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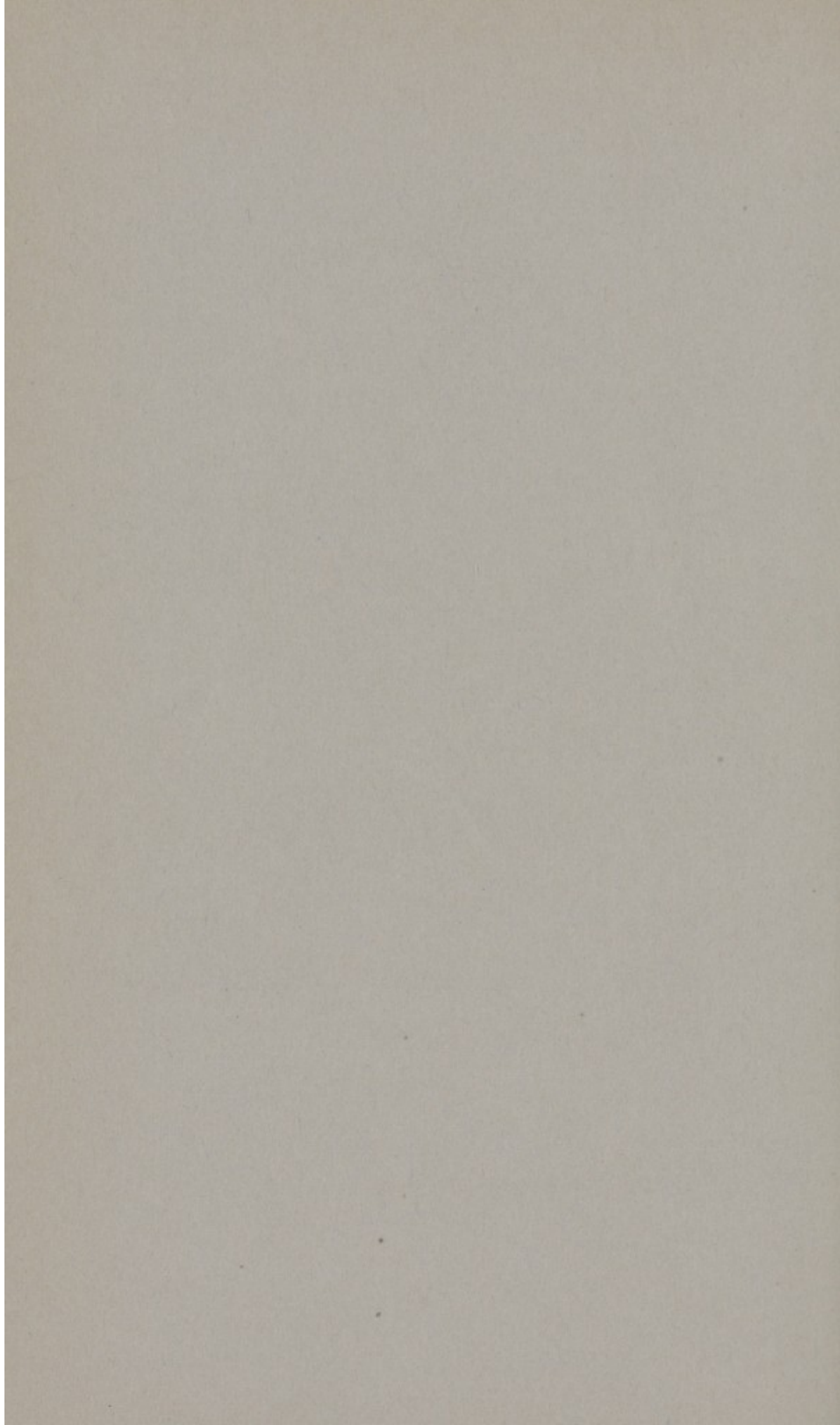
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BOROUGH OF ROMFORD

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(as at 31st December, 1955)

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BOROUGH OF ROMFORD

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(As at 31st December, 1955)

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J. B. Samson, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICERS

- (a) Mrs. F. M. E. Buchanan, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.A.
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- (d) Mrs. E. M. Haga, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

DENTAL OFFICERS.

- (a) Miss M. L. Ell, L.D.S., R.C.S.(Eng.).
- (b) Mrs. D. Shirlaw, L.D.S., R.C.S.(Edin.).

SANITARY INSPECTORS

- (a) H. C. Boswell (A.B.) (Chief Sanitary Inspector).
 - (b) M. J. Dove (A.B.).
 - (c) G. D. John (A.B.).
 - (d) T. E. R. Jones (A.B.).
 - (e) G. F. Hobson (A.B.).
 - (f) W. Hodson (A.B.).
- A. Sanitary Inspector's Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, and Sanitary Inspectors' Joint Examination Board.
 - B. Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for Inspectors of Meat and Other Foods.

SHOPS INSPECTOR.

S. F. Titterton, Dip. Shops' Acts Admn.

HEALTH VISITORS.

- Superintendent:* Miss F. K. Wells (A.B.D.).
- (a) Miss J. A. Bainbridge (A.B.D.G.). (Commenced duties 24th August).
 - (b) Miss A. D. Batt (A.B.D.G.). Commenced duties 16th August).
 - (c) Miss B. C. Blackley (A.B.D.E.G.).
 - (d) Miss O. Clements (A.B.D.F.G.).
 - (e) Miss P. F. Cullis (A.B.D.G.).
 - (f) Miss D. I. A. Hall (A.B.D.G.).
 - (g) Miss M. Hill (A.B.D.G.).
 - (h) Miss F. Lambert (A. C. D. G.).
 - (i) Mrs. P. O. McMillan (A.C.D.F.G.).
 - (j) Mrs. M. K. Pressey (A.B.D.G.).
 - (k) Mrs. L. Thompson (A.B.D.G.).
 - (l) Miss A. M. Tidd (A.C.D.F.G.).
 - (m) Mrs. G. Wallach (A.C.D.E.G.).

TUBERCULOSIS VISITORS.

- (a) Mrs. B. Alder (A.B.).
- (b) Miss D. N. Chilton (A.C.E.).

DOMICILIARY MIDWIVES.

Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives and Home Nurses
(Part-time):

- Miss H. E. Basterfield (A.B.D.), Midwife Teacher's Diploma. (Commenced duties 22nd March).
- (a) Miss I. A. Bassett (B.).
- (b) Mrs. J. Dennis (A.B.).
- (c) Miss E. E. Jeenes (A.B.).
- (d) Miss C. M. Kerr (A.B.).
- (e) Miss M. Kitson (A.B.).
- (f) Miss F. L. Law (A.B.).
- (g) Mrs. M. Mylward (B.).
- (h) Mrs. E. A. Rooks (B.).
- (i) Mrs. G. E. Sexton (A.B.).
- (j) Mrs. M. B. Woodhouse (A.B.).

HOME NURSE/MIDWIVES.

- (a) Mrs. E. D. Carrington (A.B.). Queen's Certificate of District Nursing.
- (b) Miss D. D. K. Martin (A.B.).
- (c) Mrs. A. H. Menzies (A.B.).
- (d) Mrs. I. Mobbs (A.B.).

HOME NURSES.

- (a) Mrs. E. M. Broome (A.).
- (b) Mrs. B. Casey (A.C.).
- (c) Mrs. C. Cook (A.).
- (d) Miss J. Macaulay (A.B.). Queen's Certificate of District Nursing.
- (e) Mrs. A. C. Silcock (A.B.).
- (f) Miss J. D. Silcock (A.B.).
- (g) Mrs. D. I. Towell (A.).
- (h) Mrs. S. A. Wotherspoon (A.).

- A. State Registered Nurse.
- B. State Certified Midwife.
- C. Part 1 S.C.M.
- D. Health Visitor's Certificate.
- E. Certificate of Tuberculosis Nursing.
- F. Registered Fever Nurse.
- G. Also holds the appointment of School Nurse.

DOMESTIC HELP ORGANISER.

Mrs. L. Canham.

DAY NURSERIES—MATRONS.

"St. Moritz"

Mrs. I. C. Bowyer, S.R.N.

Collier Row

Mrs. D. Eveling, S.R.N.

Rush Green

Mrs. R. M. O'Halloran, S.R.N., R.F.N.

DOMICILIARY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST.

Miss J. van der Lande, Dual Dip. Ass. of Occup. Theraps.
(Part-time).

DENTAL ATTENDANTS.

- (a) Miss A. E. Bell. (Commenced duties 14th February).
- (b) Mrs. G. E. Taylor.
- (c) Mrs. M. Warder.

CLERICAL ASSISTANTS.

- (a) E. W. Gowers, Chief Administrative Assistant.
- (b) C. G. Humberston, Senior Administrative Assistant.
- (c) S. J. Adams, Administrative Assistant.
- (d) W. Norris, Administrative Assistant.
- (e) Miss M. E. Firmin.
- (f) Mrs. B. Mather.
- (g) Mrs. M. Barnard (Part-time).
- (h) Mrs. K. E. Blome.
- (i) Mrs. F. Butt.
- (j) Mrs. D. E. Cast.
- (k) Mrs. S. Corner.
- (l) Mrs. K. M. Druce. (Commenced duties 4th April).
- (m) Mrs. I. M. Gray.
- (n) Miss R. Harvey.
- (o) Miss J. V. Saggars.
- (p) Miss A. Vale. (Commenced duties 18th July).
- (q) Miss V. C. Warren.

HAROLD HILL HEALTH CENTRE.

Nursing Staff:

Mrs. S. Sharples, S.R.N.

Mrs. P. E. Thompson, S.R.N.

Clerical Assistants:

Miss M. O. Little.

Miss R. Markram.

Miss N. T. Rushe. (Commenced duties 10th October).

BOROUGH OF ROMFORD

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the
Borough of Romford.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour, herewith, to present to you this, my
Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1955.

This is the Twenty-second Report in the series, since I was
appointed your Medical Officer of Health, and it is drawn up in
accordance with the requirements of Article 17(5) of the Sanitary
Officers' (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, and with Circular
No. 17/55 of the Ministry of Health, dated 23rd November, 1955.

The position I hold is that of Medical Officer of Health for
the Borough, and Area Medical Officer for the Romford Area of
the Essex County Council. So far as this Report is concerned, it
deals with my duties in both capacities.

My thanks are again gratefully tendered to all the members
of the Borough Council, and the Health Area Sub-Committee, to
the members of my staff, and to my fellow officials for all the
assistance they have given me in the compilation of this report, or
in the performance of the work.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES B. SAMSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

TOWN HALL, ROMFORD.

May, 1956.

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Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area (in acres)	9,342
Population: Census (1951), 88,002; Mid. 1955 (Estd.)	107,800
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1955)	30,275
Rateable Value (end of 1955)	£805,503
Product of Penny Rate (end of 1955)	£3,084

Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year

	Total	M.	F.
Live Births: Legitimate	1,853	938	915
Illegitimate	62	33	29
Birth Rate: 14.9 per 1,000 of estimated resident population			
Still Births: Legitimate	42	23	19
Illegitimate	2	1	1
Rate per 1,000 total (live and births) : 23.5			
Deaths	705	369	336
Death Rate: 9.2 per 1,000 estimated resident population.			
		Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	
Deaths from Puerperal causes	0.51		
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—			
All Infants per 1,000 live births	23.0		
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	12.4		
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	32.3		
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	130		
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	1		
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	1		
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	—		

TABLE 1

BIRTH-RATES, DEATH-RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY,
MATERNAL MORTALITY, and CASE-RATES for certain Infectious
Diseases in the year 1955.

England and Wales, and Romford.

(Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns)

					RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION		DEATH-RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION									RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS	
					Live Births	Still Births	All Causes	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Tuberculosis	Influenza	Small-pox	Acute Polio- myelitis and Polioencepha- litis	Pneumonia	Diarrhoea and Enteri- tis (under 2 years)	Total Deaths under 1 year
England and Wales	...	...	...	...	15.0	0.35	11.7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.03	0.00	***	0.50	***	24.9
ROMFORD	...	...	...	...	14.9	0.40	9.2	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.37	0.0	23.0

The Maternal Mortality Rate for Romford is as follows: Per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births — 0.51

*** Not available.

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TABLE 2.

Causes of Death	All Ages			Deaths at the subjoined ages of Residents, after correction for Inward and Outward transfers										
	M.	F	Total	Under 1	1	2-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 & upwards
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	4	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	2	...
2. Tuberculosis, other ...	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
3. Syphilitic disease ...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1
4. Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Whooping Cough ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Meningococcal infections ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Acute poliomyelitis ...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
8. Measles ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	12	8	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	5	8
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	22	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	5	5	4
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	...	14	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	4	1	4
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	...	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	33	34	67	...	...	...	...	1	...	8	4	14	16	24
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia ...	1	4	5	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	1	...	...	...
16. Diabetes ...	2	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	1	...
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	32	48	80	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	6	16	27	28
18. Coronary disease, angina ...	57	32	89	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	5	18	30	29
19. Hypertension with heart disease ...	3	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	2
20. Other heart disease...	52	54	106	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	6	8	20	65
21. Other circulatory disease ...	13	18	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	4	9	12
22. Influenza ...	2	2	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
23. Pneumonia ...	19	21	40	6	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	6	12	12
24. Bronchitis ...	23	10	33	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	14	10
25. Other diseases of respiratory system ...	7	2	9	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	1	3
26. Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum ...	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	2
27. Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea ...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis ...	4	6	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	2	4
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ...	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
31. Congenital malformations ...	9	4	13	9	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	42	41	83	27	...	...	...	2	3	3	14	10	11	13
33. Motor vehicle accidents ...	7	4	11	...	...	...	...	3	2	2	...	...	2	2
34. All other accidents ...	7	5	12	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	2	1	3	2
35. Suicide ...	1	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	1	1
36. Homicide and operations of war ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	369	336	705	44	2	1	4	13	20	34	61	111	171	237

This year the Registrar-General has given his estimate of the mid-year population of Romford as 107,800, which compares with 105,900 for last year, an increase of 1,900.

During 1955, the total number of live births registered was 1,915, and the total number of deaths registered was 705. The difference of 1,210 gives the total increase in the population. As this number falls short of the Registrar-General's estimated increase of 1,900, it follows that the balance of 690 is made up of Immigration over Emigration.

For 1955, we estimate the Birth Rate to be 14.9 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population. This figure is obtained by multiplying the Crude Birth Rate of 17.8 by the Comparability Factor of 0.84. For last year, the Rate was 15.3.

The Rate for England and Wales for 1955 is given as 15.0.

The Death Rate for Romford is estimated at 9.2 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population. This figure is obtained by multiplying the Crude Death Rate of 6.5 by the Comparability Factor of 1.42. For last year the Rate was 9.1. The comparable Rate for England and Wales is 11.7.

The chief causes of death in order of frequency were :—

- (1) Diseases of the Heart and Circulation.
- (2) Cancer.
- (3) Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Other Respiratory Diseases.

The Maternal Mortality Rate, which is the number of Maternal Deaths, due to conditions associated with pregnancy or confinement per 1,000 total (live and still) births, is 0.5.

The Infant Mortality Rate, or the Death Rate of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births, is 23.0, an increase of 2.3.

The corresponding figure for England and Wales is 24.9.

1.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(i) Staff

The particulars of staff are set out at the beginning of this report. The Assistant Medical Officers, Dental Staff, Nursing Staff, and Domestic Help Organiser, and, also the majority of the Clerical Staff, are under the jurisdiction of the Essex County Council, who are the Local Health Authority for the Part III duties of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

(ii) Laboratory Facilities

These remain as hitherto, and meet the requirements of the Department, and the General Practitioners.

(iii) Nursing in the Home

(a) GENERAL NURSING.

At the end of the year 8 Home Nurses, and 4 Home Nurse/Midwives were serving the area. These were employed in general domiciliary nursing, and, in addition, the Home Nurse/Midwives combined this work with midwifery duties.

Under the provision of Section 28 of the National Health Service Act, sick-room equipment is available on loan, without charge.

Table 3 sets out the work of the Home Nursing service, during the year.

TABLE 3

(1) Number of visits paid	26,200
(2) Number of cases attended	1,580

(b) DOMICILIARY MIDWIVES.

At the end of the year 10 Domiciliary Midwives were employed, also the 4 Home Nurse/Midwives, referred to above.

The following gives a summary of the cases attended by the Domiciliary Midwives, as Midwives, and as Maternity Nurses.

TABLE 4

As Midwives	842
As Maternity Nurses	89

Table 5 gives a summary of the "Medical Aid" notices received during the year.

TABLE 5

(1) Where the medical practitioner had arranged to provide the patient with maternity services, under the National Health Service	4
(2) Others	90

(iv) **Ante-natal and Post-natal Clinics**

Four Ante-natal sessions are held each week, and 3 Post-natal sessions are held per month. When necessary, use has been made of the Consultative Clinic at Oldchurch Hospital.

During the year 495 individual expectant mothers attended the Ante-natal Clinics, of which 199 sessions were held. The total number of attendances of the Ante-natal mothers was 2,355, giving an average of 4.8 attendances per patient. The average number attending at each session was 11.3. Thirty-two Post-natal sessions were held, and 260 attendances were recorded. The average number attending at each session was 8.1.

(v) **Child Welfare Clinics.**

Twelve Child Welfare sessions are held each week. Altogether, there were 600 sessions, and the following table gives a summary of the attendances.

TABLE 6

Individual children attending	3,577
Children under one year attending for the first time	1,383
Medical consultations	4,684
Attendances of children under one year of age	17,664
Attendances of children between the ages of one and five years	5,598
Average attendance per session	38.8

(vi) **Health Visitors**

At the end of the year, there were 16 Health Visitors.

Table 7 relates to Home Visits paid by the Health Visitors, in connection with their duties under Maternal and Child Welfare.

TABLE 7

(a) To Expectant Mothers—	
First Visits	155
Total Visits	173
(b) To Children under one year of age—	
First Visits	2,029
Total Visits	6,212
(c) To Children between the ages of one and five years—	
Total Visits	9,313

(vii) **Inspection of Nursing Homes**

There are four Nursing Homes on the register. Permission was given during the year for the number of beds at the Home at 21 Gilbert Road, to be increased from 10 medical or chronic patients to 14.

All the Homes were inspected on four occasions throughout the year, on behalf of the County Council, and conditions were found to be satisfactory.

(viii) **Domestic Helps**

The demand for this service has been fairly regular. During the year 145 Part-time and Casual Helps were employed, and they attended 691 individual cases. Tuberculous patients have again been aided by special volunteers.

(ix) **Day Nurseries**

The three Day Nurseries have been maintained as hitherto, the only alteration being that they are now closed on Saturdays.

The average daily attendances for the year at each Nursery is shown below :—

TABLE 8

"St. Moritz" Nursery	31
Collier Row Nursery	27
Rush Green Nursery	20

The "St. Moritz" and the Collier Row Nurseries are scheduled to take forty children each, and the Rush Green Nursery, fifty children.

(x) **Dental Service**

There has been no improvement in the recruitment of Dental Officers, and, at the end of the year, we had only 2 Dental Officers, and 2 Dental Attendants. For the most part their work has been in connection with the School Health Service.

The following gives particulars of the work done during the year for expectant and nursing mothers, and children under school age :—

TABLE 9

(a) Numbers provided with Dental care :—

	Examined.	Needing Treatment.	Treated.	Made Dentally Fit.
Expectant and Nursing Mothers	95	74	55	25
Children under Five ...	327	282	238	142

(b) Forms of Dental Treatment provided :—

	Extractions.	Anaesthetics.		Fillings.	Scalings or Scalings and Gum Treatment.	Silver Nitrate Treatment.	Dressings.	Radio-graphs.	Dentures provided.	
		Local.	General.						Complete.	Partial.
Expectant and Nursing Mothers ...	144	52	19	175	44	—	56	5	10	1
Children under five	274	8	128	317	5	81	121	2	—	—

(xi) **Harold Hill Health Centre**

The Local Authority section of the Health Centre has continued to provide a varied service, embracing Ante-natal, Post-natal, and Child Welfare sessions. Mothercraft lectures, and exercises for expectant mothers are held on a weekly basis. The Minor Ailments' Room is utilised for the treatment of minor ailments amongst school children, and also for work in connection with Immunisations. Speech therapy, Orthopaedic treatment, Physiotherapy, Artificial Sunlight, and Ophthalmic examinations are also available.

A Dental Officer is in full-time attendance for work among school children, and the priority classes, viz., nursing and expectant mothers, and children under 5 years of age.

The General Practitioners' Wing is utilised by the same 9 practitioners as last year, and they have again had the services of nursing and clerical staff. New equipment and replacements have been provided, as and when required, and an Autoclave is now in use which obviates dressings having to be sent to a neighbouring hospital for sterilisation.

During the year, a Dentist was appointed by the Executive Council for General Dental Services, and, in this connection, the Local Authority provided the services of a Dental Attendant. A dental X-ray apparatus has been obtained for the use of both Dentists.

2.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(i) **Water**

Mr. H. G. Ramsay, Chief Engineer of the South Essex Water-works Company, has kindly given me the following report with regard to the water supply to the district :—

“(a) There have been no new extensions of public water supply during the year 1955, other than those for the supply to permanent housing sites.

(b) Lengths of mains laid, in yards :—

	3"	4"	6"
Romford Area	2,211	3,509	191

(c) The water supply of the area, and of its several parts, has been satisfactory, both as to quality and quantity.

(d) Bacteriological and Chemical examinations are made of the raw water, of the water in its various stages of treatment, of the water supplied from the Company's wells, and of the water going into supply.

Analyses are also made of samples obtained from consumers' taps in various parts of the Company's district; all proved to be satisfactory.

A total of over 3,900 Chemical, Bacteriological, and Biological examinations have been made,

(e) The waters are not liable to plumbo-solvent action.

(f) No contamination has arisen, therefore, no action has been necessary."

In addition to the analyses carried out by the Waterworks Company, samples have also been taken from consumers' taps by the Sanitary Inspectors, and sent for Bacteriological analyses once per month, and Chemical analyses once per six months, and the results have confirmed the findings of the Company.

(ii) **Sanitary Inspection of the Area**

The Chief Sanitary Inspector has given me the under-mentioned report, as required by Article 27(18) of the Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, and also the particulars which follow:—

During the year, 1935 complaints were received and investigated.

TABLE 10

Nature and Number of Inspections during the year—

Accumulations and Refuse Deposits	81
Bakehouses	23
Butchers' Shops and Stalls, etc.	167
Cesspools	60
Cinemas	15
Common Lodging Houses	11
Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops	201
Drains, relaid or altered	155
Drainage—obstructed or defective	649
Drains Tested	36
Disinfections and Disinfestations	12
Dustbins	119
Establishments for Massage and Special treatment	21
Factories Act (Mechanical Power)	157
Factories Act (Non-mechanical)	58
Factories Act (Outworkers Premises)	160
Food Preparing Premises	296
Food Hawkers	45
Food Inspection	435
Food Sampling—Formal	139
Food Sampling—Informal	229
Food Shops	232
Housing Acts	3,488
Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act, 1952	40
Ice Cream	169
Infectious Disease	737
Insects and Pests	50
Keeping of Animals	78
Milk Sampling	148
Miscellaneous	244
Markets	113
Nuisances, Public Health Act	2,209
Old Metal Dealers	21

Pet Animals Act, 1951	27
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	2,627
Public Baths	15
Public Conveniences	19
Rag Flock Act	9
Sale of Horseflesh	11
Schools and School Canteens	69
Shops Act—All Sections	3,118
Slaughterhouses	793
Smoke Observations	87
Streams and Ponds	92
Tents, vans and sheds	173
Verminous premises	53
Water Closets	23
Water Supplies	63
(c) Informal Notices (number served)	564
Statutory Notices (number served)	143
(d) As a result of the service of Notices, the necessary works were completed by the owners or occupiers in all cases except 102, the works of which were still in hand at the end of the year.	
(e) Notices served under the Shops Act	185
(f) Notices served under the Food & Drugs Act	41

(iii) **Factories Acts.**

A summary of the statistics, as required by the Ministry of Labour and National Service, is given below:—

TABLE 11

1. **Inspections.**

Premises.

	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	13	58	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	269	157	3	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out-Workers premises)	41	39	1	—
Total	323	254	4	—

2. Cases in which Defects were Found. Particulars.

	No. of Cases in which defects were found.			No. of Cases in which prosecutions instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	—	1
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation	—	—	—	—
Ineffect. drain. of floors	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences—				
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	2
(c) Not separate for Sexes	—	—	—	—
Other Offences	—	—	—	—
Total	4	4	—	3

3. Outwork.

Nature of Work	No. of Out-Workers in August List	No. of Cases of default in sending List	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply Lists	No. of Instances of Work in Un-wholesome Premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel—						
Making, etc.	35	—	—	—	—	—
Box Making	13	—	—	—	—	—
Total	48	—	—	—	—	—

During the year 160 inspections were made of Outworkers' premises.

(iv) **Caravan Sites.**

There are 7 licensed caravan sites, one still being controlled by the Council.

Altogether, there are 218 caravans on these sites. The sites are maintained in a satisfactory condition.

(v) **Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.**

During the year the Sanitary Inspectors, and Rodent Operative carried out 2,627 inspections, or re-inspections, to premises suspected of being infested by rats or mice.

Further maintenance treatment, in respect of rat disinfection to sewers was undertaken during the year.

(vi) **Pet Animals Act, 1951.**

Fifteen persons are licensed to keep Pet Shops. Frequent inspections continue to be carried out.

3.—INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(i) **Milk Supply.**

At the end of the year 38 persons were registered as Retailers, or Distributors. Of these 14 were licensed to retail Tuberculin Tested Milk; 19 were licensed to retail Pasteurised Milk; and 34 were licensed to retail Sterilised Milk.

The two Pasteurising plants are kept under surveillance by the department.

During the year, 125 samples of milk were taken, and only 2 failed to pass the prescribed test.

(ii) **Ice-Cream.**

There were at the end of the year 3 manufacturers, and 201 vendors on the register.

During the year, 59 samples were taken for Bacteriological examination, and of these 52 were satisfactory, and 7 unsatisfactory.

Nineteen samples of ice-lollies were taken, and only 2 proved unsatisfactory.

Eight samples of ice-cream, and six ice-lollies were taken for Chemical examination, and all proved satisfactory.

(iii) **Meat.**

There are 3 licensed slaughterhouses in the Borough, and one of them is licensed for the slaughter of horses.

Altogether, 24,673 animals were slaughtered for human consumption.

The Sanitary Inspectors, as usual, paid visits, not only to the Slaughterhouses, but also to the Meat Depôts, Butchers' Shops, Stalls, etc.

Table 12 sets out the particulars of the carcasses inspected, and condemned :—

TABLE 12.
CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

1955

						Cattle except Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.	Total.
Number killed (if known)	...	...	...	...	...	1,572	1,075	899	9,079	11,757	294	24,676
Number inspected	...	...	...	...	...	1,572	1,075	899	9,079	11,757	294	24,676
All diseases except Tuberculosis.												
Whole Carcasses condemned	...	...	...	...	...	11	7	5	47	14	—	85
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	...	...	458	416	—	553	592	3	2,021
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	30%	39%	0.5%	6%	5%	1%	9%
Tuberculosis only.												
Whole carcasses condemned	...	...	...	...	...	2	20	—	—	7	—	29%
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	...	...	90	184	—	—	258	—	532
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	6%	18%	—	—	2%	—	2.3%

(iv) **Food Products in General.**

In addition to the premises used for Milk, Ice-Cream, and Meat, referred to above, the following are registered under the Romford Urban District Council Act, 1931, and are subject to the Clean Food Byelaws.

Bakers	....	32	Cafès		59
Confectioners	....	62	Fishmongers	....	30
Greengrocers	....	47	Grocers		121
Miscellaneous	....	12	Hawkers	....	29

There are also 45 food stalls situated in the Market Place on three days of the week.

All the above are regularly inspected. During the year, 796 such inspections were made.

The majority of the food shops now have constant hot water provided for washing purposes.

(v) **Unsound Food.**

During the year, 435 visits were made to food premises, mainly on request, for the purpose of dealing with unsound food, and a total quantity of 8 tons, 12 cwts., 75 lbs. of food was surrendered as unfit for human consumption. Where possible all unsound food is disposed of for animal feeding—the remainder is dealt with by the Cleansing Department.

(vi) **The Food and Drugs Acts, 1938 - 1954.**

During 1955, 315 samples were submitted for analysis, comprising 66 Formal, and 249 Informal.

Table 13 sets out the types of food examined. Of the 66 Formal samples taken, 2 proved to be not genuine.

Of these, one consisted of Pork Sausages that contained only 57% of meat, this was reported to the Health Committee, who, in view of the recent High Court ruling, decided not to institute proceedings, but to send a strong letter of warning to the manufacturer.

The second unsatisfactory sample was of Whisky, which the Analyst reported as being only 64.3° proof and containing 1% of water. This whisky was sold from a bottle labelled 70° proof. The information has been forwarded to the Minister requesting permission to institute proceedings under the Labelling of Food Order, 1953; but authority had not been received by the end of the year.

Of the Informal samples the following were reported on adversely :—

Bread.—The following samples were submitted as a result of complaints.

3 samples of bread which were alleged to be contaminated with dirt were found on examination to contain small areas of vegetable grease from the machines. Letters were sent to the manufacturers in each case.

2 samples of bread were alleged to contain mouse droppings—on examination the particles in the bread were found to be cylindrical bodies of charred dough.

1 sample, alleged to have a peculiar taste, was found to contain an excess of salt. This information was passed on to the authority in whose area the bread was manufactured.

Fruit Squash.—One sample submitted on complaint, was found to contain suspended matter, consisting of miscellaneous dirt, sawdust and gritty matter. A warning letter was sent to the manufacturers.

Grease from Baker's Mixing Machine.—A sample of grease taken from a baker's mixing machine, following complaints of grease being found in bread, was found to consist mainly of mineral oil. The bakers were advised on methods to adopt, in order to prevent this grease entering the mixing bowl.

Meat Pie.—A complaint was made concerning the presence of tobacco in a meat pie, and, on analysis, the meat content was found to contain 2 grains of finely shredded tobacco, similar to that used for cigarettes. The matter was reported to the Health Committee, which resolved to send a strong letter of warning to the manufacturer.

Milk.—A sample of milk was sent to the analyst, on receipt of a complaint as to its smell and appearance. The analyst reported that this milk contained 2.2% of Potassium Cyanide. The details were forwarded to the Police.

Nuts.—One sample of mixed nuts was found to have a high percentage that was decomposed and unsound, on being informed of this the vendor withdrew the remainder from sale.

Pickled Onions.—One sample of pickled onions, taken informally, was not labelled in accordance with the requirements of the Labelling of Food Order, 1953. The Health Committee resolved to forward the information to the Minister. The manufacturers withdrew all other pickles from sale, and relabelled them in accordance with the Order.

Sausages.—Three samples of sausages were found to contain Sulphur Dioxide without the proper declaration being made, and three samples were found to have a low meat content.

These matters were taken up with the manufacturers.

Legal Proceedings.

The following cases were taken under Byelaw 9 of the Clean Food Byelaws:—

Offence	Result
(1) Failing to have name and address legibly inscribed on a stall	Fined £1
(2) ditto	Fined £1

The following case was taken under Article 26 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations:—

Failing to ensure the proper cleansing of milk bottles	Fined £2
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TABLE 13

Summary of Samples taken for Analysis during the Year 1954

	Number examined			Result of Analysis	
	Formal	Informal	Total	Genuine	Not Genuine
Acetic Acid	—	1	1	1	—
Almond Flavour	—	1	1	1	—
Ammoniated Tincture of Quinine	—	1	1	1	—
Beef Chippolatas	—	1	1	1	—
Beef & Vegetable Stew	—	1	1	1	—
Beer	1	—	1	1	—
Biscuits	—	1	1	1	—
Black Pudding	—	2	2	2	—
Borax	—	1	1	1	—
Bread	—	7	7	1	6
Bread and Butter	1	—	1	1	—
Butter	—	4	4	4	—
Buttered Rolls	1	—	1	1	—
Buttered Sweets	—	4	4	4	—
Cabbage—red	—	1	1	1	—
Camphorated Oil	—	2	2	2	—
Castor Oil	—	1	1	1	—
Chicken & Ham Pie	—	1	1	1	—
Cinnamon	—	2	2	2	—
Citric Acid	—	1	1	1	—
Cochineal Colouring	—	1	1	1	—
Coffee	—	2	2	2	—
Coffee & Chichory	—	1	1	1	—
Cough Mixture	—	4	4	4	—
Cough Pastilles	—	1	1	1	—
Crab—dressed	—	3	3	3	—
Cream	—	2	2	2	—
Cream Caramels	—	1	1	1	—
Cream Cakes	—	2	2	2	—
Curry Powder	—	1	1	1	—
Custard Powder	—	2	2	2	—
Dandelion Coffee	—	1	1	1	—
Dripping	3	3	6	6	—
Epsom Salts	—	3	3	3	—
Eucalyptus Oil	—	1	1	1	—
Fish Cakes	—	3	3	3	—
Fish pastes	—	12	12	12	—
Fruit—dried	—	2	2	2	—
Fruit juices & squashes	—	10	10	9	1
Gin	1	—	1	1	—
Ginger—ground	—	2	2	2	—
Glauber salts	—	2	2	2	—
Glycerine, Lemon and Honey	—	1	1	1	—
Glycerine, Lemon, Honey and Epec.	—	1	1	1	—
Grease from bakers mixing machine	—	1	1	—	1
Gripe Water	—	1	1	1	—
Groundnut Oil	—	1	1	1	—
Honey	—	1	1	1	—
Ice Cream	8	—	8	8	—
Ice Lollies	—	6	6	6	—
Indian Brandee	—	1	1	1	—
Jam	—	1	1	1	—
Jelly	—	5	5	5	—
Lard	1	3	4	4	—
Lemon Essence	—	1	1	1	—
Luncheon Meat	—	1	1	1	—
Lucozade	—	1	1	1	—
Carried forward ...	16	116	132	124	8

TABLE 13—continued

	Number examined			Result of Analysis	
	Formal	Informal	Total	Genuine	Not Genuine
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	16	116	132	124	8
Margarine ...	—	4	4	4	—
Marzipan ...	6	—	6	6	—
Meat Pastes ...	1	8	8	8	—
Meat Pie ...	—	1	1	—	1
Milk ...	23	1	24	23	1
Milk—evaporated ...	1	1	1	1	—
Mincemeat ...	1	1	1	1	—
Mint Sauce ...	1	2	2	2	—
Mussels ...	1	1	1	1	—
Nuts ...	1	8	8	7	1
Oil of Almonds ...	1	1	1	1	—
Olive Oil ...	1	2	2	2	—
Onions—pickled ...	1	2	2	1	1
Peas—processed ...	1	1	1	1	—
Pepper ...	1	6	6	6	—
Pickles ...	1	2	2	2	—
Pilchards in Tom. Sauce	1	1	1	1	—
Pudding—Christmas ...	1	1	1	1	—
Rice ...	1	2	2	2	—
Rissol—nut ...	1	1	1	1	—
Rum ...	4	—	4	4	—
Rum Flavouring ...	1	1	1	1	—
Sage & Onion Stuffing ...	1	1	1	1	—
Salad Cream ...	1	1	1	1	—
Sandwich Spread ...	1	1	1	1	—
Sausages—unclassified ...	1	2	2	2	—
Sausages—beef ...	1	18	19	17	2
Sausages—pork ...	3	30	33	28	5
Sausages—liver ...	1	2	2	2	—
Sausages—luncheon ...	1	1	1	1	—
Sausage meat—beef ...	1	1	1	1	—
Sausage meat—pork ...	1	2	2	2	—
Self-raising flour ...	1	2	2	2	—
Spice ...	1	2	2	2	—
Sponge Mixture ...	1	1	1	1	—
Steak—stewed ...	1	1	1	1	—
Steak & Kidney Pudding	1	1	1	1	—
Suet ...	1	3	3	3	—
Sugared Strands ...	1	1	1	1	—
Sugared Nuts ...	1	1	1	1	—
Sweets ...	1	3	3	3	—
Tea ...	1	8	8	8	—
Tonic Water ...	1	—	1	1	—
Vitacream ...	1	1	1	1	—
Vinegar ...	4	1	5	5	—
Whisky ...	8	—	8	7	1
Wine ...	1	1	1	1	—
Yeast Tablets ...	1	1	1	1	—
TOTALS ...	66	249	315	295	20

(vii) **Shops Act, 1950**

(a) Up to date 923 shops have been inspected and recorded on the Register. Altogether 3,118 inspections and observations have been made for various purposes under the Act during the year.

During these inspections the following contraventions were noted :—

Failure to exhibit prescribed Notices	637
Failure to keep records	115
Conditions of employment	49
Sanitary accommodation	32
Washing facilities	4
Other matters	39

In order to draw the attention of the occupiers to these contraventions, 185 informal notices were served, and 169 verbal cautions were given; as a result the majority of the contraventions were rectified by the end of the year, and others were receiving attention.

(b) **EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES.**

On being satisfied that alternative arrangements were reasonably available and satisfactory, the Council have issued one Certificate, under Section 38(6) of the Act, exempting the occupier of a certain shop from providing sanitary accommodation and washing facilities.

Two certificates of exemption were withdrawn in respect of sanitary accommodation and washing facilities.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Council authorised the following cases to be taken before the Magistrates Court in respect of contraventions under the Shops Act, 1950 :—

Offence	Section	Result
(i) Failing to keep records of Sunday Employment	22(3)	Fined £2
(ii) Failing to keep records of Sunday Employment	22(3)	Fined £2
(iii) Sunday Trading	47	Fined £2
(iv) Sunday Trading	47	Fined £2
(v) Sunday Trading	47	Fined £2
(vi) Sunday Trading	47	Fined £2
(vii) Sunday Trading	47	Fined £2

(viii) **The Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act, 1952**

153 premises have been visited where heating appliances were exposed for sale, and advice has been given on the requirements of the Act to persons responsible. As a result of these visits, 60 appliances were found not to conform with the standards prescribed. In one instance, the Council authorised legal proceedings.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

Offence	Section	Result
(i) Exposing for sale a heating appliance fitted with a guard not conforming to the standards prescribed	1	Fined £3 plus £2.2.0 costs.

4.—HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1955

TABLE 14

Number of houses erected during the year—

(1) By Local Authority	261
(2) By Private Enterprise	604
(3) By L.C.C. at Harold Hill Estate	59

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

(1)(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	4,175
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	6,683
(2)(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	Nil
(b) Number on inspections made for the purpose	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	8
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	564

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of Formal Notices.

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of Informal action by the local authority or their officers	461
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936—	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices—	
(a) By owners	Nil
(b) By local authority in default of owners	Nil
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts—	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	142
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices—	
(a) By owners	91
(b) By local authority in default of owners	14
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936—	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	15
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....	7
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936—	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been made fit	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV : Overcrowding.

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	39
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	67
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	314
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	3
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding abated during the year	28
(2) Number of new cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	1
(3) Number of persons concerned in such cases	145
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil

5. Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

During the year 35 applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair under the above Act, and 32 Certificates were issued, making a total of 86 Certificates issued since October, 1954.

48 applications were also received for the Revocation of Certificates, and in 45 cases the Certificates were revoked when the repairs had been completed satisfactorily.

5. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

(i) Notifiable Diseases.

As, is usual, I have not recorded the notifications where the diagnosis has been altered after a period of observation, or after investigation. When, however, the amended diagnosis has proved to be another type of infection which is notifiable, the case has been appropriately recorded. The amendments are sent to the Registrar-General at the end of each quarter.

(a) Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis.

In contrast to last year, Poliomyelitis was more in evidence, generally, throughout the Country, and this was reflected in a correspondingly larger number of cases in Romford.

During 1955, 4 cases were notified in the earlier part of the year, but it was not until the beginning of August and onwards that the bulk of the cases occurred, and it was during this period that we had 13 cases with varying degrees of paralysis, and 16 of the non-paralytic variety. One of the patients, unfortunately, died.

(b) Acute Infective Hepatitis.

This condition is still notifiable for research purposes, throughout the Eastern Region. Altogether, there were 28 notifications.

(c) Diphtheria.

This year one case of Diphtheria was reported. No organism was isolated, but the diagnosis was based on palatal paralysis.

The following statistics relate to the state of Immunisation at 31st December, 1955. In addition to the initial series of injections, "booster" doses have been administered.

TABLE 15

	Under 5 yrs. 5 - 15 yrs.	
Number of children who had completed a full course of Immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1955, and who were born between 31st December, 1940, and 31st December, 1955	....	....
	4,986	14,694

(d) Dysentery.

Seven cases of Dysentery were notified, as belonging to Romford. Two of these were due to *Shigella Sonnei*, and five were unclassified.

(e) Food Poisoning.

During the year, 24 cases were notified, which proved to be suffering from food poisoning. In addition, another 28 proved indefinite.

The following table sets out the details, as required by the Ministry of Health :—

TABLE 16

(a) Total number of outbreaks ....	....	....	....	5
(b) Total number of cases included in (a) ....	....	....	....	11
(c) Number of single cases ....	....	....	....	41
(d) Number of deaths ....	....	....	....	Nil
(e)				
(i) Organisms responsible	Sal. Typhi- Murium	C. Welchii	Unknown	
(ii) Outbreaks attributable to (i)	3	2	Nil	
(iii) Single cases attributable to (i)	11	2	28	

(f) Measles.

Measles was present in epidemic form during the first half of the year, although, in fact, the numbers first showed a rise in November, 1954. Over the past few years the close relationship with London has had the effect of involving us in their epidemiology, and this has, particularly, been noticeable in the case of Measles which, in London, has recurred in epidemic form every two years. During 1955, however, the Country, generally, experienced one of its worst epidemics on record.

Altogether, throughout the year, 2,807 cases were notified.

(g) Scarlet Fever.

The notifications numbered 149, and the type was mild, which has been consistent with this condition for very many years.

(h) Smallpox.

No cases occurred in the district, but 3 members of the crew of a ship and residents of Romford were kept under surveillance for the requisite period, as a passenger had been landed at Suez suffering from Smallpox.

Table 17 gives the statistics relative to Vaccination, as recorded by the General Practitioners.

TABLE 17

Vaccinated :

Under 6 months	342
Between the ages of 6 months and 1 year	145
Between the ages of 1 and 2 years	44
Between the ages of 2 and 5 years	77
Between the ages of 5 and 15 years	75
Over 15 years	144

Re-Vaccinated :

Under 1 year of age	—
Between the ages of 1 and 2 years	—
Between the ages of 2 and 5 years	8
Between the ages of 5 and 15 years	50
Over 15 years	306

(i) Tuberculosis.

The team of the Medical Research Council, which, for some years, has been investigating the value of Anti-Tuberculosis Vaccines, revisited the area on two occasions, and, prior to, and during these periods the Health Visitors gave willing aid.

Also, the scheme whereby B.C.G. Vaccination is offered, with parental consent, to children at the age of 13 years, was continued on the same lines as last year, with the following results :—

TABLE 18

Number of pupils tuberculin tested	344
Number found to be positive	45
Number found to be negative	299
Number who received B.C.G.	277
Number post-tested	266
Number found to be positive	258
Number found to be negative	8

It is again with satisfaction that I record that the new cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis have diminished by 13, and the Deaths are fewer by 9.

(j) Whooping Cough.

Altogether, 179 cases were notified. For the most part, they were fairly evenly distributed throughout the year. During 1955, 1,273 children received immunisation injections.

(ii) **Non-Notifiable.**

The prevalence of these is again set out below, and the figures are compiled from the school returns. As they are not notifiable, however, the general prevalence is unknown.

TABLE 19

Mumps	336
Chickenpox	254

6.—SUPPLEMENTARY.(i) **Section 47, National Assistance Act, 1948.**

It was not found necessary to take any formal action under this Section. On the two or three occasions when investigations had to be made, other means were found to achieve a satisfactory solution.

TABLE 20
MONTHLY NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Month	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Enteric Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Dysentery	Encephalitis Acute Infective	Erysipelas	Malaria contracted abroad	Measles	Mening- ococcal Infection	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Polio-myelitis Paralytic	Polio-myelitis Non- Paralytic	Whooping Cough	Infective Hepatitis	Food Poisoning	Tuberculosis		Total
																		Resp.	Non- Resp.	
January	10	—	—	—	9	1	—	—	—	71	—	—	—	—	16	3	2	8	—	120
February	15	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	291	—	—	—	—	14	4	4	4	—	341
March	19	—	—	—	20	1	—	2	—	1,180	2	1	—	—	14	6	3	6	2	1,256
April	25	—	—	—	5	1	—	1	—	606	—	—	—	1	15	2	8	2	1	667
May	20	—	—	—	5	1	—	1	—	313	—	—	—	2	17	1	—	7	—	367
June	12	—	—	—	3	—	—	2	—	247	—	—	—	1	6	—	5	6	2	284
July	16	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	60	1	—	—	1	4	—	3	5	—	93
August	3	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	28	—	—	4	5	32	2	10	2	—	89
September	6	—	—	1	3	—	—	1	—	9	—	—	—	6	22	3	3	3	1	58
October	6	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	1	8	5	7	5	—	43
November	6	—	—	—	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	1	3	3	1	28
December	11	—	—	2	7	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	3	22	1	4	4	1	59
Total	149	1	—	3	67	7	—	11	—	2,807	4	1	13	20	179	28	52	55	8	3,405

TABLE 21
DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR, DIVIDED INTO AGE GROUPS.

Disease	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	Over 65	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	2	8	8	11	101	17	1	1	—	—	—	149
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
Pneumonia	5	1	1	3	3	14	6	—	8	10	12	4	67
Dysentery	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	7
Encephalitis—Acute Infective	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	5	1	11
Malaria contracted abroad	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	88	269	288	337	382	1,419	16	2	5	1	—	—	2,807
Meningococcal Infection	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Poliomyelitis Paralytic	3	2	—	—	1	2	1	—	3	1	—	—	13
Poliomyelitis Non-Paralytic	—	1	—	2	1	8	4	2	2	—	—	—	20
Whooping Cough	17	23	21	20	22	72	2	—	2	—	—	—	179
Infective Hepatitis	1	—	—	1	1	10	3	3	2	3	4	—	28
Food Poisoning	2	—	2	3	1	10	8	3	11	3	6	3	52
Total	119	296	320	376	422	1,638	62	12	39	22	28	8	3,342

TABLE 22
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING
YEAR 1955, and HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

Disease	Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	149	3	—
Diphtheria	1	1	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	—	—
Pneumonia	67	22	40
Dysentery	7	1	—
Encephalitis—Acute Infective ...	—	—	—
Erysipelas	11	—	—
Malaria contracted abroad	—	—	—
Measles	2,807	29	1
Meningococcal Infection	4	2	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	—	—
Poliomyelitis Paralytic	13	12	2
Poliomyelitis Non-Paralytic	20	20	—
Whooping Cough	179	10	1
Infective Hepatitis	28	4	—
Food Poisoning	52	9	—
Total	3,342	113	44

TABLE 23
TUBERCULOSIS: NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1955

AGE PERIODS.				NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
				Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	...	...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
1	...	...	...	2	2	2	1	—	—	—	1
5	...	...	...	4	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
15	...	...	...	5	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	...	...	...	6	3	—	1	—	1	—	—
35	...	...	...	7	3	1	—	—	—	—	—
45	...	...	...	6	2	—	—	2	—	—	—
55	...	...	...	4	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and upwards	...	...	...	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	—
Total	...	...	...	34	21	3	5	4	2	1	1