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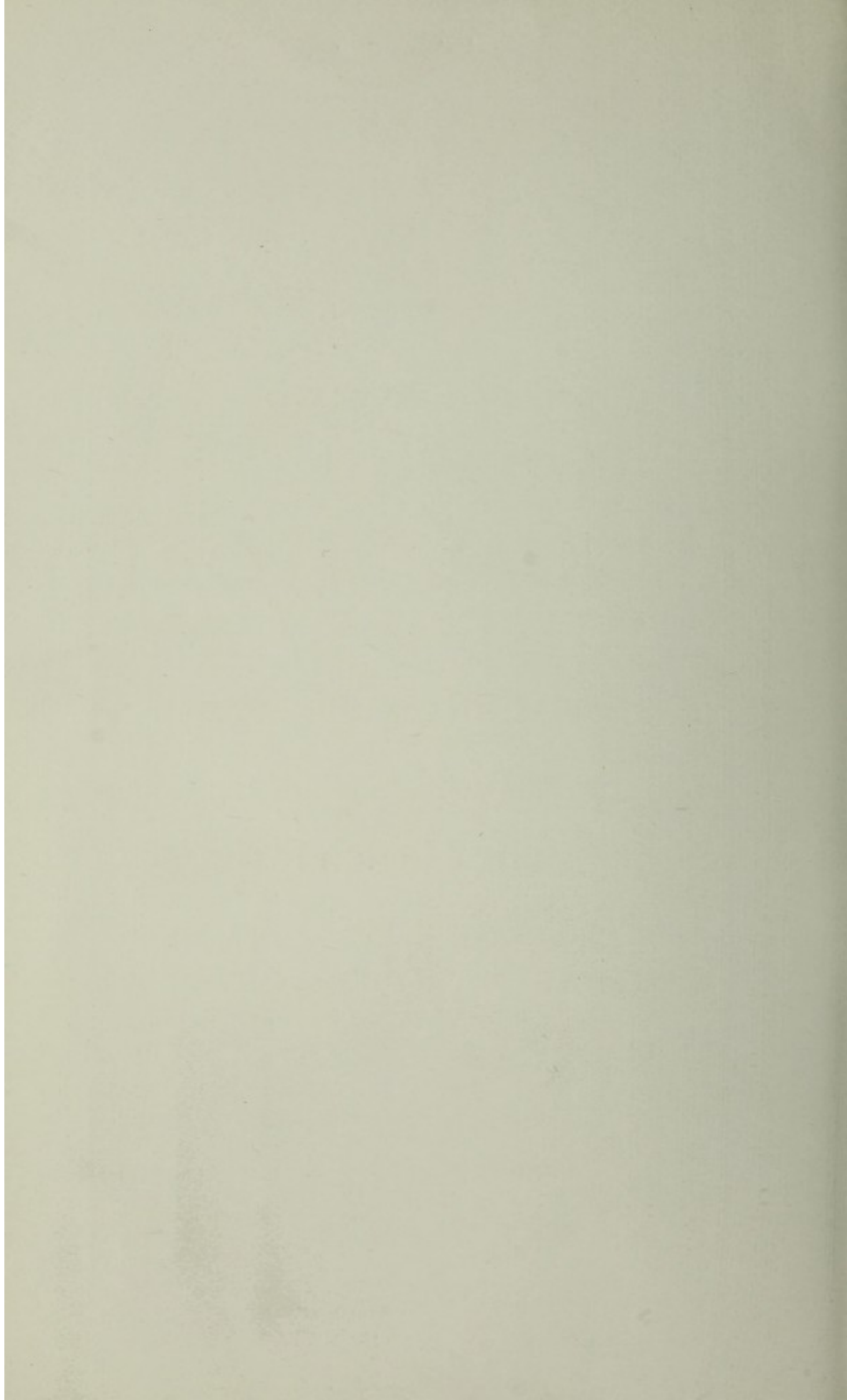
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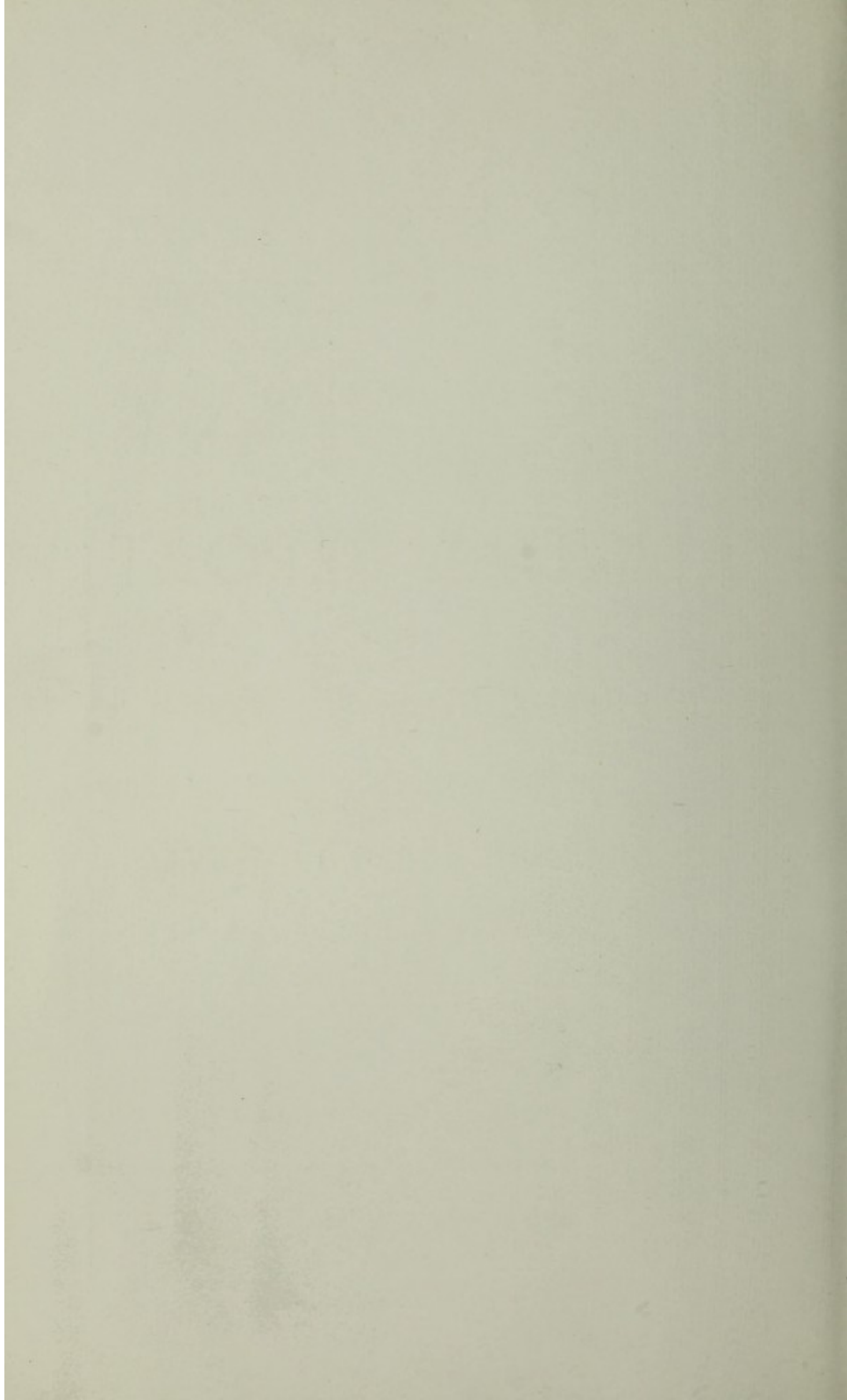
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BOROUGH OF BLYTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1965

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the Public Health and Sanitary Conditions in the Borough during the year 1965.

The Registrar General's estimated population was 36,320, the same as last year. As the number of live births increased by 38 and the deaths fell by 12, the emigration from the town must have exceeded the immigration by 50. This is a pity. At a time when a new industrial estate is making such headway it would be pleasing to see a continued rise in the population. The live births at 671 was the highest figure since 1959 and it produced a birth rate of 18.4 per 1,000 population—compared with 17.4 per 1,000 in 1964. The number of deaths fell by 12 to 371 giving a crude death rate of 10.2 per 1,000 population.

There were seven infant deaths—a record low figure for the Borough giving an infant mortality rate of 10.4 per 1,000 live births.

While dealing with records it is pleasing to report three in connection with Tuberculosis. The number of notifications of Pulmonary Tuberculosis during 1965 was eleven, the lowest ever. The Pulmonary Tuberculosis case rate, 5.2 per 1,000 population is the lowest ever achieved and the Pulmonary Tuberculosis death rate is the lowest at 0.02 per 1,000 population.

There were 567 notifications of infectious disease during the year, 493 being measles. There were 29 cases of dysentery notified. Once again it is pleasing to report no cases of diphtheria, or food poisoning.

The Old People's Welfare Committee continues to administer the Meals on Wheels Service. During the year 3,744 meals were delivered. In addition to these meals, the St. Cuthbert's Church voluntary workers now provide 36 meals each Wednesday. This service began in March, and during the year 1,116 meals were supplied.

In July, 1965, the Old People's Welfare Committee were presented with a van by the Blyth Round Table. Blyth Council make a donation to the committee for the upkeep and running expenses.

The staffing of the department continues to be a worry. In spite of the appointment of a technical assistant it is felt that another full time qualified public health inspector (with meat certificate) is essential.

THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47 and the AMENDMENT ACT, 1951, were not invoked during 1965.

I would like to thank the chairman and members of the Health Committee for their support and my colleagues in other departments who have been most co-operative. I wish to thank the staff of the Health Department for the work carried out during the year and for their loyalty.

I remain,

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

ALEXANDER DONALDSON,
Medical Officer of Health.

OLD AGE—ILLNESS AT HOME

I am convinced that the problem regarding acute illness in elderly people, especially when they are living alone, is becoming more and more difficult.

Incidents are occurring where elderly patients are having strokes or heart attacks, leaving them paralysed or helpless and the family doctor is unable to obtain their admission to hospital. Whether this is due to a lack of beds or lack of staff is an academic question.

Nursing care for this type of patient is much more important than medical care. Nursing, warmth, and nourishment are the essentials and then after-care and rehabilitation.

This can be done at home if there are relatives willing and strong enough to carry out these tasks.

It is becoming commonplace, however, to find that such patients have to rely on elderly spouses and equally elderly neighbours, the district nurse and the home help. Where there is no spouse the situation becomes impossible. There is no provision for a night service of any kind and these elderly patients must wait, often in great discomfort for the coming of the dawn.

I feel sure that my colleagues in general practice must find this situation is arising more frequently and my colleagues who are in charge of geriatric wards will agree that they are unable to cope with the demands made on them.

There is an urgent need for hospital beds for these patients and there is an urgent need for half-way houses of some kind to allow the beds to be freed for further acute cases.

How this is to be achieved I cannot say because I realise that the staffing problem is most difficult. Nursing the elderly is hard work and often unrewarding to young staff—true geriatric nursing is vocational and requires good health, patience, tact and real nursing ability.

It is wrong to have small isolated units caring for the elderly sick. These units must be attached to a particular hospital and the staff must be part of the larger unit so that a regular change over to more congenial duties can be arranged.

There is a great risk that an increasing number of single elderly men and women will suffer from neglect in the very near future unless this problem is given very high priority.

HOUSING

During the year, special adaptations were carried out in 6 houses ranging from a ramp for wheelchairs to the installation of a downstairs toilet unit.

As a follow up from 1964 and due to the growing awareness of the dangers of hypothermia (sub normal temperatures) in old people it was decided to carry out a simple experiment.

Maximum and minimum thermometers were situated in three old persons' bungalows and readings were taken regularly during the autumn and winter.

Next summer it is hoped that detailed repairs of these houses will be carried out to exclude draughts and to provide extra insulation. The thermometer readings will be taken again during the autumn and winter of 1966/67 to find out exactly what benefits can be obtained from these measures and their costs.

It is hoped that the costs of insulation and draught proofing will be such that the saving in fuel will allow pensioners to maintain a much higher standard of heating at a much lower cost.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Due to staffing difficulties, the effect of operating this instrument did not have the impact on the Health Department that might have been expected—at least not until 1965. The work involved is considerable but it is felt that a great deal is important work, both for the immediate future and the long-term view.

The main criticism as far as this Department is concerned is not the work, but the returns demanded by the Ministry and the special annual report on the working of the Act. The instructions are complex, the tables countless and the time wasted in completing these, endless. Is the information asked for really necessary? Is it going to be used usefully? Is it not merely a long roll of red tape which in a very short time will be (not pigeon-holed but) stored in vast depository.

It must be possible to devise a very much simpler form of return showing the types of buildings inspected, the defects found and the action taken. A brief summary of how the Act was working locally could be included.

The staff employed on this work seem to spend as much time tabulating details required for these returns as they do on the actual field work. Staff is not easy to recruit and I would prefer to see the Act being operated practically, for let us face it, that is the important feature. The uses to which rows of figures can be put are often nebulous and in very many instances of little value.

I am sure that these returns were never vetted by an Organisation and Methods team.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA 1965

<i>Area—No Change</i>	<i>Acreage—6,487</i>
<i>Population—(Registrar-General's Estimate ...</i>	<i>36,320</i>
<i>Rate Value—(1st April, 1965)</i>	<i>£984,392</i>
<i>Product of a Penny Rate</i>	<i>£3,782</i>
<i>Total Number of Dwellinghouses in Borough—</i>	
<i>1st April, 1965 ...</i>	<i>11,494</i>

Extract from Vital Statistics

Comparability Factor—Births 0.98 Deaths 1.25

	1965	1964
Total Live Births	671	633
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (uncorrected)	18.4	17.4
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (standardised)	18.0	17.0
Still Births	11	15
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live & still births	16.1	23.1
Total live and still births	682	648
Infant Deaths	7	14
Neo-Natal Deaths (under one month) ...	6	10
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	10.4	22.1
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legiti- mate live births	9.5	21.3
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Illegi- timate live births	27.0	43.4
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 live births) ...	8.9	15.8

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under one week per 1,000 live births	1965	1964
	8.9	11.0
Number of Deaths under one week ...	6	7
Peri-Natal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under one week per 1,000 live and still births)	24.9	33.9
Illegitimate live births	37	23
Illegitimate live births % of total live births	5.5	3.7
Maternal Deaths	1	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births	1.4	Nil
Total Deaths	371	383
Crude death rate per 1,000 home population	10.2	10.5
Standardised death rate per 1,000 home population	12.7	13.3
Tuberculosis death rate per 1,000 home population	0.02	0.05

Causes of Death, 1965

Code No.	International Classification	Male	Female	Total
002	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	—	1	1
116	Cerebral Malaria	—	1	1
141.9	Malignant Neoplasm of Tongue	1	—	1
150	„ „ „ Oesophagus	2	—	2
151	„ „ „ Stomach	1	8	9
153	„ „ „ Large Bowel	8	3	11
154	„ „ „ Rectum	2	—	2
156	„ „ „ Liver	2	1	3
157	„ „ „ Pancreas	3	1	4
162	„ „ „ Bronchus and Lung	23	2	25
170	„ „ „ Breast	—	4	4
171	„ „ „ Cervix Uteri	—	2	2
175	„ „ „ Ovary	—	2	2
177	„ „ „ Prostate	4	—	4
181	„ „ „ Bladder	—	1	1
193	„ „ „ Brain	—	1	1
193.2	„ „ „ Meninges	—	1	1
196.7	„ „ „ Femur	—	1	1
199	„ „ „ Site Unspecified	2	2	4
200	Reticulo Sarcoma	1	—	1
203	Multiple Myelomata	2	—	2
204	Lymphatic Leukaemia	1	—	1
204.1	Myeloid Leukaemia	1	1	2
204.2	Monocytic Leukaemia	1	—	1
241	Asthma	1	1	2
260	Diabetes Mellitus	1	3	4
293	Anaemia (Unspecified)	—	1	1
330	Sub Arachnoid Haemorrhage	1	—	1
331	Cerebral Haemorrhage	13	15	28
332	Cerebral Embolism and Thrombosis	14	19	33
334	Hypertensive Encephalopathy	1	1	2
345	Disseminated Sclerosis	1	—	1

Causes of Death, 1965—continued

Code No.	International Classification	Male	Female	Total
350	Paralysis Agitans	1	2	3
352	Flaccid Paraplegia	—	1	1
356.3	Primary Muscular Atrophy	1	—	1
410	Mitral Stenosis	1	—	1
420	Arterio Sclerotic Heart Disease	—	1	1
420.1	Coronary Artery Thrombosis	57	21	78
420.2	Angina Pectoris	—	1	1
422	Cardio Vascular Degeneration	3	7	10
422.2	Cardio Vascular Degeneration with Senility	2	6	8
432	Acute Pericarditis	—	1	1
433.1	Auricular Fibrillation	—	2	2
434.1	Congestive Heart Failure	8	5	13
434.2	Left Ventricular Failure	4	5	9
434.4	Cor Pulmonale	3	1	4
451	Aortic Aneurysm	1	2	3
465	Pulmonary Embolism	1	3	4
481	Influenza (Unqualified)	1	—	1
491	Broncho Pneumonia	4	5	9
492	Acute Virus Pneumonia	—	1	1
500	Acute Bronchitis	1	2	3
501	Bronchitis (Unqualified)	1	1	2
502	Chronic Bronchitis	19	2	21
522	Hypostatic Pneumonia	1	1	2
526	Bronchiectasis	—	1	1
541	Duodenal Ulcer	1	—	1
572.1	Perforated Diverticulitis	—	1	1
572.2	Ulcerative Colitis	1	—	1
592	Chronic Nephritis	2	1	3
600	Pyelonephritis	—	4	4
674	Coronary Thrombosis—Caesarian Section for Transverse Lie in Labour	—	1	1
744.2	Progressive Muscular Atrophy	1	—	1
751	Meningo Myelocoele	1	—	1
761	Anoxia, Placenta Praevia with A.P.H.	1	—	1
762	Atelectasis	1	—	1
762.5	Atelectasis with Prematurity	—	1	1
776	Prematurity	—	2	2
792	Uraemia	—	1	1
794	Senility	—	2	2
E 812	Motor Vehicle Accident to Pedestrian	1	—	1
E 851	Accidental Drowning	1	—	1
E 871	Accidental Barbiturate Poisoning	1	—	1
E 890	Accidental Gas Poisoning	1	—	1
E 903	Fall on Same Level	—	2	2
E 904	Fall (Unspecified)	—	1	1
E 910	Crush Injury	1	—	1
E 912	Multiple Internal Injuries	1	—	1
E 972	Suicide, Coal Gas Poisoning	1	—	1
E 974	Suicide, Hanging	1	—	1
N 803	Fracture of Skull	1	—	1
		212	159	371

Deaths 1956-1965 (1-4 Years)

Year	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	Total
1956	—	—	—	—	—
1957	—	—	—	—	—
1958	—	—	—	—	—
1959	—	—	—	1	1
1960	—	—	—	—	—
1961	—	—	—	—	—
1962	1	—	1	4	6
1963	1	—	1	2	4
1964	1	—	—	—	1
1955	—	1	—	—	1

Monthly Deaths, 1965

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Number of Deaths each month	42	30	30	46	28	37	27	18	21	28	34	30	371

Births, 1965

		Live Births		Still Births		Infant Deaths Under 4 Weeks		Infant Deaths Under 1 Week	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Total	...	339	332	8	3	3	3	3	3
Legitimate	...	316	318	8	3	3	2	3	2
Illegitimate	...	23	14	—	—	—	1	—	1

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1955
No of live births	624	610	608	712	627	602	629	660	633	671
No. of deaths	370	348	365	371	381	341	361	413	383	371
Excess of births over deaths	254	262	243	341	246	261	268	247	250	300

Causes of Infant Deaths

No.	Cause	Sex	Age	Where Death Occurred
1	Anoxia, Placenta Praevia ...	M	2 Days	Hospital
2	Meningomyelocoele ...	M	3 Days	Hospital
3	Atelectasis, Cong. Diaphragmatic Hernia ...	M	1 Hour	Hospital
4	Prematurity ...	F	5 Hours	Hospital
5	Acute Monocytic Leukaemia ...	M	5 Months	Hospital
6	Prematurity ...	F	14 Hours	Hospital
7	Asphyxia—Prematurity ...	F	2 Hours	Hospital

Maternal Deaths

One Maternal Death—Caesarian section for malposition of foetus.

Child Deaths

One Male Child 6 years—Road accident.

One Male Child 2 years—Drowning accident.

Perinatal Deaths, 1956-1965

Year	Still Births	Deaths under 1 week	Perinatal Deaths (Still Births and Deaths under 1 wk.)	Deaths under 1 month	Deaths under 1 year
1965	11	6	17	6	7
1964	15	7	22	10	14
1963	10	9	19	9	11
1962	12	6	18	10	15
1961	8	9	17	11	13
1960	18	4	22	6	10
1959	13	9	22	12	16
1958	15	16	31	19	23
1957	19	4	23	7	12
1956	16	10	26	10	11

Infant Deaths and Infant Mortality Rates for the Ten Years 1956-1965

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Infant Deaths	11	12	23	16	10	13	15	11	14	7
Infant Mortality Rates	17.6	19.5	37.8	22.4	15.9	21.5	23.8	16.6	22.1	10.4

CANCER DEATHS

Type	1965		1964		1963		1962		1961		1960		1959		1958	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
All Causes	54	30	50	35	55	36	46	41	38	42	50	31	44	39	37	19
	84		85		91		87		80		81		83		56	
Bronchogenic ...	23	2	27	3	26	1	25	6	10	4	19	4	16	3	11	1
Stomach ...	1	8	2	7	9	3	4	7	11	5	10	7	5	6	11	4
Intestine ...	10	3	6	5	4	9	—	—	7	5	6	3	11	13	3	4
Female Organs	—	8	—	12	—	17	—	16	—	18	—	9	—	12	—	7
Others ...	20	9	15	8	16	6	17	12	10	10	15	8	12	5	12	3

CANCER DEATHS, 1965—Site and Age Distribution

SITE OF DISEASE	MALE						FEMALE							
	0-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	Over 65	Total	0-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	Over 65	Total
Malignant Neoplasm of														
Tongue ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oesophagus ...	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stomach ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	5	8
Large Bowel ...	—	—	—	—	—	7	8	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
Rectum ...	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liver ...	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Pancreas ...	—	—	—	1	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Bronchus and Lung	—	—	2	2	5	14	23	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
Breast ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	4
Cervix Uteri ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2
Ovary ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prostate ...	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Bladder ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Brain ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Meninges ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Femur ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
Unspecified Site	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
Reticulo Sarcoma ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Multiple Myelomata	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lymphatic Leukaemia	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Myeloid Leukaemia ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Monocytic Leukaemia	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	1	1	3	3	11	35	54	2	—	3	3	8	14	30

ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT, 1965

Statistics for the Borough of Blyth for the ten years 1956-1965

Year	Popula- tion	Deaths	Death Rate	Live Births	Birth Rate	Infant Deaths	Infant Death Rate	Neo- Natal Death Rate
1956	34470	370	10.7	624	18.1	11	17.6	16.0
1957	34440	348	10.1	610	17.8	12	19.5	14.6
1958	34620	365	10.5	608	17.5	23	37.8	31.2
1959	34760	371	10.6	712	20.4	16	22.4	16.8
1960	35050	381	10.8	627	17.8	10	15.9	9.5
1961	35970	341	9.4	602	16.7	13	21.5	18.2
1962	36400	361	9.9	620	17.2	15	23.8	15.9
1963	36440	413	11.3	660	18.1	11	16.6	13.6
1964	36320	383	10.5	633	17.4	14	22.1	15.8
1965	36320	371	10.2	671	18.4	7	10.4	8.9

INFECTIOUS DISEASE, 1965

There were 567 notifications of infectious disease during 1965. Of these, 493 were measles. There were no notifications of diphtheria or food poisoning.

MEASLES.

There were 493 cases of measles notified—a moderate epidemic year. There was one adult notified.

DYSENTERY.

There were 29 cases of dysentery notified. A number of cases occurred in a caravan site where children congregate. There were, however, 14 adults involved and great care had to be taken to ensure that there were no food handlers among them.

WHOOPING COUGH.

There were three cases of whooping cough notified. One child had completed a triple course of immunisation in 1963 without any record of a booster dose. One had completed triple immunisation in 1961 without a booster dose and one had no record of having any immunisation at all.

ERYSIPELAS.

There was one case notified.

SCARLET FEVER.

There were 20 cases notified during the year.

PUERPERAL FEVER.

There was one case notified.

PNEUMONIA.

Three cases were notified during the year.

MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION.

There was one case notified during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were 11 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 6 cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis notified during the year.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, 1965—Age Distribution

DISEASE	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6-10 years	11-15 years	16-25 years	26-35 years	36-45 years	46-55 years	56-65 years	Over 65 years	N.K.	Total
Measles ...	20	78	66	78	78	112	58	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	492
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	1	1	2	—	11
Non-Pulm. Tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	1	1	—	—	6
Dysentery ...	2	1	4	1	—	3	4	1	3	8	1	—	—	1	—	29
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	2	2	—	3	10	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
Whooping Cough ...	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Puerperal Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	3
Meningococcal Infection ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals ...	22	81	73	82	79	119	73	5	6	13	4	2	4	4	—	567

Infectious Disease—Age Distribution, 1965

	Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Acute Poliomyelitis				Measles		Diphtheria		Dysentery		Meningococcal Infection	
					Paralytic		Non-Paralytic									
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Numbers originally notified																
Total (all ages)	6	14	1	2	—	—	—	—	254	238	—	—	16	13	1	—
Final numbers after correction:																
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	12	—	—	1	1	—	—
1 year	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	38	39	—	—	—	1	—	—
2 years	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	34	32	—	—	2	2	—	—
3 "	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	43	—	—	1	—	—	—
4 "	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	38	39	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-9 "	4	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	99	72	—	—	5	2	1	—
10-14 "	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
15-24 "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
25 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	6	4	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	6	14	1	2	—	—	—	—	254	238	—	—	16	13	1	—
	Acute Pneumonia		Small-pox		Acute Encephalitis				Enteric or Typhoid Fever		Para-Typhoid Fever		Erysipelas		Food Poisoning	
					Infective		Post Infectious									
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Numbers originally notified:																
Total (all ages)	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Final numbers after correction:																
Under 5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-44 "	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45-64 "	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	Tuberculosis						Original		Final							
	Respiratory		Meninges		Other											
							M.	F.	M.	F.	Puerperal Pyrexia					
	M	F	M	F	M	F	—	1	—	1						
Numbers originally notified:																
Total (all ages)	5	6	2	1	1	2										
Final numbers after correction:																
Under 5 years	1	1	—	—	—	—										
5-14 years	—	—	1	—	—	—										
15-24 "	—	1	1	1	—	—										
25-44 "	1	2	—	—	—	—										
45-64 "	2	1	—	—	1	1										
65 and over	1	1	—	—	—	—										
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—										
Total (all ages)	5	6	2	1	1	2										

TUBERCULOSIS, 1965

There were 11 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified during the year and 6 cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

Two of the patients were children (1 and 3 years) and they were brother and sister. It is possible that they were infected by an elderly relative but this has not been satisfactorily confirmed. Six patients notified were forty years of age or more.

There were three cases of meningeal infection in the non-pulmonary notifications. One was a school child and the other two young adults. The other three cases were infections of the kidney (2) and neck glands (1).

While it is gratifying to report the lowest number of pulmonary tuberculosis notifications, it is disturbing to learn of the meningeal infections and it indicates that while a great improvement has taken place there is no room for complacency.

Tuberculosis Register, 31st December, 1965

	MALES		FEMALES		TOTALS Pulm. and Non- Pulm.
	Pulm.	Non- Pulm.	Pulm.	Non- Pulm.	
Number of cases remaining on the Register on 31st December, 1964	131	11	95	32	269
Number of cases remaining on the Register on 31st December, 1965	113	12	78	30	233

Tuberculosis, 1956-1965

	Notifications			Number of T.B. Deaths per Year	Death Rate per 1,000 Population
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary	Total		
1956	46	6	52	7	0.20
1957	36	8	44	7	0.20
1958	14	5	19	3	0.08
1959	32	8	40	4	0.11
1960	23	4	27	2	0.06
1961	30	3	33	2	0.06
1962	26	2	28	3	0.08
1963	13	2	15	1	0.02
1964	14	1	15	2	0.05
1965	11	6	17	1	0.02

Pulmonary Tuberculosis Case Rate per 1,000 Population

1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
14.7	15.2	13.3	11.7	10.8	10.2	7.6	6.9	6.2	5.2

Annual Returns for 10 years of Notified Cases of Infectious Diseases

Year	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Pneumonia	Meningococcal Infection	Dysentery	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Tuberculosis (Pul.)	Tuberculosis (Other)	Whooping Cough	Measles	Para Typhoid Fever	Malaria	Ac. Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	Ac. Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	Ac. Encephalitis (Infective)	Food Poisoning	Puerperal Pyrexia
1956	12	—	2	15	1	8	—	46	6	177	63	2	—	2	—	—	7	6
1957	11	—	7	9	—	203	—	36	8	56	859	—	—	2	—	—	2	1
1958	6	—	3	5	1	11	—	14	5	144	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
1959	14	—	7	10	—	12	—	32	8	6	886	—	1	—	—	—	4	1
1960	5	—	2	9	—	8	—	23	4	3	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1961	1	—	1	5	—	2	—	30	3	3	733	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
1962	—	—	4	9	—	—	—	26	2	20	26	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
1963	3	—	3	10	—	3	—	13	2	96	929	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
1964	6	—	—	5	1	2	—	14	1	—	156	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1965	20	—	1	3	1	29	—	11	6	3	492	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

Tuberculosis, 1965

Age Groups	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
0-5	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
6-10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11-15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16-20	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
21-25	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
26-30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31-35	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
36-40	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
41-45	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
46-50	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
51-55	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
56-60	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
61-65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 +	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	5	6	3	3	—	1	—	—
Grand Totals	11		6		1		—	

PART II—ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again I am pleased to submit the following sections dealing with Housing, Public Health and Food and Drugs.

Housing

The principal items during the year were the confirmation without modification of the Ridley (No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1964 and the submission and confirmation without modification of the Croft No. 1 Clearance Order. These, together with the authority to proceed with a survey of houses in the Croft Ward for possible future clearance areas, means, so far as the Department is concerned, that we are now beginning to resume the impetus which was lost in 1960 towards the clearance of the remaining unfit houses in the Borough.

It is also gratifying to report that there were 54 improvement grants completed during 1965 although this figure is still far too low.

Public Health.

As in previous years this covered a wide variety of subjects from nuisances, choked drains, removal of unwanted articles, investigation of infectious diseases, visits to persons in need of care and attention, caravan sites, care of mortuary, rodent destruction, keeping of animals, pet shops, riding establishments, clean air and many other routine, yet time consuming, duties.

Clean Air.

No further approach has been made to the Health Committee to reconsider the institution of smoke control areas but the subject is still of concern to the Medical Officer and myself, and further representations will be made when the time is considered appropriate.

So far as industrial pollution is concerned there has been a steady improvement since the inception of the Act, and all developers are approached, immediately byelaw and planning consents have been issued, to provide information as to the type of heating plants to be installed and to make application for prior approval.

The principal remaining sources of pollution are the Railway Sheds in the town centre, which problem may be resolved if certain proposals come into effect, and the marshalling yard at Bates Colliery, regarding which initial approaches have been made to the National Coal Board.

Since tipping ceased in 1962, there have been virtually no complaints regarding the spoilbanks.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

A systematic survey, which it is hoped will be completed by the end of 1966, is now being undertaken in connection with the Act.

Food and Drugs.

Very little work on this subject was achieved during the year due to staff shortage, and although we were fortunate in not having any notified cases of food poisoning and only minor complaints with regard to food handling, it is a matter of some concern that suitably qualified staff is not available, as there is no substitute for regular inspection.

Administration and Staffing.

The staff of the Department was increased during the year by the appointment of Mr. Alfred G. Hope as an Unqualified Technical Assistant and Mr. John A. Gradwell as a Student Public Health Inspector.

So far as administration is concerned, there appears to be an increasing tendency for more detailed annual reports and statistics of all kinds, particularly with regard to the records to be kept for the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, to name but one. Whilst these statistics may be of value nationally, they are reducing the time which can be spent on practical work, and the various authorities should consider the pruning of all but essential information.

HOUSING

Slum Clearance.

Following an Order made on the 11th February, 1965, under Section 44 of the Housing Act, 1957, the Minister of Housing and Local Government confirmed, without modification, on the 20th July, 1965, the Borough of Blyth (Croft No. 1) Clearance Order, comprising 51 dwelling-houses and 1 other building.

In April, 1965, a figure of 650 houses including the above 51 dwellinghouses but not including the 111 houses included in the confirmed Ridley No. 1 Compulsory Purchase Order, 1964, was submitted to the Minister in response to the Circular No. 11/65, as being an estimate of the total number of houses considered to be unfit for human habitation by present standards, and in September, 1965, Minute No. 492, the Council accepted a proposed slum clearance programme of, subject to detailed inspection, some 256 houses in the Croft Ward.

The preparatory surveys in connection with this are now in progress.

Individual Unfit Houses.

2 houses were demolished and 4 closed during the year.

16 dwellings or parts of buildings were the subject of representations as being unfit.

The following Orders became operative.

	<i>Houses</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Families</i>
Section 17—Demolition	1	2	1
Section 17—Closing in lieu of demolition	10	28	10
Section 18—Closing in (Parts of Buildings)	7	32	7
	18	62	18

Removal of Aluminium Bungalows.

49 Aluminium Bungalows (Temporary) and 24 (Permanent) were demolished at Links View, Newsham, and the Wansbeck and Seafeld Road area. The remaining 57 temporary aluminium bungalows at North Farm are expected to be cleared during 1966.

Improvement Grants.

55 detailed surveys were made in response to enquiries and applications for grant aid.

27 Improvement Grants and 38 Standard Grants were approved during 1965 with the following completions:—

	<i>Owner-occupied</i>	<i>Tenanted</i>
Improvement Grants (Discretionary) ...	14	5
Improvement Grants (Conversions) ...	5	1
Standard Grants	15	13
	34	19

See summary Ps. 41 and 42

Improvement Areas.

68 houses in the Woodbine and Rosemary Terrace area were inspected by myself as an area of soundly constructed houses, in a good state of repair, free from planning restrictions and, as a small number of houses had previously been improved with grant aid, as being an area eminently suitable for large-scale improvement.

Of the 68 houses visited, 56 were owner-occupied, and in not one single instance were the owners prepared to embark on modernisation by means of standard or improvement grants.

The principal factors against improvement were that these houses are mainly occupied by elderly or retired persons who, whilst approving in principle the benefits of bathrooms, hot and cold water supplies and internal water closets, were not prepared to modernise their homes either for financial reasons or by reason of age and objection to disturbance.

In my report submitted to the Housing Committee in October, 1964, I outlined the improvement grant procedure which gives a local authority power to require the improvement of *tenanted* dwellings. Under present circumstances owner-occupied dwellings may only be improved by voluntary means and a case may be made for legislation to consider whether, in future, all houses offered for sale must, subject to suitable structural condition and planning requirements, be compulsorily improved to at least the standard required by the Standard Grant requirements.

Provided similar financial arrangements were made available to owners or prospective owners as are enacted in the existing legislation, i.e. the obligation of the local authority to offer a loan to cover the applicant's proportion of the improvement expenses if requested, this would have the effect of either improving the older type of property worthy of improvement or, where the prospective purchaser was unwilling to proceed, stimulating the supply of tenanted houses.

In the latter event, the local authority would then be in a position to apply existing legislation.

This would not interfere with the free sale of houses with all modern amenities nor with the sale of other dwellings

which were subject to planning restrictions or other proposals which, under present circumstances, are already shown if an application is received for an Official Search under the Land Charges Act.

Houses for Agricultural Population.

Annual Certificates were issued in respect of the fourteen new dwellings constructed since 1958.

Houses in Multiple Occupation.

Of the six houses in multiple occupation at the end of 1964, (See P. 17 Annual Report, 1964) the present position is as follows:—

63 Bondicar Terrace	...	Rooms separately let to single men.
12/14 Wensleydale Terrace		In process of conversion to hotel.
25 Percy Street	... ..	Included in Ridley Compulsory Purchase Order.
Tower House	... ..	Demolished.
382 Cowpen Road	... ..	Demolished.

Rent Act, 1957.

There were two applications for and two Certificates of Disrepair issued, the current position being:—

1. Certificates of Disrepair issued:	... ..	40
2. Certificates of Non-compliance with Undertaking:	... ..	26

PUBLIC HEALTH

Part II—Sanitation and Buildings

Drainage, Refuse and Verminous Premises.

The undermentioned free services were provided during the year:—

Cleansing of choked drains	... ..	65
Removal of unwanted household effects		1,362
No. of houses treated for insect pests	... ..	312

The following drainage works were completed or are in progress by owners:—

New septic tank and filter bed to the Horton Vicarage; overhaul of septic tanks, filter beds and drainage to the High and Low Horton Farms; approval under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936, for the conversion of an earth closet at Low Horton Farm and approval under the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, for a Standard Grant for a bathroom etc., at Avenue North Farm, involving the abolition of an earth closet and the provision of a septic tank, filter bed and associated drainage.

Building Byelaws and Sanitation.

All deposited plans and planning consents continued to be investigated in order that developers may be advised at an early stage of legislative requirements dealing with Clean Air Act, 1956; Factories Act, 1961; Food and Drugs Act, 1955; Housing Acts and Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 and associated Regulations.

Part III—Nuisances

1,452 visits were made and interviews given in connection with complaints and general public health matters. See Summary P. 44.

Spoilbanks.

Since tipping ceased in 1962 there have been no complaints.

Coal Disposal Points.

Stockpiling by the Regional Open-Cast Executive ceased in October, 1964, when the Bebside Disposal Point at Hathery Lane was cleared.

Part IV—Water Supply

Source of Supply	Gallons
Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company	381,497,000
Tynemouth Corporation Water Dept.	3,392,000

Bacteriological Analyses.

50 samples of water were taken, of which 45 were satisfactory, 1 was classified as suspicious but follow-up samples produced highly satisfactory results and 4 were not examined owing to faulty bottles:—

Site	H. Sat.	Sat.	Sus.	Unsat.	Total
1. Dinsdale, Marine Terrace ...	4	—	—	—	4
2. 26/40 St. Ronan's Drive, S/Sluice	9	1	—	—	10
3. Bebside Sec. Modern School Kitchen	1	—	—	—	1
4. Bebside C.P. School Kitchen	2	—	—	—	2
5. Morpeth Rd. Central Kitchen	3	—	—	—	3
6. Blyth Gram. School Kitchen	2	—	—	—	2
7. Blyth Co-operative Dairy ...	4	—	—	—	4
8. Blyth Co-operative Bakery	1	—	—	—	1
9. Blyth Co-op. Society (Brier- ley Road)	1	—	—	—	1
10. Industry Suppliers (Kitty Brewster Trading Estate)	1	—	—	—	1
11. Town Tailors Factory Can- teen	2	—	—	—	2
12. Bates Colliery Canteen ...	1	—	—	—	1
13. Beach Corner Cafe	2	2	—	—	4
14. Links and Foreshore ...	1	—	—	—	1
15. Link House Gardens Cara- van Site	1	—	—	—	1
16. Old Pottery Caravan Site ...	3	—	1	—	4
17. South Newsham Camping Site	2	—	—	—	2
18. Keenlyside, Quayside ...	1	—	—	—	1
19. Hodgson's Road Garage ...	1	—	—	—	1
	42	3	1	0	46

Chemical Analyses.

No samples of drinking water were submitted.

Part V—Prevention, Treatment and Notification of Infectious Diseases

188 investigations were made, primarily in connection with a minor dysentery outbreak and with regard to contacts of notified cases of tuberculosis meningitis.

Part VI—Mortuaries and Post Mortem Rooms

The Mortuary was used on 47 occasions, details being:—

<i>Authority</i>	<i>Bodies</i>	<i>Post-Mortems</i>
Borough of Blyth	45	39
Bedlington Urban District Council	1	1
River Blyth Port Health Authority	1	—

Part IV—Public Health Act, 1875.

Part VIII—Public Health Act, 1936.

Paddling Pool, Ridley Park.

Regular Ph. and Residual Chlorine tests were carried out and were found to be satisfactory. A new water service was supplied to the Southern end of the Park, which greatly facilitated the regular cleansing and re-filling of the pool.

Proposed New Swimming Baths.

Construction work commenced during the year.

Part X—Miscellaneous

WATERCOURSES.

Tynedale Drive.

Two samples were submitted for chemical analyses. The second sample showed an increase in acidity but there is a general improvement since samples were first taken in 1961, although the water is still too acid. Details of the Analyst's Reports are given on P. 43.

Lysdon Burn.

Following remedial measures carried out by the Seaton Valley Joint Sewerage Board to the storm water overflow from the Balfour Sewer to the Lysdon Burn in 1964, a chemical water sample was obtained from the vicinity of the South Newsham Camping Site and was found to be quite satisfactory. See Report P. 43.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS.

Camping Ground, South Newsham.

Regular visits were made to the camping ground which, despite inclement weather, proved extremely popular with visitors, and the site was generally well run. Additional washing facilities were provided to the dual toilet blocks.

It is proposed to further develop the site as finances permit.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

The position at the end of 1965 was:—

Link House Gardens, Blyth
(Holiday Site).

Service Garage, Links Road,
(Permanent Residential—
Four Caravans).

Old Pottery, South Newsham
(Permanent Residential—
Thirty Caravans).

High House Farm, Bebside
(One residential caravan).

Malvin's Close (Permanent
Residential—Eight Caravans)

South Newsham Camping
Site. (One residential caravan
Council owned).

Amended planning permission without limitation of time issued 15th January, 1965. Site Licence issued 17th June, 1965.

Existing use site licence issued 15th November, 1963.

No occupied caravans on site at end of year.

Planning permission issued 15th June, 1962, for period ending 31st December, 1971.

Site Licence issued 9th March, 1962. Planning permission issued 9th February, 1962, to expire on the 31st December, 1964.

Site Licence issued 21st Feb., 1962. New permission issued 15th January, 1965, to expire 31st December, 1967. Planning permission issued 14th September, 1962, to expire 31st December, 1967.

Site Licence issued 18th September, 1962. Five caravans on site at end of year.

Planning permission issued 28th April, 1964.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

Link House Gardens.

Following the issue on the 17th June, 1965, of a Site Licence under Section 3 of the Act, in respect of the existing and extended holiday caravan site, complaint was made before the Magistrates' Court, Blyth, on the 27th July, 1965, by Mr. Alan Gilhespy, the occupier of the land at Link House Gardens, Links Road, against the following conditions included in the Site Licence:—

- (a) That every caravan should be not less than 10 feet from a carriageway.
- (b) That roads of suitable material should be provided so that no caravans standing or toilet block is more than 150 feet from a road. That each standing and toilet block should be connected to a carriageway by a footpath with a hard surface. That carriageways should be not less than 13 feet wide or, if they form part of a one-way traffic system, 9 feet wide.
- (c) That not later than the 1st November in each year all caravans shall be removed from the site to winter storage until the 28th February of the following year.
- (d) That suitable surfaced parking places should be provided with space for at least one car for every 3 caravan standings. That additional space should be set aside to accommodate further cars, up to 1 per caravan, to be surfaced as required.

and Mr. Gilhespy being aggrieved by such conditions appealed to the Magistrates' Court.

Mr. Kent appearing for the appellant stressed that part of the land in question had been used originally as a camping site and later as a caravan site since 1932 and that Blyth Borough Council, on issuing a Site Licence for the then existing site in February, 1963, had not in that licence required the conditions which were now included in the present licence issued in respect of the existing and proposed extension to the site, and that as the existing and proposed sites were used primarily as a Holiday Site, the conditions imposed were onerous.

Mr. Edwin W. Carter, Town Clerk, for the Respondents, pointed out that the Council were required by the Act to issue a Site Licence in respect of the existing site and that at the date of the issue of the site licence there was in force a planning permission in respect of the existing and proposed extension to 1966; that Mr. Gilhespy had been negotiating with the County Planning Authority for an extension to the site which had been refused, and that the site licence had had regard to the cost of the proposed works particularly in view of the unexpired period of the planning permission (viz. less than four years).

Mr. Carter pointed out that Mr. Gilhespy had now obtained a new planning consent without limitation of time in respect of both the existing site and the proposed extension, which would have the effect of doubling the capacity, and had also indicated the presence of roadways on the plan accompanying his application for an amended Site Licence, and that the Council were under an obligation to have regard to the Model Standards issued by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and that the Site Licence issued on the 17th June, 1965, was, in fact, an exact copy of the Model Standards.

The Court, being satisfied that the conditions, the subject of the complaint, were unduly burdensome, cancelled the conditions.

THE CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL FURNACES.

New Installations.

<i>Situation</i>	<i>Type of Heating</i>
1. P. Shapira Ltd., Kitty Brewster Trading Estate.	"Dravo" Gas Heated Ducted Air.
2. Draeger Normalair, Kitty Brewster Estate.	Gas Heated Ducted Air to Administrative block. Overhead Gas Radiants to Factory.
3. T.A. Centre, Cowpen Road.	1 No. Potterton F.O.A. 750 sectional boilers—oil fired. Rated output not less than 875,000 Btu/hr. Prior approval issued 9th October, 1964.
4. Waterloo Road Social Club.	B.O.A. 130 Potterton Oil Fired.
5. Astley Arms, Seaton Sluice.	Ideal Standard "Vanguard" Oil Fired—210,000 Btu/hr. Prior Approval 9th April, 1965.
6. Bebside and Cowpen Social Club.	Ideal Standard "Brittania" Coal Fired with Ashwell and Nesbit Underfeed Stoker. Rated output 511,000 Btu/hr.
7. Blyth Sports & Social Club.	E.G. 15 Ideal "Elite" Gas-Fire. Rated output 160,000 Btu/hr.
8. Blyth Grammar School, Tyne-dale Drive, Cowpen.	

Pending.

1. "The Seahorse", Plessey Road	Potterton Gas Fired Boiler. Rated Output 200,000 Btu/hr. Prior Approval issued 20th November, 1965.
2. G. and N. Wright Ltd., Wensleydale Terrace.	Wood Waste Incinerator.
3. Associated Tailoring Estates Ltd., Kitty Brewster Estate.	

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

As this is the subject of a separate annual report it is not proposed to comment in detail, suffice to say that, following the appointment of a Technical Assistant, Mr. Hope, a complete survey of all industrial and commercial premises in the Borough is in progress.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

A summary of visits is given on Pages 44 to 49.

Animal Destruction.

I am indebted to the Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. for the following figures of animals humanely destroyed at the Albion Yard centre.

Dogs:	115.
Cats:	6.
Bird:	1.

Pet Animals Act.

There are three licensed dealers in the Borough and the requirements of the Act are observed.

Animal Boarding Establishments.

The sole animal boarding establishment at Furnace Road, Bebside, was reinspected and a renewal licence for the boarding of 15 dogs and 15 cats issued.

Riding Establishments.

One licence was issued under the Act in respect of a riding establishment at Wensleydale Allotments, Blyth and a further application for an establishment at High House Farm, Bebside, was under review at the end of the year.

Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956

No official inspections were carried out but general observation was made by the Rodent Officer during regular farm inspections.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Regular servicing and survey work is carried out to all Council properties, dwellinghouses, agricultural holdings, food and other business premises and in addition constant treatment was given to the Meggie's Burn and Bebside refuse tips and twice-yearly sewer treatments were carried out.

Details of the work of the Rodent Officer are shown on P. 32, and Mr. Wade also incorporates the work of Mortuary Attendant and general handyman for drainage work and fumigations.

Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

There are no registered or licensed premises in the Borough, only two traders using filling materials for re-conditioning purposes, and the materials used satisfy the British Standard Institution Mark Scheme.

A sample of synthetic material used for the manufacture of scatter cushions was obtained from an establishment which has now closed and, with the co-operation of the Chief Public Health Inspector, City of Newcastle, this was submitted for analysis. The Prescribed Analyst reported that moves were being made by the British Standards Institution to bring this type of material, both Rubber and Plastic, under the B.S. 1425 Fillings Standard, after which the Ministry of Housing and Local Government were to be approached to bring these materials under the Regulations.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part I of the Act

1.—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 ...	23	13	1	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	104	35	1	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	8	8	Nil	Nil
Total ...	135	56	2	Nil

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)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	1	1	Nil	1	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total ...	3	3	Nil	2	Nil

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork

Sections 133 and 134).

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing apparel { Making etc., Cleaning and Washing	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Factories, 1965

	Mechanical Power	No Mechanical Power
Bakeries	10	1
Blacksmith	1	
Boat Building & Repairs	1	
Boot & Shoe Repairs	3	
Building Operations	8	
Cabinet Making	3	
Car Spraying	1	
Clothing Alterations		3
Clothing Manufacturers	3	
Composting	1	
Concrete Mixing	1	
Cooked Meat Products & Sausage Manufacture	10	
Cooked & Wet Fish Preparation		1
Coppersmiths	1	
Corn Grinders	1	
Cycle Repairs	1	
Dairies	1	2
Dress Making	1	
Dry Cleaning	1	
Electricity Distribution	1	
Electrical Components	1	
Electrical Engineering	2	
Electro-Plating	1	
Fibre-Glass—Plastics	1	
Foundry	1	
Gas Manufacturer—Distribution	1	
Ice Cream Manufacturers	2	
Building, Stone Crushing, Joinery	7	4
Joinery Manufacturer	1	
Life-raft Repairs		1
Locomotive Repairs	1	
Marine Engineering	2	
Marine Store	2	
Mineral Water Manufacturer	1	
Monumental Sculptor	2	
Motor Vehicle Repairs	22	
Motor Vehicle Recovery (Spares)	1	
Painting & Decorating		4
Paper & Baling		1
Pharmaceutical Products	1	
Plumbing		2
Printing	2	
Reg. Dealer		1
Radio & Electrical Repairs	4	
Roller Conveyors	2	
Saddlery & Harness		1
Sawmills	1	
Sheet Metal & Welding	1	
Shipbuilding	1	
Slaughtering	1	
Slaters & Tilers		1
Sugar Confectionery	1	
Upholsterers	1	
Water Undertaking		1
Totals	112	23

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

	No.	Baits Laid	Traps Laid	Ozs. Poison Bait Taken	No. of Bodies		Est. Kill Rats	No. of visits
					Rats	Mice		
Dwellinghouses ...	121	551	5	226	—	29	3	251
Gardens ...	47	182	—	310	12	2	75	174
Allotments ...	14	74	—	377	31	—	93	55
Food Shops ...	15	227	—	71½	—	24	2	36
Schools ...	10	126	1	133	6	4	27	30
Youth Clubs ...	2	40	—	11	—	1	—	4
Farms ...	3	67	—	329	26	5	54	13
Business Premises	24	516	—	566	35	14	122	76
Licensed Premises	7	150	—	41	—	9	1	15
Manholes ...	20	20	—	96	1	—	24	80
County Council Premises	2	26	—	11	—	6	—	6
Council Premises	22	1,106	80 Holes Gassed	1,008	209	8	796	90
	287	3,085	6 80 Holes Gassed	3,179½	320	102	1,197 40 Mice	830

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

THE FOOD HYGIENE (REGULATIONS) 1960.

This subject is dealt with in the preamble to Part II of the Report.

FOOD PREMISES.

In accordance with the Ministry of Health's instructions the following information is given regarding food premises in the Borough.

Bakeries	6	Grocery & Provisions	47
Combined Bakeries and Retail Shops	6	Hotels	2
Retail Bakery	9	Ice-Cream Manufacturers	1
Butchers	19	Licensed Premises	44
Cooked Meats	7	Licensed Clubs	23
Departmental Stores	3	Off Licenses	17
Factory Canteens	6	Mineral Water Manufacturers	1
Fish Fryers	16	Restaurants, Cafeterias and Snack Bars	12
Food Manufacturers	2	School Kitchens	6
Food Warehouses	3	Sugar Confectionery—Retail	25
General Dealers	67	Sugar Confectionery—Wholesale	1
Greengrocery	14	Wet Fish	1

a total of 338.

REGISTRATIONS.

The number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Act are as follows:—

Bakehouses	12	Fish Fryers	16
Butchers	19	Ice-Cream Manufacturers	1
Cooked Meats	7	Ice-Cream Retailers	130
Preserved Food	1		

NEW REGISTRATIONS.

Ice-Cream (Pre-packed) 1

CANCELLATIONS.

Ice-Cream Manufacture 1

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS.

Milk bottles forwarded to the public health laboratory for examination gave the following results:—

<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Fairly Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Total</i>
57	5	4	66

Once again the bacterial counts per bottle were generally well below the prescribed minimum.

Samples of Pasteurised milk taken by the County Health Inspector gave the following results:—

	METHYLENE BLUE TEST		PHOSPHATASE TEST		Total Samples
	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	
Untreated	1	—	—	—	1
T.T. Pasteurised (Auto. Vending Machine)	1	1	2	—	4
Pasteurised	47	—	47	—	94
	49	1	49	—	99

ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1959.

5 samples of heat treated ice-cream were taken from the sole manufacturer all of which were Grade I.

The small number of samples obtained is due to the fact that there is now only one manufacturer of ice-cream in the Borough, that for many years he has maintained a consistently high standard and that is more economic from the point of view of time and staff to collect a sample as milk bottles and water are collected, i.e. monthly, so that these products can be delivered simultaneously to the Public Health Laboratory.

There are no Blyth-based mobile vendor/manufacturers and it is inadvisable at present to obtain such samples with the necessity of first finding the vendor and then transporting the samples without delay to the laboratory.

The Slaughterhouse Act, 1958.

At the beginning of 1965 a further extension of the Appointed Day to the 1st July, 1965, was granted by the Minister as the date by which the Slaughterhouse, Plessey Road, must comply with the Orders and Regulations, and slaughtering ceased on the 24th March, 1965. Following a complete reconstruction to comply with the Hygiene and Cruelty Regulations, a renewal licence was issued by the Council on the 21st December, 1965, to the Blyth Co-operative Society Ltd., the Owners.

Animal Health.

As a result of the closure of the slaughterhouse for nine months, only 2,004 animals were slaughtered and all were inspected and marked in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, 155 visits being made for the purpose.

Condemned Meat.

One heifer and 12 sheep entire carcasses and organs were condemned, together with part carcasses and organs of 59 cattle, 4 sheep and 9 pigs, amounting in all to 16 cwts., 1 qrtr., 2 lbs., which was collected twice weekly by Messrs. Tyneside Butchers Bye Products Ltd.

Diseases of Animals.

No notifications were received during the year.

It was found necessary to condemn the following entire carcasses and organs:—

<i>Animals</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Disease</i>	<i>Weight in lbs.</i>
Heifer	1	Johne's Disease	300
Ewes	3	Emaciation and Peritonitis	143
Tup	1	Moribund	90
Tups	8	Emaciation/Peritonitis/Septicaemia	533

The following part carcasses and organs were condemned:

							<i>Weight in lbs.</i>
Cattle	...	...	...	...	...	...	625
Sheep	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Pigs	...	...	...	...	...	...	105

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED FORM D.S. 97727/1.

	Cattle excl'ding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	434	—	—	1,099	471
Number inspected	434	—	—	1,099	471
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :</i>					
Whole carcases condemned ...	1	—	—	12	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	51	—	—	3	10
Percentage of the number inspected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	12.0	—	—	1.36	2.1
<i>Tuberculosis only :</i>					
Whole carcases condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis... ..	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Cysticercosis :</i>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED—SUMMARY, 1965.

Month	Bulls	Bullocks	Heifers	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total 1965	Total 1964
January	—	117	40	—	—	423	61	641	1,014
February	—	105	32	—	—	372	190	699	856
March	—	112	28	—	—	304	178	622	811
April	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	826
May	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	758
June	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	852
July	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	846
August	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	928
September	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,061
October	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,012
November	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,063
December	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	42	970
TOTALS 1965	—	334	100	—	—	1,099	471	2,004	
TOTALS 1964	17	1,307	673	49	1	5,875	3,075		10,997

1965 Sows Boars Tups Ewes

—65— —83—

1964 522 — 995

{ All included in
totals of Summary

DETAILS OF SLAUGHTERING, 1965

	Slaughtering Days	Overtime Days Hours	Saturdays	Sundays	Bank Holidays	Inspections
January ...	19	1 1				40
February ...	20	7 10				49
March ...	19	6 7½				46
December	5	1 2			1	10
	63	15 20½			1	145

UN SOUND FOOD.

The following complaints as to unsound or the presence of foreign bodies in food, were attended to during the year:—

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. Drawing pin in school milk bottle. | City of Newcastle Health Department notified and dairy manager interviewed. |
| 2. Charred wood in lollipop | Blackpool Health Department notified and factory inspected. |
| 3. String in corned beef. | Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food notified. |
| 4. Beetle in canned blackberries. | Importer and overseas factory notified. |
| 5. Nail in cake. | Local bakery inspected and manufacturer warned. |
| 6. Complaint re unsatisfactory sherry. | No evidence to support complaint. |

In addition to the above, the following foodstuffs were found in the course of inspection to be unfit for human consumption:—

	<i>Tins</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>
Meat	2,009	185
Fruit	1,485	—
Vegetables	2,624	—
Fish	276	—
Cereals	240	—
Soup	1,213	—
Puddings	521	—
Milk	792	—
Preserves	5	—
Fruit Juice	26	—
Bacon	—	33

Although, from time to time, publicity is given and penalties imposed for the sale of goods containing foreign material, I feel in view of the small number of complaints of this character, manufacturers should be complimented on the high standards maintained and in the isolated cases of complaint and unless particular circumstances warrant it, it is preferable that they be advised of these complaints in order that production and hygiene methods may be investigated and if possible, improved, rather than that legal proceedings be taken in every case.

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere

Return for Year ended 31st December, 1955

			No. of Houses	No. of separate Dwellings
A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED	IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS. SEC. 42 HOUSING ACT, 1957.	Unfit for human habitation.	Nil	Nil
		Included by reason of bad arrangement. ...	Nil	Nil
		On land acquired under Sec. 43(2) Housing Act, 1957.	Nil	Nil
	NOT IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 16 or 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	2	5
		Local authority houses certified unfit by Medical Officer of Health ...	Nil	Nil
		Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	Nil	Nil
		Houses included in unfitness orders under para. 2 of the 2nd Schedule to the Land Compensation Act, 1961	Nil	Nil
	No. of separate dwellings included above and previously reported as closed ...		—	Nil
B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED	Under Secs. 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957, and Sec. 26, Housing Act, 1961.		4	5
	Under Secs. 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957.		Nil	Nil
	PARTS OF BUILDINGS CLOSED under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957. ...		—	7

		Persons	Families
C. NUMBER OF PERSONS DISPLACED	From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas	7	2
	From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas	17	6
D. NUMBER OF FAMILIES DISPLACED	From houses to be closed.	13	3
	From parts of buildings to be closed	28	7
E. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT			Houses
	After Informal action by local authority.		8
	After formal action under Secs. 9 (a) by Owner: ... and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957. (b) By Local Authority: ...		Nil
			Nil
	After formal notice under Public Health Acts. ...		Nil
	After modification or revocation of a clearance order under Section 21 Housing Act, 1961. ...		Nil
	After determination of a demolition order under Sec. 24 Housing Act, 1957.		Nil
F. HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.	After determination of a closing order under Sec. 27 Housing Act, 1957.		1
	(Other than unfit house made fit after formal notice under Public Health Acts).		67
			Houses
G. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE	Under Section 48 Housing Act, 1957		Nil
	Under Section 17(2) Housing Act, 1957.		Nil
	Under Section 46 Housing Act, 1957.		Nil
		Houses	Occupiers
H. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT	Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders	Nil	Nil

The total figures since 1945 are:—

	CLEARANCE AREAS		DEMOLITION ORDERS		CLOSING ORDERS		TOTAL	
	Houses Demol- ished	Persons Dis- placed	Houses	Persons Dis- placed	Houses	Persons Dis- placed	Houses	Persons Dis- placed
1945/50	399	1,875	55	432	1	4	455	2,311
1951	139	339	2	4	10	19	151	362
1952	67	220	76	298	8	36	151	554
1953	112	362	64	194	27	120	203	676
1954	—	—	33	103	37	131	70	234
1955	—	—	22	82	21	81	43	163
1956	109	—	4	22	23	119	136	141
1957	31	3	15	74	15	59	61	136
1958	2	184	3	26	23	51	28	261
1959	57	—	4	39	29	107	90	146
1960	10	—	10	92	34	105	54	197
1961	—	—	46	23	11	52	57	75
1962	—	—	28	13	20	68	48	81
1963	—	—	27	1	7	16	34	17
1964	—	—	20	—	9	50	29	50
1965	—	7	2	11	11	41	13	65
	926	2,990	411	1,414	286	1,159	1,623	5,459

No. of dwellings included above which were previously regarded as Closed (now demolished).

1961— 8	} 47
1962—15	
1963—18	
1964— 6	
1965— 0	

In addition to the above figures 108 Pre-fabricated Dwellings have been demolished.

HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

	1964		1965	
	With State Assistance	Unaided	With State Assistance	Unaided
HOUSES COMPLETED IN 1965				
Permanent Traditional—				
Contractor	68	—	104	—
Permanent Non-Traditional—				
Contractor	—	—	24	—
HOUSES IN PROGRESS 31.12.65				
Perm. Traditional—Contractor ...	126	—	115	—
Non-Traditional—Contractor ...	24	—	2	—
Houses approved by Ministry of Housing & Local Government ...	114	—	196	—
HOUSES COMPLETED POST-WAR BY COUNCIL UP TO 31.12.65				
Permanent Traditional	2,432	2	2,536	2
Permanent Non-Traditional				
100 Wimpey				
50 Myton	150	—	174	—
24 Shipyard				
PERMANENT PRE-FABRICATED				
B.I.S.F.	72	—	72	—
Aluminium (North Farm)	24	—	24	—
Concrete (South Farm)	44	—	(Occ.) 44	—
HOUSES COMPLETED POST-WAR BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE				
Traditional	2	964	2	989
Non-Traditional (Farm Cottage) ...	12	—	12	—
HOUSES PROVIDED UNDER (TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION) ACT, 1944				
Links View 49	} 106	—	(33)	—
North Farm 57				

STANDARD GRANTS—SUMMARY

APPLICATIONS

Year	Approved	Refused	Owner-Occupied Grant	Tenanted Grant
1959/1964	48	1	£ s. d. 3,935 0 0	£ s. d. 1,965 0 0
1965	38	—	3,073 10 0	2,995 0 0
	86	1	£7,008 10 0	£4,960 0 0
£11,968 10 0				

COMPLETIONS

Year	Owner-Occupied		Tenanted		Fixed Bath or Showers	Wash-Basins	Hot Water Supplies	Water Closets	Food Storage Facilities
	No.	Grant	No.	Grant					
1960/1964	27	£ s. d. 3,101 10 3	3	£ s. d. 348 17 11	24	25	22	28	15
1965	15	2,084 5 0	13	1,122 17 0	21	22	20	28	8
	42	£5,185 15 3	16	£1,471 14 11	45	47	42	56	23

COUNCIL-OWNED 58 ... £6,657 10 2d.
1964 880 (For provision of wash-hand basins).

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS—SUMMARY

APPLICATIONS

COMPLETIONS

Year	Approved	Refused	Owner-Occupied Grant	Tenanted Grant	Owner-Occupied	Grant	Tenanted	Grant
1955/1964	285	11	£ s. d. 14,677 0 0	£ s. d. 37,622 0 0	38	£ s. d. 7,492 0 0	205	£ s. d. 35,542 0 0
1965	15	—	2,563 0 0	912 0 0	14	3,411 0 0	5	1,202 0 0
	300	11	£17,240 0 0	£38,534 0 0	52	£10,903 0 0	210	£36,744 0 0
300 ...			£55,774 0 0		262 ...		£47,647 0 0	

CONVERSIONS APPLICATIONS

COMPLETIONS

Year	Approved	No. of Dwellings	Owner-Occupied Grant	Tenanted Grant	Owner-Occupied	Grant	Tenanted	Grant
1959/1964	9	11	£ s. d. 1,027 0 0	£ s. d. 1,277 0 0	3	£ s. d. 737 0 0	5	£ s. d. 830 0 0
1965	12	12	1,828 0 0	1,268 0 0	5	1,210 0 0	1	204 0 0
	21	23	£2,855 0 0	£2,545 0 0	8	£1,947 0 0	6	£1,034 0 0
23 ...		£5,400 0 0		14 ...		£2,981 0 0		

ANALYSIS OF WATER, 1965—CHEMICAL

SAMPLE 1/CW/65.

Water from Lysdon Burn adjacent South Newsham Camp Site.

Acidity to Methyl Orange expressed as CaCO ₃	None
Sulphates as SO ₃	450 parts per million
Dissolved oxygen	9.6 parts per million
pH value	8.2 parts per million

REPORT

There is no acidity to methyl orange in this sample of water and the pH value is 8.2. This sample is a normal water, somewhat more alkaline than many waters.

SAMPLE 2/CW/65

Water from Tynedale Watercourse

Acidity to Methyl Orange expressed as H ₂ SO ₄	15 parts per million
Sulphates as SO ₃	573 parts per million
Dissolved oxygen	7.3 parts per million
pH value	3.1 parts per million

REPORT

The progressive decrease in acidity and sulphates continues in this sample. The dissolved oxygen present is sufficient to support fish life, but the water is still too acid.

SAMPLE 3/CW/65

Water from Tynedale Watercourse

Acidity to Methyl Orange expressed as H ₂ SO ₄	30 parts per million
Sulphates as SO ₃	2843 parts per million
Dissolved oxygen	8.15 parts per million
pH value	4.3 parts per million

REPORT

The acidity to methyl orange is double that of the former sample (Lab. Ref. 362/207a) and sulphates have increased. Although the dissolved oxygen present is sufficient to support fish life, the water is still too acid.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

Number of inspections made during the year 1965		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Grand Total
(a) PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.															
Complaints—general	...	23	25	39	44	49	30	57	39	58	39	38	30	471	1,452
Re-inspections re outstanding	...	43	59	8	48	43	41	18	31	43	47	44	10	435	
Notices	...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Allotments	...	4	8	3	6	19	17	11	9	27	17	7	17	145	
Dirty or verminous premises	...	7	7	3	10	15	9	27	3	10	7	15	16	129	
Drainage	...	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	
Exhumation	...	—	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	
Holiday accommodation	...	—	—	—	1	1	4	1	—	—	—	1	—	10	
Keeping of animals	...	2	—	—	5	2	3	3	4	1	2	1	2	26	
Licensed premises	...	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	
Mortuary	...	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Piggeries	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	
Places of public entertainment	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	1	—	2	
Public conveniences	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	
Refuse tips	...	—	1	1	1	—	1	1	—	3	1	1	—	7	
South Newsham Camping Site	...	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	14	
Vacant sites & dilapidated buildings	...	—	—	—	5	—	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	9	
Watercourses	...	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	2	3	—	—	15	
Water supplies	...	—	—	1	—	3	5	2	3	—	—	1	—	15	
General	...	9	8	4	4	12	10	21	8	14	25	14	19	148	
														1,452	1,452
(b) AGRICULTURE (WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT.															
Farms	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	1,454
														2	

Number of inspections made during the year 1965		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Grand Total
(c)	CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.														
	Sites	1	4	6	3	6	9	8	3	1	1	2	1	45	
(d)	DISEASES OF ANIMALS	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	1,499
														3	
(e)	CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956.													3	1,502
	Inspection of plant ...	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	7	
	Smoke nuisances ...	—	4	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	4	4	—	15	
	Smoke observations ...	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	4	
	Installations & prior approvals	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
	General	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	
(f)	Factories Act, 1961.													28	1,530
	Mechanical power ...	—	1	2	11	1	4	6	1	—	7	2	—	35	
	No mechanical power	—	—	—	1	—	1	4	3	1	—	3	—	13	
	Outworkers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	
(g)	INFECTIOUS DISEASES (NOTIFICA- TIONS) ACTS.													52	1,582
	Investigations made ...	14	46	38	2	1	18	12	10	6	9	7	25	188	
(h)	ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963.													188	1,770
	... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	
														1	1,771

Number of inspections made during the year 1965		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Grand Total
(i)	PESTS ACT, 1949.														
	Allotments ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	
	Agricultural holdings ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	1	9	
	Dwellinghouses ...	—	—	1	3	3	4	2	—	—	—	7	6	26	
	Council properties ...	—	—	—	2	3	2	2	—	—	2	—	4	15	
	Other properties ...	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	—	—	1	1	—	9	
														61	1,832
(j)	PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951													1	
	Investigations made ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
(k)	RAG & FLOCK ACT.													3	
	Inspections made ...	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
														1	1,833
(l)	RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964.													3	
	Inspections made ...	—	—	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	8	1,836
(m)	OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.													8	1,844
	Offices ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	13	4	—	4	16	5	44	
	Retail shops ...	—	—	—	—	—	6	8	6	—	1	55	49	125	
	Warehouses ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	
	Catering Establishments; Canteens	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	5	5	14	
	Accidents investigations ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	8	—	12	
	Interviews ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	
														198	2,042
(n)	HOUSING ACT, 1957.														
	Investigations re overcrowding and housing conditions ...	1	5	2	6	2	11	10	2	1	7	7	3	57	
	Corporation houses ...	3	12	5	11	15	11	8	7	8	5	1	19	105	
	Housing survey ...	—	—	2	6	7	3	1	6	2	211	12	—	250	
	Temperature records ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	3	—	12	
	General ...	10	6	5	6	9	4	4	—	2	2	6	3	57	
														481	2,523

Number of inspections made during the year 1965		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Grand Total
<i>Part II</i>															
Individual unfit houses		6	1	8	13	11	11	3	12	10	12	9	2	98	2,633
Repairs ...		—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	
Undertakings ...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	1	—	9	
<i>Part III</i>														110	
Clearance Areas and Compulsory Purchase Orders ...		59	7	6	14	27	115	5	4	2	4	13	20	276	2,915
Redevelopment areas ...		—	1	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	
(o) HOUSING ACTS 1958 & 1959.														282	
Improvement grants ...		32	31	37	29	17	60	12	21	46	13	35	18	351	3,280
Agricultural dwellings ...		—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	
(p) RENT ACT, 1957.														365	
Certificates of Disrepair, etc. ...		—	3	1	2	—	—	2	—	3	3	—	—	14	3,294
(q) HOUSING ACT, 1961.														14	
Houses in multiple occupation ...		—	2	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	
(r) HOUSING ACT, 1964														7	3,301
Improvement area surveys ...		—	—	—	—	64	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64	
(s) FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955.														64	
Abattoir—meat inspection ...		40	49	46	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	155	3,365
—do—alterations ...		4	5	1	—	2	8	6	6	8	3	4	21	68	
Bakehouses ...		1	1	—	2	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	8	
Bakery & Confectionery shops ...		1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	8	12	

Number of inspections made during the year 1965		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Grand Total
Butchers' shops	—	—	—	3	2	3	3	1	2	4	8	16	42	4,146
Canteens and Snack Bars ...	...	—	—	2	1	2	1	1	—	2	—	1	—	10
Fish and chip shops ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	5
Food manufacturing premises	...	—	—	—	1	9	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	2	
Food vehicles ...	...	3	—	1	2	9	9	1	3	—	—	—	1	29
Food stalls ...	...	24	—	—	15	48	41	6	19	—	7	10	28	198
General Dealer shops ...	...	—	1	—	2	5	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	12
Greengrocery shops ...	...	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	7
Grocery and Provision shops	...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	20	—	—	12	34	
Ice-cream premises—	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
(a) Manufacturing	...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
(b) Retail ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	12
Preserved food premises	...	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	23	
Restaurants and Cafes	...	1	3	—	4	4	7	2	1	—	—	1	—	3	
Sugar confectionery ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	111
Unsound food examination	...	7	7	5	7	9	13	12	11	9	11	13	7	1	
Warehouses ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Wet fish shops ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
General ...	...	—	1	—	36	—	—	2	3	1	1	1	—	45
(t) MILK & DAIRIES ORDERS.	...	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	781	4,146
Dairies and equipment	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4,149
(u) SAMPLING.	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Chemical:—	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
(a) Water ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	1
(b) Other foods	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	4,154

Number of inspections made during the year 1965		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	Grand Total
<i>Bacteriological:—</i>															
(a)	Milk bottles ...	6	—	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	66	4,460
(b)	Water ...	4	—	4	4	4	4	4	6	7	4	4	4	49	
(c)	Ice-cream ...	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	4	
(d)	Other foods ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	
(e)	Faeces ...	16	26	76	21	—	20	—	10	1	—	7	—	177	
(f)	Sputum ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	9	
(v)	LAND CHARGES ACT, 1925.														
	Searches ...	19	27	41	33	36	22	31	25	25	36	26	25	346	4,806
(w)	MISCELLANEOUS														
	Miscellaneous inspections and inter-views ...	10	8	2	—	—	2	10	2	—	9	—	—	43	
	No. of Informal Notices served ...	6	7	3	6	9	7	4	6	10	11	17	3	89	
	No. of Statutory Notices served ...	—	11	11	3	15	1	—	3	3	8	18	—	73	
	No. of houses & buildings treated for eradication of insect pests ...	8	16	14	14	37	28	36	34	47	42	17	19	312	
	No. of items of bedding, clothing, etc. destroyed by request ...	124	75	151	99	154	118	105	128	133	94	105	76	1,362	
	Choked drains cleansed ...	7	5	3	9	5	5	4	3	5	4	6	9	65	
	Informal Notices complied ...	1	—	7	1	5	—	4	4	7	1	—	8	38	
	Statutory Notices complied ...	4	—	15	11	18	—	8	6	2	4	—	14	82	
														2,064	6,870



