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OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR 1954

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Cleansing Station Attendant

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(b) Meat & Other Foods Certificate

(c) Institute of Housing Certificate

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STOKE NEWINGTON

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1954.

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.

The number of new Sanitary complaints received was 1341 as compared with 1160, for the previous year showing an increase of 181.

The Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, placed an additional burden on the staff of the department. Inspections prior to the issue of Certificates of Disrepair, involve a great amount of the Inspectors' time, while the administrative work in this connection is correspondingly increased. From the 30th August, 1954, the date of the commencement of the Act, to the 31st December, 1954, 30 applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received and 19 Certificates were issued.

During the year, the Senior Sanitary Inspector, Mr.A.P.Piggott retired from the service of the Council, having spent the whole of his municipal life with this Authority, and his post was filled by the promotion of Mr.C.V.Frisby, the Senior Housing Inspector. Mr.Piggott's knowledge of the borough was very extensive and during his long service, he saw many major changes take place. It was during his last few years of service that the London County Council built the very large Woodberry Down Estate and Mr.Piggott was personally responsible for the supervision of the installation of the drainage system on this estate. Mr.L.Foxley, Assistant Housing Inspector left the service at the end of the year to take up an appointment with another Authority. This created two vacancies on the establishment of Sanitary Inspectors, which at the time of writing, have not been filled.

The shortage of qualified Sanitary Inspectors is general throughout the Country, and all local authorities are finding it increasingly difficult to fill vacant posts. This fact is having serious repercussions, as only the more important items of Sanitary Inspection can be carried out, and at the present time, there appears to be little likelihood of the position of the supply of Sanitary Inspectors being remedied.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the civilian population in 1954 was 51,260 as compared with 51,250 in 1953, while the number of births allocated to Stoke Newington in 1954 was 812 as compared with 753 in 1953, thus showing an increase in the birth rate from 14.69 to 15.84.

The number of deaths of children under one year of age was 15 as compared with 18 in 1953, showing a decrease in the death rate from 23.90 to 18.47. The rate for England and Wales was 25.5. The causes of death were Pneumonia 1, Congenital Malformations 3, Bronchitis 1, and Other Causes 10. Of these 15 deaths, 3 occurred in the first 24 hours of life and 10 in the first month of life.

Deaths from Motor Vehicle Accidents were 2. These involved a man between the age groups of 45 and 65 and a woman over 75. This is an increase of one death over the previous year and the third successive year in which no young children were involved in fatal accidents.

Deaths due to other accidents totalled 8 and showed an increase of 3 over the previous year. 3 males and 5 females were involved, and deaths were caused from fractures after having fallen, after being knocked down by a motor cycle and from drowning.

Suicides totalled 4 and involved 1 male and 3 females.

Deaths of Stoke Newington residents totalled 505 as compared with 503 in 1953 and the death rate increased very slightly from 9.81 to 9.85. The causes of death were Tuberculosis 7, Syphilitic Diseases 1, Cancer 90, Vascular Lesions of Nervous System 61, Heart Diseases 154, Pneumonia 19, Bronchitis 44, Motor Vehicle Accidents 2, Suicides 4 and Other Diseases 123.

Once again it is to be noted that the number of deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis is decreasing. The number of deaths from Cancer of the Lung was 23 this figure being the same as that for 1953. The deaths in 1954 from Pulmonary Tuberculosis were 6 as compared with 11 in 1953.

It will be remembered that during the year a public statement was made regarding the association of smoking with Lung Cancer. The public should appreciate the fact that there is every indication that there is an association between smoking particularly cigarettes and the incidence of Cancer of the Lung.

Notifications of Infectious Diseases showed a marked decrease over the figure for 1953. 472 notifications were received as compared with 1251 for

the previous year. There were no cases of Diphtheria, but one case of Poliomyelitis was removed to Hospital. 16 cases of Food Poisoning were reported and involved persons in various age groups. Particulars regarding Food Poisoning will be found in the main body of the Report.

417 specimens were sent to the Laboratory at County Hall, and once again, I would like to express my appreciation to Dr. Tomlinson and his staff for the help they have given with these examinations.

During the year, 3122 enquiries were dealt with at the Public Health Department counter and covered a wide variety of subjects. In addition, posters were displayed in the department and on the Council notice boards and leaflets were distributed throughout the Council's establishments to which the public has access. The matters dealt with were varied and included Diphtheria Immunisation, Influenza, Accidents in the Home, Atmospheric Pollution and Food Hygiene.

Throughout the year, the investigation into Atmospheric Pollution continued and readings for the full year will be found in the Statistical part of the report. In addition daily readings have been taken, showing the extent of pollution in the borough.

In this connection, the Public Health Committee have discussed at great length the question of the supply and burning of smokeless fuels in premises in the borough. Difficulties have been experienced in connection with the supply in small quantities suitable for the limited storage accommodation in many Council and privately owned dwellings. This situation has now been remedied and coal merchants are now arranging for smokeless fuels to be delivered in small quantities in order to solve the storage problem.

There still remains the widespread problem of adequate supplies of this type of fuel, particularly when heavy demands are made during bad weather.

The Clean Food Campaign continued throughout the year with the display of posters, lectures and film shows. A series of six monthly film shows, the first of which took place in October, included a full length feature film, as well as short films on food and other health matters. These shows were so well attended that the Public Health Committee has decided that a further series should commence in October 1955.

Further details of the Campaign, including a survey of food premises will be found in the main body of the report.

319 samples of Food, Drugs and other articles were taken under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, of which 141 were formal samples and 178 were informal samples. None of these samples was adulterated.

Six complaints of foreign bodies in food were received in the department and details of these and the action taken are to be found in the food section of the report.

A few old and infirm persons have caused the department some anxiety during the year, but in no case was it necessary to invoke Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

Dr.C.F.Stott, the Deputy Medical Officer of Health, has continued to assist the department throughout the year.

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to His Worship the Mayor and to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for the support they have given me during 1954.

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

S. KING

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Live Births:-				Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate	...	...	...	761	378	383	) Birth rate
Illegitimate	...	...	...	51	23	28	) 15.84
Still Births:-							
Legitimate	...	...	...	13	6	7	) Rate per 1000
Illegitimate	...	...	...	-	-	-	) total births -
							) 15.75
Deaths	...	...	...	505	255	250	Death rate 9.85

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth - 2

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

Legitimate 19.71 Illegitimate Nil Total 18.47

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

Legitimate 13.14 Illegitimate Nil Total 12.31

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 90

" " Measles (all ages) Nil

" " Whooping Cough (all ages) Nil

" " Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea (all ages)... 3

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the civilian population of Stoke Newington in 1954 is 51,260.

Infantile Mortality

During 1954 the Registrar-General allocated to Stoke Newington the deaths of 15 children under the age of twelve months. This figure was a decrease of 3 over the number of deaths in 1953.

The infant mortality rates in the past five years were:-

Infant Mortality rate 1954	Infant Mortality rates in previous years.			
	1953	1952	1951	1950
18.47	23.	13.	29.	24

Deaths

The death rates for the past five years were:-

1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
9.85	9.81	11.0	12.3	10.4

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS

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The causes of the 15 infant deaths in 1954 are set out in the following table:-

Causes of Death	Under 24 hours	1 day to 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	Total
Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Congenital Malformations	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	3
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
All other Causes	2	5	-	-	-	7	1	1	1	-	10
	3	6	1	-	-	10	3	1	1	-	15

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Causes of Death	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Pneumonia	2	3	4	3	1	1	4	-	2	1
Congenital Malformations, etc.	4	10	10	9	10	3	1	2	4	3
Premature Birth	11	14	5	7	3	8	11	-	-	4
Whooping Cough	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bronchitis	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
Diarrhoea	4	1	3	2	1	3	1	-	1	-
Other Digestive Diseases	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Prolonged Labour	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Syphilis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Violent Causes	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other Causes	-	1	-	3	-	5	9	9	10	1
	27	35	24	25	15	21	26	11	18	15

GENERAL SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS
FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS

Year	Estimated Popula- tion	Births		Deaths		Deaths under One Year.	
		No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1945	37,030	704	19.01	475	12.8	27	38.35
1946	43,790	958	21.19	504	11.5	35	36.53
1947	45,900	1084	23.61	507	11.04	24	22.14
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
1953	51,250	753	14.69	503	9.81	18	23.90
1954	51,260	812	15.84	505	9.85	15	18.47

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIONOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

During 1954 there were 472 cases of notifiable infectious disease as compared with 1251 cases in 1953.

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

Disease	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	-	3	2	-	-
Diphtheria..	3	-	1	-	-
Dysentery... ..	7	88	22	80	40
Erysipelas..	13	8	2	11	6
Food Poisoning	10	4	-	10	16
Malaria	-	-	-	1	-
Measles	391	1100	559	774	284
Ophthalmia Neonatorum... ..	2	-	3	1	5
Paratyphoid.	-	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia... ..	26	27	9	33	35
Poliomyelitis	11	-	3	2	1
Polio-encephalitis	1	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	9	21	6	21	16
Scabies	4	6	2	3	7
Scarlet Fever	102	114	112	78	18
Typhoid	-	1	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	116	293	110	236	43
	695	1665	831	1251	472

The attack rates for the principal infectious diseases were as follows:-

Disease	Attack Rate
Diphtheria..	Nil
Erysipelas..	0.11
Measles	5.54
Pneumonia... ..	0.68
Poliomyelitis and Polio-encephalitis	0.02
Scarlet Fever	0.35
Whooping Cough	0.83

Table showing Notifications of Infectious Diseases received in 1954 in Age Groups and Admissions to Hospital.

Disease.	All ages.	Under 5	5-14	15-44	45-64	65 & over	Admissions to Hospital
Dysentery ...	40	7	21	6	5	1	9
Erysipelas ..	6	-	-	4	2	-	1
Food Poisoning ...	16	2	3	5	6	-	1
Measles ...	284	139	144	1	-	-	9
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	5	5	-	-	-	-	5
Pneumonia ...	35	-	4	8	5	18	3
Poliomyelitis ...	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia..	16	-	-	16	-	-	16
Scabies ...	7	-	3	2	1	1	-
Scarlet Fever ...	18	3	15	-	-	-	9
Typhoid ...	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough ...	43	25	17	1	-	-	6
Totals ...	472	182	208	43	19	20	61

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>
2	3	7	4	16

Outbreaks due to Identified Agents. Nil.

Outbreaks of Undiscovered Cause. Nil.

Single Cases.

	<u>No. of cases</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tinned lobster suspected	1	1
No food suspected (Salmonella typhimurium)	1	1
No food suspected	1	1
Pork Pie suspected	1	1
Milk suspected	1	1
Ice Cream suspected	1	1
No food suspected (No pathogenic organisms present)	1	1
No food suspected (Salmonella typhimurium)	1	1
Pork Chop suspected	1	1
No food suspected (Salmonella infection)	1	1
Bananas and pears suspected	1	1
Bananas and school meals suspected	1	1
Fish suspected	1	1
Meat Pie suspected	1	1
Tinned cream and pineapple suspected	1	1
Beef suspected (Salmonella typhimurium)	1	1
		<u>16</u>

TUBERCULOSIS, 1954

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, 31.12.53. ...	385	331	716	50	38	88	435	369	804
Primary Notifications ...	18	24	42	2	1	3	20	25	45
Posthumous Notifications..	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Restored	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Removals into Borough ...	30	15	45	1	3	4	31	18	49
From other sections. ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONS	49	39	88	3	4	7	52	43	95
Deaths..	9	3	12	-	-	-	9	3	12
Posthumous Notifications..	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Removals from Borough ...	23	24	47	2	1	3	25	25	50
Recovered	2	2	4	2	1	3	4	3	7
Diagnosis not confirmed...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
To other sections... ..	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
TOTAL DELETIONS	35	30	65	4	2	6	39	32	71
Net increase..	14	9	23	-	2	2	14	11	25
Net decrease..	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1
On Register at 31.12.54...	399	340	739	49	40	89	448	380	828

N.R. = Non-Respiratory

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

[illegible]

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

Year	Population	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
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
1954	51,260	42	3	45

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 1954:-

Examination	Result of Examination		Total
	Positive	Negative	
Boils	1	-	1
Ear	-	1	1
Faeces	95	275	370
Nasal	2	3	5
Sputum	-	2	2
Throat	4	32	36
Ulcers	-	1	1
Urine	-	1	1
	102	315	417

HEALTH EDUCATION

During the year, pamphlets were distributed at the Public Health counter, through the Public Libraries and through the Medical Practitioners.

The pamphlets covered Diphtheria, Influenza, Whooping Cough, Care of the Feet, Care of the Teeth, Rodent Control and Atmospheric Pollution.

Enquiries were also dealt with personally in the Public Health Department.

SCABIES AND VERMINOUS CONDITIONS

The cases of Scabies notified and number of treatments given during 1954 and the two preceding years were as follows:-

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Cases notified	2	3	7
Cases treated at Cleansing Station.	26	13	29

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	4	8	38	38
Children over 5 years	21	30	207	207
Adults	4	10	30	30
	29	48	275	275

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..... -

(3) Cause of death certified by Coroner..... 85

Number of post-mortem examinations made..... 90

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

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

Cases disinfected after:-

Scarlet Fever	20
Diphtheria	4
Tuberculosis	12
Erysipelas	1
Cancer	6
Scabies	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Other Diseases.	66
Total Number of Rooms Disinfected.	103
Books	70
Articles	838
Articles for Abroad	66
Removals	2
Verminous Rooms	107
Verminous Articles	412
Articles Destroyed	6

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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.....	1256
" " " " after infectious disease....	117
" " " Milkshops and Diaries.....	113
" " " Factories.....	183
" " " Outworkers Premises.....	553
" " " Shops.....	166
" " " Ice Cream Premises.....	112
" " " Restaurants and Eating Houses.....	79
" " " Bakehouses.....	34
" " " Food Premises.....	1612
" " " Other Premises.....	1376
" " re Housing Accommodation.....	616
" " " Pharmacy and Poisons.....	63
" " " Rodent Control.....	302
" " " Smoke Nuisance.....	6
" " " Notices from Builders.....	231
Total number of re-inspections.....	8207
Intimation Notices Served.....	614
Statutory Notices Served.....	230
Dustbin Notices.....	40
Notices under Section 40, Public Health (London) Act, 1936	79

NUISANCES REMEDIED

Premises in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health.	162
The house or part of the house in a damp condition so as to be insanitary.	272
The house in a dilapidated condition so as to be insanitary.	85
The Water Closet without a water supply.	3
The Water Closet with a deficient supply of water.	2
The Water Closet so defective as to be a nuisance.	53
The Water Closet stopped.	2
The soil pipe defective	1
The soil pipe improperly ventilated	2
Sink defective and insanitary.	5
The waste pipe improperly trapped and insanitary.	2
The waste pipe of lavatory or bath defective.	21
The waste pipe of lavatory improperly trapped.	1
An accumulation or deposit of refuse dangerous or injurious to health.	6
The dustbin or ashpit defective.	16
The drain foul.	1
The drain improperly ventilated.	1
The drain choked or stopped.	7
The rainwater pipe defective.	11
The house without a proper water supply.	2
The roof defective so as to be insanitary.	153
The guttering defective so as to be insanitary.	41

AIR POLLUTION

As in previous years, regular measurements of air pollution have been made with the Deposit Gauge and the Lead Peroxide apparatus installed at the Town Hall. From these instruments monthly readings are obtained, details of which are given in tables in this report.

Investigation into the great "Smog" of 1952 showed that throughout London there was almost a complete lack of local information as to the daily variation in pollution. The Fuel Research Station at Greenwich submitted a scheme whereby instruments would be sited throughout the Metropolitan area so that a fairly complete picture of daily pollution could be obtained, and the adoption of this scheme was recommended by the Metropolitan Boroughs Standing Joint Committee.

It was suggested by the Fuel Research Station that one instrument should be set up in Stoke Newington, in the Allen Road area, and this was immediately agreed to by the Public Health Committee. The site had to be one which was representative of the area, safe from interference and available for regular attention. The office at the Disinfecting Station met these requirements and the apparatus was installed there in November. The regular changing of filter discs etc., is under the care of the Disinfecting Station staff.

The Fuel Research Station have made plans for widespread investigations at short intervals during heavy and persistent fog in the London area. Arrangements have been made for this newly-installed instrument to be available in such investigation, and for two-hourly readings to be taken when the request for these is received from Greenwich.

Increased publicity of the need for the prevention of smoke was given by the display of posters and leaflets, while the film "Guilty Chimneys" was among those shown to the public in October.

The implications of the Beaver report were considered by the Public Health Committee when it was published. In Stoke Newington the emission of smoke arises largely from domestic chimneys, and the fact that the new Council and L.C.C. flats are all fitted with modern solid fuel burning appliances will be a great advantage if the proposals set out in the report are put into force.

The success of any general scheme for the prevention of smoke from domestic chimneys must depend largely on guaranteed regular and adequate supplies of coke, and representations have been made by the Council to the Authorities concerned on this matter. The problem of providing sufficient storage for coke in Council's flats is also an important one which has been considered by the Public Health and Housing Committees.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

DEPOSIT GAUGE

Month	Rainfall in inches	Tons per Square Mile		
		Soluble Matter	Insoluble Matter	Total Solids
January	0.75	7.69	9.41	17.10
February	1.93	8.06	12.58	20.64
March	1.89	6.67	8.88	15.55
April	0.39	9.91	6.27	16.18
May	1.38	6.24	7.30	13.54
June	3.47	11.16	6.67	17.83
July	2.17	4.92	12.94	17.86
August	2.99	3.93	6.21	10.14
September	1.73	7.86	7.23	15.09
October	2.40	6.27	5.58	11.85
November	3.03	9.85	7.49	17.34
December	1.38	6.24	7.07	13.31

LEAD PEROXIDE APPARATUS

Month	Mg. of SO_3 /day collected by 100 sq.cm. of Batch A PbO_2 (louvered cover)
January	2.91
February	4.32
March	2.44
April	1.28
May	1.17
June	0.75
July	0.80
August	0.96
September	1.32
October	1.90
November	3.09
December	3.43

Summary of Enquiries made at the Public Health Department

During the year, 3122 enquiries were dealt with at the Public Health Department counter and are analysed below:-

New Sanitary Complaints	1341
Follow up of Original Complaint	424
Housing Enquiries	49
Infectious Disease Enquiries.	26
Street Trading Enquiries.	9
Disinfection	56
Vaccination	130
Maternity and Child Welfare Services.	9
Miscellaneous	1078

Drainage Applications.

During the year, 36 Drainage Applications and plans were approved by the Council.

Water Supply.

The water supply of the Borough is controlled by the Metropolitan Water Board, and is supplied direct to the dwelling houses.

No complaint regarding the supply was received during the year.

Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954.

This Act came into force at the latter part of the year and the following is a statement in connection therewith:-

(a) No. of Applications for Certificates of Disrepair	30
(b) No. of Certificates granted	27
(c) No. of Certificates refused	1
(d) No. of Applications withdrawn	2

National Assistance Act 1948.

During the year only one person, a female, aged 80 was buried by The Council under Section 50 of the above Act. The cost to the Council was £14.12.6.

Swimming Bath.

During the summer months, a series of samples of water from the Clissold Road Swimming Bath were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination.

The samples proved satisfactory and showed the high degree of efficiency achieved with the break-point chlorination plant used for purifying the water. Samples sent for chemical analysis were also satisfactory.

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 public health nuisance at premises in Winston Road.	-			1.	1.	0.	Order to abate in 28 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Milton Grove.	-			1.	1.	0.	Withdrawn. Work completed.
For public health nuisance at premises in Lordship Park.	-			1.	1.	0.	Order to abate in 14 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Edwards Lane.	-			1.	1.	0.	Order to abate in 14 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Queen's Drive.	-			-	-	-	Work in hand. Adjourned sine die.
For public health nuisance at premises in Bouverie Road.	-			2.	2.	0.	Order to abate in 10 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Alexandra Grove.	-			-	-	-	Order to abate in 21 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Woodlea Road.	-			-	-	-	Work in hand. Adjourned sine die.
For public health nuisance at premises in Queen's Drive.	-			-	-	-	Work in hand. Adjourned sine die.
For public health nuisance at premises in Palatine Road.	-			-	-	-	Work in hand. Adjourned sine die.
For failure to comply with abatement order in respect of premises in Prince George Road.	-			-	-	-	Work in hand. Adjourned sine die.
For public health nuisance at premises in Bouverie Road.	-			-	-	-	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 Winston Road.	-			1.	10.	0.	Given absolute discharge.
For public health nuisance at premises in Springdale Road.	-			-			Work completed before hearing. Withdrawn.
For public health nuisance at premises in Carysfort Road.	-			-			Adjourned until 28.7.54. Work in hand. Withdrawn.
For public health nuisance at premises in Londesborough Road.	-			-			Order to abate in 14 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Lordship Road.	-			3.	3.	0.	Order to abate in 14 days. Failed to abate. Adjourned to 3/1/55.
For public health nuisance at premises in Lordship Grove.	-			1.	1.	0.	Order to abate in 7 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Queen's Drive.	-			-			Closing Order.
For public health nuisance at premises in Springdale Road.	-			-			Withdrawn. Property sold prior to hearing.
For public health nuisance at premises in Woodberry Grove.	-			5.	5.	0.	Adjourned to 6/10/54. Adjourned to 2/11/54. Order to abate in 14 days.

Legal proceedings (continued)

Nature of Office	Fine			Costs			Remarks.
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	
For public health nuisance at premises in Albion Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	Adjourned to 6/10/54. Roof ad- journed sine die. Other work - Order to abate in 21 days. 29/11/54 - Roof - Order to abate in 14 days. Other work - Failure to comply - Adjourned.
For offence under Food & Drugs Act 1938. Sec.3(1) Bakery.	-	-	-	5.	0.	0.	Absolute discharge.
For public health nuisance at premises in Brighton Road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Work completed. Withdrawn.
For public health nuisance at premises in Trumans Road.	-	-	-	1.	1.	0.	Order to abate in 21 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Prince George Road.	-	-	-	2.	2.	0.	Order to abate in 14 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Winston Road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not served.
For public health nuisance at premises in Belgrade Road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Work in hand. Adjourned 3/1/55.
For public health nuisance at premises in Carysfort Road.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Work in hand. Adjourned 3/1/55.

RODENT CONTROLSurface Treatment

During the year 1954 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 1953, are set out below:-

<u>1954</u>		<u>1953</u>	
<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>
156	284	159	152

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

No. of premises investigated for rats ...	...	...	212
No. of premises investigated for mice ...	...	...	309
No. of premises investigated and found not bothered..			154
No. of baits laid to deal with rats ...	...	...	1218
No. of drains found defective ...	...	...	29

Sewer Treatments

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

First Treatment (No.19)

This was carried out as follows:-

Pre-Baiting	14th & 15th June, 1954.
Poison Baiting	16th June, 1954.
Check of Poison Bait	17th June, 1954.
Bait base and poison used	Sausage rusk & zinc phosphide

265 Manholes were baited and 168 showed 'takes' of pre-bait.

The estimated kill based on 'takes' of poison bait was 1320.

Second Treatment (No.20)

This was carried out as follows:-

Pre-Baiting	29th & 30th November, 1954.
Poison Baiting	1st December, 1954.
Check of Poison Bait	2nd December, 1954.
Bait base and poison used	Sausage rusk and arsenious oxide.

256 Manholes were baited and 168 showed 'takes' of pre-bait.

The estimated kill based on 'takes' of poison bait was 772.

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		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.....	59	63	5	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	302	164	29	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority, excluding outworkers premises.....	9	18	-	Nil
Total.....	370	245	34	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	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.....	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient.....	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	23	23	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	2	2	(11) Relating to lack of Abstract.		
Total.....	27	27	11	-	-

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.....	155	155	370	359	525	514
Number of outworkers employed by firms outside the Borough.....	257	238	-	-	257	238
Total number of outworkers whose names were included in lists submitted during the year.....	412	393	370	359	782	752

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

Trade	No. of Out- workers		Trade	No. of Out- workers	
	Feb.	Aug.		Feb.	Aug.
Artificial Flowers.	13	11	Lampshades	1	1
Belts & Braces	1	1	Light Machinery	1	-
Brushes.	4	4	Linen Goods	2	1
Buttons & Button Carding	1	-	Novelties, Hair		
Coathangers	2	2	nets, etc.	7	4
Cardboard Boxes, etc.	25	27	Paper Bags.	1	-
Children's Wear	6	11	Plastic Bags.	6	10
Cake Ornaments	2	-	Shoulder Pads.	2	-
Cosaques, Xmas Stockings,			Stationery	3	4
Crackers, etc.	2	2	Toys & Games	2	9
Druggist Sundries	1	2	Trimmings	4	4
Embroidered Furnishings	-	3	Umbrellas	3	3
Fancy Feathers	26	20	Wearing Apparel		
Footwear	11	9	(Making, alteration		
Furs	3	3	and cleaning)	264	249
Hats	10	9			
Handbags & Leather Goods	9	4	Total	412	393

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

District	February	August	Total
Bethnal Green	6	6	12
Camberwell	2	-	2
Cambridge	2	1	3
Chelsea	1	1	2
Corporation of London.	7	8	15
Finsbury	49	56	105
Hackney	42	36	78
Hammersmith	2	1	3
Holborn	6	5	11
Hornsey	2	2	4
Islington	52	56	108
Kensington	2	1	3
Lewisham	1	-	1
Leyton	1	-	1
Luton	1	-	1
Paddington	-	1	1
Southgate	1	1	2
St. Pancras	5	5	10
Shoreditch	24	14	38
Stepney	7	7	14
Tottenham	14	12	26
West Ham	-	1	1
Westminster	30	24	54
	257	238	495

SUMMARY

	Feb.	Aug.		Feb.	Aug.
Artificial Flowers	13	11	Hats	9	8
Boots and Shoes	11	9	Handbags	9	4
Braces and Belts	1	1	Lampshades	1	1
Brushes	4	4	Linen Goods	1	-
Buttons & Button Carding	1	-	Light Machinery	1	-
Cardboard Boxes, etc.	25	27	Plastic Bags	6	10
Children's Wear	3	2	Paper Bags	1	-
Cake Ornaments	2	-	Should Pads	2	-
Coat Hangers	2	2	Stationery etc.	3	4
Druggist Sundries	1	2	Toys, Xmas Crackers etc	4	8
Embroidered Furnishing	-	1	Trimmings	1	1
Fancy & Cotton Goods	1	1	Umbrellas	3	3
Feathers	6	6	Wearing Apparel	146	133
			Total	257	238

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1954

(a) Number of dwelling houses inspected on complaint	1256
(b) Number of dwelling houses inspected on notification of illness	117
(c) Number of dwelling houses inspected (house to house). ...	Nil
(d) Number of dwelling houses found to be in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health ...	162
(e) Number of unfit or defective houses repaired as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Public Health and Housing Acts	210
(f) Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices under the Public Health Act	
(a) by owners	182
(b) by local authority in default.	12
(g) Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices under the Housing Act, 1936 ...	
(a) by owners	Nil
(b) by local authority in default.	Nil
(h) Number of Closing Orders (Section 12) parts of buildings..	43
(i) Number of persons displaced	17

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.			25
	Over-crowding	Illness or physical disability and conditions of premises	
Number investigated	13	110	123
Total Number Investigated.			148

APPLICANTS RE-HOUSED

London County Council

	Over-crowding	Illness or physical disability and conditions of premises	Totals
Applicants Investigated	15	17	32
Other Applicants			82
Total - London County Council			114

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

Andover Estate. 1

Arden Estate. 3

Ashburton Estate. 2

Aveley Estate. 20

Avebury Estate. 1

Becontree Estate 1

Boreham Wood Estate 19

Burdett Estate. 1

Clapham Park (West) Estate. 1

Cranston Estate. 1

Debden Estate. 2

Dukes Court Dwellings. 1

East Dulwich Estate. 1

E.F.M.B. 1

Hainault Estate. 2

Harold Hill Estate. 5

Hillside Estate. 2

Hutton Estate. 2

Kenmore Park Estate. 1

Kilburn Vale Estate. 2

Kingsmead Estate. 2

Kinswood Estate.	1
Langley Estate.	1
Maitland Park Estate.	1
Mayville Estate.	2
Millbank Estate.	1
Mortimer Estate.	1
Northwold Estate.	1
Ocean Estate.	2
Patmore Estate.	2
Pembury Estate.	1
Quadrant Estate.	17
Romford Estate.	1
St. Pauls Cray Estate.	1
Sheerwater Estate.	1
Slough Estate.	1
Stamford Hill Estate.	4
Wordsworth Road Estate.	1
Watling Estate.	3
Woodberry Down Estate.	1
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD
AND FOOD PREMISES

Milk Supply

At the end of the year there remained on the register 44 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>
26	43	6

SUPPLEMENTARY LICENCES

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

Milk Samples

156 samples of milk were sent for bacteriological examination and of these 4 failed to pass the Methylene Blue Test.

Ice Cream.

During the year 45 samples of Ice Cream were sent to the Laboratory for Bacteriological examination, and were reported upon as follows:-

33 samples were up to Grade I Standard

7 " " " " " " II "

2 " " " " " " III "

3 " " " " " " IV "

Pharmacy and Poisons

The names and addresses of 53 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 year and returned as genuine was as under:-

Month	Number	Total Solids	Milk Fat	Non-Fatty Solids
January	21	12.25%	3.45%	8.80%
February	14	12.31%	3.50%	8.81%
March	13	12.26%	3.47%	8.79%
April	12	12.28%	3.52%	8.76%
May	12	12.34%	3.50%	8.84%
June	12	12.32%	3.41%	8.91%
July	21	12.25%	3.46%	8.79%
August	8	12.41%	3.63%	8.78%
September... ..	12	12.45%	3.54%	8.90%
October	17	12.72%	3.80%	8.92%
November	8	12.88%	3.91%	8.97%
December	9	12.65%	3.75%	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	12.42%
Milk Fat	3.58%
Non-Fatty Solids	<u>8.84%</u>

COMPLAINTS OF FOREIGN BODIES IN FOOD

Apple Turnover affected by Mould

A person living outside the Borough brought to the Public Health Department five apple turnovers purchased from a bakers shop within the Borough. It was alleged that one of the turnovers was affected by mould.

The firm's premises were visited by the District Sanitary Inspector who, in the presence of the Manager, opened the remaining four turnovers and found them all to be in excellent condition. The Manager voluntarily produced a number of similar articles displayed for sale in the shop and on opening them, none showed any sign of mould.

He was questioned as to the possibility of the turnovers having been in stock for several days, but stated that they were prepared daily in small quantities and produced the bakehouse records to corroborate his statement. These showed daily bakings varying from two to four dozen turnovers.

The bakehouse itself was satisfactory and the standard of cleanliness fairly good. Although no quantity of apple turnovers were kept in the bakehouse, it seemed likely that this complaint was the result of one having been left over from an earlier baking.

Foreign Matter in Swiss Roll.

A Swiss Roll, purchased in the Borough was brought to the Department by a resident who complained of the presence of some foreign matter in the roll.

The roll was submitted to the analyst for examination who found the discolouration to be due to crystals of sugar, probably caused by re-crystallization from the mixture.

The matter was taken up with the firm concerned who also investigated the complaint. It was maintained that very great care was taken in the production of foodstuffs and as the report from the analyst did not suggest that the roll contained any harmful matter, no further action was taken.

String in Loaf of Bread.

A loaf of bread, submitted by a non-resident, was found, on examination, to contain a piece of string. The matter was brought to the notice of the Supplier concerned, with a request that, in future, more care be taken in the preparation and handling of the foodstuffs he sold.

Insect in Loaf of Bread.

A resident submitted a loaf of bread in the crust of which was some

foreign matter resembling a portion of an insect. The bread was sent to the analyst who reported that the foreign matter was the abdominal portion of an insect which he was unable to identify.

As the complainant did not wish to pursue the matter to the extent of giving Court evidence, a letter was sent to the Suppliers of the bread requesting them to take more care in the preparation and handling of their goods.

Mouse Excreta in Bread.

Complaint was made that a loaf of bread, purchased in the Borough, contained mouse excreta.

The complainant did not wish to pursue the matter to the extent of giving Court evidence, and a warning letter was sent to the Suppliers of the bread.

Joke Sweets.

A resident complained that she had purchased some joke sweets for her child, who, upon eating them, stated that they burned the mouth.

Several packets of these sweets were submitted to the analyst who reported that they gave reactions suggesting the presence of cap-sicum or extract of capsicum, but owing to the smallness of the quantity, he was unable to prove this. He did not think, however, that capsicum, although very "hot" in the mounth, would cause burns.

A letter, giving this information, was sent to the retailer, and pointing out to him that as sweets of this nature could be a little frightening to young children, it was suggested that purchasers should be advised that they should not be given to young children.

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	-	-	1	11	12
Butter & Lard... ..	-	-	-	19	-
Cheese	-	5	3	25	9
Eggs	-	7	3	16	-
Fish	-	6	2	15	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Flour	-	-	-	4	8
Fruit & Vegetables	3	14	3	23	15 $\frac{1}{4}$
Fruit & Vegetable Juices ...	-	-	-	10	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Jam	-	3	3	1	13
Meat, Tinned	2	13	2	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Meat, Untinned... ..	-	13	1	12	11
Milk, Tinned	1	9	1	15	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Pastes, Pickles & Sauces ...	-	1	-	15	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Soup	-	1	1	4	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Miscellaneous... ..	-	-	-	12	2
Total	9	18	2	23	6

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT SAMPLES
1954

Articles	Formal		Informal	
	No. Taken	No. Adulterated	No. Taken	No. Adulterated
Food				
Bread	-	-	5	-
Butter	1	-	-	-
Cheese	2	-	1	-
Confectionery... ..	-	-	6	-
Cream	-	-	1	-
Flour, Self-raising...	1	-	1	-
Lard	2	-	1	-
Margarine.	5	-	1	-
Milk	89	-	68	-
Mustard... ..	-	-	1	-
Sugar	-	-	2	-
Tea	2	-	2	-
Vinegar... ..	2	-	3	-
Total	104	-	92	-
Drugs				
Aspirins..	-	-	1	-
Magnesium Sulphate ...	-	-	1	-
Oil, Cod Liver.. ...	-	-	1	-
Ointment, Sulphur ...	-	-	1	-
Paraffin, Liquid ...	-	-	1	-
Vitamin Tablets. ...	-	-	1	-
Total	-	-	6	-
Other Articles				
Dripping..	1	-	-	-
Fruit Squash	2	-	5	-
Cornflour.	-	-	1	-
Paste, Fish	2	-	-	-
Paste, Meat	1	-	1	-
Ice Cream.	-	-	45	-
Pie, Meat.	1	-	-	-
Powder, Blancmange ...	-	-	1	-
" Custard.	2	-	-	-
Preserved Vegetables..	-	-	4	-
Soup	2	-	1	-
Suet	4	-	-	-
Sausages, Beef.. ...	2	-	-	-
" Pork..	1	-	-	-
Cake	-	-	1	-
Coffee Essence.. ...	1	-	-	-
Fruit, Citrus... ..	-	-	3	-
Carried Forward	19	-	62	-

Food and Drugs Act Samples - Continued.

Articles	Formal		Informal	
	No. Taken	No. Adulterated	No. Taken	No. Adulterated
Brought Forward	19	-	62	-
Other articles (Cont'd)				
Fruit, Tinned	-	-	1	-
Jelly	1	-	1	-
Meat, Tinned	-	-	1	-
Meat	1	-	-	-
Ice Lollie..	-	-	5	-
Tomato, Ketchup.. ...	-	-	1	-
Pepper	-	-	3	-
Stuffing	1	-	-	-
Egg, Dried..	1	-	-	-
Oil, Olive..	-	-	1	-
Butter, Peanut... ..	1	-	-	-
Sauce, Fruit	1	-	-	-
" Mint.	-	-	1	-
" Worcester.	1	-	-	-
Sandwich Spread.. ...	1	-	-	-
Semolina... ..	2	-	-	-
Fruit, Dried	-	-	1	-
Mincemeat..	-	-	1	-
Salt	1	-	-	-
Almonds, Ground.. ...	-	-	1	-
Gin	2	-	-	-
Rum	2	-	-	-
Whisky	3	-	1	-
Total	37	-	80	-
Totals	141	-	178	-

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN

Throughout the year a series of posters were displayed on Council premises, Council notice boards, Public Libraries, Infant Welfare Centres, General Practitioners Waiting Rooms, Political and Social Organisations, and pamphlets were also distributed to the foregoing.

Lectures and film shows were given to pupils of local schools and to members of local organisations.

A series of six monthly film shows was arranged and the first of the series began in October. Each showing included a full length feature film as well as short films on clean food and other health matters.

In addition to the normal routine visits paid to food premises, all trades involving the handling of food were inspected in detail by the District Sanitary Inspectors within the first three months. The survey was made bearing in mind the Food and Drugs Amendment Bill and its implications as to registration, etc., as well as a means of extending the Clean Food Campaign. Particular attention was paid to the question of a satisfactory supply of hot water for general cleansing and for the purpose of hand washing after using the toilet or otherwise soiling the hands. It was found that the majority of traders were becoming more clean food conscious and their co-operation was a pleasing feature of the survey. Of the 343 premises inspected during the survey it was found that 246 had a constant supply of hot water and 96 had other means of obtaining a supply of hot water.

A policy of discussion and persuasion in place of relying solely upon the enforcement of legal provisions has resulted in considerable improvement. This is disclosed by a re-survey up to and including 30th April, 1954, when it was ascertained that 14 more traders had provided means for a constant supply of hot water and 31 other traders were in process of having such a facility installed.

Traders	No. of pre-mises (a)	Survey as at 1.1.1954		
		Constant hot water supply (b)	Other means of hot water supply (c)	No means of hot water supply (d)
Cafes	43	40	3	-
Butchers... ..	30	20	10	-
Grocers	88	60	27	1
Bakers	17	14	3	-
Public Houses	30	29	1	-
Fishmongers	15	9	6	-
Confectioners	9	2	7	-
Confectioners (incl. sale of ice cream).. ...	54	38	16	-
Greengrocers	35	18	17	-
Miscellaneous	22	16	6	-
Total	343	246	96	1

Traders	No. of pre-mises (e)	Re-Survey as at 30.4.1954.			
		Constant hot water supply (f)	Other means of hot water supply (g)	No means of hot water supply (h)	Premises inc. in Col(g) where provision of hot water supply is in hand. (i)
Cafes	43	40	3	-	3
Butchers... ..	30	21	9	-	9
Grocers	88	65	22	1	8
Bakers	17	16	1	-	-
Public Houses	30	29	1	-	1
Fishmongers	15	9	6	-	2
Confectioners	9	2	7	-	1
Confectioners (incl. sale of ice cream).. ...	54	43	11	-	4
Greengrocers	35	18	17	-	2
Miscellaneous	22	17	5	-	1
Total	343	260	82	1	31

Acts of Parliament, Statutory Instruments and Circulars issued by Government Departments with regard to the Public Health Services during the year 1954.

Statutory Instruments.

- No.141. The Transfer of Functions (Markets) Order, 1954.
613. The Food Standards (Margarine) Order, 1954.
674. Public Health (Aircraft)(Amendment) Regulations, 1954.
985. The Rag Flock & Other Filling Materials Regulations, 1954.
1267. The Milk (Special Designation)(Raw Milk)(Amendment) Regulations, 1954.
1268. The Milk & Dairies (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.
1584. The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) (No.2.) Regulations, 1954.
1691. The Puerperal Pyrexia (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.

Ministry of Health Circulars.

- No. 8. Prevention of Tuberculosis.
14. Visiting Forces Act, 1952. Public Health (Aircraft) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.
28. Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health for 1954.

Ministry of Housing & Local Government Circulars.

- No. 8. Rivers (Prevention of Pollution) Act, 1951.
20. The Transfer of Functions (Markets) Order, 1954.
30. Housing - Slum Clearance.
53. Housing Repairs & Rents Act, 1954 - Part II.
55. Housing Repairs & Rents Act, 1954 - Part I.
75. Slum Clearance Procedure.

Ministry of Food Circulars.

- No.1. Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949 & 1953 - Approved Oxidising and preservative agents.
2. The Public Health (Preservatives, etc in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1948 - Thiourea.
3. Cream Soups.
4. Slaughtering Facilities.
5. The Licensing & Provision of Slaughterhouses.
7. Food Standards (Margarine) Order, 1954.
8. Slaughter of Animals (Pigs) Act, 1953.
10. Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924-1952.
Slaughtering & Meat Inspection.
12. The Slaughterhouses Act, 1954.
16. Model Byelaws for Knacker's Yards.
17. The Milk & Dairies (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.
The Milk (Special Designation)(Raw Milk)(Amendment)
Regulations, 1954.
18. The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty)
Regulations, 1954.
21. The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty)
(No.2.) Regulations, 1954.
22. Food & Drugs Amendment Act, 1954.
23. Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949 to 1954 - Approved Oxidising & Preservative agents.

- No. 1. Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1954 & 1955 - Approved Ordinances
attached with this document and amendments thereto.
2. The Public Health (Preservatives, etc. in Food) Regulations, 1935 to 1948 - Thence.
3. Green Soap (Orders) (Statute) and reference to reference and 141.04
4. Slaughtering Facilities (Orders) (Statute) and reference to reference and 141.04
5. The Licensing & Regulation of Slaughtering (Orders) (Statute) and reference to reference and 141.04
6. Food Standards (Regulations) (Order) 1954
7. Slaughtering of Animals (Pigs) Act, 1953
8. (Statute) (Killing and) (Statute) (Killing and) 1953
9. Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1954-1955
10. Slaughtering & Meat Inspection
11. The Slaughtering Act, 1953
12. (Statute) (Killing and) (Statute) (Killing and) 1953
13. Model Bylaws for Slaughterhouses (No. 1) 1953
14. The Milk & Dairies (Regulations) (Statute) 1954
15. The Milk (Special Inspection) (New Milk) (Statute) 1954
16. Regulations, 1954
17. The Slaughtering of Animals (Regulations) (Statute) 1954
18. The Slaughtering of Animals (Regulations) (Statute) 1954
19. The Slaughtering of Animals (Regulations) (Statute) 1954
20. Food & Drugs Amendment Act, 1954
21. Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1954 to 1955 - Approved Ordinances
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