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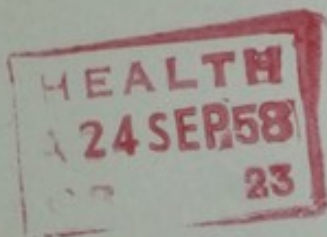
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*BOROUGH OF BANBURY*



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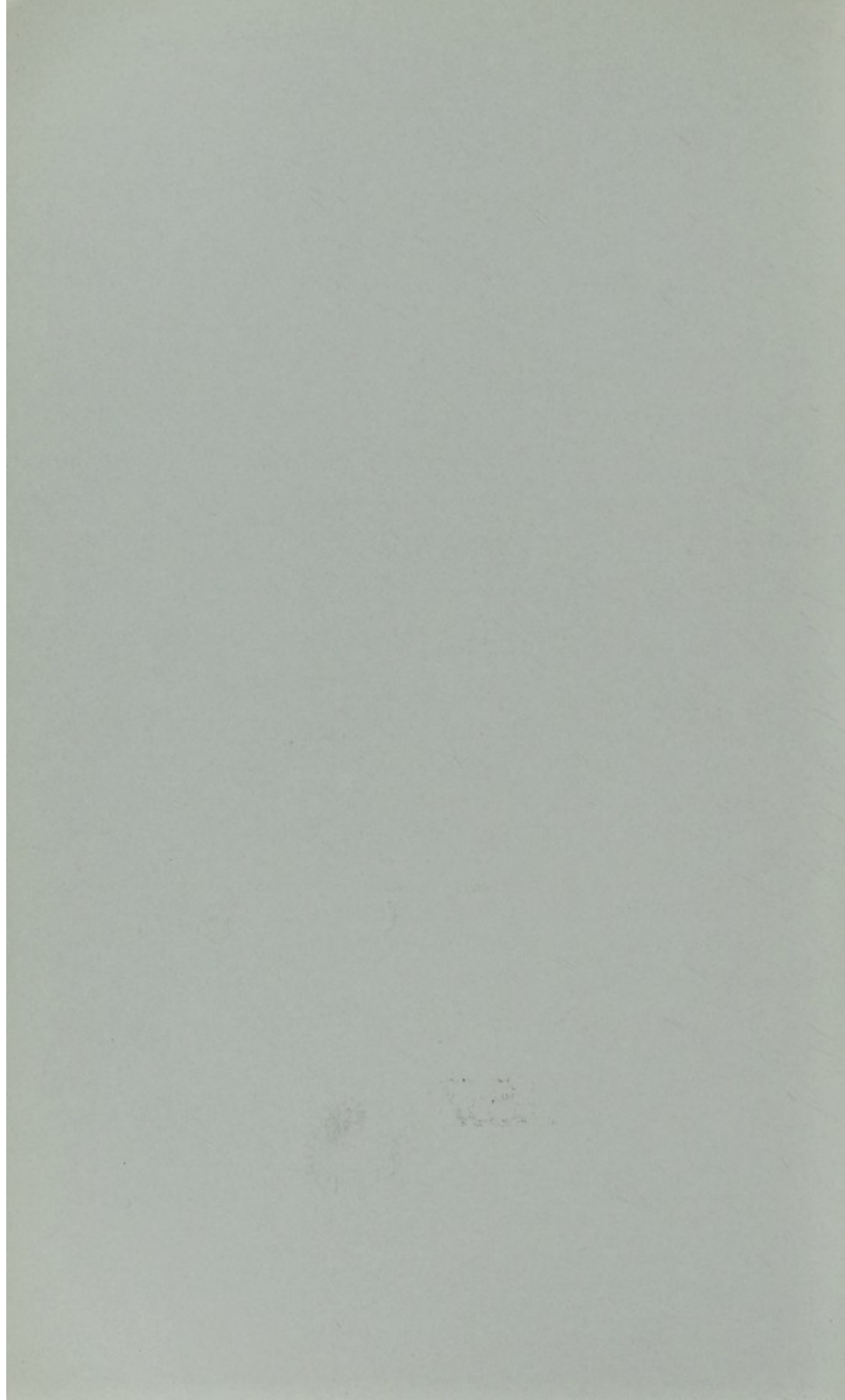
**Medical Officer of Health**

and

**Chief Public Health Inspector**

**For the Year**

**1957**



**BOROUGH OF BANBURY**

*Mayor-*

**COUNCILLOR MALCOLM SPOKES, J.P.**

*Deputy Mayor-*

**ALDERMAN R. B. MILLER, J.P.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

*Chairman* ALDERMAN T. HASKINS, C.C.

*Vice-Chairman* - COUNCILLOR MRS. WALKLETT, J.P.

ALDERMAN MRS. CHILTON.

COUNCILLOR MISS BUSTIN.

COUNCILLOR CLARIDGE.

COUNCILLOR DREW.

COUNCILLOR FRISWELL.

COUNCILLOR GILKES.

COUNCILLOR PLUMB.

COUNCILLOR PORTERGILL.

COUNCILLOR REES.

COUNCILLOR WALKLETT.

*Town Clerk and Clerk of the Peace* - F.G.E. BOYS, Solicitor.

**STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

*Medical Officer of Health.*

A.J. CAMPBELL, B.Sc. (Oxon), M.D. (St. And.), D.P.H., Barrister - at -  
Law, Middle Temple.

*Chief Public Health Inspector and Certified Meat Inspector.*

F. APPLEYARD, D.P.A. (Lond.), F.R.S.H., A.M.I.S.E., M.I.H. (Hons.),  
M.A.P.H.I.

*Senior Additional Public Health Inspector and Certified Meat Inspector.*

C.R. PALING, M.A.P.H.I.

*Additional Public Health Inspectors and Certified Meat Inspectors.*

D.H. HIBBERT, M.A.P.H.I. (Resigned March, 1957).

H. PHILLIPS, M.A.P.H.I.

C.N. BAYLIS, (Appointed June, 1957).

*Clerk.*

Miss J.G. Rix, (Shorthand Typist) - Resigned June, 1957.

Miss E.M. Watts, (Typist-Clerk) - Appointed June, 1957.

*Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Act and Orders.*

G. Stevens.

*Rodent Officer and Disinfection Officer.*

G. Lampitt.

*Manager of Public Slaughterhouse.*

T.W. Pargeter, (Resigned October, 1957).

P.J. Kearse, (Appointed October, 1957).



**To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the  
Borough of Banbury.**

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my twenty-first Annual Report which records the Health Services for which the Borough Council is responsible during 1957. The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

**Vital Statistics.**

The Birth Rate was 17.8 in 1957 compared with 16.5 in 1956 and 16.1 in England and Wales. The Still Birth Rate was 17 per 1,000. (England and Wales 22.4 per 1,000). The Death Rate was 9.6 per 1,000 compared with 10.6 in 1956 and 11.5 in England and Wales.

**CAUSES OF DEATH.**

***Heart Disease.***

There were 46 deaths from diseases of the Heart and Circulatory System. This is a very much lower figure than 1956 - when it was 88. There were 26 deaths from Coronary Thrombosis as compared with 37 in 1956. Normally about 50 per cent of all deaths from Heart Disease are due to Coronary Thrombosis. The death rate from this disease has increased considerably of recent years; the exact reasons for this have not yet been fully elucidated but it would appear that a large animal fat content in the diet, lack of exercise and general nervous strain may be factors.

***Cancer.***

26 deaths occurred in 1957 compared with 32 in 1956. The sites involved were:

|            |         |           |                  |
|------------|---------|-----------|------------------|
| Stomach 3. | Lung 4. | Breast 5. | Other Organs 14. |
|------------|---------|-----------|------------------|

The deaths from Cancer of the Lung in England and Wales was 426 per 1,000,000; in Banbury it was 160 per 1,000,000. There were 4 deaths from this cause in 1957 compared with 7 in 1956. The importance of cigarette smoking in this connection has been emphasised in previous reports. The Ministry and the Central Council for Health Education are now taking active steps to bring this before the public.

***Vascular Diseases of Nervous System.***

32 deaths occurred compared with 29 the previous year.

***Tuberculosis.***

There were two deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis during the year - this gives a death rate of 100 per million. (England and Wales 95). There were no deaths from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis (England and Wales 12 per million).

During the year a Mass Radiography survey was carried out at a large factory in the town. 2210 miniature films were taken. Only one case of inactive Tuberculosis was discovered.



Under the Milk Special Designations (Specified Areas) Order 1957 the Borough of Banbury is included in Area No. 5 as an area in which the use of a special designation - Pasteurised, Sterilised or Tuberculin-tested became obligatory in the case of all sales of milk intended for human consumption.

This should go along way towards reducing the incidence of bovine Tuberculosis in the Borough. Children between the ages of 13 and 14 are now immunised for Tuberculosis with B. C. G. vaccine. Consent for this was obtained in 83 per cent of cases. It will of course be some years before one can reasonably expect a lowered incidence of the disease from this procedure.

#### **Infant Mortality.**

The Infant Mortality rate was 14.3 per 1,000 compared with 28.2 per 1,000 in 1956 and 23 in England and Wales.

#### **Housing.**

This is dealt with fully in Section D of the report and also in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector. 112 houses were dealt with under the Slum Clearance programme during the year. 94 as Clearance Areas or Compulsory Purchase Orders and 18 as Individual Unfit Houses. An Inquiry by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government was held in July 1957 and details of the Ministry's decisions are given in Section D. It is anticipated that a further 63 houses will be represented in 1958 but owing to the reduced allocation of houses by the Ministry it seems likely that the Slum Clearance work will be held up.

The housing position in the Borough is still very acute and there is at present very little hope of an immediate improvement. Caravans are still a serious problem. The site in the Marshes is expected to be ready for licensing in 1958 and this should improve the position considerably.

#### **Infectious Diseases.**

The incidence of notifiable disease in the Borough was relatively low. Although 1957 was not an epidemic year for Measles 71 cases occurred. There was a mild outbreak of Sonne Dysentery in the early spring when 23 cases occurred. There were 15 cases of Scarlet Fever.

No cases of Poliomyelitis occurred in 1957. Vaccination for this disease continued, but was seriously restricted by lack of vaccine. 517 children were immunised. Vaccinations were only carried out in children born in certain years in accordance with the Ministry's instructions. It is hoped that in 1958 supplies will be sufficient for all children under 15.

There have been no cases of Diphtheria in the Borough since 1950.

#### **Food Hygiene.**

Six cases of infection by food poisoning organisms occurred in 1957. None of these were traced to food and no actual outbreaks of Food Poisoning occurred. It does appear



from laboratory investigations that carriers of these organisms appear to be increasing. *Staphylococci* (from boils) etc. also cause food poisoning and recently outbreaks have occurred from organisms of the gas-gangrene groups. In view of all this it is therefore necessary to emphasise the warning given in previous reports regarding the special vigilance and care which must be taken by all who handle food.

Under the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, Public Health Inspectors are required to visit food shops, hotels, restaurants, cafes and also school and factory canteens, childrens' and old peoples' homes where cooking and preparation of food is carried out. 1454 such visits were carried out in 1957 and the improvements effected are detailed in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector. Valuable educational work has been done by the Public Health Inspectors during these visits.

#### **Staff.**

During the year Mr. Hibbert, Additional Public Health Inspector left the service of the Council to take up the post of Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector for the Borough of Goole and was replaced by Mr. C.N. Baylis.

I should again like to pay tribute to the work of the Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. F. Appleyard for the capable and efficient administration of his department and to his staff for their loyal support. I should also like to thank the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee, the Town Clerk and other officers of the Council for their valuable co-operation.

Lastly, although not on the staff of the Council, I should like to mention the work of the three Health Visitors for the Banbury area. All of their work is of the greatest importance in Public Health and in many respects is in close touch with the work of the Public Health Inspectors. I should like to record my appreciation of the efficient way in which they have carried out their duties during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

A.J. CAMPBELL.

Medical Officer of Health.

## SECTION A.

### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

|                                      |     |     |     |     |              |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| Area                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5,051 acres. |
| Population (1951 Census)             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18,917       |
| Population (1957 Estimated Reg. Gen) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19,430       |
| Rateable Value                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | £284,705     |
| Product of Penny rate                | ... | ... | ... | ... | £1,160       |

#### Extracts from Vital Statistics for the year 1957.

##### Live births.

|              | Males.     | Females.   | Total.     |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Legitimate   | 180        | 145        | 325        |
| Illegitimate | 12         | 11         | 23         |
| Total:       | <u>192</u> | <u>156</u> | <u>348</u> |

BIRTH RATE per 1,000 of Estimated Population ... 17.8  
(England and Wales - 16.1).

##### Stillbirths.

|              | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|--------------|--------|----------|--------|
| Legitimate   | 3      | 2        | 5      |
| Illegitimate | -      | 1        | 1      |

RATE per 1,000 (Live and Stillbirths) ... 17.0  
(England and Wales - 22.4 - per 1,000).

##### Deaths.

|        | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| Deaths | 93     | 95       | 188    |

DEATH RATE per 1,000 of Estimated Population ... 9.6  
(England and Wales - 11.5).

##### Death Rate of Infants under One Year of Age.

|   | Number. | Rate. |
|---|---------|-------|
| All Infants per 1,000 Live Births                       | 5       | 14.3  |
| Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births     | 5       | 15.3  |
| Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births | Nil     | Nil   |

(England and Wales - 23 per 1000).

##### Causes of Death of Infants under One Year of Age.

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Causes: Legitimate: Broncho Pneumonia | 1 |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage                  | 1 |
| Endocarditis                          | 1 |
| Prematurity                           | 2 |

##### Causes of Death, 1957.

|                               | Male. | Female. |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------|
| 1. Tuberculosis - respiratory | 1     | 1       |
| 3. Syphilitic disease         | 1     |         |
| 6. Meningococcal infections   | 1     |         |



| <b>Causes of Death 1957.</b>                |     | <b>Male.</b> | <b>Female.</b> |
|---|-----|--------------|----------------|
| 9. Other infective and parasitic diseases   |     | 1            |                |
| 10. Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach            | ... | 2            | 1              |
| 11. Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus     | ... | 3            | 1              |
| 12. Malignant Neoplasm - Breast             | ... |              | 5              |
| 14. Other malignant and lymphatic Neoplasms |     | 5            | 9              |
| 15. Leukaemia                               | ... | 1            |                |
| 17. Vascular lesions of Nervous System      | ... | 11           | 21             |
| 18. Coronary disease, Angina                | ... | 16           | 10             |
| 19. Hypertension with Heart Disease         | ... | 1            | 1              |
| 20. Other Heart Disease                     | ... | 12           |                |
| 21. Other Circulatory Disease               | ... | 3            | 3              |
| 22. Influenza                               | ... | 4            | 2              |
| 23. Pneumonia                               | ... | 9            | 5              |
| 24. Bronchitis                              | ... | 5            | 3              |
| 25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System    | ... | 1            | 1              |
| 26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum           | ... | 2            |                |
| 28. Nephritis and Nephrosis                 | ... | 1            |                |
| 29. Hyperplasia of prostate                 | ... | 3            |                |
| 32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases  |     | 8            | 9              |
| 33. Motor Vehicle Accidents                 | ... | 1            |                |
| 34. All other accidents                     | ... | 1            | 2              |
| <b>Total - All Causes</b>                   |     | <b>93</b>    | <b>95</b>      |
| Deaths from Cancer (all ages)               |     |              | 26             |
| Whooping Cough (all ages)                   |     |              | Nil            |
| Measles (all ages)                          |     |              | Nil            |

#### **Classification of Cancer Deaths.**

|        | <b>M.</b> | <b>F.</b> |             | <b>M.</b> | <b>F.</b> |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Breast | -         | 5         | Stomach     | 2         | 1         |
| Uterus | -         | -         | Other Sites | 5         | 9         |
| Lung   | 3         | 1         |             |           |           |

### **SECTION B.**

#### **GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.**

##### **1. Staff of the Public Health Department.**

A list of members of the staff of the Public Health Department is given at the beginning of this report.

##### **(a) Laboratory Facilities.**

Laboratory work for the Borough is carried out at:-

- (a) The Public Health Laboratory, Walton Street, Oxford.
- (b) Horton General Hospital, Banbury.
- (c) Counties Public Health Laboratory, 66, Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1. (Water Examinations only).

The greater part of the work is now carried out at the Horton General Hospital.

Full details of this are not available.



The following are the details of the work carried out during 1957, as far as public health specimens are concerned.

|                        |                         |    |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----|
| FAECES .....           | Number examined.....    | 36 |
|                        | Positive for Shigella   | 22 |
|                        | Positive for Salmonella | 4  |
| OTHER EXAMINATIONS ... |                         | 6  |

#### (b) Nursing in the Home.

Facilities are provided by the County Council under Section 25, National Health Service Act, 1946, through the agency of the Oxfordshire Nursing Federation.

#### (c) Clinics and Treatment Centres.

| <u>CLINIC</u>                        | <u>PLACE</u>                       | <u>TIME</u>  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Maternity & Child Welfare Clinic. | School Clinic<br>Warwick Road.     | Tuesday and Friday<br>2.30 p.m.  |
| 2. Ante-Natal Clinic.                | Neithrop Hospital<br>Warwick Road. | Wednesday morning by<br>appointment.                                       |
| 3. School Clinic.                    | School Clinic.                     | Each weekday 9 a.m.<br>also Tuesday 2 p.m.                                 |
| 4. Child Guidance Clinic.            | " "                                | Thursday 10.30 a.m.  |
| 5. Speech Clinic.                    | " "                                | Wednesday 10 a.m.  |
| 6. Eye Clinic.                       | Horton Hospital.                   | Monday 10 a.m.   |
| 7. Orthopaedic Clinic.               | " "                                | Thursdays (1st & 3rd)<br>2.30 p.m.   |
| 8. Tuberculosis Clinic.              | " "                                | Thursdays 1 p.m.   |
| 9. V.D. Clinic.                      | Radcliffe Infirmary<br>Oxford.     | Males - Wed. 6 p.m.<br>Sat. 3 p.m.<br>Females - Mon. 6 p.m.<br>Wed. 3 p.m. |
| 10. Diphtheria Immunisation.         | School Clinic<br>Warwick Road.     | Every Tuesday 3 p.m.   |
| 11. Whooping Cough Immunisation.     | School Clinic<br>Warwick Road.     | Every Tuesday 3 p.m.   |
| 12. Poliomyelitis Immunisation.      | School Clinic<br>Warwick Road.     | By appointment.  |

**Puerperal Pyrexia** - No cases occurred during the year.

**Maternal Deaths** - There were no maternal deaths during the year.

#### Illegitimate Children.

There were 23 illegitimate births during the year. Of these none died before reaching the age of one year. This represents an Infant Mortality Rate of 0 per 1,000 as against 15.3 for legitimate children.

#### National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47.

No action has been necessary in the Borough during the year.



## SECTION C.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

#### 1. Water Supply.

Water for the Borough was, up to the end of 1946, supplied by the Banbury Water Company but, during that year, a Bill was passed by Parliament under which the Town Council acquired the undertaking as from the 1st January, 1947 (Banbury Corporation Act, 1946).

The water supply is from the River Cherwell at Grimsbury and the Sor Brook at Bodicote; it is treated by settlement filtration and chlorination. During 1957 the supply was constant and sufficient.

During the year 68 samples of water were taken for chemical and bacteriological examination. All were reported to be satisfactory and suitable for a public supply.

With the exception of a few houses on the outskirts of the town (21 separate premises), all are on the public supply.

#### 2. Drainage and Sewerage.

During the year substantial progress was again made in the carrying out of the new surface water drainage scheme and the sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for the Borough. Both these schemes, when completed, will be very great improvements from the Public Health angle and will provide facilities for the natural expansion of the Borough as well as bringing the sewerage disposal arrangements up-to-date. Drainage work carried out under the supervision of the Department during 1957 included:-

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Drains cleared of obstruction ... | 24 |
| Drains repaired or relaid ....    | 27 |
| Soilpipes repaired ... ..         | 2  |
| Inspection chambers provided ...  | 7  |

#### 3. Rivers and Streams.

The Thames Conservancy Board exercises general supervision over the rivers and streams in the Borough. The water-courses conveying storm water received attention from the Public Health Inspectors during the year and some cleansing of water-courses was carried out.

#### 4. Closet Accommodation.

Practically all the dwelling-houses in the Borough are provided with water closets, except a few on the extreme outskirts of the town where the water carriage system is not available. Improvements to closet accommodation carried out as a result of the work of the Public Health Inspectors were:-

|  |    |
|--|----|
| W.C. Compartments repaired...                      | 65 |
| W.C. Compartments cleansed...                      | 16 |
| W.C. Pedestals provided ...                        | 11 |
| W.C. Cisterns provided ...                         | 6  |
| Elsan closets provided (on<br>building sites etc.) | 1  |



## 5. Public Cleansing.

This work is carried out under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor and has been well maintained during the year.

## 6. Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Particulars of the work of the Public Health Inspectors are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector at the end of this report.

# SECTION D.

## HOUSING

Further progress was made during 1957 in connection with the Corporation's Five Year Programme of Slum Clearance work and a further 49 houses were represented i.e. 3 Clearance Areas comprising 40 houses; and 9 Individual Unfit Houses.

Up to the end of December, therefore, the Corporation had made 5 Clearance Orders (53 houses); 8 Compulsory Purchase Orders (41 houses) and 18 Individual Unfit Houses had been dealt with - a total of 112 houses.

An enquiry was held in July in respect of objections received to some of the Corporation's proposals and, at the time of preparing this report, the results of the action taken were:-

### (a) Clearance Orders Confirmed (1).

Borough of Banbury (Manor Road) Clearance Order - 9 houses.

### (b) Compulsory Purchase Orders Confirmed (3).

Borough of Banbury (Castle Street North)  
Compulsory Purchase Order - 6 houses.

Borough of Banbury (Factory Street (No.3)  
Compulsory Purchase Order - 3 houses.

Borough of Banbury (Factory Street (No.4)  
Compulsory Purchase Order - 3 houses.

### (c) Clearance Orders Cancelled by Owners Giving Undertakings to Close (3).

Borough of Banbury (Robins Island)  
Clearance Order - 6 houses.

Borough of Banbury (Factory Street (No.2)  
Clearance Order - 3 houses.

Borough of Banbury (Warwick Road)  
Clearance order - 4 houses.

### (d) Compulsory Purchase Orders Reverted to Clearance Orders by Agreement (3).

Borough of Banbury (Factory Street (No.1)  
Compulsory Purchase Order - 4 houses.

Borough of Banbury (Factory Street (No.5)  
Compulsory Purchase Order - 3 houses.

Borough of Banbury (North Bar Street)  
Compulsory Purchase Order - 4 houses.



|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| (e) Undertakings to Close Individual Unfit Houses | - 14 houses.      |
| (f) Closing Orders Made                           | - 2 houses.       |
| (g) Demolition Order Made                         | - 2 houses.       |
|   | <u>63</u> houses. |

It is hoped to represent further Clearance Areas and individual Unfit Houses early in 1958 and, at the time of writing this report, detailed inspections for this purpose were in progress.

Apart from the work on the Five Year Programme, a good deal of housing repair work was again carried out as a result of the activities of the Public Health Inspectors - 253 houses being dealt with under the Public Health Act, 1936, and the Housing Act, 1936/57. In addition to this remedial work, 8 houses were permanently closed for human habitation during the year.

The records show that since 1946 the following work has been accomplished in the Borough under the provisions of the Housing Acts:-

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| (a) Houses demolished by formal or informal action                   | ...30  |
| (b) Houses permanently closed following formal or informal action    | ...42  |
| (c) Houses repaired or re-conditioned under Section 9:-              |        |
| (1) By owners  | ...536 |
| (2) By the Local Authority in default of owners                      | ...31  |
| (d) Houses represented under the Five Years Slum Clearance Programme | ...112 |

## SECTION E.

### INSPECTION OF MEAT, MILK AND OTHER FOODS.

#### (a) Milk Supply.

Since the coming into operation of the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, the Corporation's duties with respect to milk supply has been mainly concerned with the distribution side, the responsibility for the supervision of milk production now being in the hands of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, whilst the responsibility for supervising milk pasteurisation plants is dealt with by the County Council.

The work of the Public Health Department in this connection therefore, during 1957, has been mainly in connection with the inspection of dairies and the sampling of milk. 47 visits of inspection were recorded and 71 samples of milk have been taken.

Under the provisions of the Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949/54 and the Milk (Special Designa-



tions), (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Milk Regulations, 1949/54, the following licences were granted by the Corporation:-

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Dealers' Licences (T.T. Milk) ...        | 5 |
| Dealers' Licences (Pasteurised Milk) ... | 6 |
| Dealers' Licences (Sterilised Milk) ...  | 2 |

Routine milk sampling was maintained throughout the year and the following statistics shown the number and results of the samples taken:-

| Type of Milk.                 | Samples Taken. | Samples Satisfactory. |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Tuberculin Tested (Past.) ... | 24             | 24                    |
| Pasteurised ... ..            | 47             | 46                    |
|                               | <u>71</u>      | <u>70</u>             |

So far as is known, practically all the milk passing through the town's dairies is now rendered safe by pasteurisation and it is reasonable to conclude that the Town's milk supply is at present highly satisfactory.

#### (b) Meat Inspection

During 1957, as in the ten previous years, every animal slaughtered for human food in the Borough was inspected prior to sale and, in the period under review, the carcasses, parts of carcasses and offal detailed in the table below were condemned and surrendered:-

|  | CATTLE     |               | SHEEP      |            | PIGS       |               | CALVES   |            |
|--|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|----------|------------|
| Total number of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected. | 1, 115     |               | 5, 501     |            | 5, 971     |               | 77       |            |
|  | No.        | Weight        | No.        | Weight     | No.        | Weight        | No.      | Weight     |
| <b>Carcasses Condemned:-</b>                       |            |               |            |            |            |               |          |            |
| Tuberculosis                                       | -          | -             | -          | -          | -          | -             | -        | -          |
| Other Diseases                                     | 3          | 1412          | 14         | 775        | 2          | 125           | 4        | 235        |
| <b>TOTALS (A)</b>                                  | <b>3</b>   | <b>1412</b>   | <b>14</b>  | <b>775</b> | <b>2</b>   | <b>125</b>    | <b>4</b> | <b>235</b> |
| <b>Parts of Carcasses and Organs Condemned:-</b>   |            |               |            |            |            |               |          |            |
| Meat   | -          | 862           | -          | 66         | -          | 105           | -        | 6          |
| Total Offal  | 3          | 253           | 14         | 129        | 2          | 22            | 4        | 73         |
| Livers   | 94         | 1230          | 38         | 80         | 142        | 367           | -        | -          |
| Lungs  | 73         | 750           | 80         | 103        | 516        | 794           | -        | -          |
| Heads  | 55         | 1383          | -          | -          | 144        | 1577          | -        | -          |
| Tongues  | 54         | 378           | 1          | 1          | -          | -             | -        | -          |
| Spleens  | 2          | 2             | -          | -          | 1          | 1             | -        | -          |
| Intestines   | 16         | 207           | -          | -          | 8          | 21            | -        | -          |
| Kidneys  | 3          | 9             | 2          | 2          | 9          | 5             | -        | -          |
| Mes, Fat,  | 14         | 131           | -          | -          | 4          | 17            | -        | -          |
| Skirts   | 8          | 19            | -          | -          | -          | -             | -        | -          |
| Plucks   | 1          | 5             | 2          | 5          | 24         | 138           | -        | -          |
| Hearts   | 17         | 99            | 3          | 3          | 78         | 78            | -        | -          |
| <b>TOTAL (B)</b>                                   | <b>340</b> | <b>5, 328</b> | <b>140</b> | <b>389</b> | <b>928</b> | <b>3, 125</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>79</b>  |
| Total weight (a) and (b) in lbs.                   | -          | 6, 740        | -          | 1, 164     | -          | 3, 250        | -        | 314        |



The following table in the form required by the Ministry of Health, gives further details of the incidence of tuberculosis, cysticercosis and other diseases occurring in food animals slaughtered and inspected in the Borough during 1957:-

**Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.**

|  | <b>CATTLE<br/>EXCLUD-<br/>ING COWS</b> | <b>COWS.</b> | <b>CALVES.</b> | <b>SHEEP<br/>AND<br/>LAMBS.</b> | <b>PIGS.</b> | <b>HORSES.</b> |
|--|--|--------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Number killed (if known) ...   | 1,099                                  | 16           | 77             | 5,501                           | 5,971        | -              |
| Number inspected... ..   | 1,099                                  | 16           | 77             | 5,501                           | 5,971        | -              |
| <i>All diseases except Tuberculosis<br/>and Cysticerci</i>   |  |              |                |                                 |              |                |
| Whole carcases condemned   | 1                                      | 2            | 4              | 14                              | 2            | -              |
| Carcases of which some part or<br>organ was condemned ...  | 215                                    | 5            | 1              | 136                             | 767          | -              |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with<br>disease other than Tubercul-<br>osis and Cysticerci ... | 19.7%                                  | 43.7%        | 6.5%           | 2.7%                            | 12.8%        | -              |
| <i>Tuberculosis only:</i>  |  |              |                |                                 |              |                |
| Whole carcases condemned   | -                                      | -            | -              | -                               | -            | -              |
| Carcases of which some part or<br>organ was condemned ...  | 74                                     | -            | -              | -                               | 143          | -              |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with<br>tuberculosis ... ..                                     | 6.7%                                   | -            | -              | -                               | 2.4%         | -              |
| <i>Cysticercosis:</i>  |  |              |                |                                 |              |                |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was condemned  | 12                                     | -            | -              | -                               | -            | -              |
| Carcases submitted to treatment<br>by refrigeration ...  | 12                                     | -            | -              | -                               | -            | -              |
| Generalised and totally<br>condemned ... ..  | -                                      | -            | -              | -                               | -            | -              |

**(c) Other Foods.**

The following other articles of food were inspected and surrendered as being unfit for human consumption during the year:-

**TINNED FOODS.**

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Tinned Meat ... ..       | 118 Tins. |
| Tinned Fish ... ..       | 21 Tins.  |
| Tinned Milk ... ..       | 37 Tins.  |
| Tinned Vegetables ... .. | 123 Tins. |
| Tinned Fruit ... ..      | 262 Tins. |
| Tinned Soup ... ..       | 6 Tins.   |
| Tinned Jam ... ..        | 11 Tins.  |
| Tinned Steak ... ..      | 8 Tins.   |



|                     |     |     |     |           |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Tinned Corned Beef  | ... | ... | ... | 46 Tins.  |
| Tinned Tomatoes     | ... | ... | ... | 225 Tins. |
| Tinned Fruit Juices | ... | ... | ... | 6 Tins.   |
| Tinned Chickens     | ... | ... | ... | 16 Tins.  |
| Tinned Pudding      | ... | ... | ... | 1 Tin.    |
| Miscellaneous       | ... | ... | ... | 2 Tins.   |

#### SUNDRIES.

|                |     |     |     |           |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Wet Fish       | ... | ... | ... | 15 lbs.   |
| Sausages       | ... | ... | ... | 101½ lbs. |
| Cheese         | ... | ... | ... | 68½ lbs.  |
| Ham            | ... | ... | ... | 17 lbs.   |
| Corned Beef... | ... | ... | ... | 36 lbs.   |
| Bacon          | ... | ... | ... | 95½ lbs.  |
| Tea            | ... | ... | ... | 25 lbs.   |
| Meat Pies      | ... | ... | ... | 8         |
| Kidneys        | ... | ... | ... | 66 lbs.   |

#### **Food Poisoning Outbreaks.**

No cases of Food Poisoning occurred in the Borough during 1957.

#### **Slaughterhouses.**

Following the decontrol of meat and livestock in June, 1954, the Corporation took over the lease of the Banbury Centralised Slaughterhouse in Swan Close Road, Banbury, as from the 1st July, 1954, and these premises are now being used as a Public Abattoir. There are no other licensed slaughterhouses in the Borough, the Corporation having determined not to grant or renew any such licences in accordance with the provisions of Section 4(2) of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1954, by the terms of a resolution approved in September, 1954.

The Corporation has provided the necessary staff of slaughtermen at the Swan Close Road premises and the abattoir, which is supervised by a manager, working under the control of the Chief Public Health Inspector, has functioned most satisfactorily both from the public health angle and from the point of view of the butchers in Banbury and the surrounding area. Details of the work carried out during 1957 appear in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

#### **Clean Food Campaigns.**

As will be seen from the annual report of the Chief Public Health Inspector, 2,202 visits to food premises were made by the Public Health Inspectors during the year and, considerable educational work, of the utmost value, was carried out in the course of their routine inspections.

In addition, although no organised course of lectures dealing especially with Clean Food was given during the year, informal talks to various local organisations were given by



the Chief Public Health Inspector and on these occasions opportunity was taken to emphasise the importance of Clean Food.

#### **Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955/6.**

Following the coming into operation of the above Regulations in January, 1956, the Public Health Inspectors commenced a new survey of all food premises in the area with a view to ensuring compliance with the new requirements and most satisfactory progress has again been made in this regard during 1957 as shown by the following statistics:-

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| (a) No. of inspections made of food premises   | ... 1,454 |
| (b) No. of informal notices served requiring the remedying of defects and contraventions | ... 43    |
| (c) No. of premises improved   | ... 46    |
| (d) No. of improvements effected   | ... 140   |

Full details of this work will be found in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector and, apart from the 91 premises already improved, work is at present in progress at several other food premises in the area.

A most valuable part of this work has been the opportunity it has given to the Inspectors for educational work amongst food traders and their staffs during the course of their inspections and I feel that the time spent on this work has been well worth while.

During the period of the Annual Fair in October, 1957, special attention was paid to the requirements of the new Regulations and it is pleasing to note that the proprietors of food stalls at the fair were found to be conscious of their new responsibilities and that they did their best to comply with the various requirements - the standard of hygiene being much higher than in any previous year.

#### **FOOD PREMISES**

The following statistics, required by the Ministry, are given in respect of food premises in the Borough:-

##### **(1) No. of Food Premises on record.**

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Bakehouses                          | ... 13 |
| Butchers Shops                      | ... 21 |
| Cafes, Restaurants and Canteens     | ... 56 |
| Confectioners and Sweet Shops       | ... 25 |
| Dairies                             | ... 6  |
| Fishmongers                         | ... 6  |
| Fried Fish Shops                    | ... 5  |
| Food Manufacturing Premises         | ... 13 |
| Greengrocers Shops                  | ... 16 |
| Grocers and General Shops           | ... 54 |
| Public Houses and Licensed Premises | ... 63 |



**(2) No. of Premises Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.**

- (a) For the manufacture or storage of ice cream... 102  
 (b) For the preparation or manufacture of sausages  
 or potted, pressed pickled or preserved food.. 17

**(3) No. of Dairies Registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949: - ... 5**

**(4) No. of inspections of Registered Food Premises.**

(Full details of this work are recorded in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.)

**(5) Method of Disposal of Condemned Food.**

Generally by disposal at the Corporation's refuse tip.

**SECTION F.**

**PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.**

Notifiable Disease (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year 1957.

| DISEASE                     | Total Cases Notified | Admitted to Isolation Hospital | Total Deaths |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Scarlet Fever ... ..        | 15                   | 2                              | -            |
| Whooping Cough ... ..       | 48                   | -                              | -            |
| Sonne Dysentery ... ..      | 23                   | 7                              | -            |
| Puerperal Pyrexia... ..     | 1                    | 1                              | -            |
| Pneumonia... ..             | 2                    | -                              | -            |
| Salmonella Typhi-Murium ... | 6                    | 1                              | -            |
| Measles ... ..              | 71                   | -                              | -            |
|                             | 166                  | 11                             | -            |

**AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIED CASES.**

| Age over                    | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 10 | 15 | 20 | 35 | 45 | 65 |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| and under                   | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 10 | 15 | 20 | 35 | 45 | 65 |    |
| DISEASE                     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Scarlet Fever... ..         | -  | 1  | -  | 2  | 1  | 9  | 2  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| Whooping Cough ... ..       | 6  | 6  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 22 | 4  | -  | 1  | -  | -  | -  |
| Sonne Dysentery ... ..      | 1  | -  | 3  | 1  | 2  | 1  | 4  | 1  | 4  | 2  | 1  | 3  |
| Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..    | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | 1  | -  | -  | -  |
| Pneumonia ... ..            | 1  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | 1  |
| Salmonella Typhi-Murium ... | 1  | -  | 1  | -  | -  | 1  | -  | -  | 1  | -  | -  | 2  |
| Measles ... ..              | 3  | 6  | 12 | 16 | 11 | 21 | 2  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
|                             | 12 | 13 | 20 | 22 | 16 | 54 | 12 | 1  | 7  | 2  | 1  | 6  |



### Scarlet Fever.

15 cases occurred during the year 13 of which were treated at home. 12 cases occurred in school children, 3 in children under school age.

### Whooping Cough.

48 cases occurred during the year.

No. of children immunised at School Clinic:- 51.

### Diphtheria.

No cases of Diphtheria occurred during the year. There have been no cases in the Borough since 1950.

### Dysentery.

An outbreak of Sonne Dysentery occurred in the spring of 1957. 4 cases occurred at the Horton General Hospital. The outbreak there was rapidly brought under control by satisfactory isolation and barrier nursing. 4 cases occurred in a caravan; two other families had three cases each.

### Salmonella Infection (Food Poisoning).

Six cases occurred. Four occurred in one family where an elderly woman was found to be a carrier.

### Immunisation.

The following figures show the cases immunised at the School Clinic Warwick Road:-

#### 1. Diphtheria.

|                          |     |     |     |    |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| No. immunised ...        | ... | ... | ... | 58 |
| Re-inforcement doses ... | ... | ... | ... | 36 |

#### 2. Combined Diphtheria and Whooping Cough.

|                   |     |     |     |    |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| No. immunised ... | ... | ... | ... | 51 |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|

#### 3. Poliomyelitis.

|                   |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| No. immunised ... | ... | ... | ... | 517 |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

#### 4. Tuberculosis: B.C.G. (13 - 14 age group).

|                                   |     |     |       |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| No. in age group ...              | ... | ... | 435   |
| Percentage consenting ...         | ... | ... | 83.6% |
| Positive to initial skin test ... | ... | ... | 14.2% |
| converted after vaccination ...   | ... | ... | 92.1% |

### TUBERCULOSIS

| Age Groups. | New Cases. |   |                |   | Deaths.    |   |                |   |
|-------------|------------|---|----------------|---|------------|---|----------------|---|
|             | Pulmonary. |   | Non-Pulmonary. |   | Pulmonary. |   | Non-Pulmonary. |   |
|             | M          | F | M              | F | M          | F | M              | F |
| 1 to 5      | -          | - | -              | 1 | -          | - | -              | - |
| 5 to 15     | -          | 1 | -              | - | -          | - | -              | - |
| 15 to 25    | 3          | 3 | -              | 2 | -          | - | -              | - |
| 25 to 35    | 1          | 2 | -              | - | -          | - | -              | - |
| 35 to 45    | -          | 1 | -              | - | -          | - | -              | - |
| 45 to 55    | -          | - | -              | - | -          | 1 | -              | - |
| 55 to 65    | -          | - | -              | - | 1          | - | -              | - |
| 65 and over | 2          | 1 | -              | - | -          | - | -              | - |
|             | 6          | 8 | -              | 3 | 1          | 1 | -              | - |



# BOROUGH OF BANBURY

## FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the year  
1957 Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

| Premises  | Number of       |             |                 |                      |
|---|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|   | No. on Register | Inspections | Written Notices | Occupiers Prosecuted |
| (1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local Authorities ...                    | 20              | 21          | 1               | -                    |
| (2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...                     | 136             | 266         | 9               | -                    |
| (3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)... .. | 11              | 3           | 1               | -                    |
| TOTAL ...   | 167             | 290         | 11              | -                    |

2. Cases in which defects were found.

| Particulars  | No. of cases in which defects were found |          |                             |                   |                     |
|--|--|----------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|  | Found                                    | Remedied | Referred to H.M. Inspector. | by H.M. Inspector | No. of Prosecutions |
| Want of cleanliness ...                              | 1  | 1        | -                           | -                 | -                   |
| San. Conveniences (Sec. 7) Insufficient ... ..       | -  | -        | -                           | -                 | -                   |
| San. Conveniences (Sec. 7) unsuitable or defective.. | 9  | 9        | -                           | 1                 | -                   |
| Other offences ...                                   | -  | -        | -                           | -                 | -                   |
| TOTAL ...  | 10                                       | 10       | -                           | 1                 | -                   |

3. Outworkers.

No. of outworkers in August list required by Sec. 119(1)(c) ... 10  
(All outworkers engaged in making of wearing apparel)

No. of cases of default in supplying lists ... .. -

No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises ... .. -



**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**

**FOR THE YEAR 1957.**

**To the Worshipful the Mayor, the Aldermen and Councillors of the  
Borough of Banbury.**

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It is my privilege to submit to you my twelfth annual report which contains details of the work of your Public Health Inspectors for the year 1957 together with some comments on the various duties carried out.

Once again, I have to report that special attention has been given to housing work and the supervision of food supplies and food premises but, in spite of the ever-increasing emphasis placed on these duties, we have been able to maintain our customary routine work in other directions. As I seem to comment each year, the period under review was again a particularly busy one and, in spite of the great improvements made in environmental hygiene during the past few years, it is not possible to visualise any possibility of the work of the Department decreasing. Indications are, as I said last year, to the contrary and increased duties, together with added responsibility, seems much more likely than any diminution of our work.

Our work is not, of course, of a spectacular nature - in fact a great deal of it is quite the reverse - but I feel that it is necessary, on occasions, to stress the fact that the records presented to you in these annual reports demonstrate the careful watch which is kept on the environment and food supplies of the residents of the Borough. It is true that much of our work appears to be of a routine character and, whilst those for whose benefit it is performed often know little about it, there is no doubt that my section of the Department touches very closely the lives of the residents of the town in innumerable ways. After all, to ensure healthy living it is still necessary to have pure water, clean air, healthy housing and working conditions, freedom from infection and disease together with a pure food supply and it is to ensure these basic requirements that the work detailed in this report has been carried out.

As mentioned above, in reviewing the year's work the emphasis seems to have been on housing and food hygiene. Further progress was made in the implementation of the Corporation's Programme of Slum Clearance - 112 houses having been dealt with by the end of the year whilst, on the food hygiene side, the re-survey of food premises - having regard to the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955 - was virtually completed. Work under the Clean Air Act, 1956, also formed an important part of our duties and the caravan problem was, once again, one of the Department's "headaches".



There were several staff changes during the year. Mr. Hibbert, Additional Public Health Inspector, left us in March on being appointed Deputy Chief Inspector for the Borough of Goole; Miss J. G. Rix, Shorthand-Typist, resigned in June when, with her family, she emigrated to Canada and, finally, Mr. T. W. Pargeter, manager of the Public Slaughterhouse, resigned on account of ill-health in October. All these officers had given excellent service to the Department and, in their places, we were pleased to welcome Mr. C. N. Baylis, Additional Public Health Inspector; Miss E. M. Watts, Clerk/Typist; and Mr. P. J. Kearse, Slaughterhouse Manager.

In concluding this introduction to my report, I should like to record my sincere thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their continued support, for the interest shown in the work of the Department and for the unfailing courtesy shown to me personally. I should also like to thank the Medical Officer of Health for his help and for the happy relationship which has always existed between us and I should be failing in my duty if I did not say how much I am indebted to the Town Clerk and the other Chief Officers of the Corporation for their ready help and co-operation at all times.

Finally, my thanks are due to my deputy, Mr. Paling, and to all the members of my staff for their work and continued loyalty. Without their efficient services I should not be able to present this further record of progress in the public health field and I am glad to record the spirit of working as a team which pervades the Department.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

F. APPLEYARD.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

February, 1958.



## VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE, 1957.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

|                                |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Houses inspected               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 316 |
| Verminous premises             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 36  |
| Infectious Disease enquiries   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50  |
| Drainage inspections           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 321 |
| Re-Visits and work in progress | ... | ... | ... | ... | 984 |
| Van dwellings                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 699 |
| Smoke abatement                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 82  |
| Streams and watercourses       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26  |
| Vacant land and refuse dumps   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39  |
| Canal boats                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2   |
| Offensive trades               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19  |
| Public houses - conveniences   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 107 |
| Refuse accommodation           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 38  |
| Cesspools                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2   |

### HOUSING ACT.

|                                |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Houses inspected and recorded  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 85  |
| Re-visits and work in progress | ... | ... | ... | ... | 698 |
| Clearance Areas                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 218 |
| Improvement grant applications | ... | ... | ... | ... | 31  |
| Rent Act...                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9   |

### FACTORIES ACT.

|                               |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Factories inspected           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 276 |
| Workplaces inspected          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11  |
| Outworkers premises inspected | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   |

### SHOPS ACTS.

|   |     |     |     |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Shops inspected (health and comfort provisions) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 337 |
| Shops inspected (closing hours and records)     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 40  |
| Shops re-inspected                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   |

### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

|                         |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Bakehouses              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 66  |
| General food shops      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 421 |
| Fried fish shops        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7   |
| Food preparing premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | 211 |
| Slaughterhouse          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 602 |
| Knackers yard           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7   |
| Public houses           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 117 |
| Food inspection visits  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 82  |
| Restaurants and cafes   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 108 |
| Ice-cream premises      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 87  |
| Food vehicles           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 49  |
| Dairies                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 47  |



|                               |     |     |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Milk sampling visits ...      | ... | ... | 36  |
| Ice-cream sampling visits ... | ... | ... | 21  |
| Public Market Stalls ...      | ... | ... | 341 |

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

|   |     |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Rats and mice...                        | ... | ... | 86  |
| Swimming pools ...                      | ... | ... | 4   |
| Cinemas and Public halls ...            | ... | ... | 15  |
| Diseases of Animals Acts ...            | ... | ... | 436 |
| Interviews with owners and builders ... | ... | ... | 970 |
| Keeping of animals ...                  | ... | ... | 43  |
| Miscellaneous visits ...                | ... | ... | 648 |
| Pet Animals Act visits ...              | ... | ... | 54  |
| Rag Flock Act visits ...                | ... | ... | 1   |

TOTAL VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE: 8891

#### NOTICES SERVED AND COMPLIED WITH, 1937.

| Type of Notice.                                   | Outstanding 31.12.56 | Served 1957. | Complied with 1957. | Outstanding 31.12.57. |
|---|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Public Health Act-prelim                          | 45                   | 154          | 185                 | 14                    |
| Public Health Act-Statutory ...                   | 19                   | 41           | 50                  | 10                    |
| Housing Act-Prelim ...                            | 5                    | -            | 5                   | -                     |
| Housing Act-Statutory..                           | 18                   | -            | 13                  | 5                     |
| Factories Act-Informal.                           | 5                    | 10           | 13                  | 2                     |
| Shops Act-Informal ...                            | 3                    | 1            | 4                   | -                     |
| Food and Drugs Act-<br>Informal ...               | 30                   | 46           | 54                  | 22                    |
| Prevention of Damage by<br>Pests Act-Informal ... | -                    | -            | -                   | -                     |
| Milk and Dairies Reg-<br>ulations Informal ...    | -                    | 2            | 2                   | -                     |
| Pet Animals Act ...                               | -                    | 1            | 1                   | -                     |
| TOTALS ...  | 125                  | 255          | 327                 | 53                    |

#### SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE, NOTICES SERVED, NOTICES COMPLIED WITH, DEFECTS REMEDIED AND PREMISES IMPROVED, 1957.

|                       | Public Health and Housing Acts. | Food and Drugs Acts. | Factories Act. | Misc. Acts and Regs. | Totals. |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------|
| Inspections made ...  | 3762                            | 2202                 | 290            | 2637                 | 8891    |
| Notices served ...    | 195                             | 46                   | 10             | 2                    | 253     |
| Notices complied with | 253                             | 54                   | 13             | 7                    | 327     |
| Defects remedied...   | 844                             | 140                  | 31             | 15                   | 1030    |
| Premises improved...  | 253                             | 54                   | 13             | 7                    | 327     |



# **NUISANCES ABATED AND DEFECTS REMEDIED, 1957.**

## **(a) Dwelling Houses.**

|   |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|
| Roofs repaired or renewed ...                     | ... | 60  |
| External walls re-pointed ...                     | ... | 30  |
| Rainwater pipes repaired or renewed...            | ... | 18  |
| Eaves gutters repaired or renewed ...             | ... | 28  |
| Dampness abated generally ...                     | ... | 23  |
| Wall plaster repaired ...                         | ... | 62  |
| Ceiling plaster repaired ...                      | ... | 24  |
| Floors repaired or renewed...                     | ... | 39  |
| Windows repaired or renewed ...                   | ... | 123 |
| Fireplaces and cooking ranges repaired or renewed |     | 9   |
| Coppers provided or repaired ...                  | ... | 9   |
| Sinks repaired, renewed or provided...            | ... | 6   |
| Sink waste pipes repaired or renewed              | ... | 11  |
| Repairs to water supplies ...                     | ... | 4   |
| New sashcords to windows provided ...             | ... | 127 |
| Stairs repaired or renewed...                     | ... | 21  |
| Doors and woodwork repaired or renewed            | ... | 45  |
| Chimneys and stacks repaired ...                  | ... | 22  |
| Yards and passages paved or repaired              | ... | 11  |
| Dangerous walls rebuilt ...                       | ... | 8   |
| Additional light or ventilation provided          | ... | 6   |
| Rooms cleansed and re-decorated ...               | ... | 33  |
| Handrails provided in staircases ...              | ... | 3   |
| Houses closed 10, demolished 3 ...                | ... | 13  |
| Drains cleared of obstructions ...                | ... | 19  |
| Drains repaired or renewed ...                    | ... | 15  |
| Inspection chambers provided to drains            | ... | 3   |
| Soil pipes, vent. shafts, etc., repaired          | ... | 2   |
| W.C. Compartments repaired and cleansed           | ... | 29  |
| W.C. Pedestals provided ...                       | ... | 9   |
| New dustbins provided ...                         | ... | 15  |
| Offensive accumulations removed ...               | ... | 3   |
| W.C. cisterns repaired or renewed ...             | ... | 5   |
| Verminous rooms disinfested ...                   | ... | 6   |
| Urinals provided or repaired ...                  | ... | 4   |
| Wash houses rebuilt ...                           | ... | 5   |

## **(b) Shops Acts.**

|   |     |   |
|---|-----|---|
| Water closets cleansed and repaired...        | ... | 4 |
| Notices re Early Closing Day exhibited        | ... | 3 |
| Notices re Assistants' Half Holiday exhibited |     | 3 |
| Abstract of Act provided ...                  | ... | 1 |
| Young persons records kept...                 | ... | 2 |
| Notices re seats exhibited...                 | ... | 1 |

## **(c) Factories.**

|  |     |    |
|--|-----|----|
| Water closets cleansed, repaired, etc. | ... | 14 |
| W.Cs. marked for sexes ...             | ... | 3  |



|  |   |
|--|---|
| Choked drains cleared ... ..           | 1 |
| Artificial light provided to W.Cs. ... | 4 |
| Urinal cleansed... ..                  | 1 |

**(d) Bakehouses.**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Water closets repaired and cleansed ...   | 5 |
| Bakehouses cleansed and redecorated ...   | 4 |
| Structural repairs completed ... ..       | 1 |
| Flour stores cleansed and redecorated ... | 2 |
| Washing basins provided ... ..            | 1 |
| Constant hot water supply provided ...    | 2 |

**(e) Dairies.**

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Dairies cleansed and re-decorated ... | 2 |
|---------------------------------------|---|

**(f) Food Shops and Food Preparing Premises.**

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Constant hot water supplies provided ..      | 15 |
| Food rooms cleansed and re-decorated ...     | 23 |
| Food storage facilities improved ... ..      | 1  |
| W.Cs. cleansed and repaired ... ..           | 10 |
| Structural repairs completed ... ..          | 9  |
| Dustbins provided or properly sited ...      | 1  |
| Wash basins provided ... ..                  | 14 |
| New W.Cs. provided ... ..                    | 5  |
| First aid outfits provided ... ..            | 2  |
| Outdoor clothing storage facilities provided | 5  |
| New refrigerators provided ... ..            | 2  |
| Miscellaneous improvements ... ..            | 14 |
| Sinks provided ... ..                        | 10 |

**(g) Cafes and Public Houses.**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Constant hot water supplies provided ...         | 3 |
| Rooms and cellars cleansed and re-decorated      | 8 |
| Water closets cleansed and repaired ...          | 3 |
| Urinals provided, repaired and suitably screened | 1 |
| Structural repairs completed ... ..              | 1 |
| Sinks provided ... ..                            | 2 |
| Drainage repairs ... ..                          | 2 |
| Miscellaneous improvements ... ..                | 4 |

**COMPLAINTS.**

During the year, 139 written or verbal complaints were received at the office and these were in respect of the following matters:-

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Defective water closets ... ..     | 9  |
| Defective house roofs ... ..       | 13 |
| Choked and defective drains ... .. | 41 |
| Offensive smells ... ..            | 15 |
| Burst water pipes ... ..           | 4  |



|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Defective dustbins ... ..                    | 4          |
| Dumping of refuse ... ..                     | 9          |
| Flooding of cellars... ..                    | 7          |
| Defective gutters and rainwater pipes ... .. | 2          |
| Defective ranges and fireplaces ... ..       | 3          |
| Verminous or dirty premises ... ..           | 2          |
| Dampness ... ..                              | 8          |
| Smoke and Chimney nuisance ... ..            | 4          |
| Nuisances from animals ... ..                | 1          |
| Dangerous structures.. ... ..                | 1          |
| General defects ... ..                       | 16         |
|  | <u>139</u> |

#### **DRAINAGE AND WATER CLOSETS.**

During the period under review, 24 choked drains were dealt with by the Department and, at a further 27 premises, drains were re-constructed or repaired under our supervision - this work including the provision of seven new inspection chambers. In addition, several choked sewers were found and, in each case, these received prompt attention after being referred to the Borough Surveyor.

Improvements to sanitary accommodation effected comprised the provision of 5 additional water closets; the repair of 65 water closets compartments; the provision of 11 new pedestal pans and the repair or renewal of 6 flushing cisterns.

In addition to these improvements, 27 washing basins or sinks were provided at various food premises in the area following requests by your inspectors.

#### **INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION.**

The incidence of infectious disease was again low during 1957 and, as a consequence, the Public Health Inspectors made only 50 visits of enquiry in respect of notified cases. A report on each of these cases was made to the Medical Officer of Health. Following the occurrence of infectious disease, 27 rooms were disinfected by the Department.

#### **REFUSE ACCOMMODATION.**

As a result of complaints and routine inspections 16 new dustbins were supplied at various premises in the Borough following the service of notices by the Department under the provisions of Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

#### **CANAL BOATS.**

Two canal boats were inspected during the year and no contraventions were discovered on either of the boats visited. The boats were found to be kept in a satisfactory state of cleanliness and no infectious disease cases were encountered during the course of the inspections.



## SMOKE ABATEMENT

A good deal of attention was again given to this field of our activities and 82 visits were made by the Inspectors in this connection. These visits included the taking of 31 formal observations, 11 warning visits in connection with occasional bursts of black smoke observed apart from the periods of formal observation and 40 advisory visits to factories in respect of general smoke abatement work.

The formal observations revealed the emission of an undue amount of black smoke on 3 occasions only - the maximum period being seven minutes in the half-hour but, as mentioned above, on 11 other occasions it was necessary for your officers to take up, with the firms concerned, the matter of excessive smoke emission. The visits made to factories for this purpose indicated once again that the main causes of excessive smoke were (a) unsatisfactory stoking (b) poor quality fuel and (c) excessive calls on boilers already working to their full capacity. In addition, it appears to be impracticable to stoke certain types of boiler by hand without producing black smoke on some occasions - a matter which will have to be dealt with by the firms concerned when the Clean Air Act, 1956, is fully in operation.

During the advisory visits made to local factories in respect of smoke abatement, the opportunity has been taken of discussing with the various managements their future responsibilities under the Clean Air Act and some useful work was accomplished in this way. At one of the larger premises in the area mechanical stokers were installed during the year and at two other premises the question of transfer to oil burning was under consideration. In a further instance a steam engine was replaced by an electric motor and the load on the boiler thus considerably lightened whilst at another small factory boiler tests were being carried out by the National Industrial Fuel Efficiency Service with a view to improvement of the boiler plant.

In general, therefore, it is true to say that the attention given to this work by the Department during recent years has had the effect of making most of our local factory owners more "smoke - conscious" and I feel that our present policy of publicising the Clean Air Act and of discussing the implications of the Act with the persons concerned is a right one. The work which has already been accomplished, or is contemplated, at some of the local factories indicates the co-operation we are receiving in this connection and the efforts being made by the local factory owners to anticipate their future duties under the Act.

During the year the Corporation amended their building byelaws to incorporate the model byelaw, as to smoke prevention, issued by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government under Section 24 of the Act. The purpose of this byelaw is to facilitate smoke abatement in the future by securing that domestic



appliances in buildings erected from now on are of types which can be operated without smoke - a matter which is particularly important as regards any future smoke control areas.

On the whole, therefore, one is able to record some progress in the effort to rid the area of smoke although it must be said that the problem in Banbury is not so serious as it is in some of the more industrial areas of the country.

#### VAN DWELLINGS.

699 visits of inspection were made to van dwellings in the area during 1957 - 69 of these visits being to caravans coming into the Borough for the period of the annual Michaelmas Fair in October.

The persons occupying the fair vehicles comprised 144 adults and 76 children and, as usual, I am able to report favourably on the clean and well-maintained condition of these caravans. No serious cases of overcrowding were detected during our inspections nor were any cases of infectious disease discovered. After the departure of the vehicles the various sites were inspected and, in general, it was found that they were left in a reasonably tidy condition. As I have been able to report previously, one finds our annual visitors most co-operative in all our dealings with them.

With regard to other caravans in the area, the position is still far from satisfactory but some progress was achieved during the year in clearing up some of our outstanding problems. After much more delay, the work on the site at the Marshes, Southam Road, was put in hand with some vigour and it is anticipated that the site will be ready for licensing early in 1958. When this is possible, the site will be well-equipped, well laid-out and well-managed and, it is hoped, will meet a need which has been felt for many years.

The other site which caused much concern was an unlicensed site at Daventry Road but, here again, some progress was made in so far that the number of caravans was reduced from 13 to 9 and the owner of the site gave an undertaking to the Corporation not to relet any sites when caravans were moved or to relet vans which became vacant. The Public Health Committee decided to take legal proceedings in this case but, in view of the fact that the Marshes site was unfinished, it was decided to postpone the taking of such proceedings until the position was re-examined in March, 1958.

Temporary licences were granted, for a period of one year, in respect of 15 other caravans in the area - on individual sites - but many of these were caravans occupied by persons who, on account of the nature of their employment, were only temporarily residing in the Borough. Six of these licencees had moved from the area at the close of the year and, at the time



of preparing this report 11 temporary licences are in operation in respect of van dwellings.

As I have mentioned in previous reports, the caravan problem continues to be one of difficulty both here and elsewhere and, in view of the popularity of the caravan as a permanent dwelling, it appears certain that your officers will have to continue their work in this field for some time to come.

Finally, I should add that the large number of visits paid to caravans during 1957 i.e. 699 shows the attention which your officers have devoted to this problem and it is only fair to the caravan-dwellers to say that, with one or two very minor exceptions, no nuisances were created by them during the period under review.

#### **VERMINOUS PREMISES.**

As has happened now for several years, the number of verminous premises dealt with by the Department again decreased during 1957. Seven rooms, in three dwellinghouses, were disinfested as a result of infestation by vermin and some 36 visits of inspection were made to these and other premises in this connection. Satisfactory results were obtained in the disinfestation of the premises mentioned above.

#### **RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.**

No applications for registration under the provisions of the above-mentioned Act were received during the period covered by this report.

#### **SHOPS ACT, 1950.**

In view of the fact that your Public Health Inspectors are also responsible for the enforcement of all the provisions of the Shops Act, 1950, a fair amount of time has to be devoted to this work each year. During 1957, increased attention was paid to this work and 337 shops were inspected with respect to the "health and comfort" provisions of the Act and 40 special visits were made in relation to closing hours, the employment of young persons and the keeping of records.

Four notices, served in respect of minor contraventions of the Act, were complied with as a result of the inspections made.

As mentioned in my last report, there is some overlapping of our duties under the Shops Act and the Food Hygiene Regulations in respect of food shops and some of the improvements effected under the latter Regulations could well have been dealt with and recorded under Shops legislation.

It was generally hoped that the most complicated and difficult legislation contained in the Shops Act, 1950, would have been amended during 1957 as a result of the work of the Gowers Committee but, unfortunately, the amending Act was withdrawn so that we are still faced with the duty of having to administer an Act which, in the words of the Lord Chief Justice, "did nothing towards making the law intelligible".



The period covered by this report was again one of considerable activity in this most important section of our duties and, as forecast in my previous report, a considerable amount of time, and a good deal of thought, was given to our duties in this connection.

As in the previous year, Slum Clearance work was our main concern and a further portion of the Five Year Programme, consisting of 49 houses, was represented by the Medical Officer of Health. As a result of these representations, the Corporation declared 2 Clearance Orders (35 houses); 1 Compulsory Purchase Order (5 houses) and dealt with 9 Individual Unfit Houses. In addition, 63 further houses were inspected and, but for the slowing down of the Corporation's building programme, would have been represented early in 1958.

By the end of 1957, therefore, the Corporation had dealt with 112 houses in their Five Year Programme and it is unfortunate that, at the time of preparing this report, there seems little hope of further substantial progress being made owing to the circumstances which have led the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to curtail the building of the houses needed to rehouse persons displaced from unfit houses.

Details of the results of the year's Slum Clearance work are recorded in the report of the Medical Officer of Health which is attached hereto together with details of the various areas and individual unfit houses dealt with under the programme during 1956 and 1957.

Apart from Slum Clearance work, the year's records show that 253 houses were repaired under the provisions of the Public Health and Housing Acts during 1957 and that no less than 3762 inspections were recorded under the Acts. This large number of visits is accounted for mainly by our slum clearance activities but it does illustrate, once again, that the basic and most onerous duties performed by your Public Health Inspectors are those in connection with housing.

The Rent Act, 1957, came into operation during the year and, by reason of its somewhat complicated provisions and its multiplicity of forms, it provided something of a "headache" for your officers. Very few applications for Certificates of Disrepair under the provisions of the Act were received but it soon became evident that the new requirements, whereby the tenant has to specify the items of disrepair in the notice to the landlord (Form G), was one which creates many difficulties in practice. This is, of course, an entirely different procedure from that carried out under the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, under which the items of disrepair, included in a Certificate of Disrepair granted under that Act, were those specified by your officers following a detailed inspection of the house.

Four applications for Certificates of Disrepair under the new Act were dealt with during 1957 and, after consideration of the cases by the special Sub-Committee appointed for this purpose, all were approved.



In concluding this section of my report, I think it is of interest to note that, since 1946, 72 unfit houses in the Borough have been demolished or closed; 536 houses have been repaired under the provisions of the Housing Acts and 112 houses have been dealt with under the Corporation's Five Year Programme. In spite of these records, however, a great deal still requires to be done before the housing conditions of the area can be regarded as satisfactory and it is to be hoped that the temporary slowing-up of our Slum Clearance work will not be of long duration because of the rapid deterioration which is taking place in the condition of some of the areas still awaiting attention.

#### RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION.

The usual routine duties in respect of rodent control were carried out and, as in previous years, the Corporation continued their policy of giving a free treatment service to the occupiers of private dwellings and of making a charge for work done at business premises.

The details set out below summarise the year's work as compared with previous years:-

##### (a) Surface Infestations.

|                                | <u>1957.</u> | <u>1956.</u> | <u>1955.</u> | <u>1954.</u> | <u>1953.</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| No. of complaints received ... | 157          | 130          | 121          | 117          | 97           |
| No. of premises inspected ...  | 1510         | 2110         | 1867         | 2214         | 2171         |
| No. of revisits made ...       | 1230         | 1013         | 1086         | 1116         | 868          |
| No. of premises cleared ...    | 375          | 364          | 395          | 435          | 435          |
| Amount of bait laid (lbs) ...  | 715          | 724          | 676          | 667          | 703          |
| Actual rat bodies found ...    | 789          | 661          | 672          | 753          | 707          |

##### (b) Sewer Infestations.

The sewers in the Borough were dealt with during the year in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food - the results being shown on the following table:-

| Months.     | Type of Treatment. | No. of manholes. |                |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|
|             |                    | Baited.          | Showing Takes. |
| May, 1957.  | Test Bait          | 49               | 8              |
| June, 1957. | Maintenance        | 63               | 12             |
| Dec., 1957. | Maintenance        | 54               | 5              |

On each occasion, the maintenance treatment was carried out in accordance with the Ministry's latest technique with Warfarin as the poison. The bait - base (to which 5% of Warfarin was added) was 80% Pinhead Oatmeal, 10% Castor Sugar, 5% Technical White Oil plus .25% Paranitrophenol and it appears evident that some success was achieved by the use of this new method of sewer-baiting which necessitated the baiting of the manholes on the 1st, 4th and 8th day of the treatment and the "topping up" or



"doubling up" of the bait as required. The test-baiting, carried out in May, included manholes showing "takes" previously and the baiting of manholes in some areas which hitherto had shown no infestation. This test showed that little infestation of the sewers exists and that no build-up of infestation was occurring.

The Rodent Operative, Mr. Lampitt, continues to give most conscientious and efficient service and his work has received most favourable comment from the Ministry's officials who, from time to time, check up on our work and methods employed.

In general, the year's work shows that no undue infestation exists in the area and that regular efforts, made over the past few years, have been most successful in keeping rodent infestation down to a minimum.

#### FACTORIES.

Particular attention was again paid to the inspection of factories during the year when 290 inspections were recorded. Following these visits, it was found necessary to serve 10 informal notices and, at 13 factories, various improvements were effected - mainly in respect of sanitary accommodation. The details of this work are set out on page 17 of this report.

#### MILK CONTROL.

As in previous years, your Public Health Inspectors carried out regular routine inspections of the dairies in the Borough and, in addition, samples of milk were taken at frequent intervals for examination for keeping quality, cleanliness and efficient pasteurisation.

The table given below shows the results for 1957 together with comparative figures for the four previous years:-

|                              | <u>1957.</u> | <u>1956.</u> | <u>1955.</u> | <u>1954.</u> | <u>1953.</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Samples taken . . . . .      | 71           | 72           | 64           | 75           | 82           |
| Samples satisfactory . . . . | 70           | 72           | 62           | 72           | 76           |
| Samples not satisfactory     | 1            | -            | 2            | 3            | 6            |

Eight dealers licences, under the Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949/54 were issued during the year and five dealers licences were granted under the provisions of the Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949/54.

In general, the dairies were again maintained in a satisfactory condition during the year and apart from verbal requests in respect of minor contraventions, no action was necessary by your officers.

#### MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

##### (a) Meat Inspection

As in previous years, all animals slaughtered for human consumption in the Borough were inspected prior to sale and the following table shows the number of animals killed and



inspected together with the carcasses, parts of carcasses and organs which were rejected as being unfit for human food:-

|   | <u>Cattle.</u> | <u>Sheep.</u> | <u>Pigs.</u> | <u>Calves.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
|---|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Slaughtered and Inspected:               | 1115           | 5501          | 5971         | 77             | 12664         |
| 2. Whole carcasses condemned:               |                |               |              |                |               |
| (a) Tuberculosis ...                        | -              | -             | -            | -              | -             |
| (b) Other Diseases..                        | 3              | 14            | 2            | 4              | 23            |
| 3. Parts of Carcasses and Organs condemned: |                |               |              |                |               |
| (a) Tuberculosis ...                        | 74             | -             | 143          | -              | 217           |
| (b) Other Diseases..                        | 217            | 186           | 767          | 1              | 1121          |
| (c) Cysticercosis...                        | 12             | -             | -            | -              | 12            |

The total weight of meat and offal rejected was approximately 5½ tons - a figure which is about the same as that recorded for 1956.

#### **(b) Other Foods.**

In addition to the unsound meat detailed above a considerable amount of tinned foods and other unsound foodstuffs were dealt with - 82 visits of inspection being recorded for this purpose. Full details of all unsound meat and food are contained in the report of the Medical Officer of Health attached hereto.

#### **(c) Public Slaughterhouse**

The Public Slaughterhouse, which has been in operation since the 1st July, 1954, functioned most satisfactorily during the year and, once again, I can give nothing but praise to the manager and slaughtermen for the efficient manner in which they have performed their duties and for the high quality of the dressed carcasses they have produced.

The number of animals slaughtered was 12,664 - comprising 1,115 cattle, 5,501 sheep, 5,971 pigs, and 77 calves - and the fees received for slaughtering charges, lairage fees and refrigeration charges amounted to £4,597. 19. 10d.

These figures show a most satisfactory increase over those for 1956 when a total of 11,095 animals were slaughtered and the receipts for the year totalled £4,083. 12. 4d. It is, therefore, evident that the premises are being increasingly used by the butchers in the Borough and the adjoining rural areas.

The Slaughterhouse Manager - Mr. W. Pargeter - who had been with us since the taking over of the premises by the Corporation in 1954, retired owing to ill-health in October and I cannot let this opportunity pass without paying a sincere tribute to Mr. Pargeter's services. He was particularly helpful in the early days of the undertaking and his previous experience and local knowledge were most valuable to the Corporation whilst he was with us. The foreman-slaughterman, Mr. P.J. Kearse, was appointed in Mr. Pargeter's place and he too is rendering very efficient service in his new duties.



There is no doubt that the public slaughterhouse is an asset to the area and to the meat traders and it is interesting to record its increased use during the period it has been operated by the Corporation. The figures given above illustrate this point but it is true to say that the most important advantage derived from the local abattoir is the concentration of slaughtering at one premises which enables your public health officers to carry out a 100% inspection of animals killed in the area and provides for slaughtering to be carried out in properly equipped premises in a hygienic manner.

#### (d) Slaughtermen's Licences.

During the year the licences of 8 slaughtermen were renewed and 2 new licences were granted under the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954.

#### FOOD PREMISES.

As a result of the coming into operation of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, at the beginning of the year 1956, it was decided to carry out a new survey of all food premises in the Borough and, by the end of 1957, this survey had been substantially completed.

During the period covered by this report, 1,454 visits to food premises were recorded, 43 informal notices were served requiring improvements, 46 premises were improved and 140 defects or contraventions were remedied.

The premises at which improvements were carried out during 1956 and 1957 and the improvements effected are set out in the following tables:-

#### (a) Premises Improved.

|                          |    |                              |    |
|--------------------------|----|------------------------------|----|
| Grocers Shops...         | 15 | Fishmongers and Greengrocers | 3  |
| Butchers Shops...        | 22 | Fried Fish Shops ...         | 2  |
| Bakehouses ...           | 8  | Canteens...                  | 3  |
| Public Houses ...        | 14 | Poulterers Shops ...         | 3  |
| Cafes and Restaurants... | 12 | General Food Premises        | 15 |

#### (b) Improvements Effected.

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Rooms cleansed and redecorated                   | 85 |
| Structural repairs or improvements...            | 30 |
| Refuse storage facilities improved...            | 5  |
| Food storage facilities improved                 | 6  |
| Constant hot water supplies provided.            | 36 |
| New washing basins provided                      | 24 |
| New sinks provided                               | 13 |
| Storage facilities provided for outdoor clothing | 11 |
| Notices exhibited re "washing of hands"          | 13 |
| Sanitary conveniences improved                   | 33 |
| First aid outfits provided                       | 6  |
| Food premises entirely reconstructed.            | 3  |



|  |    |
|--|----|
| New food premises provided .....         | 2  |
| Additional water closets provided .....  | 5  |
| New food preparation room provided ..... | 1  |
| Miscellaneous improvements .....         | 35 |

This work has all been achieved by informal means and the statistics given illustrate the co-operation we have received from the food traders in the area in this work.

Apart from these improvements, I would also mention the opportunity which the survey has given to your officers to carry out valuable educative work during their very many visits to food premises. This work has been of the utmost value and has been very well done by the inspectors on their respective districts. Work of this nature does, of course, take up a good deal of time but I feel that the results achieved show that it has been well worth any extra time and trouble entailed.

#### PUBLIC HOUSES.

Attention given to these premises in previous years was continued during 1957 and efforts were again made to improve the sanitary conveniences and the facilities for the proper cleansing of glasses after use. Improvements were effected in these directions at 8 premises. Since this work was commenced, a few years ago, 56 premises have been improved; sinks have been provided in, or in close proximity to bars in 26 cases, constant supplies of hot and cold water have been laid on to bar sinks at 39 premises, beer cellars have been cleansed and redecorated at 28 premises, and the sanitary conveniences have received attention at 50 licensed houses. The standard of hygiene of the public houses in the Borough has, therefore, been raised very considerably during recent years.

#### ICE CREAM.

Owing to the growing tendency for ice-cream to be supplied by a comparatively few large manufacturers, the number of samples taken was again reduced during the year. 26 such samples were obtained and, after examination, all the samples were reported satisfactory. 24 of the samples were manufactured outside the area and 2 samples were locally produced.

The gradings of the samples taken were:-

|                                 | <u>Grade 1.</u> | <u>Grade 2.</u> | <u>Grade 3.</u> | <u>Grade 4.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Locally produced ice-cream.     | 1               | 1               | -               | -               | 2             |
| Ice-cream made outside Banbury. | <u>24</u>       | <u>-</u>        | <u>-</u>        | <u>-</u>        | <u>24</u>     |
|                                 | <u>25</u>       | <u>1</u>        | <u>-</u>        | <u>-</u>        | <u>26</u>     |

The year's results are something of a record in so far that, for the first time, all the samples taken were reported to be satisfactory. i.e. falling within Grades 1 or 2.

As mentioned in my recent reports; there has been a large increase in the number of persons retailing ice-cream since the war and, last year, 1 further premises was registered for the sale of this commodity.



## ANNUAL FAIR - FOOD STALLS.

During the period of the annual Michaelmas Fair your officers paid much attention to the food stalls coming into the town for that period. This year there were 27 such stalls and each stall was visited during the course of erection and on several occasions each day throughout the duration of the Fair in order to secure, as far as practicable, compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Generally speaking, the standard of food hygiene was higher in 1957 than on any previous occasion and all the stalls were provided with hot and cold water, soap and towels etc. or had these facilities within reasonable distance. One stall-holder was warned regarding inadequate coverings to his stall and another person was spoken to with respect to insufficient covering of foodstuffs. Nine other persons had to be warned owing to the absence of properly displayed names and addresses on their stalls but these matters were quickly put right upon request.

There were not, therefore, any serious contraventions of the Regulations and one can report that the proprietors of food stalls at the Fair were conscious of their new responsibilities and, on the whole, did their best to comply with the various requirements.



**REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR UNDER THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS  
AND ORDERS FOR THE YEAR 1957.**

To the Worshipful the Mayor, the Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough  
of Banbury.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my annual report on the administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders for the year 1957.

Once again, I can report that we were most fortunate in so far that no outbreaks of scheduled diseases occurred in the area during the year and that no untoward difficulties were experienced in carrying out our many and varied duties under the various Acts and Orders relating to animal diseases. In spite of this, however, our duties continued to be very extensive and, as I said in my last report, they now form a most important section of the work of your public health officers.

As mentioned in my last report, the local cattle market continues to grow year by year and, as it is now the largest in the country, the duties and responsibilities of your officers correspondingly increase. The large number of markets held - often four per week - entails a great deal of supervision and a large amount of detailed clerical work whilst the multiplicity of Orders and Regulations in force demands constant vigilance together with a large amount of tact.

It is pleasing, therefore, for me to be able to report the co-operation we habitually receive from the owners of the market and it is true to say that, on the whole, it is their constant endeavour to comply with the many requirements of the law and to work with us in our varied and often difficult duties.

In submitting this brief introduction I feel I must pay tribute to the most efficient and highly conscientious work of Mr. George Stevens - the full-time Inspector appointed to carry out this work. Mr. Stevens' previous experience and local knowledge is of immense value to the Department and we were very fortunate to obtain his services in this work. I would also mention the work of your public health inspectors who are all appointed as Diseases of Animals Acts Inspectors and who have all given loyal and efficient service in this branch of their work during the year.

I give below various comments and statistics which will, I am sure, illustrate the various duties carried out and give some indication of their magnitude:-

**(1) Anthrax and Sheep Scab**

No outbreak of either of these diseases was reported during 1957.



## **(2) Swine Fever.**

Swine Fever was again prevalent in various parts of the country and in areas in close proximity to Banbury but, fortunately, no actual outbreak occurred in the Borough.

Once again very close liason was maintained with the Divisional Veterinary Officer and we were able to give some assistance to that officer in the tracing of pigs which had passed through the local market.

## **(3) Foot and Mouth Disease.**

Although no cases of this disease occurred locally or in the immediate vicinity, there were several outbreaks in the country during the year and it was necessary for your officers to serve several notices of detention in respect of contact animals. In this work again, close co-operation was maintained with the Ministry's Officers throughout the year.

## **(4) Regulation of Movement of Swine Order, 1954/55.**

The number of licences issued authorising the movement of swine from the cattle market to private premises and the number of animals involved is given in the following table together with comparative figures for the last four years:-

|                         | <u>1957</u> | <u>1956</u> | <u>1955</u> | <u>1954</u> | <u>1953</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Licences issued...      | 3,497       | 3,519       | 2,585       | 2,974       | 2,653       |
| No. of animals involved | 48,936      | 49,836      | 28,573      | 22,950      | 17,968      |

These figures are illustrative of the growth of this section of the market during recent years.

Three contraventions of the Order were reported to the appropriate Committee of the Corporation and, as all of these cases were first offences, the persons responsible were cautioned by the Town Clerk. In addition to these cases sixteen cautions were administered by the Inspectors in respect of minor contraventions of the Order.

## **(5) Importation of Animals.**

893 licences were received during the year authorising the movement of 45,509 Irish Cattle from the port of landing to the local market and these cattle were re-licenced to private premises - thus involving the issue of 2,338 licences.

Sales of Irish Cattle were held fortnightly during the year - the market being licenced for the holding of such sales on Fridays - and, as mentioned last year, these sales have become a regular feature of the market.

The number of licences issued and the number of animals licenced thereby during 1957 and previous years is given below:-

|                     | <u>1957</u> | <u>1956</u> | <u>1955</u> | <u>1954</u> | <u>1953</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Licences issued...  | 2,338       | 1,344       | 1,655       | 1,639       | 182         |
| Animals involved... | 45,509      | 28,120      | 31,914      | 31,232      | 3,297       |



One caution was issued by the Inspector in respect of an offence in connection with the movement of Irish Cattle.

**(6) Sheep Dipping.**

The number of sheep dipped in the Borough during 1957 was 1,832 and, in each case, a single type dip was used. New Regulations, made under the Sheep Scab Order of 1938 and the Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order of 1948 are now in operation in the Borough - these Regulations being in accord with similar Regulations operative in the rest of the county.

**(7) Transit of Animals - Cleansing and Disinfection of Vehicles.**

During 1957 a total of 6,601 vehicles used for the conveyance of animals were cleansed and disinfected at the Corporation's cleansing station at the cattle market. This figure gives a weekly average of 126 vehicles, as compared with 136 vehicles per week during the previous year. The income received by the Corporation for this work was £766. 8. 6. an increase of £227. 18. 6. as compared with the previous year.

As in previous years, strict supervision over the cleansing of vehicles was maintained and it was only necessary for the Inspectors to issue eight cautions in respect of contraventions of the Order.

**(8) The Live Poultry (Restriction) Order.**

As has happened during recent years, the sale of poultry at the market was under restriction throughout the period and the auctioneers were licenced to enable them to hold weekly sales of poultry intended for immediate slaughter, within the precincts of the market. In addition, they were licenced to hold sales of store poultry on premises adjoining, but not within, the market premises. The various sales were kept under observation throughout the year and, in the case of two minor offences detected, offenders were cautioned by your Inspectors.

**(9) The Markets, Sales and Lairs (Amendment) Order, 1926.**

Constant attention was given to the market and the Railway Siding Pens during the year in respect of the above-mentioned Order and routine inspections of the premises were carried out for this purpose. As a result of these inspections it was necessary for your Inspector to issue four cautions in respect of unsatisfactory cleansing of pens in the market and three cautions in connection with similar offences at the Railway Siding Pens.

The new cleansing facilities, provided by the owners of the market and mentioned in my last report, have been of great service in maintaining the market in a satisfactory state of cleanliness and, on the whole, the cleansing and



disinfection of the premises between sales has been carried out satisfactorily - particularly having regard to the tremendous amount of stock passing through the premises.

**(10) Fowl Pest.**

No cases of this disease were reported in the Borough during 1957.

**(11) Summary of Action Taken during 1957 in the Administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders.**

- (1) Regulation of Movement of Swine Orders - 1954/5.
- (a) Legal proceedings for failure to obtain licences:- Nil.
  - (b) Cautions issued by the Town Clerk following reports to the appropriate Committee:- 3
  - (c) Cautions issued by the Inspector without reference to the Committee:- 16
- (2) Swine Fever Order, 1938, (Article 18 as amended).  
Banbury Borough Regs. governing movement of Pigs in Markets.
- Cautions issued by the Town Clerk following reports to the appropriate Committee:- 1
- (3) Transit of Animals Order, 1927.
- Cautions issued by Inspector in respect of failure to cleanse and disinfect Railway Sidings Pens:- 3
- (4) Transit of Animals (Amendment) Order, 1931.
- Cautions issued by Inspector in respect of failure to cleanse and disinfect Transport Vehicles:- 8
- (5) Markets, Sales and Lairs (Amendment) Order, 1928.
- Cautions issued by Inspector in respect of failure to cleanse and disinfect pens, etc, between Markets:- 4
- (6) The Live Poultry (Restrictions) Order, 1957.
- Cautions issued by Inspector in respect of failure to clip back tail feathers:- 2
- (7) The Poultry Premises & Vehicles (Disinfection) Order, 1956.
- Cautions issued by Inspector in respect of failure to properly cleanse and disinfect poultry pens:- 1
- (8) Diseases of Animals Act, 1950. (Second Schedule) -  
Regulation of Movement of Imported Cattle.
- Cautions issued by Inspector for failure to apply for authorisation in respect of "free" cattle:- 1

**(12) General.**

In concluding this report, I would again express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Baths, Parks and Markets Committee for their support, courtesy and encouragement during another very busy year. I would also express appreciation of the services of my staff for their willing work and, finally, I am



indebted to Col. J.C. Bennison, F.R.C.V.S., D.V.S.M., the Ministry's Divisional Inspector and his staff for their help and co-operation at all times.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

F. APPLEYARD, D.P.A. (Lond) ., F.R.S.H.,

Inspector under the Diseases  
of Animals Acts and Orders.

March. 1958.



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I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
in the most grateful manner, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the above-named case.

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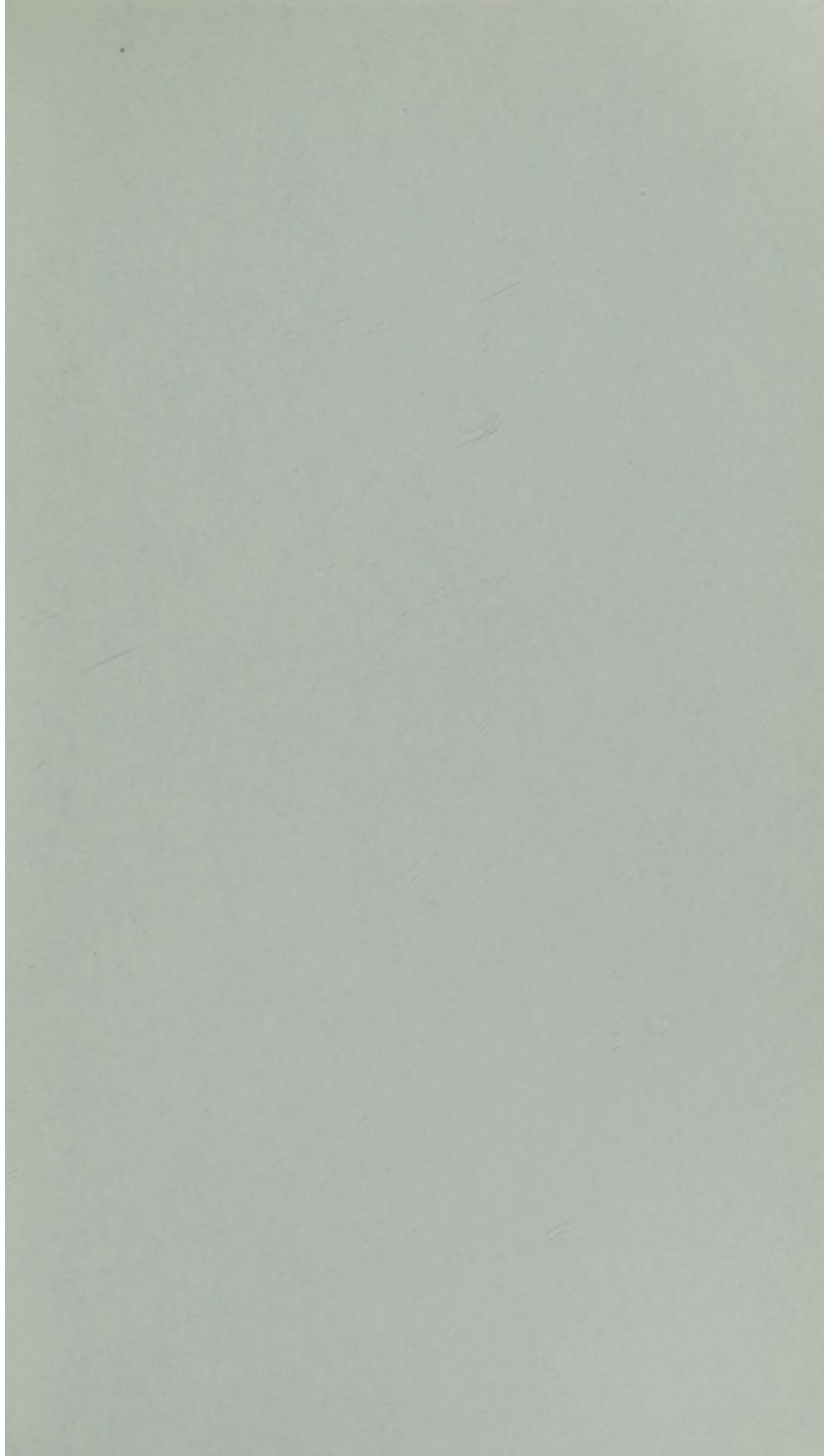
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