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ASHFORD URBAN DISTRICT

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#### ASHFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL, KENT

#### Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and Senior Public Health Inspector for the Year 1957

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1957.

#### Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the cid-year Home Population was 26,140, which was an increase of 140 over that of 1956

#### Live Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 342 (185 male, 157 female) which was 35 less than in 1957, and the crude birth rate was accordingly 13.08; adjusted by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a standardised population and provides comparison of the rate with other Districts, the adjusted rate becomes 13.3 and was lower than that of 16.1 for England and Wales.

It is probable that the shortage of houses for young married couples may be a factor associated with the lower birth-rate.

#### Stillbirths and Rate

Seven stillbirths (4 male, 3 female) were registered, and the stillbirth rate was accordingly 20.06 and was lower than that of 22.4 for England and Wales.

There are unavoidable and avoidable stillbirths and adequate ante-natal and obstetric care are essential to prevent these latter stillbirths.

#### Infant Deaths and Mortality Rate

The number of infant deaths was 6 (3 male, 3 female) and the infantile mortality rate was accordingly 17.54, and was lower than that of 23.0 for England and Wales.

The causes of those deaths are shown in the following table.

	-			-		-			-			
Months	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Hydrops Foetalis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-
Asphyxia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prematurity	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congo mital abnormality	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Compression of lungs by intra pleural oxygen	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
				1				1	1			

At the beginning of the Century in 1901, the number of infant deaths was 138 per 1,000 live births and contrasted with the comparatively low rates of to-day, illustrates the great progress that has been achieved by medical and sociological science.

#### Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

There was no death from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion and the rate was therefore nil. In fact there has been no maternal death in the Urban District for 10 years which is a great tribute to the care and skill of Practitioners, Midwives, Consultants and Hospital Staffs. Also at the beginning

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of the Century, five mothers died for every 1,000 total (live and still) births, in contrast to a rate of less than 1 today, which however, represents approximately 500 maternal deaths annually, throughout the country.

According to a recent report received from the Central Health Services Council, the principal cause of these deaths is Toxaemia of Pregnancy which is also a major cause of stillbirths and infant deaths soon after birth. It is also stated that many of these deaths are avoidable, and that inadequate ante-natal care is the commonest factor involved in failure to detect and treat toxaemia as early as possible.

#### Total Deaths and Death Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 282 (147 males, 135 females and the crude death rate was accordingly 10.97; when adjusted by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor as for births, the adjusted rate becomes 10.1 which was lower than that of 11.5 for England and Wales.

The highest number of deaths was due to Heart and Circulatory Disease and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System which are the natural terminal causes of death amongst the aged.

Disease of the Coronary Artery of the Heart is however an exception as man middle-aged persons become victims; there were 43 deaths from this cause and the ages at death were 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 58, 61, 61, 63, 63, 65; and upwards. These deaths were in the approximate ratio of 3 males to 1 femal and the postulation that continuous mental and physical stress and strain and excessive smoking are important contributory factors has many advocates.

Cancer, as expected, caused the second highest number of deaths, with a total of 59 deaths, or approximately 20% of all causes of death. Modern surgery and radio-therapy have made great progress within recent years in the treatment of this disease and could completely arrest it if the diagnosis were made reasonably early. The majority of these deaths were amongst the agand probably procrastination in seeking medical advice in combination with the insidious nature of the disease are common factors associated with late diagnosis.

Cancer of the Lung caused 10 of these deaths. Since 1950 when Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus has been separately classified by the Registrar General, the number of deaths annually has been 3, 6, 6, 9, 8, 11, 10, 10 in succeeding years; the number of deaths has therefore more or less remained at a level around 10 for the last five years. The ages at death of those who died in 1957 were 47(F), 53(M), 57(M), 57(M), 60(M), 61(M), 64(F), 69(M), 73(F), 77(M). National statistics have brought Cancer of the Lung into public prominance by revealing a striking increase of deaths within the last 25 years and it is postulated that atmospheric pollution and excessive smoking are important contributory factors or primary cases. An ever increasing volume of petrol and oil fumes from cars and other combustion engines is being discharged into the atmosphere and it may be that this form o pollution is of greater importance than any other factor, particularly when combined with the excessive inhalation of tobacco smoke. It is difficult, however, to reconcile the fact that many heavy smokers die in old age from other causes.

In contrast Cancer of the Breast caused eight deaths, almost as many as from Lung Cancer, although the former is considerably less difficult to diagno and to treat successfully.

Of the other major cause of deaths, Bronchitis caused 14 deaths. These were mostly amongst the elderly. Although there is an heredity disposition to this disease and it is known that atmospheric pollution and smoking are aggravating factors, much research is still required for a full understanding of its treatment.

#### Infectious Disease

There was no death due to Infectious Disease. A new era has been reached in the history of these diseases and the low mortality of today is in striking contrast to the considerable mortality of as recently as 25 years ago

All the serious bacterial diseases can be successfully prevented or specifically treated, and there is firm ground for optimism that the most serious of the virus diseases, namely Foliomyelitis, will be effectively suppressed by vaccination, and that in the foresceable future a vaccine, incorporating the various strains of the Influenza virus will prevent the Winter epidemics of this disease; in fact, a vaccine was produced against the Asian Influenza A virus, but was used only for a selected group of personnel in the National Health Services.

#### Asian Influenza

A wide-spread epidemic of this disease occurred early in the Autumn, which is an unusual season for an outbreak of Influenza. The reason for this was that a pandemic which originated in China and Japan was introduced into this Country at that time.

The virus was identified locally by the Public Health Laboratory from throat swabs and by blood agglutination tests, as being Asian A/England/527/57.

The main site of the infection was the upper respiratory tract, and acute tracheitis with a severe unproductive cough was a prominent symptom. The illness was in the majority of cases relatively mild. It began with a high temperature which gradually declined to normal about the fifth day. The average period of incapacity was between 7 and 14 days.

Pneumonia was the most dangerous complication, when the lungs became invaded by secondary bacteria; of these the Staphylococcus Aureus was the most virulent and caused a number of fulminating deaths in some districts.

As the disease was not notifiable the actual number of cases was unknown.

#### Poliomyelitis

There was only one case of this serious disease in the District during the year. The patient was an adult of 33 years who came into the District incubating the illness and later suffered from partial paralysis of one foot; there were fortunately no secondary cases.

Vaccination of children between the ages of six months and fifteen years and also of expectant mothers, with British, Canadian and American vaccines has been proceeding as the supplies of vaccine have become available, and as stated above, there is already good reason to hope that it will protect those inoculated.

#### Whooping Cough

There was an outbreak of this disease during the year, 250 cases having been notified. This is a particularly dangerous disease in infants as the secretions may obstruct the bronchi and cause partial collapse of the lung with asphyxiation or broncho-pneumonia may rapidly supervene. Infants should therefore be shielded from infection, if possible.

Modern vaccines are now available at the County Child Welfare Centres, in addition to those also available from the family Practitioner and it is hoped that these will effectively protect those inoculated.

#### Measles

There was also an outbreak of this disease, 388 cases having been notified. It is fortunate that this is not by itself a serious disease, unless, as with Whooping Cough, secondary broncho-pneumonia occurs. Modern treatment by Antibiotics is however usually specific, unless the pneumonia has become too far advanced.

No vaccine for protection against this disease has been produced and it would be disputed whether it would be of practical value, but Gamma globulin is available at the Public Health Laboratory for passive protection and it is occasionally used when a child, who has been exposed to Measles is suffering from some other serious illness; if given within the first five days from exposure it should prevent the onset of the disease,

and if given within a few days later, it should modify the illness.

#### Scarlet Fever

Fourteen sporadic cases of this disease were notified, and as it is in its present phase a mild illness all were nursed at home. Complications causing kidney and heart disease are rarely seen today, but occasionally Otitis Media occurs. Treatment by Sulphonamides or Antibiotics is however specific.

Occasionally small outbreaks occur in schools where they cause much inconvenience and are usually originally caused by chronic masal carriers; swabbing of the nose and throats of those who have just recovered from the illness, before allowing them to return to school is for this reason a worth-while precaution.

#### Erysipelas

Two cases of this disease were notified. This was formerly a very serious disease, before the introduction of the Sulphonamides and Antibiotic which has placed specific weapons of treatment in the hands of the Professio

#### Puerperal Pyrexia

Notification of pyrexia in the puerperium was originally designed to prevent Puerperal Sepsis, but this rarely occurs today owing to the early administration of Sulphonamides or Antibiotics. Three cases of pyrexia were notified.

#### Ophthalmia Neonatorum

Only one case of this infection was notified. Notification of this eye infection was originally designed to prevent partial or total blindness but, like Fuerperal Sepsis, such infections are now rare and treatment is highly successful.

#### Sonne Dysentery

Four cases of this relatively mild illness were notified. Commonly, the diarrhoea lasts only for several days and may occur with or without bloom and mucus in the stools. Many patients recover without having found it necessary to consult their Practitioners and there are in consequence a number of convalescent or chronic carriers. It is not surprising, therefore, that outbreaks occur from time to time, particularly in infant classes in schools it is spread only from faeces, personal hygiene would prevent its disseminate the simple precaution of washing the hands after toilet and before meals is often neglected.

#### Food Poisoning

Only one case of Food Poisoning was notified, due to Salmonella enterid It is a tribute to the routine work of the Public Health Inspectors that no outbreaks of Food Poisoning have occurred in the District for many years. Since the war outbreaks of Food Poisoning have greatly increased throughout the Country.

No other cases of infectious disease were notified.

#### Tuberculosis

Eleven new cases (5 male and 6 female) of the respiratory type and one non-respiratory (cervical glands) were notified.

The number of new cases of respiratory tuberculosis is decreasing each year; in the immediate post-war years, the annual average was twenty.

After Centuries of suffering, disability and death for which this diseas has been responsible, patients may look towards a new horizon of hope. Within recent years, medical science applied to drug therapy, surgery and prevention has made remarkable progress, and if the lungs have not been too extensively damaged, the patient can be completely cured.

There are now no waiting lists for Sanatoria and many patients after discharge have treatment continued at home.

The Mass Radiography Service is also of great value in detecting early or unsuspected cases of Lung Tuberculosis who would sooner or later have become open sources of infection to others. A survey was conducted by them in the Urban District in December 1957 and out of a total of 3,716 X-rayed, 6 persons (3 male, 3 female) were discovered to be suffering from Respiratory Tuberculosis, 26 from inactive Tuberculosis, and 1 from Cancer of the Lung. (see table - Page 12).

The safety of the milk and meat supplies is a very important part of the work of the Public Health Inspectors and that only one case of non-respiratory Tuberculosis (cervical glands) was notified is testimony to the thoroughness of their work.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest and assistance in the work of the Department and the staff for their efficient service.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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

#### SECTION A.

# OF THE DISTRICT FOR 1957

AREA:

5,719 acres

#### REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S ESTIMATE OF:

The Resident Population	 	26,140
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES ACCORDING TO THE RATE BOOKS	 	8,700
NUMBER OF BUSINESS FREMISES	 	1,037
RATEABLE VALUE	 	£343,287
SUM REPRESENTED BY A FENNY RATE	 	£1,375

#### SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Ashford is both an agricultural and an industrial town and a business and shopping centre for the large rural community which surrounds it. It merits importance by containing the largest agricultural market in Kent and having a railway junction where five lines converge, associated with which a large Railway Works. There is also a number of other Factories, includi Cycle Works, Iron Foundry, Printing Works, Agricultural Repair Shops, Flow Mills, Marine and Industrial Works, Ordnance Depot, Bread Factory and Canne

At present there is little unemployment in this District and in general apart from the shortage of houses, social conditions are fairly satisfactor

#### EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

						Ashford	England
		Total	M.	F.	]	Urban District	and Wales
Live	e Births	342	185	157	Birth Rate	13.08	16.1
(a)	Legitimate	324	176	148	per 1,000 estimated	(Adjusted Rate 13.	
(b)	Illegitimate	18	9	9	resident population		
						Superitary.	
Sti	llbirths	7	4	3	Rate per 1,000 total	20.06	22.4
(a)	Legitimate		4	3	(live and still) birth	ns	
(b)	Illegitimate	N		-	multiplial labor	Montinger	
Deat	ths	282	147	135	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	10.79 (Adjuste Rate 10.	ed
	ths from Pregnan Idbirth, Abortic		emaly:	- 25 - 25 - 25 Soc oltri	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	a	Not vailable
	ths of Infants er One Year of	6	3	3			
(a)	Legitimate	6	3	3			
(ď)	Illegitimate			-			
Rate	ant mortality re e re legitimate e re illegitimat	infants	***	ve births		17.54 18.52	23.0
Deat	ths from Cancer	(all age	s)			59	
Deat	ths from Measle	s (all age	es)			Vacanaria .	
Deat	ths from Whoopin	ng Cough (	(all age	es)		-	
Deat	ths from Gastri	tis, Enter		nd Diarrh 11 ages)	oea	Hyperglan Processes	

#### CAUSES OF DEATH IN ASHFORD URBAN DISTRICT

#### DURING 1957

1	solvenia A A	I do			
				Males	Females
	ALL CAUSES			147	135
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory			1	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other			-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease				
4.	Diphtheria			-	-
5.	Whooping Cough		00	Logitton	(F) -
6.	Meningococcal infections			rilgo-III	(6) -
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis			- 6	-
8.	Measles			- 816	- De
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases			1	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach			3	1
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus			7	3
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast			S most mile	8
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus		00 10 200	A principle	3
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms			18	16
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia			2	-
16.	Diabetes		550	and to and	2
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system		10	18	33
18.	Coronary disease, angina			31	12
19.	Hypertension with heart disease			2	2
20.	Other heart disease			17	18
21.	Other circulatory disease			5	6
22.	Influenza			1	1
23.	Pneumonia			4	3
24.	Bronchitis			10	4
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	11		C 4012 40	2
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ,			3	4
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea			1	2
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis			3	- 1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate			3	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion			-	-
31.	Congenital malformations			-	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases			8	10
33.	Motor vehicle accidents			4	-
34.	All other accidents			5	1
35.	Suicide			-	2
36.				-	-

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1957

Total Deaths	,	-	1	-	,		-		,	1
Cases Admitted to Isolation Hospital	-	-	1		1	1	-	1	-	-
Total Cases Notified	-	6	4	2	1	388	1	3	14	250
	ic)	Pheumonia	:	68	:				:	
Discase	Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	Acute Primary or Influenzal Fneumonia	Dysentery	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough

ANALYSIS UNDER AGE GROUPS

				110	records as						
Unknown	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	-	1	3	IS.
65 and over	1	3	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	
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7.	1	1	1	1	1	203	-	1	6	87	
4	1	1	1	1	1	52	1	1	-	31	
2	1	2	1	1	1	94	1	1	1	32	
8	1	1	1	1	1	64	1	1	-	35	
-	'	1	'	1	1	23	1	1	1	25	
Under 1 Year	1	<b>+</b>	-	1	1	5	-	-	1	23	
Disease Vear	Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	Acute Primary or Influenzal Pheumonia	Dysentery	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Fuerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	

# TUBERCULOSIS

# New Cases and Mortality, 1957

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	Total Cases on Register	Non- Respiratory	124	56									
	ses on		M.	15									
-	tal Ca	Respiratory	124	66									
-	티	Respi	H.	130									
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Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 and Public Health Act, 1936, (Section 172)

There was one death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis of a patient who had not been No action was necessary during the year in accordance nith the above powers. notified as suffering from this disease

#### MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY

#### Details of Survey carried out in Ashford during December, 1957

MINIATUR	E FILMS TA	AKEN			ATT	FOR	THE F	S RADIO	OGRAPHY IME	
Males Fe	males	Total		Male	s	Fen	nales	To	otal	9
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RESULTS						Se	The state of			- Control
			Males	Female	3	Scho	olchil	dren	Total	No.
Active tubero	ulosis		3	3			11		6	
Inactive tube	rculosis		26	8			1		35	
Carcinoma of	lung			1			Top and		1	

### Immunisation against Diphtheria and Vaccination against Smallpox, 1957

The following is a return of (A) the number of children who were immunised gainst Diphtheria and (B) the number of persons who were vaccinated against allpox, during the year ended 31st December, 1957.

#### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

ar of Birth	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957		Total
imary . oculations	1	-	-	1	-	1	3	2	13	17	8	7	35	239	28	3	55
-inforcing oculations	1	2	8	7	8	13	12	9	40	184	10	-	-	-	-		94
) VACCINATIO	os la															1943	
ccination	2	and a			1	2	1	3	5	2	4	6	6	130	104	25	294
ccination	1	1	2	4	2	4	1	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	25	45

#### Immunisation against Diphtheria, 1957

The following is a return of the number of children under the age of 15 years 31st December, 1957, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time fore that date (i.e., at any time since 1st January, 1943).

er of Birth	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	Total
st complete cour injections bether primary booster)	se															
	140	192	187	152	220	365	343	365	318	391	308	295	286	286	28	3,876
2 or earlier	113	103	158	260	191	15	37	83	62	5	100	-	or =	-	-	1,027

#### Poliomyelitis Vaccination, 1957

The following table gives the numbers of children who received a course of injections against poliomyelitis during the year ended 31st December, 1957.

Born 1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	Total
219	172	181	181	68	51	47	39	1	-	ist.	959

#### SECTION B.

#### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

#### FOR THE DISTRICT

#### 1. Laboratory Facilities

The Public Health Laboratory Service which is directed by the Medical Research Council for the Ministry of Health is situated in Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone, and provides valuable services on behalf of the Public Health Departments of District Councils. For example samples of water, milk, ice cream and other food-stuffs are regularly examined, and in relation to Infectious Diseases their bacteriological reports are of great value.

The local General Hospitlas also have their own Laboratories, which provide valuable services to the other local Hospitals and to the Practitioners.

#### 2. Ambulance and Hospital Car Service.

The County Council, being the Local Health Authority administers this service throughout Kent, but in this District, the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Ashford Corps (which incidentally is the oldest Corps in the Country), are responsible for the day to day execution of the service. There are four Ambulances in operation, manned by one Station Officer and nine full-time Driver/Attendants, and by a panel of St. John Volunteers, whose devotion to duty merits high appreciation. There are also five Sitting-case Cars for ambulant cases, which cope with approximately 90% of these cases. A few cars, when necessary are provided by a panel of volunteer private car owners, who are re-inbursed on a mileage basis of payment. The service is adequate for the of the District and is operated very efficiently.

3. Treatment Centres and Clinics

All Maternity and Child Welfare, School and Dental Clinics are administered by the County Council.

The following Clinics are held in Ashford: -

- (i) Station Road. This is the central and chief clinic and in contained in an 'ad hoc' building. The outlying clinics are complementary. Sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week from 2.0 p.m.
- (ii) Women's Institute Hall, Church Road, North Willesborough
  Sessions are held at 2.0 p.m. on alternate Fridays.
- (iii) Women's Institute Hall, Faversham Road, Kennington

  Sessions are held at 2.0 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.
- (iv) The Community Centre, Beaver Lane, South Ashford.

Sessions are held at 2.0 p.m. on 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of each month

#### School Medical Service Clinics

The following four clinics of the School Medical Service are held at the main Station Road Clinic.

- (a) Dental Clinic
- (b) Ophthalmic Clinic
- (c) Minor Ailment Clinic
- (d) Speech Therapy Clinic
- (e) Orthopaedic Clinic
  This clinic is held at Ashford Hospital, is administered by the

Regional Hospitals Board and appointments are made by the County Public Health Department on behalf of school-children. It is held on the 1stThursday of each month at 2 p.m.

#### Venereal Diseases Clinic

This clinic is held at Ashford Hospital on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 - 11 a.m. for Females and from 11 - 12 noon for Males.

#### Tuberculosis Clinic

This clinic is held at Ashford Hospital on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.30 a.m.

#### Hospitals

(a) Ashford General - accommodation 138 beds

(b) Willesborough General - accommodation 137 beds (c) Infectious Diseases - accommodation 40 beds.

#### Private Nursing Homes

At the time of writing the Grosvenor Clinic has closed and there are now no Private Nursing Homes in the district.

#### Home Nursing and Midwifery Services

The County Council also administers these services. On the local staff, there are six full-time Home Nurse/Midwives who are engaged in Midwifery and Maternity Nursing and in the Home Nursing of the sick. The standard of service given by the Nurses is excellent and there is complete co-operation between them and the Practitioners. The majority of patients nursed in their homes are elderly chronic sick, many of whom are awaiting beds in Chronic Sick Hospitals which are still inadequate to cope with the waiting list.

#### The Maternity and Child Welfare Service

This service is also administered by the County Council There are four Child Welfare Centres within the District, which are conveniently situated for mothers, and the attendances are well maintained. The value of these Clinics is reflected in the gradually falling Infant Mortality rate in the District. Every baby brought to the Clinic is regularly examined and weighed to ensure that no unsuspected defects exist and that growth is normal and vigorous. The sale of essential foods and vitamin complements at cost price is also of value to the mothers. Immunisation against Diphtheria and Vaccination against Smallpox are also available at these clinics, and Whooping Cough immunisation is also now available. When sufficient vaccine is at hand, it is probable that immunisation against Foliomyelitis will also become a routine measure in these clinics.

## The Domestic Help Service, the Family Help Service, Evening and Night Attendant Service and the Child Care Service.

(a) The Domestic Help Service of the County Council has become a very important health service in the home and has rapidly expanded within recent years. The service is administered peripherally by Area and Local Domestic Help Organisers and the assessment of income of the applicants is done by the District Officers. In this District there is an adequate pool of Domestics Helps who are paid 3/- per hour and there is a sliding scale of charges based on the family income of the applicant, the maximum charge being 3/9d. per hour.

The majority of those who benefit from the service are the aged and infirm and chronic sick and most of these receive the service free of charge. Regard, however, should be given to the fact that many would degenerate into Chronic Sick Hospital cases, without this service, where maintenance costs would far exceed the cost of domestic help. The service is also of great value to lying-in mothers and to those mothers, who are discharged from Hospital following operations, and others suffering from miscellaneous illnesses. The service relieves anxiety and stress in the home particularly where there are children under five years of age and aids the recovery of the mother from illness.

#### (b) The Family Help Service

Prior to the recent introduction of this service, it was necessary to remove children, particularly those under five years of age, to expensive Children's Institutions from families in which the mother was absent from home through severe illness, death, estrangement, desertion or separation or other cause. The service is designed to provide help and care for the children whilst the father is at work and the Family Help may be required to reside in the home. The maximum period of help is for three months, during which period the father is expected to make permanent arrangements for the care of his children. This is a valuable service and although there is only a small number of families who require this help, expensive institutional maintenance, particularly where there is a larger number of children in one family, is obviated.

#### (c) Evening Attendant Service

This service is designed to provide help to old people living alone but who do not require more help than half to one hours attention before retiring for the night. The number of old people who require this service is, however, not considerable.

#### (d) Night Attendant Service

This service provides for old people who are seriously ill and live alone. The helpers usually go at 10 p.m. and stay until 7 a.m. the following morning, and attend each night, including Sunday, until the patient recovers or dies or is removed to hospital. Assistance is also given for several nights to relatives who are unable to stay every night throughout. This service has proved to be of great value to old people living alone, most of whom have strong nostalgic attachments to their homes.

#### (c) Child Care Service

This new domestic help service was introduced by the County Council on the 1st April, 1957. The scheme was designed to help the so-called Problem Families, the objectives being threefold; to raise the standard of living of these families, to improve the standard of Child Care, and to prevent the break-up of the family.

#### SECTION C.

#### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### 1. Water Supply

The water supply within the Urban District is provided by two undertakings, viz., by Ashford Urban District Council and by the Mid-Kent Water Company.

The Council provides the supply for Central and South Ashford and North and South Willesborough, and the Mid-Kent Water Company for Kennington.

#### Ashford Urban District Council Undertakings

This supply is obtained from the following three sources.

#### (i) Westwell

There are four gravel-screen bore-holes, each with pumping plant installed capable of abstracting 10,000 gallons per hour from each bore-hole A softening plant (Clark's Process) is in operation here. Pipe corrosion and entry of sand reduced the combined output of the Station to 22,000 gallow per hour, but by remedial measures this was increased to 27,000 g.p.h.

Alterations to the water tower were also carried out to permit the injection of sulphate of alumina and calgon and achieve a quicker contact period of treatment. The water is pumped by an electrically-driven pump to a covered reservoir (capacity 1,000,000 gallons) at Potter's Corner, from where it enters the supply network. There is a connection between this reservoir and two stand-by reservoirs (280,000 and 36,000 gallons respectively) at Barrow Hill and a connection with the Mid-Kent Water Company's supply at Potter's Corner for emergency use. There is a further connection for emergency use with the Mid-Kent Water Company's supply in the Canterbury Road at Little Bybrook.

#### (ii) Henwood

This supply comes from four wells with interconnecting adits, approximately 40 feet deep. From the electrically driven pumps (with stand-by steam plant) the water is pumped into the supply network and the surplus is diverted into the reservoir at Potter's Corner.

The above two supply the whole of Central and South Ashford.

#### (iii) Hinxhill

This water comes from a borehole approximately 200 feet deep, being raised by compressed air into a storage adit. It is then pumped by Reciprocating Centrifugal pumps to a covered reservoir at Broomfields (100,000 gallons) from where it enters the supply network for the whole of North and South Willesborough. There is a connection for emergency use with the Central and South Ashford supplies at the Railway Bridge, Hythe Road.

The waters from these three sources are all chlorinated, as an additional measure of safety, though the untreated waters have in successive years been of excellent bacteriological and chemical quality.

#### Samples

By arrangement with the Public Health Laboratory Service samples for bacteriological examination are taken from the sources, reservoirs and points of the distribution network at the rate of seven each month from the Ashford Urban District Council's own supplies. Samples for chemical analysis are also taken before and after treatment from the three sources at quarterly intervals. The Mid-Kent Water Company take two samples monthly from the sources of their supplies to the district.

#### Examination of Samples taken during the Year

EROTE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPE	Bacteriological	Chemical	1
	No. Results	No. Results	
Raw Water	80 78 Satisfactory 2 Unsatisfactory	10 Satisfactory	-
Treated Water	56 Satisfactory	13 Satisfactory	

There are six houses not connected to the public supply mains, four of these are situate in Beaver Lane. 8,694 houses are connected to the public mains.

#### The Mid-Kent Water Company

#### (i) Barham

This water is taken from the chalk, the well being about 200 feet deep. It is pumped to Hastingleigh Reservoir (capacity 500,000 gallons) from where it reaches the Kennington supply network.

#### (ii) Charing

This water is obtained from the greensand and the borings are approximately 160 feet deep. It is pumped to Fairbourne and Charing Hill Reservoirs (capacity 1,000,000 and 283,500 gallons respectively). These reservoirs afford a subsidiary or auxiliary supply to Kennington.

#### 2. Drainage and Sewerage

No new public sewerage schemes were undertaken but eight private houses previously draining to cesspools, were connected to a private sewer constructed to discharge into the public sewer.

Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats) is		8,700
Total number of houses connected to the sewers		8,468
Number of houses not connected to the sewers	•••	232

#### 3. Swimming Baths

The Swimming Bath water is chlorinated by a break-point chlorinator and there is also an electric suction sweeper for cleansing the basin of the bat! The size of the bath is 100 x 25 yards, and its capacity 600,000 gallons. Regular samples of the water were sent for bacteriological examination and were satisfactory.

#### 4. Disinfection

Now that so-called 'terminal' disinfection is considered to be of little value for the more common infectious diseases - though essential for limited number - disinfection work was limited to houses vacated by tubercul patients in an infectious state, and there were five such disinfections.

#### 5. Eradication of Vermin

The number of houses found to be infested with vermin was as follows:-

all receives a control edge	Bugs	Fleas	Cockroaches
Council houses	4	10	3
Other houses	2	11	4

Bug infestations are becoming increasingly rare and modern technique an insecticides secure complete eradication by a single treatment. Flea infestations can still be troublesome. A number of requests were received from the public for assistance or advice to deal with invasions of their houses by various insects such as earwigs and ants - 17 infestations of the latter were dealt with. The use of aldrin powder has provided a cheap and very effective method of destroying ant infestations. Some 42 wasps nests were also dealt with.

By arrangement with the Hospital Authorities a disinfestation service is provided for the local General Hospitals and Isolation Hospital. Regular preventive treatments have brought about a very satisfactory level of control.

At the beginning of the fly breeding season selected parts of (eight) School kitchen buildings in the district are sprayed and this has proved to effect a good measure of control. There is as yet no sign of resistance among flies to the chlorinated hydrocarbon insecticides.

#### 6. Rats and Mice Destruction

Rodent infestations in domestic premises were, as before, dealt with fre of charge and there were some 98 of these necessitating 491 visits, which represents a substantial reduction on last years figures. Such consistently

good results were obtained employing anti-coagulant poisons in special baiting boxes for both rat and mice destruction that this has become the principal method used, thereby reducing the number of calls necessary to each job. A charge has to be preferred in the case of infestations occurring on business premises. Careful control has been exercised to guard against any infestation arising on the Council's new refuse tip in Beaver Road which is near the Housing Estate.

The town sewerage system has a low rat population and no doubt arising from that is the low incidence of surface infestation in the town. As last year, the older sewerage system in the town centre received two complete treatments whilst selected manholes only were baited throughout the rest of the district. Innovations were the use of Warfarin Anti-coagulant in catmeal bait with a mould inhibitive and the deliberate interval of five and eight days between successive baitings in an effort to clear rats which are believed to migrate through the system periodically.

#### Analysis of Public Health Inspectors Visits.

					No. of Visits
Bakehouses					
Butchers	• • • •	• • • •			18
Dairies			• • • •	•••	40
Fried Fish Shops					56
Ice Cream Premises					1
Itinerant Vendors and Stalls					39
Licenced Premises					275
					39
Registered Food Manufacturers (not	includ	ed uno	ter But	chers)	34
Restaurants, Cafe and School Canteer Slaughterhouses			Canto	ens and C	
Other food premises					479
Fish shops					140
211 111 111			•••		6
Rats and Mice Destruction	1-7				477
Other Vermin					133
Council House Inspections					63
					203
Old Persons					16
Dirty Houses					73
Keeping of Animals					24
Offensive Accummulations or Deposits	3				72
Offensive Odours					22
Dustbins					3
Slum Clearance					56
Housing, adequacy of					50
Tents, Vans and Sheds					32
Houses inspected re defects under Po	iblic H	dealth	and		
Houses demolished					1,070
					33
Improvement: Grants Rent Act					23
Drain Testing					84
Drainage Work and Survey					75
Water Supply					246
and any				•••	172
Smoke abatement - Observations	15500				
Visits	•••	• • • •	•••		41
125100	• • • •	•••		•••	20
Miscellaneous	222	1000	1000		701
	•••	•••	•••	•••	384
Pets Act					8
Shops Act					17
	2000				17

Food Poisoning Enquiries					5
Tuberculosis Enquiries					19
Other Infectious Disease Enquiries					7
THE DAME OF THE PROPERTY OF					
Improvements and Repairs Effected					
D6					0.5
Roof repairs			***		25
Chimney stacks repaired or rebuilt		•••		***	13
Eaves, gutters and fall pipes repa		r rene			28
Brickwork repaired					3
Brickwork, pointing renewed		***	***	***	4
Outbuildings	•••	•••			11
External rendering repaired or ren					
Accumulations removed		•••			20
Yard Paving	•••				8
Window frames repaired or renewed	•••				30
Sashcords repaired or renewed Putties renewed					10
					14
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired Rooms redecorated					0
External painting	•••				6
Floors repaired		•••		•••	15
Dampness in walls remedied	•••	• • • •		•••	34
Dampness in floors	•••			•••	24
Doors repaired or renewed	• • • •			•••	13
Staircases repaired	•••		•••	***	17
Sub-floor ventilation imposed	•••		• • • •	***	12
Window sills repaired				***	36
Fireplaces or stoves renewed or re					5
Stoves repaired or renewed					
Wash coppers repaired or renewed					5
Ventilation improved					1
Lighting improved					1
Water supply pipes provided or ren					13
Dustbins provided	•••				C
Houses cleansed after warning: -			0011	000000	911
(a) Council houses					9
(b) Privately owned					5
(0) 112101020 011101					
Drainage Works					
and the same of th					
Houses at which drains were repaire	ed				18
Houses at which drains were renewed					4
Choked drains cleared (not by Dept.					4
Choked drains cleared (by Dept.)					49
Intercepting traps fixed					2
Inspection chambers built or cover		wed			3
Soil and Vent pipes fixed or repair					3
Sink waste pipes renewed					6
Sinks renewed					6 3 2 6
Draining boards renewed or provided	1				2
W.C. Pans fixed					- 2
W.C. seats renewed					3
W.C's repaired or rebuilt					2
New flushing cisterns provided					
Flushing cisterns repaired					11
Gully traps renewed					3
Miscellaneous				***	6

#### FACTORIES ACT, 1937

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspection made by Public Health Inspectors).

Contract of the last of the la	Premises (1)	Number on Reg- ister (2)	Num Inspec- tions	ber of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
)	Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authority	24	9	este laca	AND THE CALL
()	Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	131	65	1	(A. (A)
0	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	2	3	Marian	onemani in = (a)
-	Total	157	77	1	-

#### 2. Cases in which defects were found.

			Refer	Number of cases in	
Farticulars	Found	Remedied	То Н.И.	By H.M.	which Prosecutions
			Inspector	Inspector	were Instituted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
ant of cleanliness (S.1)	14	12	-	-	-
vercrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	(0) -
reasonable Temperature (S.3) adequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	- 101
effective drainage of floors (	s.6) -	-	- a	-	-
(a) insufficient	-	_	_	-	
(b) unsuitable or defective	7	5	_	2	
(c) not separate for sexes her offences against the Act (not including offences	-	-		-	-
relating to outwork)	21	20	-	-	(6)
Total	42	37	-	2	-

#### SECTION D.

#### HOUSING

The number of dwellings completed during the year was a follows:-

	refuncial matther -compacts	Neber Co. Seor	1957	1946 - 1957 (inclusive)
(i)	Frefabricated temporary bunga	lows	-	144
(ii)	New permanent houses:-			
	Woolreeds Estate			
	(a) 2 bedroom type (b) 3 " " (c) 4 " " (d) 2 " maisonettes (C	ourt Wurtin)	(2) he column as	9 364 21 8
	Musgrove Estate			
	(a) 2 bedroom type (b) 3 " " (c) 4 " "		Calo7 -	40 73 3
	Osborne Road Estate			
	(a) 2 bedroom type (b) 3 " " (c) 4 " "		-	28 175 4
	Aylesford Green Estate			
	(a) 2 bedroom type (b) 3 " "		1	6
	Burton Estate			
	(a) 2 bedroom type (b) 3 "		- 6.5 mg	58 94.
	Beaver Green Estate			
	(a) 2 bedroom type 3 " "		12 52	34 95
	Repton Estate			
	(a) 2 bedroom type (b) 3 " "			30 60
(iii)	Flats			
	Croft Road			
	(a) Bed-sitting room type 2 bedroom type 1 bedroom type		2 1 3	2 1 3
	Lusgrove Estate			
	(a) Gregory Flats (b) Bed-sitting room type (c) 2 bedroom Easiform type		=	28 16 16

Woolreeds Estate			
(a) Bed-sitting room type (b) 2 bedroom type	=	6	
Osborne Road Estate			
(a) 3 bedroom type	name name a	1	
Godfrey Walk			
(a) Bed-sitting room type (b) 1 bedroom type (c) 2 bedroom type	=	13 27 28	
Beaver Green Estate			
(a) Gregory Flats	-	28	
Aylesford Green Estate			
(a) 2 bedroom type (b) 1 " "	-	20 12	
Waterside House and East Stour Farm	To all	13	
Repton Estate		4.8	
Old People's Bungalows			
(a) Burton Estate	AD VIEW OF	12	
(b) Beaver Green Estate	4	4	
al number of units provided by the Council	68	1,540	
Number provided by private enterprise	171	607	
Analysis of Applications for Council Houses re	gistered to	14th January,	1958
Childless couples living in Ashford One child families		120	
Two child families " Three child families "		38	
Four child families "		25	
Five or more child families		••• 4	268
Working in Ashford, living elsewhere and adequ	ately housed		
Childless couples		25	
Two child families		27	
Three child families Four or more child families		9	
or more child families		2	348
Applicants for bed-sitting room flats of whom	18 are house	holders	41
Applicants for old peoples dwellings who are a			32
Householders in Ashford deemed to be adequately	y housed		125
SLUM CLEARANCE			

A definite programme was carried through during the year for dealing with some thirty houses included in earlier slum clearance proposals. These were made subject to either demolition or closing orders. A proposal to deal with a further twelve houses was submitted and received Ministerial approval.

In spite of a shortage of Council Houses, the tenants were rehoused as the programme proceeded except in two instances where accommodation was awaited.

#### Rent Act, 1957

Although this Act is not designed primarily as a 'health' measure, the six months since it came into operation has seen a large amount of repair and maintenance work put in hand which can only have a good effect on the environment of the tenants affected. By the end of the year, 35 applications for disreapir certificates had been dealt with and in 34 instances the decision was to issue certifices which only proved necessary in 6 of them (as the owners gave the statutory undertakings to undertake repairs). The Rent Act involved some 84 visits and a great deal of unrecorded attendance to queries from owners and tenants.

#### SECTION E.

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### 1. Milk Supplies

There are in the Urban District five producers of milk of whom one is a producer/retailer. Of the producers three have attested herds. From the surrounding districts four producer/retailers deliver in the Urban area. There are twenty-two registered distributors of milk and nine dairies registered with the local authority.

Dairies are regularly inspected to ensure that the standards prescribed by the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 are maintained. Samples of milk, in course of delivery, are taken regularly. Periodic samples of milk are taken from retailers for examination for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli and during year one of nine such samples revealed a tubercle infection, which was communicated to the Ministry's Animal Health Division. Immediate arrangement were made to pasteurise the milk and a suspect animal was culled out.

During the year, the following samples were taken for examination in accordance with the tests prescribed by the Milk and Dairies (Special Designati Regulations.

	 Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Tuberculin Tested	 9	2
Sterilised	 1 2 2 2 2 2	0.200
Pasteurised	 23	-

#### 2. Ice Cream

The main manufacturers achieve a uniformly high standard in their products and unsatisfactory results again arose where the product is sold loose and is more vulnerable to any lapse in the sterilising of serving utensils. Licences to sell ice cream are granted in respect of the pre-packed article but no such control can be exercised in respect of catering establishments. Sampling was accordingly concentrated on the sale of 'loose' ice cream.

Ice Cream	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Total
Samples of 'loose'	5	6	3	1	15
Samples prepacked	4	2	-	1	7
	9	8	3	2	22

The one Grade 4 sample of pre-packed ice cream was not from a manufacturer of national repute. One catering establishment locally produces ice cream by by the complete cold mix process and retails it 'loose'. One general shop has for years sold 'loose' ice cream.

Some 77 shops and four school premises are now registered for the sale of ice cream. Compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations is first necessary. Although pre-packaged a number of lines of partially open packs are becoming popular as they facilitate making up cornets or sandwiches. The unwrapping by vendors is discouraged.

#### Meat and other Foods

#### Unsound Food (Food and Drugs Act, 1938)

Unsound Food Surr	endered				
Constant Con		lbs.			lbs.
Mincemeat		3	Custard Powder		43
Bacon and Ham		1008	Spaghetti		16
Tongue		17	Egg Powder		4
Corned Beed		338	Tinned Milk		128計
Kidney		191	Vegetables		3744
Veal Loaf or Beef	Loaf	1063	Meat and Vegetable	3	1
Bacon		1510%	Soup		283
Stewed Steak		803	Fruit		1022
Luncheon Meat		237\$	Tomatoes		4792
Fish		50%	Pudding Mixture		4
Fruit Juices		284	Cereal		1
Pork		374	Chicken		14
Jam		19	Liver		462
Beef		99	Dried Fruit		
Cream		4	Marmalade		10
Sausages		81 82	Strained Food		15%
Sweets		5 28			
Almonds		28			

Total weight condemned : 2 tons 11 cwts. 1 qtr. 34 lbs.

Rejected meat from the slaughterhouse, unfit bacon and butchers meat is slashed and soaked with green aniline dye after which it is removed for the manufacture of by-products in another part of the county. Other foodstuffs, comprising mainly unsound tinned foods are disposed of by dumping at the Council's refuse dump where controlled tipping is practiced.

#### Food Hygiene

It is regretted that routine inspection of food premises did not receive the attention that it needed during the year owing to many pressing demands on staff time. A survey follows to give an indication of some of the positive improvements in food premises achieved during the year though they do not record voluntary improvements made which were considerable.

There are some 29 premises registered for the manufacture of meat products (mostly sausages) and the number of visits given does not fairly represent the time spent in on-the-spot talks to food handlers and management, which in my view is the most important form of hygiene propaganda - with the possible exception on the need for teaching the principles to school children.

In an effort to ensure a safe standard of washing up at the Market Tea Stalls a series of tests of washing up waters was carried out thanks to the co-operation of the Public Health Laboratory Service. Temperatures of the samples were recorded. The various detergents in use were also sampled and examined as to their effects on bacteria under controlled conditions. Interest in the results was stimulated and greatly helped efforts made to persuade stall holders to use detergent/sterilant mixtures for washing up. The most striking fact emerging however was that the best results were obtained where stallholders had accustomed themselves to and practiced washing up in very hot water.

Many manufacturers put forward claims as to the sterilizing properties of their products, but in the practical application these claimsmay prove unfounded. The time is overdue when a national standard should be laid down for the guidance of the trade and the Public Health Inspectors as to the sterilizing properties of detergents for washing up in all catering establishments. This is already done in the case of approved Oxidising or Preservative Agents permitted to be

used to cleanse milk tankers, vessels or appliances required to be cleansed under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 - 1954. Why not detergent/sterilars for the catering trade?

were

Two successful prosecutions/taken during the year in respect of unsound meat pies, and school milk containing mice droppings.

During the year slot machines appeared on the pavement outside shops to dispense unwrapped confectionery to children. This appeared unsatisfactory, and a series of samples were taken but no contamination was proven, so that formal action was precluded. Persuasive approaches were made to the machine hirers and also to the manufacturers in a vain attempt to have the sweets pre-wrapped.

#### Food Premises Improvements 'on request' Analysis

Clothes Storage remedied	9
First Aid outfit provided	14
Wash hand notices fixed up	20
Wash hand basins installed	23
Towels, Soap or Nailbrushes remedied	15
Sinks (inadequate or unsuitable) provided	22
Hot water provided	19
Washing up agents improved	10
Wall finishes made hygienic	10
Floor finish made hygienic	7
Ceiling finish made hygienic	2
Preparation table tops unhygienic	16
Cold storage arrangements remedied	5
Food Storage remedied	7
Lighting remedied	14
Exposed food protected	21
Lack cleanliness remedied	7
Food wrapping made satisfactory	4
Food vehicles improved	6
Storage waste made satisfactory	4
Warnings re smoking	4
Warnings re temperature control food	1
Redecoration	16
Miscellaneous	34
MIDOCITATIONS	24

#### Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

The state of the s	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	623	57	150	2978	4023	
Number inspected	623	57	150	2978	4023	200
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci		T A LEE			9-0	
Whole carcases condemned	- Andre	-	3	18	11	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	127	14	11	301	902	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysterci	20.39	24.56	9.33	10.71	22.69	-
counting off and need that all blands	t-same/s		A TOPE	CLIPSON O	1 000	-

-21-									
	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses			
perculosis only									
ole carcases condemned	2	1	-	-	1	-			
cases of which some part or organ was condemned	54	6	_	-	115	-			
centage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	8.98	12.26	-	-	2.88	-			
ticercosis									
cases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-			
cases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	_	-				
eralised and totally condemned	-	-	-	- 1	-	-			
		***********							

The throughput of the two private licenced slaughterhouses decreased by about fifth during the year which eased the overloading experienced last year. It is always taken to ensure that all animals are examined post-mortem and scial care is exercised in dealing with animals slaughtered for emergency sons. There is a substantial number of such animals. For the second year sing a foot and mouth disease outbreak immediately before Christmas involved ford Market, and special arrangements for slaughter had to be made which erlined the pressing need for adequate modern slaughtering facilities in this sect town and centre.

The general standard of quality of the animals slaughtered for local butchers tinues to be very high whilst the figures of tubercular infection in cattle, scially cows, is low when compared with even say five years ago.