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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE 1958/1959

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" Mrs. G.M. Shanagher

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Alderman Mrs. B. Benabo, J.P.

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Councillor Mrs. L.S. Calfe

Councillor G. Hayes

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at 31st December, 1958

Medical Officer of Health

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Chief Public Health Inspector

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Food Inspector

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Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

J. McDougal (a,b)

District Public Health Inspectorand Rodent Officer

G.K. Elliott (a,b)

District Public Health Inspector andHousing Inspector

K.G. Jones (a,b)

District Public Health InspectorFood Inspector from 1/12/1958

N.G. Johnson (a,b)

Student Public Health Inspector to10/8/1958District Public Health Inspector from11/8/1958

W.P. French (a)

Student Public Health Inspector

J. Altoft

(Commenced 3/11/1958)

Administrative Staff

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Mrs. D.I. Harris (Clerk) Commenced 2/6/1958

S.J. Law (Clerk)

S.J. Long (Clerk)

Disinfectors

E. Strachan (Foreman)

L. Dallison (Commenced 29/4/1958)

Rodent Operative

A. Moore

Cleansing Station Attendant

Mrs. L. Heritage

(a) Public Health Inspectors' Certificate

(b) Meat and Other Foods Inspectors' Certificate

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STOKE NEWINGTON

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1958

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 1958 on the health and sanitary circumstances in Stoke Newington.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the civilian population in 1958 was 50,480 while the number of births allocated to this Borough was 938 as compared with 898 in 1957, thus showing an increase in the birth rate from 17.78 to 18.58.

The administration of the Rent Act, 1957 resulted in the issue of 43 Certificates of Disrepair, 13 Certificates of Revocation and the receipt of 45 Undertakings to execute works being received from landlords.

There were 2 deaths from motor vehicle accidents during the year, involving a boy aged 4 years and a man of 69 years, both of whom lost their lives by being struck by motor cars. Deaths due to other accidents showed an increase of 100% as compared with previous years and involved 16 persons. 7 of these accidents were to persons over the age of 60 years. A girl of 5½ years died of burns when her nightdress caught alight and a boy of 11 years died after falling through a roof whilst trespassing.

The seriousness of accidents in the home, especially from burns and scalds, cannot be stressed too strongly. A moment's thoughtlessness in leaving a young child alone, even for a short period, in a room where a fire is not properly and adequately guarded, where boiling saucepans are within reach of inquisitive fingers, or where matches are accessible, can lead to tragedy in a family.

The total deaths of Stoke Newington residents was 535 indicating an increase in the death rate from 9.82 to 10.59. The causes were Tuberculosis 4; Cancer of all sites 101; Vascular lesions of Nervous System 46; Heart Diseases 179; Pneumonia 21; Bronchitis 45; Suicides 6, and other diseases 133.

There has been no appreciable decrease in the number of deaths from Cancer of the Lung and the relationship between smoking and lung cancer cannot be over-emphasized. There seems little reduction in the smoking habits of the public from which it appears that the extensive advertising of various brands of cigarettes and tobacco has more influence on the man-in-the-street than his logical reasoning.

Notifications of Infectious Diseases totalled 680 as compared with 1,039 for 1957, the reduction being due, mainly, to a fall in the number of cases of measles from 783 in 1957 to 400 in 1958. 2 cases of poliomyelitis occurred, one aged 1 year, and the other aged 8 years; both cases were removed to hospital. 44 new cases of respiratory Tuberculosis were notified during 1958, and although this figure is higher than the 35 cases in 1957, the deaths from this cause fell from 6 to 2.

1,860 bacteriological specimens were sent for examination to the laboratory at County Hall, and I wish to place on record my sincere thanks to Dr. Tomlinson and his staff for their invaluable help and assistance.

Food hygiene education is steadily continuing. As an addition to the legal requirements, it is found that persuasion pays dividends and plays a considerable part in effecting improvements in methods of food handling and distribution. The majority of food traders now realise that a clean shop, assistants in clean overalls, protection of displayed commodities against contamination, and all the other common-sense aspects of clean food handling is noticed and appreciated by the public and results in increased custom.

The standard of food premises in Stoke Newington is generally good and, in some cases, excellent. There are, however, a few cases where conditions need still further improvement.

154 Samples under the Food & Drugs Act were taken during the year. Two informal samples of milk were found to be deficient in milk fat, but subsequent formal samples from the same purveyors were satisfactory.

Stoke Newington continued to be in the forefront in its application of the Clean Air Act. Smoke Control Order No.2 was made and submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for confirmation, and preliminary work was commenced in respect of a third Order. A map showing the areas affected is on page 24. The co-operation of the members of the public within the smoke control areas has been of considerable value in effecting the carrying out of all the detailed work and inspections necessary in such projects.

During the year, Mr. C. Cunningham, who had been a Public Health Inspector with this Council for 27 years, retired. During this period he gave loyal and conscientious service to Stoke Newington and we regretted to see him go.

I wish to extend my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their generous support, and to the Town Clerk and the Chief Officers of other Departments for their friendly and courteous co-operation.

Finally, I wish to record my appreciation to my Deputy, the Chief Public Health Inspector, the Chief Clerk and all members of the Public Health staff, whose competent and enthusiastic service and support has been instrumental in effecting the smooth running of the Department.

S. KING.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

STATISTICS

Area of Borough - 863 acres.	Street Mileage 26.37
Rateable Value at April, 1958	£662,317
Estimated Net Produce of ld. Rate	£2,679
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population mid-1958	- 50,480

Births

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Legitimate</u>	<u>Illegitimate</u>
Males	457	410	47
Females	<u>481</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>44</u>
	<u>938</u>	<u>847</u>	<u>91</u>
Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated population			18.58
Area comparability factor			0.89
Number of stillbirths			19
Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still births			19.85
Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births			9.70

Deaths

Deaths (males 277: females 258)	535
Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated population	10.59
Area comparability factor	1.13
Deaths from maternal causes	1
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	1.04
Deaths of infants under 1 year (males 13: females 8)	21

Infants under 1 year : Infant Mortality Rate

All Infants per 1,000 live births	22.38
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	22.43
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	21.97
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks (males 13: females 4)	17
Neo Natal (first 4 weeks) mortality rate per 1,000 live births	18.12

CAUSES OF DEATH

The causes of death for 1958 and 1957, arranged under the headings of the short list used by the Registrar-General, are set out in the following list :-

Cause	1958	1957
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	6
2. Tuberculosis, other	2	-
3. Syphilitic diseases	1	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	3	4
10. Malignant neoplasm stomach	21	13
11. Malignant neoplasm lung and bronchus	21	22
12. Malignant neoplasm breast	3	6
13. Malignant neoplasm uterus	5	4
14. Other malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms	51	58
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	4	3
16. Diabetes	1	5
17. Vascular lesions of nervous systems	46	57
18. Coronary disease, Angina	98	73
19. Hypertension with heart disease	18	12
20. Other heart disease	63	61
21. Other circulatory disease	41	21
22. Influenza	1	4
23. Pneumonia	21	19
24. Bronchitis	45	40
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	2	3
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	8	7
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	4
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	3	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	4	2
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	1	1
31. Congenital malformations	5	7
32. Other defined and ill defined diseases	39	45
33. Motor Vehicle accidents	2	4
34. All other accidents	16	8
35. Suicide	6	4
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
	<u>535</u>	<u>496</u>

The causes of the 21 infant deaths in 1958 are set out in the following table :-

Causes of Death	Under 24 hrs.	1 day to 1 wk	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	-	-	1
Prematurity	6	1	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	7
Pneumonia	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	4
Congenital Malformations	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
All other Causes	3	2	1	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	7
	11	3	3	-	-	17	1	2	1	-	21

INFANT MORTALITY

Causes of Death	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Pneumonia	1	1	4	-	2	1	4	2	2	4
Congenital Malformations etc.	10	3	1	2	4	3	1	5	4	2
Premature Birth	3	8	11	-	-	4	2	5	8	7
Bronchitis	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	3	1
Diarrhoea	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other Digestive Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Prolonged Labour	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-
All other Causes	-	5	9	9	10	1	6	5	8	7
	15	21	26	11	18	15	14	18	25	21

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
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
1958	50,480	938	18.58	535	10.59	21	22.38

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	75
(1) To await inquests-	
(a) Infectious	-
(b) Non-infectious	14
(2) To await burial	-
(3) Cause of death certified by Coroner	61
Number of post-mortem examinations made	75

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

During 1958, there were 680 cases of notifiable infectious disease as compared with 1,039 cases in 1957.

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

Disease	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Dysentery	40	38	43	98	175
Erysipelas	6	1	4	5	6
Food Poisoning	16	37	13	14	3
Malaria	-	2	-	-	-
Measles	284	752	105	783	400
Meningococcal Infection	-	2	1	1	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	5	2	-	2	8
Paratyphoid	-	1	1	1	-
Pneumonia	35	36	11	21	17
Poliomyelitis	1	12	4	2	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	16	2	3	7	10
Scabies	7	6	9	8	3
Scarlet Fever	18	28	28	53	43
Typhoid	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	43	81	231	44	11
	472	1,000	453	1,039	680

Table showing Notifications of Infectious Diseases received in 1958 in Age Groups, and Admissions to Hospitals.

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	175	6	22	23	66	23	2	10	15	5	3	-	6
Erysipelas	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	-	-
Food Poisoning	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
Measles	400	17	94	111	169	5	2	1	1	-	-	-	8
Meningococcal Infection	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Pneumonia	17	1	-	1	-	1	3	-	2	3	2	4	2
Poliomyelitis	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	10	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	1	2	-	-	6
Scabies	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	43	2	5	10	21	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	7
Whooping Cough	11	2	2	2	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	680	38	124	147	261	34	10	20	21	15	6	4	42

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 1958 :-

<u>Nature of Specimen</u>	<u>Result of Examination</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>	
Blood	-	-	-
Boils	4	-	4
Faeces	661	1,130	1,791
Nasal	1	9	10
Sputum	-	-	-
Throat	-	43	43
Urine	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
	<u>667</u>	<u>1,193</u>	<u>1,860</u>

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

32 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 50

Three burials were carried out under this Act at a total cost of £55.10. 0. An amount of £2.10. 6. was recovered from the estates of two 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>
1	1	1	Nil	3

Outbreaks of Undiscovered Cause :-

Total Outbreaks
Nil

Total Cases
Nil

Single Cases

<u>Agent Suspected</u>	<u>Unknown Cause</u>	<u>Total</u>
Corned Beef suspected (No pathogenic organisms found)	1	1
Veal suspected (No pathogenic organisms found)	1	1
Cheese sandwich suspected (Salmonella isolated: type not known)	1	1

TUBERCULOSIS 1958

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 31/12/1957	415	322	737	51	38	89	466	360	826
Primary Notifications	30	14	44	1	2	3	31	16	47
Restored	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Removals into Borough	31	21	52	-	-	-	31	21	52
TOTAL ADDITIONS	61	35	96	1	2	3	62	37	99
Deaths	4	1	5	1	1	2	5	2	7
Removals from Borough	28	25	53	1	1	2	29	26	55
Recovered	4	8	12	1	-	1	5	8	13
TOTAL DELETIONS	36	34	70	3	2	5	39	36	75
Increase	61	35	96	1	2	3	62	37	99
Decrease	36	34	70	3	2	5	39	36	75
On Register at 31/12/1958	440	323	763	49	38	87	489	361	850

TUBERCULOSIS - Continued

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	0	0	0	0	2	1	6	6	4	4	4	3	0	30
Respiratory, Females	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	4	2	0	0	0	14
Non-Respiratory, Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Non-Respiratory, Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2

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

Year	Population	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
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
1958	50,480	44	3	47

CLEANSING OF VERMINOUS PERSONS

The following cleansings were carried out at the Cleansing Station during the year where 21 adults and 16 children received treatment :-

<u>Verminous Conditions</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Treatments</u>
Adults	12	15
Children under 5	9	14

<u>Scabies</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Treatments</u>
Adults	9	23
Children under 5	7	19

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	156
	No. of treatments given	156
<u>Scabies</u>	No. of school-children treated	16
	No. of treatments given	26

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	33
Dysentery	2
Tuberculosis	2
Meningitis, Suspected	7
Cancer	3
Poliomyelitis, Suspected	6
Encephalitis	1
Other Diseases	15
Total Number of Rooms disinfected	65
Books	62
Articles	580
Articles for Abroad	37
Verminous Rooms	191
Verminous Articles	266
Articles Destroyed	8

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	1,123
" " " " after infectious disease	184
" " " Milkshops and Dairies	85
" " " Factories	100
" " " Outworkers Premises	245
" " " Shops	228
" " " Ice Cream Premises	37
" " " Restaurants and Eating Houses	50
" " " Bakehouses	26
" " " Food Premises	428
" " " Other Premises	720
" " re. Housing Accommodation	212
" " " Pharmacy and Poisons	88
" " " Rodent Control	159
" " " Smoke Nuisance	14
" " " Notices from Builders	257
" " " Clean Air Act	347
" " " Detailed survey of Smoke Control Areas	565
Total Number of Re-inspections	5,443
Intimation Notices Served	429
Statutory Notices Served	194
Notices under Section 40, Public Health (London) Act 1936	14
" " " 109, " " " " " "	1
" " " 12, London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1954	18
" " " 25, " " " 1955	13
" " " 27, " " " "	3
" " Food and Drugs Act, 1955	23

NUISANCES REMEDIED

Premises in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health	19
The house or part of the house in a damp condition as to be insanitary	99
The house in a dilapidated condition so as to be insanitary	70
The wallplaster or ceiling in part of the house defective so as to be insanitary	68
The Water Closet so defective as to be a nuisance	37
The Water Closet stopped	1
The soil pipe improperly ventilated	1
The soil pipe defective	4
The sink defective and insanitary	3
The waste pipe of lavatory or bath defective	7
An accumulation or deposit of refuse dangerous or injurious to health	11
The drain choked	29
The rainwater pipe defective	14
The roof defective so as to be insanitary	128
Nuisance from the keeping of animals	1
The guttering defective so as to be insanitary	35
The drain defective so as to be insanitary	1
No proper dustbin or ashpit	1
Nuisance from the emission of smoke	3

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The systematic measurement of air pollution was continued during 1957, and was extended by the provision of apparatus to give daily readings of sulphur dioxide. In this apparatus, which is combined with the daily smoke filter, air is drawn through hydrogen peroxide which absorbs any sulphurous gases contained in the air. The acidity of the exposed solution is found by titration and from the result, the amount of sulphur dioxide in the air is calculated. This work, together with the daily smoke readings, is carried out by members of the staff.

During periods of heavy fog, the Department has again co-operated with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in their investigation on the formation of smoke. Frequent smoke readings, each covering only a few hours, were taken during these periods, and the records sent to the Fuel Research Station at Greenwich.

As in previous years, the monthly readings of sulphur dioxide and of deposited pollution were carried out. Summarised results of these observations are shown in the following tables.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION - TABLE 1

DEPOSIT GAUGE

Month	Rainfall in Inches	Tons per Square Mile		
		Soluble Matter	Insoluble Matter	Total Solids
January	2.00	8.20	8.30	16.50
February	1.89	9.20	8.20	17.40
March	0.87	5.70	6.00	11.70
April	1.30	5.90	3.80	9.70
May	2.20	4.20	7.70	11.90
June	4.30	7.00	7.50	14.50
July	1.66	Results Invalid		
August	3.03	4.40	10.10	14.50
September	3.50	6.20	14.50	20.70
October	2.36	3.86	5.38	9.24
November	1.65	5.40	6.50	11.90
December	2.77	8.06	9.64	17.70

LEAD PEROXIDE APPARATUS - TABLE 2

Month	Mg. of SO ₃ / day collected by 100 sq. cm. of Batch A PbO ₂ . (louvered cover)
January	3.90
February	3.20
March	3.50
April	2.70
May	1.20
June	1.20
July	1.01
August	1.00
September	1.20
October	2.10
November	3.30
December	3.40

DAILY SMOKE FILTER - TABLE 3

(Smoke in milligrammes/100 cubic metres)

Month	Average Reading	Highest Reading	Lowest Reading
January	61	145	22
February	Apparatus Defective-Insufficient Readings		
March	10	51	21
April	25	34	16
May	15	32	6
June	13	31	2
July	14	33	2
August	11	32	2
September	17	43	5
October	24	104	5
November	41	141	12
December	36	88	12

DAILY SUPHUR DIOXIDE - TABLE 4

(SO₂ in parts per million)

Month	Average Reading	Highest Reading
January	9	30
February	Apparatus Defective-Insufficient readings	
March	8	25
April	4	11
May	6	10
June	4	9
July	4	10
August	3	7
September	4	11
October	6	23
November	9	20
December	10	29

SMOKE CONTROL ORDERS

Work on the first Smoke Control Order in Stoke Newington was commenced in 1957 and during that year a provisional plan was submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government. On 7th January 1958, the Minister gave approval for this plan.

A detailed survey of the area was already in progress and this was completed in February. The survey involved visits to over 200 individual dwellings, in order to ascertain the type of existing appliances in regular use. There were also numerous visits and meetings with officers of the London County Council, in connection with the 1,740 dwellings owned by the Council in the Woodberry Down estate.

The Stoke Newington (No.1) Smoke Control Order, 1958 was made by the Council in March and was confirmed without modification on 25th June by the Minister of Housing and Local Government. The area, (coloured green) which is shown on the attached map, extends to 150 acres and includes 2,085 dwellings. It was estimated that 655 fireplaces would require adaptation, at a cost of approximately £8,000.

Since the date of confirmation, owners and occupiers have been carrying out adaptations of fireplaces to permit the use of smokeless fuel. Although the widest possible publicity was given of the grant available for this work, and circulars were sent to every house, the number of claims for grant is considerably less than anticipated.

It is too early in the development of Smoke Control Areas to say with certainty if this proportion of claims will be typical, or if the claims for future areas will be heavier. The number and cost of adaptations will be governed by the type and age of the properties, the degree of sub-division, and the manner of occupation by the tenants. This will vary from one area to another. It does seem, however, that it may be possible to establish Smoke Control Areas at a lower cost than was originally expected.

The Stoke Newington (No.1) Smoke Control Order 1958 came into operation on the 1st January, 1959.

The development of further Smoke Control Areas in the borough had been discussed by the Public Health Committee even before the No.1 Order was confirmed. Preliminary survey work in a second Area was commenced and a provisional plan sent to the Minister on the 24th July 1958. After approval of the provisional plan, and a detailed inspection of over 250 dwellings, the Stoke Newington (No.2) Smoke Control Order 1958 was made by the Council on 26th November, 1958 and submitted to the Minister for confirmation. The proposed date of operation is 1st October, 1959. The area (coloured yellow on the attached map)

extends to 29 acres and includes 403 dwellings; of these 144 are new flats in Lordship Road and Gordon Lodge estates, owned by Stoke Newington Borough Council. The estimated cost of the necessary adaptations is £4,800.

By the end of the year, 115 visits had been made in the preliminary stages of forming a third Smoke Control Area (coloured blue on the attached map). This is expected to cover 65 acres and 1,000 dwellings, including approximately 300 new flats in the Portland Rise, Lakeside Court and St. John's Court estates, owned by this Council. The provisional plan for this area was submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government on 24th December 1958.

As will be seen from the accompanying map, these three areas cover more than a quarter of the borough. They include a high proportion of the post-war housing development in Stoke Newington, and are so situated as to permit the extension of Smoke Control Areas to the more thickly populated parts of the borough. It is hoped that a steady programme of Smoke Control Orders will result in the whole of the borough being covered within a period of 5 years.

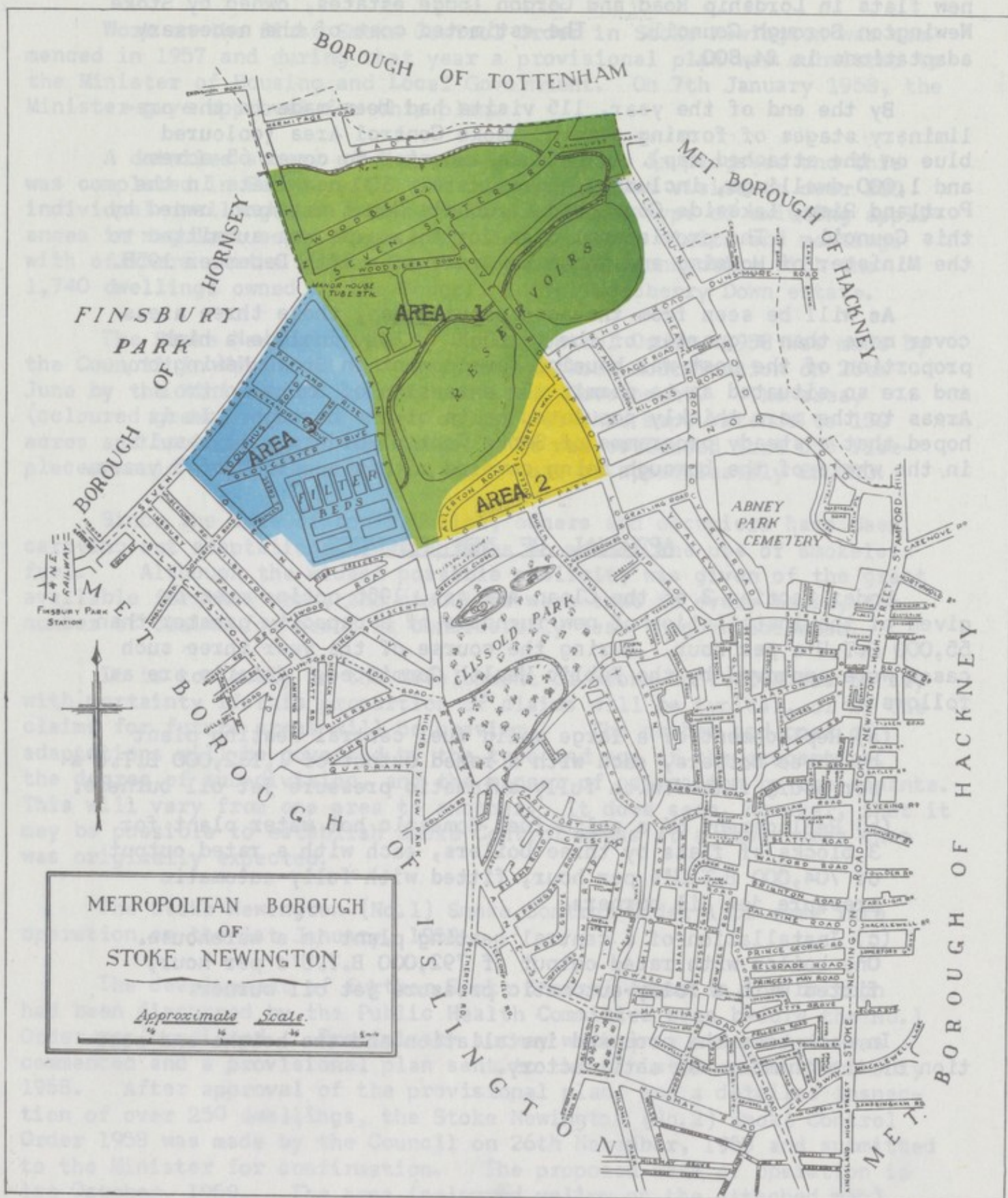
APPROVAL OF NEW FURNACES

Under Section 3 of the Clean Air Act, 1956 notice must be given of the installation of new furnaces of a capacity greater than 55,000 B.T.U's per hour. During the course of the year three such cases were approved by the Public Health Committee; details are as follows :-

- (a) Replacement of a large solid fuel central heating plant by three boilers, each with a rated output of 1,132,000 B.T.U's per hour, fitted with fully-automatic pressure jet oil burners.
- (b) Replacement of a solid fuel domestic hot water plant for 3 blocks of flats by three boilers, each with a rated output of 704,000 B.T.U's per hour, fitted with fully-automatic pressure jet oil burners.
- (c) Installation of a central heating plant in a warehouse. One boiler with rated output of 792,000 B.T.U's per hour, fitted with a fully-automatic pressure jet oil burner.

In each case the proposed installation and the height and position of the chimney was satisfactory.

SMOKE CONTROL AREAS



CLEAN AIR EXHIBITION

During March a Clean Air Exhibition was organised by the Council, to coincide with the making of their first Smoke Control Order. The London Electricity Board and the North Thames Gas Board each provided large stands, with appliances in operation, showing the advantages to be gained from their particular products. The Solid Smokeless Fuels Federation showed the various types of solid fuel, and demonstrated their qualities in two appliances actually in operation. These organisations had experts in attendance on their stands during the course of the Exhibition.

One of the major oil companies provided a stand giving information on the use of oil for domestic heating, and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research loaned instruments used in measuring air pollution. The exhibit of the Public Health Department was designed and constructed by members of the staff, who were also responsible for creating the pictorial background for the stand. The emphasis of this exhibit was mainly on Smoke Control Areas.

The Exhibition was opened by His Worship the Mayor, and was attended by representatives from many organisations and boroughs. During the 10 days of the Exhibition, visits were organised from local schools, and the total number of visitors to the Exhibition was over 1,800.

SUMMARY OF ENQUIRIES MADE AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

During the year, 4,048 enquiries were dealt with at the Public Health Department counter and are analysed below :-

New Sanitary Complaints	1,320
Follow up of original complaint	123
Housing Enquiries	17
Infectious Disease Enquiries	957
Street Trading Enquiries	14
Disinfection	75
Vaccination	210
Miscellaneous	1,332

Drainage Applications

During the year, 31 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.

Rent Act, 1957

Applications for Certificates	105
Certificates Refused	16
Authority to issue Certificates -	
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	28
(b) in respect of all defects	47
Undertakings given by landlords	45
Undertakings Refused	NIL
Certificates Issued	43
Applications for cancellations of Certificates	16
Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificates	3
Decisions to cancel in spite of tenant's objection	NIL
Certificates cancelled	13
Applications withdrawn	1

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 St.Kilda's Road	5. 0. 0.	1.19. 6.	Order to abate in 10 days
Contravention of Food Hygiene Regulations-Smoking whilst handling food	1. 0. 0.	2. 2. 0.	
For offence under Food & Drugs Act, 1955 - Sale of sweet lolly not of substance demanded	5. 0. 0.	2. 2. 0.	
For offence under Food & Drugs Act, 1955 - Sale of meat pie not of substance demanded	-	4. 4. 0.	Absolute discharge
For public health nuisance at premises in Barbauld Road	-	1.15. 6.	Order to abate in 14 days
Appeal against notice under Sec.40 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1936, re.drain-age work in St.Kilda's Road			Owners of three properties each ordered to contribute 2/7ths. of costs and remaining owner to contribute 1/7th.
For public health nuisance at premises in King's Crescent			Work completed-to be checked. Adjourned sine die.
For public health nuisance at premises in Queen's Drive	-	2. 7. 6.	Order to abate in 14 days
For public health nuisance at premises in Milton Grove			Work completed-to be checked. Adjourned sine die.
For offences under Food Hygiene Regulations 1955 at premises in Barbauld Road	3. 0. 0.	1. 1. 0.	

Nature of Offence	Fine			Costs			Remarks
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	
For public health nuisance at premises in Spenser Grove							Work completed- to be checked. Adjourned sine die.
For public health nuisance at premises in Lordship Grove	-			2.19.	6.		Order to abate in 56 days
For public health nuisance at premises in Oldfield Road	2.	0.	0.	1.	5.	0.	
For public health nuisance at premises in Wilberforce Road	5.	0.	0.	2.	2.	6.	Order to abate in 14 days
For public health nuisance at premises in Clonbrock Road	-			1.15.	6.		Order to abate in 14 days

RODENT CONTROL

	<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Dwelling Houses</u>	<u>All Other Premises.</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of properties	22	11,515	1,913	13,450
Properties inspected:				
(a) After notification	6	367	51	424
(b) Survey	1	14	1	16
(c) For other reasons	-	-	428	428
Properties infested by:				
(a) Rats (major)	-	-	-	-
(a) Rats (minor)	1	49	12	62
(b) Mice (major)	-	-	-	-
(b) Mice (minor)	5	283	35	323
Properties treated	6	332	47	385

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.27

Period of Treatment	-	14th to 28th April, 1958
No. of manholes baited	-	283
No. showing complete "takes"	-	88
No. showing prebait "take"	-	167
Bait Base and Poison used	-	Pinhead oatmeal, Technical white oil, Castor sugar and Para-nitro-phenol, Warfarin No.5

Treatment No.28

Period of Treatment	-	7th to 21st October, 1958
No. of manholes baited	-	280
No. showing complete "takes"	-	60
No. showing prebait "take"	-	136
Bait Base and Poison used	-	Pinhead oatmeal, Technical white oil, Castor sugar and Para-nitro-phenol, Warfarin No.5

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	43	57	7	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	241	127	4	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority, excluding outworkers premises	-	-	-	-
Total	284	184	11	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	3	3	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	2	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	9	8	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	1	1	-	-	-
Total	15	12	-	-	-

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	163	160	423	398	586	558
Number of outworkers employed by firms outside the Borough	239	188	-	-	239	188
Total number of outworkers whose names were included in lists submitted during the year	402	348	423	398	825	746

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

Trade	No. of out- workers		Trade	No. of Out- workers	
	Feb.	Aug.		Feb.	Aug.
Artificial Flowers	24	24	Lampshades	2	-
Belts and Braces	1	3	Linen Goods	8	5
Brushes	2	3	Novelties, Hair nets etc.	37	-
Cardboard Boxes etc.	18	23	Stationery	1	1
Cosaques, Xmas Stockings, Crackers etc.	10	2	Toolmaking	-	15
Embroidered Furnishings	4	6	Toys and Games	4	1
Fancy Feathers	6	2	Trimmings	3	-
Furs	2	2	Umbrellas	6	3
Hats	10	10	Wearing Apparel (Making, altera- tion & cleaning)	260	225
Handbags and Leather Goods	4	23			
				402	348

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

District	February	August	Total
Bethnal Green	2	3	5
Cambridge	1	1	2
Corporation of London	5	5	10
Edmonton	1	-	1
Enfield	-	1	1
Finsbury	73	35	108
Hackney	40	32	72
Hammersmith	1	1	2
Holborn	4	5	9
Hornsey	2	2	4
Islington	58	50	108
Kensington	1	-	1
Poplar	2	3	5
St. Marylebone	3	-	3
St. Pancras	12	16	28
Shoreditch	-	9	9
Southgate	1	-	1
Stepney	12	8	20
Tottenham	11	9	20
West Ham	1	1	2
Westminster	9	7	16
	239	188	427

SUMMARY

Trade	No. of outworkers.		Trade	No. of Outworkers.	
	Feb.	Aug.		Feb.	Aug.
Artificial Flowers	24	24	Handbags & Leather Goods	2	2
Braces and Belts	1	3	Lampshades	2	-
Brushes	2	3	Linen Goods	5	5
Cardboard Boxes etc.	11	15	Novelties, Hairnets	37	-
Embroidered Furnishings	4	3	Toys, Xmas Crackers etc.	8	3
Feathers	-	2	Umbrellas	6	3
Hats	9	10	Wearing Apparel	128	115
				239	188

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	4	12.58	3.73	8.85
February	8	12.44	3.6	8.84
March	17	12.41	3.57	8.84
April	8	12.55	3.66	8.89
May	12	12.19	3.47	8.72
June	Nil			
July	4	12.42	3.74	8.68
August	7	12.51	3.77	8.74
September	8	12.59	3.74	8.85
October	8	12.74	3.85	8.89
November	8	12.81	3.94	8.87
December	Nil			

The average composition of the whole of the 84 samples of milk received during the year and returned as genuine was as under :-

Total Milk Solids 12.52
Milk Fat 3.71

Non-Fatty Solids 8.81

COMPLAINTS OF FOREIGN BODIES IN FOODInsect in Fruit Lolly

A fruit lolly, in which an insect was embedded, was purchased by a resident from premises in the borough.

The manufacturers, whose premises were outside this borough, were informed of the complaint and their representative inspected the fruit lolly.

The Medical Officer of Health for the area in which the manufacturers' premises were situated was also informed and reported that the premises had been inspected and revealed a high standard of hygiene and there was no infestation of any kind.

The Committee recommended a prosecution and the manufacturers were fined £5 and ordered to pay £2. 2. 0. costs.

Foreign Matter in Meat Pie

A resident purchased a meat pie containing foreign matter which appeared to be metal. The manufacturers were advised of the complaint and on inspection agreed that there was foreign matter in the pie but doubted whether it was metal in view of the system of metal detectors installed in their factory.

The Public Analyst examined a fragment of the foreign matter and in his opinion it consisted of aluminium and organic matter and in all probability was a flake of aluminium paint or plastic metal.

The Committee recommended a prosecution and the firm was given an absolute discharge on payment of £4. 4. 0. costs.

Mould in Meat Pie

Complaint was received concerning a meat pie purchased in the borough and which contained mould.

It was ascertained from the retailer that the pie had been in stock for four days before sale and he stated that in future pies not sold within two days of delivery would be destroyed.

A warning letter was sent to the retailer drawing his attention to the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Label in Tin of Peas

A label with the word "Lollipop" printed on it was found in a tin of peas purchased in the borough.

The matter was investigated but a satisfactory explanation was not received.

The Committee resolved that a warning letter be sent to the manufacturers drawing their attention to the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Contaminated Swiss Roll

A complaint was received regarding a swiss roll which had been purchased in the borough and had an unpleasant flavour. The Public Analyst stated, after examination, that this was due to rancidity of the fat content.

It was ascertained that a sale or return scheme did not operate between the wholesaler and the retailer and the roll had apparently been kept in stock too long.

The Committee resolved that warning letters be sent to the wholesaler and retailer stressing the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Cigarette end in Bread Roll

A cigarette end was found embedded in a bread roll purchased from a cafe in the borough. The owner of the cafe was interviewed and stated that he purchased rolls from two bakeries on the day the complaint was made.

After consideration the Committee were of opinion that there was insufficient evidence to prosecute the owner of either bakery and it was resolved that letters be addressed to the owners of the bakeries in question stressing the importance of complying with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

FOOD PREMISES

The following is a list, by type of business, of the food premises in the borough at the end of 1958 :-

Butchers	29
Bakers	18
Confectioners	82
Fishmongers (Wet, Dry and Fried)	12
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	42
Groceries and Provisions	90
Grocery (Wholesale)	6
Ice Cream	106
Milk Shops and Dairies	49
Public Houses and Off Licences	54
Restaurants and Cafes	44
Soft Drinks Manufacturer	1

The District Public Health Inspectors carried out systematic inspections of all food premises in the borough. 23 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 inspections and re-inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors to Food Premises during 1958 was 818.

The following is a list, by type of business, of premises (other than food premises) in the borough at the end of 1958 :-

Chemists	12
Chemists Sundries	11
Cleaners, Dyers etc.	23
Domestic Stores, Hardware etc.	29
Drapers	24
Footwear - Repairs etc.	26
Footwear - Retail	8
Hairdressers	42
Newsagents	23
Pet Animals	7
Pharmacy and Poisons	48
Radio and Television Dealers	19
Second-hand Dealers	21
Stationers	18
Tailors	32
Tobacconists	77
Banks	4
Books and Private Libraries	3
Builders and Builders' Merchants	8

Building Societies	1
Car Hire, Driving Schools and Motor Sales	2
Cinemas	3
Coal Merchants and Dealers	2
Corsetieres	2
Cycles and Accessories	6
Dentists	1
Electrical Equipment and Accessories	7
Estate Agents	7
Florists	4
Funeral Directors and Monumental Masons	4
Furniture Removers	1
Furniture and Upholstery (Retail Sales and Repairs)	21
Garages	3
General Dealers (Rags etc.)	1
Hosiery, Knitwear, Wools	10
Jewellery and Watches	5
Ladies Wear	8
Laundry Offices and Launderettes	18
Leather and Fancy Goods	3
Linoleum and Carpets	4
Motor Cycles	2
Music, Records etc.	1
Opticians	11
Photographers	1
Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices	7
Printers	3
Sewing Machines and Requisites	4
Wallpapers and Paints	7
Toys etc.	5
Veterinary Surgeon	1
Miscellaneous	12

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	22	5
Cereals	117	14 $\frac{1}{4}$
Cheese	211	-
Fat Products	8	8
Fish	265	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Fruit and Vegetable Juices	379	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fruit and Vegetables	2929	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pickles and Spices	60	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Jam	134	11
Meat, Tinned	4161	11
Meat, Untinned	432	2
Milk	459	13
Paste and Sauces	43	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Soup	291	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sugar Products	71	4
Miscellaneous	29	6

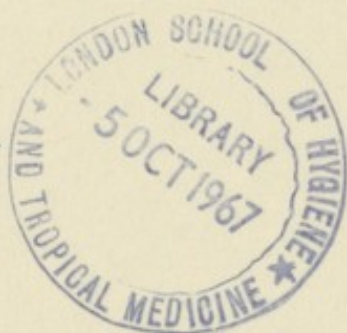
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT SAMPLES 1958

Articles	Formal		Informal	
	No. Taken	No. Adulterated.	No. Taken	No. Adulterated.
Bread (rolls)	-	-	2	-
Butter	1	-	3	-
Cheese roll	-	-	1	-
Coffee	-	-	1	-
Confectionery (Sweets)	-	-	1	-
Jam	-	-	2	-
Cream	-	-	1	-
Lard	-	-	1	-
Margarine	1	-	2	-
Milk	52	-	29	2
Milk Condensed	-	-	3	-
Drugs	-	-	4	-
Baking Powder	-	-	1	-
Chocolate, Drinking	-	-	1	-
Lemon Cheese	-	-	1	-
Macaroni	-	-	1	-
Carried forward	54	-	54	2

(Contd.)

Articles	Formal		Informal	
	No. Taken	No. Adul- terated.	No. Taken	No. Adul- terated.
Brought forward	54	-	54	2
Meat Paste	-	-	1	-
Meat Pudding	-	-	2	-
Pepper	-	-	1	-
Tomato Juice	-	-	1	-
Tomatoes, Canned	-	-	1	-
Ice Cream	-	-	11	-
Peas, Canned	-	-	1	-
Pineapple, Canned	-	-	1	-
Horseradish Sauce	-	-	1	-
Tomato Ketchup	-	-	1	-
Cherries, Canned	-	-	1	-
Cinnamon	-	-	1	-
Coconut Ice	-	-	1	-
Curry Powder	-	-	1	-
Custard Powder	-	-	1	-
Ice Cream, Kosher	-	-	1	-
Lemon Curd	-	-	1	-
Mayonnaise	-	-	1	-
Milk, Channel Island	3	-	-	-
Parsley, Dried	-	-	1	-
Peanut Butter	-	-	1	-
Raspberries, Canned	-	-	1	-
Salmon Spread	-	-	1	-
Sausages, Beef	1	-	-	-
Stewed Steak, Canned	-	-	1	-
Strawberries, Canned	-	-	1	-
Soup	-	-	1	-
Almonds, Ground	-	-	1	-
Cough Syrup	-	-	1	-
Foot Sugar	-	-	1	-
Marzipan Fruits	-	-	1	-
Salami	-	-	1	-
Soy Sauce	-	-	1	-
Total	58	-	96	2

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