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December)

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STOKE NEWINGTON

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1953.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Stoke Newington, N.16.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS
OF THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STOKE NEWINGTON.

This Annual Report is presented in the abridged form required by the Ministry of Health.

There was a slight decrease in the number of Sanitary complaints received, with a corresponding decrease in the number of inspections and re-inspections. The number of Outworkers increased slightly and there was a consequent increase in the number of inspections made of Outworkers' Premises.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the civilian population in 1953 was 51,250 as compared with 50,610 in 1952, while the number of births allocated to Stoke Newington in 1953 was 753 as compared with 820 in 1952, thus showing a drop in the birth rate from 16.20 to 14.69.

Deaths of children under one year of age were 18 as compared with 11 in 1952 showing an increase in the death rate from 13.41 to 23.90. The causes of death were Pneumonia 2, Congenital Malformations 4, Bronchitis 1, Diarrhoea 1, Other Causes 10. Of these 18 deaths, 9 occurred in the first 24 hours of life. The rate of 23.9 for Stoke Newington compares with 24.8 for London and 26.8 for England and Wales.

Only one death resulted from a Motor Vehicle Accident and this was a woman between the ages of 45 and 65. Once again it appears that advice on Accident Prevention is being taken seriously and for the second year in succession it is pleasing to note that no young children were involved in fatal accidents.

Deaths due to other accidents totalled 5, being a decrease of 4 in comparison with the previous year. Two males and three females were involved, and deaths were caused by burns when clothing caught fire, fractures after having fallen from bed, after being struck by a train and by a motor cycle.

Suicides totalled 4 and involved one male and three females.

Deaths of Stoke Newington residents totalled 503 as compared with 557 in 1952 and the death rate dropped from 11.00 to 9.81. The causes of death were Tuberculosis 12, Syphilitic Diseases 4, Poliomyelitis 1, Cancer 84, Vascular Lesions of Nervous System 54, Heart Diseases 141, Pneumonia 39, Bronchitis 46, Motor Vehicle Accidents 1, Suicide 4, Other Diseases 117. It is to be noted that the number of deaths from Tuberculosis is decreasing while the number of deaths from Cancer is increasing. In 1950 there were 15 deaths from Tuberculosis and 16 deaths from Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus, while in 1953 there were 12 deaths from Tuberculosis and 23 deaths from Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus.

Notifications of Infectious Diseases showed an increase over the figure for 1952 owing to the greater incidence of measles. 1251 notifications were received as compared with 831 for the previous year. No cases of Diphtheria were reported, but two cases of Poliomyelitis were removed to hospital and one of these, a woman, between the ages of 45 and 65, subsequently died. 10 cases of Food Poisoning were reported and involved persons in various age groups. 623 specimens were sent to the Laboratory for bacteriological examination. For the first two months of the year, these examinations were carried out at the Camberwell Research Laboratory and from the beginning of March at the Laboratory at County Hall. I would like to express my appreciation for the help given by Dr. Tomlinson and his staff at County Hall in connection with these examinations.

During the year, 3043 enquiries were dealt with at the Public Health Department counter. These covered a wide variety of subjects including Housing, Infectious Disease, Street Trading, Disinfection, Vaccination and Maternity and Child Welfare Services.

The investigation into atmospheric pollution continued throughout the year and a full set of readings will be found in the statistical part of the report.

Fortunately, London did not have any severe fogs similar to those experienced in the previous year when there was a considerable increase in the number of deaths of old people.

In my report for 1952, a suggested outline of a course of action for a Clean Food Campaign was shown. During 1953, considerable progress was made in this direction. In addition, a Health and Hygiene Exhibition

was held for one week during October and was attended by over 3,000 people, including organised parties of children from the local schools.

A large proportion of the material used in this Exhibition was prepared and erected by the staff of the Public Health Department who also manned the Exhibition. Valuable assistance was given by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries who provided and fixed the stands in addition to arranging film shows.

The Campaign is set out in more detail in the main body of the report.

319 samples of Food, Drugs and Other Articles were taken under the Food & Drugs Act, 1938, of which 155 were formal samples and 164 informal samples. None of these samples was found to be adulterated in any way.

The old and infirm person still remains a problem to the Public Health Department and during the year several cases of aged and infirm persons were visited by the District Sanitary Inspectors. These cases came to the notice of the Department either by way of complaint at the counter or were referred to the Department by the Council's Advice Service Officer.

Admission of these persons to hospitals still presents a considerable difficulty, but is normally effected after a little pressure and a short lapse of time.

Dr. C.F.Stott, the Deputy Medical Officer of Health has continued to assist the Department with these old persons and also in cases of Infectious Diseases.

My appreciation and thanks are expressed to His Worship the Mayor and to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for the help and support they have given to me during 1953.

I also thank the staff of the Public Health Department who have worked loyally and efficiently throughout the year.

S. KING

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Death rates in previous years					
1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	
11.7	11.6	12.5	11.8	11.4	England and Wales
12.2	11.8	13.1	12.8	12.5	London
10.7	10.4	12.8	11.0	9.81	Stoke Newington

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Live Births:-				Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate	...	...	...	711	375	336	) Birth rate 14.69.
Illegitimate	..	...	...	42	19	23	
Still Births:-							
Legitimate	...	...	...	13	4	9	) Rate per 1000 total births - 18.25.
Illegitimate	..	...	...	1	1	-	
Deaths	...	...	...	503	262	241	Death rate 9.81

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth - Nil.

Death rate of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births:-

Legitimate 22.50 Illegitimate 47.61 Total 23.90

Death rate of Infants under four weeks of age per 1,000 live births:-

Legitimate 14.06 Illegitimate Nil. Total 13.28

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 84

" " Measles (all ages) Nil

" " Whooping Cough (all ages) Nil

" " Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea (all ages). 1

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the civilian population of Stoke Newington in 1953 is 51,250.

Births

	Live Births			Still Births		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	375	336	711	4	9	13
Illegitimate	19	23	42	1	-	1

Deaths

The death rates in England and Wales, London and Stoke Newington in the past five years were:-

	Death rate 1953	Death rates in previous years			
		1952	1951	1950	1949
England and Wales	11.4	11.3	12.5	11.6	11.7
London	12.5	12.6	13.1	11.8	12.2
Stoke Newington	9.81	11.0	12.3	10.4	10.7

Infantile Mortality

During 1953 the Registrar-General allocated to Stoke Newington the deaths of 18 children under the age of twelve months. This figure was an increase of 7 over the number of deaths in 1952.

The infant mortality rates in England and Wales, London and Stoke Newington in the past five years were:-

District	Infant Mortality rate 1953	Infant Mortality rates in previous years.			
		1952	1951	1950	1949
England and Wales	26.8	27.	29.	29.	32.
London	24.8	23.	26.	26.	29.
Stoke Newington	23.9	13.	29.	24.	15.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS

[illegible]

OF LIFE DURING THE YEAR 1953

[illegible]

The causes of the 18 infant deaths in 1953 are set out in the following table:-

Causes of Death	Under 24 hours	1 day to 1 week	1-2 wks.	2-3 wks.	3-4 wks.	Total under 4 weeks	1-3 mths.	3-6 mths.	6-9 mths.	9-12 mths.	Total
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
Congenital Malformations	2	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	4
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
All Other Causes	7	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	2	1	10
	9	1	-	-	-	10	2	1	3	2	18

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Causes of Death	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Pneumonia	2	2	3	4	3	1	1	4	-	2
Congenital Malformations, etc.	3	4	10	10	9	10	3	1	2	4
Premature Birth	6	11	14	5	7	3	8	11	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bronchitis	7	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Diarrhoea	3	4	1	3	2	1	3	1	-	1
Other Digestive Diseases	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syphilis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Violent Causes	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other Causes	-	-	1	-	3	-	5	9	9	10
	25	27	35	24	25	15	21	26	11	18

BIRTH RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF
MORTALITY, MARRIAGE RATES, AND CASE RATES
FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE
YEAR 1952

GENERAL SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS
FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS

Year	Estimated Popula- tion	Births		Deaths		Deaths under One Year		Deaths from Puerperal Causes	
		No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1944	35,240	771	21.9	511	14.5	25	32.4	2	2.6
1945	37,030	704	19.01	475	12.8	27	38.35	1	1.4
1946	43,790	958	21.19	504	11.5	35	36.53	2	2.04
1947	45,900	1084	23.61	507	11.04	24	22.14	1	0.90
1948	45,370	913	20.12	513	11.3	25	27.38	-	-
1949	46,510	950	20.42	502	10.79	15	15.78	-	-
1950	48,510	856	17.64	509	10.49	21	24.53	-	-
1951	49,440	874	17.67	611	12.35	26	29.74	-	-
1952	50,610	820	16.20	557	11.00	11	13.41	1	1.22
1953	51,250	753	14.69	503	9.81	18	23.90	1	1.32

BIRTH RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF
MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY AND CASE RATES
FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE
YEAR 1953

(Provisional figures based on Quarterly Returns)

	England and Wales	London Administra- tive County	Stoke Newington
Rates per 1,000 Home Population			
Births:-			
Live Births	15.5	17.5	14.69
Still Births	0.35	0.38	0.27
Deaths:-			
All causes	11.4	12.5	9.81
Typhoid & Paratyphoid ...	0.00	-	-
Whooping Cough	0.01	0.00	-
Diphtheria	0.00	-	-
Tuberculosis	0.20	0.24	0.23
Influenza	0.16	0.15	0.07
Smallpox	0.00	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polio-encephalitis) ...	0.01	0.01	0.01
Pneumonia	0.55	0.64	0.76
Notifications (corrected):-			
Typhoid Fever... ..	0.00	0.01	-
Paratyphoid Fever	0.01	0.01	-
Meningococcal Infection ...	0.03	0.03	-
Scarlet Fever	1.39	1.02	1.52
Whooping Cough	3.58	3.30	4.60
Diphtheria	0.01	0.00	-
Erysipelas	0.14	0.12	0.21
Smallpox	0.00	-	-
Measles	12.36	8.09	15.10
Pneumonia	0.84	0.73	0.64
Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polio-encephalitis):-			
Paralytic..	0.07	0.07	0.04
Non-paralytic	0.04	0.03	-
Food Poisoning..	0.24	0.38	0.18
Puerperal Pyrexia	18.23 (a)	28.61 (a)	27.37 (a)
Rates per 1,000 Live Births			
Deaths:-			
All causes under 1 yr.of age	26.8 (b)	24.8	23.90

(a) Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births

(b) Per 1,000 related Live Births.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

During 1953 there were 1251 cases of notifiable infectious disease as compared with 831 cases in 1952.

The following table shows the incidence of the various diseases:-

Disease	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	2	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	-	-	3	2	-
Diphtheria... ..	-	3	-	1	-
Dysentery... ..	6	7	88	22	80
Erysipelas... ..	10	13	8	2	11
Food Poisoning	5	10	4	-	10
Malaria	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	640	391	1100	559	774
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	2	-	3	1
Paratyphoid.	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	18	26	27	9	33
Poliomyelitis	10	11	-	3	2
Polio-encephalitis	-	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	11	9	21	6	21
Scabies	9	4	6	2	3
Scarlet Fever	29	102	114	112	78
Typhoid	1	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	72	116	293	110	236
	814	695	1665	831	1251

The attack rates for the principal infectious diseases in England and Wales, London and Stoke Newington were as follows:-

Disease	England and Wales	London	Stoke Newington
Diphtheria... ..	0.01	0.00	-
Erysipelas... ..	0.14	0.12	0.21
Measles	12.36	8.09	15.10
Pneumonia... ..	0.84	0.73	0.64
Poliomyelitis and Polio-encephalitis	0.11	0.10	0.03
Scarlet Fever	1.39	1.02	1.52
Whooping Cough	3.58	3.30	4.60

Table showing Notifications of Infectious Disease received in 1953 in Age Groups and Admissions to Hospital.

Disease	All ages	Cases Notified At Ages - Years											No. of cases admitted to hospital
		0 - 1	1 - 3	3 - 5	5 - 10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-65	65-over	
Cerebro-Spinal-Meningitis ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diphtheria ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery ...	80	4	14	8	36	4	-	3	4	2	4	1	8
Erysipelas ...	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	4	2	3
Food Poisoning..	10	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	5	1	-	-	1
Malaria ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Measles	774	26	195	228	317	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	12
Ophthalmia													
Neonatorum ...	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia..	33	-	4	1	4	2	1	-	7	2	4	8	6
Poliomyelitis...	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	10	-	-	-	20
Scabies ...	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever...	78	-	7	19	46	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	29
Typhoid ...	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough..	236	12	55	72	89	4	-	2	1	1	-	-	10
Totals ...	1251	43	275	329	494	20	3	27	28	9	12	11	92

ANNUAL RETURN OF FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS

Food Poisoning Notifications Returned to Registrar General.

<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Nil	6	3	10

Outbreaks due to Identified Agents.

Total Outbreaks - 2(2b, 3c) Total Cases - 5

Outbreaks due to:-

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| (a) Chemical Poisons | (d) Cl.botulinum |
| (b) Salmonella Organisms. | (e) Other bacteria |
| (c) Staphylococci (including toxin) | |

Outbreaks of Undiscovered Cause

Total Outbreaks - 1 (Corned beef suspected). Total Cases - 2

Single Cases

<u>Agent Identified</u>	<u>Unknown Cause</u>	<u>Total</u>
- (Reheated rabbit suspected)	1	1
Salmonella typhimurium	1	1
- (Trout suspected)	1	1
		3

Posthumous :
Notification

Transfers: from
Other Areas
(excluding trans-
ferable diseases)

Other
Sources

TUBERCULOSIS, 1953

CASES ADDED TO AND REMOVED FROM THE NOTIFICATION REGISTER

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Grand Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Already on Register, 31.12.52 ...	355	300	655	49	32	81	404	332	736
Primary Notifications ...	34	26	60	3	4	7	37	30	67
Posthumous Notifications.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restored	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Removals into Borough ...	33	27	60	1	4	5	34	31	65
From other sections ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONS	67	53	120	4	8	12	71	61	132
Deaths	15	1	16	-	1	1	15	2	17
Posthumous Notifications.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Removals from Borough ...	18	19	37	3	1	4	21	20	41
Recovered	4	2	6	-	-	-	4	2	6
Diagnosis not confirmed..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
To other sections.. ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DELETIONS	37	22	59	3	2	5	40	24	64
Net increase	30	31	61	1	6	7	31	37	68
Net decrease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
On Register at 31.12.53..	385	331	716	50	38	88	435	369	804

TUBERCULOSIS - continued

R = Respiratory

N.R. = Non-Respiratory

Age Periods	Formal Notifications													
	Number of Primary Notifications of new cases of tuberculosis													
	0-	1-	2-	5-	10-	15-	20-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-	Total (all ages)
Respiratory, Males	-	-	2	1	-	3	3	7	3	3	5	4	-	31
Respiratory, Females	-	-	-	-	2	5	5	8	2	1	1	2	-	26
Non-Respiratory, Males	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	3
Non-Respiratory, Females	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	4

New cases of Tuberculosis coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health otherwise than by formal notification:-

			Number of cases in age Groups												
			0-	1-	2-	5-	10-	15-	20-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
Death Returns															
Death Returns from Local Registrars	R. M.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	N.R.M.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Death Returns from Registrar General Transferable deaths	R. M.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	N.R.M.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Posthumous Notification	R. M.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	N.R.M.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
"Transfers" from Other Areas (excluding transferable Deaths)	R. M.		-	-	1	1	-	1	5	14	5	3	2	1	33
	F.		-	-	-	1	-	-	5	15	5	1	-	-	27
	N.R.M.		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F.		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	4
Other Sources	R. M.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	N.R.M.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total number of Informal Notifications: 65

TUBERCULOSIS - continued

The following is a summary of the new cases of Tuberculosis notified during the past 10 years:-

Year	Population	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
1944	35,240	89	8	97
1945	27,030	75	13	88
1946	43,790	91	11	102
1947	45,900	91	8	99
1948	45,370	72	6	78
1949	46,510	63	4	67
1950	48,510	63	4	67
1951	49,440	43	7	50
1952	50,610	46	4	50
1953	51,250	57	7	64

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological examinations have been carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at County Hall. The following is a statement of the specimens submitted to the Laboratory during 1953:-

Disease Suspected	Result of Examination		Total
	Positive	Negative	
Abscess	1	-	1
Blood	1	3	4
Boils	32	6	38
Carbuncle	1	-	1
Ear	-	2	2
Eye	9	5	14
Eyelids	-	4	4
Faeces	162	228	390
Nasal	40	33	73
Palate	-	1	1
Pernasal	-	4	4
Pus	1	-	1
Rectal	1	1	2
Skin	1	-	1
Sputum	4	11	15
Throat	3	48	51
Urine	9	12	21
	265	358	623

SCABIES AND VERMINOUS CONDITIONS

The cases of Scabies notified and number of treatments given during 1953 and the two preceding years were as follows:-

	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>
Cases notified	6	2	3
Cases treated at Cleansing Station	36	26	13

The work done at the Council's Cleansing Station is summarised in the following table:-

	<u>Scabies</u>		<u>Head or Body Lice</u>	
	Cases	Treatments	Cases	Treatments
Children under 5 years	5	6	22	22
Children over 5 years	7	13	252	254
Adults	1	3	10	10
	13	22	284	286

PUBLIC MORTUARY

Stoke Newington has an agreement with Hackney Borough Council for the use of the Hackney Borough Council Mortuary at a cost of £300 per annum.

Details of the bodies of Stoke Newington residents deposited in the Mortuary during the year are as follows:-

Total number of bodies in the Mortuary 90

(1) to await inquests -

(a) Infectious -

(b) Non-infectious..... 5

(2) To await burial..... 1

(3) Cause of death certified by Coroner..... 84

Number of post-mortem examinations made..... 89

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

The following is a summary of the work carried out by the Disinfection Staff during the year:-

Cases disinfected after:-	"	"	"	1
Scarlet Fever	"	"	"	82
Diphtheria	"	"	"	-
Tuberculosis	"	"	"	31
Erysipelas	"	"	"	5
Cancer	"	"	"	8
Scabies	"	"	"	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	"	"	"	-
Other Diseases	"	"	"	79
Total Number of Room Disinfected	"	"	"	201
Books	"	"	"	216
Articles	"	"	"	1390
Articles for Abroad	"	"	"	60
Removals	"	"	"	2
Verminous Rooms	"	"	"	239
Verminous Articles	"	"	"	231
Articles Destroyed	"	"	"	221
				2,766

SANITARY INSPECTION

The following is a summary of the principal forms of inspection and of the action taken by the Sanitary Inspectors during the year:-

Primary inspections of houses on complaint.....	1231
" " " " after infectious disease....	248
" " " Milkshops and Diaries.....	128
" " " Factories.....	121
" " " Outworkers Premises.....	722
" " " Shops.....	184
" " " Ice Cream Premises.....	115
" " " Restaurants and Eating Houses.....	108
" " " Bakehouses.....	40
" " " Food Premises.....	1456
" " " Other Premises.....	1047
" " re Housing Accommodation.....	375
" " " Pharmacy and Poisons.....	63
" " " Rodent Control.....	306
" " " Smoke Nuisance.....	7
" " " Notices from Builders.....	274
Total number of re-inspections.....	8160
Intimation Notices Served.....	574
Statutory Notices.....	226
Dustbin Notices.....	21
Notices under Section 40, Public Health (London) Act, 1936	65
Notices under Section 109, Public Health (London) Act, 1936	1

NUISANCES REMEDIED

Premises in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health.	222
The house or part of the house in a damp condition so as to be insanitary.	299
The house in a dilapidated condition so as to be insanitary.	98
The Water Closet without a water supply.	1
The Water Closet with a deficient supply of water.	6
The Water Closet so defective as to be a nuisance.	36
The Water Closet stopped.	3
The soil pipe defective.	1
The yard dirty so as to be insanitary.	1
Sink defective and insanitary.	3
The waste pipe improperly trapped and insanitary.	3
The waste pipe improperly trapped.	1
The waste pipe of lavatory or bath defective	23
The drinking water cistern so foul as to be insanitary.	2
An accumulation or deposit of refuse dangerous or injurious to health.	3
The dustbin or ashpit defective.	2
The drain foul.	2
The drain choked or stopped.	9
The rainwater pipe defective.	33
The house without a proper water supply.	3
The roof defective so as to be insanitary.	203
The guttering defective so as to be insanitary.	53

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTIONDEPOSIT GAUGE

Month	Rainfall in inches.	Tons per Square Mile		
		Soluble Matter	Insoluble Matter	Total Solids
January	0.67	7.66	10.50	18.16
February	1.18	3.50	6.93	10.43
March	0.24	5.04	10.72	15.76
April	2.09	10.14	7.23	17.37
May	1.10	5.02	7.69	12.71
June	1.26	4.46	7.16	11.62
July	4.41	11.36	7.66	19.02
August	1.95	3.80	6.34	10.14
September	1.46	4.72	9.31	14.03
October	3.35	10.90	7.63	18.53
November	0.32	4.09	5.75	9.84
December	0.51	6.34	11.42	17.76

LEAD PEROXIDE APPARATUS

Month	Mg. of SO ₃ /day collected by 1,00 sq.cm. of Batch A PbO ₂ (louvered cover)
January	3.19
February	1.82
March	3.05
April	1.54
May	1.16
June	0.83
July	0.65
August	0.73
September	1.03
October	2.07
November	2.56
December	3.18

Summary of Enquiries made at the Public Health Department.

During the year, 3043 enquiries were dealt with at the Public Health Department counter and are analysed below:-

New Sanitary Complaints	1160
Follow-up of original complaint	283
Housing Enquiries	34
Infectious Disease Enquiries	19
Street Trading Enquiries.	13
Disinfection	69
Vaccination	80
Maternity and Child Welfare Services.	17
Miscellaneous Enquiries	1368

Drainage Applications.

During the year, 29 Drainage Applications and plans were approved by the Council.

Certificates of Disrepair and Rescindment.

During the year, 3 Certificates of Disrepair and 1 Certificate of Rescindment were issued under the Rent and Mortgage Restrictions Acts.

Water Supply.

The water supply of the Borough is controlled by the Metropolitan Water Board and is supplied direct to approximately 8500 dwelling houses housing a population of approximately 51,250 persons. No complaint regarding the supply was received during the year.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The following is a summary of the legal proceedings carried out during the year:-

Nature of Offence	Fine			Costs			Remarks
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	
For failing to comply with abatement order in respect of premises in Lordship Rd.	2.	0.	0.	2.	2.	0.	
Application for warrant for removal under Section 47, National Assistance Act, 1948.	-			-			Order granted for three months and warrant accordingly.
For sale of milk not of quality demanded. Food & Drugs Act, 1938.	3.	0.	0.	2.	2.	0.	Case proved.
For failure to inscribe in rent book for room let in premises in Stoke Newington Church Street, the name and address of Medical Officer of Health. Housing Act, 1936, Section 4.	10.	0.		10.	6.		Defendant pleaded guilty.
For permitting a room on premises in Stoke Newington Church Street to be overcrowded. Housing Act, 1936, Section 59.	2.	0.	0.	10.	6.		Defendant pleaded guilty.
For not inscribing in rent book for room let on premises in Stoke Newington Church Street, the permitted number in accordance with Housing Act, 1936, Section 62.	10.	0.		10.	6.		Defendant pleaded guilty.
For permitting the use of an underground room on premises in Stoke Newington Church Street as a separate dwelling. Public Health (London) Act, 1936, Section 132.	1.	0.	0.	10.	6.		Defendant pleaded guilty.

Legal proceedings (continued)

Nature of Offence	Fine			Costs			Remarks
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	
For public health nuisance at premises in Walford Road.	-	-	-	1.	1.	0.	Withdrawn. Work completed before hearing.
For public health nuisance at premises in Hawksley Road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Adjourned sine die. Work in hand.
For public health nuisance at premises in Bouverie Road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Adjourned sine die. Work in hand.
For public health nuisance at premises in Dynevor Road.	-	-	-	2.	2.	0.	Order to abate in 28 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Lordship Grove.	-	-	-	2.	2.	0.	Order to abate in 14 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Prince George Road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Adjourned on request of defendant.
For public health nuisance at premises in Somerfield Road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Closing Order within 2 months.
For public health nuisance at premises in Woodlea Road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Adjourned sine die. Work in hand.
For public health nuisance at premises in Victorian Road.	-	-	-	1.	1.	0.	Order to abate in 14 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Palatine Road.	-	-	-	1.	1.	0.	Withdrawn. Work completed.
For public health nuisance at premises in Queen's Drive.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Withdrawn. Work in hand. Defendant not owner.
For public health nuisance at premises in Palatine Road.	-	-	-	1.	1.	0.	Work in hand. Adjourned sine die.

Legal proceedings (continued)

Nature of Offence	Fine			Costs			Remarks
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	
For failure to comply with abatement order in respect of premises in Prince George Road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Adjourned for 14 days, again for 7 days, then withdrawn.
For public health nuisance at premises in Orpen Road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Adjourned sine die. Work in hand.
For public health nuisance at premises in Wordsworth Road.	-	-	-	1.	1.	0.	Adjourned sine die. Work in hand. Subsequently withdrawn.
For public health nuisance at each of five premises in Edwards Lane.	-	-	-	7.	10.	0.	Order to abate in 14 days & £1.10s. costs in each case.
For public health nuisance at premises in Lordship Road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Adjourned sine die. Work in hand.
For public health nuisance at premises in Prince George Road.	-	-	-	2.	2.	0.	Order to abate in 21 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Nevill Road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Adjourned sine die. Work in hand.
For public health nuisance at premises in Woodlea Road.	-	-	-	3.	3.	0.	Order to abate in 14 days.

RODENT CONTROLSurface Treatment

During the year 1953 treatment of the Borough in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries continued. Complaints received by the department, showing a comparison with the year 1952, are set out below:-

<u>1953</u>		<u>1952</u>	
<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>
159	152	183	145

The following is a summary of the work of the rodent operative:-

No. of operative's calls	688
No. of premises pre-baited and treated with poison	111
No. of premises investigated and found not troubled	278
No. of baits laid	1105
No. of drains found defective	36

Sewer Treatments

During the year, two treatments of the Council's Sewers were carried out as follows:-

First Treatment (No.17)

This was carried out at follows:-

Pre-Baiting	18th & 19th May, 1953
Poison Baiting	20th May, 1953
Check of Poison Bait	21st May, 1953
Bait base and poison used	Sausage rusk & zinc phosphide

267 Manholes were baited and 222 showed 'takes' of pre-bait.

The estimated kill based on 'takes' of poison bait was 1410.

Second Treatment (No.18)

This was carried out as follows:-

Pre-Baiting	30th November and 1st December, 1953
Poison Baiting	2nd December, 1953
Check of Poison Bait	3rd December, 1953
Bait base and poison used	Sausage rusk and zinc phosphide.

267 Manholes were baited and 176 showed 'takes' of pre-bait.

The estimated kill based on 'takes' of poison bait was 870.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 AND 1948

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.....	55	46	1	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	280	119	8	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority, excluding outworkers premises.....	10	20	-	Nil
Total.....	345	185	9	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness..	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding.....	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.....	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.....	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient.....	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	5	5	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	(10) Relating to lack of Abstract.		-
Total.....	9	9	10	-	-

OUTWORKERS

Outworkers. - Employers of outworkers in certain classes of work are required to keep lists of the names and addresses of all outworkers employed by them and to send twice annually (in February and August) copies of such lists for the information of the local authority. From this information, the local authority is able to take steps to ensure that the places in which the outworkers are employed are not injurious or dangerous to the health of the workers and that goods are not distributed from premises where there is dangerous infectious disease.

The following is a summary of the information secured from the employers lists during the year:-

	Residing in the Borough		Residing outside the Borough		Total	
	Feb.	Aug.	Feb.	Aug.	Feb.	Aug.
Number of outworkers employed by firms in the Borough.....	184	164	394	416	578	580
Number of outworkers employed by firms outside the Borough.....	199	246	-	-	199	246
Total number of outworkers whose names were included in lists submitted during the year	383	410	394	416	777	826

The following analysis shows the traders in which the outworkers resident in the Borough are engaged:-

Trade	No. of Outworkers		Trade	No. of Outworkers	
	Feb.	Aug.		Feb.	Aug.
Artificial Flowers	17	10	Handbags & Leather goods.	5	10
Belts & Braces	2	3	Laces, Tagging	1	1
Brushes	9	9	Leather-Fancy Goods	1	-
Buttons & Button Carding	-	1	Linen Goods	1	1
Coathangers	2	-	Novelties, Hair		
Cardboard Boxes, etc.	21	21	Nets, etc.	6	7
Children's Wear	15	25	Shoulder Pads	-	2
Cake Ornaments	1	1	Stationery	-	1
Cosaques, Xmas Stockings, Crackers, etc.	5	-	Ties & Caps	-	2
Embroidered Furnishings	2	2	Toys & Games	4	4
Fancy Feathers	39	28	Trimmings	3	3
Footwear	12	11	Umbrellas	2	2
Furs	3	4	Wearing Apparel		
Hats	-	13	(Making, alteration and cleaning)	232	249
			Total	383	410

The following is a list of outworkers received from other Boroughs:-

District	February	August	Total
Camberwell	1	2	3
Cambridge	2	2	4
Chelsea	1	2	3
Corporation of London	6	7	13
Enfield	2	3	5
Finsbury	35	51	86
Hackney	46	57	103
Hammersmith	1	2	3
Holborn	8	4	12
Hornsey	1	1	2
Islington	33	36	69
Kensington	-	1	1
Lewisham	-	1	1
Luton	-	1	1
Paddington	-	1	1
Poplar	2	1	3
Southgate	-	2	2
St. Pancras	8	8	16
Shoreditch	21	10	31
Stepney	5	5	10
Tottenham	1	17	18
West Ham	1	1	2
Westminster	24	31	55
Wood Green	1	-	1
	199	246	445

SUMMARY

	Feb.	Aug.		Feb.	Aug.
Artificial Flowers	17	10	Hats	-	12
Boots and Shoes	12	11	Handbags	1	9
Braces and Belts	2	3	Linen Goods	1	1
Brushes	8	8	Plastic Bags	4	1
Buttons & Button	-	-	Shoulder Pads	-	2
Carding	-	1	Stationery, etc.	-	1
Cardboard Boxes, etc.	21	21	Tagging of Laces	1	1
Children's Wear	3	11	Ties and Caps	-	2
Cake Ornaments	1	1	Toys, Xmas Crackers	-	-
Coat Hangers	2	-	etc.	6	3
Embroidered Furnishing	1	-	Trimmings	2	1
Feathers	2	3	Umbrellas	2	2
	69	69	Wearing Apparel	113	142
				130	177
				69	69
				199	246
					445

ABATEMENT OF OVERCROWDING AND APPLICATIONS
FOR RE-HOUSING

Details regarding overcrowding investigations carried out by the Public Health Department Staff in connection with housing applications, and the number of families rehoused on London County Council Housing Estates, are set out in statistical form in the following summary:-

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Applications to London County Council

Investigations			Totals
Number investigated and found not to be overcrowded.			6
Number investigated	Over-crowding	Illness or physical disability and conditions of premises	
	34	83	117
Total Number Investigated.			123

APPLICANTS RE-HOUSED

London County Council

Applicants Investigated	Over-crowding	Illness or physical disability and condition of premises	Totals
	7	18	25
Other Applicants			119
Total - London County Council			144

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSING ESTATES. The following is a statement of the transfer of families in this Borough to accommodation on the London County Council Estates:-

Number of applicants accepted by the London County Council for

Ainsworth Estate	2		
Aldrington Road Estate	1		
Ashburton Estate	3		
Aveley Estate	21		
Avery Hill Estate	1		
Barnsbury Estate	2		
Becontree Estate	5		
Boreham Wood Estate	12		
Chadworth Estate	1		
Constable Estate	1		
Coventry Cross Estate	1		
Debden Estate	7		
Downham Estate	1		
Downs Estate	1		
Eastwood Estate	1		
Hainault Estate	1		
Harold Hill Estate	8		
Highbury Estate	4		
Hilldrop Estate	2		
Hillside Estate	1		
Hutton Estate	1		

Kennaway Estate	12
Mayville Estate	12
Merstham Estate	2
Mortimer Estate	2
Ocean Estate	1
Ossulston Estate	1
St. Pauls Cray Estate	1
Sheerwater Estate	1
Stamford Hill Estate	2
Watling Estate	3
White Hart Lane Estate	1
Woodberry Down Estate	29

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On notice being received from the London County Council that a family who was living in overcrowded conditions, has removed to a house on their Estates, action is taken to prevent the vacated premises again becoming overcrowded. In 7 cases, families were living in overcrowded conditions, and the appropriate warning letters against recurrence of overcrowding were sent to the owners of the properties concerned.

HOUSING ACT, 1936Repair of Houses.

Number of notices served under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	Nil
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Number of houses made fit for habitation -	
(a) By owners	Nil
(b) By local authority in default of owners	Nil

Demolition Orders.

Number of Orders made under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936	2
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Number of houses demolished -	
(a) As a result of such orders	Nil
(b) Voluntarily	Nil

Closing Orders - (other than underground rooms) -

Number of houses closed	Nil
Number of such Orders determined	Nil
Number of rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936	20
Number of such Orders determined	Nil

Closing Orders (underground rooms)

Number of rooms found to be unfit for human habitation	4
Number closed or modified occupation approved	4
Number of Closing Orders determined	Nil

Slum Clearance

Number of houses included in representations under Section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936	Nil
Number of houses demolished following such actions	9

34

7

256

Nil

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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

SECTION 47 - REMOVALS

Only one case was dealt with during the year. This resulted from complaints received at the end of the previous year regarding an elderly gentleman who was living in insanitary conditions and unable to look after himself. Application was made to the Magistrate at the North London Police Court who made an order for the old gentleman's removal to a suitable institution.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

SECTION 50 - BURIALS

Two cases were dealt with under this Section during the year. Both cases were female, and the cost to the Council was £34.2s.0d., of which £19.5s.0d. was repaid to the Council by an Insurance Company in respect of one of the cases.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

Milk Supply.

At the end of the year there remained on the register 42 distributors of milk whose premises are situated in the Borough, and 25 distributors whose premises are situated outside the Borough.

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936-1949.

Under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, the following Licences were issued:-

DEALERS' LICENCES

<u>Pasteurised</u>	<u>Sterilised</u>	<u>Tuberculin Tested</u>
25	42	6

SUPPLEMENTARY LICENCES

<u>Pasteurised</u>	<u>Sterilised</u>	<u>Tuberculin Tested</u>
20	24	20

Milk Samples.

160 samples of milk were sent for bacteriological examination and of these 6 failed to pass the Methylene Blue Test.

Ice Cream.

During the year 48 samples of Ice Cream were sent to the Laboratory for Bacteriological examination, and were reported upon as follows:-

25 samples were up to Grade I Standard

14	"	"	"	"	"	II	"
8	"	"	"	"	"	III	"
1	"	"	"	"	"	IV	"

Pharmacy and Poisons.

The names and addresses of 54 persons remained on the Council's list of persons entitled to sell Poisons under Part II of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933.

MILK

The average composition of the samples of milk submitted during each month of the year and returned as genuine was as under:-

Month	Number	Total Solids	Milk Fat	Non-Fatty Solids
January	18	12.51%	3.59%	8.92%
February	14	12.34%	3.52%	8.82%
March	16	12.35%	3.49%	8.86%
April	12	12.42%	3.53%	8.89%
May	8	12.43%	3.48%	8.95%
June	21	12.35%	3.42%	8.93%
July	8	12.52%	3.62%	8.90%
August	12	12.19%	3.46%	8.73%
September	16	12.47%	3.59%	8.88%
October	10	12.67%	3.67%	9.00%
November	12	12.58%	3.70%	8.88%
December	12	12.62%	3.72%	8.90%

The average composition of the whole of the 159 samples of milk received during the year and returned as genuine was as under:-

Total Milk Solids	12.45%
Milk Fat	<u>3.56%</u>
Non-Fatty Solids	<u>8.89%</u>

COMPLAINTS OF FOREIGN BODIES IN FOOD.

Mould on Meat Pie.

A complaint was received regarding the presence of mould on the crust of a piece of Veal, Ham and Egg Pie, purchased in the Borough. The piece of pastry bearing the mould was sent to the London County Council's Bacteriological Laboratory for examination, and the Laboratory indicated that the mould was probably a penicillin, which was harmless.

The sample had been accidentally destroyed at the Laboratory, and legal action could not be taken in the matter in the absence of this necessary evidence. Under these circumstances it was recommended that a warning letter be sent to the retailers of the pie.

Extraneous Matter in Bread.

Two complaints were received from a resident regarding extraneous matter in two loaves of bread. On examination, one loaf was found to contain a maggot and the other a piece of hemp.

The matter was reported to the Public Health Committee who instructed that a warning letter be sent to the baker concerned pointing out to him that more care should be exercised in the manufacture of the bread and the screening of the flour.

Extraneous Matter in Bread.

A loaf of bread submitted by a resident of the Borough, was found to contain, on examination, a small particle of grease and carbon deposit. The matter was brought to the attention of the company concerned and requesting every precaution to be taken to prevent a recurrence of this nature.

Metal in Sausage.

A complaint was received from a resident regarding the presence of a piece of metal found in a pork sausage. The printed wrapper indicated that the sausages had been manufactured in Northern Ireland.

The matter was passed to the Medical Officer of Health for the area in Ireland where the sausages were manufactured, and he caused a thorough inspection to be made of the factory. It was subsequently reported that the piece of metal had been identified as being a cutting of metal strip which was used for binding wooden packing cases. At the time of the investigation, reconstruction of the factory was in progress and arrangements were made for the packed sausages to be kept as far away as possible from the metal strapping machine.

Pie, Meat	1	1	...	...
Powder, Curry	1	1	...	...
Powder, Mustard	2	2	...	...
Powder, Egg	33	33	...	...
Powder, Golden	1	1	...	...
- Raisins -	2	2	...	...
Powder, Baking	4	4	...	...
- Cocoa	28	28	...	...
				Total

CONDEMNED FOOD

The following is a list of foods condemned during the year by the Sanitary Inspectors as being unfit for human consumption:-

	Tons	Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Bread & Cake ...	-	-	-	11	7
Butter ...	-	-	-	13	4
Cereals ..	-	-	-	-	-
Cheese ...	-	-	-	4	3
Eggs ...	-	-	-	-	-
Fish ...	-	8	1	4	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Flour ...	-	-	-	-	-
Fruit & Vegetables ...	-	8	2	7	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Fruit & Vegetable Juices	-	-	-	12	7
Jam ...	-	4	2	18	11
Meat ...	2	8	3	14	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Meat, Fresh ...	-	1	2	11	12
Milk ...	1	17	-	13	14
Paste & Pickles.	-	2	2	21	6
Soup ...	-	1	1	8	13
Sugar ...	-	-	-	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sweets ...	-	2	3	14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Miscellaneous ..	-	3	2	3	6
Total ...	5	19	3	24	0 $\frac{1}{4}$

FOOD & DRUGS ACT SAMPLES, 1953

Article	Formal		Informal	
	No. Taken	No. Adulterated	No. Taken	No. Adulterated
Food				
Bread ...	3	-	3	-
Butter ...	1	-	-	-
Cheese ...	1	-	-	-
Cocoa ...	-	-	1	-
Confectionery ...	2	-	5	-
Cream ...	-	-	5	-
Flour, Self-raising	3	-	3	-
Jam ...	1	-	1	-
Lard ...	1	-	-	-
Margarine .	-	-	1	-
Milk ...	106	-	53	-
Mustard ...	1	-	1	-
Tea ...	2	-	-	-
Vinegar ...	4	-	1	-
Total	125	-	74	-

Food and Drugs Act Samples - continued.

Articles	Formal		Informal	
	No. Taken	No. Adulterated	No. Taken	No. Adulterated
Drugs				
Aspirins	-	-	2	-
Ginger, Ground	1	-	-	-
Lozenges, Blackcurrent & Glycerine	-	-	1	-
Lozenges, Glucose	-	-	1	-
Magnesium Sulphate	-	-	1	-
Paraffin, Liquid	-	-	1	-
Total	1	-	6	-
Other Articles				
Bemax	-	-	1	-
Cake	2	-	2	-
Chutney	1	-	-	-
Coffee Essence	1	-	-	-
Cocoanut	-	-	1	-
Curd, Lemon	2	-	-	-
Dripping	1	-	1	-
Fish, Canned	1	-	1	-
Ice Cream	-	-	48	-
Ice Lollie	-	-	6	-
Jelly	-	-	1	-
Macaroni	-	-	3	-
Meat, Canned	1	-	1	-
Milk, Malted	-	-	1	-
Mincemeat	1	-	-	-
Mixture, Gravy	-	-	1	-
Oil, Olive	1	-	-	-
Oil, Palm Kernel	2	-	-	-
Paste, Meat	1	-	-	-
Parsley & Thyme	-	-	1	-
Peel, Mixed	1	-	-	-
Pepper	2	-	1	-
Pie, Meat	1	-	-	-
Powder, Curry	-	-	2	-
Powder, Custard	2	-	1	-
Powder, Egg	-	-	1	-
Powder, Golden Raising	-	-	1	-
Powder, Synthetic Cream	-	-	1	-
Carried Forward	20	-	75	-

Food and Drugs Act Samples - continued

Article	Formal		Informal	
	No. Taken	No. Adulterated	No. Taken	No. Adulterated
Brought forward	20	-	75	-
Other articles (Cont'd)				
Sauce, Horseradish	-	-	1	-
Sausages, Beef	1	-	-	-
Sausages, Pork	2	-	1	-
Sausages, Vienna	1	-	-	-
Semolina	-	-	1	-
Soup	1	-	-	-
Squash, Fruit	2	-	3	-
Suet	1	-	1	-
Tapioca	-	-	2	-
Vegetables, Preserved	1	-	-	-
Total	29	-	84	-
TOTALS	155	-	164	-

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN

At the end of the year 1952 a suggested outline of a course of action was submitted to the Public Health Committee and approved. The main features as set out in the Report for that year were put into operation during 1953.

The District Sanitary Inspectors distributed copies of Section 13 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, together with copies of the London County Byelaws for the Protection of Food to all premises in the Borough where food is sold or prepared for consumption by the public. The Inspectors contacted the proprietors or managers of these establishments and explained to them the aim of the Campaign.

The majority of the proprietors were very co-operative and agreed to display notices supplied by the Council respecting the exclusion of dogs from food shops. This was preceded by a poster campaign and by press publicity requesting the co-operation of the general public.

A poster campaign has continued throughout the year, a fresh poster being displayed every three weeks. These posters are displayed on Council Notice Boards throughout the Borough, in Council Establishments, the Local Food Office, London County Council Infant Welfare Centres, Medical Practitioners' Waiting Rooms and Political and Social Organisations. Pamphlets on food hygiene were also distributed to these establishments and organisations.

To induce further interest in the Campaign, a prize of £5.5s.0d. was offered to the Stoke Newington resident or person employed by a Stoke Newington firm who submitted the best slogan dealing with Clean Food. 79 entries were received and the winner was a Stoke Newington resident who received his prize from His Worship the Mayor at the July Council Meeting. The winning slogan was:-

"Better Health is easily earned

By having clean ways where food is concerned."

The London County Council Education Officer was approached with a view to lectures and film shows being given to children in Stoke Newington Schools. Here again, co-operation from the Education Officer resulted in a number of lectures and film shows being given to the children during school hours.

Through the co-operation of the London County Council, several lectures and film shows have been given to various organisations at the Woodberry Down Health Centre.

The results of the Campaign for the first nine months of the year were very gratifying and encouraging, and it was decided to stabilise these results by holding an Exhibition.

This Scheme was approved by the Public Health Committee and the Exhibition was held for one week in October.

A firm of publishers was given authority to canvass traders in the Borough to take advertising space in a handbook entitled "Health and Hygiene" and 2,900 copies of this handbook were distributed during and after the Exhibition.

A large proportion of the material used in the Exhibition was prepared and erected by members of the staff of the Public Health Department, who also manned the Exhibition. Valuable assistance was given by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries who provided and fixed the display stands, in addition to arranging film shows throughout the day.

A total of 3,097 persons attended the Exhibition and this figure included 752 children who attended in organised parties from the schools. These parties were guided round the Exhibition by the Sanitary Inspectors who explained the various details regarding the Exhibits.

The Exhibition, at which a number of members of the Council and Chief Officers were present, was officially opened by His Worship the Mayor.

HEALTH EDUCATION

During the year pamphlets continued to be distributed at the Public Health Department Counter and posters covering many subjects were displayed.

The pamphlets concerned subjects such as Rodent Control, Diphtheria, Home Help Services and the London County Council Health Services.

Handbooks entitled "Health and Hygiene" containing hints and warnings with regard to the handling of food were issued at the counter.

Enquiries regarding a wide variety of subjects were also dealt with personally in the Public Health Department.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT, STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS AND CIRCULAR LETTERS
ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE PUBLIC
HEALTH SERVICES DURING THE YEAR, 1953.

Statutory Instruments

- No. 246 Offals in Meat Products Order, 1953.
- 299 Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1953.
- 536 Labelling of Food Order, 1953.
- 691 Food Standards (Preserves) Order, 1953.
- 828 Food Standards (Ice-Cream) Order, 1953.
- 1282 The Flour Order, 1953.
- 1283 The Bread Order, 1953.
- 1310 Food Standards (Saccharin Tablets) Order, 1953.
- 1311 Artificial Sweetness in Food Order, 1953.
- 1407 The Salvaged Goods (Revocation) Order, 1953.
- 1504 Local Authorities (Charges for Dustbins) (Revocation) Order, 1953.
- 1609 Public Health (Condensed Milk) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953.
- 1610 Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) (Amendment)
Regulations, 1953.
- 1820 Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) (Amendment No. 2)
Regulations, 1953.
- 1821 Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised & Sterilised Milk)
(Amendment) Regulations, 1953.
- 1828 Food Standards (Soft Drinks) Order, 1953.
- 1876 Milk & Dairies (Amendment) Regulations, 1953.
- 1889 Labelling of Food (Amendment) Order, 1953.

Ministry of Health Circulars.

No. 2. Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health for 1952.

6. Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1953.

Ministry of Food Circulars.

No. 1 Meat Products (No.3) Order, 1952.

3 Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949 - Approved Oxidising & Preservative Agents.

4 The Home-Canned Fruit & Vegetables Order, 1950 - Revocation of

6 Offals in Meat Products Order, 1953; Meat Products (No.3) Order, 1953.

9 The Cream & Use of Milk (Revocation) Order, 1953.

10 Ice Cream Standard.

11 Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949 - Approved Oxidising & Preservative Agents.

12 Prevention of Nuisance from Blowflies.

16 Clean Catering.

17 Food Standards (Saccharin Tablets) Order, 1953.
Artificial Sweeteners in Food Order, 1953.

18 The Flour Order, 1953; The Bread Order, 1953.

19 The Salvaged Goods (Revocation) Order, 1953.

20 Public Health (Condensed Milk)(Amendment) Regulations, 1953.
Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food)(Amendment) Regulations, 1953.

21 Disposal of Meat & Offal Unfit for Human Consumption.

22 Standard for Soft Drinks Order, 1953.

23 Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised & Sterilised Milk)(Amendment) Regulations, 1953.

24 Milk & Dairies (Amendment) Regulations, 1953.