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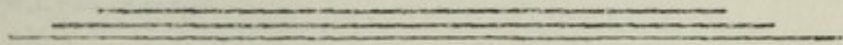
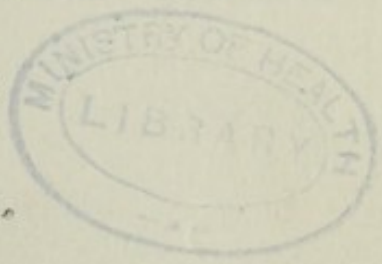
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR
FOR THE
YEAR
1952.



THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ALTON.

Chairman of the Council,
Councillor A. G. Finnimore.

Vice Chairman,
Councillor B.G. Scurr,

Public Health Committee.

Chairman.
Councillor F.C. Jenner.

Members.

Councillor A.G. Finnimore,
" B.C. Scurr,
" A.N. Bissett,
" H.H. Mylward,
" C. Passey,
" (Mrs.) G.M. Pitt,
" W.H. Shipley.

S T A F F .

Medical officer of Health - Dr. D.V.R. Martin, M.B., Ch. B.,
D.P.H.,
(Appointed 1st. July 1952)

Chief Sanitary Inspector
and meat and food Inspector - G.H. Webb, M.I. Mun. E.,
C.R.S.I.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector - C.L. Hunt, A.R. San. I.,
M.S.I.A., C.S.I.B.

Clerk - G.M. Stewart.

ALTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,
Council Offices,
High Street,
Alton. Hants.

Mr. Ghairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the annual report on the health and sanitary circumstances of your district for the year 1952.

The general health of the community is good and there was a very low incidence of infectious diseases notified.

The fact that there were no maternal deaths during the year and that the loss of infant life was low bears testimony to all doctors and nurses concerned as well as the parents. No cases of diphtheria were notified for the seventh successive year, but all concerned with the health and well being of young children are reminded that protection against this disease must not be neglected, and that all children should have completed a course of immunisation by the end of their first year.

My personal thanks are due to Mr. Webb and his staff for their invaluable assistance to me since I took up my appointment and for their co-operation in compiling this report.

Randall Martin.

M. O. H.

STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT.

Area	--	--	4,085 acres.
Rateable Value	--	--	£64,168.
Sum represented by a penny rate	--	--	£250.
Population	--	--	3,553.
Number of inhabited houses	--	--	2,732 (at 1st. Oct., 1952)

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

		Male.	Female.	Total.
<u>Live Births.</u>	Legitimate.	66	64	130
	Illegitimate.	4	7	11
	Total.	70.	71.	141.

Rate per 1000 estimated population 16.5
 " " " " " (England
 and Wales) 15.3

		Male.	Female.	Total.
<u>Still Births.</u>	Legitimate	0	0	0
	Illegitimate.	0	0	0
		0	0	0

Causes of Death.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	1	1	2
Tuberculosis (Other)	0	1	1
Syphilitic disease.	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Whooping Cough.	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infections.	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	0	1
Measles.	0	0	0
Other infective and parasitic diseases.	0	0	0
Malignant neo-plasma stomach	1	0	1
Malignant neoplasm; lung bronchus	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm; breast.	0	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	0	0	0
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	7	3	10.
Leukemia and Aloukuenia.	1	0	1.
Diabetes.	1	0	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	6	9
Coronary disease, Angina.	8	2	10
Hypertension with heart disease.	0	0	0
Other heart disease.	12	7	19
Other circulatory disease.	0	3	3
Influenza	0	0	0
Pneumonia.	4	4	8
Bronchitis.	2	2	4
Other diseases of respiratory system.	0	0	0
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	0	0	0
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	0	0	0
Nephritis and nephrosis.	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	0	1
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion.	0	0	0
Congenital malformations.	1	0	1
Other defined and ill defined causes.	1	5	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	0	1	1
All other accidents.	1	3	4
Suicide.	0	1	1
Homicide and operations of war.	0	0	0
TOTAL.	47.	42.	89

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and
Other Diseases.

The following is an analysis of the infectious diseases
notified during the year:-

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Acute Primary Pneumonia	12	6	18
Measles.	3	3	6
Scarlet	2	3	5
Whooping cough	8	4	12
Poliomyelitis.	0	1	1
Erysipelas.	1	0	1
Tb. lungs.	5	1	6
Tb. other.	1	1	2
T O T A L.	32	19	51

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. During the year a total of 116 immunisation courses against diphtheria were carried out as follows :-

	Under One.	One Yr.	Two Yrs.	Three yrs.	Four yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	Total.
No. of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation during the year.	51.	47	8	--	--	4	1	111
No. of children who received a secondary injection during the year.	--	--	--	--	2	2	1	5
								116

Immunisation in relation to total child population:-

No. of children at 31/12/1952 who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date. (i.e. at any time since 1/1/1938.)

Age at 31/12/52. - i.e. born in year -	Under 1 1952	1 1951	2 1950	3 1949	4 1948	5-14 1938- 1947.	Total under 15.
Number Immunised	51.	58	85	103	97	738	1132
Estimated mid year pop. 1952			876			1331	2207.

These figures mean that 51.3% of our children have been protected against diphtheria. No cases of diphtheria have been reported in the Urban District since 1946 and throughout the country the incidence of the disease continues to fall. But this must not lead to a feeling of complacency. The absence of the disease from the community has minimised the fear of diphtheria but if parents leave their children unprotected there may be a recurrence of diphtheria outbreaks. Diphtheria still kills and the elimination of the disease is conditional upon the maintenance of a high immunisation rate. The figures for the district are disturbingly low and every effort must be made to have all children by the age of one year completely immunised against diphtheria.

The best time to start the course, which consists of two small injections is between the age of six to nine months.

PROVISION OF GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Ambulance facilities.

Ambulances for infectious diseases and other cases (non-infectious, accident and maternity) are stationed at Alton. Application for use of ambulances are made to the Aldershot Ambulance Station (Telephone - Aldershot 2244).

Child Welfare.

A Clinic for children under the age of five years is available at the Assembly Rooms every Tuesday afternoon from 2 - 4 p.m.

Day Nursery.

A day nursery is available at the Manor House, Alton providing accommodation for twenty four children between two and five years of age. The nursery was well used during year and there was a waiting list for accommodation throughout the year.

Home Help Service.

A scheme of domestic help is available. The helpers are experienced women carefully chosen for their suitability for the work. They will run the home carefully, their duty being to take over the housewife's work.

Home Helps are available for the following types of case: When the housewife is sick or had to have an operation; when a new baby is expected; when several members of a household are ill at the one time; and to give help to the elderly and infirm.

Application for a home help accompanied by a medical certificate should be made to the District Organiser, Town Hall, Farnborough. The charge depends on the hours worked and the income of the family after certain allowances have been made.

Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological examinations of clinical matter (sputum, swabs etc.) and of water, milk and foodstuffs are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester. Chemical analysis of water, sewage, milk and other samples are carried out by arrangement with the Public Analyst, Southampton.

Midwifery and Home Nursing.

These services are carried out for Alton by :-

Miss D.R. Hull, S.C.M. (Gas/air) -- Midwifery and
4, Edward Road, General Nursing.
Alton.

and

Mrs. M. Coombes, S.R.N. -- General Nursing.
Hill Crest,
Windmill Hill,
Alton.

Ante Natal Clinics.

This clinic is held every Thursday at Alton General
Hospital.

School Health Service.

Clinics are held as follows :-

Verminous Gleansing	- Red Cross Hut, Normandy Street.
Scabies	- Isolation Hospital, Alton.
Orthopaedic	- Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton.
Ear, Nose and Throat	- Alton General Hospital.
Dental	- At Schools.
Ophthalmic & Orthoptic	- Alton General Hospital
Child Guidance	- Health Centre, Winchester.
Speech Therapy	- Leighton, High St., Alton.

Tuberculosis.

Clinics are held at Aldershot, Basingstoke and Winchester.
Whilst sanatoria are available at Bishopstoke, Chandlers Ford,
Liphook and Alton (Morland Hall and Lord Mayor Treloar
Hospital)

Veneral Diseases.

Clinics are held at Aldershot, Basingstoke and
Winchester.

Area Welfare Officer.

The Area Welfare Officer is Mr. C. Hemsley whose office
is at Manor Park House, Aldershot (Telephone - Aldershot 1778)
His assistant is Mr. P.H. Dean, County Council Health Centre,
Brambley Grange, Basingstoke.

ALTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31st. DECEMBER 1952.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. Water Supply.

The supply of water to the Area continues to be satisfactory both as regards quality, as confirmed by the reports of the Analyst, and quantity.

Good progress has been made with the Beech Water Scheme. The whole of the six inch and four inch diameter mains have been laid as also have two subsidiary mains, one of 2 inches and one of 1½ inches diameter.

The Booster houses have been erected and the pumping plant delivered and the Plant Manufacturers Fitter is expected to be in the year.

Work on the laying of service pipes to private properties is in progress, all communicating pipes having been laid at the same time as the mains.

The Borovery area has been disconnected from its original supply and connected to the now six inch main, and the Treloar Hospital has also been connected to its six inch feeder main, the old three inch meter having been removed and a six inch meter fitted in its place. In effect the whole length of six inch main forming part of this scheme is now in use.

As soon as the pumping plant has been installed at Beech, final tests will be made on the mains and services, the installation will be washed out and chlorinated and the scheme will go into use.

2. Sewerage.

The improvement scheme at the Outfall Works has been programmed, by the Ministry of Health, to be commenced in the early part of January, 1953 and to this end Tenders have been obtained from various Contractors by advertisement.

Supplies of pipes and fittings are well advanced and the majority are already on the site.

It is anticipated that, during the course of the scheme difficulties will arise with the treatment of the sewerage, but, with the genuine co-operation of the Consulting Engineer and the successful Contractor, these should not prove to be insuperable.

The Thames Conservancy Board control all rivers and streams in the Area.

3. Public Cleansing.

During the course of the year the market for salvage has collapsed and new arrangements have had to be made for the disposal of refuse.

In order not to overload the controlled tip it has been decided that so much of the paper as can easily be sorted by the collectors shall be carried in the old salvage compartment of the vehicle and shall be burned at the Outfall Works, where arrangements have been made for dealing with it.

The collection of trade refuse has been put onto a similar footing to that which existed prior to the war and it is now proposed that the following charges be made :-

15/- per load.
7/6 per half load.
6d. per bin to be paid by coupon.

4. Meat and Other food.

Every animal slaughtered at the Ministry Slaughter house has been inspected. The Manager and Slaughtermen have been most co-operative during the year.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs.
Number killed.	1277	306	1077	2535	1027
Number inspected.	1277	306	1077	2535	1027
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>					
Whole carcases condemned.	5	8	15	2	26
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	276.	32	7	23	98
Percentage of the number inspected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	22.0	13.07	2.04	0.98	12.07
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	3	5	1	-	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	39	30	1	-	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	3.29	11.76	0.18	-	0.77

Apart from the above meat condemned at the Slaughterhouse the following tinned and other food has been condemned :-

<u>Lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>			
175	3	Luncheon Meats.	Blown &	Putrefied.
8	11	Fork Brown.	"	"
6	0	Jellied Veal.	"	"
250	9	Canned Ham.	"	"
24	8	Sausage Meat.	Sour.	
4	0	Canned Sausages.	Blown &	Putrefied.
3	0	Canned Steak.	"	"
1	15	Hard Herrings Roe.	"	"
0	14	Herrings.	"	"
7	7	Fish Cakes.	Sour.	
7	0	Golden Cutlets.	Putrefying.	
14	0	Smoked Fillets.	"	
28	0	Kippers.	"	
84	0	Coley Fillets.	"	
28	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	Tinned Fish Paste	Blown &	Putrefied.
0	14	Pilchards	"	"
1	0	Oysters.	"	"
1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salmon.	"	"
0	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	Sardines.	"	"
3	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	Soup	"	"
3	12	Carrots.	"	"
22	7	Beans.	"	"
36	12	Beetroot.	"	"
2	7	Spinach	"	"
3	8	Celery.	"	"
49	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Peas.	"	"
119	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Apples.	"	"
1	0	Apricots.	"	"
1	3	Bananas.	"	"
9	6	Damsons.	"	"
7	8	Gooseberries.	"	"
5	4	Grapes.	"	"
7	0	Grapefruit.	"	"
1	13	Greengages.	"	"
2	8	Mango Slices.	"	"
4	15	Oranges.	"	"
10	0	Pineapple.	"	"
7	7	Peaches.	"	"
1	3	Pears.	"	"
67	9	Plums.	"	"
19	0	Prunes.	"	"
5	0	Quinces.	"	"
5	13	Strawberries.	"	"
4	0	Marmalade.	"	"
9	0	Jam.	"	"
2	0	Milk pudding.	"	"
46	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tomatoes.	"	"
47	8	Oatmeal	Musty.	
7 $\frac{3}{4}$	pints	Canned milk	Blown &	Putrefied.

5. Rodent Control.

A total of 226 surveys of properties were carried out and 150 infestations dealt with, as well as the Outfall Works, Sewage Pumping Station and Controlled Tip.

During the year tests and poison baiting of sewers were carried out on three occasions.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

Complaints received	36
Complaints investigated.	36
Complaints justified.	34
Complaints not justified.	2
Inspections under the Housing Act; 1936 (visits)	39
Inspections under the Housing Act, 1936 (re visits)	24
Inspections of Requisitioned Properties.	77
Infectious disease investigation.	5
Verminous premises.	7
Old Drains tested.	8
Tents, vans and sheds etc.	9
Schools	1
Cinemas and public halls.	2
Factories (mechanical power)	15
Factories (non mechanical power)	8
Butchers shops.	4
Fishmongers.	2
Other food shops.	20
Cafes, Restaurants etc.	6
Bakehouses.	10
Icecream premises.	8
Dairies.	21
Bacteriological Milk Samples taken.	80
Piggeries (and other animals not domestic)	8
Miscellaneous visits.	3
Interviews.	104
Diseases of Animals Acts.	14
Drainage inspections.	15
Pet Animal Shops.	1
Marine Store Dealers.	10
Disinfestation.	15

Notices Served and Work Carried Out.

	Work done by arrangement	Preliminary notices served	Statutory notices served.	Work completed by Owners.	Work done by Council in default.
Blocked drains (Soil)	1	1	1	1	1
Repairs to drains (Soil)	1	1	1	1	1
New W.C.'s provided.	1	1	1	1	1
Defective pans and traps of W.C.'s.	1	2	2	2	1
Defective W.C. cisterns or flush pipes.	1	3	1	3	1
Defective waste pipes (Bath, Lav, & sinks)	1	1	1	1	1
Defective sink waste channels.	1	1	1	1	1
Absence of sinks.	6	1	1	1	1
Defective sinks.	1	1	1	1	1
Defective eaves, gutters, rain water pipes.	1	4	1	3	1
Defective house gullies.	1	1	1	1	1
Stagnant water	1	1	1	1	1
Offensive accumulations	1	1	1	1	1
Animals, poultry etc.	1	1	1	1	1
Verminous Rooms.	1	1	1	1	1
Insufficient or defective water supply.	6	3	1	3	1
Defective dustbins.	1	1	1	1	1
Absence of dustbins.	1	1	1	1	1
Defective yard paving.	1	1	1	1	1
W.C.'s, requiring cleansing.	1	1	1	1	1
Defective chimney flues.	1	3	1	2	1
Damp walls due to external defects.	3	7	1	6	1
Damp wall due to lack of or defective damp course.	1	1	1	1	1
Defective fire places or stoves.	1	2	1	2	1
Defective coppers.	1	1	1	1	1
Defective ventilation.	1	1	1	1	1
Defective sub floor ventilation.	1	1	1	1	1
Defective windows and doors.	6	8	2	8	1
Defective roofs.	3	7	4	8	1
Defective brickwork or pointing.	2	2	1	2	1
Defective floors.	2	2	2	2	1
Defective plastering.	6	9	4	9	1
Defective stairs.	1	1	1	1	1
Absence of handrails to stairs.	2	3	2	3	1
Absence of or insufficient food storage.	1	1	1	1	1
Other matters.	1	1	1	1	1

STATUTORY NOTICES.

NUMBER OF STATUTORY NOTICES ISSUED FOR ABATEMENT OR
ABOLITION OF NUISANCES.

	Served.	Complied with.
Statutory Notices outstanding 31/12/51.	3	—
Public Health Act, 1936. Section 93.	4	5
Housing Act, 1936. Section 9.	4	4
Food and Drugs Act, 1938	—	—
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Total.	11.	9.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

No legal proceedings were taken during the year.

DISINFECTIONS.

Steam disinfection of bedding, clothing etc. may still be carried out, by arrangement, at the Isolation Hospital.

Number of premises disinfected after infectious disease in the Urban District 5

Number of premises disinfected after other than infectious disease in the Urban District 1

DISINFESTATION OF PREMISES.

During the year five complaints of verminous premises were received.

<u>Reason for disinfection.</u>	<u>Number of Premises.</u>	<u>Number of Rooms.</u>
Fleas.	2	6
Cockroaches.	2	5
Wasps.	2	2
Ants	1	1
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FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

FACTORIES, FACTORIES (NO MECHANICAL POWER) AND WORKPLACES.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health made by Sanitary Inspector.

	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>No. of Inspections.</u>	<u>No. of Notices.</u>	<u>No. of occupiers Prosecuted.</u>
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	12	4	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) to which Section 7 applies.	41	15	3	-
(3) Other premises under the Act (excluding outworkers premises).	2	4	-	-
TOTALS.	55	23	3	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Number of cases in which defects were found.

	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Referred to H.M. Inspector.</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector.</u>
Want of cleanliness.	1	1	-	1.
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature.	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation.	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:				
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	1.
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to home-work)	3	1	-	-
	5	2	-	2

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

Milk Purveyors in the Urban District.

Number of Producer Retailers	1
Number of Wholesale-Retailers	1
Number of Retailers only	2
Number of Purveyors of Tuberculin Tested (Farm bottled)	1
Number of Purveyors of Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	1
Number of Purveyors of Pasteurised Milk	1
Number of Purveyors of Ungraded Milk	2

Milk Purveyors from outside the Urban District.

Number of Purveyors of Pasteurised Milk	3
Number of Purveyors of Sterilised Milk	1

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ACT, 1949.

Designated milk licences granted during 1952 :-

Raw Milk.

Tuberculin Tested Milk (Farm Bottled)

Supplementary Licences	1
Dealers' Licences	1

Heat Treated Milk.

Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised and Pasteurised Milk :-

Producers Licences	2
Dealers Licences	2
Supplementary Licences	3

Sterilised Milk :-

Supplementary Licences	1
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BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK.

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS 1952.

Type of Milk.	Methylene Blue R.T.				Phosphatase Test.			
	Total No. of samples submitted.	Pass-ed.	Fail-ed.	% Passed.	No. of Samples Submitt-ed	Pass-ed.	Fail-ed.	% Passed
Pasteur-ised.	20	20	-	100	20	20	-	100
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	20	20	-	100	20	20	-	100
Total.	40	40	-	100	40	40	-	100

MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF ICE CREAM.

There is now one registered manufacturer of ice cream in the Urban District, 28 retailers and one registered for storage for sale.

Retailers have made satisfactory provision in accordance with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947. Only one ice cream van is known to be plying in the town.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. i(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	77.
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	97.
ii(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Acts	39
(b)	Number of inspections made for that purpose	256.
iii.	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	Nil.
iv.	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	56
	Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.	Nil.
	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	39
3.	Action under Statutory Power during the year.	
A.	Proceedings under sections 9,10 & 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
i.	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	4
ii.	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :-	
(a)	By owners	4
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts :-	
i.	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	4
ii.	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.	
(a)	By owners	5
(b)	By Local authority in default of owners	Nil

C. Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

- i. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil.
- ii. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil
- iii. Number of dwelling houses closed on undertaking from owners not to relet for habitation Nil

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing act, 1936 :-

- i. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil.
- ii. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit Nil

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

During the year five new moveable dwelling licences were issued and three renewed. These are kept under observation.

(Signed) George H. Webb

Sanitary Inspector.

