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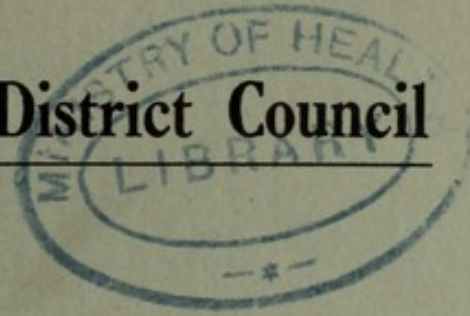
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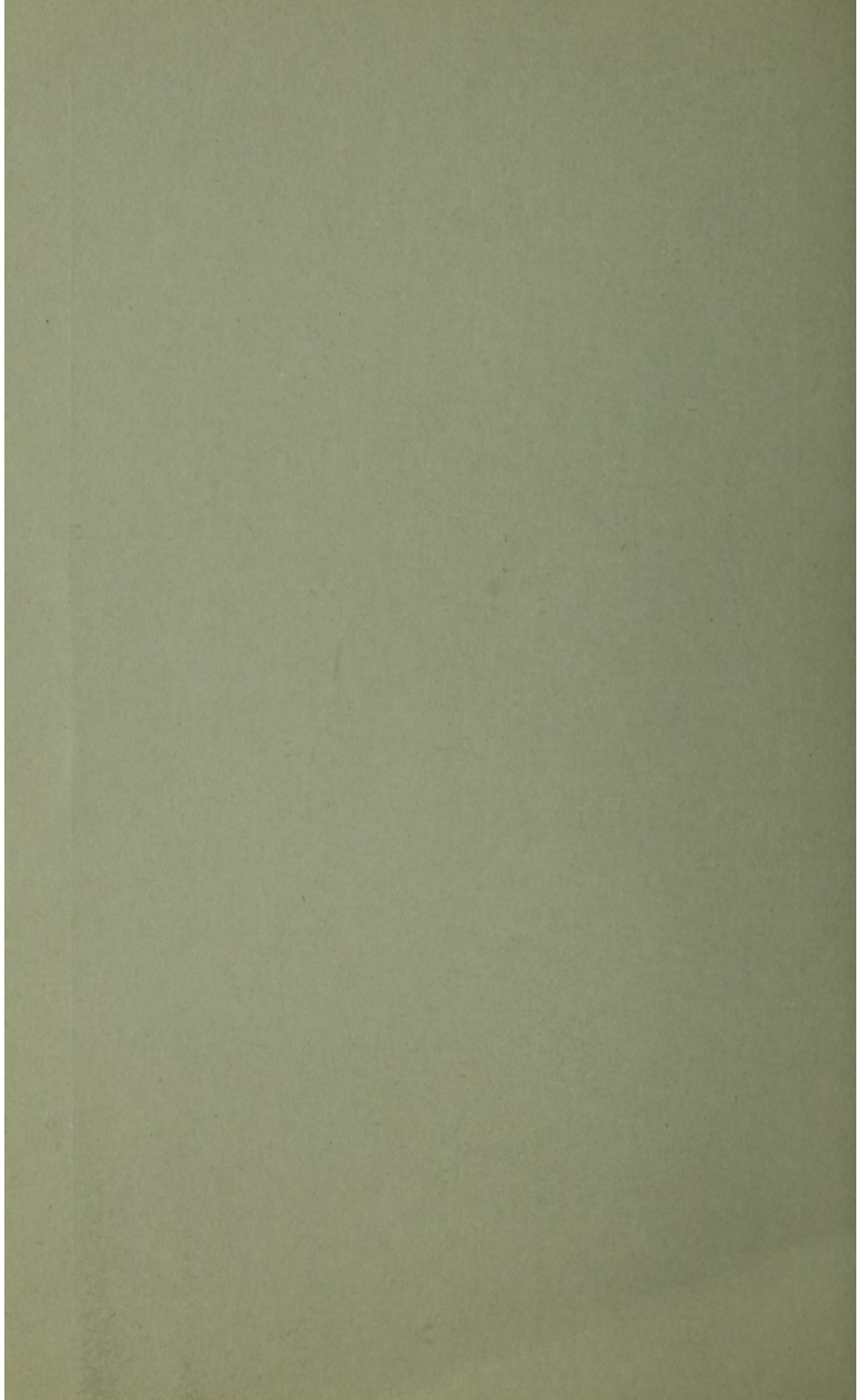
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To the Chairman and Councillors of Andover Rural District Council

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1948.

VITAL STATISTICS

The birth rate for the district is above the average. The death rate of 8.79 compares favourably with that for England and Wales of 10.8. Death rate of children under one year of age is 22.9, less than the country's rate of 34.0. Heart disease remains the most common cause of death. Deaths from cancer totalled 19 compared with 18 in 1947 and 28 in 1946.

HOUSING

Applicants for Council houses numbered 435 at the close of 1948. Coupled with this there are approximately 300 unfit houses. A total of 82 new houses were built and 74 hutments adapted or converted in an effort to alleviate the position.

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE

In addition to the necessity for increased house construction it is desirable that the water and sewerage schemes should be pushed forward. Individual wells, cesspits and bucket closets are unsatisfactory from a public health point of view in closely built up areas. Further details are given in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

There were no serious outbreaks during the year and no recorded cases of food poisoning.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

A total of 215 children under one year were immunised. In view of the fact that the average number of births is about 250, this shows a high percentage of immunisation, due largely to the persuasive efforts by Nurses and Health Visitors.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. A. COCKAYNE,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A
STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area—67,811 Acres.

Registrar General's estimate of resident population	....	12,510
Number of inhabited houses according to the rate books	....	3,395
Rateable Value	....	£96,134
Sum represented by a penny Rate	....	£416

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Legitimate	287	149	138
Illegitimate	18	8	10
Still Births			
Legitimate	3	3	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Deaths			
	110	64	46
Birth rates per 1,000 of estimated resident population		24.38	
Still birth rates per 1,000 total (live and still) births		9.74	
Death rates per 1,000 estimated average population		8.79	
		<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female</i>
Deaths of infants under 1 year		6	1
Death rates of all infants per 1,000 live births			22.9

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES

No. 29 Puerperal Sepsis	....	....	Nil
No. 30 Other Puerperal Causes	....	....	Nil
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	....	....	19
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	....	....	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	....	....	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	....	....	Nil

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Diphtheria	1	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	—	3
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	1	1
Syphilis	—	—
Influenza	—	—
Measles	—	—
Poliomyelitis	—	—
Encephalitis	—	1
Cancer	11	8

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Diabetes	1	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	8	8
Heart Disease	25	13
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	2
Bronchitis	2	—
Pneumonia	3	—
Other Respiratory Diseases	—	—
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	1	—
Diarrhoea	—	—
Appendicitis	—	—
Other Digestive Diseases	3	—
Nephritis	—	2
Puerperal Sepsis	—	—
Other Maternal Causes	—	—
Premature Births	1	—
Congenital Causes	3	1
Suicide	—	—
Road Traffic	1	1
Other Violence	1	—
All Other Causes	1	5
	—	—
TOTAL DEATHS	64	46
	—	—

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

The R.D.C. is not a Local Health Authority under the National Health Service Act, 1946.

1. Laboratory Facilities

(a) The Public Health Laboratory at Winchester undertakes the bacteriological examination of samples and issues material for diphtheria immunisation. The County Laboratory at The Castle, Winchester, undertakes chemical examinations.

(b) Ambulance Facilities

Ambulances for infectious cases are supplied by the Isolation Hospital at Salisbury, whilst accidents and non-infectious cases are dealt with by two Ambulances, under the control of the County Council, stationed at Andover.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water Supply

There have been no extensions or improvements during the year.

2. Drainage and Sewerage

No change.

Rivers and streams—no action taken.

3. Public Cleansing

The collection of indestructible refuse and salvage is undertaken in all parishes.

Regular emptying of pail closets and cesspools is carried out by contract in the parish of Shipton Bellinger.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Inspection for Nuisances	....	....	....	....	57
Informal Notices served	....	....	....	....	59
Drainage Tests and Inspections....	....	....	....	....	73
Rooms Disinfected	....	....	....	....	8
Dairies and Cowsheds Inspections	....	....	....	....	51
Inspection of Water Supplies	....	....	....	....	194
Slaughterhouse Inspections	....	....	....	....	3

Shops and Offices

It was not found necessary to take any special action under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

Smoke Abatement

It was not found necessary to take any action.

Factories

I. INSPECTIONS for purposes or provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of	
		Inspections	Written Notices
(I) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	5	2
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	21	17	9
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—
TOTAL	29	22	11

2.—CASES IN WHICH **DEFECTS** WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found	
	Found	Remedied
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	7	7
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)		
(a) insufficient....	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	4	4
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	—	—
TOTAL	11	11

4. **Schools**

Difficulty is still experienced in getting re-decoration or structural works carried out.

SECTION D

HOUSING INSPECTIONS

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under P.H., or Housing Acts)	123
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	158
2. (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under H. Con. Reg. 1925 and 1932)	11
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	18
(c) Number of houses in which no action was found necessary	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	4
4. 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	7

Housing Action

- (a) Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 7
- (b) Number of houses demolished voluntarily or in consequence of informal action Nil

Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

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 notice :—
- (a) By Owners Nil
- (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil

Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied Nil
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :—
- (a) By Owners Nil
- (b) By Local Authority Nil

Proceedings under Sections 11, 13 and 26 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 4
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which undertaking was given not to let.... Nil

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

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

- No. of Registered Producers 98
- No. of Registered Producer/Retailers 8
- No. of Registered Retailers 2
- No. of Registered Retailers outside the area selling milk within the area 3

Meat and Other Foods

Number of Slaughterhouses Licensed 2

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	—	—	—	—	—
Number Inspected	—	—	—	—	—
All Diseases except T.B., whole car- cases condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned....	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with disease other than Tubercu- losis	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis only whole carcasses	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—

Number of Bakehouses in the District—10.

Number of Offensive Trades carried on in the District—I.

Food Inspection

The following food was condemned during the year :

Beef 99lbs.

Canned Foods

Jam	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 tin
Meat	....	....	....	....	....	....	3 tins
Peaches	....	....	....	....	....	....	12 tins
Milk	....	....	....	....	....	....	6 tins

Water Supply

Number of samples taken for Bacteriological Examination							101
Number of samples reported satisfactory	....	....	....	....	....	....	68
Number of samples reported not entirely satisfactory	....	....	....	....	....	....	19
Number of samples reported unsatisfactory	....	....	....	....	....	....	14

Adulteration

The Council are not a Local Authority under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

SECTION F**INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

During the year under review the following children were immunised against Diphtheria, viz. :—

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Children under 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	215
Children over 5 years	....	....	....	....	....	29
Booster Doses	....	....	....	....	....	82

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

					<i>Civilian</i>	<i>Military</i>
Scarlet Fever	....	....	....	....	17	—
Diphtheria	....	....	....	....	3	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	....	....	....	....	—	—
Erysipelas	....	....	....	....	—	—
Tuberculosis—Pulmonary	....	....	....	....	6	2
Non-Pulmonary	....	....	....	....	1	—
Measles	....	....	....	....	18	—
Whooping Cough	....	....	....	....	15	—
Chicken Pox	....	....	....	....	—	1
Poliomyelitis	....	....	....	....	1	—
Meningitis	....	....	....	....	1	1
Pneumonia	....	....	....	....	1	—

ANDOVER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1948

To the Chairman and Members of the Andover Rural District Council.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my first annual Report for the year 1948.

HOUSING

Owing to the general shortage of labour and material and to the continuation of the Control of Civil Building under the Defence Regulations, little progress has been possible in obtaining repair or reconstruction of existing houses. The position has, to some extent, slightly improved, in that during the year the licensing "free limit" of expenditure upon repairs to dwelling-houses was raised from £20 to £100 per annum. As, however, the hitherto maintenance figure of £2 per month was cancelled, a net increase of £56 only was permitted.

The ability to licence new houses for erection by private enterprise was restored to local authorities, but the small number allocated for this purpose has done little to ameliorate the position.

In spite of difficulties, this Council's Housing Committee found it possible to report completion during the year of

(a) Permanent Traditional Houses....	....	....	76
(b) Prefabricated Temporary Houses (Aluminium)	....	....	6

In addition, conversion of 74 hutments to serve as temporary accommodation was carried out.

There were in course of erection at the end of the year 54 permanent traditional houses, and the conversion of further hutments was in operation to provide accommodation for an additional 19 family units.

The number of houses under requisition was reduced from 16 to 11, occupied by 27 family units.

At the end of the year, the position of accommodation provided by the Council was as follows:—

Permanent Traditional Houses (pre-war schemes)	....	156
" (post-war schemes)	....	132
Temporary Bungalows	32
Requisitioned Properties (family units)	27
Hutments	151
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TOTAL	498

From this it will be seen that, in addition to the 435 applications for re-housing on the Council's files, 178 family units will have to be considered for transfer to permanent houses within the next few years.

In addition to the Council's programme, a total of 17 permanent traditional houses were erected by private enterprise.

CONTROL OF CIVIL BUILDING

The powers delegated to Local Authorities by the Ministry of Works for the licensing of building work under the Control of Civil Building (Defence Regulation 56A), have continued, but, from the 1st July, were confined to dwelling-houses, all licensing in connection with other buildings being dealt with at the Ministry of Works' Regional Offices.

Licences were granted as follows :—

(a) New Houses—Private Enterprise	19
(b) Conversions and Adaptations	20
(c) Other Work	253
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TOTAL	292
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Applications for Licences refused	2

PLANS

Plans submitted for approval under the Council's Building By-laws numbered 107, all of which were approved.

TOWN PLANNING

With the coming into force of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, on the 1st July, control of development passed to the County Council, the area of North-West Hampshire, in which this district is included, being administered from an Area Planning Office at Winchester. Monthly meetings of Sub-Committees comprising members of each of the several authorities are now held in the offices of each local public health authority.

Up to 1st July, Interim Development Certificates were issued as follows :—

Approval	....	....	....	....	....	28
Refusal	....	....	....	....	....	1

From that date, 74 applications were forwarded to the County Council, of which 65 were approved and 9 were refused.

The new system has, to some extent, tended to hinder certain types of application, but, in general, it was found that it was working comparatively satisfactorily.

WATER SUPPLIES

Samples of water submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Winchester for Bacteriological Examination number 101, of which 68 were reported very satisfactory, 19 not entirely satisfactory, and 14 unsatisfactory.

Substantial progress was made during the year towards the provision of a public water supply for the whole of the area.

The Council's Consulting Engineers prepared a provisional Scheme for the supply to the Western Parishes, and after obtaining the approval of the Ministry of Health, an experimental borehole

was sunk at Ibthorpe, with very satisfactory results. During the course of the test pumping, a yield equivalent to the capacity of the pumps, viz., 39,000 gallons per hour, was obtained. Samples of the water taken for examination proved to be both chemically and bacteriologically of a high standard.

A considerable amount of work is now necessary before the scheme approaches its final stages, but the fact remains that it has been proved beyond doubt that the water is available for extraction, and therein is a big step towards the final goal.

Negotiations are proceeding with the Andover Borough Council for the supply of water to Abbots Ann, Upper Clatford and Goodworth Clatford.

At the end of the year, the position regarding water supplies in the area was approximately as follows :—

No. of houses supplied from Local Authority and Water Company's sources	....	....	....	....	899
No. of houses supplied from private piped supplies	....				91
No. of houses supplied from private wells and boreholes					2391
No. of houses supplied from rain water tanks....				14
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					3395
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Despite the dry Spring, no general shortage of water occurred during the year.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The preparation of schemes of Sewerage and Sewage Disposal for the parishes of Abbots Ann, Upper Clatford, Goodworth Clatford, Kimpton, Fyfield, Thruxton, East Cholderton, Ampport, Monxton, Shipton Bellinger, and Hurstbourne Tarrant, were in hand during the year.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The centralised slaughtering of animals outside the district has continued.

Two licences in respect of private slaughterhouses were renewed.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

These are in fairly satisfactory condition.

There are 10 bakehouses in the district.

In six cases, the attention of the occupiers was drawn to the necessity for limewashing, which was carried out forthwith.

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES

Registered producers of milk numbered 98, of which 16 were producers of Accredited and 56 Tuberculin Tested Milk.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND SALVAGE

The amount of salvageable materials collected and sold during 1948 was as follows :—

			<i>Weight</i>	<i>Value</i>
Baled Paper and Cardboard	....	....	30 tons	£187
Jars and Bottles	12 tons	£126
Bones	1 ton	£6
Rags and Sacking	1.5 tons	£20
Metals....	15 tons	£20
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			59.5 tons	£359

During the year the District Council adopted a scheme for a weekly collection from all parishes, and a Refuse Collecting Vehicle was ordered for this purpose.

The dumping of refuse ceased at the Charlton Dump (owned by Mr. Smallbones) in August, and controlled tipping was commenced at a disused gravel pit at Appleshaw.

RODENT CONTROL

This is administered as a joint scheme under a Committee comprising members of the Rural District and Borough Councils.

I have the honour to be,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. J. RICHARDS,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.



