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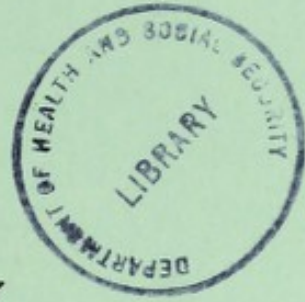
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BOROUGH OF BEVERLEY

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**BEVERLEY MUNICIPAL BOROUGH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR 1969**

Divisional Health Office,
Manor Road,
Beverley
August, 1970

To the Mayor, Alderman and Councillors of the Borough of Beverley

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1969.

The Registrar General's figure for the year 1969 indicates a mid-year population of 17,320, an increase of 20 compared with last year.

During the year there were 320 births and 215 deaths compared with 313 births and 195 deaths last year. The adjusted birth rate for the Borough of 18.7 compares with the national birth rate of 16.3 per 1,000 population and an adjusted death rate of 12.5 compares with the national death rate of 11.9 per 1,000 population.

Once again, diseases of the heart and circulatory system were the major causes of death. Of these, ischaemic heart disease was the greatest single cause and accounted for 27.4% of the total deaths in the year from all causes. Of the malignant neoplasms, the second major cause of death, the lung and bronchus were the most common sites of origin. There were five deaths of infants under one year of age, compared with two last year.

Of the infectious diseases, 40 cases of scarlet fever were notified and were scattered throughout the first half of the year. Measles was notable by its absence.

Water continued to be supplied by the Hull Corporation and bacteriological samples taken during the year were satisfactory. Seventy-seven samples were taken from 3 private bore holes in the town and sixteen of these were unsatisfactory. In these cases, advice was given by the Public Health Inspectors on how to improve the supplies.

Unfit houses continued to be dealt with and closing orders were made on ten unfit houses during the year. From the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector it will be seen that the inspection of properties during the year increased considerably and part of this was in connection with improvement areas.

One hundred per cent inspection of meat killed in the Borough continued throughout the year and routine inspections of food premises were also maintained.

In presenting this report, may I express my thanks to the staff of the Department for their work during the year and to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their constant interest and support.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MAUGHAN,

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS

General

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Area in acres | 2,404 |
| Population: 1969 Registrar General | 17,320 |
| Rateable value at 31st March, 1969..... | £600,158 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate | £2,440(est) |

Vital

Live Births:

| | |
|--|------|
| Total live births | 320 |
| Crude birth rate per 1,000 population | 18.5 |
| Comparability factor | 1.01 |
| Adjusted birth rate per 1,000 population ... | 18.7 |
| Illegitimate live births included in above total | 26 |

Still Births:

| | |
|---|---|
| Total still births | 2 |
| Illegitimate still births included in above total | — |

Deaths:

| | |
|--|------|
| Total deaths | 215 |
| Crude death rate per 1,000 population | 12.4 |
| Comparability factor | 1.01 |
| Adjusted death rate per 1,000 population..... | 12.5 |
| Infant deaths (under 1 year of age) | 5 |
| Infant mortality rate, i.e. infant deaths per 1,000 live births | 16.0 |

**Birth and Death Rates per 1,000 population
including service personnel living in the district**

| Year | England and Wales | Beverley Borough |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| LIVE BIRTHS | | |
| 1969 | 16.3 * | 18.7 |
| 1968 | 16.9 | 19.5 |
| 1967 | 17.2 | 18.3 |
| 1966 | 17.7 | 19.3 |
| 1965 | 18.0 | 19.2 |
| DEATHS | | |
| 1969 | 11.9 * | 12.5 |
| 1968 | 11.9 | 11.1 |
| 1967 | 11.3 | 11.9 |
| 1966 | 11.7 | 11.4 |
| 1965 | 11.5 | 12.99 |

*Provisional rate supplied by the Registrar General.

Age Distribution of Deaths

| Age at Death | 1969 | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Under 1 year | 8 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 1-5 years | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 6-12 years | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 13-15 years | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 16-25 years | 12 | 8 | 3 | 21 | 12 |
| 26-45 years | 38 | 31 | 44 | 30 | 38 |
| 46-65 years | 140 | 144 | 152 | 153 | 140 |
| 66 years and over | 140 | 144 | 152 | 153 | 140 |
| Total | 311 | 292 | 302 | 287 | 311 |

Principal Causes of Death

| CAUSES OF DEATH | Males | Females | Total |
|---|-------|---------|-------|
| Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases | — | 1 | 1 |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases | — | 1 | 1 |
| Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc. | — | 1 | 1 |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Malignant neoplasm, intestine | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast | — | 4 | 4 |
| Malignant neoplasm, prostate | 2 | — | 2 |
| Leukaemia | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Other malignant neoplasms | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| Benign and unspecified neoplasms | 1 | — | 1 |
| Diabetes mellitus | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Anaemias | 1 | — | 1 |
| Other diseases of nervous system, etc. | — | 3 | 3 |
| Chronic rheumatic heart disease | — | 2 | 2 |
| Hypertensive disease | 3 | — | 3 |
| Ischaemic heart disease | 39 | 20 | 59 |
| Other forms of heart disease | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| Cerebrovascular disease | 9 | 15 | 24 |
| Other diseases of circulatory system | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Influenza | 2 | — | 2 |
| Pneumonia | 10 | 2 | 12 |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema | 7 | 9 | 16 |
| Other diseases of respiratory system | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Peptic ulcer | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Intestinal obstruction and hernia | — | 1 | 1 |
| Cirrhosis of liver | — | 1 | 1 |
| Other diseases of digestive system | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Hyperplasia of prostate | 2 | — | 2 |
| Congenital anomalies | — | 1 | 1 |
| Birth injury, difficult labour etc. | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Other causes of perinatal mortality | 1 | — | 1 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 3 | — | 3 |
| All other accidents | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Suicide and self-inflicted injuries | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| All other external causes | — | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Total all Causes</i> | 120 | 95 | 215 |

Age Distribution of Deaths

| Age at Death | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Under 1 year .. | 8 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 1—5 years .. | 1 | 3 | — | 1 | 1 |
| 6—15 years .. | — | 2 | — | — | 2 |
| 16—25 years .. | — | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| 26—45 years .. | 15 | 21 | 2 | 8 | 7 |
| 46—65 years .. | 39 | 30 | 44 | 37 | 43 |
| 66 years and over | 148 | 123 | 155 | 144 | 154 |
| Totals .. | 211 | 187 | 205 | 195 | 215 |

Table showing Causes and Age Distribution of Infant Deaths

| Causes 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 |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Congenital anomalies .. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Enteritis | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Birth injury etc. | 2 | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Other causes | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Totals | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | 5 |

Infant Mortality Rate

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

| Year | England and Wales | Beverley Borough |
|------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1969 | 18.0 | 16.0 |
| 1968 | 18.0 | 6.0 |
| 1967 | 18.3 | 10.0 |
| 1966 | 19.0 | 20.8 |
| 1965 | 19.0 | 25.16 |

Still Birth Rate Rates per 1,000 Total Births

| Year | England and Wales | Beverley Borough |
|------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1969 | 13.0* | 6.0 |
| 1968 | 14.0 | 22.0 |
| 1967 | 14.8 | 16.0 |
| 1966 | 15.4 | 5.95 |
| 1965 | 15.7 | 15.48 |

*Provisional figure supplied by the Registrar General

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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 .. | — | 2 | 11 | 19 | 5 | 2 | — | — | — | — | 40 |
| Whooping Cough | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Paralytic .. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Non-Paralytic .. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Measles .. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Acute Pneumonia .. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Dysentery .. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Erysipelas .. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Food Poisoning .. | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Enteric or Typhoid Fever .. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Paratyphoid Fever Pulmonary | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Tuberculosis .. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Infective Hepatitis | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 |
| Totals .. | — | 3 | 11 | 19 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | — | — | 43 |

The Incidence of Infectious Diseases during the Past Five Years

| Disease | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Scarlet Fever | 1 | 12 | 5 | 45 | 40 |
| Whooping Cough | 2 | — | 16 | — | — |
| Poliomyelitis and Polio-Encephalitis | — | — | — | — | — |
| Measles | 207 | 24 | 347 | 130 | — |
| Acute Pneumonia | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Dysentery | 1 | 95 | — | 2 | — |
| Erysipelas | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Food Poisoning | — | — | — | 1 | 2 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | 3 | — | 1 | — | — |
| Enteric or Typhoid Fever | — | — | — | — | — |
| Paratyphoid Fever | — | — | — | — | — |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | — | — | 2 | 4 | — |
| Infective Hepatitis | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Totals | 216 | 131 | 371 | 182 | 43 |

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hospitals in the Borough are under the East Riding Hospital Management Committee and are as follows:

Westwood Hospital

This hospital has 235 beds and provides facilities for general medical, surgical, orthopaedic, paediatric and maternity cases.

Beverley Cottage Hospital

This hospital has 20 beds for gynaecological cases.

Miniature Mass Radiography

The Miniature Mass Radiography Unit of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board visited the Borough once a fortnight and held public and private sessions. A total of 823 persons were examined.

NURSING HOMES

There are no Nursing Homes registered under the Public Health Act 1936 within the Borough.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Part III. Accommodation

Accommodation is provided by the County Council at Minster Towers and Langholme. These homes together have beds for 66 elderly persons.

Section 47

It was not necessary to take proceedings under this section during the year.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

The following services are provided in the Borough by the East Riding County Council as the Local Health Authority:

Infant Welfare Clinics

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at the Lord Roberts Road Clinic and Coltman Avenue Clinic. At Lord Roberts Road, General Practitioners held closed sessions on Tuesday afternoons and open sessions were held on Thursday afternoons, while at the Infant Welfare Clinic, Coltman Avenue, General Practitioners held closed sessions on Thursday afternoons and open sessions were held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

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

| <i>Number of children who attended during the year and who were born in:</i> | <i>Beverley School Clinic</i> | <i>Coltman Avenue Clinic</i> |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1964-67 | 98 | 162 |
| 1968 | 88 | 124 |
| 1969 | 65 | 151 |
| Total attendances | 1,315 | 3,211 |
| Average attendances per session | 26 | 30 |

Domiciliary Midwifery Service

During the year 4 Nurse/Midwives working in the Borough attended 7 domiciliary births.

Health Visiting

Six Health Visitors work within the Borough having offices at the Divisional Health Office, Manor Road; the Medical Room, Longcroft School; and Coltman Avenue Clinic.

Home Nursing Service

This service is run in conjunction with the Domiciliary Midwifery Service and 6 Nurses (4 of whom are also Midwives) work in the Borough.

Ambulance Service

The County Council's Ambulance Station is situated in Grovehill Road (telephone number 881198).

Domestic Help

Home Help service rendered in the Borough is administered at County Hall, Beverley, and all applications for the service are dealt with by the Home Help Organiser (telephone number 881281).

LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Routine medical inspections are carried out of all children attending Local Education Authorities schools in the Borough. In addition the following facilities are provided by the County Council.

Lord Roberts Road, Clinic:

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Minor Ailment Clinic | Daily 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. |
| Dental Clinic | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday every morning, and Wednesday, all day. |
| Chiropody | Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. |

Coltman Avenue Clinic:

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Minor Ailment Clinic | Daily 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. |
| Speech Therapy | Thursdays. |
| Chiropody | Mondays and Thursdays. |

Speech Therapy in Beverley by arrangement by the Speech Therapist.

OTHER SERVICES

Holderness Health Division's Co-ordinating Committee

Once every two or three months the Co-ordinating Committee under the aegis of the County Council, meets in Beverley to co-ordinate the work of officers in the district who are concerned with the welfare of children. The primary objects of the Committee are the prevention of cruelty to children in their own homes and the prevention of break-up of families.

On the Committee are representatives of the County Children's Department, the County Health Department, the School Welfare Department, the County Welfare Department, the Housing Managers of the District Councils, the Ministry of Social Security, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, the Police Force and Probation Officers. Representatives of other organisations are co-opted from time to time as the need arises. Your Medical Officer of Health in his capacity as Divisional Medical Officer takes the Chair at this Committee.

Public Health Laboratory Service

Specimens for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory at the Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull.

Family Planning Association

The Family Planning Association held clinics on Friday mornings 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday evenings 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Cervical Cytology

East Riding County Council holds cervical cytology sessions in Beverley according to demand.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1969
T. B. HOOD, M.A.P.H.I.
TABLE I**

| | | | |
|---|-------------|--|--------------|
| <i>Total No. of Inspections</i> | | <i>Nature of Inspections</i> | |
| Public Health Act, 1936 | .. 2,006 | Dwelling-houses: | |
| | | First Visits | 976 |
| | | Revisits | 385 |
| | | Disinfestation of Premises and Bedding: | |
| | | First Visits | 32 |
| | | Revisits | 16 |
| | | Drainage Works: | |
| | | First Visits | 267 |
| | | Revisits | 168 |
| | | Common Lodging-houses: | .. 12 |
| | | Offensive Trades | 10 |
| | | Smoke and Dust Nuisances | 24 |
| | | Caravans | 26 |
| | | Infectious Disease | 50 |
| | | Noise Nuisance | 40 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | 2,006 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Housing Acts, 1957-1969 | .. 489 | Clearance/Closing of Houses | 121 |
| | | Overcrowding | 12 |
| | | Houses in Multiple Occupation | 29 |
| | | Improvement Areas | 327 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | 489 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Water Supplies | 298 | Collection of samples for analysis | 183 |
| | | Visits | 115 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | 298 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Clean Air Act, 1956 | 12 | Investigations | 12 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Food & Drugs Act, 1955 | .. 1,798 | Slaughterhouses (Meat Inspection) | 879 |
| | | Food Preparing Premises | 299 |
| | | Ice-cream Premises | 31 |
| | | Unfit 'Other Food' | 35 |
| | | Bakehouses | 35 |
| | | Food Vehicles | 63 |
| | | Retail Premises | 391 |
| | | Food Stalls | 65 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | 1,798 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 | 880 | Rodent Treatment | 880 |
| Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928 | 27 | Storage of Petroleum | 27 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Slaughterhouse Act, 1958 | .. 8 | Slaughterhouses | 8 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Factory Act, 1961 | 27 | Factories | 27 |
| Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 | 197 | Offices and Shops | 197 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | TOTAL .. | 5,742 |
| | | | <hr/> |

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1969

TABLE II

NOTICES SERVED

Under Public Health and Housing Acts

| | |
|---|----|
| Number of Preliminary Notices served | 44 |
| Number of Preliminary Notices complied with | 47 |
| Number of Statutory Notices served | 12 |
| Number of Statutory Notices complied with: | |
| (a) By Owners | 11 |
| (b) By Corporation in default | 1 |

The Notices not complied with have been carried forward to the year 1970.

HOUSING

Statistics

Number of dwellings in the Borough at 31st December, 1969:

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Local Authority | 1,689 |
| Private | 4,250 |

Dwellings erected during the year:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Local Authority | Nil |
| Private | 22 |

Dwellings in course of erection at end of year:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Local Authority | Nil |
| Private | 7 |

Action during the year relating to unfit houses

Two further families were re-housed from the Norwood clearance area during the year and five from individual houses. Closing Orders were made on 10 individual dwellings.

Houses in Multiple Occupation

A further 7 houses were brought up to standard during the year and 8 were under investigation and improvement.

Improvement Areas

The Housing Act, 1969 provides for the setting up of improvement areas in which owners are encouraged to provide their houses with modern amenities while the Local Authority seeks to improve the environment generally. A considerable amount of preparatory investigation was carried out during the year and proposals will be made in due course.

Common Lodging Houses

The registered common lodging-house in the Borough was visited 12 times during the year. The premises were generally kept in a satisfactory state of cleanliness.

TABLE III

Summary of all Meat Inspected and Condemned 1969

| | Cattle | Calves | Sheep & Lambs | Pigs |
|---|--------|--------|---------------|-------|
| Number killed | 1,068 | 56 | 1,927 | 1,169 |
| Number Inspected | 1,068 | 56 | 1,927 | 1,169 |
| All Diseases Except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned .. | 5 | 1 | 8 | 10 |
| Carcasses of which some part was condemned | 11 | — | 4 | 185 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercus .. | 1.5 | 1.8 | .62 | 17.0 |
| Tuberculosis only | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned .. | — | — | — | — |
| Number of animals affected with localised tuberculosis .. | — | — | — | 7 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis | — | — | — | 0.60 |
| Cysticercus | | | | |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .. | 1 | — | — | — |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration .. | 1 | — | — | — |
| Generalised and total condemned | — | — | — | — |
| Offal Condemned | | | | |
| Heads and tongues | 1 | — | — | 5 |
| Livers | 97 | 7 | 58 | 49 |
| Lungs | 27 | 15 | 13 | 101 |
| Hearts | 9 | 5 | 10 | 39 |
| Kidneys | 17 | 11 | — | 18 |
| Spleens | 1 | — | — | — |
| Udders | 1 | — | — | — |

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 £2 19s. 0d.

TABLE IV

FOOD

Other Food Inspected and Condemned

| | | | | | lbs. |
|------------------------|----|----|----|--------------|------|
| Meat and Meat Products | .. | .. | .. | .. | 162 |
| Fruit and Vegetables | .. | .. | .. | .. | 141 |
| Fish .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 63 |
| Other Items | .. | .. | .. | .. | 89 |
| | | | | <i>Total</i> | 455 |

Ice-Cream

11 samples of ice-cream were submitted for bacteriological examination, 2 of which were unsatisfactory.

WATER SUPPLY

183 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination during the year, details of which are as under:

| | | Samples Taken | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|-------------------|----|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Towns Mains .. | .. | 4 | 4 | — |
| Boreholes .. | .. | 77 | 61 | 16 |
| Swimming Baths .. | .. | 102 | 102 | — |

All the unsatisfactory borehole samples occurred during the first half of the year. One of the properties affected has been provided with a steriliser and this proved to be effective but, as was suggested in my last report, when pumping on the nearby sewage works ceased the trouble cleared and satisfactory samples have since been obtained from the houses involved.

Of the 5,930 inhabited houses in the town, an estimated number of 100 still had no internal water supply.

RODENT CONTROL

Routine work under this Act was carried out systematically during the year by the Rodent Operator. Treatments were given to 50 business premises, 5 Local Authority premises and 104 dwelling-houses in the town, and at all these premises an estimated number of 781 rats were killed.

The number of visits made to the various premises for carrying out these treatments was 880 but in addition to this, further time was spent in survey work in the town generally.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

Routine work continued under this Act during the year at the end of which we had 257 registered premises in the town employing a total work force of 1,167 persons. 3 accidents were reported during the year consisting of 2 sprains or fractures and 1 laceration. These were all reported to the Ministry of Labour under the Accidents Recording and Investigation Service which they operate.

Petroleum Acts and Orders

At the end of the year 35 premises were licensed to store petroleum spirit and 1 to store carbide of calcium.



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