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July, 1956



To the Chairman and Members of the  
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF AYLESBURY



MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It is my privilege to present the annual report on the health and vital statistics of the district for the year 1955. Incorporated in the report is that of the Chief Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor Mr. Cant.

The increase in the total number of infectious diseases notified during the year, as compared with last year, was largely due to an epidemic of measles. Most of the scarlet fever and whooping cough cases were nursed at home, and there was no case of diphtheria notified during the year.

Late in July a number of cases of muscular weakness occurred in children between the ages of 2 and 11 years, which ultimately proved to be due to anterior poliomyelitis. The epidemic continued until November, and seventeen cases were notified. With the exception of one adult, all were children between 2 and 13 years of age. All cases were treated in hospital, and there were no deaths. Supervision of after care revealed that nine of the children had recovered completely, and in five other children there was only slight residual paralysis.

The majority of the dysentery cases were notified from the St. John's Mental Hospital.

There was no case of food poisoning notified during the year.

I have much pleasure in recording my thanks to the Council, the Public Health Committee, and all members of the staff in their varied spheres of work for their grand co-operation.

I am,  
Your obedient Servant,

JOHN T.C.SIMS-ROBERTS M.B., CH.B.,  
M.R.C.S.  
L.R.C.P.  
D.P.H.

# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(a)	Area of the District ... ..	89,613 acres
(b)	Total Population (Estimated mid-1955) ...	31,870
(c)	Number of inhabited houses (end of 1955, according to Rate Book) ...	8,829
(d)	Rateable Value ... ..	£186,211
(e)	Sum represented by Penny Rate ... ..	£ 740

## U N E M P L O Y E D

At 31st December 1954

At 31st December 1955

16 women

27 men

—  
43  
—

34 women

30 men

—  
64  
—

## VITAL STATISTICS

	Total	<u>1954</u>		Total	<u>1955</u>	
		M	F		M	F
Live Births - Legitimate	468	251	217	462	228	234
Illegitimate	19	11	8	17	9	8
Still Births - Legitimate	3	2	1	10	6	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	15.4	15.0
Birth Rate (Corrected) ... ..	17.1	16.6
Rate per 1,000 total (live & Still) Births ...	15.5	15.3
Birth Rate for England and Wales	15.2	15.0

## D E A T H S

	<u>1954</u>				<u>1955</u>		
	Total	M	F		Total	M	F
	347	184	163		342	187	155
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated average population					10.9		10.7
Standardised Death Rate ... ..					10.4		10.1
Death Rate for England and Wales ...					11.3		11.7

## Deaths of infants under one year of age

	<u>1954</u>			<u>1955</u>		
	Total	M	F	Total	M	F
Legitimate	14	7	7	7	5	2
Illegitimate	1	-	1	-	-	-

## Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age

	Total	M	F	Total	M	F
Legitimate	9	4	5	6	5	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-



Death Rate of Infants under one year of age

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
All infants per 1,000 live births	30.8	14.6
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	29.9	15.1
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	52.6	- -
- - - - -		
Deaths from Cancer ... ..	62	

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Number of Deaths</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory .. ..	1	-	1
Tuberculosis, other .. ..	2	-	2
Syphilitic Disease .. ..	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis .. ..	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach .. ..	7	6	13
" " lung, bronchus .. ..	12	-	12
" " breast .. ..	-	1	1
" " uterus .. ..	-	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	20	14	34
Leukaemia, aleukaemia .. ..	2	2	4
Diabetes .. ..	1	2	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system .. ..	33	22	55
Coronary disease, angina .. ..	23	23	46
Hypertension with heart disease .. ..	3	6	9
Other heart disease .. ..	27	31	58
Other circulatory disease .. ..	3	7	10
Influenza .. ..	3	1	4
Pneumonia .. ..	13	9	22
Bronchitis .. ..	10	5	15
Other diseases of respiratory system .. ..	1	2	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum .. ..	3	-	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea .. ..	1	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis .. ..	3	2	5
Hyperplasia of prostate .. ..	2	-	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .. ..	-	-	-
Congenital malformations .. ..	-	2	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	11	9	20
Motor vehicle accidents .. ..	2	2	4
All other accidents .. ..	2	5	7
Suicide .. ..	2	1	3

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases

<u>Disease</u>	<u>1954</u>		<u>1955</u>	
	<u>No. of Cases</u> <u>Notified</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Deaths</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u> <u>Notified</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Deaths</u>
Smallpox	-	-	-	-
Measles	6	-	459	-
Whooping Cough	13	-	27	-
Scarlet Fever	21	-	15	-
Pneumonia	11	27	19	22
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	1	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	-	-	17	-
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	-	-	18	-
Dysentery	7	-	-	-
Para-Typhoid	1	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-
	<u>64</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>556</u>	<u>22</u>

T U B E R C U L O S I S

<u>Age</u> <u>Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
15	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
not known	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>



## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

### Hospitals

Hospital accommodation for the District is provided by the Royal Bucks and Tindal General Hospitals. Infectious disease cases are admitted to the Aylesbury Isolation Hospital.

These three hospitals are administered by the Royal Bucks and Associated Hospitals Management Committee.

Cases are admitted to the Stoke Mandeville Hospital or the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, if bed space is unavailable. Similarly, infectious disease cases are admitted to infectious disease hospitals within the Oxford region when there is no accommodation locally.

### Pathological Specimens

The majority of specimens for examination are submitted to the Pathology Laboratory, Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The services of the Public Health Laboratories at Luton and Oxford are utilised whenever necessary.

### Ambulance Services

The ambulance services in the area are the responsibility of the Bucks County Council. Six ambulances are stationed in the Borough of Aylesbury for the use of the town and surrounding district, and 1 utilicon and 4 sitting cars.

### Maternity and Child Welfare

This service is controlled by the Bucks County Council. Infant Welfare Clinics are held at Aylesbury, Brill, Long Crendon, Waddesdon, Quainton, Cuddington, Haddenham, Wendover, Whitchurch, Worminghall, Aston Clinton, Dinton, Halton, Stone, Grendon Underwood, and Westcott.

### Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation.

The Bucks County Council, being the Local Health Authority as defined by the National Health Service Act, 1946, administer this service.

### Treatment of Venereal Disease

A venereal disease clinic is held regularly at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury, where free treatment is given. This clinic is administered by the Royal Bucks and Associated Hospitals Management Committee.

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August, 1956.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF AYLESBURY

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

I have the honour to report on the work of the Inspector's  
branch of the Department for the year 1955.

H O U S I N G

The preparation of the Council's programme for slum clearance  
was completed and submitted for approval in June.

The final figure submitted to the Ministry of Housing and  
Local Government being 314 properties.

Subject to the Council being given permission to build  
sufficient new houses the probable rate of re-housing was given as:-

	<u>Families rehoused</u>
Year to August 1956	20
" " " 1957	40
" " " 1958	70
" " " 1959	100
" " " 1960	<u>100</u>
Total	<u>330</u>

At a special meeting to investigate the need for additional  
staff in the Department, it was decided to appoint a temporary  
Sanitary Inspector to assist in the inspection of properties to be  
included in the slum clearance programme. The transfer of Mr. F.  
Lee from the Housing Department for this work was subsequently  
approved, but his services were not available before the end of  
the year.

The information asked for in Circular 28/54 is given below:-

The number of houses which on inspection were  
considered to be unfit for human habitation  
(excluding Survey for 5 year programme) ... .. 12

The number of houses the defects in which were  
remedied in consequence of informal action by  
the Local Authority or their Officers ... .. 21

The number of representations made to the  
Local Authority with a view to (a) the  
serving of notices requiring the execution  
of works or (b) the making of demolition or  
closing orders ... .. 8



The number of formal notices served requiring the execution of works	...	...	3
The number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	...		17
The number of demolition or closing orders made	...	...	14
The number of houses in respect of which an Undertaking was accepted under subsection (2) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936..			-
The number of houses demolished	...	...	3

#### Improvement Grants

A further increase occurred in the number of applications received, the total for the year being 72. Of these, 7 were refused and 2 not proceeded with or withdrawn. Grants approved during the year amounted to £13,864.9s.3d. The properties were visited by your Sub-Committee prior to consideration of the applications by the full Committee.

Applicants for Grants are encouraged to discuss their proposals with your Inspectors, before submitting an application, and as a further aid some Notes have been prepared for issue with the official leaflet.

#### Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954

One Certificate of Disrepair was issued during the year.

#### WATER SUPPLY

Mains water supplied by the Bucks Water Board is available in every village with the exception of the major part of Lower Winchendon.

A small extension along the Oving Road, Whitchurch was made possible by a grant of £75 from the Council.

Consideration was given to a proposed extension to Sedrup Green, involving an expenditure of £550, but agreement on contributions from various parties could not be reached, and no action had been taken by the end of the year.

A 40 yards extension at Ickford was made possible, this ensured a supply to 2 properties and possibly to 3 more at a later date.

At Woodham a main extension was finally carried out at the Woodham Brick Company's expense to supply their new houses. This enabled a service to be taken to the Station House where conditions had been causing concern for a long time past. Although this extension was finally carried out without a grant from the Council it was preceded by considerable negotiations between your Officers the Water Board, the Woodham Brick Company and the Railway Executive.

No. of Houses in  
Rural District

No. of Houses  
with piped  
water supply

No. of Houses  
without piped  
water supply

8,829

8,504

325



FOOD INSPECTION

Slaughterhouses

There are seven private slaughterhouses licensed in the Rural District.

I am pleased to be able to report that your Officers have maintained a 100% inspection of all meat slaughtered. As the premises are widely scattered, these inspections involve a considerable amount of travelling, but in spite of this, no complaints of delay have been received from the trade.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	<u>Cattle Excluding Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Horses</u>
Number killed	223	64	40	992	929	-
Number inspected	223	64	40	992	929	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	1	2	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	27	-	-	18	19	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	12.11	-	2.5	1.92	2.26	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	7	4	-	-	32	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	3.59	6.25	-	-	3.44	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-



Number of visits to slaughterhouses	...	...	563
Total number of carcasses inspected	...	...	2,248
Total weight of meat condemned	...	...	2,179 lbs.
No. of licensed slaughtermen	...	...	18

#### Other Foods

New registrations for sale of Ice Cream were approved for 7 premises. In each case the Ice Cream being pre-packed.

The licences for sale of Tuberculin Tested, Pasteurised and Sterilized milk issued during the year were as follows:-

#### Dealer's Licences:-

Tuberculin Tested	...	...	15
Pasteurised	...	...	15

#### Supplementary Licences:-

Tuberculin Tested	...	...	10
Pasteurised	...	...	10
Sterilized	...	...	1

Action had to be taken concerning very unsatisfactory condition at a bakery towards the end of the year. The occupier being given a final notice to effect the necessary improvements in both premises and methods, before taking the case to Court.

One licence to deal in game was issued.

### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

#### Hardwick and Weedon Scheme

Negotiations for the purchase of the disposal site failed during the year, and a Compulsory Purchase Order was made.

A Public Inquiry into the Scheme and the Compulsory Purchase Order was held on 11th October, 1955 the result of which was still awaiting at the end of the year.

#### Quainton Scheme

The major part of this Scheme was completed and the new works were in operation at the end of the year. The pumping section near Quainton Station had not been taken over.

Special consideration was given to the question of properties to be included in the slum clearance programme. After inspection by a small Sub-Committee it was agreed to exclude such properties from those due to receive notice that the scavenging service would be discontinued.



### Aston Clinton, Weston Turville & Buckland Joint Disposal Works

The Council agreed to give the proposed extension to these works some priority in their programme as the work was now urgently necessary in view of the increased flow at Broughton Pumping Station and the Disposal Site.

### Wendover Disposal Works

The Consulting Engineers were asked to report on these Works and the necessary extension to deal with the greatly increased flow at this site.

### Grendon Underwood Scheme

The proposed sewerage scheme for Grendon Underwood was adopted, the estimated cost being £25,800. County Council approval was received, but the Public Inquiry had not been held by the end of the year.

### Oakley Scheme

The Council's Consulting Engineers prepared the final scheme for Oakley and this was adopted in October and submitted to the Ministry. The estimated cost is £31,000.

### Westcott Scheme

The scheme to drain Westcott Village and connect to the R.P.D. sewers for treatment at their disposal plant was adopted at an estimated cost of £8,200, and submitted to the Ministry. This scheme, though small, is of very considerable importance to the Council, owing to its effect on our labour problem.

### Long Crendon Scheme

Amendments were made to the proposed scheme for the Lower End at Long Crendon, and a new site for the Pumping Station was under investigation at the end of the year.

### Cuddington and Lower Winchendon Scheme

The Council decided to consider a Joint Scheme for these two parishes, and the Consulting Engineers were instructed to prepare the necessary details later in the year.

### Dinton Scheme

The possibilities of a gravitational scheme instead of pumping to Stone Works were investigated, but in October it was decided to go ahead with the original pumping scheme, and revised estimates were called for.



### Chilton Scheme

To deal with the problem of drainage from the School and Council Houses at Chilton an Interim Scheme (forming part of the whole) was prepared at an estimated cost of £3,080, but no progress had been made at the end of the year.

### Maintenance Works &c

The following maintenance works, and extensions were carried out or completed during the year under review:-

Wendover Sewage Works.	Conversion of sand filters to humus tanks.
Upper Winchendon, Wm. Neary Council Houses.	Drainage overflow £249.10s.0d.
Upper Winchendon, Old Council Houses.	Section of future sewer to form overflow from this site £350.10s.
Waddesdon Sewage Works.	Additional Humus Tanks £1,174.13s. New diesel sludge pump motor £67.
Whitchurch Sewerage.	Extension of sewer, Oving Road, £284.17s.0d.
Haddenham Sewerage.	Overhaul of Pumps after 20 years operation £139.10s.0d.

In addition details had been prepared for the following proposed works:-

Brae Hill Housing Site.	Pumping Station and rising main.
Stoneview Council Houses, Oving.	Overflow drain and Disposal Site (Broad irrigation).

Works on new private housing sites at Wendover involved supervision of extensions of the sewerage system amounting to 1,130 feet of 9" sewer and 722 feet of 6".

### PUBLIC CLEANSING

I am pleased to report that despite the ever present labour problem, refuse collection was again well maintained, although all machines, including the reserve Side Loader, were fully engaged, and a fair amount of overtime had to be worked. By these means complaints were kept to the minimum, although at holiday times the loss of a day or two was very difficult to make up, and at these periods some inquiries were received from householders fearing they had been missed.

During the twelve months, absences due to both illness and holidays among all the men on refuse collection, cesspool emptying and sewage disposal sites totalled 939 man-days, equivalent to nearly 3 men through the whole of the year.



The time sheets show that the 3 Paxits and one 10 cu.yd Side Loader travelled 36,781 miles during the year, taking 1,518 loads to the Tip at Hartwell.

Returns of costs of Refuse Collection and Disposal in certain Borough and Urban Authorities are published officially each year, and in response to many requests, arrangements are now being made to include Rural Districts. At the time of writing I have the figures for this district for 1955/6 which I think are highly satisfactory in view of the distances to be travelled. The following is an extract:-

Total weight of refuse collected	5,886 tons.
Weight per 1,000 population per day	10.1 cwts.
Nett cost per 1,000 population	£ 393
Nett cost per 1,000 premises	£1,471

#### Hartwell Refuse Disposal Site.

On the Tip the Chaseside, with only one man, continued to cope with all the work in a very satisfactory manner. During the year it became necessary to plan the filling of 3 more water filled pits. An overflow drain was laid from the pits to the stream which effected a considerable lowering of the general water level over the whole area. The assistance of the Fire Service was enlisted and most of the water was pumped from the 3 pits after they had been severed from the main body by an embankment of soil. From this point everything that came in was put into the pits, and although the depth and looseness of the refuse made the handling of the Chaseside very difficult, the work was satisfactorily and safely accomplished by the driver Mr. R. Parker. This operation demonstrated the value of a capable and confident operator on such a machine.

The major part of the old refuse tip at Haddenham was levelled and consolidated with a hired bulldozer, and some new mud lagoons excavated at the same time for use by the cesspool emptiers. It is hoped to complete the levelling of this area during 1956.

The disused pits at Kingswood Lane became available for use and some refuse from the western end of the district was tipped there to avoid the long haul back to Hartwell with the midday loads.

#### Salvage.

Owing to shortage of labour and lack of storage facilities little could be done in connection with waste paper recover, although the volume of paper on the tip added considerably to the work and problems of disposal. A total of £133.12s.6d. was received for salvaged paper during the year.



### Dustbin Hire Service

This service introduced late in 1954 expanded steadily during 1955. At 31st. December 850 bins had been delivered.

### Cesspool and Pail Emptying Service.

The five cesspool emptying vehicles operating this service removed 6,477 loads of sewage, and dealt with the weekly cleansing of approximately 1,200 pail closets. Mileage for the year totalled 51,634. The difficulty in finding tips for disposing of cesspool contents continues. A few sites at convenient points would save much wasteful travelling time, and permit increased service to be given. One or two farmers whose help is greatly appreciated, provide very welcome opportunity for disposal on their land, but facilities are badly needed in the following parishes:- Wendover, Aston Clinton, Broughton, Hardwick, Dinton, Stone, Chearsley and Oakley.

### Costs.

The total expenditure on pail closet and cesspool emptying amounted to £8,312.17s.3d. for the year.

With the help of the Finance Department I have been able to make some comparison of costs between the pre-war period and the present time.

In 1936 pail emptying was carried out in the restricted area of one parish at an average cost of 2.06d. per pail. Today the service extends over a wide area entailing considerable travelling apart from the other obvious increases. I therefore feel that the current figure of 7.92d. is quite satisfactory.

The average cost of removing a load of sewage today is £1. In 1936 it was approximately 5/-.

### Special Work

A limited amount of special work by Cesspool Emptiers is undertaken at a set scale of charges. Income during 1955 amounted to £137.7s.0d.

### Vehicle Depot

Further consideration was given to securing adequate accommodation for the vehicles stationed at Hartwell. It was finally decided to prepare plans for a depot on the Disposal Site after agreement had been reached on extension of the Council's Lease. The old buildings were broken into on a number of occasions and although damage was done, the vehicles were fortunately not affected. It is to be hoped that next year the safe and adequate housing of these vehicles can be reported.

## NEW BUILDINGS

During the year 575 plans were received, examined and reported upon.

These are summarised below:-

### Building Byelaws - Town & Country Planning Act

#### Dwelling Houses

New	85 for 217 houses
Layout plans	2 for 197 houses
Outline applications	99
Conversions	8
Alterations and Additions	90
No. of Private Enterprise Dwellinghouses completed	113

#### Industrial

New Factories and Workshops	1
Alterations and Additions to Factories and Workshops	5
Outline applications	3

#### Miscellaneous

Agricultural Buildings	25
Private Garages	79
Caravans	18
Others	46

The visits recorded in the summary at the end of this report gives some indication of the time required to deal with the inspection of new building work.

During the year 220 houses were completed. Of this number 107 were Council Houses, bringing the Council's Post-war total to 1,203.

## PETROLEUM STORAGE

A total of 82 Licences to store petroleum were issued during the year.

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

Inspections and treatment of premises under this Act is carried out by one operator. The service is free in the case of private houses, but where treatment is undertaken at business premises a small charge is made.



# VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

					1955
New Buildings	...	...	...	...	1,162
Dangerous Buildings	...	...	...	...	6
Ditches	...	...	...	...	15
Drain Tests	...	...	...	...	..259
Drainage	...	...	...	...	570
Factories	...	...	...	...	7
Food Premises and Food Inspection	...	...	...	...	88
Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	285
Improvement Grants, Housing Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	490
Infestation and Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	5
Levelling	...	...	...	...	27
Milk Regulations	...	...	...	...	18
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	169
Movable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	33
Nuisances	...	...	...	...	54
Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	...	24
Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	138
Refuse Collection and Scavenging	...	...	...	...	175
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	652
Sanitary Surveys	...	...	...	...	2
Sewage Works	...	...	...	...	232
Sewerage	...	...	...	...	258
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	563
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	43
Water Samples	...	...	...	...	4

## STAFF

In March the General Purposes Committee of the Council considered the need for additional staff in the Department. It was decided to appoint one additional Sanitary Inspector to the permanent staff, and one temporary Inspector to assist in the inspection of properties in the slum clearance programme.

Mr. M. A. Belton was appointed to the permanent position, moving here from Banbury in October.

The transfer of Mr. F. Lee from the Housing Department for the temporary appointment was approved, but had not taken place at the end of the year.

Mr. A. Simpson, Junior Clerk, left the service of the Council in May. This vacancy was filled by Mr. G. Jennings.

Finally I would like to express my appreciation of the help and assistance given me by the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, and also of the loyal co-operation of the staff of the Department.

Your Obedient Servant,

R. A. CANT

Chief Sanitary Inspector  
and Surveyor.