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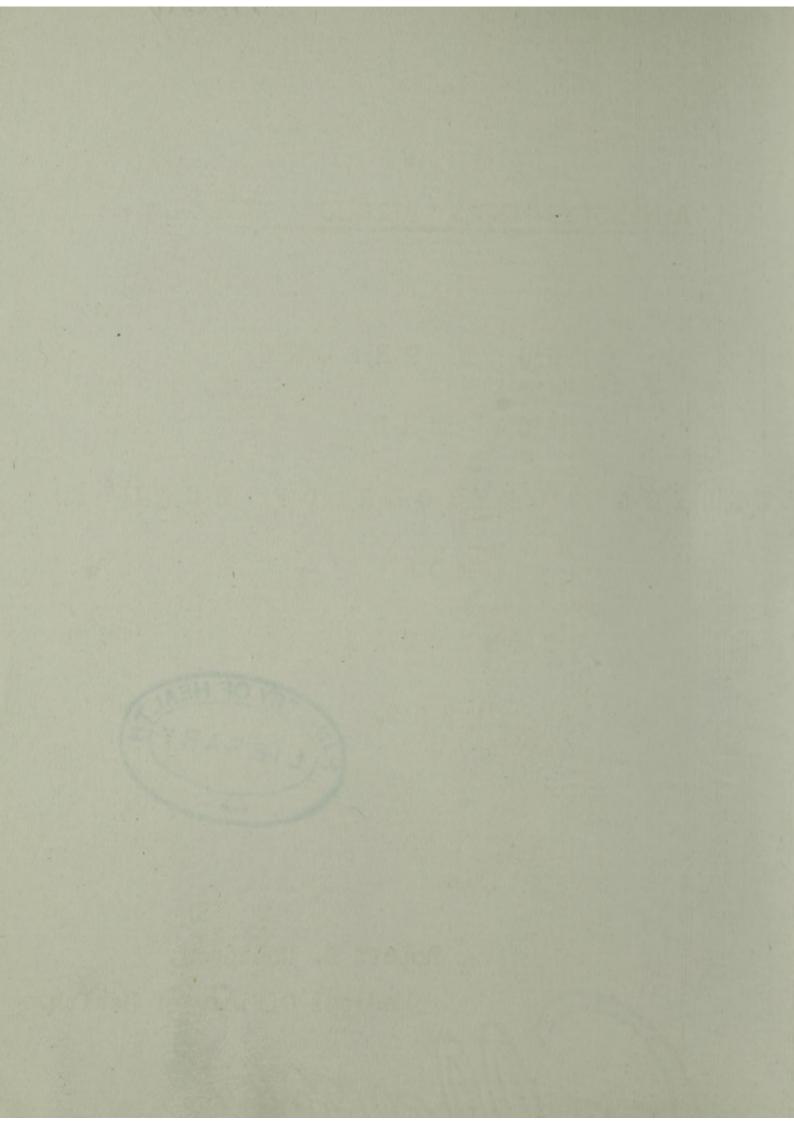
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Robert E. Robinson,
Medical Officer of Health.



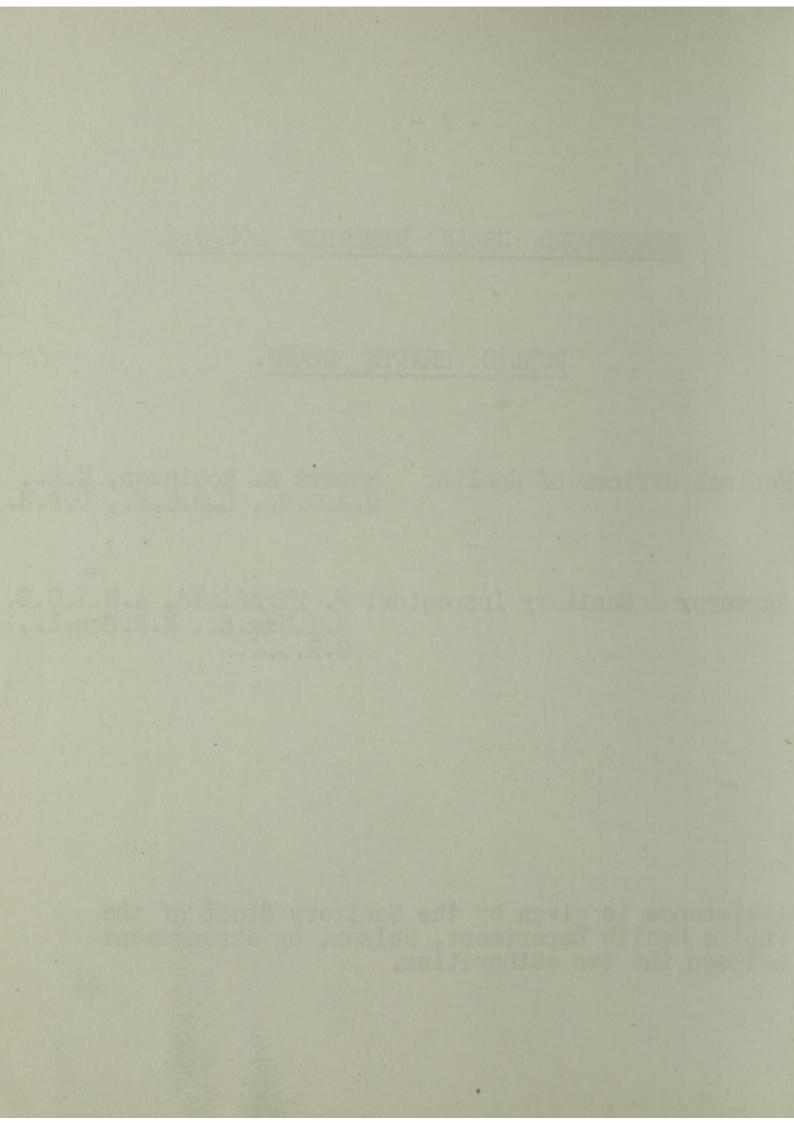
# BARROWFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

# PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health: Robert E. Robinson, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

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Assistance is given by the Sanitary Staff of the Public Health Department, Nelson, by arrangement between the two authorities.



PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

21, CARR ROAD,

NELSON.

June, 1953.

To the Chairman and Members of the Barrowford Urban District Council:

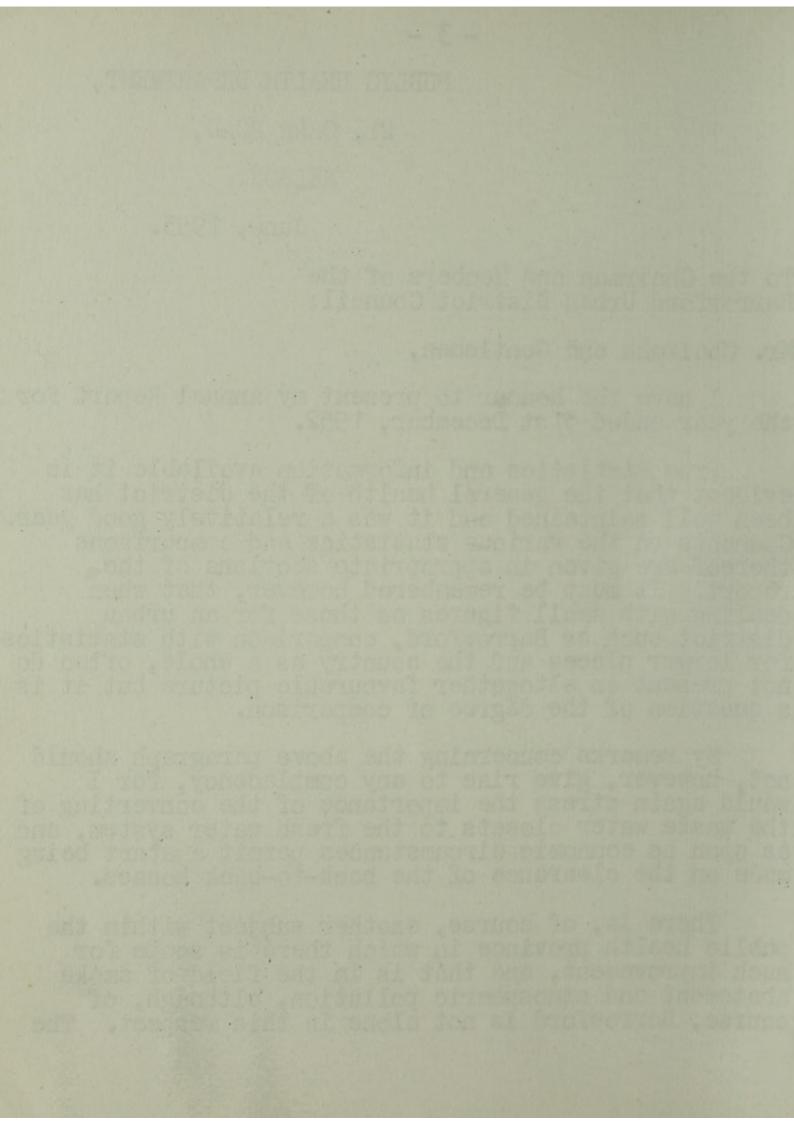
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1952.

From statistics and information available it is evident that the general health of the district has been well maintained and it was a relatively good year. Comments on the various statistics and comparisons thereof are given in appropriate sections of the report. It must be remembered however, that when dealing with small figures as those for an urban district such as Barrowford, comparison with statistics for larger places and the country as a whole, often do not present an altogether favourable picture but it is a question of the degree of comparison.

My remarks concerning the above paragraph should not, however, give rise to any complacency, for I would again stress the importance of the converting of the waste water closets to the fresh water system, and as soon as economic circumstances permit a start being made on the clearance of the back-to-back houses.

There is, of course, another subject within the public health province in which there is scope for much improvement, and that is in the field of smoke abatement and atmospheric pollution, although, of course, Barrowford is not alone in this respect. The



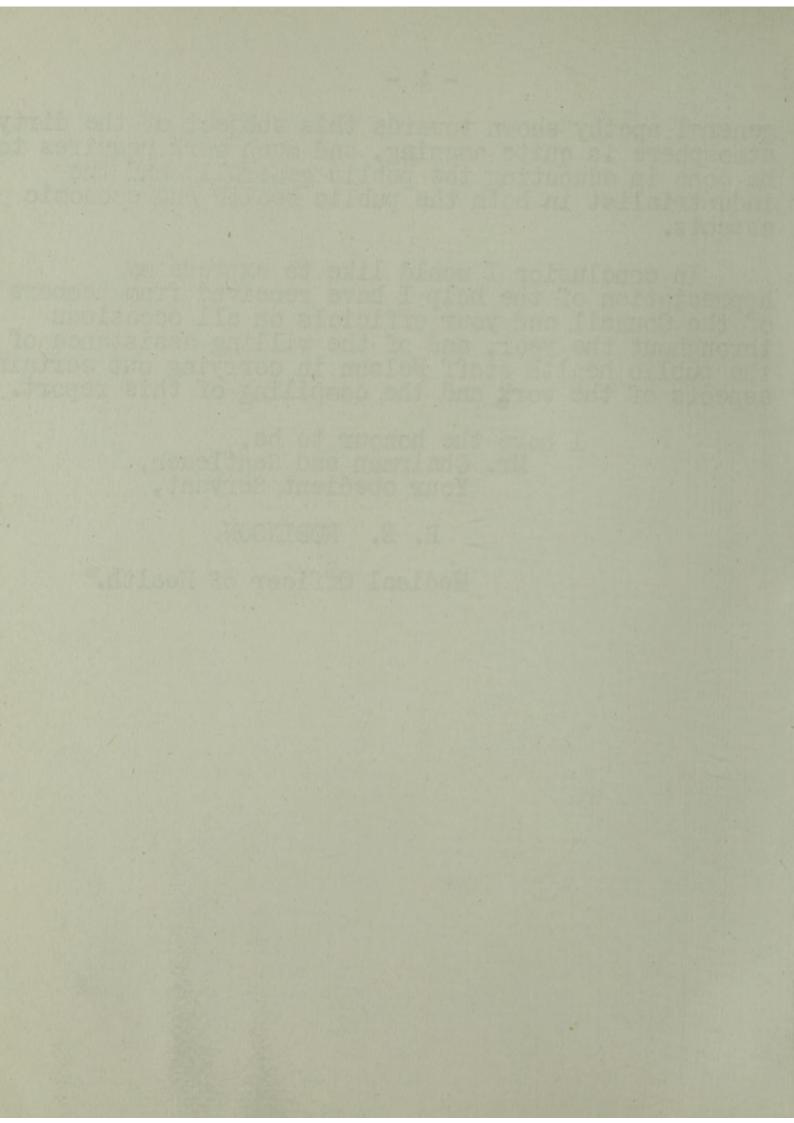
general apathy shown towards this subject of the dirty atmosphere is quite amazing, and much work requires to be done in educating the public generally and the industrialist in both the public health and economic aspects.

In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation of the help I have received from members of the Council and your officials on all occasions throughout the year, and of the willing assistance of the public health staff Nelson in carrying out certain aspects of the work and the compiling of this report.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

R. E. ROBINSON.

Medical Officer of Health.



# Local Legislation (including bye-laws) in force in the district.

Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889.

Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890.

Public Health Amendment Act, 1890.

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Pt. 2 Streets and Buildings.
Pt. 3 Sanitary Provisions
(Except Sect. 39, 40, 41,
42, 50 and 51).
Pt. 4 Infectious Diseases
(Except Sect. 58 and 67).

Pt. 6 Recreation Grounds. Pt. 10 Miscellaneous (Except Sect. 94).

# Byelaws.

New Streets and Buildings - Adopted February, 1925.

Nuisances. - Adopted July, 1894.

Slaughter Houses - Adopted July, 1894.

Offensive Trades - Adopted July, 1894.

Common Lodging Houses - Adopted July, 1894.

Clean Food - Handling &c. - Adopted July, 1950.

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Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area	
Area in acres Population - Preliminary Census, 1951 Registrar General's Estimate of Home Population, mid 1952	1387 4765 4755
Note: This figure is an increase of 76 on the figure supplied for mid 1951.  Number of inhabited houses at end of 1952 according to rate books  Rateable Value  Sum represented by a penny rate	ding 1893 £29,343 £115
The chief industries of the district are cand silk weaving and the dyeing, printing and bof textiles.	otton leaching
VITAL STATISTICS.  Males Females	Total
Live Births - Legitimate 30 26 - Illegitimate $\frac{1}{31}$ $\frac{26}{26}$	56 <u>1</u> <u>57</u>
Live Birth Rate per 1000 estimated home populat Crude Adjusted Comparability Factor	ion: 12.0 13.3 1.11
Still Births  Males Females  1 -	Total 1
Still Birth Rate per 1000 total (Live and Still Births	.)

Still Birth Rate per 1000 estimated home population 0.21

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Deaths	43	39	82
Death Rate per 1000 of estima Compa	Adi	e populat de usted y Factor	14.0
Deaths from pregnancy, childb	irth an aborti	d on	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1	000 tot	al (Live births	and still) - Nil
Deaths of infants under one y	rear of Mal	age .es Fema.	les Total
Legitimate Illegitimate	2		2
Infantile Mortality Rate per	1000 li	ve birth	s 35
Deaths of infants under 4 wee	eks of a	ge Es Femal	es Total
Legitimate Illegitimate	1 -	=	1_
Neo-natal Mortality Rate per Excess of deaths over births	1000 15	ive birth	s 18 25

# BIRTHS.

The 57 live births (31 males and 26 females) registered during the year give an Annual Live Birth Rate of 12.0 per 1000 of estimated population. The adjusted Live Birth Rate is 13.3 per 1000 of population, the comparability factor being 1.11.

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This is a decrease of 13 births and 3.0 per 1000 on the figures for the previous year, and the figures are also less than the average for the previous 5 years by 6 births and 1.7 per 1000 live birth rate.

Compared with the figures for England and Wales, the Barrowford Live Birth Rate is less by 3.3 per 1000, and it is also less by 1.4 per 1000 than the rate for the neighbouring Borough of Nelson.

# STILL BIRTHS.

Only 1 Still Birth was registered giving an Annual Still Birth Rate of 17 per 1000 total (Live and Still) births, which is a decrease of 2 still births and a decrease of 24 per 1000 total (live & still) births on the figures for 1951.

# DEATHS.

There were 8 fewer deaths registered than in the previous year, a total of 82 against 90, which gives a Death Rate of 17.2 per 1000 of population. These figures are comparable with the average figures for the period of the previous 5 years 1947-1951.

Compared with the Death Rate for England and Wales, as a whole, and other sub-divisions of the country, the Barrowford rate is from 4.6 to 6.0 per 1000 greater, and is greater than the figure for Nelson by 3.5 per 1000 of population.

Analysis of the deaths according to causes shows that the main causes are the same as in previous years and the figures for these causes are much the same as in the previous year.

 More deaths took place in April than in any other month during the year, whilst in the age groups the 75-80 years group showed the largest number of deaths and 57% of the total deaths were of persons over the age of 70 years.

# Infantile Mortality.

There were 2 infant deaths under the age of 12 months which give an Infantile Mortality Rate of 35 per 1000 Live Births. Noth these deaths were due to congenital causes, the first taking place at the age of 1 hour and the second at the age of 1 month.

# Maternal Mortality.

There were no maternal deaths during the year for the fourth year in succession.

The following tables show:
1. Various Barrowford Rates for the years 1947-1952 and the average of the 5 years 1947-1951.

2. Birth Rates, Death Rates and Analysis of Mortality for the year 1952 for England and Wales and sub-divisions of the country to which Barrowford and Nelson figures have been added for comparison. 3. Analysis of Deaths according to causes. 4. Summary of Ages at Death

5. Monthly Analysis of Deaths showing Rates.

Maternal Mortality Rate for England and Wales and figures for Nelson and Barrowford for comparison.

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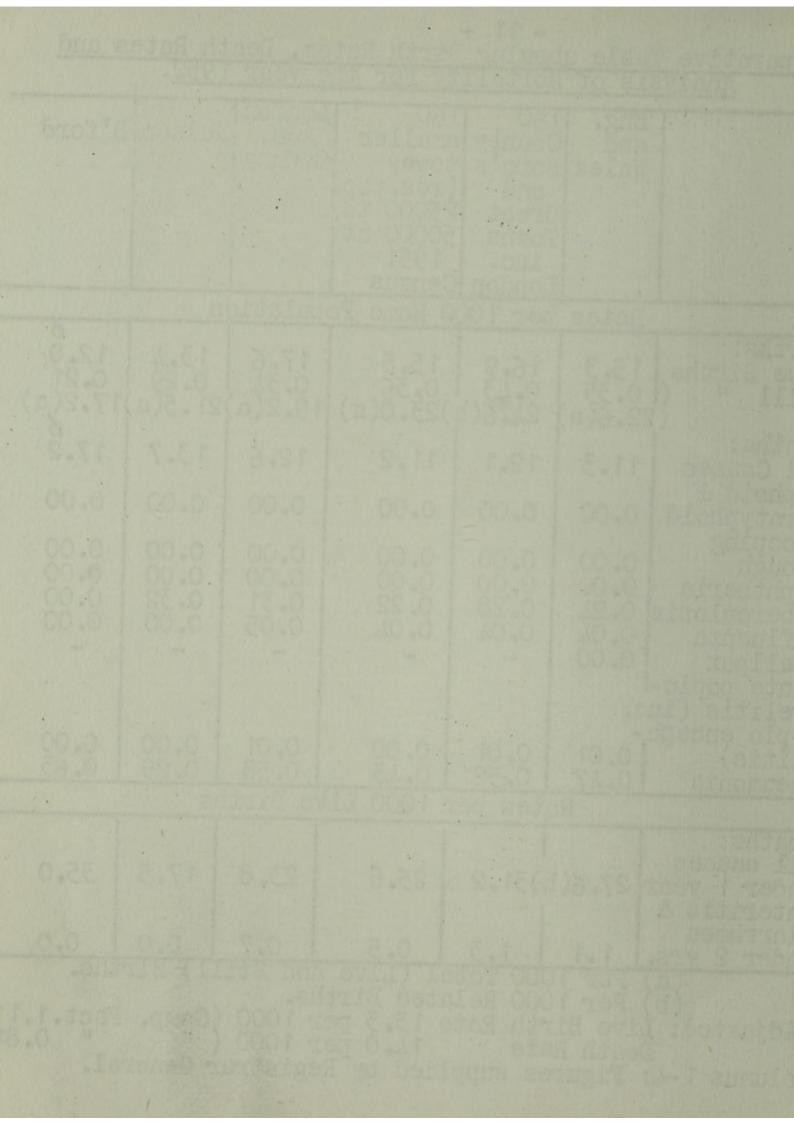
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		13.7	13.6	15.1	14.9	10.2	15.0	0 27		Births		TOTTOM
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n Rate		82.4 17.8	17.9	15.7	17.7	18.7	19.2	17.2	Pate per 1000 pop.	ths causes)	OĪ	P
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Various Barrowford Rates for the years 1947-1952 and the average

Comparative							and
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Analysis of Mortality for the year 1952.								
		County Boro's and Great	towns (res. pop. 25000 to 50000 at 1951	Gommy!	Welson	B'ford		
	Rates	per 100	O Home Po	pulatio	n			
	15.3 0.35 22.6(a)	16.9 0.43 24.6(a	15.5 0.36 )23.0(a)	17.6 0.34 19.2(a)	13.4 0.29 21.5(a)	12.0 0.21 )17.2(a)		
Deaths: All Causes Typhoid &	11.3	12.1	11.2	12.6	13.7	17.2		
Paratyphoid Whooping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Cough Diphtheria Tuberculosis Influenza Smallpox Acute popio-	0.04	0.00 0.00 0.28 0.04	0.00 0.00 0.22 0.04	0.00 0.00 0.31 0.05	0.00 0.00 0.32 0.00	0.00 0.00 0.00		
myelitis (in popio enceph alitis) Pneumonia	0.01	0.01 0.52	0.00	0.01 0.58	0.00	0.00		
-	Ra	tes per	1000 Liv	re Birth	ns			
Deaths: All causes under 1 year Enteritis & diarrhoea	27.6(b	)31.2	25.8	23.8	17.5	35.0		
under 2 yrs.	1.1	1.3	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0		
(a) Per 1000 Total (Live and Still) Births. (b) Per 1000 Related Births.								

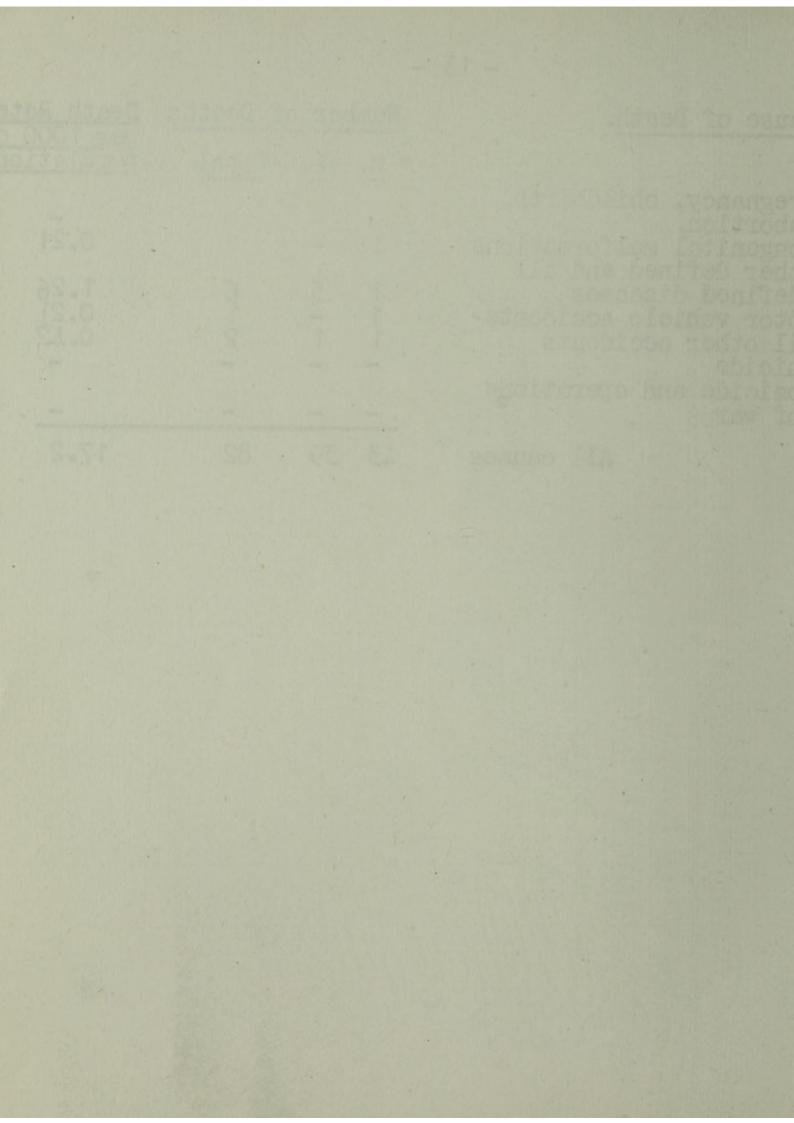
Adjusted: Live Birth Rate 13.3 per 1000 (Comp. Fact.1.11)
Death Rate 14.0 per 1000 (" 0.81)
Columns 1-4: Figures supplied by Registrar General.



Analysis of Deaths according to Causes.

Cause of Death	Numb	er of	Deaths	Death Rate
	M.	F.	Total	per 1000 of population.
Tuberculosis, respirator	bear.d		Examplement from Bernet Briss	the state of the s
other	-		60.0	62
Syphilitic diseases Diphtheria		_	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis Measles	_	_	_	
Other infective and				
parasitic diseases	-1- 1	-	7	0 67
Malignant neoplasm, stomac	on I	2	3 3	0.63 0.63
" breast	-	1	í	0.21
Other maliment and	-	-	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	6	3	9	1.89
Leukaemia, aleukaemia Diabetes	-	-	1	0.21
Vascular lesions of				0.21
nervous system	5	11	16	3.36
Coronary disease, angina Hypertension with heart	12	2	14	2.94
disease	1	3	4	0.84
Other heart disease	e 2	5	8 3	1.68
Other circulatory disease Influenza	-	-		0.63
Pneumonia	1	2 2	3 3	0.63
Bronchitis Other diseases of	1	2	2	0.63
respiratory system	1.	-	1	0.21
Ulcer of stomach or				
duodenum Gastritis, enteritis	-	-		
and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-
Nephritis & nephrosis Hyperplasia of prostate	1	1	1	0.42

Cause of Death.	Num	ber c	or Deaths	peath Rate
	M.	F.	Total.	population.
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion. Congenital malformations	-		7	0.21
Other defined and ill defined diseases Motor vehicle accidents	1 1	5	6	1.26
All other accidents Suicide Homicide and operations	-	-	-	0.42
of war				
All causes	43	39	82	17.2



- 14 -Summary of Ages at Death.

Age	Groups	Bar fo	row-	Tre	ward ans- ers	Tra	ward ans- ers	al Ba	.loc. rrow	ford	% of each group to total
-		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F	M.	F.	Total	deaths
Ove		er				0		0			
1	1 yr	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	2.4
2	5	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
2 5 10 15	2505050505050505	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7-	-
20	25	_	_	_	_	_	_	=	_	_	
25	30	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
2334455667780	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	45	2	_	_	_	_	_	2	_	2	2.4
45	50	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1.2
50	55	1	1	1	-	1 2	2312232	257360	333	5	6.1
60	65	432462	3368	-	1	1	1	7	3	10	12.2
65	70	2	3	1	1	422	2	3	4	.7	8.5
70	75 80	4	6	-	-	1	2	16	11	14 21	17.1 25.6
80	85	2	4	_	1	42	2	14	5	9	11.0
85	90	1	. 1	-	-	1	-	2	1	3	3.7
85 90 95	95	-	-	-	-	- 1	-	-	-	-	-
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To	tals	26	26	2	3	20	15	2,2,	38	82	100.0

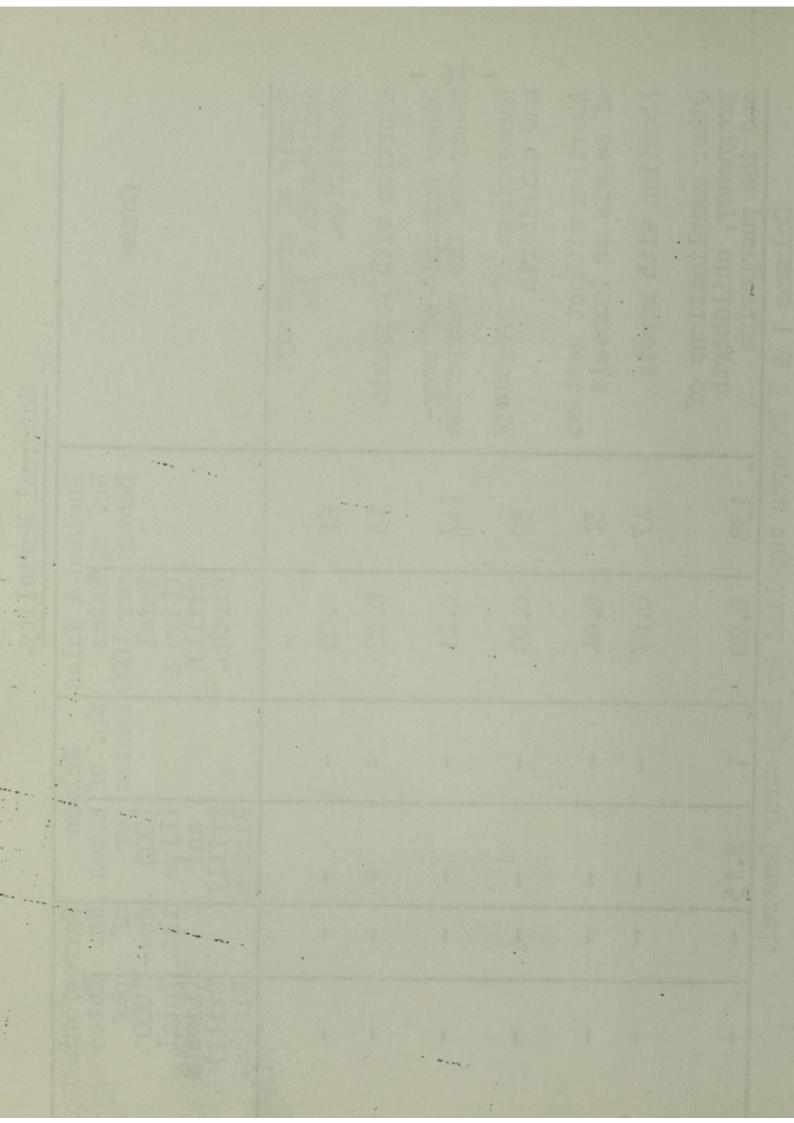
# Monthly Analysis of Deaths showing Rates.

Month	Actual	Outward transfers	Inward transfers	Nett de	aths for
	in B'for	d		Mumber.	Rate per
January February March April May June July	4463349	3 - 1	534221	97-02550	1.89 1.47 2.10 2.52 1.05 1.05
August September October November December	3	1 1 1 1 1	14135	57488	1.05 1.47 0.84 1.68 1.68
Totals	52	5	35	82	17.2

Maternal Mortality.

2 7 0 0 112	Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	Abortion with sepsis	Abortion without mention of sepsis or toxaemia	Haemorrhage of pregnancy and childbirth	Other toxaemia of preg- nancy and the puerperium	Abortion with toxaemia	Sepsis of pregnancy, childbirth & the puerperium.	Cause
	138	4.7	31	59	147	13	61	England No. of Deaths
Tand bar T	0.20	0.07	0.04.	0.09	0,21	0,02	0.09	Rates Rates per 1000 Total (Live & Still) Births.
000000000000000000000000000000000000000		1	1	1	1	1	1	Nels No. of Deaths
Longago and	2.15	1	1	1	1	1	1	son Rates Per 1000 (Live and still) Births
7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Barro No. of dea- ths.
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	mford. Rates per 1000 Total (Live & Still) Births.

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# General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Particulars of the Public Health Officers of the Authority are given on Page 2 of this report.

# Hospitals.

The Hospital Services for the area are provided by the Burnley & District Hospital Management Committee of the N.W. Regional Hospital Board.

# Venereal Diseases Clinics.

These are also provided by the Burnley & District Hospital Management Committee at the Victoria Hospital Burnley, where separate clinics are held twice a week for both male and female patients.

# Laboratory Facilities.

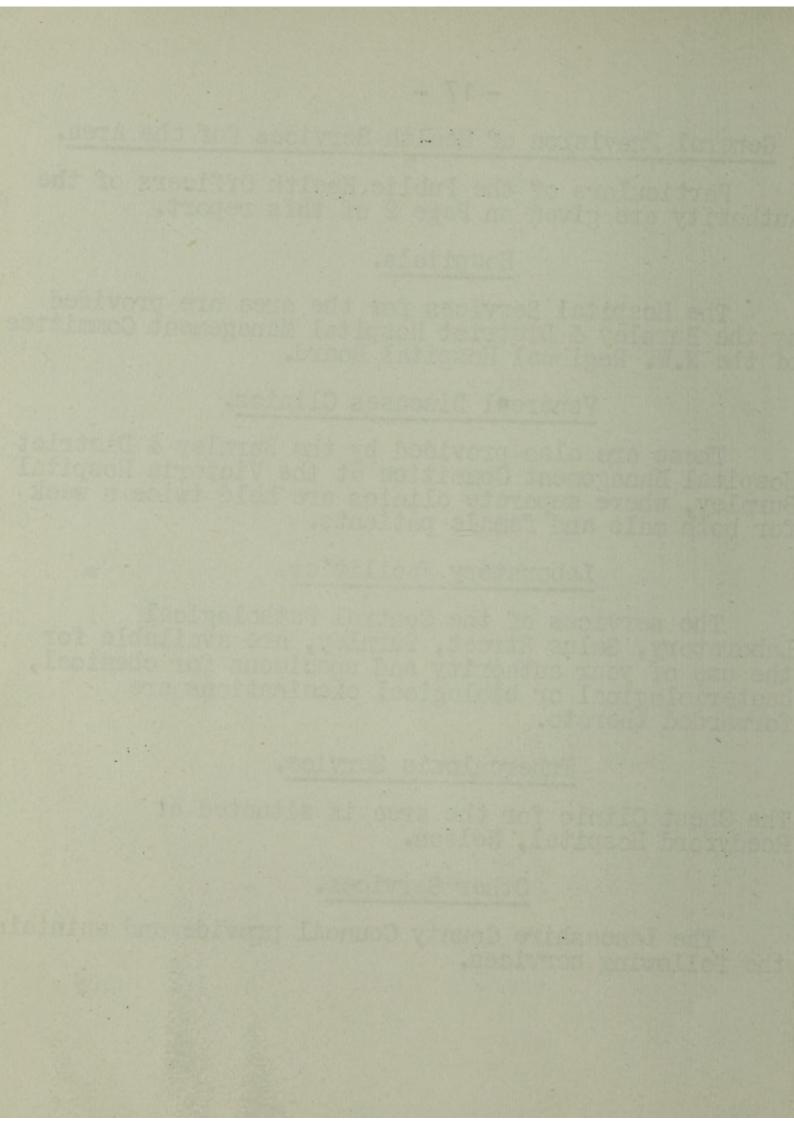
The services of the Central Pathological Laboratory, Salus Street, Burnley, are available for the use of your authority and specimens for chemical, bacteriological or biological examinations are forwarded thereto.

# Tuberculosis Service.

The Chest Clinic for the area is situated at Reedyford Hospital, Nelson.

### Other Services.

The Lancashire County Council provide and maintain the following services.



# Ambulance Service.

The area is served by ambulances from the Divisional Ambulance Station at Reedley and both ambulances and sitting case cars are available.

### Child Welfare Service.

The Infant Welfare Centre for Barrowford is held at the Congregational Sunday School, Hill Top.

# Home Help Services.

The services of Home Helps are provided for cases as follows:

1. Maternity - Domiciliary Confinement.

2. Maternity - Patient discharged from Maternity Home. 3. Acute sickness, particularly where the care of young children becomes necessary due to the incapacity of the mother.

4. Chronic sickness, including tuberculosis, and the

aged sick.

5. Aged and infirm, including blind.

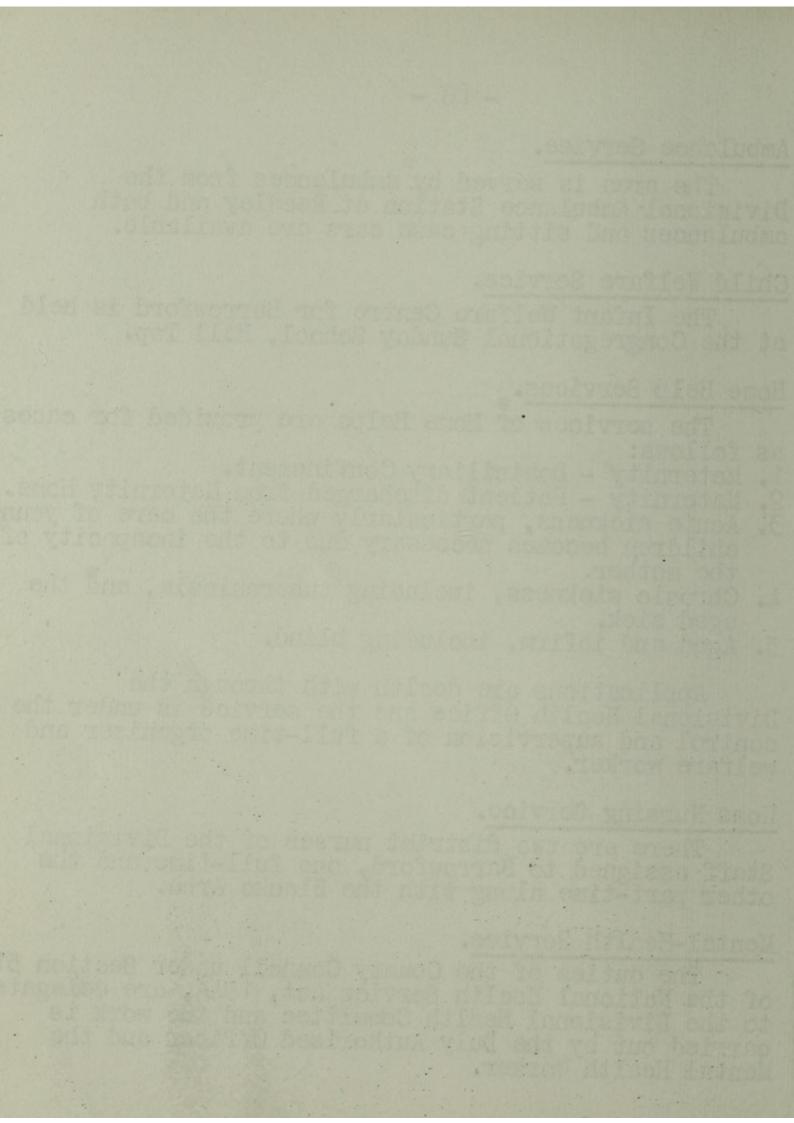
Applications are dealth with through the Divisional Health Office and the service is under the control and supervision of a full-time organiser and welfare worker.

# Home Nursing Service.

There are two district nurses of the Divisional Staff assigned to Barrowford, one full-time and the other part-time along with the Blacko Area.

### Mental-Health Service.

The duties of the County Council under Section 51 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, are delegated to the Divisional Health Committee and the work is carried out by the Duly Authorised Officer and the Mental Health Worker.



#### Midwifery Service.

One nurse-midwife of the Divisional Staff is assigned the Barrowford and Blacko area.

#### Clinics.

Ante-natal, dental, minor ailments, orthopaedic and opthalmic clinics are provided and are available for Barrowford residents.

Further information relative to these services may be obtained from my report as Divisional Medical Officer.

## National Assistance Act, 1949 - Section 47.

It has not been found necessary to take any action under this section during the year.

## Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

#### Water Supply.

Authority from which supply is obtained:

Nelson Corporation

Source of supply:

Moorland gathering ground

New sources of supply during year:

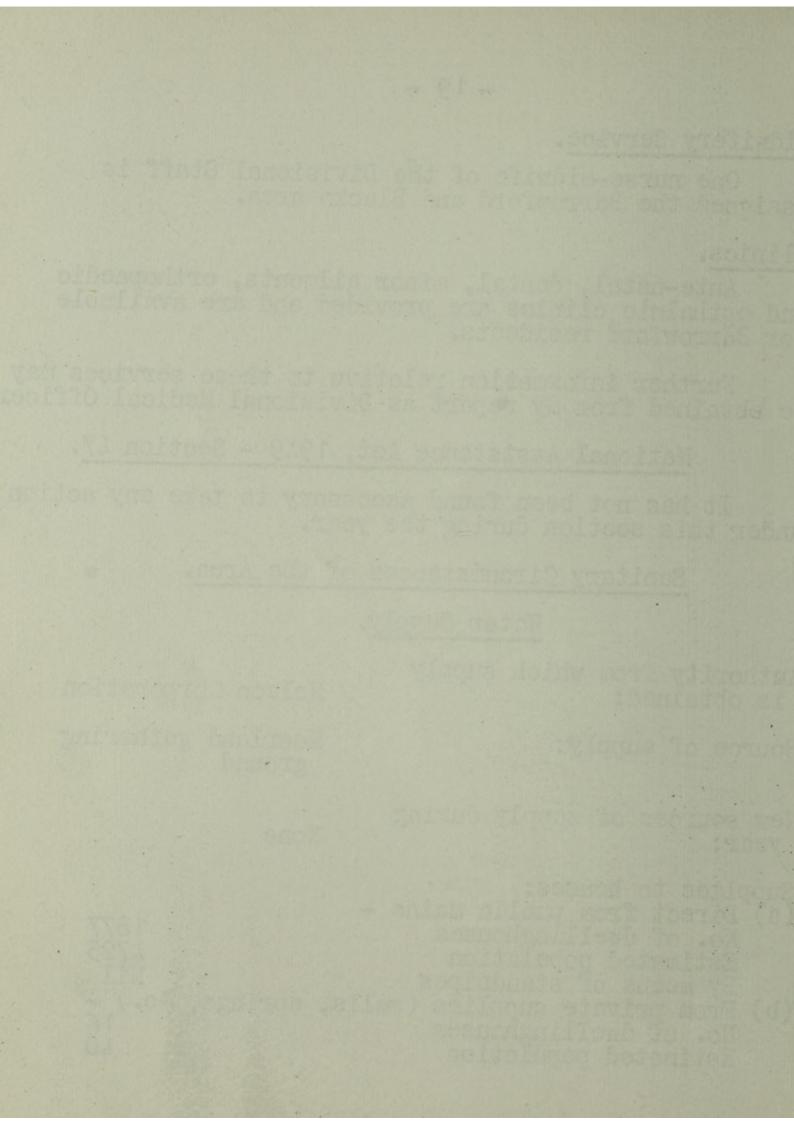
None

Supplies to houses:
(a) Direct from public mains No. of dwellinghouses Estimated population

By means of standpipes

(b) From private supplies (wells, springs, &c.) -

No. of dwellinghouses Estimated population



All the latter are on the outskirts of the district where there is no access to public mains.

The water supply of the area has been satisfactory in both quality and quantity. Samples for chemical and bacteriological examination being taken regularly by Nelson Corporation.

Extensions to the water mains have been carried out on the Higher Causeway Estate, and were still proceeding at the end of the year.

#### Drainage and Sewerage.

Sewage Disposal Works and - Automatic screening plant primary and secondary tanks percolating filters, and humus tanks.

No new works of sewerage and sewage disposal have been undertaken during the year.

There are several houses and farms on the outskirts, without drainage due to the distance involved from the main sewers.

## Closet Accommodation at end of 1952.

Privy middens:	27.7
No. of middens	Nil
No. of closets attached to these middens	Nil
No. of pail closets	22
No. of dry ashpits (excluding middens)	Nil
No. of movable ashbins	1944
No. of trough closets	Nil
No. of waste water closets	758
No. of fresh water closets	716 1877
No. of houses on water carriage system	1011
Conversions during 1952: No. of waste water closets to fresh water	
No. of waste water closets to fresh water closets	15

#### Public Cleansing.

This is carried out by direct labour under the control and supervision of your Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

Household and trade refuse is collected weekly and disposed of by means of controlled tipping.

Cesspools are emptied monthly and pail closets twice monthly.

## Sanitary Inspections during 1952.

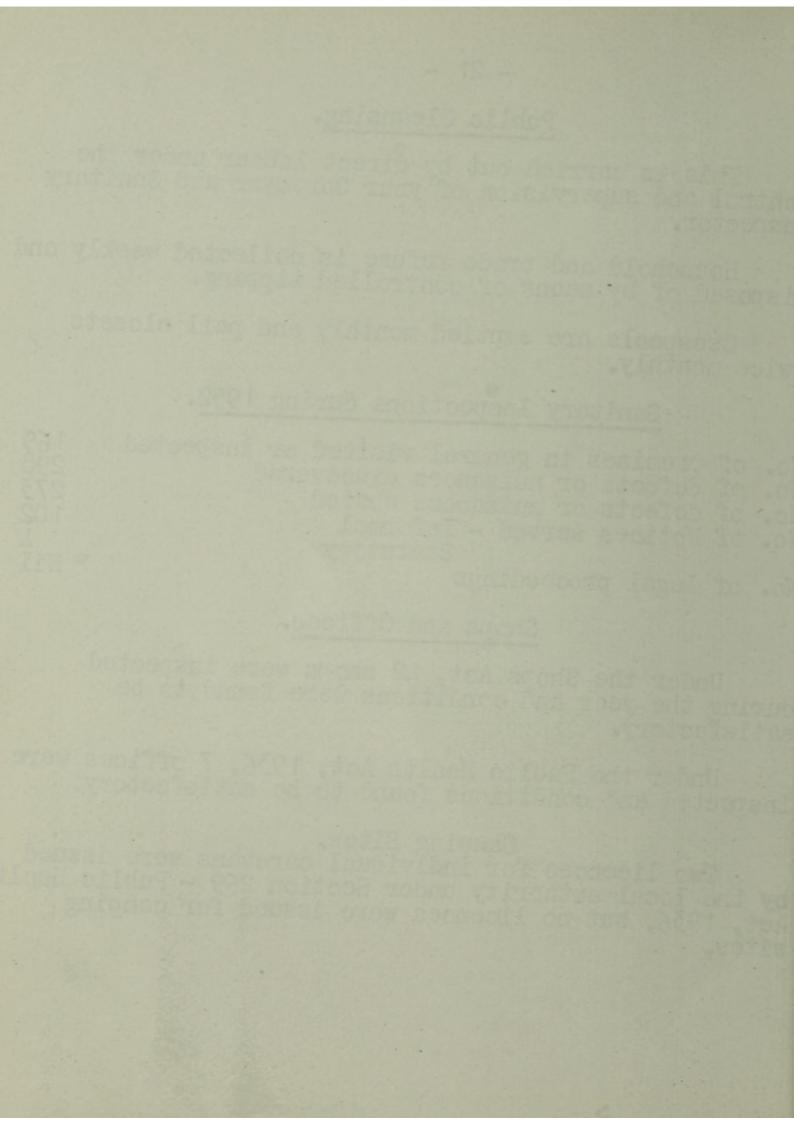
No.	of premises in general visited or inspected	169
No.	of defects or nuisances discovered	298
No.	of defects or nuisances abated	273
No.	of Notices served - Informal	102
	Statutory	4
No.	of legal proceedings	Nil

#### Shops and Offices.

Under the Shops Act, 42 shops were inspected during the year and conditions were found to be satisfactory.

Under the Public Health Act, 1936, 7 offices were inspected and conditions found to be satisfactory.

Two licences for individual caravans were issued by the local authority under Section 269 - Public Health Act, 1936, but no licences were issued for camping sites.



An action was brought against the owner of a moveable dwelling under Section 269 - Public Health Act, 1936, and the owner was given 28 days in which to comply with the requirements of the local authority, but at the end of the year the time allowed had not expired.

## Atmospheric Pollution.

There are 8 factory or works chimneys within the district and 5 observations of these were taken during the year. The time limit allowed for the emission of black smoke is 10 minutes per hour and if this is exceeded informal notices are served on the occupiers.

In the early part of the year a Nelson and District Smoke Abatement Advisory Committee was set up, and Barrowford is represented thereon. The object of this Committee is:-

(a) To foster an interest in smoke abatement and smoke prevention among both employers and employees in local industries and to initiate and sustain propaganda for

the avoidance of atmospheric pollution.

(b) To consider special difficulties experienced by manufacturers in regard to prevention of smoke emissions, fuel problems, problems in regard to plant and equipment, etc.

(c) To consider new developments in technique in relation to fuel consumption and smoke prevention.

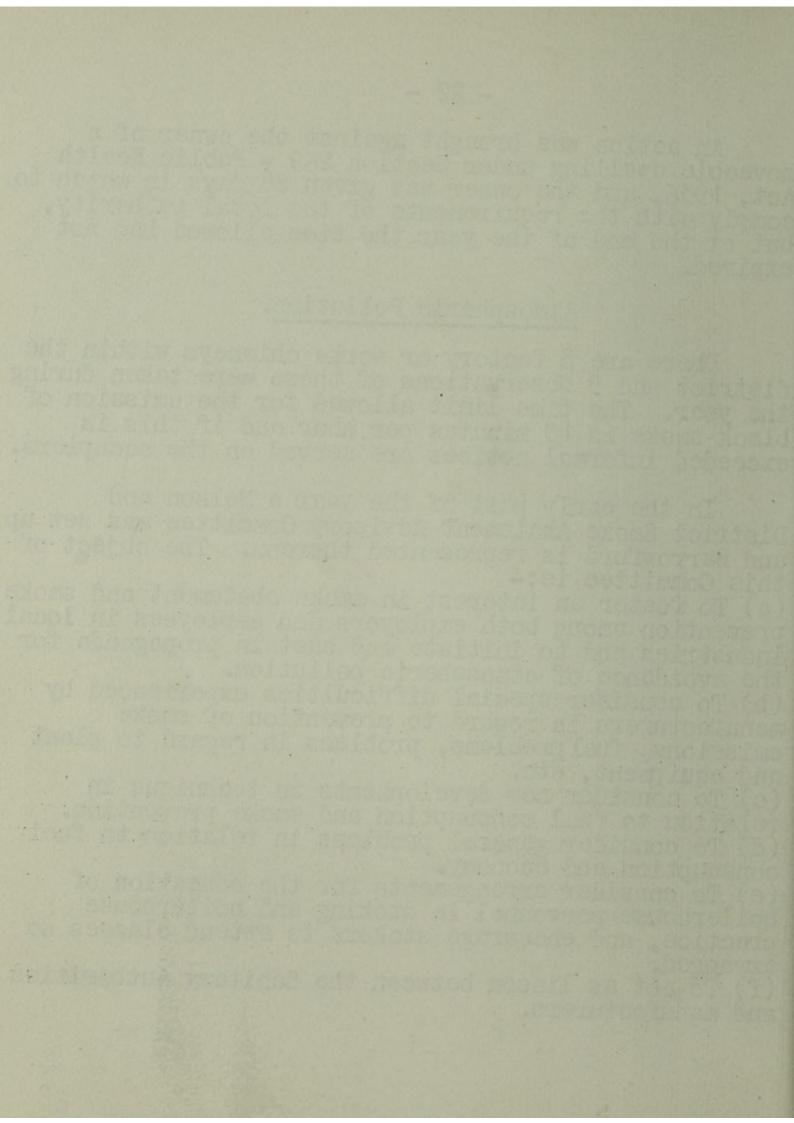
(d) To consider general problems in relation to fuel

consumption and economy.

(e) To consider arrangements for the education of boilerhouse personnel in stoking and boilerhouse practice, and encourage stokers to attend classes so arranged.

(f) To act as liason between the Sanitary Authorities

and manufacturers.



#### Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no public baths or pools nor any privately-owned baths or pools open to the public in Barrowford, but public baths and an open air swimming pool in the Borough of Nelson provide facilities which are available to, and used by, Barrowford residents.

#### Disinfestation.

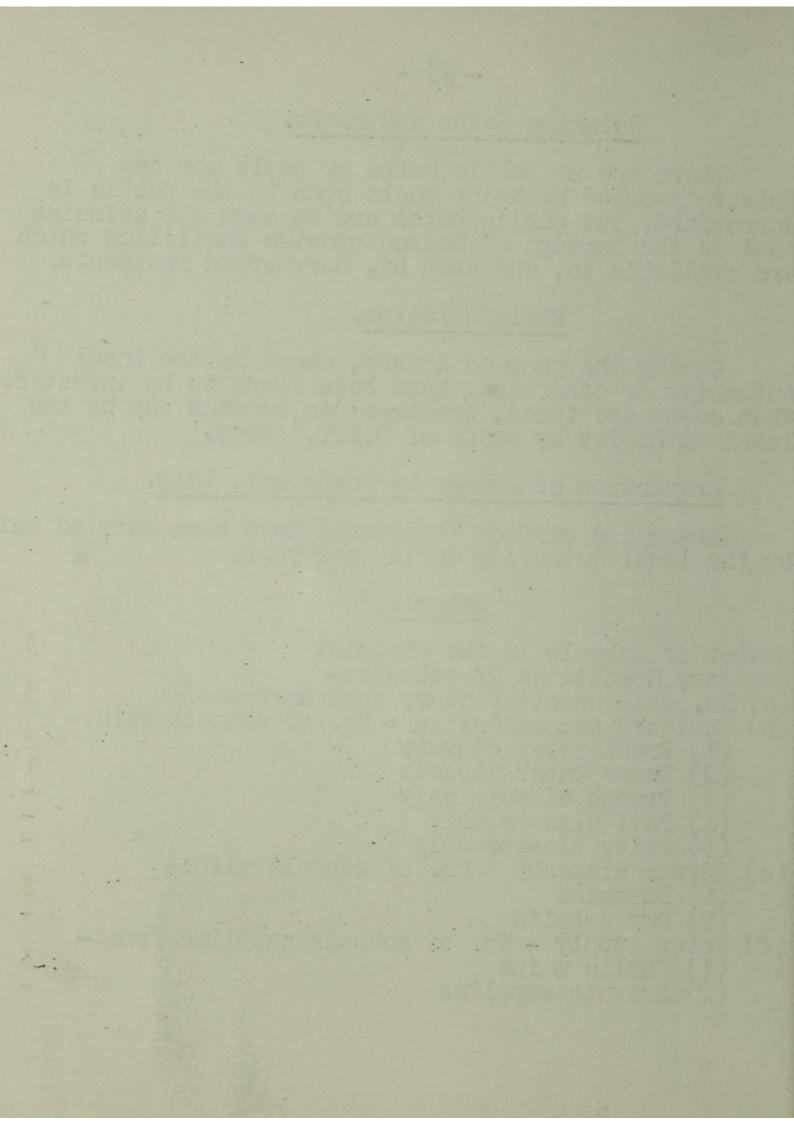
During the year no houses, owned by the Local Authority or otherwise, have been found to be infested. When cases are found, treatment is carried out by the local authority by means of D.D.T. spray.

## Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Sewer and surface treatments have been carried out by the local authority during the year.

#### Schools.

Number of schools in the district	3
Sanitary Conditions of schools:-	
(a) No. with unsatisfactory yard surfaces (b) Sanitary accommodation - No. of schools with:-	3
(h) Sanitary accommodation - No of schools with -	-
(1) Franch water alogata	0
)   Fresh water Closets	4
(2) Waste water closets	7
(3) Trough closets only	-
(1) Fresh water closets (2) Waste water closets (3) Trough closets only (4) Pail closets only (5) Privy closets only	-
(5) Privy closets only	_
(a) Defence di mana di	_
(c) Refuse disposal - No. of schools with:-	
(1) Dustbins	3
(2) Dry ashpits	
(d) Water supply - No of schools supplied from:-	
(d) mater suppry - No. or semoors suppried from	7
Si Public mains	2
(d) Water supply - No. of schools supplied from:- (1) Public mains (2) Private supplies	-

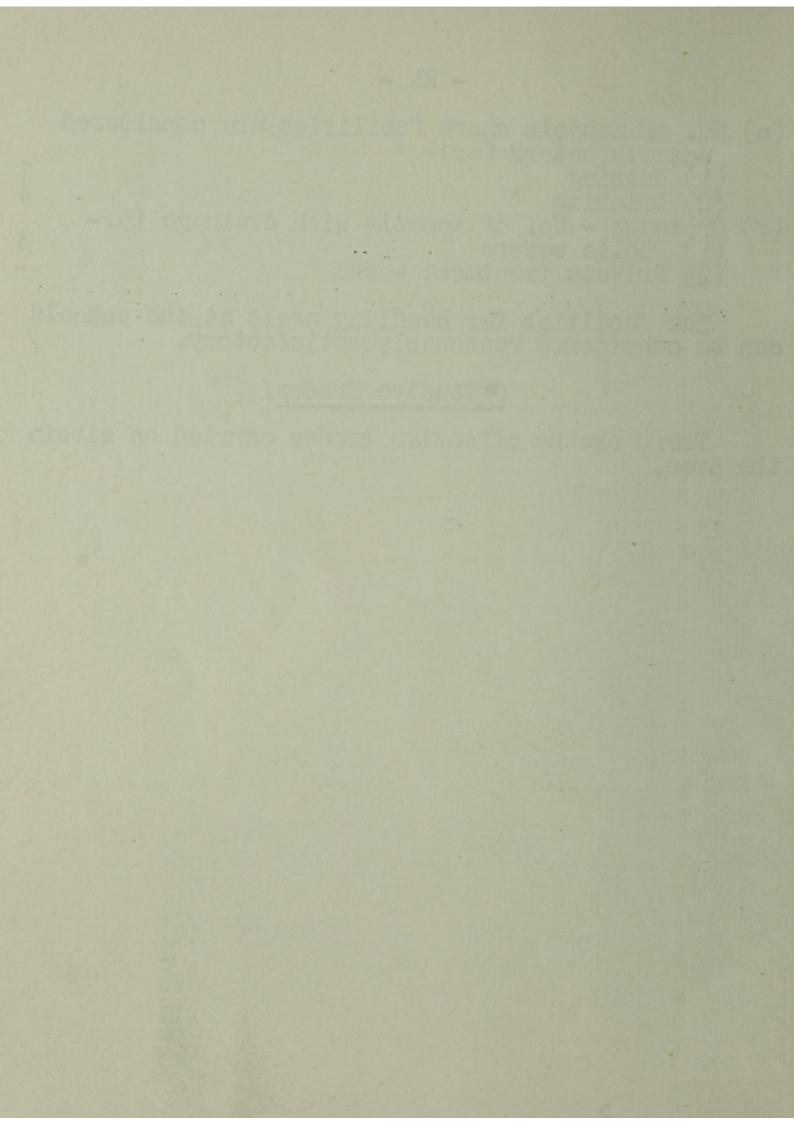


(e) No. of schools where facilities are considered unsatisfactory for:(1) Washing
(2) Drinking
(f) Drainage - No. of schools with drainage to:(1) Public sewers
(2) Private treatment works

The facilties for handling meals at the schools can be considered reasonably satisfactory.

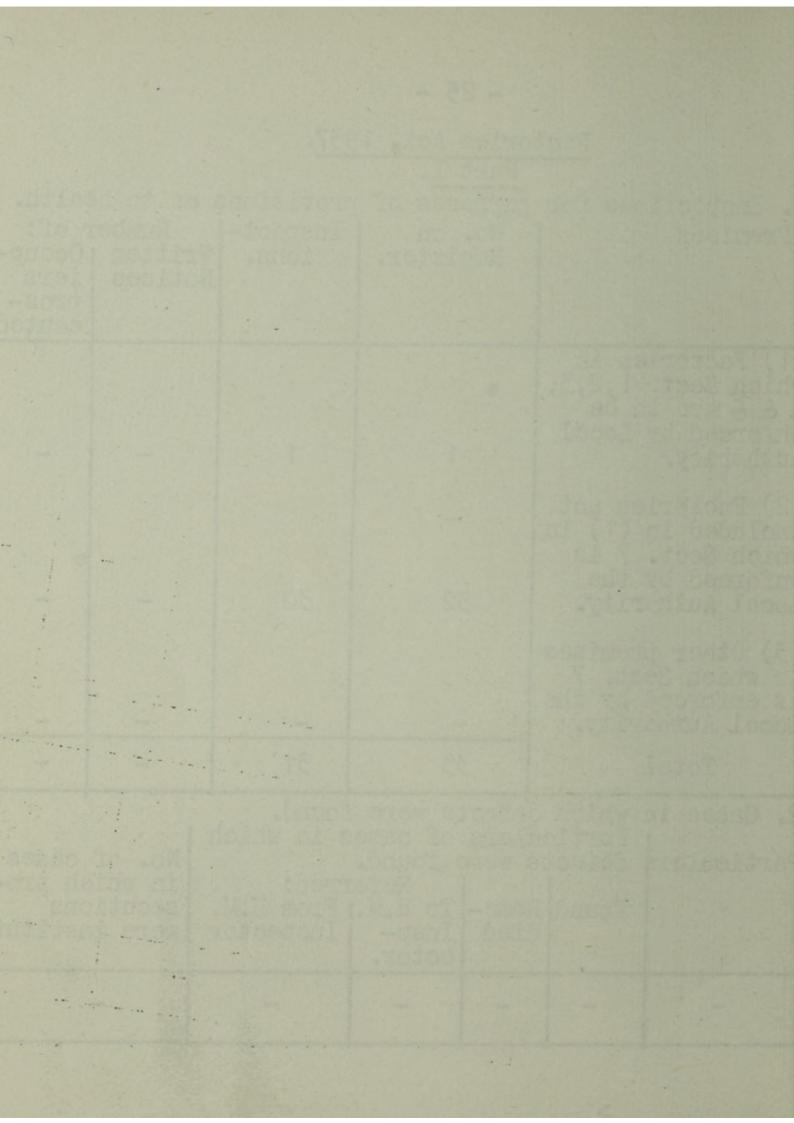
## Offensive Trades.

There are no offensive trades carried on within the area.



## Factories Act, 1937. Part I.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health. Premises No. on Inspect- Number of: Register. ions. Written | Occup-Notices iers prosecuted (1) Factories in which Sect. 1,2,3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority. (2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the 32 30 Local Authority. (3) Other premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. 33 Total 31 2. Cases in which defects were found. Particulars of cases in which Particulars defects were found. No. of cases in which pro-Referred: Found Reme-To H.M. From H.M. secutions were instituted Inspdied Inspector ector.



#### Part VIII.

#### Outwork.

(Sections 110 and 111)

No notifications of outworkers have been received during the year.

#### Other Premises.

There are no Common Lodging Houses, Houses let in lodgings, or Underground Sleeping Rooms within the area.

No inspections are made of canal boats.

#### Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

Number of registered premises at end of year on which rag flock or other filling materials were used in manufacture of beeding, toys, etc.
Number of licensed premises at end of year on which rag flock was
(a) Manufactured, or manufactured and stored

Nil (b) Stored only Nil

Nil

Number of inspections during the year Number of samples taken

## Chief Sanitary Requirements of the District.

The conversion of the 758 waste water closets to the fresh water system.

Installation of new water service pipes to several groups of houses with a poor supply due to the inadequacy of old joint service pipes. The state of the value of the state of the s

# - 27 - HOUSING.

Num 1.	ber of new houses erected during the year: By Local Authority 10 traditional perma	nent
2.	By other Local Authorities By other bodies or persons 2 traditional permanent houses.	nent
1.	No. of houses inspected for housing defects No. of inspections made for the purpose No. of houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	1 02 281 1 02
	nedy of defects during the year without service	of
	mal notices No. of houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority	88
1.	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936  Proceedings under Public Health Acts:  (a) No. of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied (b) No. of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices -	Nil ed 4
	By owners By local authority in default of owners	Nil
3.	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936	Nil
4.	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936	Nil
1.	No. of dwellings overcrowded at end of year. Not	known
	No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
2.	No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	Nil

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## Housing Act, 1949 - Part II - Improvements grants, etc.

Number of schemes submitted

Nil

(a) By private individuals (b) By the Local Authority

Nil Nil

#### Housing Conditions.

In spite of the development of the Higher Causeway Estate, on which the Council are to be complemented, there still exists a shortage of houses as indicated by the Council's housing waiting list which at the end of the year showed that there were no less than 142 families requiring Council houses.

There are quite a number of houses in the area which are not up to modern standards and this includes the back-to-back houses which number approximately 350. With the exception of these latter houses all have a separate water closet or other adequate sanitary accommodation.

Amongst the older property there are still some houses where the water supply is not fully adequate due to houses being served by a common in service pipe, but all houses in the built up area are provided with an internal water supply.

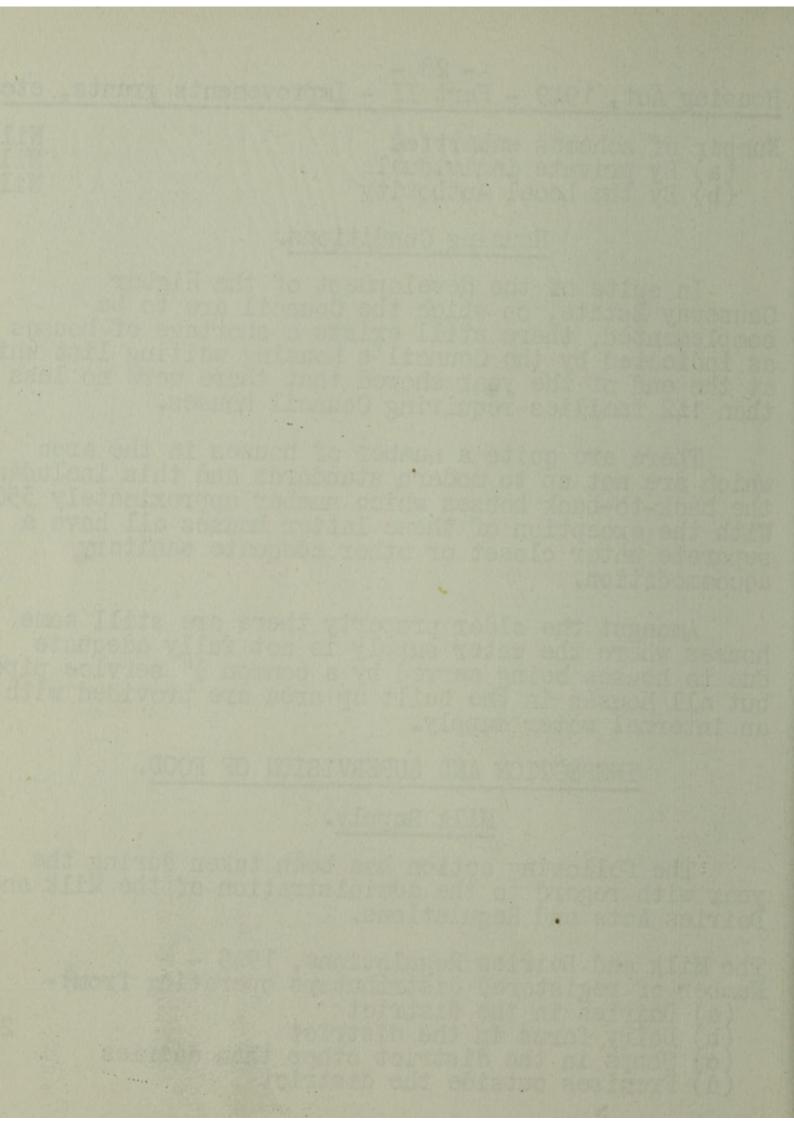
#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

#### Milk Supply.

The following action has been taken during the year with regard to the administration of the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 -Number of registered distributors operating from: -

(a) Dairies in the district (b) Dairy farms in the district (c) Shops in the district other than dairies (d) Premises outside the district



The Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations,

Number of dealers' licences (including supplementary licences) issued by the local authority during 1952 in respect of:
(a) "Tuberculin Tested" Milk
(b) "Accredited" Milk

The Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949. Number of licences issued in respect of "heat treated" milk

(1) Pasteurising plants - (2) Sterilising plants (3) Retail distributors

(a) "Pasteurised" (b) "Sterilised"

No refusal or revocation of a licence for graded milk has been found necessary.

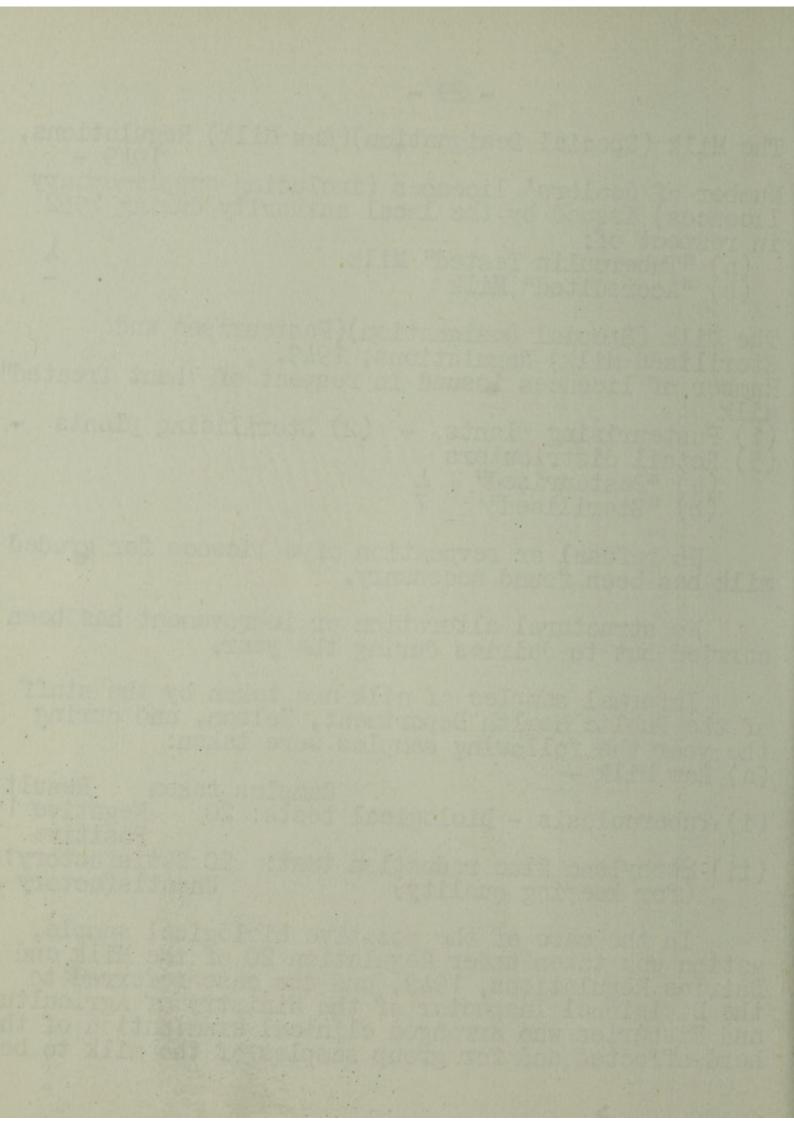
No structural alteration or improvement has been carried out to dairies during the year.

Informal samples of milk are taken by the staff of the Public Health Department, Nelson, and during the year the following samples were taken:
(a) Raw Milk -

Samples taken Result (i) Tuberculosis - biological tests: 20 Negative 19

Positive 1 (ii) Methylene Blue reduction test: 20 Satisfactory16 (for keeping quality) Unsatisfactory 4

In the case of the positive biological sample, action was taken under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, and the case referred to the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries who arranged clinical examination of the herd affected and for group samples of the milk to be



taken, but it was later reported that the results obtained were negative and no animal had, therefore, been seized under the Tuberculosis Order, 1938.

#### Meat and Other Foods.

There is no licensed slaughter-house within the area and with the exception of the incidental slaughtering of cottagers' pigs, all slaughtering for the area continues to take place at the Colne Abattoirs. Licences for the slaughtering of cottagers' pigs are granted through the Ministry of Food and during the year 2 notifications of intention to slaughter were received. The carcases were inspected and both found fit for human consumption.

A general inspection is carried out of shops and other premises where food is prepared.

#### Food Poisoning.

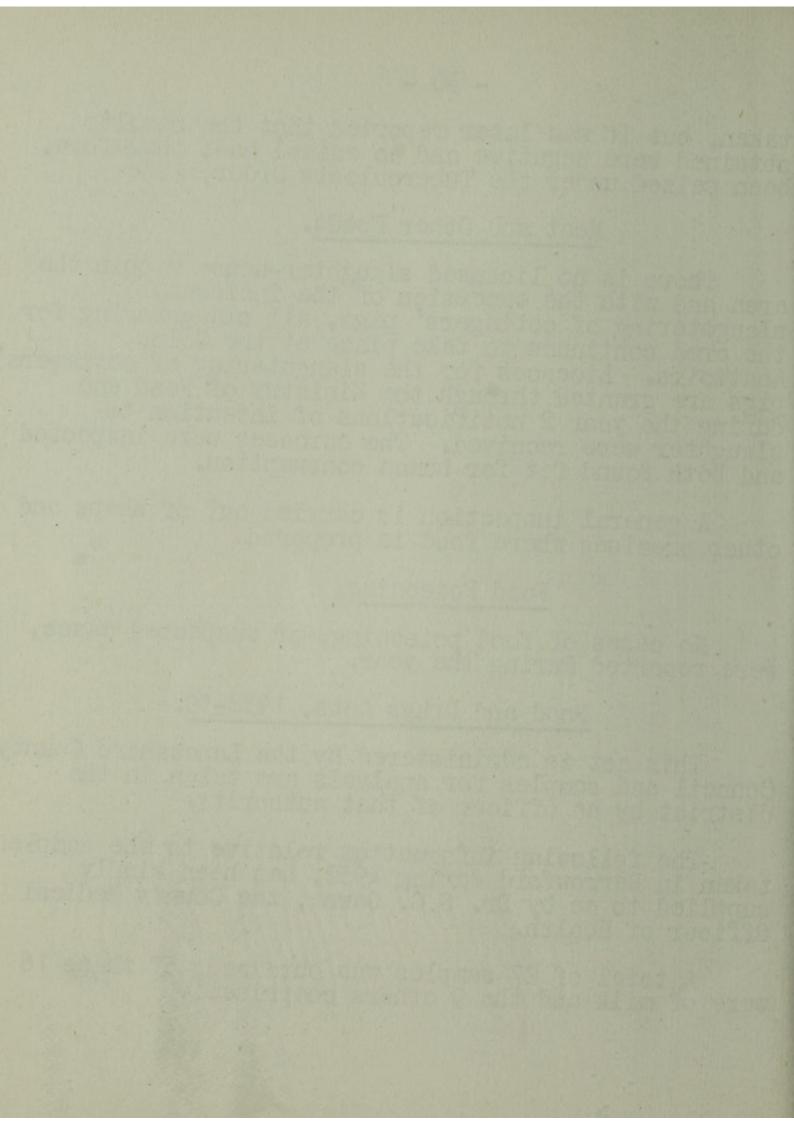
No cases of food poisoning, or suspected cases, were reported during the year.

## Food and Drugs Acts, 1938-50.

This act is administered by the Lancashire County Council and samples for analysis are taken in the district by an officer of that authority.

The following information relative to the samples taken in Barrowford during 1952, has been kindly supplied to me by Dr. S.C. Gawne, the County Medical Officer of Health.

A total of 27 samples was obtained, of these 18 were of milk and the 9 others comprised:-



1 Gravy Browning 2 Pickles 2 Jam

1 Glycerin

2 Tincture of Iodine 1 Malt Extract with Cod Liver Oil

All the samples were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine with the exception of the following: -

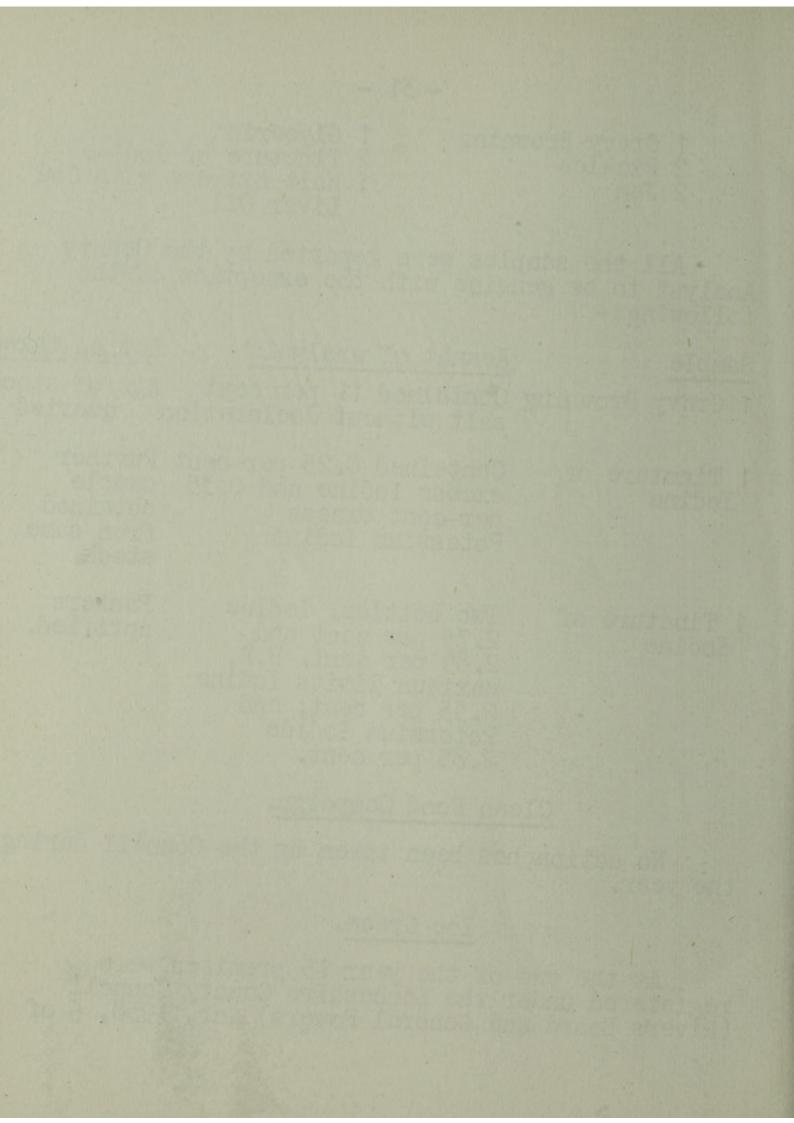
Sample	Result of Analysis	Action taken
1 Gravy Browning	Contained 11 per cent salt without declaration	Age of stock n queried
1 Tincture of Iodine	Contained 0.25 per cent excess Iodine and 0.35 per cent excess Potassium Iodine	Further sample obtained from same stock
1 Tincture of Iodine	Two bottles. Iodine 2.75 per cent and 2.89 per cent. B.P. maximum limits Iodine 2.55 per cent; and Potassium Iodide 2.85 per cent.	Packers notified.

### Clean Food Campaign.

No action has been taken by the Council during the year.

## Ice Cream.

At the end of the year 15 premises were registered under the Lancashire County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers) Act, 1938, 6 of

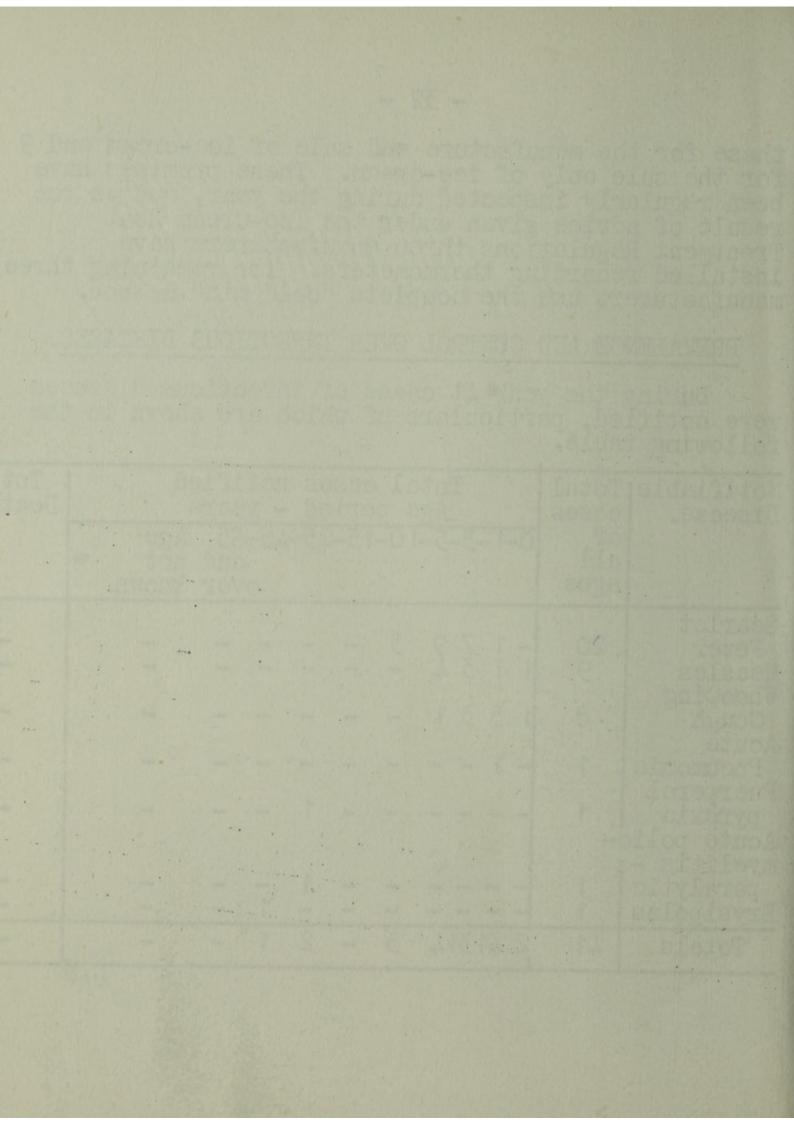


these for the manufacture and sale of ice-cream and 9 for the sale only of ice-cream. These premises have been regularly inspected during the year, and as the result of advice given under the Ice-Cream Heat Treatment Regulations three manufacturers have installed recording thermometers. The remaining three manufacturers use the complete "cold mix" method.

#### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year 41 cases of infectious diseases were notified, particulars of which are shown in the following table.

Notifiable Disease.	Total cases of all ages	0-	-1 -		Ag	e p	eri	bo	- y 45-	and		Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever Measles Whooping Cough Acute Pneumonia	20 9 8	11111	11 3 1	73 3 -	94 1 -	3		11 11	1111	1 1 1 1		
Puerperal pyrexia Acute polic myelitis - paralytic Erysipelas	1				1 1 1	- 11	1 1 1	1 1 -	- - 1		-	-
Totals	41	2	61	31	4	3	-	2	1	-	-	-



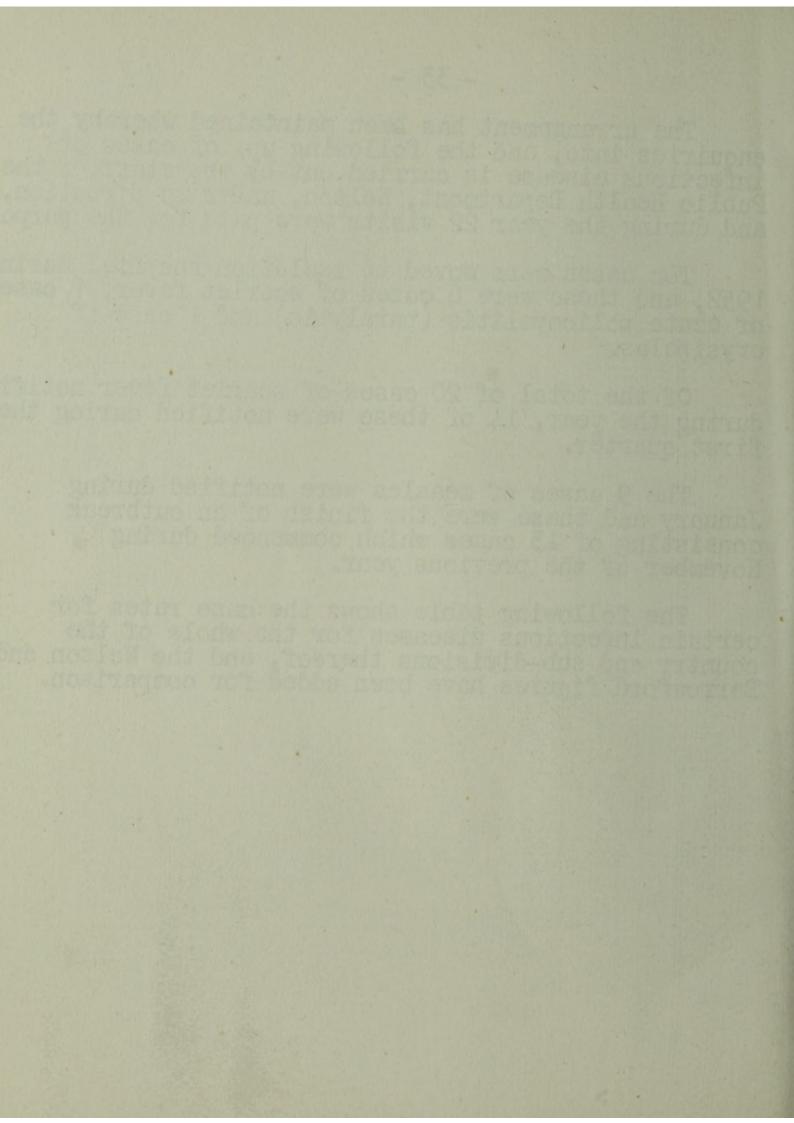
The arrangement has been maintained whereby the enquiries into, and the following up, of cases of infectious disease is carried out by the starf of the Public Health Department, Nelson, under my direction, and during the year 22 visits were paid for the purpose.

Ten cases were moved to isolation hospital during 1952, and these were 8 cases of scarlet fever, 1 case of acute poliomyelitis (paralytic) and 1 case of erysipelas.

Of the total of 20 cases of scarlet fever notified during the year, 14 of these were notified during the first quarter.

The 9 cases of measles were notified during January and these were the finish of an outbreak consisting of 43 cases which commenced during November of the previous year.

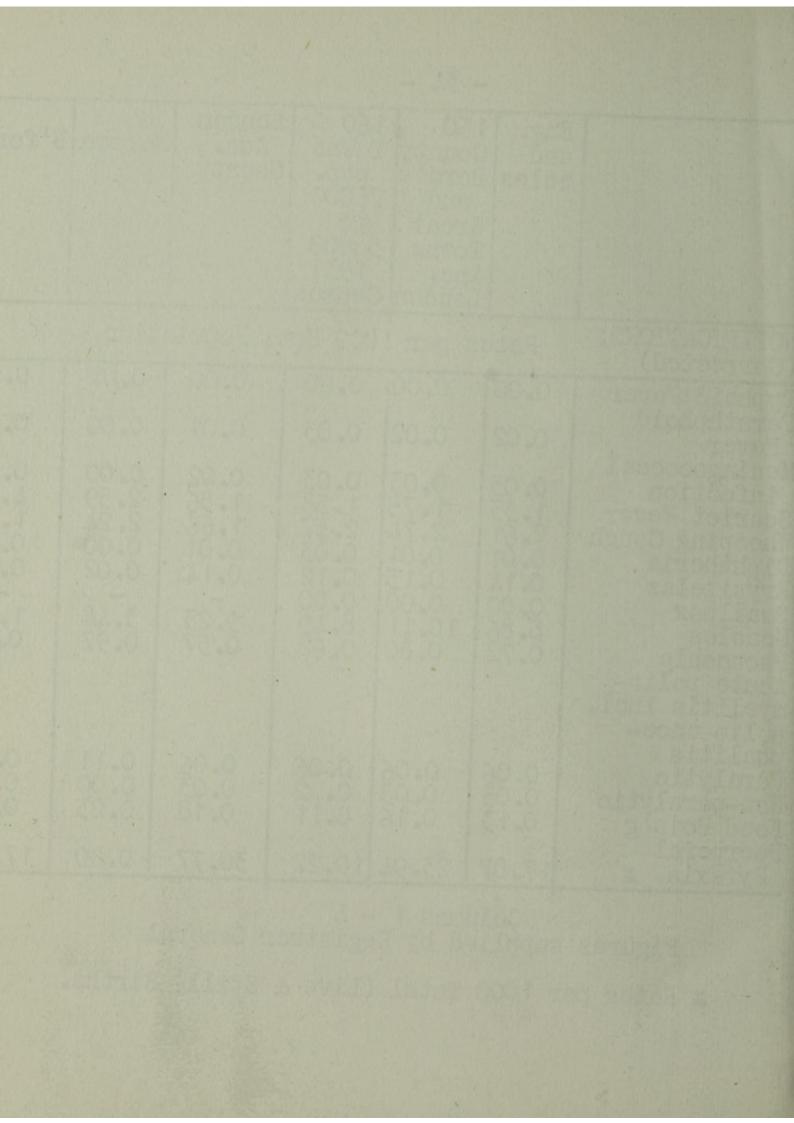
The following table shows the case rates for certain infectious diseases for the whole of the country and sub-divisions thereof, and the Nelson and Barrowford figures have been added for comparison.



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\* Rates per 1000 Total (Live & Still) Births.



## Tuberculosis.

Two new cases of tuberculosis, both respiratory, were notified during 1952. There were no deaths registered from this disease.

At the end of the year there were 32 cases on the register, 24 respiratory (13 males and 11 females) and 8 non-respiratory cases (1 male and 7 females).

No action has been found to be necessary during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under the Public Health Act, 1936, Section 172.

## Disinfection after Infectious Diseases.

The arrangement between your authority and the Borough of Nelson, whereby this work is carried out by the staff of the Public Health Department, Nelson, continues to operate and during the year 19 houses, 248 articles of bedding, 12 articles of clothing and 48 miscellaneous articles have been disinfected.

Formalin spray and vapour is used for the premises, and infected articles of bedding and clothing are subjected to steam disinfection, the apparatus used being situate at the Destructor Works, Charles Street, Nelson, and owned by Nelson Corporation.

