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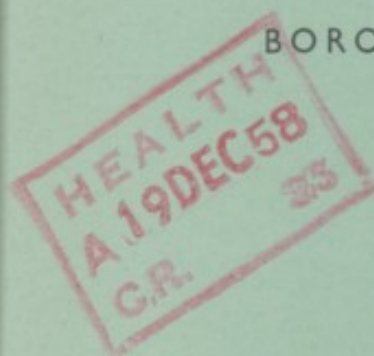


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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR  
**1957**

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## BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
WALWORTH ROAD, S.E.17.

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

YOUR WORSHIP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1957.

### Vital Statistics

The Registrar General has estimated the population of the Metropolitan Borough at mid-year 1957 to be 91,140. This is 1,160 fewer than in 1956 and is the lowest estimate of the population since 1946. The 1951 census figure was 97,191. On the other hand the birth rate was 18.1 per 1,000 of population and was higher than last year (17.5) and the highest since 1950. The general death rate of 12 per 1,000 population was slightly lower than that of last year (12.9). Adjustment of these crude rates by application of the appropriate comparability factor shows that the adjusted birth rate in Southwark was at 16.1 per 1,000 of population, exactly the same as England and Wales, while the adjusted death rate of 10.8 was lower than the death rate for England and Wales which was 11.5. The infant death rate of 22.3 per 1,000 live births although higher than the record figure of 16 per 1,000 live births in 1956, was similar to the infant death rate for the country as a whole, which in 1957 was 23.0. The still-birth rate was 24.7 total births and was higher than last year (18.7) and higher than the corresponding national figure which was 22.4. Once more it is pleasing to record that during 1957, as in 1956, there were no maternal deaths in Southwark.

### Infectious Disease

The year 1957 did not see a repetition of the epidemic of dysentery which occurred the previous year. Only 36 cases were notified as compared to 716 during 1956. Towards the middle of the year it became apparent that there was to be an outbreak of measles and a total of 1,179 cases were notified. There were no deaths from this condition. A total of 188 cases of Whooping Cough were notified, again with no deaths. Of the four cases of Poliomyelitis Paralytic which were notified, two have removed from the Borough. The remaining two, a girl of nine and a boy of five, both are in good health although there remains some disability of the left leg in both cases. A decrease of ten in the number of notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis which were received during the year as compared to 1956 was offset by an increase of fourteen in the number of inward transfers. There were seven fewer deaths from this condition. In common with



other parts of the country Southwark experienced an increased incidence of a relatively mild form of influenza, a non-notifiable infectious disease, which commenced towards the end of September, 1957. Ten deaths were attributable to this condition as compared to five during the previous year.

### **Environmental Health**

The year under review saw an important advance in the environmental health field in so far as the Public Health Committee gave favourable consideration (and in the early part of 1958, approval in principle) to the establishment of a smoke control area in the mainly residential district, bounded by Walworth Road, Trafalgar Street, Dawes Street, and Westmoreland Road.

### **Housing**

An increased number of persons were rehoused on medical grounds during 1957 as compared with former years. A survey of overcrowded families showed some improvement in the position and a substantially smaller number of families remained overcrowded at the end of the year.

### **Old People's Welfare**

Despite accommodation difficulties the work of the Old People's Welfare Committee continued uninterrupted during the year and details of the various activities are set out in Miss Beer's report. In so far as the Council is concerned the year under review saw the inception of a laundry service for incontinent persons being nursed at home. This was a very valuable innovation which has made and continues to make an important contribution to the health and comfort of old people living in their own homes.

### **Conclusion**

My thanks are due to the Members of the Council for their encouragement and consideration and to the Chief Officials for their kind co-operation since coming to Southwark. I wish also to thank the staff of the Public Health Department for their efforts during 1957. Although it has fallen to me to present this report, it will be appreciated that during the year to which it refers, the work of the Public Health Department was carried out under the direction of my predecessor, Dr. W. Stott. The Council have caused an appreciation of Dr. Stott's long and outstanding service in Southwark to be recorded in the Minutes. It only remains for me to express my personal thanks to him for his kindness and helpfulness to me when I came South, and to wish him every happiness in his retirement.

I have the honour to be

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

Your obedient servant,

A.D.C.S. CAMERON.  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE** (As at 31st December, 1957).

Mayor—J.B. BOOKER, J.P.

Chairman—J.J. SHEEN.

Aldermen—A.E. Barnes, Rev. H. Runacres, B.A., L.J. Styles, J.P.

**Councillors :**

Mrs. L. Booker, Mrs. C. Clunn, F.W. Combes (*Ex-Officio*),  
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D. Fifer, W. Hansell, G. Lawrence, D.C. Low (*Ex-Officio*) Mrs. G.  
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Miss J. Randall, H.A.W. Ray, E.H. Ridge, H. Stillman, L.C.C.,  
J.A. Tallon, Mrs. M. Wright.

**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

**Medical Officer of Health :**

W. Stott, M.B., B.S., D.P.H. (*Retired 1958*).

Public Analyst—D. Button, A.R.C.S., F.R.I.C.

**Chief Public Health Inspector**

H. Archer, F.R.S.H., F.A.P.H.I.

**Senior Clerk**

E. A. Clark

**Public Health Inspectors :**

E. Adamson  
J. Ashmore  
R. Bishop (T)  
R. Charnick  
E. Dunn  
R. French (T)  
Miss G. Gourley  
G. Heath (T)  
A. Johnson  
D. Knight  
T. Lloyd, T.D.  
B. Naylor (from July 25)  
K. Rapley (to Aug. 18)  
F. Saunders  
D. Smith (to Sept. 2)  
G. Stubbs  
R. Warboys  
W. Willimott (T) (from June 27)

**Clerical Staff :**

E. Davies  
Mrs. T. Collet (T) (from June 11)  
F. Goddard  
B. Goddard (T) (from Nov. 11)  
H. Holman  
G. Marsden Webb  
A. Purdom (to June 2)  
Mrs. F. Robertson (T)  
J. Robertson  
Mrs. B. Stevens (T)  
R. Stevens  
A. Stock (T) (to Aug. 25)  
W. Wilcox

(T)—Temporary

Rodent Investigators : Mrs. H. Ross (T), Mrs. B. Smith (T).

Mortuary Attendant : H. West

Hall-Keeper : R. Witten,  
W. Bishop (to Jan. 6)



# VITAL STATISTICS

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,132 acres
Estimated Number of Dwellings (March, 1958)...							24,707
Dwellings Erected by Borough Council During Year							220
Approximate Rateable Value (Total)	...	...					£1,747,493
	(Dwellings)	...					£545,435
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (March 1958)							£6,860

## Population:

Registrar General's estimate (mid-1957) including members of Armed Forces stationed in area							91,140
Estimated population, 1956 (mid-year)	...						92,300
Census, 1951	...	...	...	...	...		97,191
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	...					18.1
Adjusted by comparability factor	...	...					16.1
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total Births	...	...					24.7
Death Rate per 1,000 population	...	...					12.0
Adjusted by comparability factor	...	...					10.8
Maternal Death Rate per 1,000 live and still births							nil

## Infant Death Rate:

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...					22.3
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live legitimate births							21.1
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live illegitimate births							38.0

Estimated Population	Crude		Infant Death Rate (To nearest unit)			Still Birth Rate
	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Legiti- mate	Illegiti- mate	Total	
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
1954 95,370	17.7	11.5	21	10	21	27.5
1955 93,820	17.4	13.8	24	61	28	22.1
1956 92,300	17.5	12.9	17	—	16	18.7
1957 91,140	18.1	12.0	21	38	22	24.7

	Legitimate			Illegitimate			Totals		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	<b>Live Births</b>								
1956	744	758	1,502	66	55	121	810	813	1,623
1957	810	742	1,552	56	49	105	866	791	1,657
	<b>Still Births</b>								
1956	13	15	28	1	2	3	14	17	31
1957	21	18	39	1	2	3	22	20	42
	<b>Infant deaths (under 1 year)</b>								
1956	9	17	26	—	—	—	9	17	26
1957	16	17	33	1	3	4	17	20	37

## DEATHS

Male and Female Age Groups.

	Under 1	1-4	5-14	15-44	45-64	65 and over	Total 1957	Total 1956
Males ..	17	1	1	37	162	407	625	641
Females	20	3	1	21	73	354	472	555
	<u>37</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>761</u>	<u>1,097</u>	<u>1,196</u>

## Infant Mortality.

The total number of deaths of infants under one year of age was 37, the causes of death being as follows:

Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	...	1
Pneumonia	...	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	1
Congenital malformations	...	9
Accidents other than by motor vehicles		1
Other defined and ill defined diseases		22

26 of these deaths occurred under the age of 4 weeks.

## Maternal Mortality.

No maternal deaths were recorded during the year.



### CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

Causes of Death	Total Deaths 1956	Total Deaths 1957	Age Groups 1957:—							
			0—	1—	5—	15—	25—	45—	65—	75—
All causes—Males, Females										
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	21	14	—	—	—	—	2	6	3	3
Tuberculosis—other forms ...	1	4	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	1
Syphilitic Disease ...	2	8	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	1
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infections ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic diseases	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm stomach ...	34	34	—	—	—	—	—	17	9	8
"    "    lung, bronchus	61	60	—	—	—	1	2	30	18	9
"    "    breast ...	18	15	—	—	—	—	1	9	2	3
"    "    uterus ...	5	9	—	—	—	—	2	3	3	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	113	96	—	—	—	1	6	25	38	26
Leukaemia, Aleukemia ...	4	4	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—
Diabetes ...	8	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	129	84	—	—	—	—	1	11	26	46
Coronary disease, angina ...	148	148	—	—	—	—	4	38	50	56

# Classification of Deaths (continued)

Causes of Death	Total Deaths 1956	Total Deaths 1957	Age Groups 1957:—							
			0—	1—	5—	15—	25—	45—	65—	75—
All causes—Males, Females										
Hypertension with Heart disease	28	27	—	—	—	—	—	1	12	14
Other Heart disease ...	161	168	—	—	—	1	6	12	20	129
Other Circulatory disease ...	61	62	—	—	—	—	—	14	17	31
Influenza... ..	5	10	—	—	—	1	3	1	1	4
Pneumonia ... ..	79	99	3	1	—	—	—	17	25	53
Bronchitis ... ..	100	70	—	1	—	—	1	10	25	33
Other diseases of Respiratory system	21	7	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	2
Ulcer of the Stomach and Duodenum	17	11	—	—	—	—	1	1	6	3
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	5	5	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	11	11	1	—	—	—	1	5	—	4
Hyperplasia of prostate ...	6	12	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	7
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital Malformations ...	14	16	9	—	1	1	4	1	—	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	101	80	22	1	—	—	7	11	12	27
Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	3	5	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	—
All other accidents ... ..	24	11	1	—	—	—	3	3	1	3
Suicide ... ..	13	16	—	—	—	—	3	5	5	3
Homicide and operations of war ...	2	3	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—
TOTALS ...	1,196	1,097	37	4	2	6	52	235	289	472



## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

### IMMUNISATION

<i>Immunisation</i>	<i>Under 5 years of age</i>	<i>Over 5</i>
Diphtheria ...	38	102
Diphtheria and Whooping Cough	699	21
Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus ...	685	12
Whooping Cough ...	7 (all ages)	
'Booster' injections ...	973 (all ages)	

### FOOD POISONING

11 of the 21 cases (including those for Southwark residents notified to other Boroughs from hospitals in their areas) where organisms were isolated were individual cases, as follows:—

Salmonella Typhi-murium ...	3
Salmonella Tennessee ...	1
Salmonella Anatum ...	1
Salmonella Stanley ...	1
Salmonella Thomson ...	1
Salmonella Heidelberg ...	2
Salmonella Kunzendorf ...	2

The remaining 10 cases were in "outbreaks" (more than one case in a family) due to Salmonella Typhi-murium, Salmonella Anatum, and Salmonella Heidelberg.

No definite identification with any contaminated food was obtained in any of these cases.

### CANCER OF LUNG AND BRONCHUS

Deaths from:	<i>Neoplasm of Lung and Bronchus</i>	<i>Respiratory Tuberculosis</i>	<i>All Causes</i>
1954	65	22	1098
1955	57	23	1300
1956	61	21	1196
1957	60	14	1097

The highest mortality rate from neoplasm of the lung and bronchus and for tuberculosis occurred in the 45–64 age group.

## TUBERCULOSIS

Including inward transfers, there were only 4 more pulmonary cases than last year, and 12 less non-pulmonary.

		<i>Pulmonary</i>	<i>Non-Pulmonary</i> (all forms).
Cases at end of 1956	...	1468	178
New cases 1957	...	130	7
Inward transfers 1957	...	92	2
Less removals from Register	...	146	9
Cases at end of 1957	...	1544	178

Deaths were four less than in 1956—7 less pulmonary and 3 more non-pulmonary.

		<i>Age Groups</i>											Total
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-	
Pulmonary:													
Primary	M.	2	1	1	1	3			9	27	32	10	86
Notifica-													
tions	F.	1				1	2	8	18	2	3		35
*New cases													
other than	M.									2	4	1	7
by formal													
notification	F.									1	1		2
Totals 1957		3	1	1	1	4	2	17	48	39	14		130
Non-Pulmonary													
†Primary	M.							1		1	1		3
Notifica-													
tions	F.					1		1	1	1			4
†*New cases													
other than	M.												
by formal													
notification	F.												
Totals 1957						1	1	1	2	2			7

\* Local and inward transferable Death Returns and posthumous notifications.

† Include meninges and Central Nervous System. (Nil).



# INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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

DISEASE	Notified to Southwark	Rem. to Hospital	CONFIRMED CASES, SOUTHWARK RESIDENTS Diagnosed in or outside Borough—Age Groups, 1957.												
			Total 1956	Total 1957	0—	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10—	15—	25—	45—	65—
Anthrax ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria ...	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
†Dysentery ...	211	46	716	37	1	6	3	4	—	13	2	4	4	—	—
Encephalitis:															
Infective ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Post infectious ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ...	5	1	10	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—
†Food Poisoning:															
Bacterial... ..	57	5	9	21	3	—	1	1	1	4	—	1	7	2	1
††Malaria ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Measles ...	1179	85	447	1179	56	169	183	177	191	391	7	4	1	—	—
Meningococcal															
Infection ...	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia															
Neonatorum ...	1	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid ...	3	3	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

**Infectious Diseases (continued)**

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

DISEASE	Notified to Southwark	Rem. to Hospital.	CONFIRMED CASES, SOUTHWARK RESIDENTS Diagnosed in or outside Borough—Age Groups, 1957.												
			Total 1956	Total 1957	0—	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10—	15—	25—	45—	65—
Pneumonia ...	61	21	64	70	2	2	2	2	1	8	—	5	12	22	14
Poliomyelitis:															
Paralytic ...	3	7	5	4	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
Non-paralytic ...	5	10	2	7	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	—	1	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia...	86	52	38	49	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	25	—	—
Scabies ...	35	—	38	35	—	—	3	—	—	4	2	10	12	3	1
Scarlet Fever ...	144	7	259	142	—	2	11	16	16	82	10	3	2	—	—
Typhoid Fever ...	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Whooping Cough ...	188	10	144	188	15	25	21	23	22	72	10	—	—	—	—
†Zymotic Enteritis (July-Sept.) ...	8	7	5	16	9	3	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	1990	259	*1743	*1759	91	207	227	224	235	577	32	52	67	29	18

Cases notified include 54 non-Southwark residents.

\*Confirmed cases include 37 Southwark residents notified to other Boroughs. (36 in 1956).

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

††Contracted abroad.



## TREATMENT AND BATHING CENTRE

(*Superintendent—Mr. T. Lloyd T.D.*)

The Centre's laundry was rebuilt and modern laundry machinery was installed during the early part of the year. In June, a laundry service was commenced to deal with the bedding and clothing of sick and old people coming within the scope of section 122 of the Public Health Act. There is no doubt that this service is of considerable assistance, and solves a serious problem for many old people.

The number of School children requiring treatment for vermin infestation decreased by 8% on last year's figures, but this decrease was offset by a considerable rise in the number of treatments given to adult persons of both sexes.

In the case of male adult persons, the increase occurred in the numbers that were sent from the various lodging houses in the Borough and would appear to indicate that a strict supervision of their lodgers is being maintained in these places. Normally, we are now informed by the Lodging Houses when an occupant is being sent for treatment and arrangements are then made for the collection of bedding and personal effects for disinfestation.

Figures for the disinfestation of vermin in domestic premises during the year again show a considerable reduction. This continued decrease in the post-war years of the need for this type of disinfestation, i.e., bed bug and flea infestations, is without doubt, due not only to a general improvement in housing conditions, but also to the wide range and efficacy of modern insecticides.

Considerable nuisance during the warmer months, resulted from infestations of clover mites, (*Bryobia praetiosa*) in a number of Council properties adjoining Parks and other spaces where trees and plants had been recently planted. Although they do no harm in the house, these minute agricultural pests cause considerable alarm when they invade premises in their hundreds of thousands. A number of other Metropolitan Boroughs have experienced similar infestations of these pests in their Housing Estates where newly formed gardens have been stocked. It would appear that the Clover Mite at least, does not object to the atmospheric conditions of Metropolitan London and, in fact, thrives when brought in from its more natural rural environment.

A large amount of precautionary disinfestation work has been carried out during the year. The bedding of 270 families rehoused by the Borough Council and of 50 families rehoused by the L.C.C. was treated at the Centre before the families moved into their new accommodation.

### Infectious Disease Cases : Enquiries and Visits.

Total—333 as under:

Tuberculosis deaths and removals : 24.

Scarlet Fever	155	Food Poisoning	50
Poliomyelitis	26	Erysipelas	7
Enteritis	1	Meningococcal	
Dysentery (bacilliary)	85	infections	9

### Disinfection following infectious diseases.

Rooms treated (Formalin solution)	...	...	...	250
Library books treated	...	...	...	143
Other disinfection, Tuberculosis, etc.	...	...	...	24

### Treatment of Verminous and Infected Articles.

	Verminous articles treated	Verminous articles destroyed	Infected articles treated	Infected articles destroyed
Beds ... ..	135	10	2	—
Palliasses ... ..	1,079	15	57	—
Bolsters ... ..	268	2	6	—
Pillows ... ..	1,743	6	136	—
Cushions ... ..	158	—	3	—
Blankets ... ..	2,542	8	817	—
Sheets ... ..	1,417	8	194	—
Quilts ... ..	1,250	1	63	—
Other articles (clothing, etc.) ... ..	13,545	27	822	—

Effects destroyed on request or following death.

Verminous ... 4 tons 12½ cwt.

### Disinfestation of Premises.

Body vermin infestations	Domestic dwellings	608 rooms
Cockroaches, moths, flies, beetles, etc.	Domestic dwellings	182 "
	Non-domestic premises	9



## Scabies and Vermin Treatments.

		Scabies		Vermin	
		Males	Females	Males	Females
Lambeth cases ...	...	28	22	15	69
treatments ...	...	56	43	15	69
Southwark cases ...	...	30	53	777	345
treatments ...	...	53	86	777	345
L.C.C. Schoolchildren (Male and Female) ...	...	80		1,253	
treatments*...	...	255		1,518	
Total treatments...	...	<u>493</u>		<u>2,724</u>	
Bermondsey schoolchildren, treatments (included in total*)		nil		215	

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

<i>Males :</i>		<i>Females :</i>	
Salvation Army Hostel	447	83, Blackfriars Road	25
Rowton House, Church-yard Row	135	78, Camberwell Road	7
Rowton House, Vauxhall	2	90, Camberwell Road	1
Marshalsea Road Common Lodging House	36	96, Gt. Guildford Street	10
Southwark casals	110	Norwood House ...	3
		Newington Lodge ...	12
		Casuals ...	4
Totals ...	<u>730</u>		<u>62</u>

**Rehousing.**

Precautionary disinfection of soft goods and bedding 323 families.

**Departmental Laundry.**

In addition to the washing of towels, wraps etc., used during the treatment of cases, the following articles were laundered:

Hand towels	7,550
Roller towels	464
Dusters	407
Swabs	82
Sheets	9

**Condemned Foodstuffs.**

Collected and destroyed 24 tons 17½ cwt.

**Trade goods disinfected and disinfested.**

Steam disinfection	2 mattresses, 2 overlays, 486 blankets, 2845 bundles of brush bristles
Disinfection	1 public house (cockroaches) 2 food warehouses (cockroaches) 1 chemist (cockroaches) 1 optician (book lice) 3 bakeries (cockroaches)
Formaldehyde	15 parcels of clothing for export

**National Assistance Act (Burials)**

Enquiries on 15 deaths.

<b>Articles Laundered</b>	<b>5959</b>
Sheets	1456
Draw slips	905
Pillow slips	1114
Blankets	126
Clothing	2358



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

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

Inspections upon receipt of complaint	...	...	...	3,019
Drainage inspections (and revisits)...	...	...	...	2,275
Inspection of Factories	...	...	...	637
Inspection of Outworkers	...	...	...	328
Inspection of Common Lodging Houses	...	...	...	97
Rehousing cases: Inspections	...	...	...	1,205
Smoke Observations and inspections	...	...	...	261
Rodent Officers inspections of Industrial premises	...	...	...	238
" " " " Dwellings	...	...	...	1,486
Inspection of Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	—
Inspection of Offensive Trades Premises	...	...	...	45
Inspection and food sampling visits, shops and markets	...	...	...	1,451
Inspection and sampling visits, Catering and Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	1,735
Inspection of food at Wharves and Warehouses	...	...	...	1,828
Bakehouses—Inspections	...	...	...	35
Fried Fish Shops—Inspections	...	...	...	88
Fishmongers' premises—Inspections	...	...	...	76
Re-inspections	...	...	...	9,477
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	1,582
Pet Animals Act and Sunday Market Inspections	...	...	...	257

## NOTICES

Intimation Notices	...	...	...	1,233
Statutory Notices	...	...	...	941
Defects in Council controlled property reported to Housing Manager	...	...	...	90
Intimation Notices complied with	...	...	...	948
Statutory Notices complied with	...	...	...	554
Work carried out by Local Authority in default of owner	...	...	...	154

## SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORKS COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR

Roofs and gutters repaired or renewed	...	...	...	452
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	660
Brickwork and pointing repaired	...	...	...	72
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	132
Window frames, glazing and sashes repaired	...	...	...	189
Cills and reveals repaired	...	...	...	140
Sashcords renewed	...	...	...	577
Fireplaces and flues repaired or renewed	...	...	...	184
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	45
Walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	716
Rooms cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	590
House drains additions and reconstructions	...	...	...	266
Length of new drainage	16,066 feet	...	...	—
Drains repaired	...	...	...	130
Drains unstopped	...	...	...	142
Intercepting traps provided	...	...	...	58
Inspection chambers constructed	...	...	...	304
Clearing eyes to drains provided	...	...	...	45
Fresh air inlets provided	...	...	...	57
Ventilating shafts provided	...	...	...	167
Soil pipes provided	...	...	...	239
Gullies provided	...	...	...	518
Waste pipe and traps provided	...	...	...	2,160
Waste pipes repaired	...	...	...	74
Sinks provided or renewed	...	...	...	587
Baths provided	...	...	...	491
Lavatory basins provided	...	...	...	567
Water closet pans and seats, provided or renewed	...	...	...	724
Water closet flushing cisterns provided or renewed	...	...	...	687
Urinals provided or renewed	...	...	...	24
Rain water pipes provided, repaired or renewed	...	...	...	376
Yards paved, repaired or drained	...	...	...	40
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	72
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	80
Dwellings provided with water	...	...	...	377
Miscellaneous repairs	...	...	...	183
Total				<u>12,125</u>

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



## PUBLIC HEALTH (LONDON) ACT, 1936—LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

### Failure to Abate Nuisances.

#### Nuisance Orders :

7 days ...	...	2
14 days ...	...	15
21 days ...	...	8
28 days ...	...	2

Summons withdrawn      22 (Work completed).

### COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are four women's and two men's common lodging houses in the Borough, which are fully occupied nightly. 97 inspections of these premises were made by the Public Health Inspectors during the year, 58 of men's lodging houses and 39 of women's. Two intimation notices were served, both of which have been complied with.

### OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are now three premises engaged in offensive trades in the Borough as follows:— Skin Dressers 2, Manure Manufacturer 1.

During 1957, 45 inspections were made.

### PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

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

257 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. The Metropolitan Water Board was informed and a sample analysed, which was found satisfactory.

#### *Public Health (London) Act, 1936—Section 98*

During the year 16 notifications of the withdrawal of water supply were received from the Metropolitan Water Board.

#### *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 377 new dwellings as follows:—

CHETTLE CLOSE, LAWSON STREET.....	....	....	10 dwellings
MICHAEL FARADAY HOUSE, FARADAY STREET	...	...	19 flats
CAUSTON HOUSE, GOSCHEN STREET...	...	...	16 "
GLOSTER HOUSE, GURNEY STREET	...	...	4 "
VAUGHAN HOUSE, NELSON SQUARE	...	...	51 "
RED LION CLOSE, WESTMORELAND ROAD	...	...	7 "
GREENE HOUSE, LAWSON STREET	...	...	27 "
BEESTON HOUSE, LAWSON STREET	...	...	20 "
EDGINTON COURT, LORRIMORE ROAD	...	...	6 dwellings
PHELP STREET, 2-4-6-8-10-12-14-16-18-20-22-24-26-28-30-32-34-36-15-17-19-21-23-25-27-	...	...	25 "
PENTON PLACE, 65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-75-77-79	...	...	12 flats
WESTMORELAND ROAD, 3-5-7-8-9-35-41-49-51-53-55-57-59-61	...	...	14 dwellings
GREAT SUFFOLK STREET, 156a-156b-158a-158b-160a-160b-162a-162b-170a-170b-172a-172b-174a-174b-176a-176b.	...	...	16 flats
MUNDAY HOUSE, LAWSON STREET	...	...	20 "
LADY MARGARET HOUSE, QUEENS ROW	...	...	9 "
HORSMAN HOUSE, BETHWIN ROAD	...	...	44 "
CHURCHWARDEN HOUSE, LORRIMORE ROAD	...	...	10 "
PINCOMBE HOUSE, ORB STREET	...	...	21 "
ST. PETER'S RECTORY, 50-52, BANKSIDE	...	...	2 dwellings
SHAFTESBURY HOUSE, TRINITY STREET	...	...	8 flats
ST. JOHN'S HOUSE, DOCTOR STREET...	...	...	26 "
MANOR PLACE, 145-147-149-151-153-155-157-159-161a	...	...	9 "
THE HORSESHOE P.H., 7 NEWINGTON CAUSEWAY	...	...	1 dwelling

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## OUTWORKERS

328 inspections of homes of outworkers were made during the year. The conditions generally were found to be quite satisfactory. It was not necessary to serve any notices or institute proceedings.

<i>Nature of work</i>					<i>No. of outworkers in August list required by section 110(1)(c)</i>
Wearing Apparel	Making, etc.	...	...	...	55
	Cleaning and washing	...	...	...	—
Stuffed toys	...	...	...	...	4
Artificial flowers	...	...	...	...	1
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper					221
Cosaques, Christmas crackers & stockings, etc.					19
Brush making	...	...	...	...	1
Paper bags	...	...	...	...	4
Nets, other than wire nets	...	...	...	...	2
Lampshades	...	...	...	...	9
Total	...	...	...	...	<u>316</u>



## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

(Rodent Officer—Mr. R. Warboys)

	Type of Premises			
	Local Authority	Dwellings	Business & Others	Total
I. Total properties ...	17	24,707	5,202	29,926
II. Properties inspected as a result of:—				
(a) Notification ...	5	1,290	400	1,695
(b) Survey under Act	—	1,339	562	1,901
(c) Otherwise ...	—	49	162	211
III. Total Inspections (including Reinspections)	31	4,005	1,394	5,430
IV. Properties inspected infested by:—				
Rats Major ...	—	—	1	1
Minor ...	—	545	405	950
Mice Major ...	—	—	—	—
Minor ...	—	795	140	935
V. Number of infested properties (IV) treated by local authority ...	—	1,340	513	1,853
VI. Notices served under Sec. 4:—				
(a) Treatment ...	—	93	—	93
(b) Structural, i.e., proofing ...	—	—	—	—
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	96—2,924 visits (2,165 dwelling houses, 759 business premises) in connection with "Block" schemes.			

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

(b) Sewers are not included in above table.

		<i>Domestic</i>	<i>Business</i>
Inspections by Rodent Officer ... ..		1,486	238
Inspections by Rodent Staff ... ..		4,005	1,394
Drains tested ... ..		271	21
Drains defective ... ..		91	6
Drains repaired ... ..		153	6
Drains opened for examination ... ..		158	6
Prebait laid ... ..		—	9,176
Poison baits ... ..		15,820	4,399
Bodies recovered ... ..		460	252
Works completed by arrangement ... ..		74	26

### RENT ACT, 1957

This Act came into operation on 6th July, 1957. The main function, in so far as the Public Health Department is concerned, is in regard to the issue of Certificates of Disrepair, during the continuation of which, rent cannot be increased. The following table gives a summary of the action taken from 6th July to the end of the year:

#### *Certificates of Disrepair*

Number of applications ... ..	161
Number of decisions to issue ... certificates ... ..	133
Number of undertakings by land- lords to carry out repairs ... ..	80
Certificates issued ... ..	17
Certificates refused ... ..	Nil
Applications withdrawn ... ..	3

### RAG FLOCK & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

During the year three samples were taken and submitted to the prescribed Analyst, Mr. G. Ginger, F.C.S., Chiltern Research Laboratories, Ltd., Marlow. All these samples complied with the requirements of the Regulations.

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

### WELL WATER

The three private wells in the Borough are still in use for industrial purposes. The supply in each case is satisfactory.



## HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS

In accordance with Section 18 of the L.C.C. (General Powers) Act, 1954, relating to hairdressers and barbers' establishments, five such premises were registered during the year, making a total of 70.

## DISCHARGE OF TRADE EFFLUENTS INTO SEWERS

In accordance with the provisions of the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1953, investigations have been carried out in connection with the drainage of trade premises. Twelve samples of trade effluent have been submitted by the Public Health Inspectors to the Public Analyst, and of these six were unsatisfactory. The analyst found matter which was likely to injure the sewer or interfere with the free flow of its contents, or would be dangerous or the cause of nuisance. The attention of the owners was drawn to the unsatisfactory effluent in each case, and the necessary action was taken, including the installation of additional dilution tanks and the recovery of chemicals before discharge to the drainage.

## ASHPITS

Although dustbins and larger moveable containers for blocks of flats have been the accepted method of storing house refuse for many years, there still remain in the Borough a number of ashpits which are most unsuitable, and should be demolished. During the year further conversions to moveable containers have been carried out. There now remains the hard core of ashpits, and to change these will involve large structural alterations, and the loss of housing accommodation.

## SCHOOLS

Most of the schools in Southwark are old, and, by present standards, are badly designed, but the conditions where children are taught should at least keep pace with the improvement of their homes.

A comprehensive survey of the sanitary conveniences, washing facilities, and arrangements for children's meals was carried out by the Public Health Inspectors, and as a result of negotiations with the London County Council, many improvements have already been carried out, and plans have been prepared for further work to be done.

## FREE WASHING FACILITIES

During the year it was decided to provide free washing facilities, with paper towels and liquid soap, in public conveniences in the Borough.

Linen towels with tablet soap are still available for a small charge.

## STAIRCASE LIGHTING

Pursuant to section 63 of the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1956, the Council made byelaws for the adequate artificial lighting of common staircases in tenement houses and flats. These require the owners of such properties to provide and maintain artificial lighting by gas or electricity from half an hour before sunset until midnight; for one hour before sunrise from October to March; and otherwise when necessary if natural lighting is inadequate. At the end of the year confirmation by the Minister was awaited.

## ELEPHANT AND CASTLE SCHEME

The reconstruction works now in progress in connection with the Elephant and Castle Scheme are affording an opportunity to seal off disused connections at the sewers from the drainage of buildings demolished by enemy action. A comprehensive survey is in hand and at the end of the year thirteen disused drains had been sealed off.

## ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

*(Smoke Abatement Officer – Mr. G. Stubbs)*

It is pleasing to record that this year the figures for sulphur dioxide and smoke, as recorded on the Council's instruments, show an improvement, and also the deposited matter in the residential area of the Borough was appreciably lower. The figures of deposits in the industrial area around Bankside, however, show an increase; this may be due to the use of the old Bankside Generating Station during periods of peak demands for electricity in the winter months.

The coming into force of certain sections of the Clean Air Act, 1956, enabled the problem of domestic smoke to be tackled. The preliminary work on a proposed Smoke Control area was carried out and a report on the scheme was submitted to the Public Health Committee for approval. The area in question is mainly residential and is bounded by Walworth Road, Trafalgar Street, Dawes Street, Westmoreland Road, covering 36.5 acres.

From the results of a 15% inspection of properties in the area, it was calculated that there are 1,285 separate dwellings, 52 shops



and public houses, one school, one clinic, one church, one church hall, seven factories and one workplace. Assuming an average consumption of 30 cwts. of coal per dwelling per year, a total of approximately 2,000 tons of coal per annum would need to be replaced by smokeless fuels. It was estimated that the majority of dwellings would require the installation of a modern approved appliance with gas connection. No adaptation of appliances in bedrooms was considered except in special circumstances. It was estimated that the total cost of adaptation and conversion in the proposed area would amount to £14,000, seven-tenths of this amount would be paid by the Council (the Exchequer repaying four-tenths), and the remaining three-tenths would be paid by the owner or occupier. This would mean the Borough Council being responsible for £4,200, the Exchequer £5,600, and the owners or occupiers, £4,200.

In visiting the houses, and after explaining what the scheme would involve, it was found that the great majority of people welcomed the suggestion of the installation of a modern heating appliance, and approved the principle of a smoke control area.

It is intended that when approval of the scheme is received from the Minister, a Publicity Campaign will be undertaken so that owners and occupiers in the area, and the public in general are aware of the requirements of the Order, and can readily obtain information and assistance from the Borough Council.

Our representatives attended a meeting of South London Authorities at Deptford Town Hall—there was a general discussion and a resolution was passed welcoming the Clean Air Act and agreeing that the fullest co-operation and exchange of information between the Boroughs was desirable.

In order that firms who are proposing to construct buildings in the Borough are made aware of the new requirement that notification has to be given to the Council of the installation of new furnaces or additions to existing furnaces, it is our practice to send an explanatory letter with application form to the architects or other persons concerned.

If plans and specifications are submitted to, and approved by the Council, the furnace is deemed to be as far as practicable, smokeless. During the year eight notifications were received and plans and specifications in respect of one installation were submitted and approval was given. Letters have been sent to all builders and large property owners in the Borough urging them to install approved appliances when replacing old-fashioned fire-grates. Several firms replied and expressed their intention to co-operate, and it is hoped that it will become the general practice to install approved appliances.

The Council has in use two Standard Deposit Gauges, three Lead Peroxide Instruments and one Smoke and Volumetric Sulphur-Dioxide apparatus.

SULPHUR DIOXIDE (Lead Peroxide Method) (mgm SO <sub>3</sub> /sq. cm./day)				Mean Daily Concentration of	
				SULPHUR DI- OXIDE Parts per 100 million	SMOKE mgms/m <sup>3</sup>
1957	Walworth Road	St. George's	Bankside	Walworth Road	
January	4.4	2.9	5.0	19.8	0.63
February	4.7	3.5	6.2	10.6	0.46
March	3.8	2.6	5.0	10.4	0.32
April	3.3	2.1	3.1	6.3	0.26
May	2.2	1.4	2.9	4.6	0.19
June	1.6	1.0	1.7	5.0	0.19
July	1.9	1.2	2.1	3.7	0.18
August	2.2	1.1	2.1	4.5	0.17
September	2.4	1.5	2.4	4.6	0.23
October	3.7	2.5	4.6	11.4	0.36
November	5.0	3.4	5.0	12.0	0.39
December	5.8	4.0	6.4	19.2	0.48

Deposited matter at following sites :—

	BANKSIDE	WALWORTH ROAD	GREENMORE WHARF	BANKSIDE JETTY
	(Recorded by Borough Council)	(Recorded by Central Electricity Authority)		
1957	TONS PER SQUARE MILE			
January	26.0	18.7	26.7	22.9
February	30.1	18.1	29.3	22.1
March	34.2	18.4	41.7	21.2
April	14.9	13.0	14.2	9.6
May	26.3	11.6	—	—
June	25.9	15.6	19.1	9.6
July	24.0	18.8	27.7	10.8
August	20.2	15.6	21.3	11.7
September	22.6	17.3	18.8	10.6
October	22.2	18.7	23.0	22.7
November	34.8	24.3	44.9	18.2
December	51.3	23.5	69.4	30.9

During the year 17 complaints were received regarding smoke emissions: 261 observations and inspections were made by the Inspector and 14 Intimation Notices issued. In all cases the management was found co-operative and it was not necessary to institute legal proceedings.



## FACTORIES ACTS

Five hundred and eighty one inspections of Factories were made during the year, and 12 notices were served. There are now 1,024 factories of all types on the register, comprising 253 factories without mechanical power, 734 with mechanical power, and in addition 37 building sites, for which a further 56 inspections were made, and one notice served.

<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	253	86	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	734	495	11	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	37	56	1	—
Total	1,024	637	13	—

### 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 Prose- cutions</i>
Want of cleanliness (S1) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S7) :—					
(a) insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective ...	19	19	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	15	15	—	—	—
Total ...	34	34	—	—	—

## 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.

The Housing Act 1957 came into force on 1st September, and consolidated the enactments relating to housing, except those provisions dealing with financial matters.

### HOUSING ACT, 1957

#### 1.—Individual unfit houses incapable of repair at reasonable expense

Representations (Section 16) ... ..	18
Undertakings to demolish accepted (Section 16) ...	6
Demolition Orders made (Section 17) ... ..	8
Closing Orders made (Section 17) ... ..	3
Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure ... ..	40
Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners and still in force ... ..	38
Houses made fit by owner (Section 16) (represented 1956) ... ..	6

#### 2.—Parts of buildings unfit for human habitation

(i) Underground rooms closed (Section 18) ... ..	37
(ii) Other rooms (Section 18) ... ..	17
(iii) Undertakings ... ..	nil

#### 3.—Clearance areas

##### *Dwelling houses demolished*

Unfit houses ... ..	20
Other houses ... ..	8



## HOUSING STATISTICS

No. of Dwellings in Borough ... .. 24,707

1. *Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :—*

- (1) (a) Dwellings inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... .. 4,742
- (b) Inspections made for the purpose ... .. 15,325
- (2) (a) Dwellings inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... .. 518
- (b) Inspections made for the purpose ... .. 1,106
- (3) Dwellings found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... .. 110
- (4) Dwellings found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation ... .. 1,889

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :—*

Dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers ... 948

3. *Action under statutory powers during the year :—*

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957 —

Dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... .. Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts —

(1) Dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 941

(2) Dwellings in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices —

(i) By owners ... .. 554

(ii) By local authority in default of owners ... 154

(c) Proceedings under Sections 16 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957 —

(1) Dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... .. 8

(2) Dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... .. 40

(d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 —

(1) Separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... 54

(2) Closing Orders determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit ... .. Nil

(e) Proceedings under Section 42 of Housing Act, 1957 —

(1) Number of houses included by representation by Medical Officer of Health ... .. Nil

(2) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of representations ... ..	28
(f) Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing Act, 1957 –	
(1) Closing Orders made ... ..	Nil
(2) Closing Orders determined ... ..	Nil
4. <i>Housing Act, 1957, Part IV – Overcrowding :-</i>	
(1) Number of overcrowded families on register at beginning of year ... ..	577
(2) Number of new cases encountered during year	41
(3) Number of cases relieved during the year ...	35
(4) Number of cases removed from register following review of lists ... ..	264
(5) Number of overcrowded families on register at end of year... ..	319

## REHOUSING

### MEDICAL

<i>Recommendations</i>	<i>1956</i>	<i>1957</i>
To L.C.C. on grounds of Tuberculosis	29	1
To L.C.C. on other medical grounds ...	19	4
To Southwark Borough Council on medical grounds ... ..	160	14
To Southwark Borough Council on grounds of Tuberculosis ... ..	10	135
Total cases recommended	<u>218</u>	<u>154</u>
<i>Rehoused</i>	<i>1956</i>	<i>1957</i>
By L.C.C. on grounds of Tuberculosis	4	10
By L.C.C. on other medical grounds ...	14	24
By Southwark Borough Council on grounds of Tuberculosis ... ..	7	5
By Southwark Borough Council on other medical grounds ... ..	43	60
Tuberculosis cases rehoused by own efforts ... ..	1	1
Other medical cases rehoused by own efforts ... ..	5	4
Total cases rehoused ...	<u>74</u>	<u>104</u>



## OVERCROWDING

	1956			1957		
	Prem- ises	Fami- lies	Per- sons	Prem- ises	Fami- lies	Per- sons
<i>New Cases</i>	<i>(End of 1955)</i>			<i>(End of 1956)</i>		
Remaining on register ...	489	593	2,652	474	577	2,642
Cases reported and recommended	60	64	308	39	41	204
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>2,960</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>2,846</b>
Overcrowding abated ...	75	80	318	294	299	1,576
Remaining on register ...	474	577	2,642	219	319	1,270
<i>Overcrowding abated:</i>						
Rehoused by L.C.C. ...	11	11	50	13	14	75
Rehoused by Borough Council	11	11	49	14	14	71
Found own accommodation	53	58	219	6	7	29
Cases removed by overcrowding survey ...				261	264	1,401
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>1,576</b>

	1956	1957
No. of visits involved ...	724	793

## OTHER CASES

Referred to L.C.C. and Borough Council	—	55
Rehoused ...	—	43

## FOOD

## THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

During the year, 358,744 tons of imported food were inspected under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations 1937 and 1948, and the Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1953.

The consignments imported were as follows:—

<i>Description</i>						<i>Tonnage</i>
Fresh & Chilled Meat	...	...	...	...	...	59,160
Meat Products etc.	...	...	...	...	...	31,522
Offal	...	...	...	...	...	10,697
Poultry & Rabbits	...	...	...	...	...	1,403
Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	196
Butter	...	...	...	...	...	38,920
Margarine	...	...	...	...	...	4,970
Lard	...	...	...	...	...	12,926
Milk Products	...	...	...	...	...	2,237
Egg Products	...	...	...	...	...	2,240
Cheese	...	...	...	...	...	21,635
Fresh Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	51,402
Dried Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	14,355
Canned Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	33,781
Purees, Pulp & Fruit Juices	...	...	...	...	...	2,247
Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	23,962
Canned Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	1,064
Canned Fish	...	...	...	...	...	18,307
Preserves	...	...	...	...	...	1,912
Cocoa Butter	...	...	...	...	...	868
Des. Coconut	...	...	...	...	...	397
Palmkernel Oil	...	...	...	...	...	468
Nuts	...	...	...	...	...	4,371
Licorice Paste	...	...	...	...	...	2,095
Flour	...	...	...	...	...	14,367
Chicory	...	...	...	...	...	693
Confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	110
Cocoa	...	...	...	...	...	541
Rice	...	...	...	...	...	1,056
Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	520
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	322
Total						358,744

Samples Submitted :

#### Chemical Analysis.

<i>Samples of :</i>					<i>Number submitted.</i>
Fresh Fruit	...	...	...	...	102
Canned Fruit	...	...	...	...	20
Canned Meat Products	...	...	...	...	8
Canned Fish	...	...	...	...	14
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	1
Total					145



### Bacteriological Examination.

Chinese Egg Products	...	...	...	889
Dutch Egg Products	...	...	...	28
Argentine Egg Products	...	...	...	35
German Egg Products	...	...	...	100
Danish Egg Products	...	...	...	12
New Zealand Veal ...	...	...	...	12
New Zealand Mutton	...	...	...	20
Dutch Boneless Picnic Hams	...	...	...	8
Peruvian Canned Tuna Fish	...	...	...	22
English Canned Pears	...	...	...	5
Total ...				<u>1,131</u>

### PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS

Very large quantities of egg products have continued to be imported into the Borough, and the consignments were sampled for bacteriological examination to discover any possible Salmonella infection. As and when necessary, consignments have been held in collaboration with the owners, and in a number of cases official detentions have been made, in accordance with the regulations.

The egg products which have been dealt with this year were mainly from China, Australia, Holland and Germany. Those consignments which had been subjected to pasteurisation have proved to be most satisfactory.

The products consisted mainly of crystal albumen, frozen whole egg, albumen and yolk, and spray dried powder. Infected batches have been released for pasteurisation, and high temperature baking. All crystal albumen imported from China has been heat treated in the two special plants in the Borough in accordance with the approved procedure, the results of which have been most satisfactory.

A consignment of Canned Peruvian Tuna Fish, comprising 1,000 cartons each 48 x 8 oz. tins was detained pending a 100% examination. Bacteriological results showed that the contents of all blown tins were infected with haemolytic clostridium welchii, probably due to under-processing. 54 cases and 39 tins were destroyed and the remainder released for human consumption.

A consignment comprising 202 lambs imported from New Zealand was found to be contaminated by river water and detained pending bacteriological examination. 158 lambs were found to be unfit for human consumption and the remainder released for manufacturing purposes.

## MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT, 1926

At the time of inspection of foodstuffs on importation, and in shops and on street stalls, attention has been given to the requirements relating to Indication of Origin. Most products to which the Act applies, including meat, oat products, and dried fruit appear to have been satisfactorily marked. There have been numerous occasions when the vendors have had to be requested to indicate the origin of tomatoes and apples, but legal proceedings have not been necessary.

### UN SOUND FOOD

During the year 111 tons 13 cwts. 3 qtrs. 27 lbs. of food examined at wharves, warehouses and shops were found unfit for human consumption and disposed of as follows:—

#### Food condemned at wharves and warehouses :—

##### Destroyed :

			Tons	Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs.
Fresh & Chilled Meat	....	—	8	1	12	
Poultry	... ..	1	3	3	4	
Offal	... ..	—	1	—	7	
Meat Products	... ..	22	10	1	11	
Canned Cooked Meats	... ..	11	9	3	21	
Bacon	... ..	—	2	1	11	
Canned Fish	... ..	4	4	3	19	
Fruit	... ..	4	14	1	21	
Canned Fruit	... ..	19	12	2	26	
Dried Fruit	... ..	—	18	1	2	
Purees, Pulp & Fruit Juices		6	16	1	8	
Vegetables	... ..	7	8	1	15	
Canned Vegetables	... ..	2	1	3	6	
Cheese	... ..	1	3	1	—	
Frozen Egg	... ..	4	14	3	—	
Canned Milk	... ..	2	17	—	11	
Cereals	... ..	—	4	—	8	
Preserves	... ..	—	1	3	1	
Canned Soups	... ..	—	1	—	20	
Miscellaneous	... ..	—	2	—	18	
		90	16	3	25	

#### Food released for Animal Feeding :—

Cheese	... ..	4	—	—	—
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**Food released for Technical Purposes :—**

Fresh & Chilled Meat	...	11	15	—	10
Offal	...	—	14	3	24
Bacon	...	4	7	2	25
		16	17	3	3

**Food condemned at shops :—***Destroyed :*

Fresh & Chilled Meat	...	—	4	2	—
Meat Products	...	—	13	—	22
Poultry	...	—	—	1	3
Offal	...	—	—	2	14
Bacon	...	—	—	2	26
Canned Cooked Meats	...	—	6	3	11
Fish	...	—	—	2	5
Canned Fruit	...	—	10	3	16
Purees, Pulp & Fruit Juices	1	2	3	20	
Vegetables	...	—	9	—	—
Canned Vegetables	...	—	7	—	—
Cheese	...	—	1	1	—
Canned Milk	...	—	—	3	—
Preserves	...	—	—	—	15
Confectionery	...	—	—	2	4
Miscellaneous	...	—	—	—	3
		3	19	—	27

**ICE-CREAM**

There are 259 ice-cream dealers and 12 manufacturers in this Borough, an increase of 11 dealers, since last year. Most of the dealers sell pre-packed ice-cream, obtained from the large manufacturers.

50 samples of ice-cream were taken with the following results:—

- 26 samples, Grade I.
- 10 samples, Grade II.
- 7 samples, Grade III.
- 7 samples, Grade IV.

In addition :

28 samples were chemically examined for compliance with the prescribed standards of composition, and all were found to be satisfactory.

Periodical inspections were made to all premises.

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 the causes of the unsatisfactory gradings.

#### FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955: SECTION 16.

##### *Ice-Cream Registration – Refusal*

An application for the registration of premises for the purpose of Sale and Storage of Ice-Cream was refused by reason of there being :—

- (a) No supply of water sufficient in quantity to enable the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955 to be complied with.
- (b) No wash hand basin with a hot and cold water supply, both of which are required in order that the premises may comply with Regulations 15 and 16 respectively of the said Regulations.

#### DESIGNATED MILK

The following Licences were issued under the Milk (Special Designation)(Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949 to 1954 and Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949 to 1953 :—

- 153 Dealers' Licences for Pasteurised Milk.
- 175 Dealers' Licences for Sterilised Milk.
- 114 Dealers' Licences for Tuberculin Tested Milk.

Thirty seven samples of Designated Milks were submitted to the Public Analyst for examination. One sample of Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) and one of Pasteurised failed to satisfy the prescribed Methylene Blue test, but further samples obtained from the same sources proved to be satisfactory.

#### MILK SELLERS

At the close of the year there were 156 registered milk distributors in the Borough, whilst the number of distributors purveying milk in the Borough from registered premises elsewhere was 20. 309 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 regulations.

## BAKEHOUSES

At the end of the year there were 17 Bakehouses in use in Southwark, of which 3 were Basement Bakehouses.

Thirty five inspections were made by the Public Health Inspectors.

## SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are now no slaughterhouses in the Borough.

## CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

There are 417 catering establishments in the Borough. These include riverside snack bars, cafes, coffee stalls, mobile snack bars, public house restaurants, and industrial canteens. All have received systematic inspection and close supervision during the year, and a satisfactory standard has been maintained.

## REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREMISES (Food and Drugs Act, 1955)

There are now 85 premises registered for the purpose of the Preparation or Manufacture of Sausages or Potted, Pressed, Pickled or Preserved Food intended for Sale.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 – CASUAL STREET TRADING

The Food Hygiene Regulations provide that food stalls shall bear conspicuously the name and address of the person carrying on the business; shall be kept clean, in good repair and condition, and properly lighted; and, if used for the sale of open food for immediate consumption, shall be supplied with hot water and washing facilities. There is, however, considerable difficulty in maintaining supervision over casual unlicensed street traders selling foodstuffs at week-ends, and the Metropolitan Boroughs' Standing Joint Committee felt that better control could be exercised if regulations were made under the Food and Drugs Act,

1955 providing for the issue by local authorities of licences for the use of vehicles, stalls and places other than premises for the preparation or sale of food for human consumption and prohibiting the use of any such vehicles, etc. except in accordance with such a licence.

Whilst the problem does not appear to be a serious one in Southwark, the Council informed the Standing Joint Committee that regulations under Section 21 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, as suggested, would be advantageous.

### ANALYSIS OF WORK CARRIED OUT IN FOOD PREMISES

Walls and Ceilings repaired, kitchen, scullery, etc.	...	...	365
Roofs and gutters repaired or renewed	...	...	30
Shelves and cupboards cleansed	...	...	126
Floors repaired or renewed...	...	...	65
Staircase risers and treads repaired or renewed	...	...	43
Hot water supplies provided	...	...	60
Waste pipes provided and repaired	...	...	24
Drains repaired	...	...	17
Drains unstopped	...	...	20
Dustbins provided	...	...	40
Dampness remedied	...	...	38
Water closets repaired or renewed...	...	...	35
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	...	...	34
Walls and ceilings to water closets redecorated...	...	...	101
Food cupboards provided	...	...	45
Covering provided for cakes and sandwiches	...	...	65
Cooking apparatus repaired or renewed	...	...	41
Utensils cleansed	...	...	114
Ventilation provided	...	...	28
Sinks provided	...	...	59
Yards cleansed	...	...	36
Refrigerators provided or repaired...	...	...	19
Artificial lighting provided...	...	...	21
Miscellaneous repairs	...	...	166
Total	...	...	1,592

### FOOD HYGIENE : PREPARATION OF SHRIMPS ETC.

On 31st December an amendment of the Food Hygiene Regulations came into force regarding the preparation and packing of shrimps, prawns and onions in domestic premises registered for the preparation of food under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.



## FOOD SHOPS

Public houses ... ..	164
Cafes ... ..	129
Factory canteens ... ..	124
Butchers ... ..	47
Fish shops (wet and dry) and fried fish shops ...	59
Bakehouses ... ..	17
Greengrocers ... ..	55
Grocers ... ..	158
Ice-cream dealers and manufacturers ... ..	259
Schools providing food ... ..	50
Milk distributors... ..	156

## FOOD SAMPLING

440 formal samples and 803 informal samples were submitted to the Public Analyst. Of these, 10 and 6 respectively revealed adulteration or other infringements, as follows :—

	Samples Examined		Non-genuine Samples	
	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal
Milk ... ..	102	33	—	—
Condensed Milk ... ..	—	8	—	—
Ice Cream ... ..	50	28	—	—
Fats, Cheese etc. ... ..	43	61	—	—
Meat & Fish Preparations	40	148	7	2
Cereals etc. ... ..	23	40	—	1
Vinegars & Non-Brewed Condiments ... ..	10	17	—	—
Herbs ... ..	11	29	—	—
Spices & Condiments	9	27	1	1
Pickles, Sauces etc.	8	41	—	—
Jams & Preserves ... ..	19	23	—	—
Wines, Spirits, Ales... ..	7	30	—	—
Soft Drinks ... ..	—	26	—	—
Medicine & Drug Preparations ... ..	7	78	2	1
Fruit & Canned Fruit	6	26	—	—
Dried Fruit ... ..	18	27	—	—
Canned Vegetables ... ..	3	10	—	—
Canned Soups etc. ... ..	4	9	—	—
Custard Powder, Jellies etc. ... ..	9	30	—	1
Confectionery ... ..	22	47	—	—
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa etc.	30	26	—	—
Cake & Pudding Mixtures	19	39	—	—
	440	803	10	6

## NON-GENUINE SAMPLES.

*Formal Samples.*

<i>No.</i>	<i>Sample of</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Action taken</i>
405	Glauber's Salt	Completely effloresced	Stock withdrawn from sale.
406	Pork Sausages	Contained 210 parts of sulphur dioxide per million (undeclared)	Cautionary letter
155	Pork Sausages	Contained 160 parts of sulphur dioxide per million (undeclared)	Cautionary letter
156	Beef Sausages	Contained 280 parts per million sulphur dioxide (undeclared)	Cautionary letter
157	Minced Beef	Contained 260 parts per million sulphur dioxide	Cautionary letter
163	Iodised Table Salt	12 per cent. deficient in iodine	Manufacturers provided suitable inner containers
214	"Kut-Smoke" lozenges	Incorrectly labelled	Manufacturers altered label
222	Pork Sausages	180 parts per million sulphur dioxide (undeclared)	Cautionary letter
223	Beef Sausages	220 parts per million sulphur dioxide (undeclared)	Cautionary letter
328	Preserved Pork Chipolatas	510 parts per million sulphur dioxide	Cautionary letter

*Informal*

<i>No.</i>	<i>Sample of</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Action taken</i>
652a	"Grapyer" Cereal	Contaminated with larval webbing	No more in stock Cautionary letter
775a	Pork Sausages	Contained 285 parts of sulphur dioxide per million	Formal sample taken
298a	Iodised Table Salt	12 per cent. deficient in iodine	Formal sample taken
315a	Jelly Crystals	Lead 6 parts per million	Formal sample taken
368a	"Kut-Smoke" lozenges	Incorrectly labelled	Formal sample taken
419a	Pork Sausages	650 parts per million sulphur dioxide (undeclared)	Formal sample taken



## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS : FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

<i>Defendant</i>	<i>Nature of Infringement</i>	<i>Result</i>
Baker	Selling a dirty bread roll	Case dismissed
Baker	Selling a bread roll containing animal faeces.	Fined £2.0.0d. with £3.3.0d. costs.
Manufacturer	Selling a meat pie in a mouldy condition	Fined £2.0.0d. with £6.6.0d. costs.

Seventeen cautionary letters were sent in respect of other non-genuine samples and other articles of food complained of by the Public.

## PHARMACY & POISONS ACT, 1933

During the year 114 inspections were made of the various premises listed by the Council for the sale of Part II Poisons under the above Act.

There are 61 names of persons on the Council's list of Sellers of Part II Poisons.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

### *Compulsory Removals.*

During the year under review, action was taken under the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, for the compulsory removal as emergencies, of two aged persons in need of care and attention.

### *Burial of the Dead.*

During the year the Council arranged for sixteen burials under Section 50 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, at a total cost of £172.10.0d.

## WELFARE OF THE AGED

In her Annual Report, Miss D. Beer, A.I.S.W., Organising Secretary of the Southwark Old People's Welfare Committee, observed that the only way to prevent the problem of the care of the aged from becoming too much of a social and financial burden

to the country is to bring to old people new interests and activities. Social visits are increasingly necessary as more old people are now living alone and have outlived their friends and become separated from their families—who have their own domestic responsibilities or have moved away from the district.

During the year 954 cases were referred to the Organisation and apart from the normal welfare services, a wide scope of personal problems was dealt with, as set out in the following list :—

Meals-on-Wheels service	Letter writing
Chiropody Service	Occupational Therapy
Convalescence and holidays	Chimney Sweeping
Surgical equipment	Housing and Homes
Transport and Escorts	Cleansing
Pensions and other Financial questions	Fuel
Lost documents and other questions relating to Policies	Furniture
Legal matters	Employment
Help with removals	Social Interest
For radio sets	Domestic Quarrels
Moving dangerous meters	Care of Pets
Clothing and bedding	Friendly visits
Hospital visiting	General care
Illness and Accidents	Travelling Library
	Religious and Consolation

54,447 meals were served in the restaurant at The Gatehouse, the two luncheon clubs at the Women's University Settlement and the hall of the Church of Lady Margaret and by the Meals on Wheels Service. It was found in some cases that the latter tended to discourage some old people from making an effort to help themselves and for this reason, each recipient is now visited after a six weeks' period to assess whether they are able to do their own cooking, or could go out to the restaurant. There is already evidence that this has helped in the rehabilitation of many patients after hospital treatment.

Still of paramount importance is the Chiropody Clinic and whilst the Domiciliary Service which was commenced last year has proved a great success, the acquisition during this year of a car has enabled many of these patients to be taken to the Foot Clinic where they can meet their friends. This transport has also been invaluable in conveying old people to sick relations in hospital, visits to dentists or opticians, or short journeys for the household.

116 old people enjoyed a fortnight's holiday at Bexhill-on-Sea in May and other outings have been arranged, many of them through the generosity of the Rotary Club. The development of these social activities is due to the enthusiasm of many willing voluntary helpers, and is restricted only by lack of funds, which were helped by a Flag Day and the Dickens Fair.









