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CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR 1955.

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GATE HOUSE,  
CHEPSTOW, MON.

NOVEMBER 1956.

TEL. NO. 2657.

CHEPSTOW                  URBAN                  DISTRICT                  COUNCIL.

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OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Clerk and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. A. Gill.

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector. Mr. E.McC. Taylor.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector. Mr. D.J. Turner.

Rating Officer and Collector. Mr. W.A. Hood.

Medical Officer of Health. Dr. E.N. Dowell.

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CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.



Gate House,  
CHEPSTOW, Mon.

November, 1956.

To:- The Chairman and Members of the  
Chepstow Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your District for the year ended 31st December, 1955.

The health of the district is satisfactory.

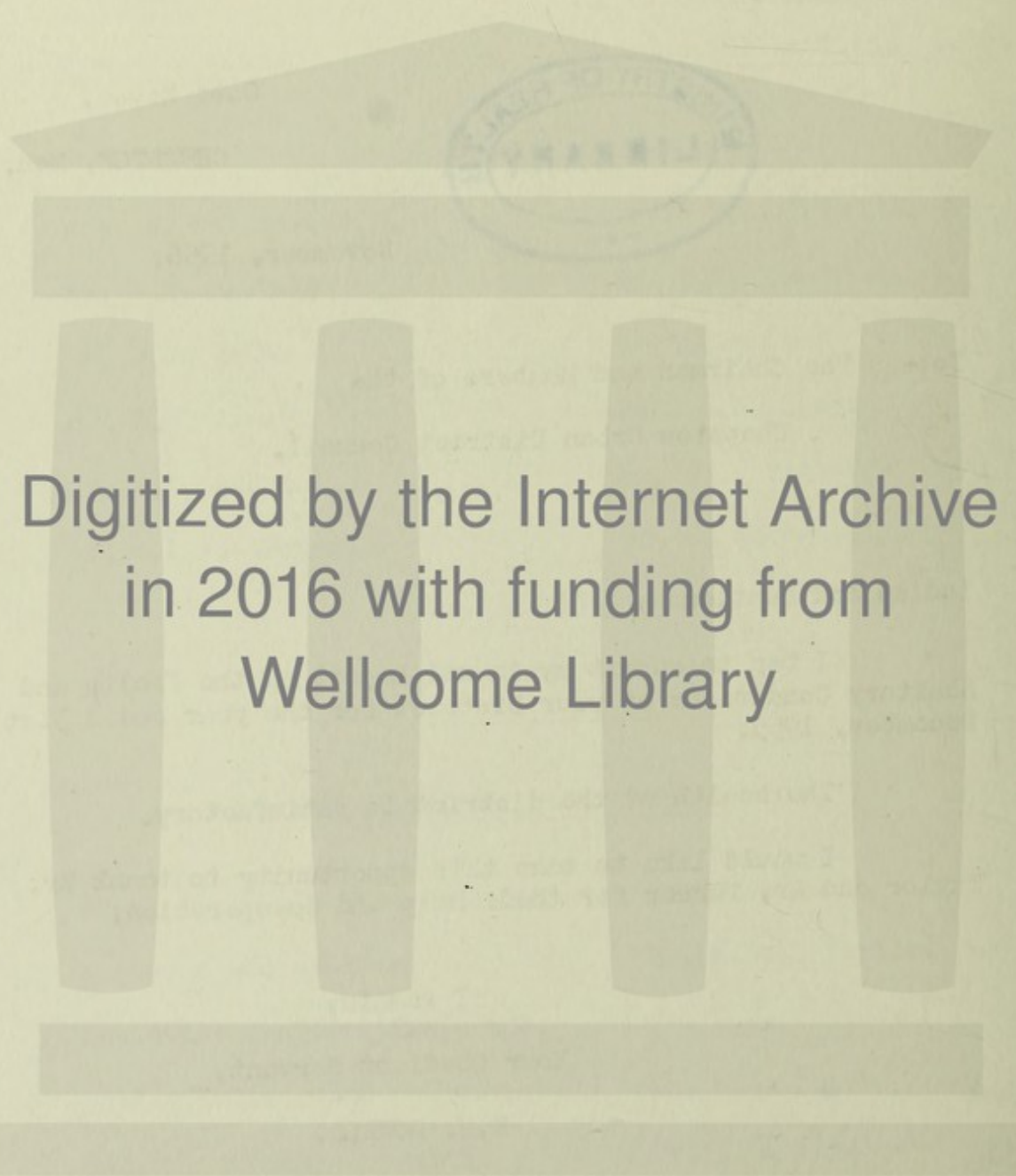
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Taylor and Mr. Turner for their help and co-operation.

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

E.N. DOWELL.

Medical Officer of Health.



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VITAL STATISTICS.

Area (Acres)	1,350
Population. 1931 Census.	4,303
Registrar General's estimate Mid 1953.	5,791
Registrar General's estimate Mid 1954.	5,870
Registrar General's estimate Mid 1955.	5,930
Number of Inhabited Houses.	1,628
Rateable Value @ 1st April 1955.	£35,986
Product of 1d. Rate    Actual 1954/55. -	£139. 2.    6.
Actual 1955/56. -	£137. 1.    4.

BIRTHS.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>			
Legitimate.	46	43	89
Illegitimate.		4	4

There were 106 live births in 1954 and 81 in 1952.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
<u>STILL BIRTHS.</u>			
Legitimate.	4	2	6

There was only one still birth in 1954.

INFANT MORTALITY.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
<u>Deaths of Infants under one year of age.</u>			
Legitimate.	2	2	4



The following gives a list of infant deaths under one year of age: giving age at and cause of death:-

- |       |         |           |   |
|-------|---------|-----------|---|
| (i)   | Female  | 12 hours. | I.a. Atelectasis.<br>b. Congenital Heart.                             |
| (ii)  | Male    | 8 hours.  | I.a. Atelectasis.<br>b. Blue Asphyxia.                                |
| (iii) | Male    | 2 months. | I.a. Terminal bronchopneumonia.<br>b. Acute Bronchitis.               |
| (iv)  | Female. | 1 year.   | Pneumothorax due to infiltration of the lung by a mediastinal tumour. |

In 1954 there was only one death under 1 year. In 1952 there were 5 deaths.

#### DEATHS.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
Deaths.	60	25	85

There were 98 deaths in 1953 and 59 in 1951 and 1952.

As in 1954, 1953 and 1952, there were no deaths attributed to Pregnancy, Childbirth, or Abortion.

In 1953 there were 3 deaths attributed to malignant neoplasm of the bronchus and 26 to vascular lesions of the nervous system, 15 males and 11 females. The deaths attributed to coronary disease were 7 males and 2 females in 1954.

Of the total deaths, 39 were 70 years or over at the time of death.

## GENERAL EPIDEMIOLOGY.

### DIPHTHERIA.

As in 1953 and 1954 there were no cases notified.

### IMMUNISATION.

Of the children born in the years 1954, 1953, 1952 and 1951, at the end of the year 43, 49, 46 and 38 were immunised. At the end of 1954 the numbers immunised for these years were : 1, 39, 43 and 36.

In 1954 the total number of live births was 106. In 1953 and 1952 the total number of live births was 94 and 81 respectively. This percentage of immunisation is still too low. It was hoped to secure the immunisation of not less than 75% of babies before their first birthday.

Six babies born in 1955 were immunised by the end of the year.

Owing to the occurrence within a fortnight of three cases of paralytic poliomyelitis in Monmouthshire, a letter from the County Medical Officer on the 28.7.55., suggested that all vaccinations and immunisations should be discontinued until the beginning of October.

On the 9.8.55., owing to the occurrence of poliomyelitis in the area, a circular letter was sent to all medical practitioners in the area asking them to co-operate with us by postponing all vaccinations and immunisations until the beginning of October.

Vaccinations and immunisations were commenced again on the 1. 10. 55.

### SCARLET FEVER.

Four cases were notified. There were no cases notified in 1954 and 8 in 1952.

### MEASLES.

Thirty cases were notified. In 1954 there was one notification compared with 22 in 1953.

### WHOOPIING COUGH.

There were no notifications and only 2 in 1954.

Immunisation against Whooping Cough was commenced in the area in May, 1955. Children were immunised against Whooping Cough alone and in combination with Diphtheria vaccine. By the end of the year 29 children were immunised against Whooping Cough with the combined vaccine.



## POLIOMYELITIS.

There was one notification. This occurred in a boy aged 2 years and it was reported that his playmate was in an Isolation Hospital in Bournemouth with Poliomyelitis. No notification was received but further inquiry confirmed this report.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

### Primary Notifications.

The following were the notifications of new cases received during the year:-

(i)	Male	-	age 38 years.	Lungs.
(ii)	Male	-	age 35 years.	Lungs.
(iii)	Male	-	age 61 years.	Lungs.
(iv)	Male	-	age 32 years.	Lungs.
(v)	Male	-	age 4 years.	Lungs.
(vi)	Female	-	age 24 years.	Lungs.

In 1952 and 1954 7 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified.

There were 3 deaths attributed to Pulmonary Tuberculosis. There were no deaths in 1954, 1953 or 1952.

ANALYSIS OF TOTAL CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (OTHER THAN  
TUBERCULOSIS) ACCORDING TO AGE GROUPS.

DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED AGE GROUPS.							
	Under 1 yr.	1 2	3 4	5 9	10 14	15 20	25 and over.	TOTAL All ages.
Diphtheria.								
Scarlat fever.				2	1	1		4
Pneumonia.								
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.								
Acute Poliomyelitis.		1						1
Enceph. Icthergica.								
Dysentery.								
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.								
Puerperal Pyrexia.								
Mosles and German Measles.		4	11	15				30
Whooping Cough.								
Erysipelas.								
Other diseases.								
TOTAL:		5	11	17	1	1		35



10/10/1918.

There was one infection. This was a boy and he was reported that his parents had been in contact with the patient with influenza. The patient was reported to have been infected by the boy.

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The following were the patients who were infected during the season:

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Date of infection	Date of recovery	Remarks
(1) John	10	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(2) Mary	12	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(3) John	15	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(4) Mary	18	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(5) John	20	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(6) Mary	22	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(7) John	25	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(8) Mary	28	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(9) John	30	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(10) Mary	32	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(11) John	35	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(12) Mary	38	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(13) John	40	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(14) Mary	42	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(15) John	45	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(16) Mary	48	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(17) John	50	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(18) Mary	52	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(19) John	55	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(20) Mary	58	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(21) John	60	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(22) Mary	62	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(23) John	65	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(24) Mary	68	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(25) John	70	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(26) Mary	72	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(27) John	75	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(28) Mary	78	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(29) John	80	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(30) Mary	82	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(31) John	85	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(32) Mary	88	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(33) John	90	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(34) Mary	92	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(35) John	95	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(36) Mary	98	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(37) John	100	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(38) Mary	102	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(39) John	105	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(40) Mary	108	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(41) John	110	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(42) Mary	112	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(43) John	115	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(44) Mary	118	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(45) John	120	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(46) Mary	122	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(47) John	125	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(48) Mary	128	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(49) John	130	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(50) Mary	132	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(51) John	135	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(52) Mary	138	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(53) John	140	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(54) Mary	142	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(55) John	145	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(56) Mary	148	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(57) John	150	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(58) Mary	152	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(59) John	155	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(60) Mary	158	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(61) John	160	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(62) Mary	162	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(63) John	165	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(64) Mary	168	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(65) John	170	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(66) Mary	172	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(67) John	175	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(68) Mary	178	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(69) John	180	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(70) Mary	182	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(71) John	185	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(72) Mary	188	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(73) John	190	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(74) Mary	192	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(75) John	195	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(76) Mary	198	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(77) John	200	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(78) Mary	202	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(79) John	205	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(80) Mary	208	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(81) John	210	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(82) Mary	212	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(83) John	215	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(84) Mary	218	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(85) John	220	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(86) Mary	222	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(87) John	225	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(88) Mary	228	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(89) John	230	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(90) Mary	232	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(91) John	235	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(92) Mary	238	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(93) John	240	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(94) Mary	242	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(95) John	245	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(96) Mary	248	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(97) John	250	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(98) Mary	252	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(99) John	255	M	School boy	10/10/18	10/15/18	
(100) Mary	258	F	School girl	10/10/18	10/15/18	

The following were the patients who were infected during the season:

REPORT MADE BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE HOSPITAL, 10/10/18.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31st DECEMBER, 1955.

HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

The regular and systematic inspection of premises was carried out during the year as required by the Public Health and Housing Acts, and Statutory nuisances found as a result of these inspections were entirely abated without resort to formal action on behalf of the Council.

Systematic inspection of houses coming within the scope of the Housing Acts was carried out during the year, and a Schedule has been prepared setting out the houses which come within the provisions of the Act relating to Clearance Areas and Individually Unfit Houses, and whilst the Council have not been in a position to take formal action in this respect, it is hoped that within a period of two years the re-housing of the tenants from these houses will be practicable. A number of houses which upon inspection were found to be in need of repair, have been rendered fit as a result of informal action by the Council's Officers.

Only one application was made to the Council for a Grant under the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, and it is to be regretted that other Owners of properties which lack modern amenities do not seek aid, as only in this way will a large number of substantially built houses lacking modern standards of convenience, be available for letting to younger married couples.

MILK SUPPLY.

No. of Wholesale Producers within the Urban District.	3
No. of Retail Purveyors within the Urban District.	1
No. of Retail Purveyors outside the District selling within the area.	4

MILK (Special Designations) Orders.

No. of Producers of Tuberculin Tested Milk.	1
No. of Retailers of Tuberculin Tested Milk.	4
No. of Pastourising Establishments.	1
No. of Retailers of Pastourised Milk.	4

The whole of the milk supplied within the Urban Area is either Tuberculin Tested, Tuberculin Tested (Pastourised), or Pastourised.

A number of samples of milk were taken during the year for examination by the Phosphatase Test or Methylene Blue Reduction Test, and in every case the milk was found to be satisfactory.

No samples of milk were submitted for biological examination.



#### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

No extensions were made during the year to the Council's sewerage system.

#### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Almost the whole of the dwelling houses within the Urban District are provided with water closets connected up to the Council's sewerage system. A small number of dwellings are drained into cesspools, but as these are situated in the sparsely populated parts of the District no trouble is experienced.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply to the District is supplied by a Private Company, and is derived from three sources in the Chopstow Park area within the Chopstow Rural District. All water is subjected to chlorination by the "Chloramine" process. The supply is adequate, and routine samples are taken for both chemical and bacteriological examinations.

Samples taken during the year showed that the water was suitable for a public and domestic supply.

The water is not subject to Plumbo-solvency.

#### SWIMMING AND BATHING POOLS.

There are no swimming or bathing pools within the Urban District.

#### SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action was found necessary by the Council or their Officers in connection with Smoke Abatement.

#### VERMINOUS PREMISES.

Fourteen premises were found to be verminous during the year, and works of disinfection were carried out by the Local Authority.

# FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACTS.

The undermentioned visits were carried out during the year in connection with the administration of the Factories and Workshops Acts:-

## PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises. (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register. (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Insp. (4)	Written Notices. (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections, 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	6	4	-	Nil	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	2	32	28	-	Nil	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	3	-	-	-	Nil	3
TOTAL:		48	32	-	Nil	



2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

Particulars	M/c line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				No. of cases in which prosecut- ions were instituted. (7)	M/c line No.
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred To H.M. Insp. (5)	By H.M. Insp. (6)		
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	4						4
Overcrowding (S.2).	5						5
Unrenewable temperature (S.3)	6						6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	7						7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	8						8
Sanitary Conveniences(S.7.)							
(a) Insufficient	9						9
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10						10
(c) Not separate for sexes	11						11
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork).	12						12
TOTAL:	60						60

# NOTICES SERVED.

Preliminary Notices served	...	99
Preliminary Notices abated	...	25
Preliminary Notices partly abated	...	17
Statutory Notices served	...	Nil.
Statutory Notices abated	...	Nil.

## General Inspections.

Council house repairs, rehousing etc.	...	122
Drainage	...	92
Animal feeding	...	5
Factories	...	35
Rodent infestation	...	
Verminous premises	...	14
Infectious disease	...	2
Slaughterhouse	...	127
Food Shops	...	63
Bakehouses	...	6
Visits re unsound food	...	36
Water and milk samples	....	
Offensive accumulations	...	5
Public Utilities Street Works	...	18
Dangerous buildings	...	5
Rag and Bone merchants	...	5
Refuse collection and disposal	...	18
Dirty Premises	...	2
Offensive smells	...	5
Hospital kitchens	...	2
Miscellaneous	...	67
Interviews	...	85
HOUSING (Public Health and Housing Acts)	...	263
HOUSING No of inspections made for that purpose	...	256



MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION.

	Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	45	2	12	334	5	-
Number inspected	45	2	12	334	5	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.						
Whole carcass condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	6	-	-	12	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease, other than Tub- erculosis and cysticerci.	13.3	-	-	3.5	-	-
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	4.4	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	3	-	-	-	-	-

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION (Contd).

	Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	3	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of visits to Slaughterhouse ... 127



CONDEMNATION OF UNSOUND FOOD.

	Tons	Cwts	Qrs.	Lbs.
<u>TUBERCULOSIS.</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned		4	2	16
Meat			1	22
Offal			1	7
TOTAL:		5	1	17
<u>NON-TUBERCULOSIS.</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Meat		1	1	20
Offal		1	1	16
TOTAL:		2	3	8
Total amount -- Tuberculosis and Non Tuberculosis:		8	-	25
<u>OTHER FOODS.</u>				
Bacon				31
Chicken				23
Cheese				82
Sausage (Beef)				12
Sausage (Pork)				6
Ox Tongue				28
Cooked Ham				136
		2	3	10

TINS - 421.

PACKETS - 1.

### CATTLE MARKET.

The Council control the Cattle Market, markets being held on alternate Mondays.

Animals entering the Market during the twelve months ending the 31st December, 1955, were as follows:-

<u>CATTLE.</u>	<u>CALVES.</u>	<u>SHEEP.</u>	<u>PIGS.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
675	688	5,882	2,018	9,261.

### REFUSE COLLECTION.

Domestic and trade refuse is collected twice weekly from all premises with a more frequent collection for the business premises in the Town centre.

Disposal is effected by tipping in a large depression adjacent to the Chepstow Racecourse, which should meet the needs of the District for many years.

The collection of waste paper is carried out regularly, but owing to the rather low and fluctuating price of waste paper, some difficulty was experienced in disposing of same.









