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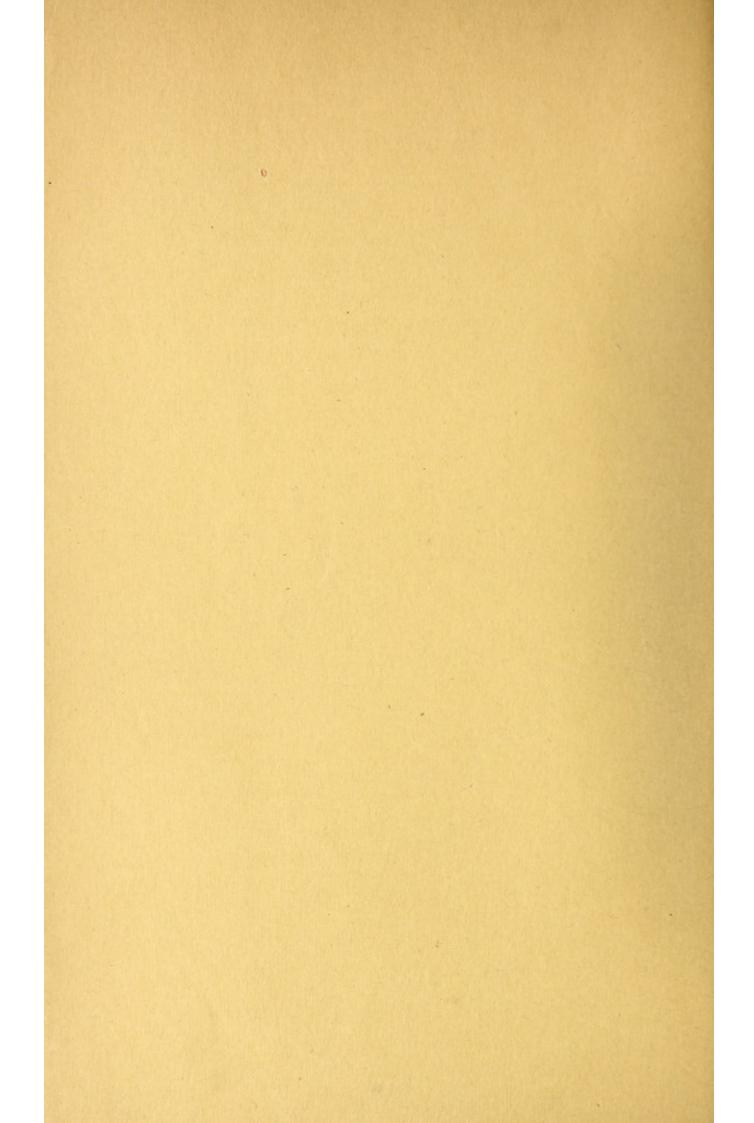
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### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1963

To the Chairman and Members of the Belford Rural District Council
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my fourth Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the district during the year 1963.

It will be seen from the vital statistics that the population of the district shows no change from the previous year. There was however, an increase in the birth rate. It may be recalled that in the previous year, the birth rate was considerably lower than average, however, with the comparatively small number involved, it is to be expected that fairly wide fluctuations from year to year will occur.

Regrettably there was one infant death during the year, and this was due to congenital heart disease. The death rate showed a decrease from the previous year and the rate, expressed per thousand of the population, is very near to the national average. More than half of the deaths were due to cardio vascular lesions and about one death in seven resulted from malignant causes.

Of the infectious diseases, measles provided nearly all the numbers, where in fact there were 57 notifications (there were none in the previous year). Two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis occurred.

The immunisation state of the district is fairly satisfactory.

Considerably fewer vaccinations against smallpox were performed during the year. This was due to the abnormally high number performed in the previous year when it may be recalled that an outbreak elsewhere in the country was responsible for a very widespread demand for vaccination throughout the country.

It is satisfactory to see from the Public Health Inspector's report that a very good water supply has been maintained by the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company. In particular, it is good to note that further improvements are in the process of completion, which will eventually remove the difficulties which have been experienced in Bamburgh and Beadnell.

An important item of legislation during 1963 concerned the standards of meat inspection. Local Authorities must now ensure that all meat intended for human consumption is passed fit by a qualified Inspector. The scope and standard of the inspection has been increased, and this will ensure greater safety for the customer.

Despite the lower standards permitted in the caravan site of a neighbouring authority, it is satisfactory to see that most of the sites in the Belford Rural District measure up fully to the original standards laid down.

Caravanning is an increasingly popular pastime and the very large numbers which arrive in the coastal areas of this Rural District in the summer make it imperative that the highest possible standards and care are exercised.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council, the Clerk, and the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector for their continued interest and help during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

With Miller mels

Medical Officer of Health

### GENERAL STATISTICS

The area of the district was 39,797 acres

The number of inhabited houses was 2,023 and the number of new houses completed during the year was 8

The rateable value was £61,171 and the sum represented by a penny rate was £238.

The estimated mid-year population was 4,780 and this figure was taken when calculating the birth and death rate.

### VITAL STATISTICS

	Males	Females	Total
	46	21	67
	7.7	1	1
Total	46	22	<u>68</u>
			14.22 17.20 1.47
	profe to		
	3	_	3
	=	1	1 4
Total	3	1	4
total live and still birt	hs		55·55 72
one year)			
	1	man de	1
	=	=	=
Total	1	=	1
			14.70
	1	ins best	1
	-	DA LIDE	no.V To:
Total	1	Ξ	1
r 1,000 total live births			14.70
te			
	1	_	1
		-	=
Total	1	Ξ	1
1,000 total live births		June 1	14.70
or one week combined non	000		
er one week combined per i	,,,,,,		69.44
	Total  Total	Total  Total	Total  Total

### Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths Rate per 1,000 total live and still births

Deaths	Males	Females	Total
	28	41	69
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of the popul	Lation	14	.43
Crude Death Rate multiplied by Comparal	bility Factor	12	.12
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis			-
Deaths from Other Puerperal Causes			-
Deaths from Cancer		1	1

### CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Other)	-	-	_
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	-	-
" Lung, Bronchus	3	1	4
" Breast	-	1	1
" Uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	4	5
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	1	1
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	-	2	2
Coronary Disease, Angina	7	12	19
Hypertension with Heart Disease	4	5	9
Other Heart Disease	-	-	-
Other Circulatory Disease	1	2	3 3
Influenza	1	2	3
Pneumonia	-	1	1
Bronchitis	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	-	2
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	7	9
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-
All Other Accidents	4	-	4
Suicide	-	1	1
Homicide and operations of War Totals	28	41	69
	anana	-	

### INFANT MORTALITY

Cause of Death	Age	Place of Death
Congenital Heart Disease	6 days	Babies Hospital, The Leazes, R.V.I., Newcastle upon Tyne.

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## POPULATION, BIRTH RATE AND INFANT MORTALITY

# 1918 - 1963

Year	Population	Birth Rate	Number of Infant Deaths	Infant Mortality Rate
1918	4,091	16.3	2	26.6
1919	4,318	15.11	2 4	58.8
1920	4,490	22.27		30.0
1921	4,940	16.15	3 6	75.0
1922	4,959	16.73	6	72.0
1923	4,950	15.55	4	51.0
1924	4,943	14.76	7	96.0
1925	4,909	14.87	5	68.0
1926	4,870	12.52	4	65.0
1927	4,755	14.3		73.0
1928	4,742	11.4	5 4	74.0
1929	4,809		5	82.0
	4,809	12.7	3	56.6
1930	4,433	11.0	2	78.0
1931			5	82.0
1932	4,521 4,438	13.5	5	
1933		12.6	2	35.7
1934	4,493	18.0	2 4	24.7
1935	4,555	13.8		63.5
1936	4,647	16.5	5	64.9
1937	Report Missing	20.1	7	
1938	4,764	17.4	- 6 -	72.3
1939	Report Missing			
1940	5,265	12.7	3	44.7
1941	5,379	14.7	6	76.0
1942	5,279	19.3	4	39.2
1943	Report Missing	TENTO- A ST.	AND U-	-
1944	" "		-	-
1945	4,703	16.4	TOTAL -	-
1946	4,884	20.6	6	59.4
1947	4,906	21.8	ed mo4 elder	37.3
1948	4,904	15.2	1	13.3
1949	4,940	15.4	3	39.5
1950	5,099	16.2	3	36.0
1951	5,155	14.7	27	13.0
1952	5,022	15.7	1	12.6
1953	5,065	12.5	1 -	15.6
1954	5,030	14.0	-	-
1955	5,030	13.5	3 -	44.0
1956	5,030	11.1	2 3 -	35.0
1957	5,030	13.1	3 -	45.0
1958	5,010	13.57	1	14.70
1959	5,040	16.47	2	24.09
1960	5,050	17.44	-	-
1961	4,800	17.40	district the sails	13.88
1962	4,790	14.03	2	34.48
1963	4,780	17.20	offer the Sell	14.70

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Scarlet Fever	-
Whooping Cough	-
Diphtheria	-
Measles	57
Pneumonia	-
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	-
Enteric Fever	-
Erysipelas	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Dysentory	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-
Smallpox	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Food Poisoning	-
Encephalitis	-

### TUBERCULOSIS

		New	Cases			Dea	aths	
Age	Pulm	onary	Non-Pu	lmonary	Pulm	onary	Non- u	lmonary
Groups	М	F	М	F	M	F	M	F
0-15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-65	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### POLIONYELITIS VACCINATION

## North No. 1 & 2 Areas

The following table shows the number of persons vaccinated against poliomyelitis during the year ended 31st December, 1963.

		Number of Persons
Two Injections	- Salk Vaccine	6
Third Booster	- Salk Vaccine	37
Fourth Booster	- Salk Vaccine	- 199
Three Doses	- Oral Vaccine	1,094
Booster dose oral	after two Salk injections	184
Booster dose oral	after three Salk injections	420
Booster dose oral	after three Oral doses	13

## IMMUNISATION

	Pri	mar	у :	Im	nu	nisa	tion		Secon	dar	y()	Re:	in	forci	ing) In	njections
	Under	1	2	3	4	5/9	10/14	Total	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5/9	10/14	Total
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	-	12
Diphtheria and Tetanus	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	4	anim ka	-	35	7	6	25	729	73
Diphtheria and Whoop- ing Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	a rute	-	-	-	-	90		-
Diphtheria, Whooping Dough and Petanus	34	28	4		-	1	-	67	i lan	-	3	1	2	3	1	10
Totals	34	28	5	-	-	4	-	71	-	-	38	8	8	39	1	95

# SMALLPOX VACCINATION

# North No. 1 Area

Numb	er Vaco	inat	ed Du	ring P	eriod		Nı	umbe	r Re-	vacci	nated	
	Under	1	2-4	5-14	15 or over	Total	Under 1	1	2-4	5-14	15 or over	Total
Berwick M.B.	32	5	-	2	2	41	TENT.	-	1	7	8	16
Belford R.D.	4	7	1	-	1	13	1,-	-	2	2	12	16
Glendale R.D.	27	2	-	-	3	32	-	-	-	1	10	11
Norham R.D.	3	-	-	1	1	5	-	-	-	-111	7	7
Totals	66	14	1	3	7	91	-	-	3	10	37	50

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR & PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

## 1963

## NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS & VISITS

	Drainage.	15	
	W.C.'s.	6	
	Septic Tanks	14	
	Dangerous and Dilapidated Buildings.	2	
	Trade Refuse.	7	
	Dustbins.	-	
	Offensive accumulations.	1	
	Public Conveniences	57	
	Water Supply and Water Samples.	41	
	Tents.	3	
	Camping Sites.	44	
HOUSING A	CTS.		
	Repairs.	25	
	Demolition and Closing Sec. 16.	4	
	Improvement Grants.	61	
FOOD & DR	UGS		
	Slaughterhouse - meat inspections.	162	
	Butchers Shops - " "	21 -	
	Food Premises - inspections.	29	
	- condemned food.	4	
	Ice-cream retailers.	11	
	Ice-cream Manufacturers.	5 2	
	Fish Merchants.		
	Dairies, Milk Dealers etc.	4	
FACTORIES	AND WORKSHOPS		
	Factories with mechanical power	16	
	Factories without mechanical power.	3	
PREVENTIO	N OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT.		
	Inspection of dwelling houses.	9	
	Other premises.	21	
	Local Authority Premises.	19	
MISCELLAN	DOUS		
	Refuse Tips.	71	
	Sewage Works.	13	
	Sea Outfalls.	19	

#### WATER SUPPLIES.

The operation of the Water Undertaking has been on the whole most satisfactory and in the case of the failure of the Bamburgh supply the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company acted with such promptitude the failure was scarecly noticed.

The supply to Beadnell was maintained by use of a booster pump but the Harbour area continued to suffer shortages. This situation existed under the Council but has worsened with the increase in demand.

With the completion of the main from Windylaw to Seahouses and the Elford Reservoir the supply to Seahouses should be assured for the foreseeable future and with the Elford Reservoir commanding both Bamburgh and Beadnell there too the position should be assured.

Thirty nine samples were taken of private supply with results as shown in the table below.

Highly satisfactory. Satisfactory. Suspicious. Unsatisfactory.

10 4 1 24

In the case of 4 of the unsatisfactory samples, remedial work or changing to new or alternative supply was effected resulting in 27 houses getting a highly satisfactory supply of water. It may be possible to effect improvement to some of the other supplies but many must remain unsatisfactory. I would point out that it does not follow that these supplies are dangerous or injurious to health as the organisms present are generally completely harmless, but they do have a potential danger.

#### SEWERAGE.

The C.I. pipe to the see outfall below The Acres, Seahouses, was effectively scraped and no stoppages occured during the year. This is a great improvement and very gratifying in view of the low cost involved.

The Rivers (Prevention of Pollution) Act 1961 required that, from 1st June all existing sewage discharges into water courses should have the consent of the River Board. The Council have 7 such discharges and applications for consent have been submitted to the Board. In view of the very large numbers of applications with which the Board have to deal it may be some considerable time before consents are given.

There was no sign during the year of pollution on the Beadnell beach which confirms my opinion that the original complaint of pollution was due to fishermen cleaning their nets after shooting them in the area near the outfall.

#### PUBLIC CLEANSING.

This service has operated satisfactorily during the year and only a few complaints were received. These were from occupiers of 'holiday houses' re-opening their houses as it were without notice.

It has been difficult to maintain the tips to a proper standard and the too frequent fires at the Burton tip gave rise to justified complaint. The need for tractor with shovel was made a necessity and the Council have undoubtedly taken the right step in agreeing to purchase a machine.

#### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

These were maintained in reasonable condition during the year despite the efforts of the public using them to make them as filthy as possible. It has to be accepted that conveniences are now a regular target for vandals. I feel sure that the general public could help in preventing this senseless destruction.

### MEAT INSPECTION.

The Regulations came into force on the 1st October laying down the standard of inspection to be carried out and requiring 100% inspection. The butchers have so far co-operated in the complying with the Regulation by refraining from weekend slaughtering with consequent need for extra time to be spent on inspections.

With the generous help of the Inspectors from Alnwick R.D. the Regulations will be fully complied with.

### CARAVAN SITES.

The decision of the Alnwick Magistrates in the case of the Caravan Site at Seaton Point is unfortunate in that it will now be impossible fully to implement the Model Standard, except by persuasion.

Most of the sites have or intend to have full provision of facilities and it is to be hoped that the others will appreciate the desirability of having their sites to full standard.

### FOOD & DRUGS.

Ice-cream Manufacturers. 2
Ice-cream Premises (Sale of pre-packed ice-cream). 23

Food Inspections (Defective Food surrendered).
Canned Ham.
Other canned meats.

Bacon.

1 tin.
1 roll.

11 WATER SUPPLIES

Parishes.	Adder- stone with Lucker.	Bamb- urgh.	Bead- nell.	Belf- ord.	Easin- gton.	Ellin- gham.	Middl- eton.	North Sund- erld.	Totals.
Pop. 1961 Census.	303	558	586	1070	199	430	233	1625	5004
No. inhabited houses. (According to Census)	136	252	300	387	78 (71)	134	87 (83)	649	2023
No. houses with piped supply in houses.	3	217	268	344	Ol A	50 & 1 Boarding School.		634	1605
No. houses with stand pipe suppl	1 4	2	8		- 00	3		7	24
No. houses with piped supply in houses.	1	31	24	43	77	78	87	8	382
No. houses with stand	6	2			1	3	_		12
No. houses with W.C.	112	249	289	380	70	127	86	648	1961
No. houses with bath.		245	288	358	70	114	86	605	1777

## HOUSING

## GENERAL.

		Total number of inhabited houses in District	2023	3
-		New houses Local Authority	-	
		New houses Private Persons.		8
		Total number of houses owned by Local Authority	325	5
Los	ING AN	D DEMOLITION.		
1.		Houses demolished in Clearance Areas.	_	
		Houses demolished not in Clearance Areas.	- 100 E	
		Houses closed not demolished (Section 16)		1
•		Houses permanently discontinued as dwellings.	-	
EPA:	IRS.			
ious	es mad	e Fit.		
a)		By informal action.	10	0
b)		By owners as a result of statutory notice	-	
c)		By Local Authority in default of owners	_	
MPR	OVENEN	T GRANTS.		
		T 1949 - HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT 1959.		
1.		Discretionary Grants.		
	(a)	Applications submitted to Local Authority during year.	19	
	(b)	Applications rejected.	í	
	(c)	Applications approved.	17	
	(a)	Approximate average grant approved per house.	339	
	(e)	Total number of houses approved for grant since		
		inception of scheme.	223	
2.		Standard Grants.	During year.	Total
	(1)	Number of separate houses for which grants were made	and and from.	date.
	(-)	during the year.	5	21
- 1	(2)	Number of houses so provided with	1	-
	(-)	(a) Bath or shower.	3	18
		(b) Wash hand basin.	5	20
		(c) Hot water supply.	5 4	14
		(d) Water closet.	4	19
		(e) Food store.	5	18
	(3)	Houses not included in above approved for grant under	- 15	
	100	the Hill Farming and Livestock Rearing Act 1946-54.	The state of	
CLOS	ET CON	VERSIONS.		
		Number of conversions to water closets.	- 17 1/19 -	
		Number of privy closets in use as at the end of the year	r. 6	2
POSI	TION W	TTH REGARD TO UNFIT HOUSES.		
		Total number of houses scheduled for condemnation (1955 Report).	6	1
		Total number demolished.	1	7
		Discontinued as dwelling houses.		7
		Total number of families still requiring to be rehoused		i

The following table shows the number of animals slaughtered and the carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle exclud- ing cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses
Number killed (if known)	192	-	-	430	57	less <u>u</u>
Number inspected.	192	-	-	430	57	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis	3	168		20032	100 100	
and Cysticerci. Whole carcases condermed.	. 1	-	-	2	-	02 64
Carcases of which some		-	-	7700		
part or organ was				-		
condemned.	61	-	-	54	5	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with	61	A+ I		-74000 - 101	10000	
disease other than tuber-	-	1				
culosis and cysticerci.	32.3	-	-	13.0	8.8	-
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcases condemned		-	-	-10 -20 -204	2.34	100
Carcases of which some				SUBIN	4525	
part or organ was condemned.	-	1	-	-15	,990	necroit
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	31	_	-00 UEV		
Cysticercosis. Carcases of which some		-		260 HG2		
part or organ was				30108		
condemned.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to			-		1999	
treatment by	1					
refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and					mann a	
totally condenned.	-	-	-	-	-	_
		1		1		

### Cysticercosis.

A single degenerated cyst was found in the outer masseter muscle, and the head only was condemned.

The carcase was carefully examined after jointing and the heart and thick skirt finely sliced.

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

			1			
		(1) Local Authority.	(2) Hses. (incl. Council Houses).	(3) All other (incl. Bus. Premises).	(4) Total of Cols. (1), (2) & (3).	(5) Agricultural.
1.	No. of properties in Local Authority's District.	10	2023	415	2438	104
2.	Total no. of proper- ties inspected as a result of notifica- tion.		89	3	92	t voluit
	No. of such properties found to be infested by:- Major Common rat.		21		21	9
	minor		52	1 5	55	-
	House mouse Major		14	-	14	1
-	Minor		10	-	10	-
3.	Total no. of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act.	7	478	10	495	15
	Number of such properties found to be infested by:- Common rat. Hajor	5	13		18	1
	Ainor	1		3	14	-
	House mouse. Major		4		4	1
	Minor		9_		9	
4.	Total no. of properties otherwise inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)		16	2	18	1
	No. of properties found to be infested by: Common rat. Major House mouse. Major		2		2	302776
	Minor		3		3	
5.	Total inspections carried out - incl. re-inspections (to be completed only if figures are readily available)					
6.	No. of infested properties (in Secs.2,3 & 4) treated by the L.A.	6	120	7	133	8
7.	Total treatments carried out - incl. re-treatments.			19		56
8.	No. of notices served under Sec. 4 of the Act. (a) Treatment. (b) Structural work. (i.e. Roofing).					
11.	No. of "Block" control schemes carried out.					

Note: No Ship rats found in the District.

## FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959.

## Part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as the health.

	Premises.	Number on	Number of				
	riomioes.	Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted		
1.	Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	<i>l</i> <sub>+</sub>	3	_	-		
2.	Factories not included in 1 in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	22	16	-	-		
3.	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	2	2	_	-		
	Total	28	21	-	-		

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars.	10	Number of cases in which prosec		
	Found	Remedied	red by H.M.	-utions were instituted.
Want of cleanliness (S.I)	1	1		
Overcrowding (S.2)				
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)				
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1		
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)				
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient (b) Unsuitable or defective. (c) Not separate for sexes.	2	2		
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork.				



