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Vice-Chairman - Councillor Mrs. L.S. Calfe

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" B. Franks

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" Mrs. E.M. Nathan

" B.B. Ross

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Stoke Newington Old People's Welfare Committee

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Councillor Mrs. L.S. Calfe

London County Council Health Committee

Alderman Mrs. B. Benabo, J.P.

Divisional Health Committee (No.4)

Councillor Mrs. Millie Miller, J.P. (Mayor)

Councillor Mrs. L.S. Calfe

Hackney and Stoke Newington Tuberculosis Care Committee

Councillor Mrs. L.S. Calfe

Councillor G. Hayes

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at 31st December, 1957

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Food Inspector
C. CUNNINGHAM (a, b)

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector
and Officer in Charge of Disin-
fecting Station
J. McDUGAL (a, b)

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and Rodent Officer
G.K. ELLIOTT (a, b)

District Public Health Inspector
K.G. JONES (a)

District Public Health Inspector
N.G. JOHNSON (a, b)

District Public Health Inspector
J.C. NOBLE (a, b)
(Resigned 22nd July, 1957)

Student Public Health Inspector
W.P. FRENCH

Administrative Staff

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(Resigned 23rd June, 1957)

Mrs. L.E. WILTSHIRE (Clerk) (Transferred
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September, 1957)

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S.J. LAW (Clerk)

S.J. LONG (Junior Clerk)

Disinfectors
E. STRACHAN (Foreman)
J. ROSS (Resigned 7th
February, 1957)
E.S. NAISH (Commenced 18th
March, 1957-Resigned
7th December, 1957)

Rodent Operative
A. MOORE

Cleansing Station Attendant
MRS. L. HERITAGE

- (a) Sanitary Inspectors Certificate
- (b) Meat and Other Foods Certificate

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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STOKE NEWINGTON

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1957

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 1957 as required by the Ministry of Health.

The main item of new legislation which came into force during the year was the Rent Act, 1957. From July to December, 101 applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received, of which 2 were withdrawn. During the same period, 1 Certificate of Cancellation was issued. There were many enquiries from both tenants and landlords at the Public Health Department and many more were referred to the People's Advice Service.

The number of new Sanitary Complaints received was 1,242 as compared with 1,543 in 1956 showing a decrease of 301. The number of Intimation Notices served also dropped from 883 in 1956 to 366 in 1957. While many factors may be the cause of this decrease, it would appear that two of these factors are the increased number of Council dwellings in the Borough and the higher standard of the state of repair of privately owned dwellings. Many nuisances were remedied by verbal representations of the Public Health Inspectors.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the civilian population in 1957, was 50,480 as compared with 50,420 in 1956, while the number of births allocated to Stoke Newington in 1957 was 898 as compared with 850 in 1956, thus showing an increase in the birth rate from 16.66 to 17.78.

The number of deaths of children under one year of age was 25 as compared with 18 in 1956. The causes of death were Bronchitis 3, Prematurity 8, Pneumonia 2, Congenital Malformations 4, and other causes 8. It will be appreciated that any rise or fall in the deaths of children under 1 year based on a low population figure such as in Stoke Newington, will reflect considerably in the actual infant mortality rate. Hence, while the number of these deaths increased by 8 over the previous year, the actual rate showed an increase from 23.07 to 27.83.

There were 4 deaths from Motor Vehicle Accidents during the year. One involved a boy aged 5 who died after being struck by a Motor Vehicle.

Deaths due to other accidents totalled 8, and showed an increase of 2 as compared with the previous year. 2 males and 6 females were involved. Four of these accidents occurred in women over the age of 70 following accidents involving fracture of femur after having fallen.

Suicides totalled 4 and involved 3 males and 1 female.

Deaths of Stoke Newington residents totalled 496 as compared with 533 in 1956, and the death rate decreased from 10.57 to 9.82. The causes of death were Tuberculosis 6, Cancer of all sites 103, Vascular lesions of Nervous System 57, Heart Diseases 146, Pneumonia 19, Bronchitis 40, Suicides 4, and Other Diseases 121.

The number of deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis increased by 3, while the number of deaths from Cancer of the Lung increased by 5 as compared with the previous year. It is still necessary to emphasise the association between cigarette smoking and cancer of the lung. Parents would be well advised to make their children understand the dangers resulting from cigarette smoking and to try and prevent them from starting, even if they, the parents find it difficult to give up the habit completely themselves.

Notifications of Infectious Diseases totalled 1,039 as compared with 453 for 1956. There were 2 cases of Poliomyelitis, one in the age group 0-1 and the other in the age group 5-10. Both these cases were removed to hospital. 14 cases of Food Poisoning were reported and involved persons in various age groups. Particulars regarding these cases will be found in the Annual Return of Food Poisoning Notifications. The acute rise in the number of cases

of infectious diseases is due to the increased incidence of measles, an epidemic of this disease occurring in alternate years. The table of infectious diseases in the Statistical Section of this Report will show the rise and fall in numbers over the past five years.

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

3,112 enquiries were attended to at the Public Health Department counter, and these are analysed under Summary of Enquiries. Health Education was again carried out by means of poster display and by the distribution of informative leaflets.

The investigation into Atmospheric Pollution continued throughout the year. Under the Clean Air Act, 1956 a scheme was prepared for a Smoke Control Area in the northern part of the Borough covering approximately 150 acres and including over 2,000 dwellings. Provisional approval to the scheme was given by the Minister of Housing and Local Government and a detailed survey of the area was commenced. The Minister gave his official confirmation to the scheme in June, 1958 and the Order becomes operative on the 1st January 1959. Two further areas are receiving consideration, one of which has received the provisional approval of the Minister.

113 samples of Food, Drugs and Other Articles were taken under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 of which 45 were formal samples and 68 were informal samples. No sample was found to be adulterated. A list of the various commodities taken for analysis will be found at the end of this Report.

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 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 1957.

My thanks are due also to the staff of the Public Health Department for their assistance throughout the year.

S. King

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

STATISTICS

Area of Borough - 863 acres.	Street Mileage 26.37
Rateable Value at April, 1957	£659,168
Estimated Net Product of ld. Rate	£2,633
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population mid-1957	- 50,480

<u>Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>
Males	472	429	43
Females	<u>426</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>36</u>
	<u>898</u>	<u>819</u>	<u>79</u>

Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated population	17.78
Area comparability factor	0.89
Number of stillbirths	11

Deaths

Deaths (males 252 : females 244)

Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated population	9.82
Area comparability factor	1.15
Deaths from maternal causes	1
Deaths of Infants under 1 year (males 16 : females 9)	

Infants under 1 year : Infant Mortality Rate

All infants per 1,000 live births	27.83
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	29.30
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	12.65
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks (males 13 : females 8)	

CAUSES OF DEATH

The causes of death for 1957 and 1956, arranged under the headings of the short list used by the Registrar-General, are set out in the following list :-

Cause	1957	1956
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	6	3
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic diseases	-	1
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	4	-
10. Malignant neoplasm stomach	13	23
11. Malignant neoplasm lung and bronchus	22	17
12. Malignant neoplasm breast	6	11
13. Malignant neoplasm uterus	4	5
14. Other malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms	58	51
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	3	5
16. Diabetes	5	2
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	57	62
18. Coronary disease, Agina	73	88
19. Hypertension with heart disease	12	17
20. Other heart disease	61	61
21. Other circulatory disease	21	26
22. Influenza	4	-
23. Pneumonia	19	28
24. Bronchitis	40	47
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	3	6
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	7	10
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	4	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	3	8
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	2	3
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	1	-
31. Congenital malformations	7	5
32. Other defined and ill defined diseases	45	35
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	5
34. All other accidents	8	6
35. Suicide	4	7
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
	496	533

The causes of the 25 infant deaths in 1957 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	2	-	-	-	3
Prematurity	5	3	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	8
Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	2
Congenital Malformations	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	4
All other Causes	5	3	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	8
	11	9	-	-	1	21	3	1	-	-	25

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Causes of Death	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Pneumonia	3	1	1	4	-	2	1	4	2	2
Congenital Malformations etc.	9	10	3	1	2	4	3	1	5	4
Premature Birth	7	3	8	11	-	-	4	2	5	8
Bronchitis	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	3
Diarrhoea	2	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Other Digestive Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Prolonged Labour	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-
All other Causes	3	-	5	9	9	10	1	6	5	8
	25	15	21	26	11	18	15	14	18	25

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
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
1957	50,480	898	17.78	496	9.82	25	27.83

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

During 1957, there were 1,039 cases of notifiable infectious disease as compared with 453 cases in 1956.

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

Disease	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Dysentery	80	40	38	43	98
Erysipelas	11	6	1	4	5
Food Poisoning	10	16	37	13	14
Malaria	1	-	2	-	-
Measles	774	284	752	105	783
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	2	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	5	2	-	2
Paratyphoid	1	-	1	1	1
Pneumonia	33	35	36	11	21
Poliomyelitis	2	1	12	4	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	21	16	2	3	7
Scabies	3	7	6	9	8
Scarlet Fever	78	18	28	28	53
Typhoid	-	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	236	43	81	231	44
	1,251	472	1,000	453	1,039

Table showing Notifications of Infectious Diseases received in 1957 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	98	4	8	13	42	13	2	3	7	6	-	-	2
Erysipelas	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	1
Food Poisoning	14	-	3	1	2	-	1	2	4	1	-	-	1
Measles	783	13	180	209	373	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	12
Meningococcal Infection	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	21	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	2	3	5	6	2
Poliomyelitis	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	1	-	-	-	5
Scabies	8	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	2	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	53	-	-	7	38	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
Para-typhoid	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	44	4	12	8	18	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
	1039	24	205	239	475	29	8	14	18	12	9	6	34

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological examinations have been carried out by the Public Health Laboratory at County Hall. The following is a statement of the specimens submitted to the Laboratory during 1957 :-

<u>Nature of Specimen</u>	<u>Result of Examination</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>	
Blood	2	1	3
Boils	1	1	2
Faeces	304	427	731
Nasal	-	1	1
Sputum	-	4	4
Throat	-	46	46
Urine	10	25	35
	<u>317</u>	<u>505</u>	<u>822</u>

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

39 medical examinations were carried out during the year in respect of new appointments and persons on whom special reports were required in connection with absence through sickness.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47. One elderly lady was removed on a Magistrates' Order to a London County Council Home.

Section 50. Two burials were carried out under this Act at a total cost of £37. 2. 6. An amount of £20. 2. 6. was recovered from the estate of one of the deceased.

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>
5	2	7	Nil	14

Outbreaks of Undiscovered Cause :-

	<u>Total Outbreaks</u>	<u>Total Cases</u>	
	1	5	
<u>Agent Suspected</u>		<u>Unknown Cause</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salmonella typhi-murium (No food suspected)		5	5

Single Cases

	<u>Agent Suspected</u>	<u>Unknown Cause</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cheese and tomato sandwich suspected (No pathogenic organisms found)		1	1
Lamb Suspected (Salmonella typhi-murium)		1	1
Pork Suspected (B.Welchi isolated)		1	1
Rissoles Suspected (B.Welchi isolated)		1	1
No food suspected (Salmonella typhi-murium)		1	1
Tinned Meat Suspected (Salmonella typhi-murium)		1	1
No food suspected (No pathogenic organisms found)		1	1
No food suspected (Salmonella typhi-murium)		1	1
No food suspected (Salmonella typhi-murium)		1	1

SMALLPOX

In July, 1957 notification was received by letter from a neighbouring Borough regarding three cases of smallpox in that Borough and forwarding a list of contacts resident in Stoke Newington. The number of these contacts was 15.

The Public Health Inspectors set about the task of visiting these contacts, checking their movements and arranging vaccination for those who had not been vaccinated either for some long period or at all.

A vaccination centre was set up in the Public Health Department and both residents and non-residents were given the facilities for vaccination. Arrangements were made for an adequate supply of lymph to be readily available to local medical practitioners and local clinics.

The Public Health Inspectors continued their visiting of the contacts every day for sixteen days. Fortunately none of the contacts became ill with smallpox. The routine work of the Department was put to one side while the staff, both Inspectors and Administrative, concentrated on dealing with the many communications and telephone calls which of necessity arose in such circumstances.

Both the Chief Public Health Inspectors and Chief Clerk remained on constant call for any emergency and for the issue and delivery of lymph to wherever it may have been needed. This outbreak of smallpox, while only affecting this Borough by way of contacts, stresses the importance and value of speed and team work by the staff of the Public Health Department, and local medical practitioners, and it is to be appreciated that such incidents place somewhat of a burden on that staff when they are limited in numbers as in Stoke Newington.

TUBERCULOSIS, 1957

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 31/12/1956	414	330	744	51	41	92	465	371	836
Primary Notifications	24	11	35	2	2	4	26	13	39
Posthumous Notifications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restored	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Removals into Borough	22	21	43	1	1	2	23	22	45
From other sections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONS	46	32	78	3	3	6	49	35	84
Deaths	8	2	10	-	1	1	8	3	11
Posthumous Notifications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Removals from Borough	30	30	60	3	4	7	33	34	67
Recovered	7	8	15	-	1	1	7	9	16
To other sections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DELETIONS	45	40	85	3	6	9	48	46	94
Net Increase	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Net Decrease	-	8	8	-	3	3	-	11	11
On Register at 31/12/1957	415	322	737	51	38	89	466	360	826

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	1	4	4	3	4	4	5	1	24
Respiratory, Females	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	3	1	2	2	1	1	11
Non-Respiratory, Males	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Non-Respiratory, Females	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

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

Year	Population	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
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
1957	50,480	35	4	39

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	78
(1) To await inquests-	
(a) Infectious	-
(b) Non-infectious	4
(2) To await burial	1
(3) Cause of death certified by Coroner	73
Number of post-mortem examinations made	77

CLEANSING OF VERMINOUS PERSONS

The following cleansings were carried out at the Cleansing Station during the year where 20 adults and 30 children received treatment :-

<u>Verminous Conditions</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Treatments</u>
Adults	11	17
Children under 5	-	-
Children over 5	20	20
<u>Scabies</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Treatments</u>
Adults	9	17
Children under 5	-	-
Children over 5	10	12

During the year, treatments were also carried out on behalf of the London County Council as follows :-

<u>Verminous Conditions</u>	No. of school-children treated	141
	No. of treatments given	141
<u>Scabies</u>	No. of school-children treated	50
	No. of treatments given	68

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	40
Diphtheria, Suspected	2
Dysentery	4
Tuberculosis	9
Meningitis	3
Erysipelas	1
Malaria	1
Cancer	1
Poliomyelitis, Suspected	12
Food Poisoning	1
Pneumonia	1
Other Diseases	9
Total Number of Rooms Disinfected	93
Books	108
Articles	1,174
Articles for Abroad	39
Verminous Rooms	60
Verminous Articles	201
Articles Destroyed	5

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	988
" " " " after infectious disease	229
" " " Milkshops and Dairies	122
" " " Factories	175
" " " Outworkers Premises	140
" " " Shops	346
" " " Ice Cream Premises	100
" " " Restaurants and Eating Houses	62
" " " Bakehouses	16
" " " Food Premises	651
" " " Other Premises	966
" " re.Housing Accommodation	191
" " Pharmacy and Poisons	57
" " Rodent Control	203
" " Smoke Nuisance	28
" " Notices from Builders	228
Total Number of Re-inspections	6,072
Intimation Notices Served	366
Statutory Notices Served	146
Notices under Section 40,Public Health (London) Act, 1936	25
" " " 12, London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1954	15
" " " 25, London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1955	3
" " " 27, " " " " " "	3
" " " Food and Drugs Act, 1955	47

NUISANCES REMEDIED

Premises in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health	42
The house or part of the house in a damp condition as to be insanitary	94
The house in a dilapidated condition so as to be insanitary	67
The wallplaster or ceiling in part of the house defective so as to be insanitary	71
The Water Closet so defective as to be a nuisance	35
The Water Closet stopped	3
The soil pipe improperly ventilated	1
The soil pipe defective	3
The sink defective and insanitary	3
The waste pipe of sink untrapped and insanitary	1
The waste pipe of lavatory or bath defective	14
The water cistern defective	2
An accumulation or deposit of refuse dangerous or injurious to health	10
The drain choked	44
The rainwater pipe defective	40
The roof defective so as to be insanitary	120
Nuisance from the keeping of animals	3
The guttering defective so as to be insanitary	42
The house without a proper water supply	2
The drain defective so as to be insanitary	4

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

During the year under review the Department have continued to carry out measurements of atmospheric pollution. Monthly readings were taken of sulphur dioxide by means of a lead peroxide candle and of deposited impurities by a standard deposit gauge. Daily readings were taken of sulphur dioxide and of smoke by volumetric means, and during fog short period readings were made to assist investigations being carried out by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. Details of the readings for the year are shown in Tables 1, 2 and 3.

Part of the Clean Air Act 1956 came into force on the last day of that year. One of the most important provisions of the Act is that which enables local authorities to form Smoke Control Areas and preliminary investigations were made into its application to such areas in Stoke Newington. As a result, a scheme was prepared for an area in the northern part of the Borough covering approximately 150 acres and including over 2,000 dwellings.

The proposals were submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government who gave provisional approval for the area. Thereafter a detailed survey of the premises in the area was commenced. The extent of the proposed Smoke Control Area is shown in the Map figure 1.

The area contains a high proportion of houses already fitted with approved appliances designed to burn smokeless fuel and it is therefore possible to deal with this substantial portion of the Borough without an excessive number of adaptations. The development of the area is almost complete and this, together with its excellent lay-out and situation, were also factors in deciding on the initial Smoke Control Area. It is the intention of the Council to follow this up with a programme of successive areas.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION - TABLE 1

DEPOSIT GAUGE

Month	Rainfall in Inches	Tons per Square Mile		
		Soluble Matter.	Insoluble Matter.	Total Solids
January	1.30	6.31	9.94	16.25
February	2.80	5.42	10.50	15.92
March	0.87	6.74	13.37	20.11
April	0.08	3.40	21.10	24.50
May	1.10	3.63	8.19	11.82
June	0.12	3.43	5.52	8.95
July	3.55	6.31	7.30	13.61
August	1.58	5.15	1.12	6.27
September	2.24	4.39	10.63	15.02
October	1.65	5.35	6.08	11.43
November	1.93	4.36	4.36	8.72
December	1.42	9.08	8.52	17.60

LEAD PEROXIDE APPARATUS - TABLE 2

Month	Mg. of SO_3 / day collected by 100 sq. cm. of Batch A PbO_2 . (lowered cover)
January	2.9
February	3.6
March	3.0
April	1.9
May	1.1
June	0.9
July	0.8
August	0.7
September	1.1
October	2.1
November	3.6
December	5.1

DAILY SMOKE FILTER - TABLE 3

(Smoke in milligrammes/100 cubic metres)

Month	Average Reading	Highest Reading	Lowest Reading
January	32.1	87.7	9.4
February	52.7	124.6	4.9
March	41.7	90.9	11.1
April	22.3	61.9	2.4
May	15.2	39.8	4.7
June	13.5	29.3	2.3
July	12.4	21.0	5.0
August	13.4	38.5	2.4
September	23.3	42.0	5.1
October	37.6	122.2	16.3
November	33.6	70.1	17.1
December	69.3	251.6	21.6

PROPOSED SMOKE CONTROL

AREA NUMBER ONE

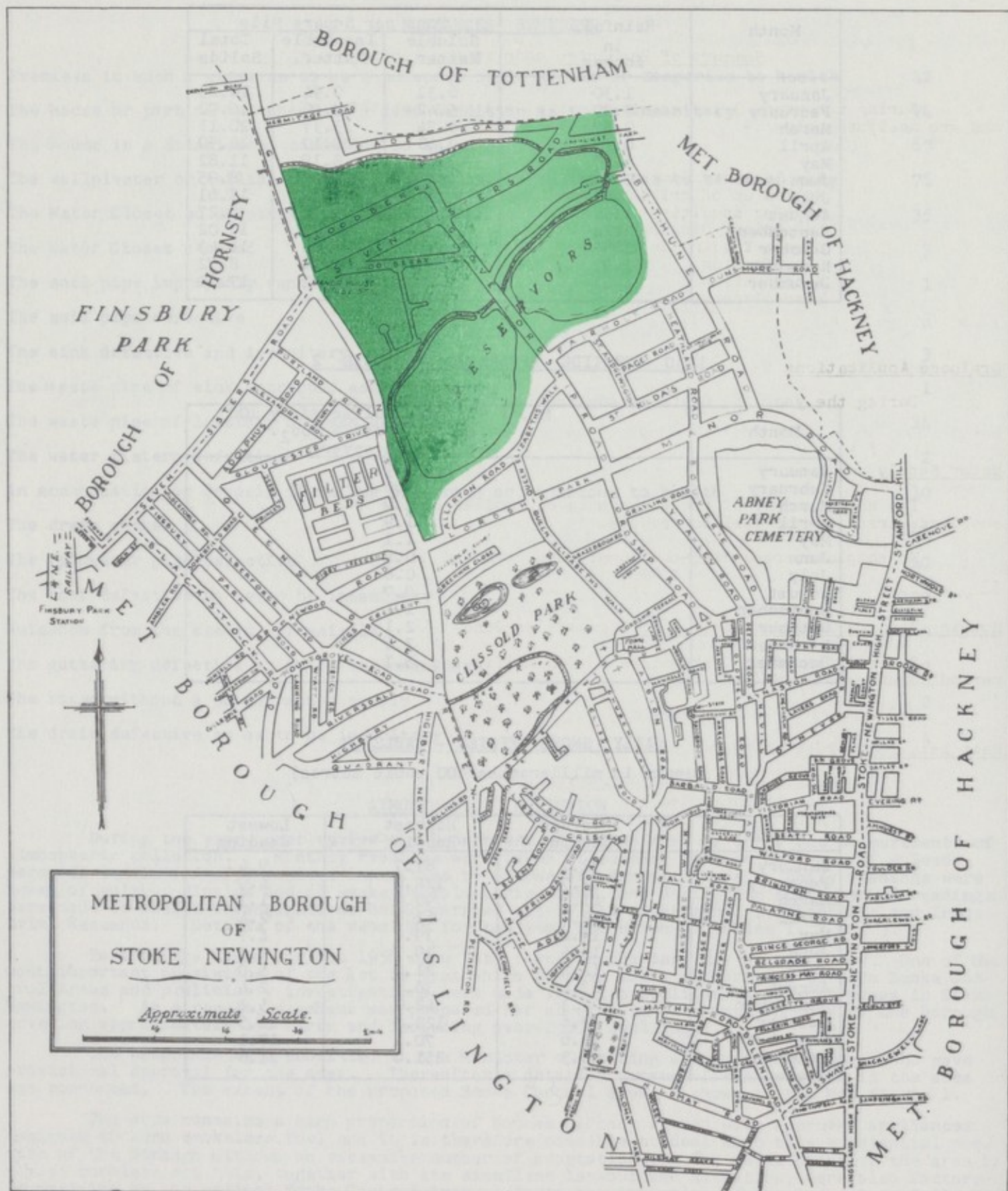


FIG. I.

Summary of Enquiries made at the Public Health Department

During the year, 3,112 enquiries were dealt with at the Public Health Department counter and are analysed below :-

New Sanitary Complaints	1,242
Follow up of original complaint	207
Housing Enquiries	18
Infectious Disease Enquiries	65
Street Trading Enquiries	14
Disinfection	99
Vaccination	304
Miscellaneous	1,163

Drainage Applications

During the year, 43 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 (January to June)

2 Certificates of Disrepair and 3 Certificates of Revocation were issued during the period January to June.

Rent Act, 1957 (July to December)

Applications for Certificates	99
Certificates Refused	Nil
Authority to issue Certificates -	
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	25
(b) in respect of all defects	13
Undertakings given by landlords	49
Undertakings refused	Nil
Applications for cancellations of Certificates	2
Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificates	1
Decisions to cancel in spite of tenant's objection	1
Certificates cancelled	1

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

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

Nature of Offence	Fine £. s. d.	Costs £. s. d.	Remarks
For public health nuisance at premises in Lidfield Road		2. 2. 0.	Order to abate in 14 days
Appeal by owners of premises in Somerfield Road against dustbin notice served pursuant to London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1954			Appeal not allowed but two tenants ordered to pay 7/6d. each towards cost
For public health nuisance at premises in King's Crescent		10. 6.	Work done. Summons withdrawn.
For public health nuisance at premises in Queen's Drive		10. 6.	Work done. Summons withdrawn.
For public health nuisance at premises in Winston Road		1. 1. 0.	Order to abate in 14 days.
For public health nuisance at premises in Green Lanes			Work in hand. Adjourned sine die.
For offences under Section 11 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955. Sale of sweets containing glass		3. 3. 0.	Absolute discharge.
For offence under Section 11 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955. Sale of bread containing a piece of wire	5. 0. 0.	3. 3. 0.	
Appeal by owner of requisitioned premises in Heathland Road against notice served by the Council under Section 40 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936			Appeal upheld. Council as requisitioning authority ordered to do the necessary drainage work and the owner to pay a quarter of the cost. Council ordered to pay £10.10. 0. costs
For public health nuisance at premises in Bouverie Road		1. 1. 0.	Summons withdrawn
For public health nuisance at premises in Lordship Grove	10. 0. 0.	1. 9. 6.	Order to abate in 14 days
For public health nuisance at premises in Wilberforce Road	10. 0. 0.	1. 9. 6.	Order to abate in 14 days
For offence under Section 11 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955. Sale of bar of cocoanut ice which was rancid.	1. 0. 0.	2. 2. 0.	
Appeal by owner of property in Nevill Road against Drainage Notice served by Council under Section 40 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936			Owners of adjoining properties served by combined drain ordered to share the cost of the necessary drainage works
Appeal by Council (as owners of a property in Sandbrook Road) against Drainage Notice served under Section 40 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936			Appeal withdrawn on offer by adjoining owner to share cost
For public health nuisance at premises in Edward's Lane		1.14. 6.	Order to abate in 14 days

RODENT CONTROL

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	All Other Premises.	Total
No. of Properties	24	11,267	1,865	13,156
Properties inspected:				
(a) After notification	8	377	37	422
(b) Survey	1	26	2	29
(c) For other reasons	-	-	651	651
Properties infested by:				
(a) Rats (major)	-	-	-	-
(minor)	3	82	7	92
(b) Mice (major)	-	-	-	-
(minor)	4	270	30	304
Properties treated	7	352	37	396

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 :-

Treatment No.25

Period of Treatment	-	14th to 29th April, 1957
No. of manholes baited	-	268
No. showing complete "takes"	-	111
No. showing prebait "take"	-	149
Estimated Kill	-	1,005
Bait Base and Poison used	-	Sausage Rusk and Zinc Phosphide

Treatment No.26

Period of Treatment	-	14th to 23rd October, 1957
No. of manholes baited	-	258
No. showing complete "takes"	-	153
No. showing prebait "take"	-	175
Estimated Kill	-	1,410
Bait Base and Poison used	-	Sausage Rusk and Zinc Phosphide

Appeal by owner of property in Newall Road against Drainage Notice served by Council under Section 40 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936.

Appeal by Council (as owners of a property in Newall Road) against Drainage Notice served under Section 40 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936.

For public health nuisance at premises in Newall Road.

Owners of adjoining properties served by Council with Drainage Notice to share the cost of the necessary drainage works.

Appeal withdrawn after Council's offer to remove the drain.

Order to abate in 14 days.

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		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	58	64	3	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	267	243	32	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority, excluding outworkers premises.	-	-	-	-
Total	325	307	35	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	to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness.	9	9	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient.	1	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	20	17	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	1	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	2	2	9	Relating to lack of Abstract	
Total	33	28	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 out-side the Borough		Total	
	Feb.	Aug.	Feb.	Aug.	Feb.	Aug.
Number of outworkers employed by firms in the Borough	177	187	386	419	563	606
Number of outworkers employed by firms out-side the Borough	207	238	-	-	207	238
Total number of outworkers whose names were included in lists submitted during the year	384	425	386	419	770	844

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

Trade	No. of Outworkers		Trade	No. of Outworkers	
	Feb.	Aug.		Feb.	Aug.
Artificial Flowers	6	26	Jewellery	3	19
Belts and Braces	2	5	Lampshades	4	1
Brushes	3	5	Light Machinery	-	-
Buttons and Button Carding	-	3	Linen Goods	6	8
Coathangers	-	-	Novelties, Hair nets etc.	13	13
Cardboard Boxes etc.	24	13	Plastics	-	-
Cake Ornaments	-	-	Plastic Bags	-	8
Cosques, Xmas Stockings, Crakers &c	3	3	Shoulder Pads	-	-
Druggist Sundries	4	-	Stationery	2	2
Embroidered Furnishings	7	8	Toolmakers	15	12
Fancy and Cotton Goods	1	2	Toys and Games	6	1
Fancy Feathers	8	8	Trimmings	6	4
Files and Albums	-	-	Umbrellas	5	5
Footwear	-	-	Wearing Apparel		
Furs	2	2	(Making, alteration and cleaning)	248	257
Hats	11	13			
Handbags and Leather Goods	5	7	Total	384	425

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

District	February	August	Total
Bethnal Green	-	6	6
Cambridge	-	1	1
Corporation of London	7	7	14
Edmonton	2	-	2
Enfield	-	1	1
Finsbury	41	56	97
Hackney	30	40	70
Hammersmith	1	1	2
Holborn	4	4	8
Hornsey	2	3	5
Islington	39	56	95
Kensington	1	1	2
Poplar	-	2	2
Southgate	1	1	2
St. Marylebone	3	1	4
St. Pancras	17	14	31
Shoreditch	14	7	21
Stepney	16	15	31
Tottenham	13	13	26
West Ham	1	1	2
Westminster	15	7	22
Wood Green	2	-	2
	207	238	445

SUMMARY

	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>		<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>
Artificial Flowers	6	26	Hats	7	11
Boots and Shoes	-	-	Handbags	-	-
Braces and Belts	-	-	Lampshades	4	1
Brushes	3	5	Leather Goods	2	3
Buttons and Button Carding	-	3	Linen Goods	3	1
Cardboard Boxes etc.	24	10	Novelties, Hairnets	-	2
Children's Wear	-	-	Plastics	-	-
Cake Ornaments	-	-	Plastic Bags	-	8
Coat Hangers	-	-	Shoulder Pads	-	-
Druggist Sundries	4	-	Stationery etc.	-	1
Embroidered Furnishing	3	4	Toys, Xmas Crackers etc.	9	3
Fancy and Cotton Goods	1	2	Trimmings	-	-
Feathers	3	2	Umbrellas	5	5
Imitation Jewellery	3	19	Wearing Apparel	130	132
			Total	207	238

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

Pasteurised

27

Sterilised

47

Tuberculin Tested

6

SUPPLEMENTARY LICENCES

Pasteurised

22

Sterilised

24

Tuberculin Tested

20

Milk Samples

106 samples of milk were sent for bacteriological examination and of these 2 failed to pass the Methylene Blue Test. The temperature on the day these samples were taken exceeded 60° F.

Ice Cream

During the year 16 samples of Ice Cream were sent to the Laboratory for Bacteriological examination, and were reported upon as follows :-

5 samples were up to Grade I Standard

6 " " " " " II "

3 " " " " " III "

2 " " " " " IV "

Pharmacy and Poisons

The names and addresses of 47 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	7	12.36	3.51	8.85
February	9	12.58	3.69	8.89
March	9	12.43	3.65	8.78
April	4	12.69	3.64	9.05
May	8	12.35	3.42	8.93
June	Nil			
July	4	12.31	3.58	8.73
August	4	12.08	3.48	8.60
September	4	12.53	3.66	8.87
October	Nil			
November	4	13.21	4.10	9.11
December	Nil			

The average composition of the whole of the 53 samples of milk received during the year and returned as genuine was as under :-

Total Milk Solids	12.50
Milk Fat	<u>3.63</u>
Non-Fatty Solids	<u>8.87</u>

COMPLAINTS OF FOREIGN BODIES IN FOODWire in Bread

Complaint was received that a loaf of bread purchased in the Borough was found to contain when cut, a small piece of wire.

The complainant had taken the loaf back to the bakers, but was not satisfied with the explanation offered.

A representative from the bakers called at the Public Health Department and was shown the loaf. The only explanation which the representative could offer was that the wire had met the flour sieve at right angles and so had passed through unnoticed.

The Committee recommended a prosecution and the firm were fined £5 and ordered to pay £3. 3. 0. costs.

Mould on Meat Pie

A meat pie was purchased by a boy of 14 years of age and when opened, the pie was found to contain mould.

According to the manufacturers, the pie was made on 24th May and delivered to the retailer on 25th May. The retailers raised some doubt as to whether or not the pie was actually purchased from their shop. It was felt that while it appeared most probable that the pie was actually purchased from the shop in question, the difficulty was that the only witness available to give evidence of purchase was the boy of 14 years. There were weaknesses found in his statement and it was considered that he would be unlikely to stand up to the thorough cross-examination he would receive in Court.

After careful consideration, the Committee decided not to institute proceedings.

Dirty Condition of Wrapped Sliced Loaf

A resident purchased a wrapped sliced loaf in which black particles were found to be present.

The supervisor of the bakery stated the loaf had been made in a bakery outside the Borough and that some new baking tins had been overoiled, and that this had caused the loaf to have a black appearance. It was also stated that the black particles were poppy seeds.

The Committee resolved that a warning letter be sent to the retailer and that the Medical Officer of Health in whose area the bakery was situated, be informed of the complaint.

Mouldy Loaf

Complaint was received that a loaf purchased from a baker's roundsman was mouldy.

The roundsman admitted to selling a stale loaf of bread and apology was made and accepted by the complainant.

A warning letter was sent to the baker concerned, stating that in the event of a similar occurrence, the matter would be placed before the Committee.

Hair on Crust of Wrapped Loaf

Complaint was made regarding a hair adhering to the crust of a cut and wrapped loaf. The suppliers were interviewed and a microscopical examination made.

The hair was found to be a mixture of hemp and jute. The bakery staff were provided with hessian gloves to unload the ovens and it was thought probable that fibres were derived from these.

A warning letter was sent to the firm supplying the bread and advising them to take all the necessary precautions to prevent similar occurrences.

Fly in Cake

Complaint was received, by letter, of the presence of a large fly in a cake. The bakeries were visited by a Public Health Inspector who reported a high standard of cleanliness.

The firm concerned was informed of the complaint and advised to use all possible vigilance to prevent a similar occurrence.

Snail in Blackcurrant Jam

A jar of blackcurrant jam which contained a snail was submitted to the department. The manufacturers were advised of the complaint and asked for observations. They replied by stating that such an accident was very rare and that a most careful inspection of the raw materials was made before they were used. Further, it was stated that the jam was boiled at a very high temperature for a considerable period of time.

The Committee recommended a prosecution and the firm were given an absolute discharge on payment of £2. 2. 0. costs.

Unsound French Coconut Ice

Two bars of French coconut ice were purchased by a resident from premises in the Borough. The complainant stated that whilst watching television in darkness, portions of one of the bars were eaten. Owing to the unpleasant taste, the remaining bar was examined and found to smell badly and to have mould on the surface.

The ice was returned to the retailer next morning and two bars from the remaining stock were found to be unwholesome. The sweets were then withdrawn from sale.

The Committee ordered legal proceedings to be instituted and the firm was fined £1 with £2. 2. 0. costs.

FOOD PREMISES

The following is a list, by type of business, of the food premises in the Borough at the end of 1957 :-

Butchers	29
Bakers	16
Confectioners	85
Fishmongers (Wet, Dry and Fried)	12
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	41
Groceries and Provisions	95
Grocery (Wholesale)	6
Ice Cream	108
Milk Shops and Dairies	50
Public Houses and Off Licences	52
Restaurants and Cafes	46
Cooked Meats	1
Soft Drinks Manufacturer	1

The District Public Health Inspectors carried out systematic inspections of all food premises in the Borough. 48 Notices were served under the Food Hygiene Regulations.

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 1957 was 1,006.

The following is a list, by type of business, of premises (other than food premises) in the Borough at the end of 1957 :-

Chemists	13
Chemists Sundries	12
Cleaners, Dyers etc.	22
Domestic Stores, Hardware etc.	29
Drapers	26
Footwear - Repairs etc.	29
Footwear - Retail	8
Hairdressers	39
Newsagents	24
Pet Animals	6
Pharmacy and Poisons	49
Radio and Television Dealers	17
Second-hand Dealers	22
Stationers	18
Tailors	33
Tobacconists	81
Banks	4
Books and Private Libraries	3
Builders and Builders' Merchants	9
Building Societies	1
Car Hire, Driving Schools and Motor Sales	2
Cinemas	3
Coal Merchants and Dealers	3
Corsetiers	2
Cycles and Accessories	6
Dentists	1
Electrical Equipment and Accessories	8
Estate Agents	7
Florists	4
Funeral Directors and Monumental Masons	5
Furniture Removers	1
Furniture and Upholstery (Retail Sales and Repairs)	17
Garages	3
General Dealers (Rags etc.)	1
Hosiery, Knitwear, Wools	10
Jewellery and Watches	8
Ladies Wear	5
Laundry Offices and Launderettes	17
Leather and Fancy Goods	3
Linoleum and Carpets	4
Motor Cycles	2
Music, Records etc.	1
Opticians	9
Photographers	1
Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices	7
Printers	3
Sewing Machines and Requisites	4
Shirts and Pyjamas	1
Wallpapers and Paints	4
Toys etc.	8
Veterinary Surgeon	1
Miscellaneous	10

Method of Disposal of Condemned Food

The method of disposal of unsound food has remained the same throughout the year. 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 :-

		Lbs.	Ozs.
Bacon	...	490	8
Cereals	...	65	14½
Cheese	...	213	-
Fat Products..	...	1	4
Fish	...	506	15½
Fruit and Vegetable Juices	...	97	3½
Fruit and Vegetables	...	7,385	13
Frozen Foods..	...	2,660	-
Jam	...	153	12
Meat, Tinned..	...	4,257	4
Meat, Untinned	...	218	13
Milk	...	2,250	12
Paste and Pickles	...	11	13
Soup	...	335	5½
Miscellaneous	...	122	5

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT SAMPLES 1957

Articles	Formal		Informal	
	No. Taken	No. Adulterated	No. Taken	No. Adulterated
Butter	2	-	1	-
Cheese	-	-	1	-
Confectionery	-	-	1	-
Cream	-	-	1	-
Jam	-	-	2	-
Lard	1	-	-	-
Margarine	2	-	-	-
Milk	39	-	15	-
Tea	-	-	1	-
Vinegar	-	-	1	-
Cocoa	-	-	1	-
Fat, Compound	-	-	1	-
Tomato, Puree	-	-	1	-
Jelly	-	-	1	-
Meat, Tinned	-	-	1	-
Pepper	-	-	1	-
Vegetables, Preserved	-	-	1	-
Sausages, Pork	1	-	-	-
Curry Powder	-	-	1	-
Coffee	-	-	1	-
Ice Cream	-	-	8	-
Sauce, Tomato	-	-	1	-
Mayonnaise	-	-	2	-
Lemon Curd	-	-	1	-
Oil, Olive	-	-	2	-
" Frying	-	-	1	-
Soup	-	-	2	-
Butter Almonds	-	-	1	-
Ground "	-	-	2	-
Fruit, Tinned	-	-	2	-
Flour, Plain	-	-	1	-
Lemon Juice	-	-	1	-
Mustard	-	-	1	-
Drugs	-	-	3	-
Ground Ginger	-	-	1	-
Lemon Barley Water	-	-	1	-
Caraway Seeds	-	-	1	-
Glaze Cherries	-	-	1	-
Pickles	-	-	1	-
Sugar, Icing	-	-	1	-
Christmas Pudding	-	-	1	-
Peel, Chopped	-	-	1	-
Total	45	-	68	-

