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OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR

1953

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Sanitary and Public Health Department

NATIONAL ANTI-POX ACT



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FOR THE YEAR	
1953	
Population	100,000
Deaths	1,000
Births	1,000
Marriages	1,000
Divorces	1,000
Adoptions	1,000
Deaths from	
Infectious diseases	1,000
Non-infectious diseases	1,000
Accidents	1,000
Suicides	1,000
Homicides	1,000
Unnatural causes	1,000
Total	1,000

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WILWORTH ROAD, S.E.17.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

Municipal Borough of Southwark.

Your Worship's LAMEN

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BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

WALWORTH ROAD, S.E.17.

*The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,
Metropolitan Borough of Southwark.*

YOUR WORSHIP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the Annual Report of the Health Department for the year 1953.

The Registrar General's estimate of the people in mid-year 1953 at 96,870 was 1,100 persons less than his estimate for mid-year 1952. This is the first time a decrease has occurred in the population since the war.

The Infant Mortality rate has again risen, due largely to the great increase of illegitimate deaths.

The general death rate, however, was lower than in the previous year.

Infectious diseases provided no difficult problems. Eight cases of Poliomyelitis were notified, but one of these proved not to be a case; of the seven true cases six were of the paralytic type. The mode of spread of this disease is still problematical, but one hopes that ere long this will be discovered. Already there are signs that methods of prevention are not far distant, but it will be some little time yet before wholesale immunisation, as with diphtheria, will be a possibility. Altogether the health of the Borough was satisfactory.

Atmospheric pollution is a matter of concern not only to the Health Department but also to the Council. The members of the Health Committee take a lively interest in this important matter, and the responsible officers are "on their toes" and keenly active.

The tempo in the Housing activities of the department is rapidly increasing, as is well displayed by the work undertaken during the year and itemised under the Housing Section of this report.

I believe that the three essentials for sound national health are good clean food to eat and drink, clean air to breathe, and a separate and distinct house or dwelling with modern

amenities for each and every family. In my own opinion until these essentials are attained the 'Positive Health' of which we spoke so glibly when discussing our National Health Services will not mature. Almost daily I receive medical certificates from doctors in general practice and hospitals concerning patients suffering from "acute anxiety states," "acute neurosis," etc., due to unsatisfactory or bad housing conditions. On investigation it is found that many of our citizens have perforce to accept accommodation—one cannot call them homes—of two or three rooms with two or three other families occupying other rooms of the same house which formerly was for single occupation. In other cases one finds a young married couple occupying a room in the house of in-laws. Without going into detail it must be quite obvious how such conditions lead to family and neighbourly strife and quarrels, and the terrible mental effects it produces on those who have to endure them, to say nothing of the frustration caused to children who are not allowed to play because of the "people underneath." Such conditions are not peculiar to this Borough; they prevail in most large towns and cities. Is there any wonder that our doctors' surgeries and hospitals are filled daily with wretched people suffering from various forms of nervous complaints and conditions which follow in the wake of mental disturbances of this kind? These conditions are preventable, but not by pills and potions—hence the concern of this Council and the Government to build more houses as quickly as possible, and to modernise those older houses which are suitable for this purpose.

The remedy is somewhat slow, difficult and costly, but when this objective is attained it will pay high dividends, in happiness, contentment and health, and all that follows as a consequence of this well-being.

The problem of the "Old People" is a growing one. The census figures of 1951 show that in the Borough there are 10,396 persons of 65 years and over made up of 6,171 females and 4,225 males. This is about 1,000 less than at the time of the 1931 census, but in those days the population was almost double that of today. Relatively, therefore, there is a much larger proportion of people of 65 plus today.

I am happy to report that the work of the voluntary Old People's Welfare Committee is progressing very satisfactorily and the services rendered are increasing thanks to the aid given by way of grants from the Borough Council and London County Council.

Food inspection in the shops, markets and wharves receives particular attention of your officers. It is satisfactory to note that during this year it was possible to inspect a larger quantity

of imported foods, and that less had to be condemned as unfit for human consumption than had been the case in the past few years. The condemnation figure has shown a steady decline over the past three years.

It has been customary in the past—since 1901—to include in the annual report the local census tables when published by the Registrar General. Accordingly this year I have included some of these tables together with similar ones from the 1931 census for comparative purposes.

The most striking figures of course are those showing the heavy fall of the population and the consequent diminution of the overcrowding in the Borough.

A new table giving the sanitary arrangements of private households is an interesting one in the fact that it shows quite a number of householders who state that they do not possess a piped water supply or even a water-closet, nor do they share these amenities with another household.

We in the Health Department know of no house in this Borough without a piped water supply and at least one water-closet; nor have we ever received complaints of such conditions.

Once more I wish to thank the members of the Council for their consideration and understanding, the staff of the Public Health Department, and the Chief Officers and staffs of other Departments for their loyal co-operation.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

W. STOTT,

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

(As at December 31st, 1953).

Chairman—J. J. SHEEN.

Aldermen:

A. E. BARNES, Rev. H. RUNACRES, B.A., L. J. STYLES, J.P. (*Ex-Officio*).

Councillors:

J. BOOKER (*Ex-officio*), F. W. COMBES (*Ex-Officio*), H. G. COPPEN,
G. DARVELL, J. G. DAVIES, Mrs. E. G. DOSWELL, F. F. HAMMER,
R. HUGHES, Mrs. G. LUETCHFORD, W. A. MILLER, G. M. NOTTAGE,
J. PRENDERGAST, H. A. W. RAY, E. H. RIDGE, Mrs. T. SOLTESZ,
H. E. STILLMAN, Mrs. G. STYLES, J. A. TALLON, Miss K. WEBBER,
Mrs. M. WRIGHT.

Ex-Officio: J. J. KEEN, J.P., L.C.C.—*Mayor*.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, 1953.

Medical Officer of Health:

W. STOTT, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

SANITARY INSPECTORS:

Chief Sanitary Inspector:

H. ARCHER.

District Inspectors:

J. ASHMORE (from September 1st); E. BINDING (Temporary, February 23rd to April 20th); R. BISHOP (Temporary); G. CLIFFORD (to May 25th); R. DECENT (from August 24th); J. FINDLEY (Temporary, to November 21st); R. FRENCH (Temporary from May 11th); H. GILES (to May 3rd); Miss G. GOURLEY; J. KEEN (from November 23rd); T. LLOYD; W. MURPHY; R. SEEDS (from January 5th); D. J. SMITH (Temporary, July 26th to October 6th); H. STEELE; J. SYMS (Temporary); R. WARBOYS; L. WHANSLAW (from November 23rd).

Food Inspectors:

A. JOHNSON; G. STUBBS.

Housing Act Inspectors:

E. ADAMSON; J. SMITH (to June 14th).

Rodent Investigators and Assistant to Sanitary Inspectors:

Mrs. H. ROSS (Temporary); Mrs. B. SMITH (Temporary); C. HUSK.

CLERICAL STAFF:

Senior Clerk:

E. A. CLARK.

Infectious Diseases:

G. MARSDEN-WEBB.

Housing:

F. ASHFORD.

Sanitary Records:

Miss W. CASS (to May 17th); E. DAVIES; Miss M. LAWS; A. PURDOM
(from June 22nd); J. ROBERTSON; R. STEVENS.

Shorthand Typist:

C. GILL; J. PERRY, (Temporary).

Treatment and Bathing Centre:

Miss E. AXTELL.

General:

D. KNIGHT, (to December 1st) R. POTTER.

Mortuary Attendant:

H. WEST.

Hall-Keepers:

R. WITTEN; W. BISHOP.

Public Analyst: D. BUTTON, A.R.C.S., F.R.I.C.

Vital Statistics

The estimated population of the Borough for 1953 shows a considerable decrease of 1,100, the first since 1944, when the decline was almost the same figure, compared with 1943.

The birth rate continued to fall for the sixth successive year; the death-rate also fell after increases for two years. The still-birth rate rose, and the infant death rate was the highest since 1949, the illegitimate rate being abnormally high.

AREA	1,132 acres
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DWELLINGS (April, 1954) ..	24,757
DWELLINGS ERECTED BY BOROUGH COUNCIL DURING YEAR	129
APPROXIMATE RATEABLE VALUE (TOTAL)	£1,061,132
(DWELLINGS)	£410,941

POPULATION:

Registrar General's estimate (mid-1953), including members of Armed Forces stationed in area ..	96,870
Estimated population, 1952 (mid-year)	97,970
Census, 1951	97,191

	1952	1953
LIVE BIRTH RATE per 1,000 population	17.6	17.2
Adjusted by comparability factor	17.2	14.7
STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 total Births	21.4	23.3
DEATH RATE per 1,000 population	14.0	12.4
Adjusted by comparability factor	14.1	12.7
MATERNAL DEATH RATE per 1,000 live and still births	0.5	0.5

INFANT DEATH RATE:

All infants per 1,000 live births	28.9	32.3
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live legitimate births	27.8	29.7
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live illegitimate births	34.4	76.9

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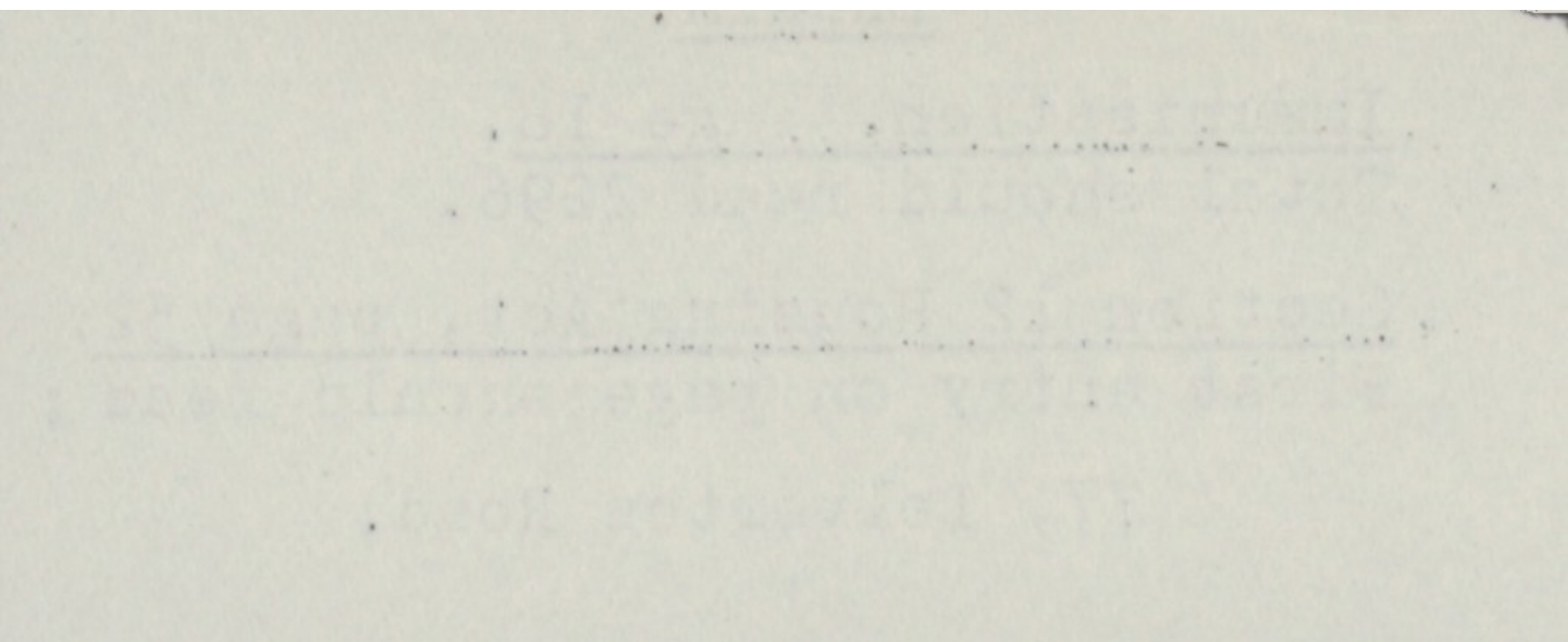
Immunisation, page 18.

Total should read 2296.

Section 12 Housing Act, page 52.

First entry on page should read ;

77, Delverton Road.



<i>Estimated Population</i>	<i>Crude</i>		<i>Infant Death Rate</i>			<i>Still Birth Rate</i>
	<i>Birth Rate</i>	<i>Death Rate</i>	<i>Legiti- mate</i>	<i>Illegiti- mate</i>	<i>Total</i>	
1938 145,300	14.0	12.5	57	66	57	32.0
1946 86,280	24.3	15.7	45	62	46	25.6
1947 92,070	26.4	15.6	38	60	39	26.1
1948 94,630	21.7	12.8	38	26	37	17.1
1949 96,810	19.5	13.0	26	71	29	27.1
1950 97,080	18.6	12.2	17	46	20	16.8
1951 97,930	18.0	13.5	19	19	19	23.2
1952 97,970	17.6	14.0	28	34	29	21.4
1953 96,870	17.2	12.4	30	77	32	23.3

	<i>Legitimate</i>			<i>Illegitimate</i>			<i>Totals</i>		
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Live Births									
1952	845	769	1,614	69	47	116	914	816	1,730
1953	830	749	1,579	54	37	91	884	786	1,670
Still Births									
1952	14	23	37	—	1	1	14	24	38
1953	24	13	37	2	1	3	26	14	40
Infant deaths (under 1 year)									
1952	25	20	45	2	2	4	27	22	49
1953	25	22	47	3	4	7	28	26	54

DEATHS

Male and Female Age Groups.

	<i>Under 1</i>	<i>1-4</i>	<i>5-14</i>	<i>15-44</i>	<i>45-64</i>	<i>65 and over</i>	<i>Total 1953</i>	<i>Total 1952</i>
Males ..	28	3	7	35	159	455	687	742
Females	26	3	2	27	92	372	522	635
	54	6	9	62	251	827	1,209	1,377

Infant Mortality.

The total number of deaths of infants under one year of age was 54, the causes of death being as follows:

Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	3
Pneumonia	8
Bronchitis	8
Congenital malformations	9
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	25
All accidents, other than by motor vehicle ..	1
Total deaths under 1 year of age	54

Maternal Mortality.

One maternal death was recorded during the year.

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

Causes of Death	Total Deaths 1952	Total Deaths 1953	Age Groups 1953:—							
			0—	1—	5—	15—	25—	45—	65—	75—
All causes—Males, Females										
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ..	45	21	—	—	—	—	7	9	4	1
Tuberculosis—other forms	4	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
Syphilitic Disease	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	1	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic diseases ..	4	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm stomach	44	25	—	—	—	—	1	6	11	7
" " lung, bronchus	51	62	—	—	—	—	3	35	18	6
" " breast	19	15	—	—	—	—	4	5	6	—
" " uterus	3	9	—	—	—	—	1	5	3	—
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	92	100	—	1	1	1	3	20	30	44
Leukaemia, Aleukemia	3	7	—	—	1	—	1	2	2	1
Diabetes	11	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	145	120	—	—	—	1	1	16	37	65
Coronary disease, angina	122	136	—	—	—	—	3	37	48	48

Classification of Deaths (continued)

Causes of Death	Total Deaths 1952	Total Deaths 1953	Age Groups 1953:—							
All causes—Males, Females			0—	1—	5—	15—	25—	45—	65—	75—
Hypertension with Heart disease ..	26	15	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	7
Other Heart disease	233	166	—	—	1	1	9	18	29	108
Other Circulatory disease	102	69	—	—	—	—	1	8	25	35
Influenza	11	18	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	12
Pneumonia	89	86	8	1	—	—	—	7	25	45
Bronchitis	171	142	8	—	—	—	3	26	43	62
Other diseases of Respiratory system ..	11	20	—	—	—	—	1	9	7	3
Ulcer of the Stomach and Duodenum ..	17	19	—	—	—	—	3	5	6	5
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ..	6	6	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	8	7	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	8	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Congenital Malformations	14	14	9	—	3	—	2	—	—	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	88	97	25	1	1	—	3	23	22	22
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	6	—	—	1	—	1	2	1	1
All other accidents	23	17	1	1	—	2	3	3	3	4
Suicide	11	12	—	—	—	—	5	5	2	—
Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	1,377	1,209	54	6	9	5	57	251	345	482

TABLE I.—ACREAGE POPULATION, PRIVATE FAMILIES AND DWELLINGS.
CENSUS 1931.

	Acreage (Land and Inland Water).	TOTAL POPULATION, 1931.				PRIVATE FAMILIES AND DWELLINGS, 1931.				
		Persons.	Males.	Females	Per- sons per Acre.	Private Families.	Popula- tion in Private Families.	Struc- turally Separate Dwell- ings occupied.	Rooms occupied.	Per- sons per Room.
Southwark— ..	1,132	171,695	84,661	87,034	151.7	46,372	164,274	27,168	128,558	1.28
Wards:										
CHRISTCHURCH ..	77	6,898	3,609	3,289	89.6	1,873	6,172	982	4,571	1.35
ST. GEORGE'S ..	99	16,619	8,179	8,440	167.9	4,166	16,504	2,715	11,681	1.41
ST. JOHN'S ..	118	27,252	13,162	14,090	230.9	7,467	26,905	4,598	19,761	1.36
ST. JUDE'S ..	97	12,701	6,217	6,484	130.9	3,985	12,362	1,486	9,301	1.33
ST. MARY'S ..	127	22,117	11,073	11,044	174.1	6,118	20,773	3,169	17,349	1.20
ST. MICHAEL'S ..	93	19,232	9,802	9,430	206.8	4,654	17,862	3,578	11,867	1.51
ST. PAUL'S ..	133	18,015	8,828	9,187	135.5	5,373	17,675	2,703	16,763	1.05
ST. PETER'S ..	146	25,442	12,347	13,095	174.3	6,931	24,454	3,866	20,352	1.20
ST. SAVIOUR ..	133	8,553	3,930	4,623	64.3	1,889	7,216	1,641	5,342	1.35
TRINITY ..	109	14,866	7,514	7,352	136.4	3,916	14,351	2,430	11,571	1.24

CENSUS, 1951.

	Acreage (Land and Inland Water)	TOTAL POPULATION, 1951.				PRIVATE FAMILIES AND DWELLINGS, 1951.					
		Persons.	Males.	Females.	Per- sons per Acre.	Private Families.	Popula- tion in Private Families.	Struc- turally Separate Dwell- ings occupied.	Rooms occupied.	Per- sons per Room.	Percen- tage of persons at more than two per Room.
Southwark—	1,132	97,221	47,375	49,846	85.9	32,052	92,300	23,082	98,864	0.93	2.9
Wards:											
CHRISTCHURCH	79	2,125	1,021	1,104	26.9	793	2,027	620	2,069	0.98	4.5
ST. GEORGE'S	98	11,211	5,402	5,809	114.4	3,746	11,186	2,815	12,234	0.91	2.0
ST. JOHN'S ..	101	13,070	6,230	6,840	129.4	4,570	12,825	3,322	13,369	0.96	3.4
ST. JUDE'S ..	98	6,696	3,363	3,333	68.3	2,457	6,426	1,159	6,850	0.94	3.3
ST. MARY'S ..	126	14,903	7,682	7,221	118.3	4,961	13,876	3,051	14,976	0.93	2.2
ST. MICHAEL'S	93	8,721	4,416	4,305	93.8	3,006	7,938	2,774	7,768	1.02	5.4
ST. PAUL'S ..	133	11,739	5,721	6,018	88.3	3,737	11,512	2,329	13,391	0.86	1.6
ST. PETER'S..	113	12,141	5,681	6,460	107.4	3,887	11,209	2,672	12,813	0.87	2.1
ST. SAVIOUR..	158	6,144	2,761	3,383	38.9	1,708	4,866	1,664	4,815	1.01	2.9
TRINITY ..	133	10,471	5,098	5,373	78.7	3,187	10,435	2,676	10,579	0.99	4.0

TABLE 2—DWELLINGS, ROOMS AND FAMILIES.—CENSUS 1931.

Dwellings Occupied .. by:—	STRUCTURALLY SEPARATE DWELLINGS OF								NUMBER OF ROOMS.			
	1 Room	2 Rooms	3 Rooms	4 Rooms	5 Rooms	6-8 Rooms	9 or more Rooms	All Sizes	TOTAL.	Occupied	Vacant.	
											Furn- ished	Others.
One Private family ..	845	4,186	5,258	3,205	1,061	1,569	150	16,274	54,717	54,324	161	232
Two Private families ..	1	40	161	775	797	3,555	157	5,486	32,260	32,022	126	112
Three or more Private families ..	—	—	11	104	223	3,343	1,727	5,408	42,492	42,212	180	100
Dwellings occupied ..	846	4,226	5,430	4,084	2,081	8,467	2,034	27,168	129,469	128,558	467	444
Vacant furnished ..	17	28	23	8	2	4	—	82	210	—	210	—
Vacant others ..	16	32	27	45	10	33	4	167	650	—	—	650
TOTAL Dwellings ..	879	4,286	5,480	4,137	2,093	8,504	2,038	27,417	130,329	128,558	677	1,094
Private families ..	847	4,266	5,613	5,074	3,368	20,044	7,160	46,372	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous habitations and institutions housing non-private families ..									246			

TABLE 2.—DWELLINGS, ROOMS AND FAMILIES—1951 CENSUS

Dwellings occupied by :—	STRUCTURALLY SEPARATE DWELLINGS OF										NUMBER OF ROOMS.			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 or 9	10 or more	All	TOTAL.	Occu- pied.	Vacant.	
	Room.	Rooms.	Rooms.	Rooms.	Rooms.	Rooms.	Rooms.	Rooms.	Rooms.	sizes.			Furn- ished.	Others
One Private family ..	849	3,752	6,548	3,316	1,137	1,234	161	196	31	17,224	57, 400	57,073	137	190
Two Private families	3	5	28	193	311	1,740	416	801	33	3,530	22,637	22,354	174	109
Three or more Private families	—	—	2	19	34	248	214	1,500	411	2,328	19,546	19,437	71	38
Dwellings occupied	852	3,757	6,578	3,528	1,482	3,222	791	2,397	475	23,082	99,583	98,864	382	337
Vacant furnished	50	77	49	20	6	4	1	—	—	207	492	—	492	—
Vacant others	25	44	38	23	4	13	1	2	—	150	440	—	—	440
Total Dwellings	927	3,878	6,665	3,571	1,492	3,239	793	2,399	475	23,439	100,515	98,884	874	777
Private families	855	3,762	6,610	3,761	1,867	5,499	1,699	6,384	1,615	32,052	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous habitations and institutions housing non-private families										56				

TABLE 3.—PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS BY SIZE, ROOMS OCCUPIED, AND DENSITY OF OCCUPATION. (All Dwellings) 1931 Census

NUMBER OF PER- SONS IN FAMILY.	NUMBER OF PRIVATE FAMILIES OCCUPYING THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF ROOMS.								Total Private Families	Popula- tion in Private Families	Rooms Occu- pied	Average Number of Per- sons per Room.
	1	2	3	4	5	6-7	8-9	10 or more.				
1	4,405	1,464	535	153	32	17	3	4	6,603	6,603	9,836	0.67
2	1,916	4,251	2,701	882	204	114	30	5	10,103	20,206	24,073	0.84
3	943	3,386	3,277	1,517	341	244	41	11	9,760	29,280	27,274	1.07
4	455	2,155	2,544	1,566	432	299	42	12	7,505	30,020	23,143	1.30
5	186	1,276	1,629	1,134	431	300	32	11	4,999	24,995	16,554	1.51
6	71	660	980	842	342	250	30	8	3,183	19,098	11,272	1.69
7	32	363	548	528	229	189	29	6	1,924	13,468	7,141	1.89
8	12	162	316	301	148	108	14	5	1,066	8,528	4,082	2.09
9	5	102	153	218	98	67	7	7	657	5,913	2,590	2.28
10	—	38	69	93	49	42	12	4	307	3,070	1,301	2.36
11	—	7	33	46	28	31	1	3	149	1,639	691	2.37
12	—	4	11	16	22	10	7	4	74	888	382	2.32
13	—	1	5	6	4	8	3	1	28	364	145	2.51
14	—	1	1	2	2	3	1	—	10	140	50	2.80
15 and over ..	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	4	62	23	2.70
Total Private Families ..	8,025	13,870	12,802	7,305	2,353	1,683	253	81	46,372	—	—	—
Population in Private Families	14,607	44,371	48,974	33,269	12,216	9,005	1,355	477	—	164,274	—	1.28
Rooms occupied	8,025	27,740	38,406	29,220	11,765	10,367	2,085	949	—	—	128,557	—
	17.3	29.9	27.6	15.8	5.1	3.6	0.5	0.2	100.0			

Percentage of families living in various units of population.

TABLE 3.—PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS BY SIZE, ROOMS OCCUPIED AND DENSITY OF OCCUPATION—1951 CENSUS

NO. OF PERSONS IN FAMILY.	NUMBER OF PRIVATE FAMILIES OCCUPYING THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF ROOMS.								Total Private Families	Popula- tion in Private Families	Rooms Occupied	Average Number of Per- sons per Room.
	1	2	3	4	5	6-7	8-9	10 or more.				
1	1,996	2,594	1,439	268	25	28	4	4	6,358	6,358	12,950	0.49
2	299	3,064	3,682	1,267	203	170	17	2	8,704	17,408	24,756	0.70
3	121	1,549	3,377	1,676	373	276	17	3	7,392	22,176	23,769	0.93
4	25	590	2,267	1,510	420	333	32	4	5,181	20,724	18,482	1.12
5	6	158	791	830	288	304	29	4	2,410	12,050	9,586	1.26
6	4	36	272	427	198	177	28	4	1,146	6,876	4,948	1.39
7	1	9	66	181	100	110	21	7	495	3,465	2,361	1.47
8	—	3	12	56	49	56	12	1	189	1,512	959	1.58
9	—	2	2	25	28	31	13	—	101	909	549	1.66
10 or more	—	—	3	9	19	32	11	2	76	822	444	1.85
Total Private Families ..	2,452	8,005	11,911	6,249	1,703	1,517	184	31	32,052	—	—	—
Population in Pri- vate Families	3,118	16,840	34,195	22,617	7,407	6,952	1,012	159	—	92,300	—	0.93
Rooms occupied	2,452	16,010	35,733	24,996	8,515	9,272	1,494	332	—	—	98,804	—
	76	250	372	195	53	47	6	1	1,000	—	—	—

Distribution per 1,000 households by rooms occupied.

Table 3 (Continued)—SHARED DWELLINGS.—CENSUS 1951.

NUMBER OF PER- SONS IN FAMILY.	NUMBER OF PRIVATE FAMILIES OCCUPYING THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF ROOMS.								Total Private Families	Popula- tion in Private Families	Rooms Occu- pied	Average Number of Per- sons per Room.
	1	2	3	4	5	6-7	8-9	10 or more.				
1	1,269	1,373	772	148	9	3	—	1	3,575	3,575	6,996	0.51
2	203	1,595	1,857	694	62	23	—	—	4,434	8,868	12,191	0.73
3	99	868	1,439	902	148	28	2	1	3,487	10,461	10,698	0.98
4	22	323	867	690	163	42	1	—	2,108	8,432	7,112	1.19
5	6	76	291	286	117	47	3	—	826	4,130	3,069	1.35
6	4	13	103	136	55	28	2	—	341	2,046	1,346	1.52
7 or more ..	—	7	31	79	46	34	1	—	198	1,484	871	1.70
Total Private Families ..	1,603	4,255	5,360	2,935	600	205	9	2	14,969	—	—	—
Population in private families	2,114	8,966	14,569	9,837	2,494	967	45	4	—	38,996	—	0.92
Rooms occupied	1,603	8,510	16,080	11,740	3,000	1,257	73	20	—	—	4,283	—
	107	284	358	196	40	14	1	—	1,000	—	—	—

Distribution per 1,000 households by rooms occupied.

TABLE 4.—PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS BY DENSITY OF OCCUPATION
(Persons per Room)

Total	Over 3	3 and over 2	2 and over 1½	1½ and over 1	1 or less	PERCENTAGES				
						over 3	3 and over 2	2 and over 1½	1½ and over 1	1 or less
HOUSEHOLDS IN ALL DWELLINGS AT SUCCESSIVE DENSITIES—1951.										
32,052	53	441	2,306	5,573	23,679	0.2	1.4	7.2	17.4	73.8
HOUSEHOLDS IN SHARED DWELLINGS AT SUCCESSIVE DENSITIES,—1951.										
14,969	40	228	1,011	2,267	11,423					
POPULATION IN ALL HOUSEHOLDS AT SUCCESSIVE DENSITIES.										
1931:	10,230	25,287	36,042	37,605						
1951:	296	2,409	11,327	23,912	54,356					

Percentage of persons living at more than 2 per room 1931 1951
 21.62 2.93

TABLE 5.—AGES (Grouped) BY MARITAL CONDITION—1931 CENSUS

AGE LAST BIRTHDAY	PERSONS	MALES					FEMALES				
		Total	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced
All Ages ..	171,695	84,661	46,930	34,202	3,437	92	87,034	43,842	34,262	8,821	109
0—4 ..	13,592	6,890	6,890	—	—	—	6,702	6,702	—	—	—
5—9 ..	15,291	7,735	7,735	—	—	—	7,556	7,556	—	—	—
10—14 ..	14,417	7,313	7,313	—	—	—	7,104	7,104	—	—	—
15—19 ..	16,966	8,407	8,373	34	—	—	8,559	8,373	186	—	—
20—24 ..	16,878	8,293	6,940	1,344	9	—	8,585	6,231	2,344	8	2
25—29 ..	14,528	7,301	3,353	3,911	32	5	7,227	2,717	4,442	57	11
30—34 ..	12,220	5,939	1,369	4,508	56	6	6,281	1,378	4,741	149	13
35—39 ..	10,890	5,134	807	4,243	80	4	5,756	901	4,514	328	13
40—44 ..	10,668	5,082	726	4,186	153	17	5,586	665	4,298	600	23
45—49 ..	10,435	5,042	739	4,057	223	23	5,393	553	4,060	765	15
50—54 ..	9,604	4,793	707	3,760	311	15	4,811	451	3,431	918	11
55—59 ..	8,249	4,199	613	3,150	431	5	4,050	338	2,631	1,072	9
60—64 ..	6,601	3,326	533	2,278	508	7	3,275	278	1,764	1,226	7
65—69 ..	5,062	2,449	414	1,469	559	7	2,613	251	1,069	1,292	1
70—74 ..	3,373	1,533	242	809	480	2	1,840	192	534	1,111	3
75—79 ..	1,861	828	131	339	357	1	1,033	98	191	743	1
80—84 ..	765	295	32	91	172	—	470	42	52	376	—
85—89 ..	243	89	11	23	55	—	154	9	4	141	—
90—94 ..	43	13	2	—	11	—	30	3	1	26	—
95 and over ..	9	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	9	—

CENSUS—1951

AGE LAST BIRTHDAY	PERSONS	MALES					FEMALES				
		Total	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced
All Ages ..	97,221	47,375	21,927	23,309	1,821	318	49,846	19,938	23,379	6,164	365
0—4 ..	9,479	4,927	4,927	—	—	—	4,552	4,552	—	—	—
5—9 ..	6,502	3,380	3,380	—	—	—	3,122	3,122	—	—	—
10—14 ..	5,782	3,005	3,005	—	—	—	2,777	2,777	—	—	—
15—19 ..	5,185	2,225	2,209	16	—	—	2,960	2,760	200	—	—
20—24 ..	7,357	3,283	2,325	955	2	1	4,074	1,963	2,103	2	6
25—29 ..	9,269	4,627	1,541	3,057	11	18	4,642	921	3,643	23	55
30—34 ..	7,801	4,035	841	3,145	15	34	3,766	556	3,072	61	77
35—39 ..	7,840	4,094	704	3,301	23	66	3,746	518	3,044	119	65
40—44 ..	6,974	3,672	625	2,945	44	58	3,302	525	2,589	138	50
45—49 ..	6,093	3,212	590	2,483	74	65	2,881	475	2,140	224	42
50—54 ..	5,425	2,581	441	1,997	110	33	2,844	413	1,978	432	21
55—59 ..	4,622	2,112	353	1,593	152	14	2,510	334	1,488	672	16
60—64 ..	4,496	1,997	305	1,453	228	11	2,499	314	1,272	892	21
65—69 ..	4,043	1,690	287	1,100	291	12	2,353	255	982	1,109	7
70—74 ..	3,026	1,263	215	708	336	4	1,763	201	546	1,015	1
75—79 ..	1,955	813	128	394	290	1	1,142	130	235	773	4
80—84 ..	949	335	41	124	169	1	614	80	68	466	—
85—89 ..	340	100	6	34	60	—	240	34	18	188	—
90—94 ..	70	19	3	4	12	—	51	6	1	44	—
95 and over ..	13	5	1	—	4	—	8	2	—	6	—

TABLE 6.—SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS OF PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS—CENSUS 1951

E=Exclusive use.

S=Sharing with another household.

N=Entirely without.

		Total No. of House- holds	Piped Water		Cooking Stove		Kitchen Sink		Water Closet		Fixed Bath	
			Households S	N	Households S	N	Households S	N	Households S	N	Households S	N
HOUSEHOLDS :—		32,052	10,262	298	1,213	321	5,093	1,144	10,959	120	859	24,744
Comprising (persons)	1	6,358	3,198	94	574	267	2,126	400	3,454	36	223	5,673
	2	8,704	2,944	85	293	27	1,391	370	3,180	35	258	7,111
	3	7,392	2,062	53	158	13	860	220	2,294	21	199	5,602
	4 or 5	7,591	1,667	51	149	12	603	127	1,716	21	150	5,095
	6 or more	2,007	391	15	39	2	113	27	315	7	29	1,263
In single Household Dwellings occupying (rooms.)	1	849	532	20	21	34	480	28	625	6	35	749
	2	3,750	1,127	42	22	7	806	80	1,093	18	64	2,933
	3	6,551	1,026	31	26	5	468	49	632	12	39	4,072
	4 or 5	4,417	531	43	33	8	108	55	220	8	46	2,168
	6 or more	1,516	216	8	19	5	41	13	85	5	10	1,136
Sharing Dwellings and occupying (rooms).	1	1,603	1,246	40	517	210	923	229	1,300	10	145	1,439
	2	4,255	2,367	58	304	39	1,292	480	2,974	37	169	4,049
	3	5,360	1,924	39	171	10	635	162	2,496	20	174	5,016
	4 or 5	3,535	1,224	16	94	3	327	46	1,456	3	153	3,024
	6 or more	216	69	1	6	—	13	2	78	1	24	158

		All five arrangements E		Stove E Sink E		Bath S or N other four arrangements E		Sink S or N Water Closet S or N	
		House- holds.	Per- cent.	House- holds.	Per- cent.	House- holds.	Per- cent.	House- holds.	Per- cent.
Households:—		5,970	19	25,686	80	11,093	35	5,805	18
Comprising (persons)	{ 1 ..	428	7	3,766	59	1,661	26	2,387	38
	{ 2 ..	1,225	14	6,916	79	3,115	36	1,632	19
	{ 3 ..	1,475	20	6,297	85	2,729	37	995	13
	{ 4 or 5 ..	2,184	29	6,847	90	2,812	37	668	9
	{ 6 or more ..	658	33	1,860	93	776	39	123	6
In single Household Dwellings occupying (rooms).	{ 1 ..	63	7	337	40	106	13	503	60
	{ 2 ..	723	19	2,864	76	1,536	41	796	21
	{ 3 ..	2,340	36	6,032	92	3,026	46	500	8
	{ 4 or 5 ..	2,073	47	4,244	96	1,648	37	107	2
	{ 6 or more ..	342	23	1,459	96	894	59	38	3
Sharing Dwellings and occupying (rooms).	{ 1 ..	15	1	405	25	95	6	1,117	70
	{ 2 ..	27	1	2,449	58	656	15	1,669	39
	{ 3 ..	111	2	4,540	85	1,846	34	722	13
	{ 4 or 5 ..	249	7	3,155	89	1,209	34	340	10
	{ 6 or more ..	27	13	201	93	77	36	13	6

Infectious Diseases

There were no serious outbreaks of infectious disease during the year. There were, however, increases in the notification of cases of dysentery, measles and whooping cough but there were no deaths from these diseases.

Dysentery was troublesome in the fact that it caused a large number of cases amongst school children, about a third in all; and in many instances the children infected other children and people in their own homes.

There is no doubt that dysentery is a disease which could be eradicated by careful personal hygiene, and some measures should be taken in the schools to see that children—particularly the Infants' Department—attend to personal hygiene after visiting the lavatories. In the home, mothers should pay particular attention to hand washing after attending a child suffering from diarrhoea, and before undertaking the preparation of food.

Apart from these remarks there is little requiring any comment regarding infectious diseases.

IMMUNISATION

Whilst there was a substantial decrease in Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation during 1952, particularly for children over five, "booster" injections were considerably higher.

<i>Immunisation completed</i>	<i>Whooping Cough</i>	<i>Diphtheria</i>	<i>Confirmed diagnoses of previously Immunised cases</i>
			<i>Diphtheria</i>
Under 5 years of age	227	1,223	—
Over 5 years of age	—	6	—
Booster injections	—	840	—
	—	—	—
Total	227	2,069	—
		<u>2,269</u>	<u>Total -</u>

PUERPERAL PYREXIA

There was again an increase in these notifications. Of the 46 cases, 29 were not Southwark residents; 43 developed the infection in hospitals subsequent to admission for confinement; the remaining three cases were in home confinements.

CANCER OF LUNG AND BRONCHUS

Deaths From.

		<i>Neoplasm of Lung and Bronchus</i>	<i>Respiratory Tuberculosis</i>	<i>All Causes</i>
1946	..	39	62	1358
1947	..	30	77	1436
1948	..	39	81	1214
1949	..	44	60	1261
1950	..	47	51	1192
1951	..	49	32	1324
1952	..	51	45	1377
1953	..	62	21	1209

The highest mortality rate from both neoplasms of the lung and bronchus and also tuberculosis occurred in the 45 to 64 age group.

PUBLIC HEALTH (INFECTIOUS DISEASES) REGULATIONS, 1953

These regulations came into operation on April 1st, and superseded the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1927, and the Infectious Diseases (London) Regulations 1927.

In general substance the new regulations are similar to the old in the notification of diseases and the preventive steps to be taken but they have been framed in accordance with the present working of the health services, and in some important respects concerning the prevention of food poisoning.

These provisions now apply to "typhoid fever, paratyphoid fever or other salmonella infections" (previously described as enteric fever)—"dysentery and staphylococcal infection likely to cause food poisoning."

The new regulations now provide for action to be taken not only as regards a patient but also a person shown to be a carrier of the disease; and either may now be prevented not only from continuing to work in an occupation connected with food or drink, but also from entering such an occupation.

Under the 1927 regulations, the prescribed steps could not be taken until the Medical Officer of Health had reported the case concerned to the local authority. In the new regulations there is provision to enable a local authority to give its Medical Officer of Health authorisation to take the prescribed action in cases of urgency before reporting it.

Infectious Diseases (continued)

SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATIONS, AGE GROUPS OF CONFIRMED CASES, AND HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

DISEASE	Cases notified	Rem. to Hospital	CONFIRMED DIAGNOSES Age Groups:—1953														
			Total 1952	Total 1953	0—	1—	3—	5—	10—	15—	20—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75—
Pneumonia ..	68	6	58	68	6	5	4	10	2	2	3	3	6	6	10	7	4
Poliomyelitis:																	
Paralytic ..	7	7	4	6	1	2	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-paralytic ..	1	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
††Puerperal Pyrexia ..	46	44	30	46	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	24	6	—	—	—	—
Scabies ..	13	—	34	13	1	1	—	2	—	1	1	3	2	—	—	2	—
Scarlet Fever ..	164	17	292	160	—	14	42	93	7	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough..	379	40	177	372	48	103	94	119	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
*Zymotic Enteritis	22	19	7	19	14	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	2,085	331	1,696	1,978	143	501	507	634	32	16	21	55	23	16	13	11	6

*Notifiable from July to September only.

†Certain of these confirmed cases were notified as other diseases, and diagnoses later corrected.

‡Of 46 Pyrexia cases—29 were not Southwark residents.

TUBERCULOSIS

There were only four more total Tuberculosis notifications than in 1952, although there were slightly more pulmonary, and fewer non-pulmonary cases.

The deaths from Tuberculosis were only fifty per cent. of the 1952 figure.

		Age Groups										Total	
		0-	1-	5-	10-	15-	20-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	Total
PULMONARY:													
Primary Notifica- tions	M.	1	4	1	2	6	6	14	17	19	13	7	90
	F.	-	5	6	1	10	14	14	11	4	1	1	67
New cases other than by formal notification	M.	-	1	1	-	-	6	11	4	13	5	3	44
	F.	-	-	1	-	6	12	9	5	1	1	3	38
Totals 1953	..	1	10	9	3	22	38	48	37	37	20	14	239
1952	..	-	11	5	5	22	31	64	29	33	15	14	229
NON-PULMONARY													
Primary Notifica- tions	M.	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3
	F.	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	5
New cases other than by formal notification	M.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F.	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Totals 1953	..	-	1	-	-	2	4	4	-	-	-	-	11
1952	..	-	1	4	3	2	2	4	3	4	-	2	25

	<i>Pulmonary</i>	<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>
Cases on Register, end of 1952 ..	1,266	203
Notified cases, 1953 (including transfers, posthumous and primary notifications)	239	11
Cases removed from Register during 1953	148	12
Cases remaining at end of 1953 ..	1,357	202

Treatment and Bathing Centre

The total number of verminous male persons treated at the Bathing Station during 1953, shows an increase over last year viz. 1,075 this year against 978 in 1952. This increase may be due to greater co-operation now shown by Hostel and Lodging House keepers in refusing re-admittance to verminous persons until they produce evidence of having attended the Bathing Station for treatment.

A reduction is shown in the numbers of School children requiring treatment—mainly for verminous heads. Some of this reduction may be attributed to the fact that, early in the year, the homes of persistently verminous children were visited. The object of these home visits was to encourage mothers to make appointments to attend the Treatment Centre with all their children as a family unit. With a few exceptions, most mothers were co-operative, and 58 families did in fact attend. No child of 25 of these families has, as far as can be known, since required treatment.

Two heavy insect infestations have been dealt with during the year. In one instance, "German" cockroaches (*Blattella germanica*), breeding in a large stack of waste paper, infested a terrace of houses, the small yards of which adjoined the premises where the paper was stored.

The other heavy infestation, one of "Book Lice" (*Psocids*) occurred in a stock of sugar-beet seeds stored in a warehouse. The infestation spread to the adjoining premises, a block of tenements.

Whilst there were fewer verminous and infected premises sprayed, there was a very heavy increase in the quantity of verminous and infected articles treated.

Sixteen demonstrations of the work carried out at and from the station were given to a total of 143 students—mostly trainee nurses, health visitors and some medical students.

Infectious Disease Cases: Enquiries and Visits.

Total—607 as under:

Tuberculosis deaths and removals: 45

Scarlet Fever	160	Food Poisoning	65
Diphtheria	6	Erysipelas	11
Poliomyelitis	13	Dysentery	108
Malaria	1	Meningococcal infections	5

Special fog death enquiries: 33

Visits to homes of persistently verminous schoolchildren 160

Treatment of Verminous and Infected Articles.

	<i>Verminous articles treated</i>	<i>Verminous articles destroyed</i>	<i>Infected articles treated</i>	<i>Infected articles destroyed</i>
Beds	103	41	12	2
Palliasses	564	59	71	2
Bolsters	138	7	8	1
Pillows	870	47	141	—
Cushions	72	5	6	1
Blankets	1,383	11	208	—
Sheets	771	12	174	—
Quilts	517	4	60	1
Pieces	15,380	87	462	—

Scabies and Vermin Treatments.

	<i>Scabies</i>		<i>Vermin</i>	
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
Lambeth cases	16	26	52	151
treatments	37	45	52	152
Southwark cases	34	27	1,023	360
treatments	65	57	1,023	361
L.C.C. Schoolchildren (Male and Female)	52		1,300	
treatments	177		2,124	
Total treatments	381		3,712	

Verminous Treatments from Hostels, Common Lodging Houses, etc. (Included in above.)

<i>Males:</i>		<i>Females:</i>	
Salvation Army Hostel ..	479	83, Blackfriars Road ..	76
Rowton House, Church- yard Row	259	78, Camberwell Road ..	9
Rowton House, Vauxhall	15	Cecil House	3
Marshalsea Road Common Lodging House ..	12	Hungerford Club ..	10
Hungerford Club ..	26	90, Camberwell Road ..	6
Southwark casuals ..	242	Southwark casuals ..	7
Totals	1,033		111

Analysis of work carried out during the year.

Verminous premises Sprayed (D.D.T.) ..	1,849 domestic rooms. 11 non-domestic premises.
Verminous Household Goods Destroyed ..	16 tons 4 cwts.
Infected Rooms Sprayed (Formaldehyde)	217.
Infected Household Goods Destroyed ..	2 cwts.
Hospital Cubicles disinfected	28
Common Lodging Houses disinfested ..	112 rooms.
Trade goods disinfected (steam)	20 sacks, 2 mattresses.
Library books disinfected	88.
Departmental laundry	5,094 towels, 591 swabs. and dusters, 23 sheets
Council's Rehousing (Disinfection of bedding, etc.)	124 families.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Whilst the number of complaints of sanitary nuisances was more or less the same as last year, there was again a substantial increase of about 3,700 in the total number of inspections and revisits.

Approximately 150 more intimation notices were issued, and over 600 more complied with, 200 fewer statutory notices were served than in 1952, but 300 more were complied with.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

(Separate statistics for certain of the following headings are given in the Housing section).

Inspections upon receipt of complaint	4,299
Drainage and miscellaneous inspections	2,099
Inspection of Factories	570
Inspection of Outworkers	167
Inspection of Common Lodging Houses	43
Rehousing visits	1,282
Smoke Observations	182
Rodent visits (Sanitary Inspectors), Industrial premises ..	149
" " " " Dwellings	182
Inspection of Slaughterhouses	4
Inspection of Offensive Trades Premises	45
Inspection and food sampling visits, shops and markets ..	2,325
Inspection and sampling visits, Catering and Ice Cream Premises	1,903
Inspection of food at Wharves and Warehouses	2,018
Visits to Bakehouses	118
Visits to Fried Fish Shops	47
Visits to Fishmongers premises	45
Revisits	11,995
Miscellaneous	859
Pet Animals Act and Sunday Market Inspections	306

NOTICES

Intimation Notices	2,652
Statutory Notices	1,294
Defects in Council controlled property reported to Housing Manager.. .. .	108
Intimation Notices complied with	1,717
Statutory Notices complied with	1,498

RENT & MORTGAGE INTEREST RESTRICTIONS ACTS, 1920-1939

Twenty eight certificates as to the state of repair of dwelling houses were issued during the year under the above Acts.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are four women's and two men's common lodging houses in the Borough, which are fully occupied nightly. Forty-three inspections of these premises were made by the Sanitary Inspectors during the year, 13 of men's lodging houses, and 30 of women's. Seven intimation notices were served of which 6 have been complied with.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are five premises engaged in offensive trades in the Borough as follows:—Skin Dressers 3, Tripe Dresser 1, Manure Manufacturer 1.

During 1953, 45 inspections were made.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Sixteen applications were received during the year for registration under the Act, all of which were satisfactory.

254 Inspections were made during the year.

WATER SUPPLY

The domestic water supply of the Borough is supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board, and has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

During the year, one complaint was received regarding the taste of water. The Metropolitan Water Board was informed and a sample analysed, which was satisfactory.

Public Health (London) Act, 1936 - Section 95

Certificates have been issued in respect of the provision of a proper and sufficient supply of water at 202 new dwellings as follows:—

MICHAEL FARADAY HOUSE, FARADAY STREET	..	..	36 flats.
TRUNDLE HOUSE, LANT STREET, 1-9	..	..	9 ..
SCHOOL HOUSE, LANT STREET	..	..	1 ..
BROOKWOOD HOUSE, LANCASTER STREET, 1-24	..	..	24 ..
FARADAY HOUSE, FARADAY STREET, Blocks E & F 37-76	..	..	40 ..
BITTERN HOUSE, GREAT SUFFOLK STREET, 1-16	..	..	16 ..
COMUS PLACE, 10-21	..	..	12 ..
AMIGO HOUSE, MORLEY STREET, 1-30	..	..	30 ..
AYLESBURY ROAD, 39-41 (alternately)	..	..	2 ..
KENNINGTON PARK ROAD, 67A, 67B, 69A, 69B, 69C, 69D, 71, 73A, 73B, 73D, 73C	..	..	11 ..
WOOLER STREET, 2-40 (alternately)	..	..	20 ..
SCHOOL-KEEPERS HOUSE, WEST SQUARE	..	..	1 ..
			202

Public Health (London) Act, 1936 - Section 98

During the year 42 notifications of the withdrawal of water supply were received from the Metropolitan Water Board.

OUTWORKERS

One hundred and sixty-seven visits to homes of outworkers were made during the year. The conditions generally were found to be quite satisfactory. There were no cases of default in sending lists of outworkers to the Council, nor was it necessary to serve any notices or institute any prosecutions for work carried on in unwholesome premises (Sec. 111).

<i>Nature of work</i>		<i>No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)</i>
Wearing Apparel	{ Making, etc.	26
	{ Cleaning and washing	—
Artificial flowers	.. .. .	1
Racquets and tennis balls	.. .. .	4
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	.. .. .	58
Brush making	.. .. .	1
Carding, etc., of buttons, etc.	.. .. .	9
TOTAL	.. .. .	99

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

(The following table is for the 15 months to March, 31st 1954).

	<i>Type of Premises.</i>			
	<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Dwellings</i>	<i>Business & Others</i>	<i>Total</i>
I. Total properties	14	24,757	4,904	29,675
II. Properties inspected as a result of:—				
(a) Notification	—	2,510	435	2,945
(b) Survey under Act ..	—	4,210	“Block”	4,210
(c) Otherwise	—	83	199	282
III. Number of properties (under II) infested by rats:				
Major	—	3	3	6
Minor	—	908	396	1,304
IV. Number of properties (under II) seriously infested by mice	—	1,457	60	1,517
V. Number of infested properties (III and IV) treated by local authority ..	—	2,368	459	2,827
VI. Notices served under Sec. 4:—		Informal		
(a) Treatment	—	64	—	64
(b) Structural, i.e., proofing	—	—	2	2
VII. Number of cases in which default action taken by local authority following Sec. 4 notice	—	—	—	—
VIII. Legal Proceedings ..	—	—	—	—
IX. Number of “Block” control schemes carried out		Business 899 Domestic 4,055		4,954

NOTES:—(a) Council houses are indicated in “Dwellings.”

(b) Local Authority premises used for trading purposes are included in “Business premises.”

(c) Sewers are not included in above table.

(d) Combined dwelling and business premises, where occupied by same person, included in “Business Premises.” Where dwellings and business parts in separate occupation, each is separately included in “Dwellings” and Business premises.”

(e) Each property is entered once only for inspections, infestations and treatments (Sections II to V above).

	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>Business</i>
Visits by Rodent Officer	652	179
Visits by Rodent Staff	5,264	1,311
Drains tested	247	152
Drains defective	94	17
Drains repaired	80	13
Drains opened for examination	69	12
Prebaited laid	1,562	11,845
Poison baits	26,248	3,900
Bodies recovered	400	280
Works completed by arrangement	18	11

Two maintenance treatments were carried out in May and November, at approximately 1,012 manholes for each treatment.

HYGIENE IN BARBERS' SHOPS : PROPOSED BY-LAWS

The Metropolitan Boroughs' Standing Joint Committee have requested the London County Council, after considering the suggestions made by this Council, to include in their next General Powers Bill appropriate provision to enable Metropolitan Borough Councils and the Corporation of London to register hairdressers and barbers, and their premises, and to make by-laws for the purpose of securing hygienic conditions.

Representatives of the Bermondsey and District Branch of the National Hairdressers Federation have expressed agreement with the views of the Council, and look forward to the adoption of by-laws.

VENTILATION OF SEWERS

In March 1952, a Working Party of officers of the London County Council and the Metropolitan Boroughs' Standing Joint Committee was set up to suggest means for improving the ventilation of sewers and to report what additional Parliamentary powers would be desirable to regulate the discharge of trade effluents into the London sewers.

Provisions with regard to the discharge of trade effluents into the sewers have been included in the London County Council (General Powers) Act 1953.

The Working Party are of opinion that the provision of a large number of small means of ventilation may be preferable to large ventilating shafts and at the request of the Standing Joint Committee the Council agreed to co-operate in an experiment whereby stoppers on intercepting traps at the drains of properties owned by Metropolitan Councils should be removed for a trial period and the results studied.

The officers of the London County Council have been authorised to take the necessary measures so far as London County Council properties are concerned.

FACTORIES

Five hundred and seventy inspections of Factories were made during the year, and 57 notices were served. There are now 1,043 factories of all types on the register, comprising 233 factories without mechanical power, and 775 factories with mechanical power.

Inspections :

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Number of:—</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Notices</i>	<i>Prosecutions</i>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	268	89	8	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	775	481	49	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	1,043	570	57	—

Defects found and remedied :

No. of cases in which defects were:—

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>found</i>	<i>remedied</i>	<i>referred to H. M. Insp.</i>	<i>referred by H. M. Insp.</i>	<i>No. of Prosecutions</i>
Want of cleanliness (S1)	21	21	—	6	—
Overcrowding (S2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	1	1	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	19	13	—	1	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S7) ..					
(a) insufficient	9	6	—	1	—
(b) unsuitable or defective ..	34	21	—	1	—
(c) not separate for sexes ..	1	1	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ..	45	45	1	3	—
Total	130	108	1	12	—

HEATING APPLIANCES AND FIREGUARDS

The Heating Appliances & Fire Guards Act, 1952 which came into operation in March, with the Regulations of 1953, prohibit the sale or letting of unguarded gas and electric fires or oil heaters, and lays down standards for construction, fitting and testing of guards. Officers of the local authority are empowered to enter premises for the purpose of inspecting and testing such appliances, offered for sale or letting, as are required to be fitted with guards.

CONTROL OF PLEASURE FAIRS

The Metropolitan Boroughs' Standing Joint Committee considered a letter dated 18th November in which the London County Council referred to the power given in Section 68 of the London County Council (General Powers) Act 1939 for sanitary authorities to make by-laws for regulating pleasure fairs and drawing attention to the fact that licensable entertainment, e.g. boxing, does, however, sometimes take place at a pleasure fair and the manager of the fair and the promoter of the entertainment may think that having complied with the by-laws they have taken all necessary action. The County Council thought it desirable that some step should be taken to bring to the notice of managers and other persons concerned the fact that compliance with the by-laws does not obviate the necessity for obtaining an entertainments licence, and that a note to that effect, preferably immediately after the by-laws relating to safety, or alternatively, added to the end of the byelaws would meet the point. The Council agreed to act in accordance with this request.

EMERGENCY WATER TANKS CLEANSING

After discussion between the officers of the Metropolitan Boroughs' Standing Joint Committee and the London County Council arrangements have been agreed with regard to the cleansing of emergency water tanks.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL (GENERAL POWERS) ACT, 1952—SECTION 26.

In July legal proceedings were taken against a person who gave a boy a toy in exchange for a bundle of rags. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined £1.

PUBLIC HEALTH (LONDON) ACT, 1936—SECTION 126

The June investigations were made into the family conditions of persistently verminous school children to discover the possible foci of re-infestation and to advise mothers accordingly. Access was obtained to 77 of the 87 families concerned—11 of these were found to be clean homes where previous treatment and advice had evidently been beneficial, but of the remaining 66, four mothers expressed resentment and refused to consider attending the Treatment Centre and the Metropolitan Boroughs' Standing Joint Committee was requested to make representation to the Minister of Health that, subject to adequate safeguards, Medical Officers of Health should be given powers similar to those in the Scabies Order 1941, to compel suspected persons to be examined where necessary.

PUBLIC HEALTH (LONDON) ACT, 1936—LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Failure to Abate Nuisances.

<i>Premises.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
16, Rodney Road	.. Nuisance Order 28 days
50, Camberwell Road	.. Summons withdrawn £1 1s. 0d. costs.
46, Hurlbutt Place	.. Summons withdrawn £1 1s. 0d. costs.
53, Lant Street ..	.. Summons withdrawn £1 1s. 0d. costs.
97, Crampton Street	.. Summons withdrawn
44, Peacock Street	.. Summons withdrawn
72, Pollock Road	.. Nuisance Order 28 days £1 1s. 0d. costs.
86, Pollock Road	.. Nuisance Order 28 days £2 2s. 0d. costs.
122, Pollock Road	.. Nuisance Order 28 days £2 2s. 0d. costs.
35, Runham Street	.. Summons withdrawn £1 1s. 0d. costs.
151, Lorrimore Road	.. Summons withdrawn £1 1s. 0d. costs.
149, Lorrimore Road	.. Summons withdrawn £1 1s. 0d. costs.
19, Blackwood Street	.. Summons withdrawn £1 1s. 0d. costs.
21, Blackwood Street	.. Summons withdrawn £1 1s. 0d. costs.
Alvey House, Alvey Street	Nuisance Order 28 days £1 1s. 0d. costs.
106, Bethwin Road	.. Nuisance Order 21 days £2 2s. 0d. costs.
78-104, Pollock Road	.. Nuisance Order 24 hours
38, Grosvenor Park	.. Summons withdrawn £1 1s. 0d. costs.
31, Lant Street ..	.. Adjourned <i>sine die</i> £1 11s. 6d. costs.
64, Pollock Road	.. Nuisance Order 7 days £2 2s. 0d. costs.
86, Pollock Road	.. Nuisance Order 3 days £1 1s. 0d. costs.
30, Shorncliffe Road	.. Nuisance Order 21 days £1 1s. 0d. costs.
44, Peacock Street	.. Summons withdrawn £1 1s. 0d. costs.
11, Townsend Street	.. Summons withdrawn £1 1s. 0d. costs.
7, Cumbrae Buildings	.. Summons withdrawn 3s. 0d. costs.
5, Cumbrae Buildings	.. Adjourned <i>sine die</i> 3s. 0d. costs.
5-8, Cumbrae Buildings	.. Adjourned <i>sine die</i> 3s. 0d. costs.
273, Tabard Street	.. Adjourned <i>sine die</i> 3s. 0d. costs.
57-79, Deacon Street	.. Adjourned <i>sine die</i> .

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Whilst the figures of deposited matter in the vicinity of the Bankside area were again very high, there was a general improvement during the latter months of the year compared with previous years. No doubt this reduction in deposits was due to restricted use being made of the old Bankside Generating Station following upon representations and complaints made by the Council to the British Electricity Authority.

During the year, practically every boiler house in the Borough has been visited by the Inspector to get firms and persons concerned smoke-conscious. They now know of the harmful effects of smoke and that it is a waste of fuel, and that we can offer them practical advice and suggestions to prevent smoke nuisance. It is our experience that the great majority of firms and operatives are willing to co-operate. The figures obtained from the Council's measuring instruments have proved of value in these visits.

The Council submitted to the National Smoke Abatement Society a list of proposals for inclusion in their memorandum to the Government Committee of Inquiry on Air Pollution.

A permanent Health Exhibition is being arranged by the Public Health Department and it is the intention to include a section on atmospheric pollution.

The figures of the deposited matter as recorded on the sites in Walworth Road and Bankside are as follows:—

1953.	<i>Walworth Road Bankside.</i>		
January ..	22.3	154.3	tons per sq. mile.
February ..	30.9	268.7	" " " "
March ..	not available	not available	
April ..	18.4	43.6	tons per sq. mile.
May ..	17.5	19.1	" " " "
June ..	11.9	25.8	" " " "
July ..	10.8	62.8	" " " "
August ..	9.6	17.7	" " " "
September ..	13.7	30.2	" " " "
October ..	22.8	41.6	" " " "
November ..	14.6	37.7	" " " "
December ..	26.8	57.1	" " " "

During the year, twelve complaints were received regarding smoke emissions, and 182 observations and visits were made by the Inspector.

RAG FLOCK & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

During the year five samples were taken and submitted to the prescribed Analyst, Mr. John Hudson, M.A., F.C.S., Chiltern Research Laboratories, Ltd., High Wycombe. All these samples complied with the requirements of the Regulations.

Nine premises are registered for the use of filling materials, and one licensed for manufacture or storage of Rag Flock.

WELL WATER

There are three private wells in the Borough from which water is used for industrial purposes. The supply in each case is satisfactory.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORKS COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR

House drain addition or reconstruction	..	..	..	28
Drains repaired	..	..	..	187
Drains unstopped	..	..	..	212
W.C. pan and seats repaired or renewed	..	..	..	318
Flushing apparatus repaired or renewed	..	..	..	191
Soil pipes repaired or renewed	..	..	..	56
Soil pipes provided	..	..	..	31
Vent pipes provided	..	..	..	28
Taps fixed on rising main	..	..	..	46
Sinks provided	..	..	..	233
Waste pipes provided	..	..	..	233
Waste pipes repaired	..	..	..	107
Yards paved, repaired or drained	..	..	..	55
Dustbins provided	..	..	..	121
Accumulation of filth, etc., removed	..	..	..	83
Roofs and gutters repaired	..	..	..	860
Rain water pipes repaired or renewed	..	..	..	215
Dwellings provided with water	..	..	..	202
Dampness remedied	..	..	..	798
Window frames, sashes and glazing repaired	..	..	..	333
Cills and reveals repaired	..	..	..	257
Sashcords renewed	..	..	..	454
Fireplaces and flues repaired	..	..	..	494
Floors repaired or renewed	..	..	..	321
Brickwork and pointing repaired	..	..	..	161
Staircases repaired	..	..	..	108
Rooms cleansed and redecorated	..	..	..	1,385
Walls and ceilings repaired	..	..	..	1,706
Other sanitary works executed	..	..	..	381
Baths provided	..	..	..	202
TOTAL	..	..	..	9,806

Separate statistics under certain of the headings in the foregoing section are given in the Housing and Food Sections.

Food

THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

During the year, 2,932 tons, 14 cwts., 9 lbs. of food were examined in detail at wharves, warehouses, shops, etc., in the Borough.

Of this amount, 213 tons, 16 cwts, 3 qtrs., 5 lbs. were found to be unfit for human consumption, and were disposed of as follows:—

Destroyed—89 tons 2 cwts 1 qtr 12 lbs. comprising—

	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qtrs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>
Tinned fruit	30	8	1	24
Meat products	17	3	3	5
Tinned vegetables	7	15	—	14
Puree, pulp and fruit juices ..	7	8	2	7
Confectionery	5	15	2	17
Cooked hams	5	8	2	16
Cheese	2	4	—	—
Fruit	2	1	1	6
Meat	1	8	1	10
Tinned milk	1	5	3	12
Dried fruit	1	3	2	3
Egg albumen	1	1	3	14
Tinned soup	—	17	1	—
Tinned meat	—	15	1	16
Vegetables	—	15	—	—
Pudding and cake mixtures ..	—	12	3	6
Poultry, etc.	—	11	1	26
Offal	—	10	—	26
Cereals	—	8	—	20
Preserves	—	7	2	7
Pickles and sauces	—	5	—	15
Tinned fish	—	5	2	—
Fish	—	3	2	14
Desiccated coconut	—	2	—	16
Bacon	—	1	3	9
Ice cream powder	—	1	—	—
Misc.	—	—	—	9
Condemned at wharves and warehouses	85	3	1	23
Condemned at shops	3	18	3	17

Released for Animal Feeding—58 tons 13 cwts 3 qtrs 1 lb. comprising—

	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qtrs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>
Whalemeat	34	8	2	—
Meat products	9	7	—	21
Cereals	6	19	1	19
Tinned fruit	2	15	3	24
Cooked hams	2	5	2	17
Dried fruit	1	10	2	12
Vegetables	—	9	—	—
Tinned vegetables	—	6	—	2
Tinned meat	—	5	3	10
Tinned milk	—	1	2	1
Confectionery	—	3	1	5
Bacon	—	—	2	16
Tinned soup	—	—	—	14
Condemned at wharves and warehouses	58	13	3	1

Released for Technical Purposes—44 tons 18 cwts 1 qtr 13 lbs comprising—

	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qtrs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>
Bacon	34	3	—	20
Meat	9	12	1	14
Offal	—	13	3	—
Meat products	—	4	1	2
Cooked hams	—	3	2	1
Egg albumen	—	1	—	14
Tinned meat	—	—	—	18
Condemned at wharves and warehouses	44	18	1	13

Released for Salvage or Manufacturing Purposes.—21 tons 2 cwts 1 qtr 7 lbs, comprising—

	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qtrs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>
Butter	17	17	1	26
Tinned milk	2	18	1	9
Bacon	—	4	2	18
Egg albumen	—	1	—	10
Preserves	—	—	3	—
Inspected at wharves and ware- houses	21	2	1	7

ICE CREAM

There are 199 ice-cream dealers and 17 manufacturers in this Borough, an increase of 17 dealers, and a decrease of 5 manufacturers since last year. Most of the dealers sold only pre-packed ice-cream, obtained from the large manufacturers.

During the year 46 samples of ice-cream were taken with the following results:—

- 23 samples, Grade I.
- 11 samples, Grade II.
- 9 samples, Grade III.
- 3 samples, Grade IV,

In addition:

24 samples were chemically examined for compliance with the prescribed standards of composition of ice-cream. Five of these samples did not contain the requisite amount of fat and the vendors were cautioned. Samples subsequently taken at the premises were satisfactory.

Periodical visits were made to all premises. A "Code of Standards" was sent to each new dealer and inspections were carried out before the registration of any new premises to ensure that they were satisfactory and all requirements fully understood.

Copies of the Public Analyst's reports on samples taken were forwarded to the vendors concerned. In the case of Grade III and IV samples, special investigations were made at the premises in an effort to detect some fault which may have caused the unsatisfactory gradings.

FOOD STANDARDS ICE CREAM ORDER 1953

This Order restored as from the 1st June, 1953, the standard for ice cream which was in force before the 7th July, 1952, viz. :-

Five per cent. fat, 10 per cent. sugar and $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. solids other than milk. Special provisions are made for ice cream contained in fruit, fruit pulp or fruit puree and for "Parov" (Kosher) ice.

DESIGNATED MILK

During the year the following Licences were issued under the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949, and Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

- 1 Pasteuriser's Licence.
- 126 Dealers' Licences for Pasteurised Milk.
- 163 Dealers' Licences for Sterilised Milk.
- 93 Dealers' Licences for Tuberculin Tested Milk.

Supplementary Licences.

- 12 Supplementary Licences for Pasteurised Milk.
- 11 Supplementary Licences for Sterilised Milk.
- 12 Supplementary Licences for Tuberculin Tested Milk.

Forty-eight samples of Designated Milks were taken and submitted to the Public Analyst for examination. All these satisfied the prescribed tests.

Forty samples of Pasteurised Milk supplied to local schools were also examined by the Public Analyst, and the London County Council informed of the results.

MILK SELLERS

At the close of the year there were 164 registered milk distributors in the Borough, whilst the number of distributors purveying milk in the Borough from registered premises elsewhere was 21. 348 Inspections of Milkshops and Dairies were made during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH (CONDENSED MILK) REGULATIONS

Eight samples of condensed milk were purchased for analysis under the above regulations. They were all certified by the Public Analyst to comply with the said regulations.

The Public Health (Condensed Milk) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953, came into operation on November 11th, and permitted for a limited period the sale of full cream unsweetened condensed milk imported by the Minister of Food, containing not less than 7.8 per cent. milk fat and not less than 25.5 per cent. of all milk solids including fat.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1953

These amendment regulations, made jointly by the Minister of Health and the Minister of Food, have two principal objects as follows:—

- (a) To permit the use of the special designation "sterilised" in relation to milk which has been sterilised not only in bottles as previously, but also in cans or other approved containers. The use of the special designation in relation to such milk will permit it to be sold by retail or to caterers in areas specified under section 23 of the Food and Drugs (Milk, Dairies and Artificial Cream) Act, 1950. The export trade and sales to ships' stores will also benefit.

(b) To appoint 1st October, 1954, as the date from which it shall be compulsory to use caps or covers overlapping the lips of containers of pasteurised milk. This gives ample notice to milk distributors generally, and in particular to pasteurisers, who under the Second Schedule, Part I, paragraph 7, sub-paragraph (2) of the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949, will be required from the same date to put milk which is pasteurised into the containers in which it is delivered to the consumer at the premises at which it is pasteurised.

THE CREAM AND USE OF MILK (REVOCATION) ORDER 1953

This Order which came into operation on the 1st April, 1953, revokes the Cream Order, 1951, as amended, thereby removing control over the manufacture and sale of cream. It also revokes the Use of Milk (Restriction) Order 1945, and the Use of Milk (Suspension of Restriction) Order 1951, thereby removing the prohibition on the use of milk in the manufacture of biscuits, bread, buns, pastries, cakes, rolls, scones and other similar products, ice-cream, sweetmeats (including sugar, confectionery and chocolate) and synthetic cream.

MILK AND DAIRIES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1953

These Regulations, by amendment of the definition of "distributor," have the effect of excluding from the registration provisions of regulation 8 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, persons who sell cream in the hermetically sealed containers in which it was delivered to the premises and who are not otherwise distributors of milk.

BAKEHOUSES

At the end of the year there were 29 Bakehouses in use in Southwark, of which 7 were underground.

During the year a Basement Bakehouse at 168, Borough High Street was closed by the occupiers.

118 visits were made by the Inspector.

STANDARDS FOR SOFT DRINKS

The Soft Drinks Order, 1947, was revoked on December 19th, 1953, from which time manufacturers and packers of soft drinks no longer needed licences from the Ministry of Food.

The minimum standards for soft drinks prescribed in this Order were continued with minor modifications in a new Order, the Food Standards (Soft Drinks) Order, 1953, which came into force on December 20th. This is intended as a temporary measure pending consideration by the Food Standards Committee of the future scope and level of these standards.

ARTIFICIAL SWEETNESS IN FOOD ORDER, 1953

This Order came into operation on the 1st September, 1953, and prohibits the use in food of all artificial sweetening substances except saccharin.

The Medical Research Council on the recommendation of the Food Adulterants Committee informed the Minister of Food that on the present evidence they regarded the use of certain artificial sweetening substances as ingredients in food as undesirable on health grounds.

FOOD STANDARDS (SACCHARIN TABLETS) ORDER, 1953

This Order came into operation on the 1st September, 1953. It revised the standard for saccharin tablets prescribed in the Saccharin Order, 1949.

FOOD STANDARDS (PRESERVES) ORDER, 1953

This Order, which should be read with the Food standards (General Provisions) Order, 1944, as amended, replaces the Food Standards (Preserves) Order, 1944, as amended, and prescribes revised standards for jam and marmalade including ginger marmalade. The standards for fruit curd and mincemeat remain unchanged.

The standards prescribed apply as respects both imported and home produced articles and come into operation by stages.

PUBLIC HEALTH (PRESERVATIVES, ETC. IN FOOD) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) REGULATIONS, 1953

These amending regulations which came into operation on December 16th and re-enacted the Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953 with the inclusion, as required by law, of an expression of the Ministers' opinion that certain provisions are necessary for preventing danger to health or otherwise for protecting purchasers, provide for the sale and importation of certain specified dehydrated vegetables which contain sulphur dioxide within prescribed

limits, increase the maximum permitted sulphur dioxide content of jam, permit the presence of diphenyl in citrus fruit imported in wrappers treated with diphenyl and for a limited period, the addition of borax to margarine.

THE LABELLING OF FOOD ORDER, 1953

This Order substantially re-enacts in a consolidated and revised form the Labelling of Food Order, 1950, and its amending Order. It came into operation on the 5th April 1953 and certain new provisions have been introduced.

HOME CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ORDER 1950

The above Order has been revoked by the Canning of Food and Feeding Stuffs and Home Canned Fruit and Vegetables (Revocation) Order 1953 which came into operation on 16th January, 1953.

The Ministry of Food has decided not to make a Food Standards Order under Regulation 2 of the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations 1943, for the continuation of the standards of composition for canned fruit and canned vegetables formerly prescribed by the above Order. The revocation of the Order invalidates the exemption from the need to declare ingredients on labels given in respect of canned fruit and canned vegetables by Table C of the First Schedule to the Labelling of Food Order, 1950, but as it is the intention of the Ministry that traders should have an opportunity of disposing of stocks of home canned fruit and vegetables, bearing labels which do not carry a declaration of ingredients, an amendment is being prepared to continue the exemption.

THE FLOUR ORDER 1953 AND THE BREAD ORDER 1953

The general effect of these Orders is to afford some relaxation in the control of flour and bread. The Orders will, except as regards weight, be enforced and administered by the Minister.

OFFALS IN MEAT PRODUCTS ORDER, 1953: MEAT PRODUCTS (NO. 3) ORDER, 1952

The Meat Products (No. 3) Order, 1952, was replaced as from 1st March, 1953, by the Canned Corned Meat (Prices) Order, 1953, and the provisions in the earlier Order which prescribed maximum prices and minimum meat content for sausages and sausage meat are not retained. From 1st March, therefore, no control of the minimum meat content of these products has operated.

The revocation of the Meat Products (No. 3) Order invalidates the exemption from the need to declare ingredients on labels of pre-packed sausages and sausage meat given by Table C of the First Schedule to the Labelling of Food Order, 1950, but as it is the intention of the Ministry that this exemption should be maintained a suitable amendment to the Order is being prepared.

The Minister has decided not to make an Order under Regulation 2 of the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations prescribing a statutory standard of composition for sausages and sausage meat, but has made the Offals in Meat Products Order, 1953 (S.I. 1953, No. 246) which re-enacts (substantially as it appears in the Meat Products (No. 2) Order, 1952) the prohibition against the use of certain specified offals in uncooked open meat products.

Prohibited offals are brains, feet, fries, gut (including chitterlings), manifolds, paunches, udders, sweetbreads, tripe, melts or lites, spinal cord, uteri, pigs' maws and calves vells.

Infringements of the Offals in Meat Products Order are offences against the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations, 1943, but by Article 9 of the Order proceedings may be brought by Food and Drugs Authorities in England and Northern Ireland without the consent of the Minister.

CONDEMNED MEAT

Notification was received in October from the Cuckfield Urban District Council that condemned meat from the Government's slaughterhouse at Cuckfield was being sold to a firm in this borough which previously sold horseflesh for human consumption, but now sold condemned meat from Cuckfield and other Government slaughterhouses. Notices inside the shop stated that the meat was for animals only, and an assistant told the Sanitary Inspector that customers were informed accordingly, but a member of the Public Health Department went to buy some and no statement was made to him. Whilst a number of customers, interviewed after leaving the shop, all said that the meat they had bought was for their animals, one stated that she had been told by other customers that they had bought the meat for their own consumption.

Several quarters of beef examined were stained green on the outside, indicating that they had been condemned, and evidence of gross tubercle on the pleura was found.

The Public Health Committee felt that the Ministry of Food's method of disposing of unsound meat by public auction was undesirable. Although the first purchaser undertook not to use it for human consumption, no such undertaking was required from subsequent purchasers.

It would seem that whether or not this diseased meat was used for human consumption, it would nevertheless be taken into homes and cut up and handled, with a definite risk to public health.

The Public Health Committee requested the Metropolitan Boroughs' Standing Joint Committee to make representations to the Ministry of Food on this matter, and revised conditions of sale have been made.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There is only one licensed slaughterhouse in the Borough, which is not in use. Four inspections of the premises were made during the year to ensure that no slaughtering was in operation.

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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The Minister of Food has appointed an Inter-departmental Committee to prepare a plan recommending in what localities, subject to a policy of moderate concentration, slaughter-houses (other than in bacon factories) should be sited for the slaughter in England and Wales of cattle, sheep and pigs; recommend an order of priority for new works and major reconstructions; make recommendations on the general principles of siting and the facilities that should be provided in these slaughter-houses; and report on the changes that may be necessary in existing legislation to secure the central regulation of siting and design of slaughter-houses.

The Inter-departmental Committee requested the views of the Metropolitan Boroughs' Standing Joint Committee on the general principles which in their opinion should guide them in its recommendations, and in March, I reported that in my opinion, moderate concentration of slaughter-houses was advisable and would lead to efficiency in some respects, particularly in regard to by-products, but transport before and after slaughter should be kept to a minimum.

FOOD AND DRUGS AMENDMENT BILL

The Food and Drugs Amendment Bill was introduced in the House of Lords on Tuesday, 10th November, 1953. It amends the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, and the Food and Drugs (Milk,

Dairies and Artificial Cream) Act, 1950. Its main objects are to revise the provisions for protecting the public against the sale of food containing injurious ingredients, and against the mis-description of food and drugs in labels and advertisements, and to provide fuller powers to secure that food is not contaminated in the course of preparation, distribution and sale.

FOOD SAMPLING

During the year under review, 759 formal samples and 848 informal samples were submitted to the Public Analyst. Of these, 13 and 27 respectively revealed adulteration or other infringements, as follows:—

	Samples Examined.		Non-genuine Samples	
	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal
Milk	187	54	1	1
Condensed Milk	—	8	—	—
Ice Cream	3	24	1	6
Fats, cheese, etc... .. .	49	26	2	—
Meat and Fish preparations	71	126	—	2
Cake Mixtures, etc.	53	78	—	—
Cereal preparations	55	57	—	3
Vinegars and Non-Brewed Condi- ments	28	26	3	4
Herbs	33	42	2	2
Spices and Condiments	58	63	1	1
Pickles, Sauces, etc.	18	27	1	1
Jams and Preserves	19	16	—	—
Wines, Spirits and Ales	—	36	—	—
Soft Drinks	—	28	—	—
Beverages	54	33	—	—
Medicine preparations	23	82	—	3
Canned Fruit	14	23	2	1
Dried Fruit	30	17	—	—
Canned Vegetables	9	19	—	—
Custard Powders, Jellies, etc.	18	37	—	2
Confectionery	32	20	—	—
Miscellaneous	5	6	—	1
Totals	759	848	13	27

Formal Samples :

No.	Sample of	Result.	Action taken.
603	Sage.	Contained 20% of a foreign leaf, probably a species of Cistus.	Summons.
760	White Pepper.	Contained 20% Wheat flour.	Summons.
7	Sage.	25% foreign leaf probably Cistus.	Letter to importers.

Formal Samples—*contd.*

<i>No.</i>	<i>Sample of</i>	<i>Result.</i>	<i>Action taken.</i>
75	Canned Black-currant Jelly.	Soluble solids 67%.	Not made in U. K. Not within provisions of relative Order.
107	Milk.	2% added water.	Caution.
153	Canned Tomatoes	Contained a mass of mould.	Further samples satisfactory.
202	Ice Cream.	36% deficient in fat.	Summons.
217	Vinegar.	Consisted of non-brewed condiment and was 20% deficient in Acetic Acid.	Summons.
260	Non-brewed Condiment.	10% deficient in Acetic Acid.	Vendor out of business.
265	Tomato ketchup.	Copper 160 parts per million.	Summons.
318	Non-brewed Condiment.	3% deficient in Acetic Acid.	Caution.
326	Butter.	16.2 % water.	Caution.
344	Butter.	16.2% water.	Caution.

Informal Samples.

140a	Ice Cream.	42% deficient in fat.	Formal sample taken.
160a	Multivitamin Capsules.	Misleading description.	Formal sample taken.
186a	Pearl Barley.	Infested with living larvae.	No more in stock.
190a	Glauber's Salt.	Completely effloresced.	Stock withdrawn
200a	Jelly Crystals.	Mouldy.	No more in stock.
202a	Ice Cream.	34% deficient in fat.	Formal sample 202.
224a	Tomato ketchup.	95 parts per million copper and 300 parts per million benzoic acid.	Stock withdrawn
238a	Ice Cream.	46 % deficient in fat.	Discontinued manufacture.
239a	Non-brewed condiment.	25% deficient in acetic acid.	Formal sample 217.

Informal Samples—*contd.*

<i>No.</i>	<i>Sample of</i>	<i>Result.</i>	<i>Action taken.</i>
283a	Ice Cream.	24% deficient in fat.	Formal sample genuine.
316a	Non-brewed condiment.	10% deficient in acetic acid.	Formal sample genuine.
332a	Non-brewed condiment.	7.5% deficient in acetic acid.	No more in stock
400a	Apple Puree (canned).	Can blown: Tin 2.9 grains to the pound.	Stock destroyed.
406a	Non-brewed condiment.	6% deficient in acetic Acid.	Further samples taken.
519a	Pearl Barley.	Contained beetles, their larvae and excreta.	No more in stock
548a	Shredded Suet.	6% deficient in fat.	Formal sample satisfactory.
584a	Energy Food.	Incorrectly labelled.	
652a	Sage.	Contained 50% of a foreign leaf.	Formal sample 603.
677a	Sage.	Contained 50% of a foreign leaf.	No more in stock.
697a	Preserved Pork Sausages.	10% deficient in meat.	Further sample satisfactory.
717a	Milk.	1.6% added water.	Further sample genuine.
728a	Glauber Salts.	Completely effloresced.	Stock withdrawn
810a	White Pepper.	20% Wheat Flour.	Formal sample 760.
36a	Canned Black-currant Jelly.	Soluble solids 65.5%.	Formal sample 75.
94a	Selfraising flour.	Contained no raising ingredient.	Further sample satisfactory.
120a	Ice Cream.	17.5% deficient in fat.	Formal sample taken.
139a	Canned Cherries.	Sample had a strong odour of Hydrogen sulphide.	Local Authority of source of supply advised.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS: FOOD & DRUGS ACT.

<i>Defendant.</i>	<i>Nature of Infringement.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Bakers.	Mould in apple turnover.	£7 7s. 0d. Costs.
Grocer.	Glass in peaches.	£2 0s. 0d. Fine. £5 5s. 0d. Costs.
Merchant.	Sage containing 20 per cent. adulteration.	£12 12s. 0d. Costs.
Grocer.	White pepper containing not less than 20 per cent. wheat flour.	£4 0s. 0d. Fine. £5 5s. 0d. Costs.
Grocers.	Meat pie in mouldy condition.	£1 0s. 0d. Fine. £2 2s. 0d. costs.
Provision Merchant.	Mouldy sausage roll.	£1 0s. 0d. Fine. £2 2s. 0d. Costs.
Grocer.	Mouldy fruit pie.	£2 0s. 0d. Fine. £4 4s. 0d. Costs.
Ice Cream Manufacturer.	Selling ice cream 36 per cent. deficient in fat.	£4 0s. 0d. Fine. £3 3s. 0d. Costs.
Greengrocer.	Non-brewed condiment not of substance demanded.	£2 0s. 0d. Fine. £2 2s. 0d. Costs.
Soft Drink Manufacturer.	Soft Drink containing foreign bodies.	£8 0s. 0d. Fines. £5 5s. 0d. Costs.
Sauce Manufacturer.	Tomato Ketchup containing 160 parts copper per million.	£12 0s. 0d. Fine. £2 2s. 0d. Costs.
Grocers.	Ham not of quality demanded by purchaser.	Case dismissed. £3 3s. 0d. costs against Council.
Toffee Apple Manufacturer.	Contravention of Sect. 13 in the sale and preparation of Toffee Apples.	£7 0s. 0d. Fine. £1 10s. 0d. Costs.

Six cautionary letters were sent in respect of other non-genuine samples and eight cautionary letters were sent in respect of other articles of food complained of by the public.

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

There are 477 catering establishments in the Borough. These include riverside snack bars, cafes, coffee stalls, mobile snack bars, public house restaurants, and industrial canteens, all of which have received systematic inspection during the past year.

Notices were served and a considerable amount of work has been carried out. As a result, there has been a marked improve-

ment in the general condition of premises, and a reasonably high standard is being maintained.

Close contact has been kept with the Local Food Office in regard to the proposed new premises and traders, to ensure that all premises comply with Public Health requirements before the issue of food licences.

Analysis of work carried out in Food Premises:

Walls and Ceilings repaired	99
Kitchens, Scullery, Food Stores, and Dining Rooms, redecorated and cleansed	161
Roof and Gutters repaired or renewed	19
Shelves and Cupboards cleansed	16
Floors repaired or renewed	17
Staircase, risers and treads repaired or renewed	17
Hot water supplies provided	93
Waste pipes provided and repaired	28
Drains unstopped	9
Drains repaired	19
Dustbins provided	28
Dampness remedied	9
Water-closets provided	10
Water-closets repaired or renewed	40
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	17
Seats to water-closets repaired or renewed	11
Walls and Ceilings to water-closets redecorated and cleansed	34
Artificial lighting provided	1
Yards cleansed	5
Refrigerators repaired or provided	—
Food cupboards provided	2
Covering provided for cakes and sandwiches	4
Cooking apparatus repaired or renewed	3
Utensils cleansed	7
Ventilation provided	21
Sinks provided	20
Miscellaneous	48
TOTAL	738

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Housing

The duties of the Housing section of the Public Health Department are divided between action under the Housing Act in relation to overcrowded, unfit and insanitary premises, and negotiations between the London County Council, the Council's Housing Manager and other authorities in connection with applications for rehousing on grounds of medical necessity, overcrowding and insanitary conditions.

HOUSING ACT, 1936

1.—*Insanitary houses capable of repair at reasonable expense* (Section 9)

One notice under Section 9 of the Act was served during the year viz: 206, Olney Road. No Section 9 notices were complied with. No notices were issued requesting voluntary action by the owner, but 81 of those previously issued were complied with.

2.—*Insanitary houses incapable of repair at reasonable expense* (Section 11)

During the year Demolition Orders were made in respect of the following 57 properties.

	<i>Order reported sealed.</i>
(a) Cleghorn Street, 2	16.12.53
Comus Place, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9	16.12.53
Delverton Road, 51	15. 7.53
Garden Row, 11	15. 7.53
Kingston Street, 1 and 3	18. 3.53
Leigh Hunt Street, 15	16.12.53
16	16.12.53
" "	
Macleod Street, 1 and 2	18.11.53
Massinger Street, 10, 11 and 12	16.12.53
Merrow Street, 19	15. 7.53
Mint Street, 103, 105, and 107	16.12.53
Red Cross Way, 13	16.12.53

(b) The following properties were represented for demolition during 1952, but Orders reported sealed during 1953:—

	<i>Orders reported sealed</i>
Alpha Square, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24,	
25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35,	
36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	17. 6.53
Hampton Street, 10	18. 2.53
New Kent Road, 36	18. 2.52

- (c) The following properties were represented for demolition during 1950, but the Orders were reported sealed during 1953:—

	<i>Orders reported sealed.</i>
Macleod Street, 7, 8, and 9	18.11.53

- (d) The following property was represented on 2nd July, 1952, but Order reported sealed in 1953. There was, however, an appeal to the County Court. The hearing was adjourned several times and eventually on 7.10.53 the Housing and Town Planning Committee resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman and the Town Clerk:—

	<i>Order sealed.</i>
Lytham Street, 49	17. 6.53

- (e) The following property was represented for demolition in 1953, but it was reported later in 1953 that it was included in an L.C.C. Clearance Area. (Action was taken under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act in 1954). 182, Hillingdon Street.

- (f) The following property was represented for demolition in November 1953, but was later closed under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953, Section 10:

12, Peacock Square. Represented for demolition	4.11.53
Closing Order reported sealed	16.12.53

- (g) The following properties were represented for demolition during 1953, but Orders not made in 1953:—

	<i>Represented.</i>
Burman Street, 1 and 3	4.11.53
Crosby Row, 3, 5 and 7	2.12.53
Long Lane, 75	2.12.53
Southwark Bridge Road, 197	7.10.53

- (h) The following properties were represented for demolition during 1953 and undertakings were accepted during 1953:—

	<i>Represented.</i>	<i>Undertaking accepted.</i>
Blewett Street, 17	4. 2.53	4.3.53
Boddy's Bridge, 10	4.11.53	2.12.53
Boddy's Bridge, 14	7.10.53	2.12.53
County Street, 36	4. 3.53	1. 4.53
Marshalls Gardens, 40	4. 2.53	4. 3.53

(This latter property was vacated 15.9.53 and is effectively closed.)

- (i) The following property was represented for demolition in 1952 but an undertaking was accepted in 1953:—

	<i>Represented.</i>	<i>Undertaking accepted.</i>
23, Deverell Street	5.11.52	1. 4.53

- (j) The following property was represented in 1952 for demolition, but during 1953 the premises were re-built for commercial purposes:—
38, New Kent Road.

3.—*Premises Demolished (Section 11)*—

	<i>Order reported sealed.</i>
Comus Place, 27	16. 7.52
The Cut, 3	18. 6.52
Deverell Street, 46	
(Represented 28.11.51. Order not made; undertaking accepted 27.2.52. Premises demolished 1953).	
Dickens Square, 36	9. 4.52
Dolben Street, 33	9. 4.52
" " 34	9. 4.52
New Kent Road, 36	18. 3.53

The Order on the following properties was cancelled during 1953, the premises having been demolished previously:—

1 and 2, Namur Terrace.

4.—*Parts of Premises closed (Section 12)*.

- (a) The following premises were represented in 1953 and Closing Orders were made on the following dates, involving 74 underground rooms and 5 others:—

(Abbreviations: BF, basement front; BB, basement back; A, addition; FF, first floor; TFF, top flat front; TFB, top floor back.)

	<i>Order reported sealed.</i>
44, Alberta Street, BF & BB	15. 7.53
2a, Alvey House, BF, BB & BBA	15. 7.53
4, Ben Cope Street, BB	16.12.53
14, Boyson Road, BF & BB	18. 3.53
32, " " BF & BB	16.12.53
39, " " BF & BB	16.12.53
49, " " BF, BB & BBA	16.12.53
52, " " BF & BB	16.12.53
76, " " BF & BB	16.12.53
92, " " BF, BB & BBA	16.12.53
65, Delverton Road, BF & BB	15. 7.53
71, " " BF & BB	15. 7.53

	<i>Order reported sealed.</i>
77, ,, ,, BF & BB	15. 7.53
24, Faunce Street, BB	18. 3.53
27, ,, ,, BB	18. 3.53
17, Gaywood Street, BF & BB	15. 7.53
14, Inville Road, BF & BB	16.12.53
65, Mann Street, BB	15. 7.53
70, ,, ,, BF & BB	18.11.53
73, ,, ,, BF & BB	15. 7.53
75, ,, ,, BF, BB & BBA	17. 6.53
99, ,, ,, BF & 2 BB rooms	15. 7.53
234, New Kent Road, BF & BB	16.12.53
4, Penton Place, BF, BB & BBA	16.12.53
8, ,, ,, BF	15. 7.53
20, ,, ,, BF & BB	15. 7.53
22, ,, ,, BF & BB	15. 7.53
9, Princess Street, BF & BB	16.12.53
47, Trinity Church Square, BF	18. 3.53
(Approved use for storage purposes).	
53, Trinity Church Square, BF & BB	16.12.53
60, ,, ,, ,, BF & BB	16.12.53
74, Westmoreland Road, BF, BB & BBA	16.12.53
106, ,, ,, ,, BF, BB left & BB right	16.12.53
132, ,, ,, ,, BF, BB & BBA	16.12.53
162, ,, ,, ,, BF, BB & BBA	16.12.53
46, Stamford Street, 3 rooms FF	16.12.53
53, Trinity Church Square, Attic F & B rooms	18. 3.53

(b) The following properties were represented in 1952 but Orders reported sealed during 1953:—21 underground rooms, 5 others.

	<i>Order reported sealed.</i>
8, Boyson Road, BF & BB	21. 1.53
12, ,, ,, BF & BB	21. 1.53
22, ,, ,, BF & BB	21. 1.53
77, ,, ,, BF & BB	21. 1.53
3, Faunce Street, BF & BB	16.12.53
44, Penton Place, BF & BB	21. 1.53
123, St. George's Road, BF & BB	18. 2.53
4, Sutherland Square, BF & BB	18. 2.53
65, Sutherland Square, BF & BB	21. 1.53
217, Walworth Road, BB	21. 1.53
158, Westmoreland Road, BF & BB	21. 1.53
7 & 8, Causeway Place, 2 rooms FF (one flat)	21. 1.53
(Agreed use for storage purposes).	
17, The Cut, TFF TFB attic rooms	21. 1.53
52, Sutherland Square, TFF attic	18. 3.53

(c) The following properties were represented in 1953 but Orders not sealed during 1953:—8 underground rooms, 1 other.

	<i>Order reported sealed.</i>
13, Gladstone Street, BF left	1954
182, New Kent Road, 2 BF rooms	1954
58, Trinity Church Square, BF & BB	1954
82, Westmoreland Road, BF, BB & BBA (Adjourned <i>sine die.</i>)	
60, Trinity Church Square, Attic room	1954

(d) The following property was represented in 1953 and an undertaking was accepted in 1953:—

5, Causeway Place, TF flat (2 rooms). Represented	1. 4.53
Undertaking accepted	1. 7.53

(e) The following property was represented in 1952 and an undertaking was accepted in 1953:—

79, Thurlow Street, BF & BB Represented	8.10.52
Undertaking accepted	7.1.53
Works completed	3.6.53

(f) The following premises have been demolished and in consequence the Sec. 12 Orders were cancelled during 1953.

15, Alberta Street.
 6, Amelia Street
 86, Barkham Terrace
 1, Bath Terrace
 17, Bear Lane
 93, 102, 166, 167, 168 and 189, Blackfriars Road
 65, Boyson Road
 2, Brockham Street
 2, Burrows Mews
 20, Carter Street
 8 and 9, Cavan Terrace, Surrey Row
 97, Collison Street
 86, 91, 247, and 249, East Street
 24, Elsted Street
 125 and 139, Great Dover Street
 35, Hopton Street
 85 and 89, Lancaster Street
 1, 2 and 3, Lizette Place
 32, Marshall Street
 39, Newington Crescent
 23 and 29, Queen's Row
 100, St. George's Row
 26 and 54, Surrey Row
 1 to 42 (Consec.) Trinity Buildings
 13 and 14, Union Square
 251, 255 and 279, Union Street
 67, 136, 138, 174, Walworth Road
 206, Weston Street
 5, West Square
 Winchester House, Stoney Street.

5.—*Clearance Areas (Section 25).*

(a) During 1953 two areas have been represented for clearance under Section 25, involving 13 properties, as follows:—

Dodson Street Area:

Dodson Street, Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.

Webber Row, No. 51.

Represented 7.10.53 L.C.C. later stated that they propose to deal with this area as part of a larger scheme.

Gray Street Area:

Gray Street, Nos. 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76.

Represented 1.7.53.

(b) During 1953 the following houses were demolished in consequence of a Sec. 25 Order:—

1 and 2, Quilp Street. Order reported sealed 17.12.52

(c) The following areas were represented for clearance in 1952, but objections to the compulsory purchase orders were made in 1953 to the Minister, and a public inquiry was held at the Town Hall in June. The compulsory purchase orders were confirmed on 15.9.53:—

Lytham Street, No. 1 } Previously Termed

Lytham Street, No. 2 } Doctor Street area.

6.—*Overcrowding (Section 59).*

A notice was served on the landlord of the following property in respect of overcrowding of first floor rooms:—

85, Gurney Street.

On 23.11.53 and the overcrowding was abated in 1954.

SUMMARY

Inspections, Housing Consolidated Regs.	..	..	9
„ „ section 9	..	..	—
„ „ section 11	..	..	45
„ „ section 12	..	..	66
„ „ section 25	..	..	187
Total Re-inspections	..	..	1,860
Other visits (complaints, etc.)	..	..	62
Informal Notices served (Housing Consolidated Regs.)			—
„ Notices complied with	..	..	81
Sec. 9 Notices served	..	..	1
„ „ complied with	..	..	—

Summary of works completed during 1953 as a result of Notices served following inspections under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925/1932:—

Drains repaired and/or cleansed	4
W.C. pans and seats repaired or renewed	9
Flushing apparatus repaired or renewed	8
Soil pipes and ventilating shafts repaired or renewed	1
Chimney stacks repaired or rebuilt	5
Chimney pots provided and flauched	2
Sinks provided or renewed	2
Waste pipes provided or repaired	7
Yards paved, repaired or drained	6
Dustbins provided and chutes repaired	4
Roofs and gutters repaired or renewed	31
Parapet walls rebuilt	1
Rain-water pipes repaired or renewed	3
Dampness remedied	34
Window frames, sashes and glazing repaired (Number of rooms)	208
Cills and reveals repaired	35
Sashcords renewed (Number of rooms)	62
Fireplaces, ranges and flues repaired	21
Floors repaired or renewed	29
Brickwork repaired and pointing renewed	55
Walls repaired or rebuilt	14
Steps repaired	2
Staircases repaired	9
Staircases cleansed and redecorated	13
Walls and ceilings repaired and decorated (number of rooms) ..	222
Doors repaired or renewed	18
Ventilated lobbies provided to water closets	2
Sub-floor ventilation provided or increased	1
Artificial lighting provided	1
TOTAL	809

REHOUSING

Whilst there was a considerable decrease in the number of applicants who sought the assistance of the Public Health Department for rehousing on medical, overcrowding or sanitary grounds, there was very little change in the number of new cases of overcrowding reported. There is, however, practically no improvement yet in the number of such cases rehoused by local authorities. Considerably fewer overcrowded families were, in fact, rehoused by the London County Council than in the previous year.

A survey during the year showed a number of cases that had left the Borough. The final amended total of overcrowded cases remaining at the end of the year was about seventy-five per cent. of the 1952 total.

One hundred more cases than in 1952 were recommended to the L.C.C. and the Borough Council for rehousing on medical grounds, but of these only seven more than the previous year were rehoused.

641 cases were referred to the London County Council and Borough Council for rehousing on sanitary grounds (as distinct from medical or overcrowding recommendations). During the year 219 cases in this category were rehoused. Both these figures represent a considerable increase over those for 1952,

OVERCROWDING

	1951			1952			1953		
	<i>Prem- ises</i>	<i>Fami- lies</i>	<i>Per- sons</i>	<i>Prem- ises</i>	<i>Fami- lies</i>	<i>Per- sons</i>	<i>Prem- ises</i>	<i>Fami- lies</i>	<i>Per- sons</i>
<i>New Cases:</i>	<i>(End of 1950)</i>			<i>(End of 1951)</i>			<i>(End of 1952)</i>		
Remaining on register	568	680	3,298	598	725	3,404	597	732	3,416
New Cases reported and recommended	162	216	881	103	132	583	112	114	597
Total	730	896	4,179	701	857	3,987	709	846	4,013
Overcrowding abated	132	171	775	104	125	571	264	300	1,507
Remaining on register	598	725	3,404	597	732	3,416	445	546	2,506
<i>Overcrowding abated:</i>									
Rehoused by L.C.C.	66	87	362	78	93	413	47	52	229
Rehoused by Borough Council	13	16	73	13	18	66	12	14	58
Rehoused by other Boroughs ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rehoused by owners	2	3	18						
Moved away	—	—	—						
Found own accommodation	3	6	18	13	19	92	205	234	1,220
Cases removed by overcrowding survey	48	59	304						
Total	132	171	775	104	125	571	264	300	1,507

	1950	1951	1952	1953
Cases investigated on medical, overcrowding and sanitary grounds ..	2,156	1,509	1,990	1,569
No. of visits involved	2,587	1,792	2,328	2,062

MEDICAL

<i>Recommendations.</i>	1950	1951	1952	1953
Cases recommended to L.C.C. on grounds of Tuberculosis	47	54	52	61
Cases recommended to L.C.C. on other medical grounds	40	43	56	74
Cases recommended to Southwark Borough Council on medical grounds	100	113	100	169
Total cases recommended ..	187	210	208	304

<i>Rehoused.</i>	1950	1951	1952	1953
Cases rehoused by L.C.C. on grounds of Tuberculosis	32	16	16	12
Cases rehoused by L.C.C. on other medical grounds	34	21	13	22
Cases rehoused by Southwark Borough Council on grounds of Tuberculosis	2	1	1	5
Cases rehoused by Southwark Borough Council on other medical grounds ..	31	28	19	16
Cases rehoused by other authorities on grounds of Tuberculosis	1	—	1	2
Total cases rehoused	100	66	50	57

OTHER CASES

Cases referred to L.C.C.	456
Cases referred to Southwark Borough Council	185
Total cases referred	641

Cases rehoused by L.C.C.	174
„ „ Southwark Borough Council	35
Found own accommodation	10
Total cases rehoused	219

No. of Dwellings in Borough	24,757
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1. *Inspection of Dwelling Houses:—*

(1) (a) Total number of dwellings inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	4,668
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(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	18,523
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(2) (a) Number of dwellings (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	307
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(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	2,167
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(3)	Number of dwellings found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	84
(4)	Number of dwellings (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	2,653
2.	<i>Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notices:—</i>	
	Number of defective dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	1,798
3.	<i>Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:—</i>	
A.	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1)	Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs (No "informal" section 9 notices were issued), ..	1
(2)	Number of dwellings which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
(a)	By owners	—
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	—
B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
(1)	Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	2,652
(2)	Number of dwellings in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—	
(a)	By owners	1,498
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	—
C.	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
(1)	Number of dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	57
(2)	Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	6

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

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| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | 105 |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | — |

WELFARE OF THE AGED

Miss M. Morris, the Organising Secretary of the Southwark Old People's Welfare Committee reports that during the year, nearly 35,000 meals were served from the Gate House Old People's Restaurant, which is open Mondays to Fridays. A luncheon club was also opened in January at Nelson Square, in the north of the borough. The charge to the old people is tenpence for a two-course dinner; tea is one penny. The London County Council pays a subsidy of eightpence on each meal, and the Borough Council made a grant for equipment.

10,515 meals on wheels were supplied by the Gate House Restaurant, a great increase on last year's 2,113. Four vans, two supplied by the Old People's Welfare Committee and two by the Women's Voluntary Services, go out daily from Tuesdays to Fridays, and each patient receives four meals weekly. The charge is tenpence; the London County Council pays a subsidy of tenpence and the Borough Council grant helped to pay for transport and additional equipment.

Over 600 chiropody treatments were given during the year at a weekly clinic lent by the London County Council. The Borough Council made a grant for the hire of a car used to bring house-bound patients to the clinic once fortnightly.

At the end of May, 60 old people went for an organised holiday to Broadstairs. The charge was £3 12s. for a week and £6 12s. for two weeks. They stayed in boarding houses as private guests and were provided with free entertainment by the local Council. The cost of the holiday was borne entirely by the old people. Several outings were also organised to the seaside and country by coach, and the Rotary Club of Southwark arranged private car outings for house-bound old people. Visits to cinemas and concert parties were also arranged, with Christmas and various other treats.

The Gate House Club was open daily from Tuesdays to Fridays. An entertainment was provided every Wednesday and there were also lectures, discussion groups and film shows.

During the year, nearly 800 individual cases—twice as many as in the preceding year—were referred to the Organising Secretary by hospitals, doctors, nurses and others. Nearly all these necessitated at least one home visit, and the follow-up work was carried out as far as possible by voluntary visitors.

Eighty-two new cases were dealt with by the Public Health Department during the year.

A number of aged and infirm persons were regularly conveyed to the treatment and bathing station, bathed and returned home by our transport.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT.

Compulsory Removals.

No cases were dealt with during 1953 under Section 47, and the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, which provides for the removal of persons in need of care and attention.

Burial of the Dead.

During the year the Council arranged for twenty-two burials under Section 50 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, at a total cost of £190 13s. 6d.

MORTUARY.

Post-mortems without Inquest	1,221
Post-mortems with Inquest	184
Inquests without Post-mortems	21
Inquests, Post-mortems held elsewhere	47
Bodies brought in for convenience	—
Infectious disease deaths	—
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	1,473