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During the past year plans have been approved by the Council for 69 houses, out of which 18 have been completed.

The total number of houses certified for habitation was 54.

There are 17 houses now nearing completion.

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| 7 | Private converted into W.C.s. |
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| 4 | Private removed out of estate |
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History and Geography, 1891. With one exception

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