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*With the compliments of the
Medical Officer of Health.*

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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STOKE NEWINGTON

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1956

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

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

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1956, as required by the Ministry of Health.

The advent of new legislation, particularly the Clean Air Act, has added to the work of the staff of the Public Health Department.

The number of new sanitary complaints received was 1,543 as compared with 1,562 in 1955, showing a decrease of 19. Nuisances were remedied in 755 cases, either by the service of Sanitary Notices or by verbal representations by the Sanitary Inspectors.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the civilian population in 1956 was 50,420 as compared with 50,470 in 1955, while the number of births allocated to Stoke Newington in 1956 was 850 as compared with 778 in 1955, thus showing an increase in the birth rate from 15.41 to 16.66.

The number of deaths of children under one year of age was 18 as compared with 14 in 1955, showing an increase in the death rate from 17.99 to 21.17. The causes of death were Bronchitis 1, Prematurity 5, Pneumonia 2, Congenital Malformations 5, and Other Causes 5.

There were 5 deaths from Motor Vehicle Accidents during the year. Fortunately no young children were involved, making 1956 the fifth successive year in which no young children were involved in fatal accidents.

Deaths due to other accidents totalled 6, and showed a decrease of 5 as compared with the previous year. 2 males and 4 females were involved and deaths were caused by Bronchopneumonia following falls, and Drowning in the bath during an epileptic fit.

Suicides totalled 7 and involved 6 males and 1 female.

Deaths of Stoke Newington residents totalled 533 as compared with 538 in 1955, and the death rate decreased from 10.66 to 10.57. The causes of

death were Tuberculosis 3, Cancer of all Sites 107, Vascular lesions of Nervous System 62, Heart Diseases 166, Pneumonia 28, Bronchitis 47, Suicides 7, and Other Diseases 113.

The number of deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis decreased by 1, while the number of deaths from Cancer of the Lung decreased by 11 as compared with the previous year.

Notifications of Infectious Diseases totalled 453 as compared with 1,000 for 1955. There were no cases of Diphtheria, but 4 cases of Poliomyelitis were removed to hospital. The ages of the patients suffering from this disease ranged from 1 to 30. 13 cases of Food Poisoning were reported and involved persons in various age groups. Particulars regarding these cases will be found in the statistical part of the Report.

643 specimens were sent for examination to the Laboratory at County Hall and I would like to express my thanks to Dr. Tomlinson and his staff for their help.

During the year, 3,222 enquiries were attended to at the Public Health Department counter relating to various subjects. Health Education was carried out by means of poster display and the distribution of leaflets. In addition to this, a further series of film shows took place during January, February, March, October, November and December.

The investigation into Atmospheric Pollution has continued throughout the year. At the latter part of the year, the Clean Air Act became law and certain parts of the Act became operative. Reports on the various implications of the Act have been submitted to the Public Health Committee who is making a detailed survey of these.

204 samples of Food, Drugs and other articles were taken under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 of which 57 were formal samples, and 147 were informal samples. Only one sample was found to be adulterated. A list of the various commodities taken for analysis will be found in the statistical part of this Report.

5 complaints of foreign bodies in food were received in the department and particulars of these are to be found in the food section of the Report.

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

I also wish to express my thanks to His Worship the Mayor and to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for the help and support they have given me during 1956.

Finally, my thanks are due to the staff of the Public Health Department for their assistance throughout the year.

S. KING.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Live Births:-	Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate	780	390	390	) Birth rate 16.66
Illegitimate	70	38	32	
Still Births:-				
Legitimate	21	13	8	) Rate per 1,000 total births- 25.22
Illegitimate	1	1	-	
Deaths	533	252	281	Death rate 10.57

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 23.07; Illegitimate Nil; Total 21.17

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

Legitimate 12.82; Illegitimate Nil; Total 11.76

Deaths from Cancer (all sites) (all ages)	107
" " Measles (all ages)	Nil
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
" " Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea (all ages)	1

Population.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the civilian population of Stoke Newington in 1956 is 50,420.

Infantile Mortality

During 1956 the Registrar-General allocated to Stoke Newington the deaths of 10 children under the age of twelve months. This figure was a decrease of 4 over the number of deaths in 1955.

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

Infant Mortality rate	Infant Mortality rates in previous years.			
1956	1955	1954	1953	1952
23.07	17	18	23	13

Deaths.

The death rates for the past five years were :-

1956	1955	1954	1953	1952
10.57	10.66	9.85	9.81	11.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

The causes of death for 1956 and 1955, arranged under the headings of the short list used by the Registrar-General, are set out in the following list :-

Cause	1956	1955
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	3	4
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic diseases	1	1
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
10. Malignant neoplasm stomach	23	14
11. Malignant neoplasm lung and bronchus	17	28
12. Malignant neoplasm breast	11	13
13. Malignant neoplasm uterus	5	5
14. Other malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms	51	67
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	5	7
16. Diabetes	2	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	62	58
18. Coronary disease, Angina	88	69
19. Hypertension with heart disease	17	19
20. Other heart disease	61	69
21. Other circulatory disease	26	27
22. Influenza	-	2
23. Pneumonia	28	34
24. Bronchitis	47	44
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	6	4
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	10	7
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	4
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	8	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	5	2
32. Other defined and ill defined diseases	35	36
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	-
34. All other accidents	6	11
35. Suicide	7	9
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
	533	538

The causes of the 18 infant deaths in 1956 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
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Prematurity	4	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
Congenital Malformations	-	3	1	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	5
All other Causes	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	1	1	5
	4	5	2	-	-	11	3	-	3	1	18

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Causes of Death	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Pneumonia	4	3	1	1	4	-	2	1	4	2
Congenital Malformations etc.	10	9	10	3	1	2	4	3	1	5
Premature Birth	5	7	3	8	11	-	-	4	2	5
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bronchitis	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1
Diarrhoea	3	2	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-
Other Digestive Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Prolonged Labour	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Syphilis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
Violent Causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other Causes	-	3	-	5	9	9	10	1	6	5
	24	25	15	21	26	11	18	15	14	18

GENERAL SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS
FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS

Year	Estimated Population	Births		Deaths		Deaths under One year	
		No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1947	45,900	1,084	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
1955	50,470	778	15.41	538	10.66	14	17.99
1956	50,420	850	16.66	533	10.57	18	23.07

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

During 1956, there were 453 cases of notifiable infectious disease as compared with 1,000 cases in 1955.

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

Disease	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	2	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	22	80	40	38	43
Erysipelas	2	11	6	1	4
Food Poisoning	-	10	16	37	13
Malaria	-	1	-	2	-
Measles	559	774	284	752	105
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	2	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3	1	5	2	-
Paratyphoid	-	1	-	1	1
Pneumonia	9	33	35	36	11
Poliomyelitis	3	2	1	12	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	6	21	16	2	3
Scabies	2	3	7	6	9
Scarlet Fever	112	78	18	28	28
Typhoid	-	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	110	236	43	81	231
	831	1,251	472	1,000	453

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

Disease	Attack Rate
Diphtheria	Nil
Erysipelas	0.08
Measles	2.08
Pneumonia	0.21
Poliomyelitis & Polio-encephalitis	0.08
Scarlet Fever	0.55
Whooping Cough	4.58

Table showing Notifications of Infectious Diseases received in 1956 in Age Groups and Admissions to Hospital.

Disease	All Ages	Cases Notified At Ages - Years											Admissions to Hospital
		0 - 1	1 - 3	3 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 30	30 - 40	40 - 50	50 - 65	65 & over	
Dysentery	43	0	3	10	20	4	1	2	3	1	1	1	3
Erysipelas	4	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Food Poisoning	13	1	2	1	2	2	0	2	1	2	1	1	1
Measles	105	7	39	29	29	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Meningococcal Infection	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Pneumonia	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	6	1
Poliomyelitis	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1
Scabies	9	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Scarlet Fever	28	0	3	8	15	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	11
Para-typhoid	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Whooping Cough	231	19	38	46	113	9	1	1	4	0	0	0	10
Totals	453	27	88	95	182	19	4	10	12	6	3	7	34

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	2	2	8	13

Outbreaks of Undiscovered Cause :-

<u>Total Outbreaks</u>	<u>Total Cases</u>	
2	5	
<u>Agent Suspected</u>	<u>Unknown Cause</u>	<u>Total</u>
No food suspected (Salmonella typhi-murium)	2	2
Sausages suspected (No pathogenic organisms found)	3	3
		5

Single Cases

<u>Agent Suspected</u>	<u>Unknown Cause</u>	<u>Total</u>
No food suspected (No pathogenic organisms found)	1	1
No food suspected (Salmonella typhi-murium)	1	1
Sausage Roll suspected (Salmonella typhi-murium)	1	1
No food suspected (Salmonella typhi-murium)	1	1
Lamb Chop suspected (No pathogenic organisms found)	1	1
Bread suspected (No pathogenic organisms found)	1	1
Cream Bun suspected (Salmonella typhi-murium)	1	1
Cream Cake suspected (Salmonella typhi-murium)	1	1
		<u>8</u>

TUBERCULOSIS, 1956.

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 31/12/1955	398	323	721	50	38	88	448	361	809
Primary Notifications	33	18	51	1	3	4	34	21	55
Posthumous Notifications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restored	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Removals into Borough	26	16	42	4	2	6	30	18	48
From other sections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONS	60	34	94	5	5	10	65	39	104
Deaths	9	1	10	-	-	-	9	1	10
Posthumous Notifications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Removals from Borough	32	19	51	4	2	6	36	21	57
Recovered	3	7	10	-	-	-	3	7	10
To other Sections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DELETIONS	44	27	71	4	2	6	48	29	77
Net Increase	16	7	23	1	3	4	17	10	27
Net Decrease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
On Register at 31/12/1956	414	330	744	51	41	92	465	371	836

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	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	5	7	5	7	2	1	33
Respiratory, Females	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	9	3	1	1	1	1	18
Non-Respiratory, Males	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Non-Respiratory, Females	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3

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

Year	Population	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
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
1955	50,470	32	4	36
1956	50,420	51	4	55

SCABIES AND VERMINOUS CONDITIONS

The cases of Scabies notified and number of treatments given during 1956 and the two preceding years were as follows :-

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
Cases notified	7	6	9
Cases treated at Cleansing Station	29	19	19

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	11	7	9
Children over 5 years	4	4	81	85
Adults	10	22	9	12
	19	37	97	106

PUBLIC MORTUARY

Stoke Newington has an agreement with Hackney Borough Council for the use of the Hackney 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	83
(1) To await inquests-	
(a) Infectious	-
(b) Non-infectious	11
(2) To await burial	1
(3) Cause of death certified by Coroner	71
Number of post-mortem examinations made	82

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 1956 :-

	Result of Examination		Total
	Positive	Negative	
Ear	-	1	1
Faeces	194	380	574
Nose	-	15	15
Sputum	1	2	3
Throat	-	49	49
Ulcer	-	1	1
	195	448	643

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	24
Diphtheria	2
Tuberculosis	10
Erysipelas	1
Cancer	2
Scabies	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-
Other Diseases	34
Total Number of Rooms Disinfected	71
Books	49
Articles	1,306
Articles for Abroad	94
Removals	-
Verminous Rooms	74
Verminous Articles	230
Articles Destroyed	14
	<u>1,911</u>

SANITARY INSPECTION

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

Primary inspections of houses on complaint	1,437
" " " " after infectious disease	159
" " " Milkshops and Dairies	111
" " " Factories	157
" " " Outworkers Premises	472
" " " Shops	326
" " " Ice Cream Premises	60
" " " Restaurants and Eating Houses	47
" " " Bakehouses	17
" " " Food Premises	630
" " " Other Premises	1,097
" " re.Housing Accommodation	164
" " " Pharmacy and Poisons	68
" " " Rodent Control	211
" " " Smoke Nuisance	9
" " " Notices from Builders	245
Total Number of Re-inspections	6,299
Intimation Notices Served	883
Statutory Notices Served	265
Dustbin Notices	18
Notices under Section 40, Public Health (London) Act, 1936	51
Notices under Section 25, London County Council (General Powers) Act 1955	4

NUISANCES REMEDIED

Premises in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health	109
The house or part of the house in a damp condition as to be insanitary	122
The house in a dilapidated condition so as to be insanitary	132
The Water Closet without a water supply	2
The Water Closet with a deficient supply of water	-
The Water Closet so defective as to be a nuisance	46
The Water Closet stopped	2
The soil pipe improperly ventilated	-
The soil pipe defective	4
The sink defective and insanitary	12
The waste pipe improperly trapped	-
The waste pipe of sink untrapped and insanitary	3
The waste pipe of lavatory or bath defective	14
The water cistern defective	9
An accumulation or deposit of refuse dangerous or injurious to health	8
The drain choked	36
The rainwater pipe defective	31
The roof defective so as to be insanitary	157
Nuisance from the keeping of animals	2
The guttering defective so as to be insanitary	59
The dustbin or ashpit defective	1
The house without a proper water supply	5
The drain defective so as to be insanitary	1

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION - TABLE 1DEPOSIT GAUGE

Month	Rainfall in Inches	Tons per Square Mile		
		Soluble Matter.	Insoluble Matter.	Total Solids.
January	2.88	10.27	9.51	19.78
February	0.59	4.36	5.81	10.17
March	0.28	5.19	11.09	16.28
April	0.95	7.13	10.63	17.76
May	0.47	2.35	9.87	12.22
June	Apparatus out of action			
July	5.40	8.29	8.02	16.31
August	4.80	10.33	5.09	15.42
September	2.21	5.02	7.79	12.81
October	1.94	4.39	5.81	10.20
November	0.28	4.46	8.65	13.11
December	2.36	6.84	8.82	15.66

LEAD PEROXIDE APPARATUS - TABLE 2

Month	Mg. of SO_3 / day collected by 100 sq.cm. of Batch A PbO_2 . (louvered cover)
January	3.0
February	2.8
March	3.2
April	2.4
May	1.0
June	0.8
July	0.9
August	0.8
September	1.1
October	2.2
November	2.9
December	3.5

ERRATA - Page 24.

The following should be inserted in place of Table 3.

DAILY SMOKE FILTER - TABLE 3.

(Smoke in milligrammes/100 cubic metres)

Month	Average Reading	Highest Reading	Lowest Reading
January	60.7	156.0	14.0
February	58.9	203.0	27.5
March	35.4	56.8	8.3
April	23.8	51.7	12.7
May	11.5	25.5	5.2
June	8.2	16.0	3.8
July	8.8	16.1	3.8
August	14.6	25.1	7.8
September	14.5	24.4	4.0
October	32.8	87.7	12.2
November	38.5	93.5	12.5
December	45.9	165.0	15.7

Summary of Enquiries made at the Public Health Department

During the year, 3,222 enquiries were dealt with at the Public Health Department counter and are analysed below :-

New Sanitary Complaints	1,543
Follow up of original complaint	346
Housing Enquiries	48
Infectious Disease Enquiries	14
Street Trading Enquiries	8
Disinfection	72
Vaccination	182
Miscellaneous	1,009

Drainage Applications

During the year, 41 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

2 Certificates of Disrepair and 13 Certificates of Revocation were issued 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 sale of meat pie 'not of quality demanded'	-	-	-	31.	10.	0.	Found guilty and granted absolute discharge upon payment of £15.15. costs both to Council and Manufacturers
For offence under Section 29(1)(a), London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1947 Street Trading without a licence	-	-	-	-	-	-	Conditional discharge. Costs refused.
For public health nuisance at premises in Bouverie Road	10.	0.	0.	5.	5.	0.	Order to abate in 14 days. Failed to comply.
For public health nuisance at premises in Edward's Lane	-	-	-	-	-	-	Order to abate in 14 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Edward's Lane	-	-	-	-	-	-	Order to abate in 14 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Edward's Lane	-	-	-	-	-	-	Order to abate in 14 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Oldfield Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	Work in hand. Adjourned sine die
For public health nuisance at premises in Dynevor Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	Necessary work carried out. Withdrawn.
For public health nuisance at premises in Edward's Lane	-	-	-	1.	1.	0.	Order to abate in 14 days.
Sale of loaf of bread 'not of quality demanded' and 'not of substance demanded'	-	-	-	5.	5.	0.	Granted absolute discharge
Sale of loaf of bread 'not of quality demanded' and 'not of substance demanded'	2.	0.	0.	5.	5.	0.	Found guilty
For public health nuisance at premises in Spenser Grove	-	-	-	-	-	-	Necessary work carried out
For public health nuisance at premises in Lordship Grove	-	-	-	2.	2.	0.	Order to abate in 7 days

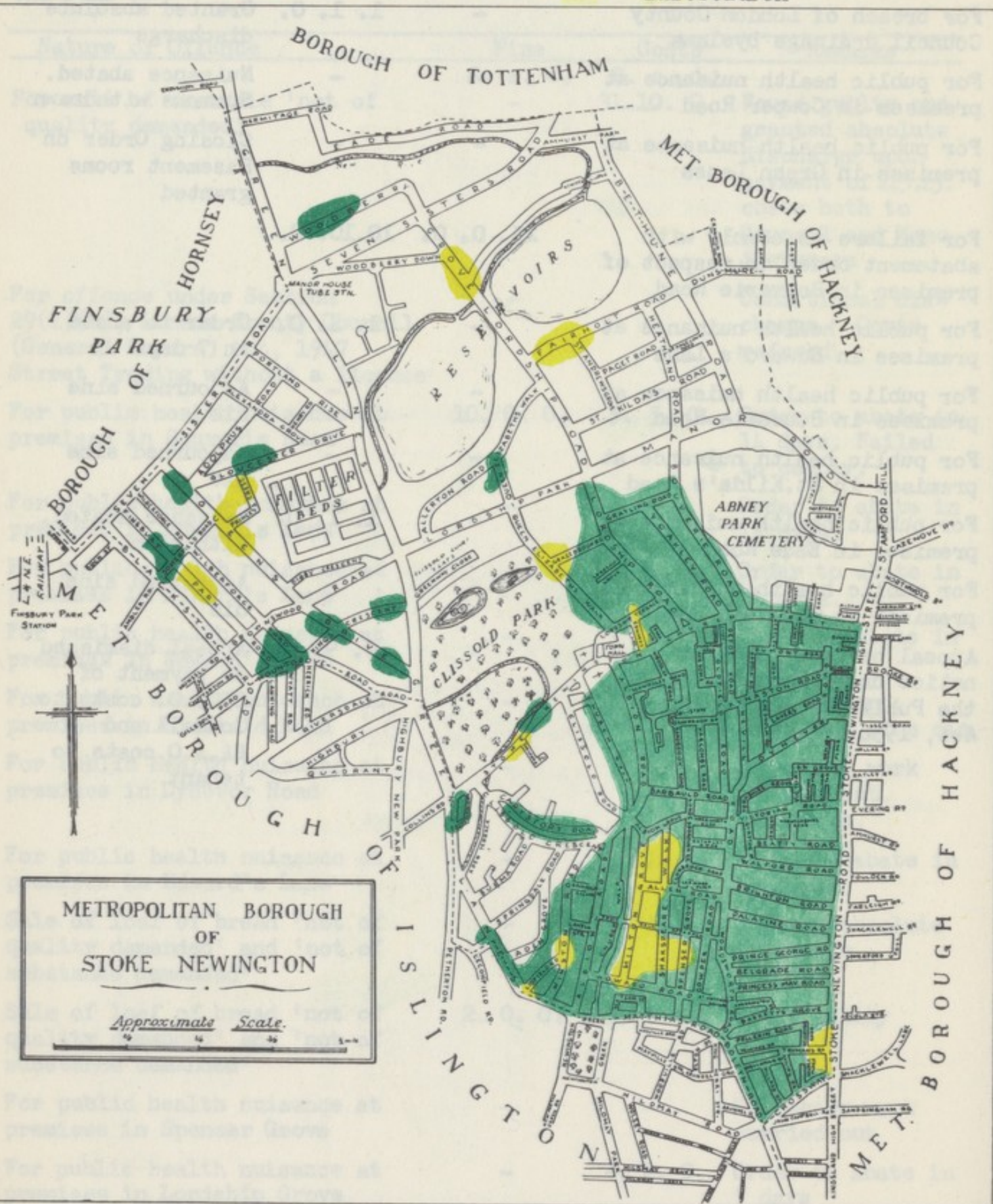
Legal proceedings (Continued)

Nature of Offence	Fine	Costs	Remarks
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
For breach of London County Council drainage byelaws	-	1. 1. 0.	Granted absolute discharge
For public health nuisance at premises in Cowper Road	-	-	Nuisance abated. Summons withdrawn
For public health nuisance at premises in Green Lanes	-	-	Closing Order on Basement rooms granted
For failure to comply with abatement order in respect of premises in Bouverie Road	25. 0. 0.	10. 10. 0.	
For public health nuisance at premises in Edward's Lane	-	1. 1. 0.	Order to abate in 7 days
For public health nuisance at premises in Bouverie Road	-	-	Adjourned sine die
For public health nuisance at premises in St.Kilda's Road	-	-	Adjourned sine die
For public health nuisance at premises in Eade Road	-	1. 1. 0.	Nuisance abated. Withdrawn
For public health nuisance at premises in Oldfield Road	-	-	Adjourned sine die
Appeal by owner against notice under Section 109 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936	-	9. 9. 0.	Appeal dismissed on payment of £5.5.0. costs to Council and £4.4.0. costs to tenant

RODENT CONTROL

TREATMENT OF SEWERS - 11th-14th JUNE, 1956

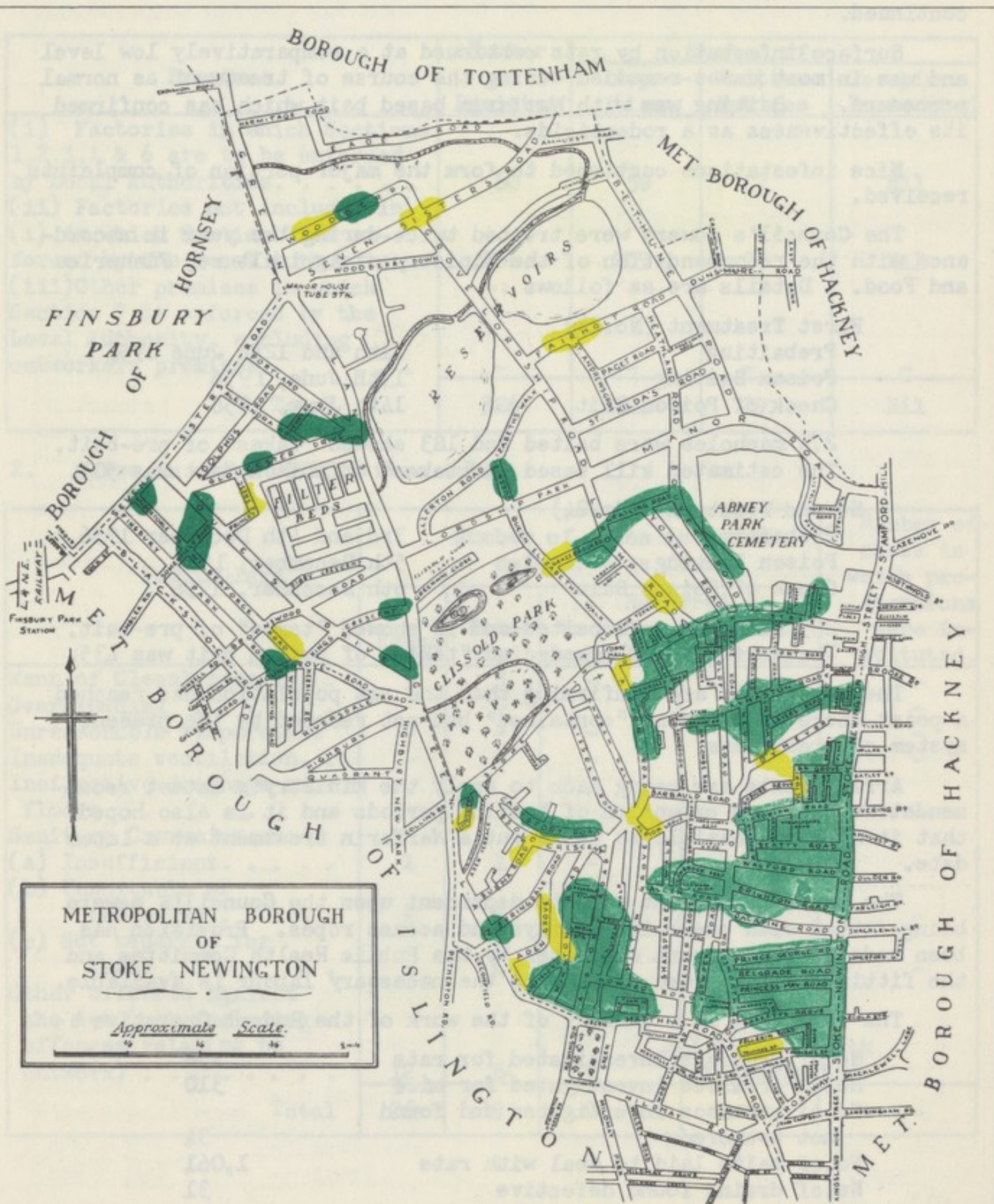
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RODENT CONTROL

TREATMENT OF SEWERS - 3rd-6th DECEMBER, 1956.

Heavy Infestation Light Infestation Unshaded Areas-No apparent Infestation



RODENT CONTROL

During the year, treatment of both surface and sewer infestations continued.

Surface infestation by rats continued at a comparatively low level and was in most cases remedied during the course of treatment as normal procedure. Baiting was with Warfarin based bait which has confirmed its effectiveness as a rodenticide.

Mice infestations continued to form the major portion of complaints received.

The Council's sewers were treated twice during the year in accordance with the recommendation of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Details are as follows :-

First Treatment (No.23)

Prebaiting	11th and 12th June 1956
Poison Baiting	13th June, 1956
Check of Poison Bait	14th June, 1956

275 manholes were baited and 183 showed "takes" of pre-bait.
The estimated kill based on "takes" of poison bait was 505.

Second Treatment (No.24)

Prebaiting	3rd and 4th December 1956
Poison Baiting	5th December, 1956
Check of Poison Bait	6th December, 1956

265 manholes were baited and 98 showed "takes" of pre-bait.
The estimated kill based on "takes" of poison bait was 435.

The treatments are confirming that the rat population has reached a point where it is being "contained" but not reduced by the present system of treatments.

Arrangements are being made to apply the Ministry's latest recommendation, i.e. an extension of baiting periods and it is also hoped that it will be possible to carry out a Warfarin treatment at a later date.

The latter treatment will be dependent upon the Council's sewers being fitted with new baiting trays and access ropes. Provision has been made in the current estimates by the Public Health Committee and the fitting will proceed as soon as the necessary labour is available.

The following is a summary of the work of the Rodent Operative :-

No.of premises investigated for rats	138
No.of premises investigated for mice	310
No.of premises investigated and found not bothered	34
No.of baits laid to deal with rats	1,061
No.of drains found defective	31

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 AND 1948

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health 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.	60	58	2	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .	266	203	27	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority, excluding outworkers premises	-	-	-	-
Total	326	261	29	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	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	5	5	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation. .	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient.	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	4	4	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	12	6	9	Relating to lack of Abstract	-
Total	26	19	9	-	-

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	215	161	407	379	622 540
Number of outworkers employed by firms outside the Borough . .	245	194	-	-	245 194
Total number of outworkers whose names were included in lists submitted during the year	460	355	407	379	867 734

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	10	8	Jewellery	2	-
Belts and Braces	2	1	Lampshades	4	2
Brushes	5	5	Light Machinery	-	-
Buttons & Button Carding	2	2	Linen Goods	4	6
Coathangers	3	-	Novelties, Hair		
Cardboard Boxes etc.	24	19	nets etc.	11	11
Cake Ornaments	1	-	Plastics	1	-
Cosaques, Xmas Stockings			Plastic Bags	7	5
Crackers etc.	2	3	Shoulder Pads	1	-
Druggist Sundries	1	4	Stationery	1	-
Embroidered Furnishings	3	2	Toolmakers	5	4
Fancy and Cotton Goods	2	3	Toys and Games	12	6
Fancy Feathers	32	8	Trimmings	8	8
Files and Albums	1	1	Umbrellas	6	1
Footwear	10	-	Wearing Apparel		
Furs	2	2	(Making, alteration		
Hats	11	9	and cleaning)	277	236
Handbags & Leather Goods	10	9	Total	460	355

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

District	February	August	Total
Bethnal Green	7	4	11
Camberwell	1	-	1
Cambridge	2	1	3
Corporation of London	7	7	14
Finsbury	46	38	84
Fulham	-	1	1
Hackney	39	31	70
Hammersmith	1	1	2
Hampstead	1	-	1
Holborn	2	3	5
Hornsey	-	2	2
Islington	51	43	94
Kensington	1	1	2
Paddington	1	-	1
Southgate	3	1	4
St. Marylebone	3	2	5
St. Pancras	12	13	25
Shoreditch	24	15	39
Stepney	11	9	20
Tottenham	16	10	26
West Ham	1	1	2
Westminster	16	10	26
Wood Green	-	1	1
	245	194	439

SUMMARY

	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>		<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>
Artificial Flowers	10	8	Hats	7	5
Boots and Shoes	10	-	Handbags	2	3
Braces and Belts	1	-	Lampshades	4	2
Brushes	5	5	Leather Goods	2	2
Buttons & Button Carding	2	1	Linen Goods	1	1
Cardboard Boxes etc.	16	13	Plastics	1	-
Children's Wear	-	-	Plastic Bags	7	5
Cake Ornaments	1	-	Paper Bags	-	-
Coat Hangers	3	-	Shoulder Pads	1	-
Druggist Sundries	1	4	Stationery etc.	1	-
Embroidered Furnishing	-	-	Toys, Xmas Crackers		
Fancy & Cotton Goods	2	3	etc.	14	9
Feathers	2	2	Trimmings	4	4
Files and Albums	1	1	Umbrellas	6	1
			Wearing Apparel	<u>141</u>	<u>125</u>
			Total	<u>245</u>	<u>194</u>

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			2
	Over-crowding	Illness or physical disability and conditions of premises	
Number investigated	7	37	44
Total Number Investigated			46

APPLICANTS RE-HOUSED

London County Council

	Over-crowding	Illness or physical disability and conditions of premises	Totals
Applicants Investigated	-	4	4
Other Applicants			32
Total - London County Council			36

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	1
Alton Estate	1
Aveley Estate	2
Barnsbury Estate	3
Boreham Wood Estate	4
Caledonian Estate	1
Collingwood Estate	1
Cranston Estate	1
Debden Estate	2
Harold Hill Estate	3
Headstone Lane Estate	1
Lambeth Estate	1
Mayville Estate	2
Quadrant Estate	4
Roeampton Estate	1
Sheerwater Estate	1
Studholme Court Estate	1
Watling Estate	1
Wessex Estate	1
White Hart Lane Estate	1
Woodberry Down Estate	3

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

Milk Supply

At the end of the year there remained on the register 48 distributors of milk whose premises are situated in the Borough, and 28 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>
27	47	6

SUPPLEMENTARY LICENCES

<u>Pasteurised</u>	<u>Sterilised</u>	<u>Tuberculin Tested</u>
22	24	20

Milk Samples

92 samples of milk were sent for bacteriological examination and of these 5 failed to pass the Methylene Blue Test.

Ice Cream

During the year 13 samples of Ice Cream were sent to the Laboratory for Bacteriological examination, and were reported upon as follows :-

10 samples were up to Grade I Standard

2 " " " " II "

1 sample was " " 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 were as under :-

Month			Number	Total Solids	Milk Fat	Non-Fatty Solids.
January	...	...	8	12.44	3.57	8.87
February	...	...	16	12.38	3.51	8.87
March	...	...	22	12.39	3.57	8.82
April	...	...	4	12.42	3.57	8.84
May	...	...	4	12.00	3.29	8.71
June	...	...	9	11.99	3.29	8.70
July	...	...	5	12.39	3.67	8.72
August	...	...	4	12.18	3.51	8.67
September	...	...	11	12.31	3.59	8.72
October	...	...	7	12.76	3.77	8.99
November	...	...	10	12.58	3.66	8.92
December	...	...	4	12.71	3.85	8.86

The average composition of the whole of the 104 samples of milk received during the year and returned as genuine was as under :-

Total Milk Solids 12.37%

Milk Fat 3.57%

Non-Fatty Solids 8.80%

COMPLAINTS OF FOREIGN BODIES IN FOOD

Unsound Biscuits and Cheese

Complaint was made to the department by a resident regarding the unsound condition of some biscuits and cheese. On examination the biscuits were found to be infested with insect excreta and webbing, and the cheese a dark brown colour and obviously very stale. Representatives of the manufacturers examined the food and the complaint was reported to the Public Health Committee who ordered a prosecution.

Portion of Cigarette in Loaf of Bread

A complaint was received of the presence of a cigarette end in a sliced loaf. The suppliers were interviewed and admitted that the loaf had been baked by them. Between 1947 and 1954 four complaints had been received regarding this company's products, and a prosecution was ordered in respect of this new complaint.

Portion of Metal in Bun

A bun containing particles of metal was submitted to the department for examination. The Sales Manager of the bakery concerned stated that the tray on which this particular bun had been baked had been newly rivetted and had apparently passed into the Bakery without being thoroughly cleansed and washed. The bun had been submitted to the Public Analyst who reported that the metal particles were iron filings. Instructions were given for legal proceedings to be instituted.

Dirt in Loaf of Bread

Complaint was received regarding extraneous matter in a loaf of bread purchased in the Borough. In the opinion of the Public Analyst, the matter was a mouse dropping. Enquiries were made in the Borough in which the bakehouse was situated and revealed that while a number of complaints of alleged mice droppings in bread had been received, on analysis the result had been either charred dough or edible grease. After consideration, it was decided that a warning letter be sent to the firm supplying the bread.

Particle of Glass in Sweet

A resident purchased from premises in the Borough, a quantity of lemon sherbert sweets and noticed that a small piece of glass was mixed with the sweets. A Public Health Inspector visited the shop and examined a full bottle of the sweets and an empty bottle which had contained the sweets of which complaint was made, but both bottles appeared to be unbroken. Instructions were issued for legal proceedings to be instituted against the shopkeeper.

FOOD PREMISES

The following is a list, by type of business, of the food premises in the Borough at the end of 1956 :-

Butchers	29
Bakers	16
Confectioners	82
Fishmongers (Wet, Dry and Fried)	12
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	41
Groceries and Provisions	94
Grocery (Wholesale)	5
Ice Cream	104
Milk Shops and Dairies	48
Public Houses and Off Licences	53
Restaurants and Cafes	43
Cooked Meats	1
Cereal and Infant Foods	1
Soft Drinks Manufacturer	1

The District Public Health Inspectors carried out systematic inspections of all food premises in the Borough. 13 Notices were served under the Food Hygiene Regulations. These Notices covered the following items :-

Smoking while dealing with open food
 Absence of nailbrush and towels
 Condition of premises
 Absence of supply of hot water and washbasin
 Insufficiency of First Aid Kit
 Food in Storage Rooms left uncovered

Further inspections of the premises in respect of which the Notices were served, have shown the work required to have been completed or in course of completion.

The total number of visits made by the Public Health Inspectors to Food Premises during 1956 was 1,191.

Method of Disposal of Condemned Food

When a shopkeeper in the Borough has any food for condemnation, he advises the Public Health Inspector who visits the premises, inspects the food and subsequently issues a Condemnation Certificate.

The food is then collected by a vehicle from the Public Health Department and taken to either Tottenham or Ashburton Grove for disposal.

CONDEMNED FOOD

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

			Tons	Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Bacon	...	...	-	-	-	21	15
Cereals	...	...	-	-	1	25	12
Cheese	...	...	-	-	-	6	5½
Eggs	...	...	-	-	-	-	-
Fish	...	...	-	7	3	14	6¾
Fruit and Vegetable Juices			-	-	-	11	4
Fruit and Vegetables	...		3	8	-	12	6½
Jam	...	...	-	1	3	27	14½
Meat, Tinned	...	...	1	13	-	11	9½
Meat, Untinned	...		-	3	2	15	3
Milk	...	...	1	5	-	19	1
Paste and Pickles	...		-	-	-	6	6
Soup	...	...	-	1	1	25	4
Sugar Products	...		-	-	-	2	-
Miscellaneous...	...		-	-	1	15	7
Total			7	2	2	18	14

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT SAMPLES 1956

Articles	Formal		Informal	
	No. Taken	No. Adulterated	No. Taken	No. Adulterated
Bread	-	-	2	-
Butter	2	-	2	-
Cheese	-	-	1	-
Confectionery (Sweets)	-	-	3	-
Cream	-	-	2	-
Jam	-	-	1	-
Lard	-	-	5	-
Margarine	-	-	3	-
Milk	54	1	50	-
Tea	-	-	2	-
Vinegar	-	-	3	-
Flour, Self-raising	-	-	3	-
Cocoa	-	-	1	-
Blackcurrant Health Drink	-	-	1	-
Fat, Compound	-	-	1	-
Glucose Barley Sugar	-	-	1	-
Spice, Mixed	-	-	1	-
Tomato, Puree	-	-	1	-
Orange Drink	-	-	2	-
Jelly	-	-	3	-
Meat, Tinned	-	-	4	-
Mincemeat	-	-	1	-
Pepper	-	-	1	-
Horseradish Sauce	-	-	2	-
Powder, Custard	-	-	1	-
Vegetables, Preserved	-	-	2	-
Sausages, Beef	-	-	1	-
" Pork	-	-	2	-
Curry Powder	-	-	2	-
Nutmeg	-	-	2	-
Coffee and Chicory	-	-	1	-
Fruit, Dried	-	-	6	-
Ice Cream	-	-	13	-
Peanut Butter	-	-	1	-
Sauce, Tomato	-	-	2	-
Mayonnaise	-	-	1	-
Powder, Lemonade	-	-	2	-
Cinnamon	-	-	2	-
Suet	-	-	2	-
Fish, Tinned	-	-	1	-
Lemon Curd	-	-	1	-
Oil, Olive	-	-	1	-
" Frying	-	-	1	-
Soup	-	-	2	-
Beef, Boneless	1	-	-	-
Drugs	-	-	5	-
Total	57	1	147	-

