles	...	...	5,501

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The work of Rodent Control is carried out by skilled and experienced operatives with supervision by the Council's officers and all repression work is carried out by methods approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Great care is taken to ensure that baits are protected from domestic animals and non-responsible persons.

The work of the section is divided into three main categories:

(a) Sewer Maintenance Treatment

(b) Business Premises

(c) Dwelling-houses - Complaints from occupiers

RODENT CONTROL IN SEWERS

In 1961 an experiment was begun using Sodium Fluoracetamide (1081) with six treatments each year. The basis of the experiment was that a rat matures and is capable of reproduction at about two months; if rats could be killed before reaching maturity this would be the most satisfactory way of reducing their numbers.

The results are highly encouraging and it is now reported that several sections of the sewerage system have been freed of rats and have remained free.

Table A shows the variation in results over a period of years;

Table B shows the distribution of results over the Borough.

Allowing for certain infiltration from extensive dock and railway property and from adjoining boroughs, the improvement in the overall situation is regarded as being very satisfactory.

TABLE A

Year	Manholes Baited	Takes Recorded		
		Good	Complete	
1943	1,566	234	147	With either Zinc Phosphide and sausage or bread rusk or Arsenous Oxide and sausage or bread rusk
1946	1,452	175	162	
1947	1,701	125	202	
1948	1,831	138	162	
1949	1,815	199	132	
1954	1,567	212	189	
1956	1,537	233	223	Treated with prepared Warfarin
1958	840	34	141	
1959	1,481	57	136	Treated with Sodium Fluoracetamide (1081) and commencement of six treatments per year
Jan. 1961	1,478	70	118	
May 1961	1,382	89	108	
" 1962	1,413	98	36	
" 1963	1,421	82	16	
" 1964	1,522	70	20	

TABLE B

Commencement of experiment - Six treatments a year with sausage rusk and Sodium Fluoracetamide (1081) May 1961.

Prebait dates - May 1961

" 1962

" 1963 with poison treatments at two-monthly intervals

" 1964

AREAS	Year	MANHOLES		TAKES RECORDED		
		Totals	No. Treated	None	Good	Complete
Millwall. AREA 1	1961	223	216	184	9 (4.2%)	23 (10.7%)
	1962	223	221	199	17 (7.6%)	5 (2.2%)
	1963	253	229	214	14 (6.1%)	1 (0.4%)
	1964	279	270	255	8 (2.9%)	7 (2.6%)
Poplar High St. 1 EX	1961	163	147	131	2 (1.3%)	14 (9.5%)
	1962	166	165	160	2 (1.2%)	3 (1.8%)
	1963	165	151	143	6 (3.9%)	2 (1.3%)
	1964	181	171	159	6 (3.5%)	6 (3.5%)
Abbott Rd. AREA 2	1961	179	147	123	16 (10.8%)	8 (5.4%)
	1962	161	136	125	10 (7.3%)	1 (0.7%)
	1963	179	148	140	8 (4.4%)	Nil (Nil)
	1964	179	155	146	9 (5.8%)	Nil (Nil)
Chrisp St. AREA 3	1961	185	151	129	11 (7.3%)	11 (7.3%)
	1962	163	153	139	8 (5.2%)	6 (3.8%)
	1963	169	158	147	7 (4.4%)	4 (2.5%)
	1964	179	177	167	7 (3.9%)	3 (1.7%)
Devons Rd. AREA 4	1961	388	362	322	24 (6.4%)	16 (4.4%)
	1962	375	361	326	25 (6.9%)	10 (2.8%)
	1963	390	359	334	17 (4.7%)	8 (2.2%)
	1964	387	362	341	19 (5.2%)	2 (0.5%)
Roman Rd. AREA 5	1961	406	359	296	27 (7.8%)	36 (10.0%)
	1962	397	377	335	31 (8.3%)	11 (2.9%)
	1963	409	376	345	30 (7.9%)	1 (0.26%)
	1964	423	387	364	21 (5.4%)	2 (0.5%)
TOTALS:	1961	1544	1382	1185	89 (6.4%)	108 (7.8%)
	1962	1499	1413	1284	98 (6.5%)	36 (2.5%)
	1963	1565	1421	1323	82 (5.7%)	16 (1.1%)
	1964	1628	1522	1432	70 (4.8%)	20 (1.3%)

BUSINESS PREMISES

This scheme was introduced in 1943. Following the inspection of commercial premises and industrial sites, the owners are encouraged to join the scheme. The charge for the service is based on the extent of infestation, the number of visits likely to be required, and the cost of labour and materials. In an area with nearly nine miles of river frontage to the Thames and Lea this enables the treatments to spread over a large number of premises and gives a very satisfactory measure of control. It is appreciated by the commercial undertakings, and is a valuable part of rat repression work carried out in the Borough. The income derived from this scheme amounted to over £5,000 during the year.

DWELLING HOUSES

321 complaints relating to dwelling-houses were received during the year. No serious infestations were discovered.

Number of Block Control Schemes carried out				Total treatments carried out				Number of infested properties treated			
140	131	9	-	37	1,498	2,080	3,615	12	-	-	-
Number of infested properties				Number of properties inspected				Total inspections carried out, including re-inspections			
(c) Minor				Which were found to be infested by:				(c) Otherwise			
Major				Minor				Survey under the Act			
1				1				(a) Common			
100				100				Rats			
100				100				(b) Minor			
1				1				Major			
1				1				(d) Major			
1				1				Rats			
1				1				(e) Major			
1				1				Rats			

**DETAILS OF WORK CARRIED OUT UNDER THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE
BY PESTS ACT, 1949 DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW**

	TYPE OF PROPERTY			
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses including Council Houses	All Other (including Business Premises)	TOTAL
Number of properties in Borough	21	18,921	3,658	22,600
Number of properties inspected as a result of:				
(a) Notification	6	182	2,041	2,229
(b) Survey under the Act	-	20	41	61
(c) Otherwise	-	-	5	5
Total inspections carried out, including re-inspections	69	1,641	11,399	13,109
Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:				
(a) Common Rats				
Major	1	-	11	12
Minor	9	73	408	490
(b) Ship Rats				
Major	-	-	-	-
Minor	1	23	-	24
(c) Mice				
Major	-	100	163	263
Minor	1	96	590	687
Number of infested properties treated	12	-	-	-
Total treatments carried out	37	1,498	2,080	3,615
Number of Block Control Schemes carried out	-	9	131	140

FACTORIES ACT, 1961 (Tables IV, V & VI)

Table IV

INSPECTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	36	14	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	587	164	28	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	39	28	-	-
T O T A L	662	206	28	-

Table V

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	No. of Cases in which Defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:-					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	38	38	-	4	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Acts (not excluding offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L S	38	38	-	4	-

Table VI
OUTWORKERS

Nature of Work	SECTION 133			SECTION 134		
	No. of Outworkers in August List re-quired by Sec.110(1)	No. of Cases of default in sending Lists to the Council	No. of Prosec - tions for failure to supply Lists	No. of instances work in unwhole - some premises	Notices served	Prosecu - tions
Making, etc. of Wearing Apparel	116	-	-	-	-	-
Making, etc. of Boxes	21	-	-	-	-	-
Making of Paper Bags	3	-	-	-	-	-
Others	14	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L	154	-	-	-	-	-

CARAVANS

The nuisance from caravans parking on open sites has been kept in check during the past two years because of a vigorous policy of taking action against trespassers within 24 hours of arrival.

However, 1964 brought an influx of persistent offenders which involved the officers of the Public Health Department in a great deal of work caused by inspections, visits, service of notices and surveying of unprotected sites.

The only effective remedy to illegal parking is to develop all unused sites at the earliest possible moment.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Details of legal proceedings taken under the provisions of the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1959 are tabled hereunder:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Nature of Complaint</u>	<u>Result</u>
Bow Common Lane/Devons Road Site	Unlawfully station and use a caravan on land without there being in force in respect of that land a licence granted by Poplar Borough Council	Fine £3. 0.0 Costs £2.0.0
Cantrell Road Site	do.	Fine 10s.
Woodin Street Site	do.	Summons not served. Caravan removed.
Woodin Street Site	do.	do.
Woodin Street Site	do.	Removed from site. Costs £2.0.0
Bow Common Lane Site	do.	Summons not served. Defendant had moved.
Cantrell Road Site	do.	do.
Bow Common Lane Site	do.	do.
Bow Common Lane Site	do.	Fine £5. 0.0 Costs £1.1.0

<u>Address</u>	<u>Nature of Complaint</u>	<u>Result</u>
Shepherd Street Site	Unlawfully station and use a caravan on land without there being in force in respect of that land a licence granted by Poplar Borough Council	Summons not served. Caravan removed
Corner of Teviot Street	Ditto	Do.
Corner of Devons Road and Bow Common Lane	Ditto	Fine £5.0.0 Costs £5.5.0
Bow Common Lane Site	Ditto	Fine £10.0.0 Costs £5.5.0

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

On 1st July the No.15 Smoke Control Order, covering most of the Isle of Dogs, came into effect, with the result that some two-thirds of the Borough is now subject to smoke control. At the end of the year the No.16 Order was submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for confirmation, and when this Order comes into operation it means that the whole of the Borough, with the exception of a small portion to the north, will be subject to smoke control. It is anticipated that this remaining portion will be dealt with in one further Smoke Control Order.

Smoke Abatement

During the year 36 smoke nuisances were reported, and 21 were detected as a result of routine observations. A total of 170 visits and inspections were made in this connection.

Although during the winter several complaints were received covering the emission of grit and sooty particles from Power Stations, these were fewer in number than in the previous year as a result of representations to the Central Electricity Generating Board, and several meetings and discussions with the Engineers concerned and H.M. Alkali Inspector (who is responsible for the operation of the Clean Air Act in Power Stations.) In this respect the worst offender proved to be Watts Grove, and although every effort is being made to minimise the nuisance from this Station, some nuisance is likely to continue during the winter months as it is only a booster station and is required to cope with sudden demands for extra power, and when working at full capacity the steam generators are overloaded. As has been mentioned in previous reports the furnaces of the steam generators were designed primarily for firing on pulverised fuel, but subsequently conversion to solid fuel and the addition of chain grate stokers, for which these generators are not really suitable, has created a permanent problem.

Air Pollution

Three smoke and sulphur dioxide recording stations are in continuous operation, and are situated at the north of the Borough (Poplar Town Hall), at Poplar Technical College in the centre of the borough, and at Millwall Park in the south.

The Public Health Department has continued to co-operate fully with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. During periods of fog when heavy pollution may be expected, special recordings are made.

The Department continued to co-operate with the Thames Hospital Group Pathologist in a special study of air pollution in hospital wards. Instruments were provided, maintained and supervised by the Clean Air Section, and readings were carried out by the Pathologist and his staff. Owing to the absence of any considerable quantities of fog this winter, no further significant data, additional to that collected last year, was obtained. It is anticipated, however, that these experiments will continue during the next winter.

Hourly Smoke Study

Poplar is one of six Metropolitan Boroughs co-operating with the College of General Practitioners and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in a special study which seeks information on any correlation between increases in respiratory disease and air pollution levels during smog. For this purpose a special sequential smoke sampler is used, which may be set to operate automatically for periods of 1, 3 or 24 hours, depending on the density of smog experienced.

Trainee Public Health Inspectors

The Department has an establishment for four Trainee Public Health Inspectors, and normally two of them are seconded each month to assist the Clean Air Inspector. Two of these Trainee Public Health Inspectors qualified in July and were appointed as Public Health Inspectors, and the two vacancies thus created have not so far been filled; as a result of which, for approximately six months, the Clean Air Section had the assistance of only one Trainee instead of the normal two.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

ANNUAL STATISTICS

1st January to 31st December, 1964

	<u>Section</u>	<u>Inspections and revisits</u>
Dark Smoke Nuisances	1	49
Other Smoke Nuisances	16	1
Grit and Dust Nuisances	5	16
Notification of New Furnaces	3(3)	6
Prior Approval - New Furnaces	3(2)	6
Prior Approval - Grit/Dust Equipment	6	-
Industrial Smoke Control	11	89
Non-industrial Smoke Control	11	32
Railway Engines	19	-
Survey Smoke Control Areas	11	592
Inspection of work in connection with adaptations	12	228
Crown Premises, etc.	22	-
Alkali Acts	17	-
Atmospheric Pollution Stations	25	105
Health Education	25	2
Legal Proceedings	29	1
Industrial Plant Records	8	-
Height of Chimneys	10	-
Miscellaneous Visits	-	770
Total Visits		<u>1,897</u>

Table VII
ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION RECORDING TABLE

Constituents:	Total Water -	Insoluble Matter	Ash	Soluble Matter	SO ₄	Total Solids	Wt. of FL9 SO ₃ collected estimated on Mg/100 sq.cm/day (PbO ₂ cyl.)
<u>JANUARY</u>							
13.7 mm. Rain	grams per 100 sq.metres	643	439	341	157	984	3.80
0.54 in. " "	tons " " sq.mile	16.40	11.20	8.69	4.00	25.09	
<u>FEBRUARY</u>							
21.2 mm. Rain	grams per 100 sq.metres	932	410	356	917	1288	3.93
0.84 in. " "	tons " " sq.mile	23.76	10.46	9.07	2.34	32.83	
<u>MARCH</u>							
61.3 mm. Rain	grams per 100 sq.metres	652	462	582	183	1234	3.59
2.42 in. " "	tons " " sq.mile	16.64	11.79	14.84	4.67	31.48	
<u>APRIL</u>							
58.4 mm. Rain	grams per 100 sq.metres	829	654	315	123	1144	2.80
2.30 in. " "	tons " " sq.mile	21.14	16.67	8.04	3.13	29.18	
<u>MAY</u>							
59.9 mm. Rain	grams per 100 sq.metres	514	389	372	102	886	2.12
2.36 in. " "	tons " " sq.mile	13.12	9.92	9.50	2.59	22.62	
<u>JUNE</u>							
87.3 mm. Rain	grams per 100 sq.metres	399	294	363	128	762	1.73
3.44 in. " "	tons " " sq.mile	10.18	7.50	9.25	3.26	19.43	

Constituents:		Total Water -	Insoluble Matter	Ash	Soluble Matter	SO ₄	Total Solids	Wt. of FL9 SO ₃ collected estimated on Mg/100 sq.cm/day (PbO ₂ cyl.)
<u>JULY</u>								
23.6 mm.	Rain grams per 100 sq.metres		591	390	188	74	779	1.57
0.93 in.	" tons " " sq.mile		15.08	9.95	4.81	1.89	19.89	
<u>AUGUST</u>								
29.2 mm.	Rain grams per 100 sq.metres		455	303	205	79	660	1.29
1.15 in.	" tons " " sq.mile		11.59	7.73	5.22	2.02	16.81	
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>								
7.2 mm.	Rain grams per 100 sq.metres		232	173	140	54	372	2.14
0.28 in.	" tons " " sq.mile		5.91	4.42	3.58	1.39	9.49	
<u>OCTOBER</u>								
28.4 mm.	Rain grams per 100 sq.metres		413	278	263	120	676	3.31
1.12 in.	" tons " " sq.mile		10.52	7.10	6.71	3.05	17.23	
<u>NOVEMBER</u>								
31.1 mm.	Rain grams per 100 sq.metres		410	266	272	90	682	3.59
1.23 in.	" tons " " sq.mile		10.44	6.79	6.94	2.28	17.38	
<u>DECEMBER</u>								
25.1 mm.	Rain grams per 100 sq.metres		559	422	294	101	853	Sample destroyed on site
0.99 in.	" tons " " sq.mile		14.26	10.77	7.51	2.56	21.77	

SHOPS ACT, 1950

No exemption certificates under the Act were issued during the year.

PHARMACY AND POISONS ACT, 1933

A list of persons who sell poisons included in Part II of the Poisons list is maintained under the provisions of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933.

The number of persons on the list at the end of 1964 was 39.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

This Act requires the registration of premises upon which a business is carried on involving the use of filling materials. The number of premises registered is 10.

This Act also requires the licensing of premises for the storage of rag flock.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Licences have been issued in respect of 2 premises within the Borough.

HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS

The total on the register at the end of the year was 59 persons and 51 premises.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 50

Burials carried out under the provisions of this Act totalled 5 adults and one stillborn child.

The total cost was £68.16.0d of which £61.10.3d was recovered.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951, SECTION 1

It was necessary on one occasion to resort to the powers of Compulsory Removal. The person concerned was an elderly spinster of 83 years who had been under observation by the Department for a number of years. She lived alone in a 3-room first floor flat and sanitary facilities were located on the ground floor. Shortly before her removal she took to her bed and got up only for short periods. She was unable to carry water upstairs or use the toilet, which created conditions that made it impossible for her to look after herself ade-

quately. In addition she refused any assistance from the District Nurse or Home Help. As her condition deteriorated arrangements were made on two occasions for her to enter hospital voluntarily and, in both instances, she declined on the arrival of the ambulance.

Under these circumstances there was no alternative but to arrange for her removal compulsorily under the provisions of the National Assistance Act. The removal was accomplished smoothly, and with the minimum of inconvenience to the old lady.

WELFARE OF THE AGED AND INFIRM

As can be seen from the table below, the number of new cases brought to the attention of the Department as in need of help or care amounted to 478. They were dealt with as expeditiously as possible, depending upon the urgency of each particular case, at the same time observation and routine inspection being made of those already under the notice of the department. The most difficult cases are those of old people who are completely isolated, without relatives, friends or organisations to keep them under observation. Quite often they live in loneliness and without any participation in the life of the community around them, which has an effect on their mental stability. It is this kind of case that needs most help and one of the greatest obstacles is discovering them for, in many cases, they have a fear of "charity" and very rarely seek assistance of their own accord. Their living conditions are often appalling and they are in need of medical care, meals-on-wheels, and assistance with housework.

Every effort is made to enlist the co-operation of the public to assist by informing the Welfare Officer in this department where such cases are suspected or known to exist. I am pleased to say this has resulted in our being able to help a number of cases which otherwise would have gone undetected much longer.

Details of Inspections

Cases on the Register at 31st December 1963	969
New cases added to the Register	478
Number of removals from Register:	
(a) Deaths	84
(b) Transfers	42
(c) Other cases	31
Total number on Register at 31st December 1964	1290
Incontinent Laundry calls	1085
Home Bathing visits	2482
Visits to new cases	279
Visits to old cases	1059
Miscellaneous visits and enquiries	1482

Home Bathing

The number of Home Bathing visits more than doubled the total of the previous year, amounting to 2482 as compared with 1205. It is anticipated that the need for this service will increase year by year.

Incontinent Laundry

The demand for this service, as in the case of Home Bathing, has shown a great increase. However, I am pleased to say that the staff were able to cope satisfactorily with the extra burden of work.

MORTUARY AND CORONER'S COURT

The Poplar Mortuary is situated in Poplar High Street adjoining the Coroner's Court. It is fitted with modern refrigerating plant which will hold fifteen bodies and it has a well equipped post-mortem room. In addition there is a viewing room, a waiting room and accommodation for the use of the Pathologists and clerks.

The total number of bodies received during 1964 was 573 (residents 248, non-residents 325). Post-mortem only examinations were made in 491 cases and inquests were held in 78 cases.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The arrangements for collection, removal and disposal of refuse are under the control of the Borough Engineer, who has supplied the following information:-

Refuse: During the year 23,899 tons of house, trade, street, gully, market and kitchen refuse were collected and disposed of at the controlled tip. In addition 15,048 tons of refuse from other boroughs were also dealt with at the Council's Refuse Disposal Depot.

Street Cleansing: Two mechanical sweeper-collectors supplemented the work of the manual road sweepers, and as warranted by weather conditions two watering machines were used for washing and watering roads and street markets.

Gully Cleansing: Three gully emptying machines have carried out 6253 gully cleansings and weekly emptyings of three cesspools.

SWIMMING BATHS AND WASHHOUSES

The following bathing establishments are maintained by the Council under the supervision of the Chief Baths Superintendent:-

Poplar Baths	- Vapour, Foam and Slipper Baths, Swimming Pools
Bow Baths	- Slipper Baths
Aberfeldy Street	- Launderette.

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

There are two pools, both situated at the main establishment, East India Dock Road, E.14, and I am indebted to the Chief Baths Superintendent for the information contained in the report which follows:-

	Large Pool	Small Pool
Length	100-ft.	64-ft.
Width	39'6"	25'0"
Maximum depth	8'6"	6'6"
Minimum depth	3'6"	3'0"
Capacity	150,000 galls.	50,000 galls.

The water to the pools is supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board.

Continuous filtration and chlorination of the water is carried out the whole period the pools are in use, the period of complete turnover of both pools being 3.5 hours. The pH.value of the water is maintained between 7.6 and 7.8 while the chorine content is maintained at 1.0 to 1.2 parts per million. As soon as the last bather leaves the pool at the end of the day and for the week-end closure of the establishment, the chlorine content is increased to 1.5 (or even more) parts per million to ensure sterile water when the pool is reopened.

Wallace and Tiernan Chlorinators supply the chlorine to the water and the filtration equipment used is made by United Filters. Sulphate of Alumina is used in required quantities in the filtering of the water, and soda ash, or similar, is used to assist in maintaining the necessary pH. value of the water. Hourly tests are made of both pools to see that the correct pH. and chlorine values are present. Periodical bacteriological examination of the water is carried out by visiting chemists from the London County Council Public Health Department Scientific Branch.

The water is maintained in such sterile condition that it is not necessary to empty the pools. However, as the large pool is closed during the winter season, and has to be drained down, the contents of the small pool are used to thoroughly wash out the filters servicing this pool, and then 50,000 gallons of water from the large pool is filtered through both sets of filters into the small pool. This, in effect, means that both pools are emptied down each year. While the pools are empty opportunity is taken to thoroughly scour all sections of the pool steps that are under water, and all glazed tiling cleaned down with an abrasive powder.

SECTION C

HOUSING

Details of new housing accommodation completed in the Borough during 1964 are as follows:

Poplar Borough Council	-	70 dwellings
London County Council	-	423 dwellings

The number of families living in property owned or managed by the Borough Council at 31st December, 1964 was as follows:-

<u>Type of Dwelling</u>	<u>No. of Lettings</u>
Pre-war Council houses and flats	1,058
Post-war Council houses and flats	1,804
Temporary bungalows	327
Old properties in Compulsory Purchase Areas	117
Acquired properties	152
Other properties	6

TOTAL PROPERTIES 3,464

Poplar Baths	-	Vapour, Foam and Slipper Baths, Swimming Pools
Box Baths	-	Slipper Baths
Aberfeldy Street	-	Laundrette

RENT ACT, 1957

Details of action taken between 1st January and 31st December, 1964, are as follows:-

Applications for certificates	..	27
Decisions not to issue certificates	..	1
Decisions to issue certificates	..	26
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	..	4
(b) in respect of all defects	..	22
Undertakings given by landlords	..	18
Undertakings refused by Council	..	Nil
Certificates issued	..	7
Applications by landlords to Council for cancellation of certificates	..	18
Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	..	Nil
Council decisions to cancel in spite of tenants' objections	..	Nil
Certificates cancelled	..	4

CLOSING ORDERS (PUBLIC HEALTH (LONDON) ACT, 1936)

No Closing Orders were made under this Act during the year.

CLOSING ORDERS (HOUSING ACT, 1957)

3 Closing Orders were made under this Act during 1964.

HOUSING STATISTICS

1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:

- | | |
|---|-------|
| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 2,580 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 7,154 |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 | - |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | - |
| (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 15 |
| (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 1,633 |

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice :

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	1,840
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

A. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

- | | |
|--|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 503 |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice: | |
| (a) By owners | 387 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners | - |

B. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act 1957:-

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

C. Proceedings under Sections 17 and 23 of the Housing Act 1957:

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 2
- (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 5

D. Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act 1957:

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made 2
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit -

E. Proceedings under Section 30 of the Housing Act 1957:

- (1) Number of dwelling houses included in Clearance Areas -
- (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished as a result of Clearance Area procedure

SECTION D

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

FOOD PREMISES

The number of food premises in the area by type of business is as follows:-

Manufacturing premises - 35

(Confectionery 4; Flour Millers 3; Edible Oils 1; Ice Cream 3; Wine Blenders 2; Nut Roasters 2; Grocery 3; Pickles 1; Spice Grinder 1; Food Dehydration 1; Meat Products 6; Mineral Waters 1; Sugar Refiners 2; Bakers 2; Essences 1; Sausage Rusk 1; Biscuits 1.)

This list does not include places where food is manufactured principally for retail sale on the premises.

Wharves - 27. Cold Stores - 4.

Wholesale premises - 15

(Grocers 10; Confectioners 3; Fruiterers 2).

Retail premises - 951

(Grocers 170; Confectioners 121; Restaurants 109; Industrial Canteens 95; Non-industrial Canteens 29; School Meals Centres 25; Public Houses 150; Off Licence 25; Bakers 34; Fishmongers 37; Greengrocers 60; Butchers 61; Chemists 19; Miscellaneous 11).

Street Market Stalls - 445.

REGISTERED PREMISES

Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 16 :

(a) Ice Cream - Manufacture and sale	...	12
Sale and storage	...	187
Storage only	...	4

(NOTE: In addition to the premises referred to above ice cream is also sold from 38 premises exempt from registration, i.e., Restaurants, Cinemas, etc.).

(b) Sausages and preserved, etc. foods ... 57

Milk & Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959:

Dairies ... Nil

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960:

Dealers inside the Borough ... 108

All milk distributors within the Borough have been licenced as required by the new Regulations.

Dealers' licences will be valid for a period of five years from January 1st, 1961 and will be renewable for subsequent quinquennial periods.

Inspection of Food Premises

The following is a detailed summary showing the types of premises inspected during the year:-

			<u>No. of Inspections</u>
Bakers	...	...	29
Butchers	...	...	50
Grocers	...	...	135
Milk Distributors	...	...	37
Restaurants	...	...	123
Greengrocers	...	...	11
Other catering establishments	...	...	26
Fish-shops, fryers and curers	...	...	43
Stalls and itinerant vendors	...	...	279
Market Inspections	...	...	180
Ice-cream premises	...	...	22
Wharves	...	...	784
Registered food manufacturers	...	...	117
Other food premises	...	...	51
Confectioners	...	...	27
Pharmacy and Poisons Regulations: Premises visited	...	...	5
Total Inspections			<u>1,919</u>

Table VIII

Sample No.	Article	Result of Analysis	Action
7 (Inf.)	Dairy Milk Slab	Contained only 1% milk fat	Retailer notified; sale discontinued
8 (Inf.)	Clotted Cream Fudge	Deficient in milk fat	Retailer informed; label amended
20 (Inf.)	Cocoa Beans	Contaminated with mould	Sampled at Wharf: sorted by Importers
31 (Inf.)	Meat	Contained oil soluble orange dye	Letters to exporting country, and interested authorities
110 (Inf.)	Garden Mint in Vinegar	Contaminated with lead	Letter to Manufacturer
159 (Inf.)	Beef Roma	Contained 22% meat; whereas suggested minimum standard 25%	Letter to Manufacturer
165 (Inf.)	Fish Paste "10% Added Butter"	Contained only 5% butter	Letter to Manufacturer
166 (Inf.)	Chicken Capri	Contained 16% meat; whereas suggested minimum standard 25%	Letter to Manufacturer
292 (Inf.)	Curry Powder	List of ingredients failed to disclose presence of 6.5% salt	Letter to Manufacturer
321 (Inf.)	Christmas Pudding	Generic term "candied peel" used in list of ingredients	Letter to Manufacturer
325 (Inf.)	Sorbic Acid	Failed to comply with W.H.O. provisional specification	Letter to Manufacturer

FOOD SAMPLING

A total of 352 samples of food were procured during the year by the Council's Food Inspector. These were submitted to the Public Analyst for examination.

The samples included a comprehensive variety of foods. A total of 11 samples were found to be irregular. Details of these samples and the action taken are shown in Table VIII on page 44.

LABELLING OF FOOD ORDER, 1953

Several samples failed to conform to the requirements of the Labelling of Food Order, 1953, and in each case the attention of these omissions were drawn to the notice of manufacturers and retailers.

DISPOSAL OF UNSOUND FOOD

The bulk of the food condemned as being unfit for human consumption is removed from the premises concerned and destroyed by the Borough Engineer's refuse disposal service as trade refuse and the cost of removal is charged to the owners in accordance with the Council's fixed scale of charges.

In special cases, where large quantities of food are condemned, arrangements may be made under suitable guarantees from the owners, for the foods to be utilised for animal feeding or non-edible industrial purposes such as soap, starch or manure making.

FOOD FOR EXPORT

In order to satisfy the authorities of importing countries it is necessary for the exporter to obtain a certificate of purity signed by the Medical Officer of Health for the district from which the food is shipped. During the period covered by this Report 42 certificates of purity were issued.

Number of samples		Location		Date
Total	Males	Females	St. Clement's Hospital	November 2nd-15th
1,082	479	603	Bromley High Street	15th-19th
877	312	565	Poplar Baths	Nov. 23rd-Dec. 3rd
1,766	692	1,074	TOTALS	
3,705	1,483	2,222		

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The total number of corrected notifications of infectious diseases for 1964 was 842 as compared with 1,125 for the previous year.

This difference was mainly due to the lower number of cases of Measles notified.

DIPHTHERIA

There were no confirmed cases of Diphtheria in the Borough during the year.

DYSENTERY

The total confirmed cases of Dysentery was 179, of which 110 were children of five years and under. The majority of cases were isolated outbreaks not connected.

FOOD POISONING

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

POLIOMYELITIS

There were no cases of Poliomyelitis notified to the Department during the year.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

I am indebted to Dr.D.J.Lawless, O.B.E., Medical Director of Mass Radiography Unit 6B of the North-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, for the following details of visits made to the Borough during the year 1964:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Number X-rayed</u>		
		Male	Female	Total
November 2nd-12th	St.Clement's Hospital	603	479	1,082
" 16th-19th	Bromley High Street	522	315	837
Nov.23rd-Dec.3rd	Poplar Baths	1,094	692	1,786
TOTALS:		<u>2,219</u>	<u>1,486</u>	<u>3,705</u>

Table IX

TUBERCULOSIS - PRIMARY NOTIFICATIONS

	-1	1-	2-	5-	10-	15-	20-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-	Total (all ages)
Respiratory Males	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	2	3	5	4	1	19
Respiratory Females	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	2	1	1	1	13
Non-respiratory Males	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Non-respiratory Females	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	3

In addition 52 other cases were added to the register as a result of information received from the following sources :

Transfers from other areas .. 52

During the year 18 deaths were certified as due to tuberculosis.

The number of cases remaining on the register at 31st December, 1964, after adjustment in respect of deaths and transfers, was as follows :

	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary	TOTAL
Males ..	470	26	496
Females ..	314	20	334
TOTALS:	784	46	830

Table X
INFECTIOUS DISEASE

D I S E A S E	Corrected Notifications									Removed to Hospital
	0- yrs.	1- yrs.	3- yrs.	5- yrs.	15- yrs.	25- yrs.	45- yrs.	65- yrs.	TOTAL	
Anthrax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	6	23	17	64	19	28	13	9	179	16
Encephalitis, Acute	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Measles	28	115	146	126	1	-	-	-	416	5
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	1	1	2	1	12	9	8	35	2
Poliomyelitis, Acute	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2
Scabies	-	-	2	6	1	4	-	1	14	1
Scarlet Fever	-	12	30	67	2	-	-	-	111	1
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	9	8	9	-	-	-	-	26	-
Zymotic Enteritis	8	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	20	-
Tuberculosis, Pulmonary	-	1	-	1	3	8	12	7	32	-
Tuberculosis, Meninges and C.N.S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, Other forms	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	5	-
TOTALS	43	171	207	275	27	58	35	26	842	28

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

During the year all bacteriological examinations for the Public Health Department were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Laboratories at The County Hall, S.E.1. The service is also utilised by the general practitioners in the Borough.

HOSPITALS

There are three hospitals in the Borough: St. Andrew's, St. Clement's, and Poplar Hospital.

These hospitals, together with the Poplar Chest Clinic, Wellington Way, E.3, which continued to operate during the year, are under the control of the North-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, Bow Group Hospital Management Committee.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The provision of ambulance transport within the administrative County of London is the responsibility of the London County Council and is available, free of charge, in the following circumstances :

- | | |
|---|--|
| (a) Accidents (wherever occurring) and illness (in the streets, public places or places of employment) | Dial 999 and ask for 'Ambulance' or follow instructions given on <u>telephone instrument</u> |
| (b) Very urgent illness at home | |
| For the conveyance of sick persons from their homes to a hospital, provided a doctor certifies that the case is one of life or death and that arrangements have been made with a hospital for the patient's admission | Telephone -
WATERloo 6000
NEW Cross 2645
RELiance 3622
CENTral 6301
REGent 4000 |

(c) Maternity cases

Normally, if the expectant mother has booked a bed at a hospital or nursing home, she is in possession of a white card (Form L.A.S.23) confirming the booking arrangements and giving full instructions for summoning the ambulance.

Where no previous arrangements have been made, however, the London Ambulance Service cannot accept direct applications for removal to hospital except in the case of emergencies occurring in the street or other public place, when the procedure as in (a) above should be made by a doctor or midwife to the Emergency Bed Service

Telephone -
HOP 7181

(a) Other illness

For the removal to and from hospital, etc. of sick persons provided the ambulance is ordered by the hospital authority, by the Emergency Bed Service, or, in certain circumstances by a private doctor, application should be made in writing or by telephone

Telephone -
WAT 3311

Further particulars may be had on application to the Officer-in-Charge, London Ambulance Service, County Hall, S.E.1. Telephone enquiries relating to the ordering of ambulances to WATERloo 3311; general enquiries to WATERloo 5000 - extension 6950.

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

The following information and statistics relating to the operation of the Personal Health Services in this Borough during the year have been kindly furnished by the Divisional Medical Officer (Dr. A. L. Thewer), Division 5, London County Council, 273 Bancroft Road, E.1.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

Ruston Street, E.3

54, West Ferry Road, E.14

Wellington Way, E.3

69, East India Dock Road,
E.14

Will Crooks Centre,
1-3, Wigram House,
Poplar High Street, E.14.

Newmill House,
Coventry Cross, E.3.

STATISTICS

Infant Welfare and Toddlers Sessions

Total number of children who attended during the year and who were born in:

1964	..	1,392
1963	..	1,549
1959-1962	..	2,086
Total attendances at Infant Welfare Sessions	..	30,703
Total medically examined	..	10,216
Total attendances at Toddlers Sessions	..	1,530
Total medically examined	..	1,227

Ante Natal and Post Natal Clinics

Total attendances	..	583
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Health Visiting

Number of children visited who were born in :

1964	..	1,983
1963	..	2,839
1959-1962	..	4,564
Number of persons aged 65 and over who were visited		222
Number of mentally disordered persons visited		76
Number of persons visited who were discharged from hospital (other than mental hospital)	..	58
Number of tuberculous households visited		24
Number of infectious households visited (other than TB)		70
Total effective visits	..	25,117
Total unsuccessful visits	..	4,039

Child Minders (Daily Guardians)

Number of Daily Guardians - Statutory	..	4
Voluntary	..	25
Number of children minded - Statutory	..	15
Voluntary	..	30

Care of Premature Infants

Number of premature live births during the year	72
Number of deaths under 1 month	8

Diphtheria Immunisation

Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation, and who at the date of the final injection were :

Under 5 years of age	1,200
5 - 15 years of age	32

Number of children who were given a secondary or reinforcing injection 1,624

Vaccination

Number of children successfully vaccinated or re-vaccinated .. 454

Domestic Help Service

Domestic help was provided as follows :

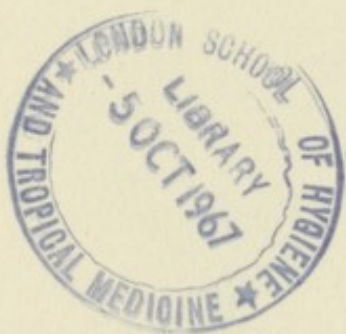
Maternity cases	13
T.B. cases	9
Aged and chronic sick cases (65+)	868
Other (under 65)	148

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