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BOROUGH OF TOTTENHAM

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1964





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Public Health Department,  
Town Hall, N.15.

To The Mayor  
Aldermen and Councillors  
of the Borough of Tottenham

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I submit herewith my Annual Report for the year 1964 which must be incomplete owing to necessity to publish it before 31st March, 1965, after which time the Borough of Tottenham ceases to exist on merger with Hornsey and Wood Green into the Greater London Borough of Haringey (London Government Act, 1963).

Omission of certain statistics and commentary arises from the fact that the Registrar Generals' figures for the year 1964 will not have been received. Also excluded this year is detailed reference to the personal and school health services, due to the time factor and pressure of work by all concerned in the transfer arrangements.

As this will be my last Report before retirement I take the opportunity to thank members and staff of the Corporation for much encouragement and assistance given me during the nearly thirty years I have been privileged to work in Tottenham as Medical Officer of Health.

G. HAMILTON HOGGEN  
Medical Officer of Health

10th March, 1965.



Area of District (in Acres)		3,013
Population		
Census, April, 1951	126,929	
April, 1961	113,249	
Mid-year: Registrar General's estimate	1963 112,700	1964 111,150
Rateable Value as at 1st April	£6,368,470	£6,449,345
Sum represented by penny rate	£25,400	£25,600
Approximate Number of Dwellings in District	31,163	31,185
Registered live-births		
Males	1,154	
Females	1,094	
Total	<u>2,248</u>	
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population:	19.95	
No. of live-births which were illegitimate	255	
	(11.2%)	
Stillbirths		
Males	19	
Females	14	
	<u>33</u>	
Stillbirth-rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	14.62	
No. of stillbirths which were illegitimate	6	
	(16%)	
Deaths		
Males	743	
Females	696	
	<u>1,439</u>	
Death-rate per 1,000 estimated population	12.77	
Maternal Mortality		
Puerperal Sepsis	-	
Other puerperal causes	4	
Total	<u>4</u>	
Death-rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	1.754	
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age (Infant Mortality)		
(a) Legitimate		
Males	29	
Females	19	
Total	<u>48</u>	
Death-rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	24.08	
(b) Illegitimate		
Males	4	
Females	4	
Total	<u>8</u>	
Death-rate per 1,000 illegitimate live-births	31.37	
(c) Total		
Males	33	
Females	23	
Total	<u>56</u>	
Death-rate per 1,000 total live births	24.91	
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks (Neo-natal Mortality)	42	
Rate per 1,000 live births	18.68	

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Deaths of Infants under 1 week (Early Neo-natal Mortality)

1963

1964

36

Rate per 1,000 live births

16.01

Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week (Perinatal Mortality)

69

Rate per 1,000 live and still births

30.25

NOT YET AVAILABLE

#### Movement of Population

There is a continuous substantial movement of population both into and out of the Borough and since 1949 the outward movement has consistently exceeded the inward with a consequent steady fall in the population.

#### CONTROL OF DISEASE

There were 957 notifications compared with 1214 in 1963. Of these 747 related to Measles which became prevalent towards the end of the year and continued into 1965. In general the year proved uneventful and brief notes are given on specific diseases.

#### Tuberculosis

The number of notifications of this disease continues to fall, the 1964 figure of 40 cases (35 respiratory and 5 other forms) being the lowest recorded for the Borough, and 25 per cent less than the previous lowest figure of 53 in 1962. Of the 35 respiratory cases 25 were males, 17 being over 45 years of age. Only two of the 10 females came in this older age group.

#### Scarlet Fever

There were 59 cases of Scarlet Fever compared with the exceptionally low figure of 24 for 1963. The disease continued to be of the mild type experienced in recent years.

#### Measles

747 cases were notified in 1964 compared with 957 in 1963. Allowing for the normal biennial cycle a lower number of cases might have been anticipated but the epidemic period which started a little earlier towards the end of the year and continued into 1965 accounts for the higher incidence in the year under review.

#### Whooping Cough

There were 31 cases of Whooping Cough notified in 1964 following the comparatively high number of cases, 92 in 1963. The value of early immunisation against this disease cannot be overemphasised as the illness is most distressing, particularly when it affects babies and young toddlers.

#### Puerperal Pyrexia

This is used to describe any fevered condition which results in a temperature of 100.4°F or more occurring in a mother within 14 days of childbirth or miscarriage. 3 such cases were reported in 1964, one having fatal consequences.

#### Scabies

There were 32 cases of Scabies during 1964 compared with 9 the previous year. This complaint is a parasitic skin infection which is usually communicated by direct person to person contact. The rising number of cases suggests there may be a lowering in the standards of morals and personal hygiene.

#### Infectious Diseases of the Nervous System

It is gratifying to be able to report that there were no cases of poliomyelitis, acute encephalitis or meningococcal infection during 1964.

#### Dysentery

The 29 cases of sonne dysentery notified were scattered throughout the year, and no serious outbreak was recorded. The disease is generally of a mild nature, but may be more serious when the very young or very old are affected.



Enteric Fever

No cases of typhoid or paratyphoid fever arose in 1964.

Food Poisoning

There were 4 notified cases of food poisoning in 1964, and one other case came to the notice of the department. The organisms were identified in four instances as follows:-

s. st. paul, s. london, s. reading and cl. welchii.

Diphtheria

There was again no notification of this disease. There have been only 3 cases in the Borough during the past 10 years, the last case occurring in 1961.

Public Health Laboratory

The following is a summary of work carried out for Tottenham by the laboratory service:-

## RECORD OF EXAMINATIONS

Nose, Throat, Ear, Eye and Nasal Swabs:-	Total Specimens	39
Negative	39	
Faeces:-	Total Specimens	388
Shigella	70	
Salmonella typhi murium	6	
" reading	1	
" brandenburg	1	
" st. paul	6	
" london	2	
Cl. welchii	4	
Negative	<u>298</u>	
Urine:-	Total Specimens	2
Negative	<u>2</u>	
Sputum:-	Total Specimens	3
Negative	<u>3</u>	
Ice-cream Samples:-	Total Specimens	20
Provisional Grade 1	<u>20</u>	
Other Food Samples:-	Total Specimens	3
Negative	<u>3</u>	
Swimming Bath Water Samples:-	Total Specimens	10
Positive non-faecal b. coli	1	
Negative	<u>2</u>	
Water Samples from flooded cellars:-	Total Specimens	2
Positive faecal and non-faecal b. coli	2	
Negative	<u>0</u>	

Total Number of Specimens 467

Staff Medical Examinations

Three of the 87 candidates medically examined during the year before appointment to the staff, failed to pass the examination, for the following reasons:-

Mitral stenosis	1
Arthritis	1
Psychoneurosis	1



In services for the care of the elderly, ways continue to be sought of enabling old persons to remain in their own homes as long as possible for it is in these familiar surroundings that they are most happiest.

Laundry Service for the Incontinent Aged

1,021 collections were made by the Public Health Department.

## Baths

Free baths are available at the Public Baths for old people.

## Library Service

Housebound old people may obtain upon request regular deliveries of library books from the Public Libraries.

Hospital Service

St. Ann's General Hospital has a unit for the chronic sick which comprises 100 beds (60 females and 40 males).

## Persons in Need of Care and Attention

No case arose during the year where action was required under the provisions of the Assistance Act relating to persons needing care and attention.

Old People's Welfare Committee

The Old People's Welfare Committee continued to provide excellent assistance, including the provision of the following services:

Meals-on-Wheels five days a week.  
Chiropody clinics and domiciliary chiropody treatment.  
Visiting optical service.  
Clubs for the elderly.  
General welfare and home visiting.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE AREA

## Water Supplies

Water supplies are provided by the Metropolitan Water Board. The Borough is supplied with New River - derived water from Stoke Newington and Hornsey filtration stations with additional well water from the Board's Park well during the summer months.

## Drainage and Sewerage

The final transfer of the sewage outfall from the London sewerage system to the East Middlesex Drainage System was completed on the 10th January, 1964.

Inspections Carried out by the Public Health Inspectors

Appointments and Interviews	660
Cinemas & Halls	36
Complaints Investigated	2502
Conveniences & Urinals	11
Drains Defective	90
Drains Tested	247
Factories with Mechanical Power	311
Food Poisoning	31
Food Premises	
Bakehouses	27
Butchers	52
Cafes & Restaurants	139
Dairies & Milkshops	19
Factories	12

Factory Canteens .. .. .	7
Fishmongers .. .. .	25
Greengrocers .. .. .	50
Ice Cream Premises .. .. .	39
Slaughterhouses .. .. .	778
Other Food Premises .. .. .	813
House to House .. .. .	353
Improvement Grants .. .. .	206
Infectious Disease .. .. .	236
Multiple Lettings .. .. .	596
Noise Complaints .. .. .	65
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963 .. .. .	416
Other Visits .. .. .	1996
Outworkers .. .. .	77
Rat Infestations .. .. .	174
Reinspections .. .. .	5565
Rent Act, 1957 .. .. .	19
Schools .. .. .	17
S.D.A.A. & Housing Act Advances .. .. .	221
Smoke Control Areas .. .. .	2846
Smoke Observations .. .. .	79

#### Defects Remedied

Drains reconstructed .. .. .	6
Drains repaired .. .. .	107
Drains cleared .. .. .	47
W.C. Cisterns repaired or renewed .. .. .	101
W.C. Pans renewed .. .. .	31
W.C. Pans cleansed .. .. .	12
Waste pipes repaired or renewed .. .. .	77
Rain water pipes repaired or renewed .. .. .	62
Roofs repaired or renewed .. .. .	283
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed .. .. .	151
Drinking water cisterns renewed .. .. .	3
Drinking water cisterns covered .. .. .	-
Water service pipes repaired .. .. .	21
Water supply reinstated .. .. .	16
Yards repaired or reconstructed .. .. .	56
Sinks renewed or provided .. .. .	24
Floors repaired or renewed .. .. .	179
Floors ventilated .. .. .	40
Dampness remedied .. .. .	
by insertion of damp proof courses .. .. .	46
by pointing of brickwork .. .. .	50
by internal rendering .. .. .	111
by miscellaneous remedies .. .. .	126
Window frames and sashes repaired, renewed or painted .. .. .	278
Coppers repaired, renewed or provided .. .. .	1
Fireplaces, stoves & ovens repaired or renewed .. .. .	30
Flues and chimney stacks repaired .. .. .	35
Brickwork of walls repaired and walls rebuilt .. .. .	34
Ventilated food stores provided .. .. .	31
Rooms cleansed .. .. .	15
Staircases, passages and landings cleansed .. .. .	31
Staircases, balconies and steps repaired or renewed .. .. .	30
Noxious accumulations removed .. .. .	112
Nuisances arising from animals abated .. .. .	9
Miscellaneous defects remedied .. .. .	357

#### Notices Served

Statutory:-

Housing Act, 1957



## Notices Served (cont.)

## Housing Act, 1961

Section 15	5	
Section 16	7	
Section 19	3	15

## Public Health Act, 1936

Section 39	26	
Section 45	7	
Section 56	1	
Section 79	9	
Section 92	<u>195</u>	238

## Tottenham Corporation Act, 1952

Section 35	1	
Section 36	57	
Section 43	<u>65</u>	<u>123</u>
		<u>409</u>

## Informal Notices

1,095

Work carried out in default or by agreement with owners during 1964.

Housing Act, 1957

Section 9	7 premises	£ 716 - 2 - 1
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Housing Act, 1961

Section 15	1 premises	£ 58 - 16 - 3
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Public Health Act, 1936

Section 39	5 premises	£ 166 - 8 - 8
Section 78	1 passage	£ 32 - 6 - 3
Section 79	3 premises	£ 3 - 8 - 2
Sections 92/4	2 premises	£ 165 - 2 - 9

Public Health Act, 1961

Section 22	24 premises	£ 203 - 15 - 0
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Tottenham Corporation Act, 1952

Section 36	21 premises	£ 72 - 15 - 2
Section 38	4 premises	£ 37 - 18 - 0
Section 43	10 premises	£ 202 - 11 - 2
		<u>£1659 - 3 - 6</u>

Cleansing and Disinfecting

The cleansing and disinfection station is sited at the Refuse Disposal Works, and as well as the disinfecting apparatus itself, baths are provided for verminous persons who need to be disinfested.

The disinfectors are also responsible for the collections and deliveries of laundry service for the incontinent aged. This service, which the Council is enabled to provide under its powers to cleanse articles given by the Public Health Act, is one that has earned an increasing gratitude from the public since its inception.

Summary of Disinfection Work during 1964

Rooms disinfected after occurrence of infectious disease or death	16
Bedding disinfected after occurrence of infectious disease or death	20
Library books disinfected	74
Drying out wet bedding, carpets etc., caused by burst pipes	7
Second hand clothing sent abroad      Parcels	2



Summary of Disinfection Work during 1964 (Cont.)

Baths for verminous persons: (Males 18)  
 (Females 6)  
 (Children 2) Total number of baths 39

Private Baths

Private baths are available at four establishments in the Borough as follows:-

(a) Central	34
(b) Conway Road	18
(c) Bromley Road	14
(d) Tiverton Road	22
	<u>88</u>

Public Laundries

Laundry facilities are available at three Corporation establishments in the Borough Bromley Road, Tiverton and Markfield Laundrette, Broad Lane.

Insect Pests

There was an overall increase in the number of complaints concerning insect pests, the number of treatments increasing from 142 in 1963 to 214 in 1964. 75 bug infestations were reported in 1964 compared with 61 in 1963 and 89 in 1962.

Other pests which gave rise to most complaints were beetles (34) and wasps (31).

258 inspections were made of premises prior to the tenant's removal to Council houses. Disinfestation was required in 14 cases.

Premises Treated

	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Other Premises</u>
Ants	10	6
Bees	6	1
Beetles	34	16
Bugs	75	0
Earwigs	1	0
Fleas	12	2
Flies	5	2
Lice	2	0
Maggots	2	0
Silver Fish	2	0
Wasps	31	7
Total	<u>180</u>	<u>34</u>

Rodent Control

Three sewer treatments were carried out during the year. Two were direct poison treatments using pin-head oatmeal and sodium fluoracetate. Prior to the third treatment test bait with sausage rusk was laid at 940 points. Sodium fluoracetate and pin-head oatmeal was subsequently laid as follows:- For complete prebait "takes" - 8 ozs; Good "takes" - 4 ozs; Small "takes" - 2 ozs; and No "takes" - 2 ozs.

The following is a summary of premises treated in 1964:-

(1) Houses	806
(2) Shops	36
(3) Factories	50
(4) School Canteens	61
(5) Miscellaneous	38
(6) Total Charge for 2 - 5 above	£129.4.0.

## Factories

The Borough has a highly industrialised area on its eastern side, in addition to much light industry generally.

The local authority is responsible for enforcing certain provisions of the Factories Act and visits are made to the factories for this purpose. Good co-operation is maintained between the Department and H.M. Factories Inspector in matters of mutual interest.

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	Written Notices	Occupier Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which section 1,2,3,4 & 6 are enforced by local authority	50	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by local authority	659	311	19	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by local authority (excluding outworkers premises)	21	21	-	-
Total	730	332	19	-

## Summary of defects found in factories

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			
	Found	Remedied	Referred to Factories Inspector	Referred by Factories Inspector
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floor (S.6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	23	19	-	7
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outworkers)	14	-	14	-
Total	38	19	14	7

## Outworkers

Regular visits were made by the public health inspectors to the homes of persons notified to the department as outworkers in accordance with the provisions of section 133 of the Factories Act, 1961.

The following is a summary of the types of work undertaken by outworkers in the Borough:-

Wearing Apparel	313
Feather sorting	2
Curtains & furniture hangings	4
Umbrellas	2
Artificial flowers	8
Making of brushes	1



## Outworkers (Cont.)

Cardboard boxes	21
Boxing, carding of buttons	57
Christmas crackers & stockings	7
Lampshades	1
	<u>416</u>

## Shops

Ins. of shop premises have been carried out under the Shops Act, 1950, during the year. Weekend and late evening inspections have been made to ensure that the regulations are complied with.

## Inspections

1334 shops were inspected, all required notices and records were examined and an up to date register of shops within the Borough has been maintained. 973 male assistants, 1652 female assistants and 454 young persons were employed at the premises inspected.

The following contraventions were noted:-

Section 17(2) Assistants weekly half holiday notice not exhibited	56
Section 32(2) Record of hours of employment of young persons not maintained	14
Section 32(3) Abstract of provisions of employment of young persons not exhibited	19
Section 37(2) Notice re. use of seats by females not exhibited	47

## General Closing Hours

Section 2(1) Failure to close at prescribed hour	3
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## Weekly Half Holiday

Section 1(2) Alternative closing notice not exhibited	11
Section 13(1) Exempted trade notice not exhibited	21
Section 1 Sale of unscheduled articles	4

## Sunday Trading

Section 22(3) Record of hours worked not maintained	3
Section 57 Exempted trade notice not exhibited	31
Section 47 Sale of unscheduled articles	8

## Registered Jewish Traders

Section 53 Failure to close on Sabbath	1
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In connection with the infringements recorded above 47 re-inspections were made and 30 formal notices served.

## Middlesex County Council Act, 1944. Street Trading

Twenty trading sites were licensed.

Unlicensed trading in the Haringay area has virtually ceased but trading within the vicinity of the Spurs Ground continues to cause some concern despite frequent visits.



The Fabrics (Misdescription) Regulations, 1959

112 inspections were made during the year. 61 samples of cloth or articles of clothing were examined, no infringements were noted.

Consumer Protection Act, 1961

The Childrens Nightdress Regulations, 1964

These regulations came into force on 1st October, 1964 and prohibit the sale of childrens nightdresses made from inflammable materials. The regulations also provide for labelling of nightdresses made from treated materials with warning against boiling or bleaching etc. A circular giving details of the Regulations was sent to all traders within the Borough in September - no infringements have been noted.

The Oil Heaters Regulations, 1962

One heater which did not comply with the regulations was seen on view prior to an auction sale. The offending article was withdrawn and arrangements made with the Auctioneer to contact the Inspector when similar articles are to be offered for sale.

Prosecutions

Shops Act, 1950

	Offences	Section	Fine	Costs	Total
Case 1	Sale of articles not mentioned in the First Schedule (weekly half holiday)	1	£2.0.0.	£1.1.0.	£3.1.0.
Case 2	Sale of articles not mentioned in the Fifth Schedule (Sunday Trading)	47	£2.0.0.)	£1.1.0.	£4.1.0.
	Failing to exhibit exempted trade notice	57	£1.0.0.)		
Case 3	Failing to exhibit exempted trade notice	57	£2.0.0.	£1.1.0.	£3.1.0.
Case 4	Sale of articles not mentioned in the fifth schedule (Sunday Trading)	47	£1.0.0.)	£1.1.0.	£3.1.0.
	Failing to exhibit exempted trade notice	57	£1.0.0.)		
Case 5	Sale of meat on Butchers closing day	1	£1.0.0.)	£1.1.0.	£3.1.0.
	Failing to close on weekly half day (Tottenham Butchers order)	1	£1.0.0.)		
Total			£11.0.0.	£5.5.0.	£16.5.0.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

There are no establishments licensed for the manufacture of rag flock. At 31st December, 1964 there were 18 premises registered for the use of filling materials.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

At 31st December, 1964 eight premises were licensed as pet shops in accordance with the Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Middlesex County Council Act, 1944: Part XII

Eight establishments were registered for chiropody and special treatment at 31st December, 1964.

One establishment is registered under this Act.

### Burials

Five burials were carried out under section 50 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, where no suitable arrangement would otherwise have been made.

## CLEAN AIR ACT

### Smoke Control Areas

The Belmont/White Hart Lane Smoke Control Order which related to the fifth area in the Smoke Control Programme was confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government on the 30th July, 1964 and will become operative on the 1st July, 1965. The area covers 603 acres to the north-west of the borough and includes 1,429 Corporation dwellings, and 2,300 L.C.C. dwellings, as well as 3,595 privately owned houses.

### Furnace Installations

Eight notifications under section 33 of the Clean Air Act, 1956 were received and examined of proposals to install industrial furnaces.

### Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution

Tottenham is a participating authority in the national survey into atmospheric pollution which is being conducted by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and has three sulphur dioxide and smoke recorders operating in the Borough.

## HOUSING

### Clearance Areas

During 1964 two major areas in the Council's slum clearance programme were the subject of Compulsory Purchase Order under Part III of the Housing Act, 1957. The first dealt with the Kent Road/Woodville Grove Area, which included eight clearance areas and to 63 unfit dwellings of caravans and sheds, 15 fit houses and 5 other sites.

The second order was in respect of the Clyde Road/Elizabeth Place Areas. Here there were 3 clearance areas in respect of 52 unfit dwellings and the lands adjoining included 42 dwellings and 4 other sites. 203 units of housing accommodation will be required for the families to be displaced from the areas.

### Individual Unfit Houses

Two closing orders were made under Part II of the Housing Act, 1957.

Thirty-three notices were served under section 9 for the repair of unfit houses and in 7 instances the repairs were carried out by the Council in the owners' default at a total cost of £716, which was recoverable from the owners.

Premises the subject of Demolition Orders not demolished  
as at 31st December, 1964

Premises	Date of Order
5-8 Union Row	11. 8.63
33 Waverley Road	4.11.57
28 Avenue Road	23.10.59
15 Braemar Road	28. 6.60
10 Langham Road	1. 3.61
80 Tewkesbury Road	13. 7.61



Year	Number of Houses	Cost		
		£	s.	d.
1949	106	6,593	6	5
1950	77	4,035	8	5
1951	72	3,186	3	4
1952	47	2,445	1	9
1953	33	1,918	8	0
1954	30	1,347	4	2
1955	26	1,042	3	3
1956	19	489	10	8
1957	17	510	13	9
1958	8	527	1	6
1959	7	241	16	10
1960	9	543	9	10
1961	11	480	4	8
1962	5	756	10	6
1963	9	169	12	6
1964	7	716	2	1

#### Houses in Multiple Occupation

Inspection of houses in multiple occupation continued throughout the year and enforcement action was initiated where premises were found to be below the standards approved by the Council. The Housing Act, 1964 strengthened the control of houses in multiple occupation and enabled concurrent action to be taken to secure additional amenities and to limit the number of occupants.

No control orders were made during the year.

#### Improvement of Houses

For the first time local authorities are given power to require the carrying out of works for the improvement of dwellings which are without standard amenities. Part II of the Housing Act, 1964 provides for the declaration of improvement areas where dwellings lack one or more of the standard amenities and at least one half of them can be improved to the full standard and remain available for use as dwellings for not less than 15 years.

The tenant of a dwelling not in such an area may also request the local authority to require the owner to provide the standard amenities which may be lacking in the house.

#### RENT ACT, 1957

##### Applications for Certificates of Disrepair

Number of applications for certificates	5
Number of decisions not to issue certificates	1
Number of decisions to issue certificates	
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	2
(b) in respect of all defects	2
Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	1
Number of undertakings refused by local authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	-
Number of certificates issued	3

##### Applications for Cancellation of Certificates

Applications by landlords to local authority for cancellations of certificates	3
Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	1
Decisions by local authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objections	1
Certificates cancelled by local authority	3



## Rehousing on Medical Grounds

Assessments of 98 cases were made where applicants had submitted medical certificates in support of their application for rehousing.

After investigation the following recommendations were made:-

1. Refer to Committee with priority	4
2. Refer to Committee	22
3. Allow medical points	39
4. Unable to assist	21
5. Defer for consideration at a later date	9
6. Recommend transfer	2
7. Unable to give strong support	1

## FOOD CONTROL

Supervision of all food premises in the Borough is exercised by the Public Health Inspectors, in order to ensure that the equipment and premises are properly maintained and that hygienic handling of food stuffs is observed.

The total number of food shops as at 31st December, 1964 was 1,043 made up as follows:-

Bakers	50
Butchers	91
Cafes and dining rooms	117
Confectioners	334
Dairymen	33
Domestic stores	127
Fishmongers	47
Fruiterers and greengrocers	118
Grocers and provisions	289
Ham and Beef Dealers	4
Off Licences	81
Public Houses	58

## Registered Food Premises

At 31st December, 1964 the following premises were registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the manufacture, storage or sale of ice-cream, or for the preparation of sausages or preserved foods:-

Sale of ice-cream	440
Manufacture and sale of ice-cream	1
Storage of ice-cream	1
Cooking of hams and other meat	35
Fish Frying	42
Fish curing (smoking)	1
Sausage manufacture	58
Preparation of sausages ("Hot Dogs")	1
Preparation of jellied eels	3
Shellfish	1
Preparation of preserved food	2

In addition the following classes of food hawkers and their storage premises are registered under section 11 of the Middlesex County Council Act, 1950:-

Articles	No. of Hawkers Registered	No. of Storage Premises Registered
Fruit and vegetables	103	83
Shellfish etc.	17	7
Fish	6	4
Ice-cream	6	1
Light Refreshments	10	2
Peanuts	2	1
Eggs	1	-
Groceries	1	1

Condemned Food

A large amount of food is dealt with by the Public Health Inspectors. Most of this is surrendered by the local wholesalers, with some from retailers. The following articles were dealt with:-

Tinned Articles

Baby Foods	14	Potato Salad	1
Beans Baked	70	Preserves	11
Beverages	2	Ravioli	160
Bolognaise	3	Rice Creamed	38
Broth Scotch	1	Rose Hip Syrup	1
Chicken	7	Sago Creamed	10
Crab Meat	6	Shrimps	50
Fish	117	Soup	142
Flan Filling	1	Spaghetti	63
Fruit Juice	33	Steak and Kidney Pie	7
Fruit Mixed	1418	Steak and Kidney Pudding	2
Fruit Pudding	2	Tomatoes	831
Fruit Pulp	72	Tomato Juice	11
Fruit Puree	1	Tomato Paste	82
Irish Stew	1	Tomato Puree	45
Ham	9	Tongues	3
Milk and Cream	180	Vegetables	574
Meat Processed	501	Vegetable Juice	33
Noodles	10	Vine Leaves	26
Pie Filling	10		
Pork Stew	1		
Pease Pudding	5		

Other Articles of Food Condemned

Bacon	61½ lbs	Kidneys	28 lbs
Beverages	4 jars	Lard	48 packets
Biscuits	1 packet	Meat	710 lbs 6 oz
Cheese	199 lbs	Milk and Cream	1 jar
	137 boxes	Orange Drink	3 bottles
	240 portions	Preserves	29 jars
Chutney	1 jar	Rice Ground	25 lbs
Coconut Shredded	66 lbs	Sauce	16 bottles
Frozen Food	5373 packets	Tomato Ketchup	7 jars
Fruit Dried	121 lbs	Vegetables	784 lbs
Fruit Juice	35 bottles		1 jar
Fruit Mixed	22 jars	Yeast	28 lbs
Goat Meat	10 lbs		
Ham	104½ lbs		

Legal Proceedings.

## Food and Drugs Act, 1955

- (a) Insect in loaf of bread; plea of Guilty, fined £2 with £2.2.0. costs.
- (b) Sale of mouldy loaf of bread; plea of Guilty, fined £5 with £2.2.0. costs.
- (c) String in loaf of bread; plea of Guilty, fined £10 with £5.5.0. costs.
- (d) Beetroots in gutter, and failing to give name and address to public health inspector; plea of Not Guilty but offences proved, fined £1 on first count and £3 on second count.
- (e) Sale of mouldy pork pie; plea of Not Guilty, fined £10 with £10.10.0. costs.



Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 - 26 summonses

- (f) Smoking in food premises; fined £2 with £1.1.0. costs.
- (g) Smoking in food premises; fined £1 with £1.1.0. costs.
- (h) Smoking in food premises; fined £3 with £1.1.0. costs.
- (i) Smoking in food premises; fined £2 with £2.2.0. costs.
- (j) Smoking in food premises; fined £2 with £2.2.0. costs.
- (k) Smoking in food premises; fined £2 with £2.2.0. costs.
- (l) Smoking in food premises; fined £5 with £5.5.0. costs.
- (m) Smoking in food premises; fined £1 on each of 2 summonses and £1.1.0. costs.
- (n) Smoking in food premises; fined £3 on each of 2 summonses and £2.2.0. costs.
- (o) Smoking in food premises; fined £5 with £1.1.0. costs.
- (p) Smoking whilst handling food; fined £2 with £1.1.0. costs.
- (q) Insanitary premises and no locker accommodation; fined £10 on 1st count and £2 on second count. Costs of £5.5.0. awarded in respect of these and other summonses.
- (r) Food business not being carried on at sanitary premises; fined £2 on each of 7 summonses with £5.5.0. costs.
- (s) Food business not being carried on at sanitary premises; fined £3 on each of 4 summonses with £1.1.0. costs on each offence.

Milk and Dairies Regulations

During the year 7 applications for registration as milk distributors were dealt with. No applications were received in respect of dairies. Of the 7 new registrations, 4 were for new premises and the other 3 were in respect of change of proprietorship of previously registered premises.

The number of premises and distributors registered at 31st December, 1964 was as follows:-

No. of distributors	170
No. of dairies	8

Slaughterhouses

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the Borough, and one knackers yard. One slaughterhouse is used mainly for the slaughter of horses; the other is restricted to smaller animals as it has no stunning pen.

Slaughtermen

There were eleven licensed slaughtermen.

Meat Inspection Regulations

100% post-mortem examinations of all animals slaughtered in Tottenham was continued in 1964 by operating a rota-system of inspection by the Public Health Inspectors at the slaughterhouses.



SUMMARY OF CARCASSES INSPECTED, 1964.

	HORSES	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP & LAMBS	PIGS EXCLUDING SOWS	SOWS	GOATS
Number killed	118	35	629	3071	13115	2993	14
Number inspected	118	35	629	3071	13115	2993	14
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	2	7	1	8	1	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	40	17	7	296	2115	285	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	35.59	68.57	1.27	9.90	16.10	9.56	-
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	166	102	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.27	3.41	-

NOTE: NO CASE OF CYSTICERCOSIS WAS REPORTED DURING THE YEAR

STATISTICS OF TOTTENHAM FOR THE LAST TWENTY YEARS

Year	Population	Deaths	Death Rate	Births	Birth Rate	Infantile Deaths	Infant Death Rate	Number of Cases					Cancer Deaths
								Whooping Cough	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Tuberculosis		
											Respiratory	Other Forms	
1945	110,600	1,371	12.40	1,988	17.97	78	39.24	212	214	47	139	16	213
1946	124,830	1,491	11.94	2,580	20.67	88	34.11	280	323	83	198	24	266
1947	129,140	1,461	11.31	2,785	21.57	76	27.29	285	272	22	171	18	223
1948	130,000	1,377	10.59	2,233	17.18	53	23.73	334	260	3	184	19	272
1949	130,040	1,440	11.07	2,009	15.45	50	24.89	199	251	4	210	22	264
1950	129,400	1,382	10.68	1,727	13.35	41	23.74	509	356	3	161	13	262
1951	126,800	1,520	11.99	1,673	13.19	43	25.70	427	245	-	192	9	273
1952	125,300	1,415	11.25	1,666	13.24	34	20.41	139	356	-	163	16	277
1953	124,400	1,347	10.83	1,642	13.20	43	26.19	360	215	1	143	20	284
1954	123,200	1,187	9.63	1,524	12.37	27	17.72	144	92	-	126	5	251
1955	122,100	1,331	10.90	1,511	12.38	25	16.55	98	75	1	126	18	308
1956	120,700	1,252	10.40	1,560	12.92	38	24.36	243	80	1	92	9	281
1957	119,300	1,314	11.02	1,658	13.90	42	25.33	133	92	-	86	4	296
1958	117,700	1,319	11.21	1,748	14.86	38	21.74	29	147	-	102	13	304
1959	116,100	1,352	11.65	1,752	15.09	42	23.97	12	122	-	71	15	284
1960	115,030	1,330	11.56	1,926	16.75	45	23.36	163	100	-	83	9	283
1961	113,480	1,416	12.48	1,919	16.91	51	26.58	10	60	1	50	8	303
1962	113,020	1,424	12.60	2,233	19.76	51	22.84	14	58	-	48	5	328
1963	112,700	1,439	12.71	2,248	19.95	56	24.91	92	24	-	59	15	298
1964	111,150							31	59	-	35	5	



Table of Cases of Infectious Diseases coming to the  
knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the year 1964  
in the Borough of Tottenham, classified according to Disease and Age.

Disease	Under 1		1		2		3		4		5 - 9		10 - 14		15 - 19		20 - 34		35 - 44		45 - 64		65 & up		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Dysentery	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	3	4	1	-	1	2	3	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	29
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Measles	16	14	43	51	52	62	60	51	50	41	160	136	2	6	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	747
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	-	-	3	10
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Scabies	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	2	4	-	1	2	3	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	3	32
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	2	3	5	4	2	5	2	15	16	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
Tuberculosis																									
Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	6	2	2	9	1	8	1	35
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	5
Whooping Cough	4	2	3	-	1	2	1	3	2	2	2	7	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Total	21	19	47	53	56	70	66	59	58	50	184	167	6	11	7	6	14	21	6	4	12	4	8	8	957

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION RECORD, 1964

(Microgrammes per cubic metre)

Month	North Site (Devonshire Hill Library)				Central Site ( <del>Technical</del> College)				South Site (Markfield School)			
	Smoke		Sulphur Dioxide		Smoke		Sulphur Dioxide		Smoke		Sulphur Dioxide	
	Average	Highest	Average	Highest	Average	Highest	Average	Highest	Average	Highest	Average	Highest
January	23½	664	333	870	191	656	288	827	182	568	362	963
February	18½	536	283	641	160	596	265	859	144	564	300	729
March	104	246	193	392	94	247	189	406	72	231	199	381
April	66	308	156	472	58	252	196	493	58	240	192	475
May	30	60	81	161	28	62	113	301	30	72	124	266
June	51	115	79	199	27	98	89	245	23	58	108	223
July	26	83	71	167	23	48	83	184	21	30	105	211
August	23	80	75	125	20	63	74	161	27	75	106	186
September	39	89	80	149	35	72	86	213	34	77	121	220
October	148	364	231	449	140	412	299	495	128	300	273	633
November	126	244	229	502	105	224	192	471	90	312	264	788
December	141	480	240	725	119	476	205	415	127	488	285	873





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Other Manual Staff

No.

11  
2  
1  
9  
2  
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