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## **BOROUGH OF BEVERLEY**

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### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1965**

#### **Chairman:**

Alderman D. J. BROMBY

#### **Vice-Chairman:**

Councillor H. P. FLYNN

#### **Members:**

The Mayor — Councillor T. LEAK  
Councillor H. R. GODBOLD                      Councillor M. POWELL (Mrs.)  
Councillor L. HOLMES                        Councillor J. RAMSDEN  
Alderman C. W. JOHNSON                    Councillor H. ROBERTS  
Alderman A. MEADLEY                        Alderman T. STEPHENSON

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### **OFFICIALS OF THE CORPORATION**

**Town Clerk:** ERNEST BAILEY, Municipal Offices, Lairgate, Beverley

**Borough Treasurer:** H. COLLIER, F.I.M.T.A., Municipal Offices, Lairgate, Beverley

**Borough Surveyor and Engineer:** B. T. H. JOHNSON, A.R.I.C.S., A.M.I.Mun.E., A.M.Inst.H.E., M.R.S.H., Municipal Offices, Lairgate, Beverley

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF**

#### **Medical Officer of Health and Divisional Medical Officer:**

W. FERGUSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Divisional Health Office, Lord Roberts Road, Beverley

#### **Chief Public Health Inspector:**

T. B. HOOD, M.A.P.H.I., Municipal Offices, Lairgate, Beverley

#### **Public Health Inspector:**

P. WADEMAN, M.A.P.H.I., Municipal Offices, Lairgate, Beverley

**Clerical Staff:** J. A. H. WADDELL, Chief Clerk, Divisional Health Office

**BEVERLEY MUNICIPAL BOROUGH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR 1965**

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*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Beverley Borough Council.*

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the state of the Public Health for 1965.

**Vital Statistics**

The principal causes of death remain the same as in recent years, namely heart disease, various forms of cancer and vascular lesions of the nervous system. Coronary disease and angina are the largest single cause of death accounting for more than 25% of the total deaths in the Borough. The corrected death rate for the town is 12.99 per 1,000 residents compared with a rate of 11.5 for England and Wales as a whole.

The infant mortality rate has risen to 25.16, but as the total numbers concerned are relatively small, no specific conclusions can be drawn from this increase.

**Infectious Diseases**

There were no serious outbreaks of infectious diseases in the town.

The biennial increase in the number of cases of measles has accounted for 207 out of the total of 216 infectious diseases notified during the year.

Vaccination against measles is now available, but it is not yet recommended that this vaccine should be generally used as a routine for all children. Parents wishing to have their children vaccinated against measles can obtain this through their family Doctor.

Seven new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified, four males and three females. All possible contacts in such cases are followed up and are persuaded to attend the Chest Clinic for examination and X-Ray.

The Mass Radiography Unit visits the town each year in the early summer, and open sessions are held at which any member of the public may attend.

## **Water and Sewage Disposal**

The town obtains its water supply from the Hull Corporation. The quality and quantity of this has been satisfactory in all respects. Samples of water are taken at regular intervals for bacteriological and chemical analysis, details of which are given in the Public Health Inspector's section of this report.

A considerable amount of work and consultation has been carried out in connection with the proposed new sewerage scheme for the town. The facilities at the present works for the disposal of sludge have been extended to the maximum during the last twelve months, and emergency arrangements had to be made to cope with this problem. In connection with this new sewerage scheme, investigations have been made into the possibility of de-hydrating the sludge so that it can be more easily and hygienically disposed of, and this is a practical proposition which will be fully considered by the Council.

## **Common Lodging Houses**

There is one common lodging house in the town which accommodates up to 37 residents. This establishment has always been maintained in a satisfactory manner and serves a useful purpose as a temporary residence for certain itinerant members of the community and for other more permanent residents who have no alternative accommodation.

## **Factories Act, 1961**

The detailed particulars under Part I, and Part VIII of the Factories Act which are administered by the Council are set out on page 13 of the report.

I should like to express my thanks to the Chairman, the Chief Public Health Inspector and all Members and Officials of the Council for their continued help and assistance during the year.

I am, Your obedient servant,

**W. FERGUSON,**

*Medical Officer of Health*

## STATISTICAL MEMORANDA

BOROUGH.....	Borough of Beverley
Population (estimated mid-1965).....	16,730
Number of inhabited houses .....	5,538
Rateable Value .....	£526,392
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .....	£2,105 (est.)
Total Live Births .....	318
Birth Rate .....	19.2
Total Deaths .....	211
Death-rate .....	12.99
Deaths of infants under one year of age.....	8
Infant Mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) .....	25.16
Number of Illegitimate Births .....	11
Number of Still Births .....	5

### BEVERLEY BOROUGH VITAL STATISTICS

**Population.** The Registrar General's estimate of the population at mid-1965 was 16,730, an increase of 200 over the previous year.

**Births.** Of the 318 live births during the year 167 were males and 151 females, and the birth rate was 19.2 compared with 18.76 in 1964. There were 11 illegitimate births, 4 boys and 7 girls, 4 fewer than in the previous year.

**Still Births.** There were 5 still births, a decrease of one.

**Deaths.** The total number of deaths was 211 (98 males and 113 females), an increase of 27 and the death rate was 12.99, 1.41 higher than in 1964.

**Infant Mortality.** Eight children died before the age of one year and the rate per 1,000 live births was 25.16 compared with 9.77 in 1964.

**Tuberculosis deaths.** There were no deaths from tuberculosis during the year.



## Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population

Year	England and Wales	Beverley Borough
<b>LIVE BIRTHS</b>		
1965	18.0 *	19.2
1964	18.4	18.76
1963	18.2	18.79
1962	18.0	16.61
1961	17.4	16.55
<b>DEATHS</b>		
1965	11.5 *	12.99
1964	11.3	11.58
1963	12.2	11.81
1962	11.9	12.0
1961	12.0	11.09

**NOTE:** The Rates for the last five years are per 1,000 Home Population, which includes service personnel.

\*Provisional rate supplied by the Registrar General.

## Principal Causes of Death

CAUSES OF DEATH	Male	Female	Total
1. Tuberculosis of the respiratory system .. .. .	—	—	—
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis .. .. .	—	—	—
3. Syphilitic disease .. .. .	—	—	—
4. Diphtheria .. .. .	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough .. .. .	—	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections .. .. .	—	—	—
7. Acute poliomyelitis .. .. .	—	—	—
8. Measles .. .. .	—	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases .. .. .	1	—	1
10. Malignant neoplasm of stomach .. .. .	6	2	8
11. Malignant neoplasm of lungs and bronchus .. .. .	5	1	6
12. Malignant neoplasm of breast .. .. .	—	5	5
13. Malignant neoplasm of uterus .. .. .	—	5	5
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms .. .. .	11	15	26
15. Leukaemia and aleukaemia .. .. .	1	—	1
16. Diabetes .. .. .	—	3	3
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system .. .. .	9	18	27
18. Coronary disease and angina .. .. .	30	29	59
19. Hypertension with heart disease .. .. .	1	—	1
20. Other heart diseases .. .. .	5	10	15
21. Other circulatory diseases .. .. .	5	4	9
22. Influenza .. .. .	—	—	—
23. Pneumonia .. .. .	—	1	1
24. Bronchitis .. .. .	9	3	12
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system .. .. .	—	—	—
26. Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum .. .. .	—	1	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea .. .. .	1	2	3
28. Nephritis and nephrosis .. .. .	—	—	—
29. Hyperplasia of prostate .. .. .	1	—	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion .. .. .	—	—	—
31. Congenital malformation .. .. .	2	1	3
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases .. .. .	5	6	11
33. Motor vehicle accidents .. .. .	2	—	2
34. Other accidents .. .. .	4	6	10
35. Suicides .. .. .	—	1	1
36. Homicide and operations of war .. .. .	—	—	—
Total, all causes .. .. .	98	113	211

## Age Distribution of Deaths

Age at Death	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Under 1 year ..	4	3	8	3	8
1—5 years ..	2	2	1	—	1
6—15 years ..	2	5	—	2	—
16—25 years ..	2	1	3	1	—
26—45 years ..	4	5	3	6	15
46—65 years ..	40	38	47	45	39
66 years and over	124	140	123	127	148
Totals ..	178	194	185	184	211

## Deaths under One year of Age Rates per 1,000 Live Births

Year	England and Wales	Beverley Borough
1965	19.0	25.16
1964	20.0	9.77
1963	20.9	26.40
1962	21.4	11.28
1961	21.4	15.21

## Rates per 1,000 Total Births Still Births

Year	England and Wales	Beverley Borough
1965	15.7*	15.48
1964	16.3	19.17
1963	17.3	16.23
1962	18.1	7.52
1961	18.7	14.98

\*Provisional figure supplied by the Registrar General

**Table showing Age Distribution of Infantile Deaths**

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total under 1 year
Accident .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Congenital malformations	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Other ill-defined diseases	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Infectious diseases ..	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
<b>Totals .. .. .</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8</b>

**Immunisations**

The number of children immunised during the year was as follows:

	Primary Injections		Boosting doses All ages
	Under 5	5-14 years	
(a) against diphtheria only ..	—	4	143
(b) against diphtheria and whooping cough .. .. .	—	1	—
(c) against whooping cough only ..	—	—	—
(d) against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus .. ..	340	9	184
(e) against tetanus only .. ..	1	151	50
(f) against diphtheria and tetanus	4	29	250

**Vaccination against Smallpox**

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1 year	2-4	5-14	15 or over	Total
Number vaccinated	47	62	25	—	—	134
Number re-vaccinated ..	—	—	2	4	—	6

## Distribution of Infectious Diseases by Age Groups

Disease	Under 1 year	1—2 years	3—4 years	5—9 years	10—14 years	15—24 years	25—44 years	45—64 years	65 years and over	Age unknown	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Acute Poliomyelitis Paralytic ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Paralytic ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ..	13	62	56	74	2	—	—	—	—	—	207
Acute Pneumonia ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
Enteric or Typhoid Fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Totals ..</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>216</b>

## The Incidence of Infectious Diseases during the Past Five Years

Disease	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Scarlet Fever .. ..	14	8	7	1	1
Whooping Cough .. ..	—	—	7	30	2
Poliomyelitis and Polio-Encephalitis .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Measles .. ..	431	10	302	189	207
Acute Pneumonia .. ..	7	2	—	—	—
Dysentery .. ..	58	5	—	4	—
Erysipelas .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning .. ..	—	2	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia .. ..	2	4	—	1	3
Enteric or Typhoid Fever .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever .. ..	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Totals .. ..</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>216</b>

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

**Child Welfare Clinic.** The Child Welfare Clinic continued to be held twice weekly in the Lord Roberts Road Clinic, and was well attended by mothers and children in the district.

The number of children who attended the Clinic and the number of attendances made by them during the year were as shown below:

In addition a special check-up Clinic for toddlers was held weekly and the total number of attendances were as shown in the following table:

Number of children who attended during the year and who were born in:			
		<i>Infant Welfare Clinic</i>	<i>Toddlers Clinic</i>
1960-63	.. ..	157	184
1964	.. ..	280	23
1965	.. ..	269	6
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Total attendances	.. ..	4,927	327
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Average attendances per session	.. ..	50	10

**Relaxation Classes.** These Classes continued to be held twice a week for expectant mothers in Beverley and District and were well attended as the following figures show:

No. of Sessions held	No. of new Attenders	No. of individuals attending	Total attendances made
86	129	146	881

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

**Laboratory Facilities.** Specimens for pathological examination were sent to the Laboratory at the Westwood Hospital, Beverley, and the Public Health Laboratory in Hull.

Bacteriological and biological examination of milk, water and ice-cream were carried out by the Public Laboratory in Hull.

**Ambulance Facilities.** The conveyance of all cases (including infectious diseases) is the responsibility of the County Council as the Local Health Authority.

**Clinics.** *Tuberculosis:* A Clinic was held each Thursday at the Chest Clinic, Westwood Hospital, Beverley.

*Venereal Disease:* Clinics were held daily at the Clinic, Mill Street, Hull.

### TUBERCULOSIS

Seven new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year. Four were males aged 2, 30, 33 and 64 years, and three were females aged 7, 31 and 38 years.

One new case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis came to notice, a 59 year-old man.

Relaxation Classes. These classes continued to be held twice a week for expectant mothers in Beverley and District and were well attended as the following figures show:

Year	No. of Sessions held	No. of new Attendees	No. of individuals attending	Total attendances made
1951-52	20	10	145	145
1952-53	20	2	145	145
1953-54	20	2	145	145
1954-55	20	2	145	145
1955-56	20	2	145	145
1956-57	20	2	145	145
1957-58	20	2	145	145
1958-59	20	2	145	145
1959-60	20	2	145	145
1960-61	20	2	145	145
1961-62	20	2	145	145
1962-63	20	2	145	145
1963-64	20	2	145	145
1964-65	20	2	145	145
1965-66	20	2	145	145
1966-67	20	2	145	145
1967-68	20	2	145	145
1968-69	20	2	145	145
1969-70	20	2	145	145
1970-71	20	2	145	145
1971-72	20	2	145	145
1972-73	20	2	145	145
1973-74	20	2	145	145
1974-75	20	2	145	145
1975-76	20	2	145	145
1976-77	20	2	145	145
1977-78	20	2	145	145
1978-79	20	2	145	145
1979-80	20	2	145	145
1980-81	20	2	145	145
1981-82	20	2	145	145
1982-83	20	2	145	145
1983-84	20	2	145	145
1984-85	20	2	145	145
1985-86	20	2	145	145
1986-87	20	2	145	145
1987-88	20	2	145	145
1988-89	20	2	145	145
1989-90	20	2	145	145
1990-91	20	2	145	145
1991-92	20	2	145	145
1992-93	20	2	145	145
1993-94	20	2	145	145
1994-95	20	2	145	145
1995-96	20	2	145	145
1996-97	20	2	145	145
1997-98	20	2	145	145
1998-99	20	2	145	145
1999-00	20	2	145	145
2000-01	20	2	145	145
2001-02	20	2	145	145
2002-03	20	2	145	145
2003-04	20	2	145	145
2004-05	20	2	145	145
2005-06	20	2	145	145
2006-07	20	2	145	145
2007-08	20	2	145	145
2008-09	20	2	145	145
2009-10	20	2	145	145
2010-11	20	2	145	145
2011-12	20	2	145	145
2012-13	20	2	145	145
2013-14	20	2	145	145
2014-15	20	2	145	145
2015-16	20	2	145	145
2016-17	20	2	145	145
2017-18	20	2	145	145
2018-19	20	2	145	145
2019-20	20	2	145	145
2020-21	20	2	145	145

## PART I OF THE ACT

**I—INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	4	2	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	102	20	3	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) .. .. .	5	5	—	—
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>



2—Cases in which **DEFECTS** were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4) By H.M. Inspector (5)		
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
Total ..	—	—	—	—	—

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4) By H.M. Inspector (5)		
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Total ..	3	3	—	3	—

**TABLE II**  
**NOTICES SERVED**

**Under Public Health and Housing Acts**

Number of Preliminary Notices served .. .. .	82
Number of Preliminary Notices complied with .. .. .	51
Number of Statutory Notices served .. .. .	8
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	
(a) By Owners .. .. .	7
(b) By Corporation in default .. .. .	—

The Notices not complied with have been carried forward to the year 1966.

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936**

**Water Supply**

26 samples of the town's water were taken for bacteriological examination during the year. Three samples showed small bacteriological counts, but subsequent sampling showed the contamination to be local and temporary.

Of the 5,538 inhabited houses in the town, an estimated number of 130 still had no internal water supply.

**Common Lodging Houses**

The registered common lodging-house in the Borough was visited 13 times during the year and was found to be satisfactorily conducted.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR  
THE YEAR 1964—TABLE 1  
SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT**

<i>Total No. of Inspections</i>		<i>Nature of Inspections</i>	
Public Health Act, 1936	.. 1,391	Dwelling-houses:	
		First visits .. ..	558
		Revisits .. ..	274
		Disinfestation of Premises	
		and Bedding:	
		First visits .. ..	38
		Revisits .. ..	21
		Drainage Works:	
		First visits .. ..	218
		Revisits .. ..	177
		Common Lodging-houses:..	13
		Offensive Trades .. ..	16
		Smoke and Dust Nuisances	50
		Caravans .. ..	23
		Accumulations .. ..	—
		Infectious Disease .. ..	3
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			1,391
Housing Act, 1957	.. 222	Clearance/Closing of Houses	197
		Overcrowding .. ..	25
			<hr/>
			222
Water Supplies	.. .. 33	Collection of samples for	
		analysis .. ..	33
			<hr/>
Clean Air Act, 1956	.. 12	Investigations .. ..	12
Food & Drugs Act, 1955	.. 1,754	Slaughterhouses (Meat	
		Inspection) .. ..	1,067
		Food Preparing Premises ..	182
		Ice-cream Premises .. ..	40
		Unfit 'Other Food' .. ..	32
		Bakehouses .. ..	50
		Food Vehicles .. ..	94
		Retail Premises .. ..	259
		Food Stalls .. ..	30
			<hr/>
			1,754
Prevention of Damage by			
Pests Act, 1949 ..	943	Rodent Treatment .. ..	943
Petroleum (Consolidation)			<hr/>
Act, 1928 .. ..	37	Storage of Petroleum .. ..	37
Slaughterhouse Act, 1958	.. 18	Slaughterhouses .. ..	18
Noise Abatement Act, 1960	8	Investigations .. ..	8
Factory Act, 1961	.. 27	Factories .. ..	27
Offices, Shops and Railway			<hr/>
Premises Act, 1963	.. 622	Offices and Shops .. ..	451
		Revisits .. ..	171
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			622
Housing Act, 1961	.. 53	Houses in Multiple	
		Occupation .. ..	53
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			53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.. 5,120</b>		

# FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

## Meat and other Foods

### TABLE III

#### Summary of all Meat Inspected and Condemned 1965

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed .. ..	2,440	12	5,291	1,297
Number Inspected .. ..	2,440	12	5,291	1,297
<b>All Diseases Except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</b>				
Whole carcasses condemned ..	1	2	2	2
Carcasses of which some part was condemned .. ..	4	—	8	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercus ..	.21%	16.68%	.19%	.31%
<b>Tuberculosis only</b>				
Whole carcasses condemned ..		NIL		
Number of animals affected with localised tuberculosis ..		—	—	8
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis .. .. .	—	—	—	.62%
<b>Cysticercus</b>				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ..			NIL	
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..			NIL	
Generalised and total condemned .. .. .				
<b>Offal Condemned</b>				
Heads and tongues .. ..	8	—	—	4
Livers .. .. .	271	—	34	59
Lungs .. .. .	59	—	5	33
Hearts .. .. .	11	—	3	16
Spleens .. .. .	—	—	1	1
Intestines .. .. .	2	—	—	—
Kidneys .. .. .	6	—	—	—

### Charges for Meat Inspection

The Council continued to charge for the inspection of meat intended for food where inspection had to be carried out outside normal working hours. The maximum charges allowed by the Regulations were imposed and receipts over the year amounted to £54 10s. 6d.

## TABLE IV

### Other Food Inspected and Condemned

	lbs.
Meat and Meat Products .. ..	156
Milk and Milk Products .. ..	2
Fruit and Vegetables .. ..	102
Fish .. ..	2
Other Items .. ..	8
	270

### Ice-Cream

6 samples of ice-cream were submitted for bacteriological examination, all of which were satisfactory.

4 samples of water lollies were submitted for bacteriological examination, all of which were satisfactory.

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Routine work under this Act was carried out systematically during the year by the Rodent Operator. Treatments were given to 37 Business premises, 1 Local Authority premises and 132 dwelling-houses in the town, and at all these premises an estimated number of 770 rats were killed.

The number of visits made to the various premises for carrying out these treatments was 943, but in addition to this, further time was spent in survey work in the town generally.

### Petroleum Acts and Orders

At the end of the year, 37 premises were licensed to store petroleum spirit and 1 to store carbide of calcium.

### Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Work under this Act occupied quite a substantial part of the Department's activities during the year and by the end of it the initial inspections were substantially completed, 235 premises receiving their first inspection. In only 21 cases were premises considered to be seriously deficient. By the end of the year the necessary alterations or improvements had been carried out, or the necessary orders placed, in respect of 139 premises.

## HOUSING ACT, 1961

### Houses in Multiple Occupation

During the year the Council adopted standards of occupation and amenity to be applied to Houses in Multiple Occupation under the above Act and 9 premises received a first inspection.









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