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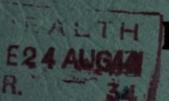
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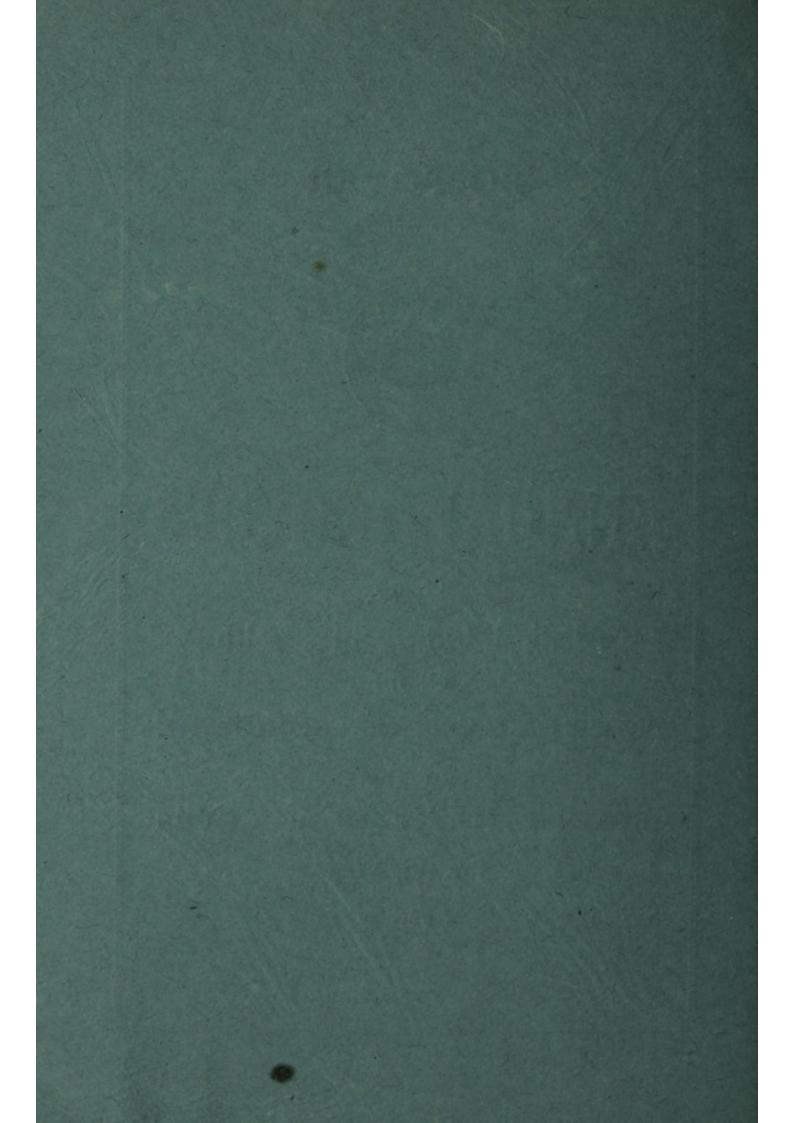
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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF, 1943.

Medical Officer of Health.

DR. A. H. WEAR, M.D., D.P.H., B.Hy., Dale Close, 100, Chesterfield Road South, Mansfield. (Tel. No. 811 Mansfield).

Deputy Medical Officer (Part-time).

DR. JOHN BENJAMIN McKAY, M.B., Ch.B.

Sanitary Inspector (Full-time).

(Certified Inspector of Meat and other Foods, and Inspector under Shops Acts and Petroleum Acts).

James Holden Smellie, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., From 15th February, 1944. Tel. No. 5 Bolsover. (Council Offices).

Other Full-time Chief Officers of the Council

Clerk and Accountant, etc.

W. Veevers (from Feb. 19th, 1934).

Surveyor and Housing Architect and Cleansing Supt.

SYDNEY HOTEN (from 12th August, 1919).

Collector-

G. H. Haley (from 1st February, 1937).

Manager of Electricity Undertaking-

ARTHUR HODGSON (from 15th Sept., 1927).

Baths Superintendent-

HENRY SENIOR (from 20th July, 1925).

PREFACE.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOLSOVER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I have pleasure in submitting my Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of your District for the year 1943.

Housing continues to cause a good deal of anxiety, and it is essential that the provision of new houses should be proceeded with at the earliest opportunity.

Apart from scabies, the health of the District has remained extremely good.

During the year Mr. Smellie was appointed Sanitary Inspector, and commenced his duties on February 15th.

May I take this opportunity of acknowledging with thanks the assistance received during the past twelve months from the Members and Officials of the Council.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. H. WEAR.

"Dale Close,"
100, Chesterfield Road South,
Mansfield, Notts.

SECTION A.

Statistics of the Area.

Area (acres)						4,526
Rateable Value, 19	943					£47,928
Sum represented b	y a Penny	Rate,	1943	*****	****	£179

Social Conditions.

As stated in previous reports, the social conditions are mainly industrial, the chief occupation of the inhabitants being coal mining.

Chief Causes of Invalidity in the District.

Scabies still continue to be the most common cause of invalidity in this area, and the number of cases treated at the Bolsover Baths rose to 268, compared with 174 in 1942, and 79 in 1941. In all, 915 treatments have been given during the past twelve months.

There has also been a slight increase in the number of cases of verminous heads amongst children. This is partly due to the fact that large numbers of mothers are on war work and have not the time to look after their little ones properly. In the late summer, arrangements were made to treat some of these neglected cases. 36 children received 72 treatments.

Nutrition.

Nutrition amongst school children is definitely higher than in pre-war days, and is due largely to the provision of extra milk and mid-day meals. Another important factor is that there is practically no unemployment, and, generally speaking, the wage level has increased sufficiently to counter balance the increased cost of living, and consequently the great majority of families have more food purchasing power. An average of 720 children per day are supplied with meals at school, an increase over 1942 of 20%. Approximately 44% of the children in this area now take school meals.

Milk in Schools.

Number taking ¹/₃ pint per day—1008, or 60%. Number taking ²/₃ pint per day—235, or 14%.

National Welfare Food Scheme.

All holders of green ration books (RB2) i.e., children up to 5 years of age and expectant mothers, are automatically entitled to a priority of 7 pints of milk per week, and in the case of children up to 5 years of age, to fruit juice and cod liver oil. Expectant mothers are also entitled to the basic quantity of milk current during the period the free ration book is in operation.

Quantities of Fruit Juice and Cod Liver Oil supplied during the year 1943.

Fruit Juice, 14,864 bottles.

Cod Liver Oil, 1,918 bottles.

A. & B. Tablets, 253 cartons (40 weeks only).

In November a new drink—National Milk Cocoa—was introduced by the Ministry. It is manufactured particularly for the benefit of adolescent workers employed at factories or other industrial undertakings, and is being sold at one penny per cup.

Vital Statistics.

BIRTHS.

LIVE BIRTHS.

Total Males Females

Legitimate	204	106	98	Birth-rate per 1,000 of
Illegitimate	20	10	10	Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 23.16.
STILL BIRTHS	5	1	4	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 21.83.

Total Males Females

DEATHS	120	65	55	Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 12.4.
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Deaths from puerperal causes (Heading 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General Short List).—

Puerperal Sepsis Other puerperal causes	Deaths. 1 —	Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births. 4.3
Total	1	4.3

DEATH-RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE:-

All infants per 1 000 live hirths

Pneumonia

All infants per 1,0	*****	15				
Legitimate infant births Illegitimate infant				*****		73.3
births	Per 1,		D			100
DEATHS FROM :-						
Measles (all ages)			*****			1
Whooping Cough	(all age	s)	*****			-
Diarrhoea (under	two year	ars of a	ige)		*****	-
Cancer (all ages)	1					16
Influenza		*****	*****		*****	1
Tuberculosis				*****		4
Heart Disease	****				*****	38
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The Infantile Death Rate of 75 is somewhat above the average. Of the 17 deaths in infants, 8 children died within 14 days of birth, and the remainder before reaching the age of 6 months.

It will be noted that the chief cause of death in adults was heart disease.

Birth-rate, Death-rate, and Analysis of Mortality during the Year 1943.

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CATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.	year	Total Des	49	58	46	58	75
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Z		Influenza	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.27	0.01
ULATIO		Diphtheria	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.00
ANNUAL DEATH-RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION	ugnoo.	Whooping-	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.00
PER 1,0	19A	Scarlet Fer	0.00	00.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-RATE		Measles	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.01
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NNUAL	197	Enteric Fe	0.00	0:00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A		All causes	12.1	14.2	12.7	15.0	12.4
Birth-rate per 1,000	lotal Population	Still	0.5	0.63	0.61	0.45	0.51
Birth	Popul	Live Births	16.5	18.6	19.4	15.8	23.16
			England and Wales	125 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	148 Smaller Towns (1931 adjusted) Populations 20,000—50,000	London	BOLSOVER U.D

General Provisions of Health Services in the Area.

Laboratory Facilities.

No changes or developments have been made in connection with laboratory facilities. The number of types of specimens dealt with by the County Laboratories were as follows:—

	Positive	Negative.	Total.
Enterica:—			
Typhoid, Para-typhoid A. & B.		-	-
Gaertner, Dysentery, etc.	_		-
Diphtheria	-	19	19
Phthisis	_	12	12
Water	3	2	5
Milk:—			
T.B. Inoculation sent from Minis	stry		
of Agriculture	2	10	12
T.B. Inoculation, Routine Samples	_		
Methylene Blue Test, Routine			
Samples	22	38	60
Bacillus Coli, Routine Samples	15	55	70
Bacterial Count, Routine Samples	_	10	10
Miscellaneous	2	26	28

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water.

This is supplied by the Chesterfield and Bolsover Water Board. Samples are taken for bacteriological examination frequently and the results are consistently satisfactory. The hardness at the present time is 12% and .15 parts per million of chlorine is added.

There was a danger of a serious shortage in the public water supply during the summer of 1943. The Chesterfield and Bolsover Water Board were, however, able to obtain temporary supplies from other sources, and curtailment in domestic supplies was thus avoided. Prohibitions were made

affecting the use of garden hoses, etc. To enable the Board to meet the increased demand for water and the probable future increased demand, the Board are promoting a Bill in Parliament during 1944 to authorise them to construct further works to supplement their existing supplies.

Closet Accommodation.

The following are the number of closets in use at the end of 1943.

Water closets		2663
Pail closets	 	39
Privies	 	85
Elsan Closets	 	17

Privies are emptied monthly and the refuse carted onto farm land. Cesspools are emptied once a week and pail closets twice a week.

Conversions.

One pail closet was replaced by a water closet.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Six houses, including a farm and outbuildings, have been completely redrained.

There were no additions or extensions to the sewage system.

Urgent Sanitary Requirements.

- 1. The provision of more houses.
- 2. The closing and demolition of unfit houses.

Housing.

No houses were erected during the year.

The continued shortage of building operatives makes it extremely difficult to secure the execution of housing repairs, other than urgent defects such as leaking roofs, very damp walls, leaking and defective drains, etc. As a result many houses are falling into a state of disrepair and will present a serious problem requiring urgent attention immediately there are more experienced workmen available.

In January, 1942, I visited 23 proposed Clearance Areas, consisting of 67 houses and 15 Individual Unfit houses; 63 of these, in my opinion, were beyond repair. In addition, there are 24 houses in Bolsover Road, Shuttlewood, which will require extensive structural alterations. All these houses will have to be dealt with immediately after the war. I have no doubt that a new survey would disclose many more which require attention.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk, Meat and Other Foods.

Full details of these will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1943.

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Cases notified		10 to 12	:	:	:	-	:00	:	:	:	:		:	:	:	:	:		12	3	24
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Prevalence of, and control over, infectious and other Diseases.

Diphtheria.

3 cases of suspected diphtheria were notified but two of the patients were subsequently found to be suffering from ordinary tonsillitis, and the third, although clinically diphtheria had consistently negative swabs, but while in hospital some slight post pharangeal paralysis occurred. This child had not been immunised.

From the following table you will see the number of cases notified during the last six years.

		Canna
		Cases.
		35
		100
*****	*****	11
		7
		2
		1

Immunisation.

By the end of the year 54% of toddlers and 75% of children between 5 and 15 years of age had been immunised. Strenuous efforts have been made to obtain signed consent forms from parents of children under 5 years of age. With regard to the school children practically all the parents who are willing to have their children immunised have signed the necessary consent form the small number left are very definitely against the scheme, and persuasion with this type of individual is of little avail.

Scarlet Fever.

29 cases were notified and all were removed to hospital. 18 of these were of school age.

Scarlet fever nowadays is mild in type, and if there is adequate isolation and nursing facilities, etc., the patient may be kept at home.

C.S.M.

1 case was notified and removed to Lodge Moor Fever Hospital. The source of infection could not be traced.

Measles and Whooping Cough.

406 notifications of Measles and 37 of Whooping Cough were received. One death occurred from Measles.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1943.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOLSOVER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADY, AND GENTLEMEN,

I hereby submit to you my Annual Report, giving particulars of the work done in the Sanitary Department since taking up my duties on Monday, February 15th, and during the year 1943.

Inspection of Districts.

During the year 3,551 visits were made re complaints received and the general inspection of the district.

Nuisances.

343 Nuisances were reported to the Health Committee. The following table gives particulars of such nuisances respecting which Preliminary Notices were issued or the owners interviewed.

D. C	Dest				
Defective	KOOIS	*****	*****		77
,,	Ceiling Plaster		*****		38
,,	Wall Plaster			11111	29
,,	Floors				25
,,	Fire ranges				29
,,	Washing Coppers				9
,,	Drains				94
"	Slopstones, Sinks,		*****	*****	22
,,	Sink Waste Pipes				10
,,	W.C. Pedestals				19
,,,	W.C. Cisterns	*		*****	18

Defective W.C. Floors					16
W.C. Roofs		*****	*****		1
W.C. Doors				*****	9
W.C. Seats					11
W.C. Walls	100				4
,, Pail Closet F					9
" Doors					12
,, Window Fra	mes				21
,, Window Cor	ds		*****	****	8
,, Cylinders					2
,, Ash Bins					61
,, Eaves Gutte	rs	****	*****	*****	2
,, Chimney Po	ts		*****		3
,, Skirting Boa					1
,, Roof Skyligh					1
,, Rain Water					1
,, Chimney Sta				*****	2
,, Yard Surface	100				2
,, Chimney Fla		,			1
,, Yard Fencin	g			*****	5
,, Ashpits			*****		1
,, Cisterns					2
					26
Burst Pipes Nuisance from keeping	Anim	ale			11
Static Water Tanks	Amm	ais	*****		3
Alleged Dirty Houses		*****		*****	. 7
Dirty W.C. Accommod	ation	*			2
Accumulations	across			*****	4
Insufficient Drainage					2
Insufficient W.C. Accor	mmod	ation			1
T7 ' TO '					4
Verminous Persons					12
Offensive Smells					4
Permanent Ventilation	Requi	ired		*****	6
Flooding Cellars					2
Obstructed Drains					135
Alleged Overcrowding		*****		*****	9
Handrails to Stairs			*****		2
Dangerous Structures					2
Miscellaneous					17
10	tal		*****		806

Notices.

212 Preliminary or Informal letters and notices were served upon owners or occupiers to abate the above-mentioned nuisances found in connection with dwelling houses, etc.

It was found necessary to issue 30 Statutory Notices during the year to secure abatement of nuisances.

Legal Proceedings.

It was found unnecessary to institute legal proceedings during the year to secure abatement of nuisances.

Factories Act.

8 visits of inspection have been paid to Factories in the District which were found to be in a satisfactory condition generally.

2 contraventions were observed which were remedied by request.

No notifications were received during the year from H.M. Inspector of Factories.

Workplaces.

19 visits of inspection were paid to workplaces in the district during the year. No contraventions were observed.

Bakehouses.

Number on Register December, 1943 2.

These premises have been regularly inspected. 2 contraventions were observed and two were remedied.

Fried Fish Shops.

There were 8 Fried Fish Shops on the register at the end of the year. 37 visits of inspection have been made to these premises.

2 new preparation rooms have been built in close proximity to the business.

Food Preparing Premises.

There were 12 Food Preparing Premises being used as such during the year, and 20 visits of inspection have been made to these premises. Several defects which existed have

been remedied and alterations to some of these premises are in hand.

Butchers' Shops.

45 visits of inspection have been paid to Butchers' Shops within the district. There were 12 on the register at the end of the year.

4 contraventions were observed and 4 were remedied.

Meat Regulations.

27 visits of inspection were paid to Market Stalls.

1 contravention was noted during the year and was remedied.

Unsound Food.

The following amount of diseased or unsound food was condemned as unfit for human consumption.

			and the same of th	1			
Cheese					9 lbs.		
Butter	*****	*****			10 lbs.		
Meat (57	tins).						
Meat					174 lbs.		
Fruit (9 t	tins)						
Preserves		rs)					
Treacle					32 lbs.		
Milk (36	tins).						
Meat and		ables (4	48 tins)				
Cakes (22							
Cereals (7	7 packe	ts).					
Tea				*****	1 lb.		
Flour				*****	60 lbs.		
Sugar	*****				8 lbs.		
Fish (12	tins).						
Apples					120 lbs.		
Yeast	*****				1 lb.		
Tomatoes	s				84 lbs.		
Eggs (315	5).						
Rice	*****				2 lbs.		
Egg Powder (3 packets).							
Pickles (1	10 bottl	les).					
Brita II		3117750			-		
	Total V	Veight	1		501 lbs.		

All the above were surrendered at the time of inspection prior to being exposed for sale.

Slaughterhouses and Knacker's Yard.

There are 8 licensed Slaughterhouses within the Urban District, and in six cases the licenses were renewed. None of these are in use at the present time.

There is one Knackers Yard on the Register. 42 visits of inspection have been paid to these premises during the year. Business was found to be carried out in as satisfactory a manner as the nature permits, and records were kept up-to-date as required.

Meat Inspection.

Of the pigs killed in the district for private consumption, requests for inspection were only made in six cases. All six pigs were examined.

Condemned 2 pigs' livers—Tuberculosis 5 lbs.

2 pairs pigs' lungs—Tuberculosis 3½ lbs.

1 pigs' Mesenteric Fat—

Tuberculosis 3 lbs.

Total Weight 11½ lbs.

The affected parts were voluntarily surrendered and destroyed.

Dairies and Cowsheds.

30 visits of inspection were made to dairies within the Urban District. No contraventions were noted during the inspections. A new dairy was built and registered during the year, and a Pasteurising and Bottling Plant was installed, which is now licensed and in operation.

207 visits of inspection have been paid to Farms and Cowsheds within the district.

- 3 Milk Coolers have been installed.
- 3 Cowsheds have been reconstructed and redrained during the year, and one Producer Retailer has become an Accredited Producer, bringing the total of Accredited Producers in the District to 5 out of a possible 23.

Milk Samples.

145 samples of milk were taken during the year. 60 samples were submitted to the Methylene Blue and B. Coli test.

No. of Samples.	Te Methyler		Test for B. Coli.		
60	Good	Bad	Good	Bad	
60	51 or 85%	9 or 15%	45 or 75%	15 or 25%	

72 Samples of Milk were submitted to the Resazurin Test.

No. of Samples.	Category	Category	Category
	A.	B.	C.
72	58	10	4
	or	or	or
	80%	14%	6%

Note. Category A. Satisfactory.

,, B. Fairly Good.

C. Failed to Pass the Test.

7 Samples of Milk were submitted to the Bacteriologist for detection of Brucella Abortus and Tubercle Bacilli. All samples were negative regarding Brucella Abortus but one sample was positive regarding Tubercle Bacilli. The disease was traced back to the herd and the affected animal subsequently eliminated and slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order.

6 Samples of Pasteurised Milk were submitted to the Phosphatase Test. 4 reacted as having been adequately Pasteurised. Two failed to pass the test.

Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.

The Registration up to the 31st December are as follows: Cowkeepers in the Urban District retailing milk within the District 14 Wholesale producers within the District.... 9 Shopkeepers within the District Retaling 11 Purveyors of Milk within the District

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Infectious Diseases and Disinfection.

The following table gives the number of infectious diseases and the number of cases removed to the Isolation Hospital.

		Removed to
	Notified.	Hospital.
Scarlet Fever	 29	29
Diphtheria	 1	1
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	 1	1
Measles	 406	1
Whooping Cough	 37	_
Erysipelas	 7	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	 6	-
Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis	 6	_
Pneumonia	 2	
	1	
Total	 491	32

39 rooms were disinfected by means of spraying with formalin or fumigating with formic-aldehyde gas. Library Books were destroyed, and compensation paid amounted to £3/9/9d. A Resolution was passed by the Council that in future all Library Books be disinfected and returned into circulation. Since this resolution was put into force, 14 books have been disinfected. Several beds and articles of clothing were steam disinfected at the Disinfecing Station, Council Yard. In some cases a charge was made.

88 visits were made arranging treatment, etc., for Scabies' patients.

54 visits were made arranging treatment, etc., for children with Verminous Heads.

Water Supply.

Following complaints received, 14 samples of water were taken, 7 for bacteriological and 7 for analytical examinations. In all cases the samples were unsatisfactory for drinking purposes, and came from private supplies, wells, springs, etc. Arrangements have been completed for the public supply to be laid on.

1 sample of Swimming Bath Water was taken from the Public Baths, New Station Road, during the summer. This was found to be satisfactory.

Petroleum (Consolidated) Act.

13 visits of inspection were paid to premises where Petroleum Spirit is stored. All licences were renewed during the year.

No contraventions were observed.

Schools.

52 Visits of inspection were carried out during the year for various purposes, i.e., Immunisation, Health and Education Propaganda, Verminous Heads, Scabies, Sanitary Accommodation, etc.

4 defects were found to exist.

4 defects were remedied.

Public Buildings, Inns, etc.

11 visits of inspection were paid to the above premises re W.C. Accommodation. In several cases work is in hand to provide additional W.C. Accommodation or to alter existing arrangements.

Rats and Mice Destruction Order, 1919.

Rats and Mice Infestation Order, 1943.

17 visits of inspection were made to premises infested with rats. The system as previously adopted by the Council is in operation with satisfactory results.

172 rats were caught during the year.

Compensation paid to Rat Catchers, £3/4/0d.

Shops Act.

In connection with the Shops Acts, 2 inspections were made following complaints. One notice was served relating to Closing Hours as defined in the Defence Regulations for the Winter period. The contravention was remedied and the Regulations adhered to.

Moveable Dwellings.

Routine inspections were carried out of the caravans renting Kitchen Croft for the winter. The dwellings were kept in a satisfactory manner, and no nuisances were found. New Closet Accommodation was provided during the year, and was maintained in a satisfactory state.

Vermin.

6 houses were found to be infested with vermin, i.e., bugs, fleas, etc., and advice was given to owners and occupiers concerned.

20 rooms were sprayed with insecticides and great improvements were reported in all cases.

Conversions.

There has been one conversion during the year. 1 pail closet has been replaced by a Fresh Water Closet connecting to the public sewer.

Housing.

During the year no houses were erected and no premises were converted into dwellings.

The defects under Housing Acts are as follows :-

Defective	Roofs				39
,,,	Sink Waste Pipes		*****		1
,,	W.C. Cisterns	*****	****	*****	3
,,	Yard Surfaces			*****	1
,,	Ceiling Plaster			*****	22
"	Wall Plaster				16
,,	W.C. Pedestal				1
,,	Floors	*****			10

Defective	W.C. Seats				1	
- ,,	W.C. Doors				1	
	Cisterns				2	
"	Slopstones	*****	*****		4	
,,			*****	*****		
"	Ranges				10	
,,	Window Frames	*****		*****	11	
,,	Window Cords				8	
,,	Doors				3	
,,	Chimney Pots				1	
,, ,	Eaves, Gutters				1	
,,	Rain Water Pipes			*****	1	
,,	Chimney Stacks				2	
,,	Skirting Boards	****		*****	1	
,,	and Dangerous Structures					
	Ash Bins				1	
Alleged O	vercrowding		*****		9	
			*****	*****	125211	
Damp Wa					28	
Handrails	Required				2	
Permanent Ventilation Required				3	4	
	Total				185	

The occupiers from two houses which were under Demolition Orders were re-housed and the properties demolished.

Two undertakings were accepted from Owners not to let the properties concerned for human habitation in the future.

The Overcrowding Survey which was never fully completed, is progressing satisfactorily. During the year, 1,435 visits have been made to properties, and 1,313 houses have been measured up.

Civil Defence. Food Decontamination.

A considerable amount of time has been given to the training of Personnel in the Food Decontamination Service. The Establishment Number is at full strength, lectures have been given, exercises held, and one demonstration was staged where the Gas Liaison Officer, Ministry of Food, acted as Umpire, and outside officers were invited. The Ministry's Representative expressed the opinion that he was quite satisfied with the operations and that he was convinced, in the case of an incident, the services provided would carry out their duties in a satisfactory manner.

Summary of Work Done in the Sanitary Department.

Inspection for Nuisances and Miscellaneous Visits						
No. of Nuisances found					343	
" Preliminary Notice	s Serve	ed			212	
,, Statutory Notices S	Served				30	
Visits to Factories			*****		8	
,, Workplaces					19	
,, Butchers' Shops			****		47	
,, Market Stalls					27	
,, Dairies		*****			30	
,, Farms and Cows	heds				207	
,, Knackers Yard					42	
,, Rat Infestation		****		****	17	
,, Arrange Scabies	Treatn	ient			88	
,, Arrange Vermino			atment		54	
,, Petroleum Premi					13	
,, Fried Fish Shops					37	
,, Food Preparing I	and the second second	es		*****	20	
,, Schools					52	
,, Public Buildings,	Inns.	etc.		-	11	
Ascertaining Permitted N		1			1435	
Measuring up (Houses)					1313	
Milk Samples Taken		4,111			145	
Water Samples Taken					15	
Rats Caught					172	
Pigs Inspected					6	
Food Condemned				501		
Library Books Destroyed		*****	141111		37	
Library Books Disinfected		*****	*****	*****	14	
Rooms Disinfected		*****	*****	*****	39	
Vermineus Houses		*****		*****	6	
Conversions		231115	*****	*****	1	
Conversions	*****	*****	*****	*****	1	

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

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