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RURAL DISTRICT

of

CALNE and CHIPPENHAM.

THE

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH and

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR for the

ENDING 31st. DECEMBER YEAR

- 1951 -

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

(a) MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

C.L. Broomhead, M.D., B.Ch., D.P.H.

also Medical Officer of Health for the Boroughs of Calne, Chippenham and Malmesbury, and the Rural District of Malmesbury.

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H.J. Taylor, Cert. S.I.B., M.R. San.I., M.S.I.A.

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TO:- The Chairman & members of the Calne & Chippenham R.D.C.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year ended 31st. December, 1951.

During the year a satisfactory standard of health has been maintained, in part due to the routine inspections and daily supervision of the Senior Sanitary Inspector and his staff. The Death Rate, 7.0 per 1000 compares very favourably with that of England and Wales, i.e. 12.5 per 1000.

Diphtheria has disappeared, but to maintain this satisfactory state, it is essential that Diphtheria Immunisation be maintained at a high level.

A large proportion of infants are not vaccinated against Smallpox; this is to be regretted as the speed of present day communications permits the entry into the country of patients during the incubation period of the disease, which therefore falls on fertile ground.

The exciting cause of practically all Risease has now been discovered and there would appear to be no justification for an attitude of mind which looks upon illness as inevitable. Local Authorities, Acts of Parliament, etc. all contribute to Public Health, but it should not be forgotten that each member of the community has also a personal responsibility for his own state of health and well being.

I should like to record my thanks to Mr. Taylor and his staff for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

C. L. BROOMHEAD,

Medical Officer of Health.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)			86,034
Population			38,450
No. of inhabited how according to the Re	ases (end of 195 ate Book)	51	8,041
Rateable Value			£208,123.
Sum represented by I (as at 31st. March,	Penny Rate 1951)		£823. 13s. 2d.

VITAL STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS.

BIRTHS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate Illegitimate	254 9	226 10	480 19
Total Live Births	263	236	499

Birth Rate for the District	•• ••	••	••	••	••	••	12.9 per 1000 of the
Comparative Rate for England &	Wales	••	••	••	••		population. 15.5 per 1000 of the population.

The Birth Rate and the Comparative Rate for England and Wales both show a decrease compared with the rates for 1950, when the Birth Rate for the District was 14.5 per 1000 of the population and the Comparative Rate for England and Wales was 15.8 per 1000 of the population.

STILL BIRTHS

BIRTHS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate Illegitimate	10	8	18
		-	
Total Still Births	10	8	18

Rate per 1000 of the population 0.46

Comparative Rate per 1000 of the population for England and Wales 0.36

The above table of still births indicates an increase over the 1950 statistics when six still births were recorded giving a rate per 1000 of the population of 0.17.

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	MALE	I	FEMAL	E	TOTAL
	136		136		272
Death Rate for the Di	strict	••	••	••	•• 7.0 per 1000 of the Population
Comparative Rate for	England & Wale	8	••	••	

The Death Rate for the District is considerably lower than the comparative rate for England and Wales, and also shows a decrease over the rate for 1950 when it was 7.9 per 1000 of the population.

CAUSES OF DEATH.			
OROBBO OF DEATH.	Male	Female	Total
	III COM		
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	1	2	3
Tuberculosis (other)	1	-	3
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	_	-
Whooping Cough	-	1	1
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
Ac. Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	- '
Other Infective & Parasitic dis.	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm stomach	4	3 1 2 2	7
Malignant neoplasm Lung, Bronchus	3	1	2 2
Malignant neoplasm Breast	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm uterus	-	2	2
Other Malignant & Lymphatic			
neoplasms	9	12	21
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	9	-	1
Diabetes	The same of the sa	1	1 3 38 25
Vascular lesions of nervous sys.	14	24	38
Coronary disease angina	16	9	25
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-
Other heart disease	20	30	50
Other circulatory disease	5	8	13
Influenza	5 2 98 2 11 3 5	8 3 4 6	5
Pneumonia	9	4	13
Bronchitis	8	6	14
Other diseases of resp. system	2	1 1 2	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	2
Gastritis, Enteritis & diarrohea	1	1	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	2	5
Hyperplasia of prostate	5	-	5
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	1 1 18	1
Congenital Malformations	3_	1	_4
Other defined and ill defined di	-	18	35
Motor Vehicle Accidents	342		50 13 14 2 2 2 2 5 5 1 4 5 3 7 3
All other accidents	4	3	1
Suicide	2	1	3
Homicide and Operations of War	-	-	-
Total:-	776	176	272
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It will be seen from the above table that Coronary disease and Heart Disease contribute largely to the causes of death. Deaths from malignant disease remain fairly constant.

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INFANT MORTALITY

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:-

Table "A"

BIRTHS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	11	3	14
Illegitimate	-		-
Total:-	11	3	14

Infant Mortality Rate: -

Number of deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births 28.0

Comparative figure for England & Wales .. 29.6

Causes of death of infants shown in Table "A" are as follows:-

Broncho Pneumonia 7
Cerebral Haemorrhage 2
Prematurity 4
Congenital Malformations 1
Total:-

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:

Table "B"

BIRTHS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	5	2	7
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total: -	5	2	7

It should be noted that the figures shown in Table "B" have been already included in Table "A" above.

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PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

	The	fol	lowin	g ·	table	show	vs the	Infe	ectio	ous Di	seases
notified	duri	ng	1951	as	compa	ared	with	1949	and	1950.	

	19	49	19	50	195	51
DISEASE	a	ъ	а	Ъ	а	ъ
Scarlet Fever	62	62	155	155	145	145
Whooping Cough	46	46	155 216	155 216	145 149	145 149
Diphtheria	2	-	2		-	-
Measles	230	230	370	370	570	570
Ac.Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	_	_	6	6	5	4
Ac. Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	10	7	3 8	-	10	7
Dysentery Ophthalmia Neonatorum		-	8	5	29	29
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	_				-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	1	1	3	3
Smallpox	-	-	- 10	-	-	-
Para Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	2	-	-	-	3	3
Erysipelas	2	2	5	5	2	2
Pneumonia	20	20	20	20	12	12
Cerebro Spinal Fever	2	_	2	1	1-	_
Ac. Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	1	1
TOTALS: -	377	368	788	779	930	925

Notifications received in respect of Measles, Infantile Paralysis and Dysentery were numerically greater than those received during 1950. There is some diminuation however in the notifications received in respect of Whooping Cough, Pneumonia and Scarlet Fever.

It should be noted that of the fifteen cases of Poliomyelitis notified, only eleven were subsequently confirmed, and of those only four developed paralysis

It is gratifying to note that not a single case of Diphtheria occurred. To maintain this satisfactory state of health, it is essential that Diphtheria Immunisation be maintained at a high level. It is estimated that only 28% of children throughout the country are immunised before their first birthday.

[&]quot;a" - Numbers originally notified.

[&]quot;b" - Final numbers after correction.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Distribution according to age Notifications received during 1951 - Corrected Figures.

DISEASE	Under 1 year	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65+	Age Unknown	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	19	33	92	-	-	-	1	145
Whooping Cough	16	74	57	-	-	-	-	2	149
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	25	297	227	6	11	-	-	4	570
Ac. Foliomyelitis (Paralytic)	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	4
Ac. Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	-	1	1	2	3	-	-	-	7
Dysentery	-	16	4	5	-	-	-	4	29
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	3
Erysipelas	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	8	3	-	-	12
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
. Ac. Encephalitis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals: -	41	409	325	109	25	4	-	12	925

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TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases of tuberculosis notified and confirmed by the County Chest Physician during the year show a slight increase as compared with previous years:

NEW CASES NOTIFIED DURING

YEAR	PULMONARY	NON-PULMONARY	TOTAL
1948	14	7	21
1949	11	10	21
1950	30	2	32
1951	26	7	33

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1951 ACCORDING TO AGE AND SEX.

			CASES	DEATHS -				
	Resp	0.	Non-	Res	sp.	Non-Resp.		
AGE PERIODS	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	_	1	-	_	-	-	-	-
1	1	1	-	7	-	-	-	-
5 .	1		2	3	-	-	I	-
15	2	2	-		-	-	-	-
25	3	5	-	-	-	1	-	-
35	4	-	-	1.	-	-	-	-
45	4	-		-	-	-	-	-
55	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
65 upwards.	-	I	-	-	I	-	-	-
TOTALS:-	16	10	3	4	1	2	1	-

It will be appreciated that the above figures do not represent the total number of individuals suffering from Tuberculosis in the Rural District. In addition to the new cases notified each year a certain proportion of tuberculous individuals either move into the Rural District or move out. Resident in the Rural District at the end of 1951 were the following cases:-

PULMONARY	Male	Female	Total
	76	52	128
NON-PULMONARY	23	28	51

Representations were made in December to the Minister of Health concerning the entry into the Rural District of Aliens who shortly after their arrival were discovered to be suffering from Tuberculosis and other physical and mental diseases. It appeared illogical to permit the entry of immigrants who almost at once competed for the limited treatment facilities in our sanatoria and at the same time add to the already long queque of applicants for rehousing. The Minister replied to the effect that the matter had been carefully considered, but that it was a most difficult practical problem to require certain entrants to produce radiological evidence that they were not tuberculous. Nevertheless if the prevention of disease in our overcrowded country is to succeed, a higher, and more stringent medical standard of physical and mental fitness of immigrants would appear necessary.

Although Sec. 28 of the National Health Service Act, 1946 places the responsibility for the after care of Tuberculous patients upon County and County Borough Councils, the environment; ie housing, of the tuberculous patient can be determined by Borough and District Councils as the Housing Authority. In order that treatment can be carried out at home, and to diminish

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TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

the spread of infection, adequate and satisfactory housing accommodation is of vital importance. The wisdom of the Council in rehousing several cases of tuberculosis will be reflected in the future welfare of the patients concerned and the community at large.

The Public Health (Leprosy) Regulations, 1951.

These Regulations came into operation on the 22nd. June, 1951, and require a medical practitioner attending, or called in to visit a person suffering from Leprosy to notify the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health direct, without reference to the District Medical Officer of Health.

Although representations were made to the Minister of Health, he did not see his way to amend the Regulations. The Minister contended that the sensitiveness of the Leprosy patient deters him or his doctor from revealing the nature of his complaint locally. This is not understood as no doubt the medical records of such a case will be known to both the staff of the Regional Hospital Board and National Insurance Office.

A case of Leprosy in the Rural District came to my notice during November, 1951, and arrangements were made for the admission of the patient to a suitable hospital.

The National Assistance Act, 1948 Sec. 47 kemoval to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

Elderly folk should preferably remain in their own homes and surroundings. They are happier and provided they are not suffering or neglected, the provision of a Home Help usually meets all requirements.

Statutory action to enforce removal to a suitable Hospital or Institution is only considered after the assistance provided by Home Helps, Health Visitors and Welfare Officers has failed to provide the care and attention required.

The National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951 came into operation on the 1st. September, 1951. This simplifies the legal procedure set out in the original Act of 1948. The aged and infirm in urgent need of care and attention may now be dealt with expeditiously by the Medical Officer of Health, duly authorised by the Local Authority, and another registered medical practitioner.

Personal visits were made to a certain number of old folk from time to time to ensure that they were not neglected and that they were able to take care of themselves. Statutory action was not required.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The following children received Primary Immunisations during 1951:-

Under 1 yr. 114; Ages 1 - 4 yrs. 172; Ages 5-14 yrs 63; <u>Total 349</u>

Total Immunised child population at 31,12,51,

Ages 0-4 yrs. 1182; Ages 5 - 14 yrs. 3122 Total: 4304

HOUSING

During the year sixty six applications for tenancies of Council Houses were brought to my notice for review on medical grounds in accordance with the Council's Points Scheme. Where it was evident that the particular illness or disability was attributable to, or was being aggravated by the applicant's living conditions, recommendations were made to the Housing Management Committee for the award of an appropriate number of points on medical grounds.

WATER SUPPLIES

Regular chemical and bacteriological examinations of the Council's water undertakings were made during the year and any departure from the normal was discussed with the Council's Engineer and investigated.

Chemical examinations were reported as showing no evidence of pollution, although the chlorine content of the Nettleton Bore supply was, as usual, somewhat high.

The supplies from Widdenham, Nettleton, Hilmarton, Foxham and Washwells are chlorinated, but those from Goodshill, Wick Hill, Slaughterford are untreated. Chlorination of the Goodshill supply will be effected when certain new works have been installed, and Wick Hill source will be abandoned eventually. It is hoped to serve Slaughterford by an extension of the Regional supply.

In all, one hundred and eighty six samples of water were examined bacteriologically and of these one hundred and thirty six were reported as satisfactory. The unsatisfactory reports were principally on samples from private supplies. None of the public supplies exhibit any plumbo-solvency.

I am indebted to Mr. Witham, the Council's Engineer for the following information on the distribution of public supplies.

Parish	Mileage of Ma	ins Sources	
Biddestone	4•9	Chippenham Boro' Slaughterford,	
Box	12.0	Widdenham. Washwells.	
Bremhill	5.2	Chippenham Boro' Wick Hill Foxham.	
Calne Without	-	-	
Castle Combe	4.5	Chippenham Borot	
Cherhill	0.5	-	
Chippenham Without	0.6	Chippenham Boro'	
Christian Malford	4.6	Chippenham Boro	
Colerne	4.9	Widdenham.	
Compton Bassett	1.3	Air Ministry	

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WATER SUPPLIES (Distribution of Public Supplies) (Contd)

Parish	Mileage of Mains	Sources.
Corsham	21.2	Chippenham Boro' Widdenham, Goodshill
Grittleton	8.1	Chippenham Boro
Heddington	-	-
Hilmarton	3.2	Hilmarton
Kington Langley	4.3	Chippenham Boro'
Kington St. Michael	6.8	Chippenham Boro'
Lacock	6.5	Chippenham Boro' Goodshill.
Langley Burrell Without	4.5	Chippenham Boro'
Nettleton	4.6	Nettleton.
North Wraxall	0.6	Chippenham Boro
Pewsham	4.5	Chippenham Boro'
Stanton St. Quinton	2.8	Chippenham Boro'
Sutton Benger	4.4	Chippenham Boro'
Yatton Keynell	4.6	Chippenham Boro'
Total:-	114.6 miles.	

NOTE: -

The West Gloucestershire Water Company supply the village of Burton in the Parish of Nettleton.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

BIDDESTONE.

A combined sewer and surface water drain exists in this Parish, a part being laid with pipes, whilst another section comprises a stone drock. The sewer receives crude slop water drainage and the overflow of cesspools and septic tanks. The water course running through the village receives the outfall of the sewer and during the normal flow of this water course, complaints are non-existent, but as soon as the dry weather approaches, nuisances arise.

BOX

The outfall discharges into lagoons at Mill Lane, from which the effluent overflows into a system of irrigation channels before reception in the Box Brook.

The effluent is diverted periodically to allow aeration cleansing etc. of the channels, while others are in use. The works are obsolete and do not conform in any respect with modern practice of sanitary engineering. Samples of effluent taken in the past have shown that it does not conform with accepted standards for discharge into streams.

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SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL (Continued)

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local sewage disposal installations. These are situated at the Bassetts and Middle Hill, where groups of houses drain into covered settlement tanks, with effluents discharging over filter beds of slag media. The Middle Hill Works deal with a weak sewage as compared with other works, owing to the large volume of storm water conveyed by the sewer.

A new sewerage scheme for this Parish is in course of preparation.

BREMHILL, CALNE WITHOUT, CHERHILL, CHIPPENHAM WITHOUT, CHRISTIAN MALFORD, COMPTON BASSETT, HEDDINGTON, HILMARTON, LANGLEY BURRELL WITHOUT, NETTLETON AND NORTH WRAXALL.

There are no sewerage systems in these Parishes. The larger properties are dependent upon small drainage disposal installations while occupiers of the smaller dwellings have to be content with the conservancy system and disposal of waste water in the garden. In some cases, however, ditches or water courses are used for the conveyance of drainage, and this often results in the production of nuisances and pollution of water supplies.

CASTLE COMBE.

Combined sewers and surface water drains discharging into the stream comprises the sewerage system of the Parish. The major portion of the houses have slop-water drains connected thereto while the closet accommodation is of the conservancy system. A twice weekly emptying of pail closet is undertaken by the Council for the village.

COLERNE.

The whole of the village is sewered and a modern disposal works serves both the village and the local aerodrome.

CORSHAM.

There is a modern disposal works for the parish. These continue to function satisfactorily and no special difficulties have been experienced during the year. The parish is generally well serviced with sewers.

GRITTLETON.

There is no proper system of sewerage in this Parish, although there are lengths of drains in the main street in the village proper and at Littleton Drew, which act as sewers and receive the drainage from those properties connected to them. In each case the outfalls discharge into open water courses. This is not satisfactory and a sewerage scheme has been advocated for Littleton Drew where sanitary conditions are more acute. Also a scheme for the sewerage of the village of Grittleton has been prepared.

KINGTON LANGLEY.

Apart from a small sewer in the centre of the village, which serves only a few properties, the Parish is not sewered. The sewer discharges into a cesspool on private land and overflows into a channel in a field for irrigation.

There are one or two ditches into which overflows from

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SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL (Continued) KINGTON LANLEY (Continued)

drains and cesspools discharge, and these are cleansed periodically by the Council. A new sewerage scheme is required and preliminary work on its preparation has commenced.

KINGTON ST. MICHAEL.

This Parish possesses two separate sewers and each has a different outfall. One discharges into a ditch running through grazing land at the lower end of the village, whilst the other discharges into a ditch adjoining the allotments in the upper part of the village. The sewage is received in both ditches in an untreated condition. Some preliminary work on a sewerage scheme for the village has been carried out.

LACOCK.

The main Sewage Disposal Works receive the sewage from the major portion of the parish. Part of the sewage is pumped whilst the rest is by gravitation. The works have functioned satisfactorily during the year.

There are subsidiary works at Bewley Lane. The Outfall empties into a settlement tank, from which the effluent over-flows on to an earating stair. The effluent is then received into a system of irrigating channels which are used alternative-ly. These works continue to function satisfactorily and the irrigation land absorbs all the effluent.

PEWSHAM, STANTON ST. QUINTON and SUTTON BENGER.

There are no proper systems of sewers existing in these four parishes. Each parish has lengths of pipes and ditches serving as sewers, but these are not efficient and require constant attention.

The ditches were originally surface water channels, which in the process of time, have slowly been converted into nothing less than sewers, conveying untreated sewage.

The closet accommodation in these parishes is mainly of the conservancy system.

YATTON KEYNELL.

There are several lengths of old sewers in the Parish which discharge into ditches. The present system is incomplete and unsatisfactory.

CESSPOOL EMPTIER.

The Council's cesspool emptying vehicle undertakes the emptying of septic tanks on the Council's housing sites and also undertakes similar work for private owners. A charge is made for this service.

The vehicle is also used for collecting the contents of pail closets at Castle Combe.

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REPORT OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Chairman & Members of the Calne & Chippenham Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present a Report of the work carried out in the Public Health Department during the year 1951.

The detailed work of the department is enumerated in the Summary of Visits, which immediately follows these introductory notes. Members will see from this schedule, that the many aspects of public health work have received the attention of the staff of the department.

In my report for 1950 I stated that I hoped to complete a survey of Licensed Premises and I am glad to say that this survey was carried out, and the information obtained is set out in detail, later in this report.

Since 1939 there has been a gradual deterioration in the condition of many of the older, low rented cottages in the Council's area. The rising cost of building repair work has been mainly responsible for this. Although owners of cottage property are entitled to increase the fixed rent for improvement work, they are unable to do so for maintenance repairs and consequently the above type of property has been allowed to fall into a serious state of disrepair.

During 1952 I propose to re-inspect the Category V properties scheduled as a result of the Housing Survey carried out in 1945/46 and prepare a revised report for the information of the Council.

Ministry of Health Circular 42/51 included a request for information as to number of dwelling-houses and the number of the population supplied from public water mains (a) direct to house (b) by means of standpipes. This information is given in a schedule appended to the Water Supply section of this report. The details contained in the schedule have been compiled from information supplied by the Council's Water Engineer, particulars obtained from the Rate Books and from statistics already available in this department.

Environmental hygiene forms an important branch of local government work: its benefits are not often immediately apparent, but the day to day field work of the Sanitary Inspector is helping materially in combating the evils of disease, sickness and infirmity.

I would like to express my thanks to Dr. Broomhead, Medical Officer of Health, for his advice and co-operation, and to the other members of the public health staff for their loyal support during the past year.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

H.J. TAYLOR,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTORS VISITS FOR YEAR 1951

FOR YEAR 1951		
General Sanitation.		7.050
Water Supply	156	1950 119
Drainage	270	291
Stables & Piggeries		2
Fried Fish Shops	8	2 5 24
Licensed Premises	117	24
Tents, Vans, Sheds	143	1 14
Factories	82	96
Workshops	1	2
Workplaces Outworkers	12	15
Bakehouses	40	19
Public Conveniences	35	20
Theatres & Places of Entertainment	35 21	2
Refuse Collection	430 155	223
Refuse Disposal	155	134
Rats & Mice	23	14
Smoke Observations	14	
Schools	28	12
Shops	110	64
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	124 276	315 212
Nuisances Water Samples	199	253
Sanitary Survey	170	1359
banitary barvey	110	2000
Housing.		
Under Public Health Acts.		
No. of houses inspected	64	27
Visits paid to above houses	72	80
Under Housing Acts.		
No. of houses Inspected	98	75
Visits paid to above houses	123	80
Overcrowding.	-	6
No. of houses Inspected	5 8	6 3
Visits paid to above houses Filthy or Verminous Premises.	0	2
No. of houses Inspected	15	3
Visits paid to above houses	15 18	3 6
Miscellaneous Housing Visits.	49	48
Infectious Diseases.		
Inquiries in Cases of I.D.	107	69
Visits re Disinfection	26	38
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	37	306
Food Poisoning Inquiries	50	-
Meat & Food Inspection.		
Inspection of Meat.		
Visits to Slaughterhouse	4	3
Visits to Shops & Stalls	i	5
Visits to other premises	1	_
Visits to -		
Butchers	19	10
Fishmongers & Poulterers	1	1
Grocers	20	21
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	-	2
Cowsheds Dairies & Milk Distributors	46	37
Ice-Cream Premises	56	7.56
Food preparing premises	55	3 2 37 156 57 1
Market Stalls	2	i
Restaurants	13	3
Canteens	2	-
Visits in connection with Sampling -	16423	
Milk	37 121	12
Ice-Cream		
Food & Drugs Samples & Misc. Food Visi	ts 11	1,770
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WATER SUPPLY Public Health Act, 1936, Section 138 (as amended by Water Act, 1945 Section 30)

During the year the owners of 44 houses were required to provide their properties with a supply of water from the Council's mains. Of these, 36 were connected after the service of informal notices, one after the service of a Statutory Notice, and in the case of 5 others the Council has decided to carry out the work in default. Two remain to be dealt with in 1952.

Details of Public Water Supplies.

The following table gives details of the population and numbers of houses in each parish receiving a public supply of water:-

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WATER SUPPLY

Details of Public Water Supplies (Contd)

Parish	Estd. Pop 1948	Total	Direct to Houses	Public Stand- Pipes	Not on Main
Pewsham	610	156	52	18	86
Stanton St. Quinton	241	68	-	3	65
Sutton Benger	695	219	29	95	95
Yatton Keynell	450	143	30	69	44

WATER SAMPLES.

Regular samples of water are taken from the Council's various water undertakings and other sources and submitted to the Salisbury Pathological Laboratories for bacteriological and chemical analysis.

Analysis of results.

Source of water.	Fit	Suspect	Unfit	Total
Widdenham	29	2	4 ^x	35 29 26
Regional Supply (Chippenham B.) 26	3	-	29
Compton Bassett (RAF Source)	26	-	-	26
Washwells, Box	12	1	2 ^x	15
Hilmarton	12	1	-	15 13 12
Nettleton	11	1	-	12
Goodshill	5	3	-	8
West Gloucester Water Co.	4	1	-	5
Foxham	4	-	-	4
Wick Hill (Unchlorinated Sprin	gs)-	4	-	4
Calne Borough	4	-	-	4
Slaughterford Springs	-	2	-	2
Samples from private supplies	_ 3	11	15	29
	136	29	21	186

x Samples marked thus were taken before chlorination.

In addition, 19 samples were submitted for chemical analysis.

DRAINAGE.

Nuisances.

During the year 19 nuisances from drainage were discovered. All were abated as a result of informal action.

Connections to Sewer.

Nine properties (8 at Corsham and 1 at Langley Burrell Without) were connected to the sewers by request from the department.

Corsham.

A Survey was made of 176 properties in the Neston, Elley Green, Moor Green and Westwells districts of Corsham, to ascertain which houses were without satisfactory means of drainage and not connected to the Council's sewers.

This survey revealed that 73 properties were not connected.

Informal notices have been served on the owners of these, requesting that they be connected.

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DRAINAGE (Continued) Corsham.

19 owners have carried out the necessary work.

COLERNE.

A Survey made in 1949 showed that of the 156 houses within a reasonable distance of the sewer, 96 were without satisfactory drainage. The position is now as follows:-

Connected to	sewer	before	1st.	Jan.	1951,,	60 24
Work in prog Action taken	ress a	t end of		1		4 5
Negotiations	in ha	nd				96

Night Soil Collections.

Until such time as a sewer can be provided, night soil is collected twice weekly from the Parish of Castle Combe.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

The Council has Public Conveniences at Box (1) and Corsham (2).

During the year the Station Road, Corsham, Convenience was improved by the fixing of a concrete roof and the provision of a glazed urinal stalls.

Much wilful damage is occasioned to the slot machines at these conveniences. Repairs to locks only, during the year, cost the Council £16. 15. 0 in respect of Corsham and £5. 19. 3 at Box.

Two part-time attendants are employed to supervise and maintain these.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

This service is carried out by direct labour, the Council using two 10 -cubic yard and one 7 cubic yard Bedford Refuse Collection vehicles. The Council took delivery of the second 10 cubic yard vehicle early in May.

In the semi-urban portion of Corsham, refuse is collected weekly, whilst in Box, Biddestone, Colerne, Castle Combe, Chippenham Without, Langley Burrell Without and Lacock, the collections are fortnightly. Other parts of the Council's area receive four weekly collections, but it is hoped to increase the frequency of collection in these parishes in 1952.

All refuse is tipped in old quarries, disused sand pits etc. and every effort is made to level and cover the refuse on the day of disposal. The cost of material for covering the refuse is very expensive, varying between 20/- and 35/- per load. Building contractors are encouraged to dump soil and surplus building material at our tips, in order to reduce the cost of tip covering. We were very fortunate to receive some 200 loads of such material at Chequers Tip during the autumn months. This material was bull-dozed over the surface of the refuse, but heavy rains interfered with this work and the final levelling will have to be completed next spring.

A new tipping area is urgently required in the Box district, and another will be required to serve the Corsham parish as Chequers Tip is being rapidly filled.

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REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL (Continued)

9 men and a working foreman are employed on the collection and disposal of refuse.

Refuse Costs.

Total cost £4,211(£3,881)

Collection $\pounds 2,961(\pounds 2,578)$ Disposal ... $\pounds 1,250(\pounds 1,303)$

Per thousand population collection £78. 19. 3 disposal £33. 6. 8. Total £112. 5.11.

Per thousand houses collected collection £16. 7. 11.(£14. 4. 0) disposal £ 7. 0. 0 £ 7. 4.0 Total £23. 7. 11 (£21. 8. 0)

Per ton of refuse.

1077 loads @ approx. 3 tons 9 cwts. = 3,715 tons $405\frac{1}{2}$ loads " " 2 " 4 " = 893 40.608 tons (5,252)

Per head of population

Collection 1/6.94d (1/11.16d) 6.01d. (1/1688d.) 2/2.95d. (2/10.848d)

Note: - 1950 figures given in brackets.

Mileage of Vehicles.

The refuse vehicles covered a total mileage of 15,302 at an average of approximately 8 miles per gallon.

SUPPLY OF DUSTBINS.

The Council continued to supply dustbins to householders in the district at cost price and 104 bins were supplied during the year. The increased cost of the bin necessitated raising the charge to 25/- (including delivery) and a further increase will shortly be necessary.

Informal notices were served on occupiers of 40 houses requiring the provision of bins and 25 of these were complied with during the year.

The number of houses provided with a satisfactory refuse bin is not encouraging. The variety of receptacles used for the storage of house refuse is amazing and unti, the present legislation concerning the responsibility for the provision of such bins is clarified, very little improvement in this matter will be effected.

Until the Council is prepared to implement the provisions of Section 75(3) of the Public Health Act, 1936, only very slow progress will be made towards solving the problem of unsatisfactory storage of household refuse. A properly constructed bin is essential to a household as a larder or bathroom.

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REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL (Continued)

Litter Baskets.

Litter baskets are supplied and fixed by the Council in the parishes of Box, Calne Without, Castle Combe, Corsham, Colerne and Lacock in an endeavour to keep the streets free of litter.

SALVAGE.

Waste paper is collected throughout the whole of the Council's district.

The Council employs a private Contractor for one day per week to collect waste paper in the most built up parts of the district, viz, the shopping and main residential areas of Corsham and Box.

Salvage is collected throughout the remainder of the district by means of 12 cwt. trailers attached to the two refuse collection vahicles and every practicable effort is made by the Tip Attendants to salvage paper which is put in with the refuse.

The following amounts of paper were collected: -

1951	Amount	Value.
Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May. June. July August. September	260 cwts. 262 " 248 " 250 " 102 " 261 " 229 " 287 " 238 "	£84. 10. 0 £85. 3. 0 £80. 12. 0 £131. 5. 0 £53. 11. 0 £176. 3. 6 £154. 11. 6 £200. 17. 6 £182. 2. 0
October November December	239 " 184 " 153 "	£188. 19. 0 £143. 14. 0 £118. 4. 6

Cost of Collection.

After deducting the cost of collection of salvage from the revenue obtained from its sale, this service showed a profit of £718.

Kitchen Waste.

This is collected privately in parts of the Council's district, including Box, Corsham and Lacock.

Covered galvanised storage bins are provided by the collectors and no complaints of nuisances have been received from the method of storage and collection.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Public Health Act, 1936. Section 107

There are no Offensive Trade Establishments as defined by Section 107 of the P.H.A. 1936 within the area of the Council.

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RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

This new legislation, consolidating previous enactments dealing with the control of rag flock, came into force on 1st. November, 1951.

There are no premises in the district which are governed by the provisions of the Act.

FRIED FISH SHOPS.

One new Fish and Chip shop has been opened during the year at Boxfields. It is a well designed building and complies with the provisions of Section 13 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

There are now 5 Fish and Chip premises in the district 2 at Box, 1 at Corsham, 1 at Colerne and 1 at Langley Burrell Without.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 Section 269.

Moveable Dwellings.

Licences authorising persons to erect or station and use Moveable Dwellings.

The number of persons licensed to station and use moveable dwellings within the area of the Council has increased from 35 in 1950 to 48.

This increase may be due to the growing popularity of "caravan life" or to the continued housing shortage.

During the year 1 addressed a questionnaire to all occupiers of caravans, asking them whether they would prefer to station their caravans on their existing sites, or to move to a central camping site provided by the Council and supplied with modern sanitary facilities, such as are found at every well organised camping site. I was surprised to find that the majority preferred to remain where they were.

Three applications were refused.

No licences have been issued by the Council, authorising persons to allow land occupied by them to be used as sites for moveable dwellings.

Parishes in which moveable dwellings are stationed.

Corsham	12
Chippenham Wt	7
Box	5
Langley Burrell Wt	7
Hilmarton	4 3
Kington St. Michael	3 2 2
Colerne	2
Calne Wt	2
Kington Langley	1
Bremhill	1
Christian Malford	1
Stanton St. Quinton	1
Cherhill	1.0
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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 SECTIONS 83 to 85.

Infestations.

Filthy & Verminous Premises or Articles and Verminous Persons.

All cases of verminous premises receive a full investigation and an appropriate treatment is given. Fortunately these notifications are few in number and it has been noticed that such infestations are usually associated with elderly people or persons who have reached such an advanced age that they are incapable of satisfactorily maintaining themselves or their homes.

Persons suspected of being verminous attend at St. Andrew's Hospital, Chippenham.

Every endeavour is made to ensure that the various refuse tips of the Council are kept free from infestation as possible.

Repeated treatments with suitable insecticides are given to these throughout the year, and the tip surfaces covered with soil or other suitable covering.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938, SECTIONS 13,14 15

Byelaws re handling, wrapping & delivery of food, and sale of food in the open air (Made under Section 15 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938).

The regular inspection of food premises continued during the year and 95 premises were visited.

In several cases informal notices were served, requiring work to be done, and such notices generally received prompt attention.

Registration of premises used in connection with the manufacture or sale of preserved foods etc.

Five premises are registered under section 14, Food & Drugs Act, 1938 for the preparation, manufacture and sale of sausages and cooked meats, situated in the parishes of Box, Corsham and Calne Without.

With the exception of the cooked meat shop at Box, all other such premises were maintained in a very satisfactory condition.

It was necessary to serve a statutory notice on the occupier of the cooked meat shop at Box, to cleanse the premises generally and provide a sufficient supply of hot and cold water to same. After protracted negotiations the proprietor of the shop decided to close the business rather than execute the work required.

Schedule of Condemned Foods, 1951.

The undermentioned foodstuffs were condemned during the year for the reasons stated in the third column.

Food.	Quantity	Condition.		
Meat Loaf	21 lbs. 14 oz.	Blown & punctured tins.		
Haricot beans	4 cwts.	Infested with weevil.		
Cooked boned Ham.	155 lbs. 13½ oz.			

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CONDEMNED FOODSTUFFS (Continued)

Food	Quantity	Condition.
Tinned Milk " Marmalade " Pilchards " stewed steak Packets cheese spread Tinned beans " peas " plums " apricot pulp Jars fish paste Sheeps Mesenteries Pork	34 pints 12 lb. 7 lbs. ½ oz. 1 lb. 6 lbs. 1½ lbs. 10 lbs. 4 oz. 1 lb. 4 oz. 11 lbs. 14½ oz. 68 lbs. 34 lbs.	Blown tins. do do do Mould. Blown tins. do do do do do to do do to do do to do

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938 SECTION 14

Registration of Premises used in connection with the manufacture or sale of Ice-Cream.

Premises registered for the manufacture, storage or sale of ice-cream.

(a) Cold mix method ... 2

(b) Hot " " ... 1

Premises registered for the storage or sale of ice-cream.

5 additional premises were registered for the sale or storage of ice cream.

Registration of three premises were cancelled, and the total number so registered is now 45.

l Application for registration was refused as no hot water supply was provided.

Ice-Cream sampling.

111 Ice-cream samples were taking during the year and submitted to Salisbury General Infirmary for the Methylene Blue Test.

The results were as follows: -

Provisional Grade.

1	11	111	17	Total.
91	11	8	1	111

Note.

The Public Health Laboratory Service suggests that 50 per cent of a vendor's samples should fall into Grade 1, 80 per cent into Grade 1 or 11, no more than 20 per cent into Grade 111 and none into Grade 1V.

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS.

In 1950, 136 catering establishments were licensed by the Ministry of Food in this district. There are now 142 such premises.

A general inspection of premises to be licensed is made by an Officer of this department, and the Ministry of Food will not issue licenses until the Public Health Authority

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CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS (Continued)

is satisfied that these are suitable for the purpose.

Food Poisoning Enquiries.

On the instructions of the Council's Medical Officer of Health, several enquiries were made into suspected food poisoning. In some instances samples of suspected food were sent to the Salisbury Pathological Laboratories for bacteriological examination and analysis. In no case was the source of infection traced.

Sanitary Condition of Licensed Houses.

As a result of the publication of the Report of the Catering Trade Working Party on Hygiene in Catering Establishments I made arrangements for every licensed House to be inspected.

Particular attention was given to ventilation of Bars, Storage of beer, method of drawing beer, disposal of waste beer, washing-up facilities, sanitary facilities, drainage and water supply.

With the exception of sanitary facilities, the condition and amenities of all Houses were found to be of a reasonable standard. In half the houses a sterilising agent is used to improve washing facilities.

It is proposed to send letters to the owners of premises not considered up to standard, requesting that the necessary facilities be provided. It is hoped that the owners will agree to carry out a programme of improvements, in a sequence to be mutually agreed.

BAKEHOUSES.

40 visits have been made to the 14 bake-houses in the following parishes:-

Box					1
Bremhill					2
Castle Combe					2
Cherhill	•				1
Colerne					1
Corsham					4
Kington Langley					1
Kington St. Mic	ha	el			1
Sutton Benger					1

The owners of these bake-houses willingly co-operate with the Sanitary Officers of the Council, but it is fair comment to say that many of these premises fall short of the standard of modern hygenic bake-houses. The buildings are generally small and do not lend themselves readily to reconstruction and improvement.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938 Section 57

Licensing of Slaughter-houses and Knackers' Yards.

One Knacker's Yard situated at Heldington was licensed under the above regulations.

A special enquiry had to be made at these premises, when it was discovered that a bovine animal carcase had been taken there, affected with Anthrax.

The carcase had been skinned, jointed and cooked before it was confirmed that it was infected with Anthrax.

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Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933, Section 3.

One Slaughterman's licence was issued to the slaughterman employed at the Knackers' Yard, Heddington. He was a man over the age of 18 years, and in the Council's opinion was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

MILK.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949 SECTION 8

Registration of Dairies, other than Dairy Farms and of Distributors

No. of registered Dairies ... 12

" " Distributors ... 25

The Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised & Sterilised Milk)
Regulations, 1949

No. of dealer's licences to use special designation "Pasteurised"

" " supplementary licences " " "Pasteurised"

The Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

No. of dealer's licences to use special designation "Tuberculin Tested" ..6

Inspections.

46 inspections of dairies have been made.

Milk Samples.

Milk samples were submitted for examination as follows: -

Methylene Blue Test. (for keeping quality)

Passed Failed Total.

Phosphatase Test (for efficient pasteurisation)

Passed Failed Total.

Biological (for presence of Tuberculosis)

Paseed Failed. Total.

Biological. (for the presence of Brucella Abortus).

Passed Failed. Total.

Note: - The cow giving the sample marked thus was slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order.

During the year a check was made on Milk Samples to Schools and designated milk is supplied to all schools in this district, except Box and West Kington, which are supplied with raw milk.

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HOUSING.

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The housing activities of the Department have been confined almost exclusively to the inspection of property reported by the occupiers as being in need of essential repair.

The continued shortage of housing accommodation has prevented official action being taken under Sections 9 & 11 of the Housing Act, 1936.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS - Housing Act, 1949.

9 applications were received for improvement grants, of which 7 were recommended to be forwarded to the Ministry for approval and two were refused as the resultant accommodation would not reach the required standard. Of the 7 applications forwarded to the Ministry, 2 were approved, 4 rejected and 1 is still under consideration.

In my opinion the provisions of Part 11 of the Housing Act, 1949, will not materially assist owners of property to bring their houses to the equivalent standard of a modern house, as in the majority of cases the standard for improved dwellings set by the Ministry cannot be achieved within the maximum prescribed expenditure of £600.

HOUSING STATISTICS for 1951.	
1. Number of New Houses and Flats erected during the yes	ir.
(a) By Local Authority 81	
(b) Private Enterprise 15	
2. Inspection of Dwellings during the year	
(i) Inspected for housing defects under P.H. Acts.	136
(ii) " " " "Housing "	221
(iii)Number of dwellings found so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation	Nil
(iv) Number of dwellings found not to be in all respects reasonable fit for habitation	250
3. Remedy of defects by Informal Action.	
Number of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of Informal Action (not "fit in all respects")	Nil
4. Action under Statutory Powers (Public Health & Housing	g Acts)
(A) Proceedings under Section 9,10,& 16 of Housing Acts 1936.	
(i) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	Nil
(ii)Number of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notices: -	
(a) By Owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

Proceedings under Public Health Acts

notices were served

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which formal

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HOUSING STATISTICS for 1951 (Continued) (ii) Number of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notices: -Nil (a) By owners (b) By Local Authority in default of owners N11 (C) Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 Housing Act, 1936. (i) Number of Demolition Orders made Nil (ii) Number of houses demolished as result of Demolition Orders Nil (iii) Number of undertakings accepted 2 (iv) Number of undertakings completed Nil (D) Proceedings under Section 25 & 26 Housing Act, 1936 (1) Number of houses under which Demolition Orders were made Nil (ii) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders N11 (E) Proceedings under Section 12 Housing Act, 1936. (i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made. Nil Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders (ii) were cancelled, as result of premises having been made fit. Nil 5. HOUSING ACT. 1936 Part 1V Overcrowding. (i) Number of cases of overcrowded dwellings no at end of year information available. (ii) Number of cases discovered during year 1 (iii) Number of cases abated during year 1 (iv) Number of cases investigated 5

(v)

Number of visits made

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7	Approved	Applications dealt with by R.D.C.		NIL	Condemned houses still occupied under licence.		R.D. CLASSIFICATION :- to. R.V. Idndt of houses to be surveyed. All under £16 R.V.
8	Rejected	with by R.D.C.	I	No up-to-date records available.	Over- crowded houses.		RURAL HOUSING SURVEY 1. Salisfactory. 2. Minor Defects. 3. Repairs or Structural ses to veyed. State of Survey in Enral Dist veyed. Eress. Completed Dist gress. Completed Since June, 1949.
ı	Under Consideration.		IMPROVEMENT GRANTS -	le. 86	Temporary	HOUSES OWNED	District. Completed.
	on.		HOUSING ACT.		Per	BY LOCAL	1000
7	No. sent.	Appl	, 1949	465	Permanent	AUTHORITY	Classification Number and Percer 221 850 1174 146 6.5 25.2 52.1 4.3 % (Percentages of To Surveyed)
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1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

		Number of				
Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted,		
Sections 1,2,3 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	18	27	-	-		
e. Factories not incl- uded in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	64	93	4	-		
5. Other Premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-		
TOTAL	82	120	4	-		

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

	No.	of cases in wh	No. of			
Parficulars	Found	were found. Remedied	to H.M. By H.M. Inspr. Inspr.		cases in which pros- ecutions were instituted.	
Sanitary Conveniences Unsuitable or defective	4	4	1	1	-	

OUTWORKERS.

Factories Act, 1937 Section 110.

The occupiers of factories have co-operated with the Council and have sent in the required returns of outworkers employed by them.

68 persons are employed as outworkers.

12 inspections have been made of outworkers! living accommodation and conditions at each house have been considered satisfactory.

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SHOPS ACT, 1950. SECTION 38.

Arrangements for Health & Comfort of Shop Workers.

110 visits were made to shops during the year to ascertain whether these premises were provided with suitable and sufficient means of ventilation, a reasonable temperature, and proper sanitary accommodation for the employees.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Much valuable work has been done by the Council's Rodent Operator in the eradication of rats and mice.

Particular attention has been given to the Council's many refuse tips, as a result of which it is gratifying to report that these can be considered to be relatively free from infestation. The most troublesome tip has been at Chequers, Corsham, but recent treatments with the new product "Warfarin" have given excellent results.

Test baiting and treatments have been given to the Council's sewers and sewage disposal works according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries' instructions and the necessary details have been forwarded to that department.

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PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949 REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st. December, 1951.

Name of Local Authority : Calne & Chippenham R.D.C. Wilts.

-		Type of property						
1.	Total number of	Local		Dwelling Houses	Agricul- tural	All other (incl. business and	Industrial Total	
	properties in L.A.'s District. (Notes 1 & 2)		40	7860	507	274	8681	
2.	Number of properties inspected by the L.A. during 1951 as result	(a)	8	76	4	19	107	
	(a) of notification or (b) otherwise (notes 1,2, 3)	(ъ)	173	375	28	125	701	
3.	Number of properties	Minor	3	105	-	12	120	
	(under 2) found to be infested with rats.	Major	12	17	2	6	37	
4.	(under 2) found to be	Major	-	-	-	-		
	seriously infested by mice (notes 1,2,3)	Minor	-	20	-	8	28	
5•	Number of infested properties (under 3 & 4) treated by the L.A. (Notes 1,2,3)		66	143	2	22	233	
6.	Number of notices served under Sec.4 (1) Treatment (2) Structural Works		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
	(i.e. proofing)		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
	TOTAL of V1(1)&(2)		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
7	Number of cases in which default action was taken by L.A. following issue of notice under Sec.4 Legal proceedings		Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	
9 Number of "block" control schemes carried out Nil Note 1 A property means a property separately entered in the								

A property means a property separately entered in the Note 1 Valuation Roll for the area.

Note 2 Council houses are included under dwellinghouses. Premises used by Local Authority for purposes of trade are included under Business or Industrial Premises. Sewers are not included. Only properties devoted to agricultural or horticultural production are included under Agricultural Properties. Combined dwelling & business premises where occupied by the same person are included unler Business Premises

otherwise they are entered separately. Note 3. 11,111,1V, and V in each case relates to the number of properties, inspected as defined in Note 1 and not to the number of inspections, infestations or treatments at each property.

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