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AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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1965

To: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the health of the District, and the work of the Public Health Department in 1965.

I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Ellis the Chief Public Health Inspector and the other Inspectors for their help and co-operation during the year.

I would also thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and the Officers and Staff of other Departments for their advice and assistance.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

D. McGOWAN

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1966.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

General Statistics

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Area of District | 90,956 acres |
| Population: 1931 Census | 22,076 |
| " 1951 " | 26,535 |
| " 1961 " | 30,796 |
| Registrar General's Estimate for Mid 1965 | 33,900 |
| Rateable Value | £1,238,016 |
| Number of Inhabited Houses | 11,030 |

Extracts from Vital Statistics for Year 1965

LIVE BIRTHS:

| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | 282 | 256 | 538 |
| Illegitimate | 12 | 11 | 23 |
| | <u>294</u> | <u>267</u> | <u>561</u> |

LIVE BIRTHS RATE: (per 1,000 population) = 16.6

CORRECTED BIRTH RATE: (Comparability Factor 1.20) = 19.9

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS: (per cent of total live births) = 4.1%

STILL BIRTHS:

| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - |
| | <u>1</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> |

STILL BIRTH RATE: (per 1,000 live and still births) = 8.9

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS: 566

INFANT DEATHS: (Deaths under 1 year)

| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - |
| | <u>6</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>9</u> |

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

TOTAL INFANT DEATHS (per 1,000 live births) = 16.0

LEGITIMATE INFANT DEATHS (per 1,000 Legitimate live births) = 16.7

ILLEGITIMATE INFANT DEATHS (per 1,000 illegitimate live births) = Nil

NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 live births) = 5.3

EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births) = 5.3

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) = 14.1

MATERNAL DEATHS = Nil

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 live and still births) = Nil

DEATHS:

| <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 198 | 147 | 345 |

UNCORRECTED DEATH RATE: (per 1,000 population) = 10.2

CORRECTED DEATH RATE: (comparability Factor 0.85) = 8.7

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

The Registrar General gives the corrected number of live births in the District as 561 (294 boys and 267 girls), this being 46 births more than in 1964. Of these births 23 were illegitimate.

The uncorrected birth rate for 1965 was 16.6 and when the comparability factor (1.20) is applied, the corrected birth rate was 19.9 per 1,000 of the total population compared with 19.0 in 1964. The birth rate for England and Wales in 1965 was 18.1.

BIRTH RATES

| <u>Year:</u> | <u>1956</u> | <u>1957</u> | <u>1958</u> | <u>1959</u> | <u>1960</u> | <u>1961</u> | <u>1962</u> | <u>1963</u> | <u>1964</u> | <u>1965</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| England and Wales | 15.6 | 16.1 | 16.4 | 16.5 | 17.1 | 17.4 | 18.0 | 18.2 | 18.4 | 18.1 |
| Axbridge Rural District | 12.8 | 15.9 | 16.4 | 14.9 | 18.0 | 15.2 | 18.8 | 18.1 | 19.0 | 19.9 |

STILL BIRTHS:

The registered number of still births in 1965 was 5 of which none were illegitimate, thus giving a still birth rate of 8.9 per 1,000 total births.

DEATHS:

After correction for transferable deaths the net total assigned to the District by the Registrar General was 345 (198 males and 147 females). This is 35 less than in 1964 and gives an uncorrected death rate of 10.2. When adjusted for age and sex distribution to make it comparable with other districts, the death rate was 8.7 per 1,000 of total population compared with 11.5 for England and Wales as a whole.

The following table shows the causes of death in 1965:-

| <u>Causes of Death</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Tuberculosis, respiratory | 1 | - | 1 |
| Tuberculosis, other | 1 | - | 1 |
| Syphilitic Disease | 1 | - | 1 |
| Diphtheria | - | - | - |
| Whooping Cough | - | - | - |
| Meningococcal Infections | - | - | - |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | - | - | - |
| Measles | 1 | - | 1 |
| Other infections and parasitic diseases | - | - | - |
| Malignant neoplasm, Stomach | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus | 10 | 1 | 11 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Breast | - | 6 | 6 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus | - | 2 | 2 |
| Other Malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms | 23 | 9 | 32 |
| Leukaemia, Alukaemia | - | 1 | 1 |
| Diabetes | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Vascular Lesions of nervous system | 29 | 39 | 68 |
| Coronary Disease, Angina | 53 | 24 | 77 |
| Hypertension with heart disease | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Other Heart Diseases | 21 | 17 | 38 |
| Other circulatory disease | 7 | 8 | 15 |
| Influenza | - | - | - |
| Pneumonia | 8 | 6 | 14 |
| Bronchitis | 10 | 2 | 12 |
| Other diseases of respiratory system | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | - | 1 | 1 |
| Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea | - | 2 | 2 |
| Nephritis and nephrosis | - | - | - |
| Hyperplasia of prostate | 1 | - | 1 |
| Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion | - | - | - |
| Congenital malformations | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| All other accidents | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Suicide | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Homicide and operations of war | - | - | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| All cases - <u>Total</u> | 198 | 147 | 345 |
| | === | === | === |

SEX AND AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS 1965

| <u>Ages at Death in Years</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Under 1 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 1 - 4 | 2 | - | 2 |
| 5 - 14 | 1 | - | 1 |
| 15 - 24 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| 25 - 34 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 35 - 44 | 3 | - | 3 |
| 45 - 54 | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| 55 - 64 | 29 | 11 | 40 |
| 65 - 74 | 68 | 32 | 100 |
| 75 and over | 73 | 94 | 167 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 198 | 147 | 345 |
| | === | === | === |

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths from maternal causes in 1965.

INFANT MORTALITY

Nine children (6 boys and 3 girls) under the age of one year, died in 1965. This gives an Infant Mortality Rate of 16.00 per 1,000 live births. Details of the causes of death and the age at death are as follows:-

| Causes of Death | Under 1 day | 1-7 days | 1-4 wks | Total under 1 month | 1 - 3 mnths | 3 - 6 mnths | 6 - 9 mnths | 9-12 mnths | Total under 1 year |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------|---------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|
| Prematurity | 2 | 1 | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Congenital Defects | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| Pneumonia or Bronchitis | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 1 | 3 |
| Miliary Tuberculosis | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| | 2 | 1 | - | 3 | 4 | - | 1 | 1 | 9 |

WATER SUPPLIES

No shortage of water supplies was reported from any part of the District in 1965.

Every parish has a piped main water supply and 10,919 houses are supplied directly in this way by the Bristol Waterworks Company. However, although every parish has a main water supply, not every house can be supplied directly from the mains and there are still 111 houses in the District relying on other sources. Eight are supplied from a main water standpipe, seventy one depend on wells, twenty three on springs and nine depend on collected rain water.

During the year, ten wells were closed and altogether, sixteen premises which had unsatisfactory sources of supply were connected to a public main.

Bacteriological and chemical sampling of public supplies is carried out by the Bristol Waterworks Company, but some individual sampling is also done by the Council's Public Health Department. The results of such sampling are given in the Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The following parishes have main drainage and sewage disposal systems:- Axbridge, Banwell, Blagdon, Butcombe, Cheddar, Congresbury, Locking, Wedmore, Winscombe and Wrington. In addition, parts of other parishes are connected to the main system namely:- parts of Berrow, Brean, Brent Knoll, Mark, and Shipham.

During the year, Phase I of the Brean and Berrow Scheme was completed at a cost of £50,530, while work was in progress on Phase I of the Hutton, Locking, Banwell Scheme (estimated cost £68,979), the Bleadon Scheme (cost £55,347) and Phase II of the Brean and Berrow Scheme (£68,576).

Future proposals (a) The South Berrow Scheme (£28,160) was due to start in January 1966. (b) The Banwell, Sandford, Churchill and Langford areas are to be sewered by a regional scheme. The first phase will provide a "backbone" system from Banwell to Langford. Village sewers will be provided later. The approximate cost of the scheme is £180,000. (c) A regional scheme in conjunction with Burnham-on-Sea is proposed for the Brent area. (d) The Kewstoke Scheme serving Kewstoke, Sand Bay and Norton is estimated to cost £172,300.

HOUSING

| | New Houses built by | |
|------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Local Authority | Private Enterprise |
| 1957 | 112 | 124 |
| 1958 | 34 | 145 |
| 1959 | 11 | 181 |
| 1960 | 9 | 284 |
| 1961 | 8 | 290 |
| 1962 | 29 | 247 |
| 1963 | 25 | 296 |
| 1964 | 24 | 444 |
| 1965 | 62 | 434 |
| | 314 | 2,445 |

During the year 62 houses were built by the Local Authority bringing the total number of houses owned by the District Council to 1708. At the end of the year there were 426 applicants for Council housing compared with 411 in December 1964. Of these 426 applicants, 106 were considered to be urgent cases and 104 were applicants for Old People's Dwellings. In 1965 434 houses were built by private enterprise. This brings the total houses built by private enterprise in the three years up to the end of 1965 to 1174 which is one tenth of the total number of inhabited houses in the District.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the notifications of infectious diseases in the District during the year:-

| <u>Disease</u> | <u>Total cases notified</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Measles | 418 |
| Scarlet Fever | 5 |
| Diphtheria | - |
| Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | - |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | - |
| Meningococcal Infection | - |
| Dysentery | 1 |
| Whooping Cough | 14 |
| Acute Primary Pneumonia) | - |
| Acute Influenzal Pneumonia) | 1 |
| Acute Encephalitis | - |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | - |
| Erysipelas | 3 |
| Food Poisoning | 1 |
| Tuberculosis - Respiratory | 3 |
| Tuberculosis - Non-Respiratory | - |

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

The following table shows the number of children vaccinated or re-vaccinated in the District in 1965.

| <u>Under 1 year</u> | | <u>1 Year</u> | | <u>2 - 4 Yrs.</u> | | <u>5 - 15 yrs.</u> | | <u>Total</u> | |
|-------------------------|----|---------------|----|-------------------|----|--------------------|----|--------------|----|
| P. | R. | P. | R. | P. | R. | P. | R. | P. | R. |
| 19 | - | 102 | - | 27 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 156 | 9 |

P. = Primary Vaccination

R. = Re-vaccination

TUBERCULOSIS

Only three new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and no cases of non pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year. There was only one death due to this cause during the year. The number of cases on the Register at the end of the year was:-

| <u>Pulmonary</u> | | <u>Non-Pulmonary</u> | | <u>Total</u> | |
|------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| 53 | 29 | 7 | 7 | 60 | 36 |

B.C.G. VACCINATION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

In 1956, the County Council, as the Local Health Authority introduced a scheme for the vaccination of children against tuberculosis. B.C.G. (Bacillus Calmette Guerin) vaccine is used and the offer is extended to all thirteen-year old children. The children are first given a skin test with tuberculin (Heaf Test) and if the skin reaction is negative, they are then vaccinated. Children showing a positive Heaf Test do not require vaccination.

In 1965, 524 thirteen-year old children in the North West Somerset Divisional Area had the preliminary Heaf Test and of these 52 were found to be positive i.e. 9.9%. The remaining 472 negative reactors were given the B.C.G. vaccine.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS

Immunisation against these four diseases continued during the year and the following table shows the number of children who were given the various vaccines:-

Children born in the years

| | 1965 | 1964 | 1963 | 1962 | 1958/ 61 | Others under 16 | Total |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------------|--------------------|-------|
| DIPHTHERIA (Primary) | 123 | 245 | 18 | 10 | 36 | 12 | 444 |
| (Reinforcing) | - | 14 | 82 | 27 | 447 | 349 | 919 |
| WHOOPING COUGH (Primary) | 122 | 245 | 18 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 407 |
| (Reinforcing) | - | 13 | 81 | 25 | 50 | 11 | 180 |
| TETANUS (Primary) | 123 | 245 | 18 | 10 | 36 | 13 | 445 |
| (Reinforcing) | - | 14 | 82 | 27 | 446 | 350 | 919 |
| POLIOMYELITIS (Primary) | 49 | 304 | 62 | 35 | 53 | 13 | 516 |
| (Reinforcing) | - | 1 | 6 | 1 | 402 | 60 | 470 |

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

The County Council, as the Local Health Authority, is responsible for the provision of a number of personal health services mainly connected with maternity and child welfare; the School Health Service (through the Education Committee) and mental health. The Medical Officer of Health to the District Council is also the Divisional School Medical Officer for the North West Somerset Divisional Executive Area, and carries out a number of other duties concerned with the personal health services of the County Council. Child Welfare Clinics are held at Axbridge, Banwell, Bleadon, Cheddar, Congresbury, Hutton, Locking R.A.F. Camp, Locking Village, Winscombe and Wrington.

HOSPITALS

When in 1962, the Minister of Health issued his Plan giving priorities for new hospital building during the next ten years, it was a great disappointment to see that although he had in mind the provision of a new District General Hospital for the Axbridge and Weston-super-Mare area, he did not see the scheme for this starting until after 1970/71.

However, in 1963 in his first Annual Review of the Ten-Year Plan, the Minister brought forward the date of the start of building of the new Hospital into the first ten-year period. The Regional Hospital Board immediately formed a Project Team to work out the complicated details of the planning and development of the new hospital, but in the following year, 1964, the Minister decided once again to postpone the new hospital until the second ten-year period.

Recently, however (May 1966) a new Revision of the Hospital Plan brought forward again the building of Phase I (Maternity Unit) of the District General Hospital to 1969/70. Phase II should follow.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS AND POLIO

Immunisation against these four diseases continued during the year and the following table shows the number of children who were vaccinated:-

| Children born during year | | Percentage vaccinated | | | | |
|---------------------------|------|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 |
| Total | 1965 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 1969 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| DIPHTHERIA (Primary) | 1965 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 1969 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| WHOOPING COUGH (Primary) | 1965 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 1969 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| TETANUS (Primary) | 1965 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 1969 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| POLIO (Primary) | 1965 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | 1969 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1965

To: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
AXERIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the Year 1965.

HOUSING

The following tables indicate the progress made during the year in dealing with sub-standard houses:-

Discretionary Improvement Grants

| | <u>Received</u> | <u>Approved</u> | <u>Rejected</u> |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Position at 31st December, 1964 | 524 applications (587 dwellings) | 509 applications (570 dwellings) | 15 applications (17 dwellings) |
| Applications dealt with during 1965 | 19 applications (19 dwellings) | 19 applications (19 dwellings) | Nil applications (Nil dwellings) |
| Position at 31st December, 1965 | 543 applications (606 dwellings) | 528 applications (589 dwellings) | 15 applications (17 dwellings) |

Standard Improvement Grants

| | <u>Applications Received</u> | <u>Applications Approved</u> | <u>Applications Rejected</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Position at 31st December, 1964 | 126 | 118 | 8 |
| Applications dealt with during 1965 | 19 | 19 | - |
| Position at 31st December, 1965 | 145 | 137 | 8 |

Rural Housing Survey

During the year 29 surveyed houses were made fit compared with 53 in 1964. 11 houses were demolished or closed during the year. The summary of categories, revised to December, 1965, is as follows:-

| | |
|---|-------|
| Number of properties satisfactory in all respects (Category 1) | 1,099 |
| Number of properties with minor defects (Category 2) | 515 |

Number of properties requiring major repair or structural alterations (category 3)

2,047

Number of properties unfit for habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable cost (Category 5)

202

Statutory Action under the Provisions of The Housing Acts

During the year, statutory action under the provisions of Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 was instituted in respect of 26 dwellings. The result of such action is summarised as follows:-

Cases under consideration at 31.12.64. 22

During 1964

Demolition Orders made NIL

Closing Orders made 2

Undertakings accepted not to use premises for human habitation until made fit 13

Undertakings accepted to make premises fit 6

Cases under consideration at 31.12.65. 25

OVERCROWDING

On the 31st December, 1965, there were 4 cases of statutory overcrowding on the Register.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The main cause for concern continues to be the unlicensed sites for tents. The lack of adequate control in existing legislation results in conditions which should no longer be tolerated. The Council should be given power which would enable them to ensure that sanitary facilities on tented sites are of a standard comparable to that applying to caravan sites.

A. Number of licensed caravan sites (more than one caravan)

(a) Residential 7
(b) Holiday 63

Total number of caravans permitted on these sites

(a) Residential 388
(b) Holiday 2,758

B. Number of licensed caravan sites (single caravans)

(a) Residential 25
(b) Holiday 9

C. Number of tent sites licensed during the year

5

Number of tents permitted on these sites

292

FOOD PREMISES

Details of the number of routine inspections of food premises are given in the summary at the end of this report.

No statutory proceedings were instituted during the year.

Particulars of the various types of food premises in the District are given below:-

Number of Food Premises in Area (excluding registered dairy premises)

A. Food Manufacturing Premises

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Edible Fat Refineries | 2 |
| Cheese Straw Factory | 1 |
| Cheese Factories | 3 |
| Bakers | 8 |

B. Retail Shops

| | |
|--|-----|
| Grocers | 144 |
| Confectioners | 40 |
| Butchers | 21 |
| Fishmongers and Greengrocers (combined) | 4 |
| Greengrocers | 12 |
| Dairies | 3 |

C. Catering Premises (including licensed premises) 178

D. Premises registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 (excluding premises used for the Manufacture, storage and sale of Ice-Cream

| | |
|----------------|----|
| Sausage making | 16 |
| Fish Frying | 5 |

MILK AND DAIRIES

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Number of registered dairies | 7 |
| Number of milk distributors | 94 |

ICE CREAM

The ice-cream manufactured in the District is manufactured in accordance with the provisions of the Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment etc.) Regulations, 1947 to 1952 in a preparation room which has been specially adapted for the purpose.

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of premises registered for the manufacture of of ice-cream (complete cold mix) | 1 |
|---|---|

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of premises registered for the sale of ice-cream | 214 |
|--|-----|

10 samples of ice-cream were taken during the year.

WATER SUPPLIES

The following is a summary of the results of the bacteriological examinations of the monthly water samples taken from the public supplies. All these supplies are chlorinated.

| | <u>Probable No. of Coliform Bacilli MacConkey 2 days 37°C.</u> |
|-------------------------|---|
| | <u>0 per 100 ml.</u> |
| Cheddar and Axbridge | 12 samples |
| South Mendip (Cross) | 12 " |
| South Mendip (Dunyeatt) | 12 " |
| Winscombe and Churchill | 12 " |
| North Mendip | 12 " |
| Burrington | 12 " |
| Twin Brook Adit | 12 " |
| Blagdon | 12 " |
| Kewstoke | 12 " |
| North Mendip (Chelvey) | 12 " |
| | <hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> 120 samples <hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> |

A sample of water from each of the above supplies was submitted for chemical analysis during the year. All these samples were reported upon by the Analyst as being free from plumbo-solvency or other harmful contamination.

64 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination from private premises not receiving a supply from the public mains. 28 of these samples proved to be unsatisfactory. 16 houses were provided with a supply of water from the public main in substitution for a supply from a private source.

MEAT INSPECTION

The two private slaughterhouses licensed in the District continued in operation throughout the year.

The following table gives particulars of carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during the year.

| | Cattle excluding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep | Pigs | Horses |
|---|-----------------------------|------|--------|-------|------------------|--------|
| Number Killed | 124 | - | 5 | 352 | 252 | Nil |
| Number Inspected | 124 | - | 5 | 352 | 252 | Nil |
| <u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u> | | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 32 | - | - | 14 | 6 | - |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci | 25.8 | - | 20.0 | 3.9 | 2.3 | - |
| <u>Tuberculosis only</u> | | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Cysticercosis</u> | | | | | | |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Generalised and totally condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.) for:-</u> | | | | | | |
| (a) Tuberculosis | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Cysticercosis | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| (c) Other | 248 | - | 30 | 28 | 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ | - |
| Total (in lbs.) condemned | 248 | - | 30 | 28 | 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ | - |

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

There has as yet been no slackening in the demand for cesspool emptying. In fact, the number of tanks emptied during the year is the highest recorded.

| | |
|---|-------|
| Total number of septic tanks and settlement tanks emptied during the year | 1,403 |
|---|-------|

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

There was an increase of approximately 130 tons of refuse collected during the year, compared with 1964.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Estimated amount of refuse collected during the year | 8,920 tons |
|---|------------|

Total amount of salvaged
material disposed of
during the year:-

| | T. | Cwt. | Qr. | £. | s. | d. |
|-------------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----|
| (a) Paper and Cardboard | 52. | 2. | 0. | 130. | 13. | 2. |
| (b) Rags | 3. | 1. | 2. | 76. | 10. | 0. |
| (c) Non-ferrous metals | 2. | 3. | 3. | 218. | 15. | 0. |

CLEAN AIR

One complaint of the emission of black smoke from a non-domestic chimney was dealt with during the year.

Smoke observations with the aid of a Ringlemann Chart confirmed the complaint. Advice on boiler stoking was given and officials of the Coal Utilisation Council were asked to recommend the best type of fuel for the boiler.

Further observations indicated that substantial improvements had been achieved.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following is a copy of the report submitted to the Minister of Labour for the year ending 31st December 1965.

A. Registration and General Inspections

| Class of Premises | No. of premises registered during Year | Total No. of registered premises at end of Year | No. of registered premises receiving general inspection during Year |
|--|--|---|---|
| Offices | 10 | 94 | 49 |
| Retail Shops | 12 | 144 | 116 |
| Wholesale shops, warehouses | 2 | 10 | 3 |
| Catering establishments open to the public, canteens | 8 | 51 | 43 |
| Fuel storage depots | - | 1 | - |
| Total: | 32 | 300 | 211 |

B. Number of Vists of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises

..... 490

C. Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

| | | |
|--|-------|----------------------------------|
| Offices | 372 | |
| Retail Shops | 334 | |
| Wholesale departments, warehouses | 90 | |
| Catering establishments open to public | 249 | |
| Canteens | 8 | |
| Fuel storage depots | 1 | |
| Total: | 1,054 | } Males : 467 } Females : 587 |

D. Exemptions (relating to all classes of premises)

Space, Temperature, Sanitary Conveniences, Washing Facilities

| | |
|---|-----|
| No. of exemptions current at 31.12.65. | Nil |
| No. of exemptions granted or extended during year | Nil |
| No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year | Nil |
| No. of cases where employees opposed application | Nil |
| No. of Appeals to Court made | Nil |
| No. of Appeals to Court allowed | Nil |

E. Prosecutions

| | |
|---|-----|
| <u>Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the Year</u> | Nil |
|---|-----|

F. Number of inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act

4

| | |
|---|-----|
| <u>Number of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act</u> | Nil |
|---|-----|

Accidents

| | <u>Fatal</u> | <u>Non-fatal</u> |
|---|--------------|------------------|
| Number reported | Nil | 3 |
| Number investigated | Nil | Nil |
| Number of cases where recommendations were made | Nil | Nil |

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Overcrowding

Only a very few cases were noted which did not already comply with the overcrowding standards which will come into force in July, 1966.

Temperature

The heating of shops was generally unsatisfactory. Occupiers of food shops often stated that it was undesirable to heat shops to the standard 60.8°F because of the adverse effect on perishable foods. A greater use of refrigerated display counters, which would enable perishable foods to be kept at a suitable temperature even during the many weeks in summer when the air temperature exceeds 60°F, would also enable a reasonable temperature to be attained for the comfort of persons working in the shops without any adverse effect on foodstuffs.

It was often stated that the opening and closing of the shop doors prevented a reasonable temperature being maintained. It was noted, however, that the heating appliance would, in many cases, have been inadequate had the shop been hermetically sealed.

Ventilation

The ventilation of all classes of premises was generally satisfactory.

Sanitary Accommodation

Sanitary accommodation was usually adequate and well maintained.

Hand Washing Facilities

Adequate hand washing facilities were often lacking in offices but had already been provided in the majority of shops, largely because of the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Supply of Drinking Water

An adequate supply of drinking water was found on practically all premises inspected.

Fencing of Machinery

A number of cases of inadequately guarded machinery was noted. The majority were the various types of food slicing machines. Adequate guards for these machines did not appear to be freely available during the year, although information was obtained that some manufacturers intended to produce suitable guards for attachment to existing machines.

Defects remedied as the result of informal action

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Abstracts provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Thermometers provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 49 |
| Lighting improved | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Floors and steps repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Machine guarding improved | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Staircases-handrails provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| First Aid Kits provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 58 |
| Washing facilities provided or improved | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Sanitary accommodation provided or improved | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |

Special Lighting Report attached to the Annual Report
for the Year ending 31st December, 1965

In the last three months of 1965 an effort was made to inspect as large a range of premises as possible, with special reference to lighting, in order that the information requested by the Ministry of Labour in L.A. Circular 9 could be obtained.

General Impression

Shop Premises:

Shops - General impression of lighting ranged from fair to good
Storage places - Poor to fair
Staircases and corridors - Poor to fair
Washplaces and sanitary accommodation - Fair to good

Summary - As might be expected, the standard of lighting in the actual shop, where customer reaction is of some importance, is generally substantially better than that in those parts of the premises to which the general public normally do not have access. The fairly good standard of lighting in washplaces and sanitary accommodation is attributed to the fact that these rooms or compartments are normally small and even a low powered bulb is sufficient to give a reasonable light.

Office Premises:

Offices - The general standard of lighting at desks was good. Lighting was sometimes only fair at points of intermittent works, such as filing cabinets etc. Instances of poor lighting were rare.
Staircases and passages - Poor to fair
Washplaces and sanitary accommodation - Fair to good.

Examples of unsatisfactory lighting

- (1) Storage places in connection with shops are often lighted only with a single central lamp - stacked goods and storage racks often obstruct the light and create dark shadows.
- (2) Stairs and passages are often poorly lighted but the lighting is rarely so deficient as to be a cause of accidents.

Specific Standards of Lighting

In discussion with occupiers of inadequately lighted premises reference has been made to the standards recommended by the British Lighting Council. There has been no requirement that lighting should conform to any particular standard.

Glare

No instances of excessive glare have been found.

Detailed information regarding premises inspected
during the month of November, 1965

(a) Office Premises

Numbers of premises where lighting in lumens per square foot, measured at place where work is done, was

| <u>-5</u> | <u>5+ to -10</u> | <u>10+ to -15</u> | <u>15+ to -25</u> | <u>25+</u> |
|-----------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| 5 | 11 | 4 | 16 | 18 |

(b) Shop Premises

Numbers of premises where lighting in selling areas in lumens per square foot was

| <u>-5</u> | <u>5+ to -10</u> | <u>10+ to -15</u> | <u>15+ to -25</u> | <u>25+</u> |
|-----------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| 4 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 16 |

Numbers of premises where lighting in stockrooms, etc. in lumens per square foot was

| <u>-5</u> | <u>5+ to -10</u> | <u>10+ to -15</u> | <u>15+ to -25</u> | <u>25+</u> |
|-----------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| 18 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 2 |

(NOTE: The first set of figures above relates to the actual shop, which includes the selling and working area, and the second set to rear stock rooms or store rooms).

RODENT CONTROL

The following is a copy of the annual return submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, which gives details of rodent control work carried out in the District during the 12 months ending 31st December, 1965.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949 REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1965

| | | <u>TYPE OF PROPERTY</u> <u>Non-Agricultural</u> | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | Local Authority | Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses) | All other (in. Business premises) | Total of cols. 1, 2 & 3 | Agric- ultural |
| | | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| I. | No. of properties in Local Authority's District | 18 | 11030 | 597 | 11645 | 980 |
| II. | Total No. of Properties inspected as a result of notification | - | 160 | 20 | 180 | 20 |
| No. of such properties found to be infested by:- | | | | | | |
| Common Rat | Major | - | 19 | 5 | 24 | 18 |
| | Minor | - | 111 | 5 | 116 | - |
| Ship Rat | Major | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Minor | - | - | - | - | - |
| House Mouse | Major | - | 10 | 4 | 14 | 2 |
| | Minor | - | 20 | 6 | 26 | - |
| III. | Total No. of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act | 18 | 1002 | 98 | 1118 | 291 |
| No. of such properties found to be infested by:- | | | | | | |
| Common Rat | Major | 10 | 20 | 9 | 39 | 29 |
| | Minor | - | 201 | 1 | 202 | - |
| Ship Rat | Major | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Minor | - | - | - | - | - |
| House Mouse | Major | - | 10 | 3 | 13 | 1 |
| | Minor | 2 | 49 | 16 | 67 | - |
| IV. | Total No. of properties otherwise inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose) | - | 13 | 13 | 26 | 1 |
| No. of such properties found to be infested by:- | | | | | | |
| Common Rat | Major | - | 6 | 5 | 11 | 1 |
| | Minor | - | 4 | 5 | 9 | - |
| Ship Rat | Major | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Minor | - | - | - | - | - |
| House Mouse | Major | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Minor | - | 3 | 3 | 6 | - |

TYPE OF PROPERTY
Non-Agricultural

| | Local Authority | Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses) | All other (inc. Business premises) | Total of cols. 1, 2 & 3 | Agric- ultural |
|--|--------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| V. Total inspections carried out - inc. re-inspections | 40 | 1175 | 141 | 1356 | 400 |
| VI. No. of infested properties in Sections II, III & IV treated by the L.A. | 10 | 453 | 14 | 477 | 31 |
| VII. Total treatments carried out - inc. re-treatments | 10 | 492 | 20 | 522 | 38 |
| VIII. No of notices served under Section 4 of the Act:- | | | | | |
| (a) Treatment | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Structural Work (i.e. proofing) | - | - | - | - | - |
| IX. No. of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act | - | - | - | - | - |
| X. Legal Proceedings | - | - | - | - | - |
| XI. No. of "Block" control schemes carried out | - | - | - | - | - |

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

The following table gives the particulars of the work carried out during the year:-

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions of health

| <u>Premises</u> | <u>Number of</u> | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | <u>Number on Register</u> | <u>Inspections</u> | <u>Written Notices</u> | <u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u> |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 7 | 5 | NIL | NIL |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 117 | 92 | NIL | NIL |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' premises) | 9 | 9 | NIL | NIL |
| | 133 | 106 | NIL | NIL |

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

| | <u>Number of cases in which defects were found</u> | | | | <u>Number of cases in which prose- cutions were instituted</u> |
|---|--|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | <u>Found</u> | <u>Remedied</u> | <u>Referred:-</u> | | |
| | | | <u>To H.M. Insp.</u> | <u>By H.M. Insp.</u> | |
| Want of cleanliness (S1) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S2) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature (S3) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation (S4) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S7) | - | - | - | - | - |
| (a) Insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | 3 | 3 | - | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 3 | 3 | - | - | - |

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY, OR UNDER THE
SUPERVISION OF, THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

| | |
|--|-------|
| Total numbers of inspections made (including re-inspections) | 4,908 |
| Total number of houses and premises inspected | 2,242 |

Number of inspections made of, and visits paid to:-

| | |
|---|-------|
| Dwelling houses | 1,597 |
| Food Premises and catering establishments (Food & Drugs Act) | 640 |
| Caravan Sites and Moveable Dwellings | 696 |
| Factories | 106 |
| Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act | 490 |
| Ice-Cream Premises | 57 |
| Dairies | 35 |
| Drainage Systems | 410 |
| Petrol Installations | 175 |
| Swill Boiling Plants | 16 |
| Agricultural Holdings | 260 |
| Premises as the result of complaints of nuisance | 290 |
| Tests of swimming Bath Water | 52 |
| Investigations into cases of infectious diseases and food poisoning | 67 |
| Premises, disinfested or disinfected | 11 |
| Drain tests of drainage systems believed to be defective | 17 |
| Smoke observations | 9 |

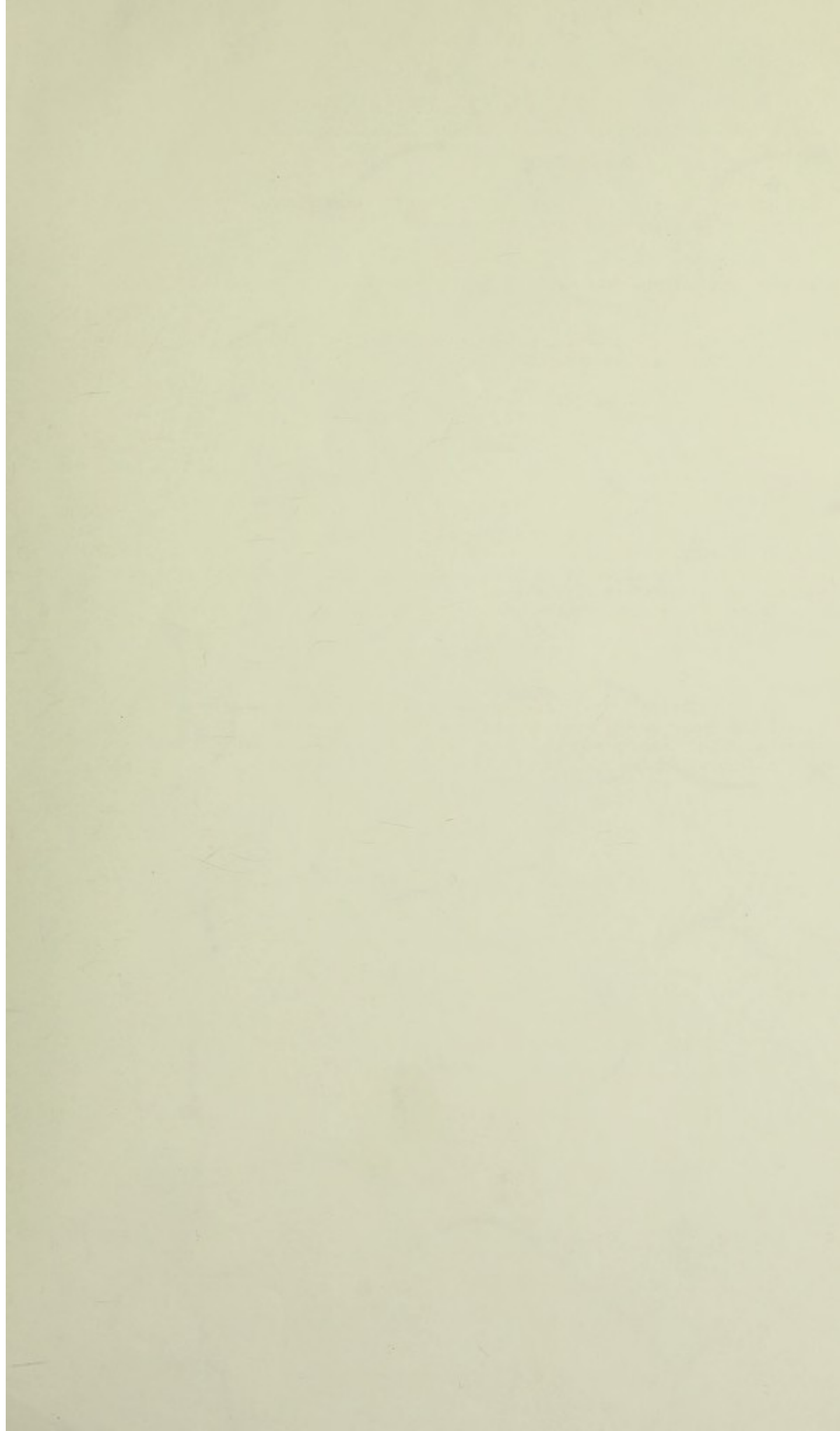
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I remain,

Your obedient servant

J. H. ELLIS.

Chief Public Health Inspector.



SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY, OR UNDER THE
SUPERVISION OF, THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

| | |
|--|-------|
| Total numbers of inspections made (including re-inspections) | 4,968 |
| Total number of houses and premises inspected | 2,862 |

Number of inspections made of, and visits paid to:-

| | |
|---|-------|
| Dwelling houses | 1,597 |
| Food Premises and catering establishments (Food & Drugs Act) | 648 |
| Caravan Sites and Movable Dwellings | 596 |
| Factories | 106 |
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