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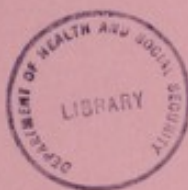
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Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting to you my twenty-eighth (and final) Annual Report, being a report on the health of your district for the year 1968.

Comments on Vital Statistics

While the Birth Rate for England and Wales continues to fall, that for the Borough shows an increase over the previous year and, at 17.1 is now higher than the National average.

The Death Rate of 14.1 shows an increase of 0.7 which follows exactly the National trend.

A Cervical Cytology Clinic for the detection of cancer of the womb commenced in Castleford in January, 1967. A total of 429 smears were taken during 1967 and 654 during 1968. As a result of these tests, 4 positive smears were obtained in 1967 and 6 in 1968 and these patients were referred to their own Doctors for further investigation. During 1968, 4 women, having suspected breast tumours, were also referred to their own Doctors.

The Clinic has proved so successful that during 1969 a "Well Woman" Clinic is to be started which will provide for the testing of urine, blood pressure, vision, hearing and haemoglobin in addition to the normal tests at present being carried out at the Cytology Clinic.

Once again I should like to thank all departments of the Council and the professional and clerical staff of the Divisional Health Office for their valued help and co-operation during the year.

May I also thank the Chairman of the Public Health Committee and all members of the Council for their help and courteous reception throughout the year.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. PATERSON

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION I (Part 1)

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area (acres)	4,394
Population (estimated R.G. 1968)..	39,420
Population (estimated R.G. 1938)..	43,090
Number of Inhabited Houses (1968)..	13,790
Number of Inhabited Houses (1938)..	11,026
Rateable Value.. ...	£1,149,149
Sum Represented by Penny Rate ...	£4,537
Density of Population.	9.0 persons per acre

The Borough of Castleford is divided into ten Wards, namely:-

Airedale, Carlton, Fryston, Glasshoughton, Half Acres,
Redhill, Smawthorne, Wheldale-Lock Lane, Whitwood and
Whitwood Mere.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

Comparability Factors

Births - 1.04

Deaths - 1.25

	Male	Female	Total	
<u>Live Births</u>				
Legitimate	292	310	602	Live Birth rate per 1,000 estimated Home Population
Illegitimate	21	27	48	16.5 (corrected 17.1)
<u>Still Births</u>				
Legitimate	8	7	15	Still Birth Rate per 1,000
Illegitimate	1	-	1	Live and Still Births
				24.0
<u>Total Births</u>				
Legitimate	280	317	617	
Illegitimate	22	27	49	
<u>Deaths</u>	246	198	444	Death Rate per 1,000 estimated Home Population
				11.3 (corrected 14.1)

LIVE BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 Home Population)

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Live Birth Rate for Castleford (corrected for age and sex distribution)	17.7	17.6	17.8	17.2	16.8	17.1
Live Birth Rate for England and Wales	18.2	18.4	18.0	17.7	17.2	16.9
Live Birth Rate for the West Riding Administrative County	18.3	18.7	18.4	18.2	18.0	17.8

STILL BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Still Birth Rate for Castleford	22.8	28.7	20.0	20.9	18.4	24.0
Still Birth Rate for England and Wales	17.3	16.3	15.7	15.4	14.8	14.3

INFANTILE MORTALITY

The infantile mortality rate is the number of deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 registered live births.

	1965	1966	1967	1968
Number of Deaths	21	17	10	12
Death Rate of all infants per 1,000 Live Births	31	26	16	19
Death Rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate Live Births	28	24	17	18
Death Rate of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate Live Births	67	53	-	21
Death Rate for England and Wales	19	19	18	18
Death Rate for the West Riding Administrative County	21	20	19	19

Of the 12 deaths which took place of children under one year of age, 9 were males and 3 were females.

On investigation, the main causes of death were shown to be as follows:-

Haemorrhagic Bronchopneumonia	2	Chest Infection ...	1
Prematurity...	1	Malabsorption Syndrome...	1
Bronchopneumonia ...	1	Cerebral Haemorrhage ...	1
Respiratory Distress Syndrome	4	Respiratory Infection ...	1

The age groups at which death occurred were:-

0 - 24 hours	1 - 7 days	1 - 4 weeks	1 - 12 months
3	4	-	5

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

The neo-mortality rate is the number of deaths of infants under four weeks of age per 1,000 Live Births.

	1965	1966	1967	1968
Number of Deaths	15	12	10	7
Death Rate of all infants per 1,000 Live Births	21.9	18.3	15.6	10.8
Death Rate for England and Wales	13.0	12.9	12.5	12.4

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total Live Births ... (No. - 7)
(Rate - 10.8)

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Still Births and Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Live and Still Births (No. - 23)
(Rate - 34.5)

PREMATURE BIRTHS

Table showing details of the premature infants born in Castleford during 1968:

	TOTAL BORN				No. who died under 28 days		No. Survived 28 days
	DEAD		ALIVE		At Home	In Hosp.	
Birth Weight	At Home	In Hosp.	At Home	In Hosp.	At Home	In Hosp.	
Under 3 lbs	-	2	-	3	-	2	1
3 - 4 lbs.	-	1	-	3	-	-	3
4 - 5½ lbs	-	3	1	34	-	1	34
TOTAL	-	6	1	40	-	3	38

DEATH RATES (per 1,000 Home Population)

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Death Rate for Castleford (corrected for age and sex distribution)	13.6	14.5	14.5	14.9	13.4	14.1
Death Rate for England and Wales	12.2	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.9
Death Rate for the West Riding Administrative County	12.0	12.8	12.4	12.1	11.2	12.6

	CRUDE RATE FOR CASTLEFORD
All causes	11.3
Tuberculosis, respiratory	0.08
Other forms of Tuberculosis	-
Cancer of lung and bronchus	0.61
Cancer of breast	0.33
Cancer, all sites	2.33
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3.12
Cerebrovascular Disease	1.12
Pneumonia	0.91
Bronchitis and Emphysema	0.99
Respiratory diseases, all forms	2.16

CAUSES OF DEATH (figures taken from Registrar General's Tables)

	Males	Females	Totals
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	1	3
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	4	5	9
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	16	8	24
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	13	13
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	6	6
Leukaemia	3	1	4
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	22	14	36
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus	-	2	2
Avitaminoses, etc.	1	-	1
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	-	1	1
Anaemias	1	1	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.	1	1	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	3	2	5
Ischaemic Heart Disease	65	58	123
Other Forms of Heart Disease	10	9	19
Cerebrovascular Disease	26	28	54
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	8	4	12
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	22	14	36
Bronchitis and Emphysema	30	9	39
Asthma	3	1	4
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	3	2	5
Peptic Ulcer	2	1	3
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	1	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	1	2
Other Diseases Genito-Urinary System	3	1	4
Other Complications of Pregnancy, etc.	-	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	4	1	5
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	1	1
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	-	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	3	5
All other Accidents	6	5	11
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	1	2
TOTALS	246	198	444

COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL DATA FOR THE PERIOD 1959 - 1968 INCLUSIVE

Year	Corrected Birth Rate	Corrected Death Rate	Infantile Mortality Rate	Maternal Mortality Rate	Cancer Death Rate	Tuberculosis Death Rate	
						Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1959	16.00	14.30	22	-	1.94	0.10	-
1960	16.02	13.70	22	-	2.25	0.12	-
1961	15.05	15.50	22	-	1.93	0.15	-
1962	17.10	16.10	34	-	2.03	0.17	0.02
1963	17.70	13.60	29	-	1.44	0.07	-
1964	17.60	14.50	37	1.44	2.05	0.03	-
1965	17.80	14.50	31	-	1.95	0.08	-
1966	17.20	14.90	26	-	1.94	0.08	-
1967	16.80	13.40	16	-	2.45	-	-
1968	17.10	14.10	19	1.50	2.33	0.08	-

SECTION I (part 2)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1968 IN AGE GROUPS

Notified Disease	Under 1 Year	1 - 2	3 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 and Over	No Age	Total	Removed to Hospital
Measles	40	194	183	189	2	4	-	2	614	-
Whooping Cough	6	11	15	33	1	-	1	-	67	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	7	9	-	-	-	-	16	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notified Disease	0 - 5	5 - 15	15 - 44	45 - 64	65 and Over	No Age	Total	Removed to Hospital
Dysentery	7	9	4	-	-	-	20	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	4	-	1	5	7	-	17	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Meningococcal Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE SHOWING NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES RECEIVED 1959 - 1968

Year	Measles	Whooping Cough	Scarlet Fever	Polio-myelitis	Dysentery	Pneumonia	Food Poisoning	Meningococcal Meningitis
1959	693	15	60	-	8	43	3	6
1960	160	198	15	-	12	9	8	-
1961	1,215	38	16	-	15	16	5	2
1962	312	11	6	-	25	16	1	-
1963	278	5	6	-	118	9	-	5
1964	267	42	12	-	1	1	1	-
1965	497	33	17	-	6	4	-	-
1966	510	3	16	-	2	1	1	-
1967	416	50	41	-	3	2	2	2
1968	614	67	16	-	20	17	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS SERVICE

Clinical facilities are provided at the Pontefract Chest Clinic and a Tuberculosis Health Visitor is employed, who carries out regular home supervision of all patients.

Free milk is provided by the County Council at the discretion of the Divisional Medical Officer in conjunction with a recommendation by the Consultant Physician in charge of the Clinic.

Total Notifications	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
11	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
At all ages	7	4	-	-	2	1	-	-
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Over 65	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-

All close contacts of Tuberculosis must be examined at the Chest Clinic to find the source of infection and others suffering from the disease. This is particularly needful in the case of schoolchildren and calls for the examination of school contacts.

Ratio of contacts seen by the Chest Physician to number of cases notified

Year	No. of actual cases notified	No. of contacts found and examined	Ratio of cases notified to contacts examined
1966	21	132	6.3 to 1
1967	10	99	9.9 to 1
1968	11	77	7.0 to 1

Of the 77 contacts who were examined, no active cases of Tuberculosis were found.

Table showing numbers on register and
Deaths from Tuberculosis - 1959 - 1968

Year	Number on Register		Number of Deaths	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1959	305	29	4	-
1960	297	29	5	-
1961	285	25	6	-
1962	280	25	7	1
1963	284	26	3	-
1964	280	26	1	-
1965	275	28	3	-
1966	261	30	3	-
1967	254	32	-	-
1968	257	32	3	-

Comparison between numbers on
Tuberculosis Register in 1967 and 1968

	1967			1968		
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
Number of cases on Register 1st January	261	30	291	254	32	286
New cases notified during year	7	3	10	11	-	11
Restored to Register	1	-	1	-	-	-
Transferred from other areas	1	-	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	270	33	303	265	32	297
Number of cases removed from Register during the year	16	1	17	8	-	8
Number of cases left on Register at end of year	254	32	286	257	32	289

SECTION II (part 1)

SERVICES ADMINISTERED BY THE WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Infant Welfare Centres

No. of sessions during year	Attendances				Total Children Attending
	Born in 1968	Average per Session	Born 1963- 1967	Average per Session	
407	7,884	19.4	7,808	19.2	1,792

Ante-Natal Clinics

No. of sessions during year	No. of Attendances	Average per Session	Total patients attending
98	491	5.0	113

Relaxation Clinics

No. of patients attending ... 146
No. of attendances ... 460

Ophthalmic Clinics

No. of sessions held... 44
No. of children attending ... 642
No. of attendances ... 810
No. prescribed spectacles ... 262

Paediatric Clinics

No. of sessions held... 5
No. of children attending ... 42
No. of attendances ... 46

Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics

No. of sessions held... 26
No. of children attending ... 52
No. of attendances ... 139

Speech Therapy Clinics

No. of sessions held... 154
No. of children attending .. 96

SECTION II (Part 2)

NURSING SERVICES

Home Nursing Service

Total Cases	2,280
Total Visits... ..	32,947
Average visit load per home nurse	3,922
Average accepted visit load per home nurse..	3,000

Midwifery Service

No. of patients delivered in hospital.....	723 (66%)
No. of patients delivered by domiciliary midwives...	247 (34%)
No. of domiciliary confinements delivered under	<u>970</u>
Gas and Air Analgesia.....	Nil
No. of domiciliary confinements delivered under	
Trilene Analgesia.....	198 (80%)

Health Visiting Service

No. of effective visits made by Health Visitors to:-

Expectant Mothers	154
Children born in 1968	4,464
Children born in 1967	2,116
Children born in 1963-66... ..	3,032
Tuberculosis households	39
Geriatric and Home Help visits etc ...	14,947
Visits made by T.B. Health Visitor ...	<u>1,975</u>
Total Visits	<u>26,727</u>

No. of children under 5 years visited. ... 3,041

SECTION II (part 3)

HOME HELP SERVICE

During the year the equivalent of 51.5 full time Home Helps were employed in the Division.

Type of Case	No. of cases	Hours	Hours as % of Total
Maternity	7	171	0.2%
Chronic Sick & Tuberculosis	117	10,572	10.1%
65 and over	720	92,112	87.5%
Other	32	2,331	2.2%
TOTAL	876	105,186	100.0%

SECTION II (part 4)

LIAISON WITH HOSPITAL SERVICES

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS - CARE AND AFTER CARE

The four main liaison services - Spastic, Diabetic, Geriatric and Maternity have continued as in previous years and have proved most useful and helpful to all concerned.

DIABETIC LIAISON

The Liaison Health Visitor visits the Hightown Hospital to discuss all aspects of care and help required by the patients who attend. Close liaison is also maintained with the General Practitioner. Domiciliary visits are paid to diabetic patients in their own homes.

GERIATRIC LIAISON

A member of the Health Visiting staff still continues to visit Headlands Hospital for weekly case conferences with the Geriatric Consultant, Registrars and Social Workers. Here the progress of the patient and his social needs are discussed and arranged. Special emphasis continues on home help needs, housing, nursing equipment and rehabilitation.

A visit to the home is made by the Health Visitor attached to the General Practitioner of the patient to assess the social conditions and a report made to the hospital. Visiting after the discharge of the patient is also carried out.

MINIATURE MASS RADIOGRAPHY

Arrangements were made for the Regional Hospital Board's Miniature Mass Radiography Unit to visit the district during the latter part of September.

The Unit held public sessions in the Town Centre and in Airedale as well as paying visits to two Old Peoples' Homes and a number of local factories.

No. examined ...	...	...	...	...	2,577
<u>DEFECTS FOUND</u>					
<u>Tuberculosis</u>					
Requiring Treatment...	...	...	...	...	-
Requiring further supervision or observation ...	...	...	...	...	3
<u>Other Abnormalities (Referred to Chest Clinic for further observation)</u>					
Bronchial Carcinoma...	...	...	...	...	1
Healed PPT ...	...	...	...	...	2
Pneumonitis ...	...	...	...	...	1
Pleural thickening ...	...	...	...	...	1
Chronic bronchitis ...	...	...	...	...	1
Mitral Stenosis ...	...	...	...	...	1
Carcinoma of lung ...	...	...	...	...	1
TOTAL ...	...	...	...	...	8

SECTION II (part 5)

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE MENTALLY DEFECTIVE

In January, 1968, there were 98 Trainees on the Register. During the year 12 were admitted and 6 left, leaving a total in December 1968, of 104.

The Adult Female staff remains unchanged. In the Male Adult Wing Mr. Clifton was successful in gaining the Senior Instructors position at Hemsworth and was replaced by Mr. Battye. In the Junior Wing Mrs. Turner was transferred to Rothwell and the position filled by Mrs. Lawson. Miss Clayton (Special Care) was granted seven months leave of absence and was replaced by Mrs. Strong. Miss Leadsford, the Temporary Assistant, left and Mrs. Hancock, the General Duties Assistant, filled the vacancy.

Slow progress continues in the Junior Wing with emphasis on social and habit training. The general public have frequently told the Staff they find our children better behaved than normal children and we find this very rewarding. Local shopkeepers are very patient when we go shopping and now understand what the children want even though it is not said clearly. This difficulty disappears in the "Supermarket" where there is no need for speech but the Trainees have to discriminate between the different brands of foods, soap, powders etc. Social sight and vocabulary and number recognition continue to play a big part in the Centre routine, as does sense training and telling the time. Due to the change in currency in 1970 money values have ceased to be taught.

Meals are now served "cafeteria style" - each child being asked what he or she wants. In this way there is very little waste and the names of foods learned in a practical way. Even the nursery children take their place in the queue and carry their own plate to where-ever they choose to sit. We expected to have "spills" at first but our fears have proved groundless.

The Special Care Unit continues to provide an essential service and real progress has been made. Because of the limited space, they have now taken over one of the Junior classrooms and I do not feel that it is sheer coincidence that the three who were unable to walk now do so. Much time is still spent on toilet training and feeding and good progress has been made.

Additional fan heaters have been installed in four rooms. For the first time we were really warm, even on the coldest day, and they have certainly improved working conditions for the Staff and Children alike.

The annual outings were possible through the generosity of the West Riding County Council and Parent/Teacher Association, when the Juniors spent the day at Filey and the Adults at Skegness. We fortunately had good weather on both occasions and every one thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Christmas Party was held on 17th December. We were entertained during the afternoon by Mr. Raymond Roberts, a Magician from Featherstone, and played games after tea. Each Trainee received a gift to the value of £1 from Santa Claus, an apple and orange, given by Mr. Anderson, and a 6 oz. bag of sweets from Bellamys. The Juniors left at 4.30 p.m. but the Adults and Staff eventually left at 9.00 p.m. - very tired but happy.

MENTAL WELFARE OFFICERS

During the year there have been 104 admissions to Psychiatric Hospital in which Mental Welfare Officers have been involved, and it is pleasing to note that over 50% of these were of an informal nature.

Liaison between Psychiatrists at hospital level and General Practitioners is excellent, particularly where the practice has an attached Health Visitor. A pleasant and co-operative working arrangement is maintained between other social agencies viz:- Probation and Child Care Officers, Social Security etc.

General Practitioners have referred 62 cases during the year necessitating some form of action e.g. supportive therapy, out-patient clinic appointments or possible admission to hospital.

Other sources of referral have been Hospitals on Discharge (67), Police (12) and Local Education Authorities (6).

It is felt that special mention must be made of the Police and Ambulance Service in that where Mental Welfare Officers have been involved in admissions to hospital of a difficult nature, the services mentioned have been of invaluable assistance.

The Psychiatric Out-patient Clinic continues to be held every Wednesday afternoon at Beancroft Road, Castleford, where a consultant Psychiatrist and a Mental Welfare Officer are in attendance. A Social Club for the mentally ill is held every Monday evening from 7.00 p.m. until 10.00 p.m. ; There are approximately 20 names on the register and on average throughout the year 10 patients have attended each session. The Castleford branch of the National Association of Mental Health also hold a social evening on a monthly basis to which our members are always invited.

The subnormal-patients in the community are visited as often as possible to offer support and any guidance that may be needed to relatives and friends.

Regular visits to the Training Centre for the subnormal are made by the Mental Welfare Officers, a close and co-operative working method is maintained.

SECTION II (part 6)

HEALTH EDUCATION

The work of the Health visitor includes health education; this subject deals with all aspects of positive health and the prevention of disease.

Teaching is carried out on a personal basis in the home to all members of the family and, therefore, ranges from child care, diet, hygiene, prevention of accidents in the home and the special needs of the aged.

More formal teaching takes place in the Clinics in small groups where visual aids are used. In addition to this type of health education individual advice is given by the Staff to all Mothers who attend.

In some of the Secondary Modern Schools programmes a series of talks are arranged and given by the Health Visitor, who uses film strips and films.

During the year the Film - "Narcotics - The Decision" dealing with the dangers of drug taking was shown in all Secondary Modern, Grammar and Technical Schools who wished to avail themselves of it. A Departmental Medical Officer was present to discuss the film and answer questions.

In the field of Ante-Natal care and preparation for delivery very valuable work continues to be undertaken by the midwives at the classes of instruction held in the Clinics. Special exercises are taught and talks are given together with practical demonstrations. The visual aids used are of a very high standard.

SECTION II (part 7)

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Periodic Inspections

Year of Birth	No. of Pupils Inspected	Physical Condition of pupils inspected		Selectives No. of pupils found not to warrant a med. exam. (comm. Sept. 1968)
		Satisfactory	Un-Satisfactory	
1964 and later	245	244	1	-
1963	439	435	4	-
1962	260	258	2	-
1961	32	32	-	-
1960	633	629	4	-
1959	324	323	1	-
1958	45	44	1	-
1957	71	71	-	239
1956	247	247	-	119
1955	97	97	-	-
1954	622	620	2	-
1953 & earlier	623	622	1	-
TOTALS	3,638	3,622	16	358

Other Inspections Special - 550 Re-Inspection - Nil

Cleanliness Inspections

Routine cleanliness inspections are carried out at every school periodically by Health Visitors. During 1968 individual examinations totalled 17,940 out of which 113 (0.6%) cases of uncleanness were found.

SECTION II (part 8)

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

B.C.G. Vaccination

No. of 13 year old children on school register at beginning of year plus absentees from previous years.	1968 1,151
No. offered tuberculin testing and vaccination if necessary.	1,151
No. of acceptances.	1,064
No. tested.	1,048
No. found who gave a positive reaction.	105
No. negative.	923
No. not ascertained.	20 1,048
No. vaccinated.	923
Percentage of children who gave a positive reaction.	10%
Percentage of children who have presumably never been in contact with tuberculosis and were discovered during the year.	90%

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES

Diphtheria Immunisation

The following table shows the immunisations carried out during the year:-

Primary		Refresher	
0 - 4	5 - 15	0 - 4	5 - 15
541	99	113	557

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

The following list shows the number of adults and children who received vaccinations during the year:-

Children aged 6 months - 15 years

No. who completed a primary course ... 618

No. who received a first booster 691

Adults 15 - 40 years

No. who completed a primary course ... 23

Vaccination against Whooping Cough - No. Vaccinated

Under 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	3 - 4 years	4 - 5 years	Total
98	395	22	16	4	535

Vaccination against Smallpox - No. Vaccinated

	Under 1 year	1 year	2 - 4 years	5 - 15 years	Total
Vaccinated	7	92	76	22	197
Re-Vaccinated	-	-	1	9	10

SECTION III

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES

A. HOSPITALS

The Hospital facilities available within the Castleford Borough remain as follows:-

General Hospital Accommodation

All hospitals providing facilities for cases from the Castleford Borough are managed by the Castleford, Pontefract and Goole Hospital Management Committee, under the administration of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board. These Hospitals are situated in Pontefract and Castleford. Additional facilities are also provided in Leeds and Wakefield.

Maternity Hospitals and Maternity Homes

The booking of beds for expectant mothers at the Castleford Maternity Home is carried out through the Divisional Health Office on an agency basis, the number of beds available for the Divisional Area being at present 46. Abnormal cases are referred by their own general practitioners either for direct booking or as emergency cases to Manygates Maternity Hospital, Wakefield.

Isolation Hospitals

Any case of acute poliomyelitis is normally admitted to Seacroft Hospital at Leeds, while patients suffering from other infectious diseases are admitted either to the same hospital, or more generally to the Burntwood Hospital, Brierley.

B. AMBULANCE SERVICE

The West Riding County Council provide the ambulance service for the Castleford district and the local depot is situated in Smawthorne Lane, Castleford, Telephone No. 2281.

C. LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Medical Research Council of the Ministry of Health, is responsible for the administration of the Public Health Laboratory, Wood Street, Wakefield. Specimens for bacteriological, virological, entomological and chemical investigations are accepted by the Laboratory from general practitioners and Public Health Department Staff.

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(to 30.6.68)

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(from 1.7.68)

WORKING

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Year Ended 31st December, 1968

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HOUSING

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Results achieved in the 14 years to the end of 1968 show that the Department has already well surpassed the 15 year target in that some 2,237 houses have been demolished and 64 closed, whilst 73 houses were due for demolition and a further 261 were in areas awaiting confirmation.

One point which I feel is worthy of mention is that as we near the end of the programme the type of houses being dealt with gets better and many come close to the borderline between "fit" and "unfit". This results in more appeals being made against Orders and consequently more work in countering these appeals at Public Enquiries.

Detailed figures are set out below:-

Slum Clearance

Areas reported on in 1967 and confirmed in 1968

	<u>No. of Houses</u>
Town Centre No. 11 Clearance Area...	6
Town Centre No. 12 Clearance Area...	2
Town Centre No. 13 Clearance Area...	9
Cemetery Row Clearance Area...	31
Middle Oxford Street Clearance Area...	5

The Town Centre Nos. 11, 12 and 15 Areas were dealt with by Compulsory Purchase Orders and the Cemetery Row and Middle Oxford Street areas by way of Clearance Orders.

The Town Centre No. 12 Area containing 2 houses was not confirmed by the Minister and in the Town Centre No. 15 Area one house was excluded by the Minister as fit.

Areas reported on in 1967 and not confirmed by end of 1968

	<u>No. of Houses</u>
Hightown No. 3 Clearance Area...	4
Hightown No. 4 Clearance Area...	104
Hightown No. 5 Clearance Area...	3

The Hightown Nos. 3 and 5 Areas and part of No. 4 Area containing 97 houses plus certain "grey" properties not used for housing were dealt with by a Compulsory Purchase Order and two small parts of No. 4 Area containing 7 houses were the subject of Clearance Orders.

Areas reported on in 1968 and not confirmed by end of 1968

	<u>No. of Houses</u>
Hightown No. 6 Clearance Area... ..	6
Hightown No. 7 Clearance Area... ..	71
Hightown No. 8 Clearance Area... ..	2
Hightown No. 9 Clearance Area... ..	4
Front Street No. 4 Clearance Area	3
Garden Street Glasshoughton Clearance Area..	3
Aketon Road No. 3 Clearance Area	3
California Row Clearance Area... ..	13
Town Centre No. 16 Clearance Area	4
Town Centre No. 17 Clearance Area	8
Wood Street No. 2 Clearance Area	4
Whitwood Mere No. 15 Clearance Area... ..	13
Whitwood Mere No. 16 Clearance Area... ..	21

The Hightown Nos. 6, 8 and 9 Areas and a part of No. 7 Area, containing 4 houses were dealt with by Clearance Orders, whilst the remaining part of No. 7 Area containing 67 houses was dealt with by a Compulsory Purchase Order.

The Garden Street, Aketon Road No. 3, Wood Street No. 2 and Whitwood Mere Nos. 15 and 16 Clearance Areas are being dealt with by Clearance Orders and Compulsory Purchase Orders are being made in respect of the Front Street No. 4 California Row, and Town Centre Nos. 16 and 17 Clearance Areas.

Individual Houses

	<u>No. of Houses</u>
Houses reported on in, and Demolition Orders made in 1967 and demolished in 1968.	3
Local Authority houses reported on in 1967 and demolished in 1968	1
Houses reported on in 1968 and Demolition Orders made in 1968 but not demolished by end of 1968	2

SUMMARY 1955/68											
Details	Action Completed					Reported on but Action not Completed					
	Demolished in Clearance Areas					To Demolish	Awaiting Confirmation	Improved or Improvable	Fit or Business Programme	1968 Programme	For Review in 1969
	Original No.	Revised No.	Pink	Grey	Individual Demolitions						
Original Programme Areas	1,352	1,824	1,310	79	166	16	73	94	1	4	52
Individual	868	881	407	22	107	35	102	83	2	1	88
TOTAL ORIGINAL PROGRAMME	2,220	2,705	1,717	101	273	51	175	177	3	5	140
Houses not in Programme		78	25	36	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
Added 1964 Report	361	356	60	1	7	22	78	38	11	78	60
Added 1965 Report	20	20	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	12	-
TOTALS	2,601	3,159	1,802	138	297	73	261	215	14	95	200
			2,237		64	334					
					2,635						

Claims for Good Maintenance

As the Council's Slum Clearance Programme nears completion, the types of houses being dealt with are in a better condition, although still unfit. Consequently the number of awards made by Ministry Inspectors for good maintenance increases each year and the Department has the duty of enquiring into the conflicting claims made by the owners and the occupiers. A thorough investigation is made in each case and a recommendation made to the Committee on the relative merits and appropriate allocation of the amount due.

Improvement of Houses

During 1968 the importance of this work increased in that the Government began to place a greater emphasis on the need to provide amenities to all houses whose condition warranted such expense. Thus, as the major work of clearing older unfit houses nears completion, another major task is being laid on Local Authorities. Over the years the Council have offered every encouragement to house owners to modernise their dwellings. In 1968 there was an appreciable increase in the number of grants dealt with, particularly relating to rented houses being improved by standard grant.

The White Paper issued in 1968 envisages a further increase in this work and promised amended legislation in order to achieve more systematic progress area by area.

The detailed figures of applications etc., and of works completed, are given in the following table and the final graph shows the trend over the last fifteen years.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

1968 - Applications

	Owner Occupied Houses	Tenanted Houses	Totals
No. of Applications received	74	26	100
No. of Applications Approved	74	26	100
Amount of Grant Approved	£15,947.3.10d	£5,578.14.1d.	£21,525.17.11d

1968 - Works Completed

	No. of Dwellings	Amount of Grant £. s. d
Applications approved 1966 completed 1968:-		
Tenanted houses ...	31	10,340. 13. 7
Owner Occupied Houses ...	2	316. 19. 4
Applications approved 1967 Completed 1968:-		
Tenanted houses,...	13	2,202. 15. 5
Owner Occupied Houses ...	34	7,613. 4. 8
Applications approved 1968 Completed 1968:-		
Tenanted houses ...	9	1,558. 4. 1
Owner Occupied Houses ...	31	6,769. 0. 3
TOTAL COMPLETED	120	£28,800. 17. 4

Works Outstanding End of 1967

Applications approved in 1967 completed in 1967:-		
Tenanted houses ...	17	4,020. 10. 0
Owner Occupied Houses ...	43	9,178. 3. 7
	60	£13,198. 13. 7

STANDARD GRANTS

1968 Applications	Owner Occupied Houses	Tenanted Houses	Totals
Applications received 1968	55	125	180
Applications approved 1968	53	123	176
Applications disapproved 1968	2	2	4
Amount of grant approved 1968	£4,810.	£18,837.	£23,647.

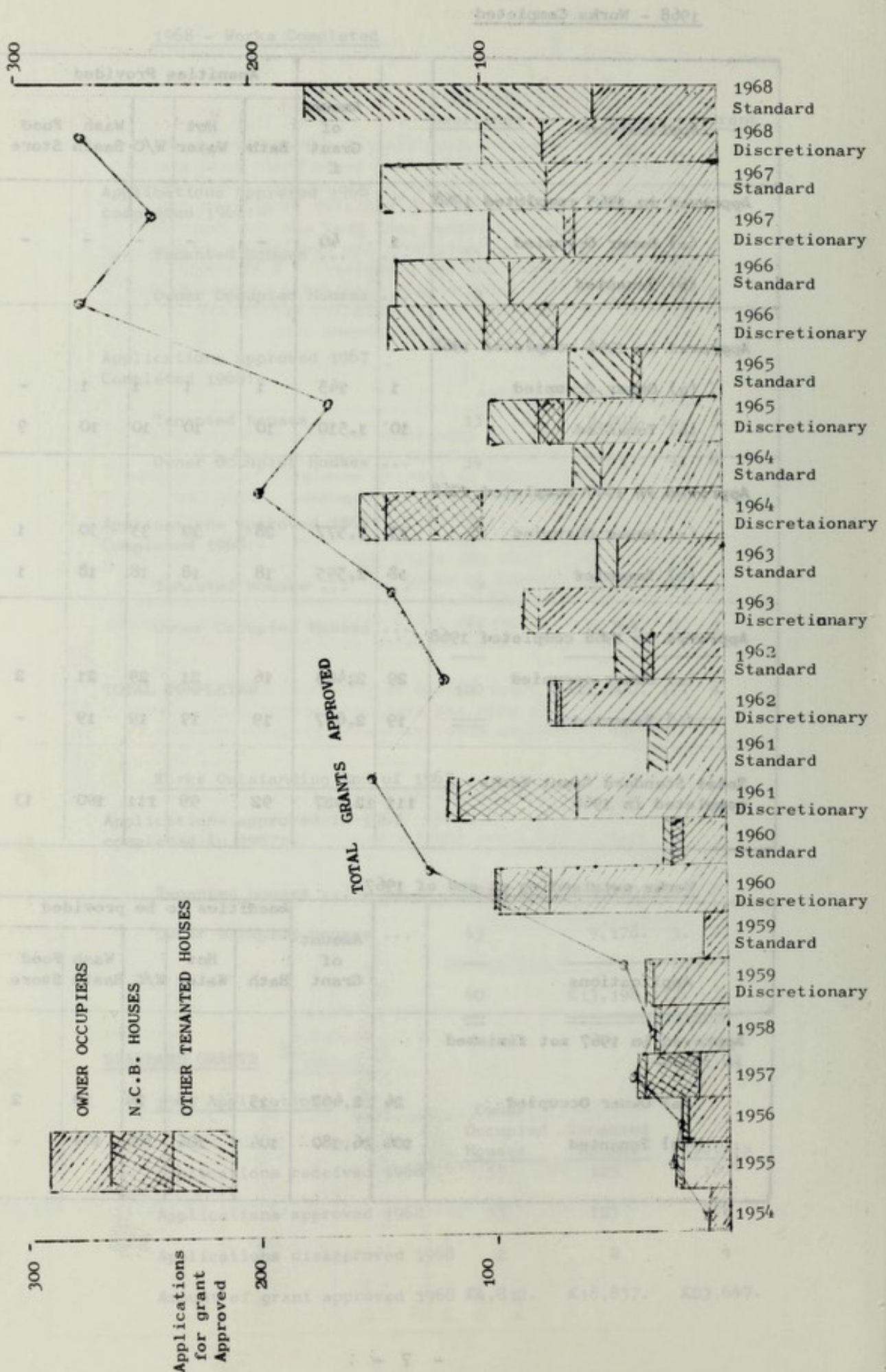
1968 - Works Completed

Applications		Amount of Grant £	Amenities Provided				
			Bath	Hot Water	W/C	Wash Basin	Food Store
Approved in 1965 completed 1968							
(a) Owner Occupied	1	40	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Tenanted							
Approved in 1966 completed 1968							
(a) Owner Occupied	1	145	1	1	1	1	-
(b) Tenanted	10	1,510	10	10	10	10	9
Approved in 1967 completed 1968							
(a) Owner Occupied	33	3,577	28	30	33	30	1
(b) Tenanted	18	2,595	18	18	18	18	1
Approved in 1968 completed 1968							
(a) Owner occupied	29	2,403	16	21	29	21	2
(b) Tenanted	19	2,657	19	19	19	19	-
Total Standard Grant Works completed in 1968							
	111	12,927	92	99	111	100	13

Works outstanding at end of 1967

Applications		Amount of Grant	Amenities to be provided				
			Bath	Hot Water	W/C	Wash Basin	Food Store
Approved in 1967 not finished in 1967:-							
(a) Owner Occupied	24	2,407	15	18	24	19	2
(b) Tenanted	104	16,180	104	104	104	104	-

TABLE III



COMPULSORY IMPROVEMENTS

Following the trend mentioned earlier of landlords being more willing to carry out improvements on a voluntary basis with the aid of grant, the need for tenants to use the powers of Section 19 of the 1967 Act was reduced and this is reflected in the reduction of representations received.

However, there were a number of such applications and the Council continued their adopted procedure of endeavouring to achieve the desired amenities by persuasion rather than the lengthy formal steps of compulsion. I am happy to report that in every case dealt with so far this policy has had satisfactory results although on occasion it has been necessary to point out that the compulsory powers were available.

A further pleasing result of this procedure has been the offer by the owners of about 150 houses to carry out a systematic improvement programme.

Detailed figures of work under this heading are as follows:-

No. of representations received from tenants in 1968	17
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No. refused (expected life less than fifteen years)	1
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No. of houses included above where landlord gave undertakings to do works voluntarily..	12
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No. of applications for grant received in 1968 from owners of houses where representations were made in 1968	7
in 1967	29

No. of houses where improvements were completed in 1968 following representations made in 1968	Nil
1967	13
1966	2

Housing Statistics

The usual annual return has been submitted to the Ministry, giving details of all aspects of housing works. For the information of the Committee the details given in the Return are set out below:-

(1) No. of dwelling houses in district ... 13,790

(2) No. of houses included in above:-

(a) Back to Back.. ... Nil

(b) Single Back 1

(3) Estimated Number of unfit houses at 31st December 1967, in respect of which no representations have yet been made 213

Details of Future Programme

1969 96 houses

A further 117 houses are to be considered in 1969 for programming later.

(4) Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Elsewhere

No. of houses included in representations made during the year:-

(a) In Clearance Areas 152 houses

(b) Individual Unfit Houses 6 houses

A. 1 Houses Demolished in Clearance Areas.	Houses Demolished	Displaced during the year	
		Persons	Families
(i) Houses unfit for human habitation	12½	178	76
(ii) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	-	-	-
(iii) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act 1957	1½	6	2
<u>Not in Clearance Areas</u>			
(iv) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act 1957	4	4	2

B. Unfit Houses Closed	Houses Closed	Displaced during the year	
		Persons	Families
Under Section 16 (4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Parts of Buildings Closed under Section 18	-	-	-

C. Unfit Houses made fit	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by Local Authority	83	-
(12) After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts	30	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	Nil	-

D. Houses in which defects were remedied (other than unfit houses made fit)	By Owner	By Local Authority
After formal notice under Public Health Act	23	-

5. No. of families re-housed during the year in Council owned Dwellings:-

(a) Clearance Areas etc...	...	...	...	80
(b) Overcrowding ...	...	...	...	Nil

New Dwellings

No. of new dwellings completed during the year:-

By Local Authority..	...	...	...	150
By Private Enterprise	...	...	...	112

Grants for Conversion or Improvement of Housing Accommodation

	Formal Applications received during	Applications approved during the year	No. of Dwellings completed during the year
	No. of Dwellings	No. of Dwellings	
(a) Conversion	-	-	-
(b) <u>Improvements:-</u>			
Discretionary	100	100	120
Standard	180	176	111

Repairs to Houses

In addition to slum clearance work and the improvement of houses there still remain a considerable number of rented properties which need to be kept in a state of good repair in order that they should not deteriorate to a condition of unfitness. In addition there are still a number of houses in the Slum Clearance Programme which will not be demolished for some time, and it is necessary to enforce essential repairs of wind and weatherproofing.

In general the number of complaints of disrepair have reduced slightly over the past few years due to the elimination of the worst type of houses. Every effort was made to deal with the complaints as soon as possible and the main problem of having these works carried out was caused by many of the jobbing builders being almost full time engaged in carrying out improvement works, and often the agents or owners gave orders for the necessary repairs and it was only by pressure on the builders that progress could be made. In the case of houses being improved, the owners were notified of any outstanding repairs and a payment of grant was withheld until these had been satisfactorily carried out.

SUMMARY OF NOTICES 1968

SECTION	Informal Notices	Complied with Statutory Notices	Statutory Notices	Statutory Notices Complied with	Outstanding
Housing Act 1957 Section 9	-	-	1	-	1
Public Health Act 1936 Sections 92/3	102	52	29	18	32
Section 75	35	13	1	1	21
Section 45	36	14	11	9	13
Section 39	65	45	10	7	13
Section 56	15	3	8	4	8
Section 138	5	5	-	-	-
Public Health Act 1961 Section 17	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	253	132	60	39	88

KEY:

Section 9 of the Housing Act 1957, is used to require the thorough reconditioning of houses.

Section 39 of the Public Health Act 1936, deals with such matters as blocked or defective drains, sink waste pipes etc.

Section 45 is used for water closets which are defective, but which can be repaired without reconstruction.

Section 75 enforces the provision of proper dustbins.

Sections 92/3 deal with premises in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance, and are used for general repairs to houses.

Section 56 deals with defective yard paving.

Section 138 deals with poor water supplies.

Section 17 of the Public Health Act 1961, is used for dealing with urgent blockages to drains etc.

FOOD PRODUCTION

The department's duties in this field cover many aspects; these are dealt with under separate special headings. A very important job was the supervision of killing and the inspection of meat at the Council's public slaughterhouse. 100% of all animals killed were inspected and the total figures of number of animals slaughtered, diseases found and parts or organs condemned are given in subsequent tables.

In addition to the hygienic supervision, the management of the premises is controlled by the department and a table is given showing throughput of animals and income for the financial year April 68/March 1969. It will be seen from this that there has been a continued reduction in the number of cattle and sheep killed and this is no doubt due in part to the after effects of the foot and mouth outbreak which occurred in 1967. The shortage of such animals produced by the remedial methods of eliminating the outbreak resulted in a general increase in the price of beef and mutton and this of course was reflected in lack of demand for such meats. One consequence of this was the greater demand for pork, but this unfortunately did not fully counter-balance the loss of income on other animals.

Animals Slaughtered in 1968

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
No. killed	7,255	2,702	84	49,855	20,154
No. inspected	7,255	2,702	84	49,855	20,154
<u>All diseases except T.B. & Cysticerci</u>					
1. Whole carcase condemned	4	2	10	18	11
2. Animals with parts or organs condemned	2,357	2,437	-	3,340	1,614
3. % Affected.	32.5	90.2	11.7	6.7	8.0
<u>Tuberculosis</u>					
1. Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
2. Parts or organs condemned	1	-	-	-	15
3. % Affected	.01	-	-	-	.07
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
1. Whole carcasses condemned	2	1	-	-	-
2. Parts or organs condemned	1	1	-	-	-
3. % Affected	.04	.02	-	-	-

Carcases, Parts and Organs Condemedned

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Whole Carcases	2	10	-	16	28
Quarters	1	-	18	14	33
Heads and Tongues	41	-	4	48	93
Lungs	33	-	-	62	95
Plucks	-	-	2,471	672	3,143
Hearts	44	-	-	192	236
Livers	3,763	-	18	71	3,852
Kidneys	12	-	2	30	44
Skirts	-	-	-	-	-
Intestines	4	-	-	-	4
Loins	-	-	-	-	-
Stomachs	3	-	-	4	7
Udders	47	-	-	70	117

Diseases and Conditions Found

Oedema	-	8	-	-	8
Swine Erysipelas	-	-	-	7	7
Cirrhosis	120	-	-	6	126
Abcesses	600	-	17	69	686
Cysticercus Bovis	1	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis	1	-	-	15	16
Parasitic	-	-	2,479	93	2,572
Angioma	49	-	-	-	49
Bruising	7	-	-	-	7
Adhesions	16	-	-	-	16
Actinobacillosis	29	-	-	-	29
Fatty Infiltration	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	19	-	-	107	126
Nephritis	35	-	-	-	35
Distoma	3,005	-	-	12	3,017
Inflammation	5	-	-	-	5
Pericarditis	71	-	-	14	85
Ascaries	-	-	-	577	577
Mastitis	50	-	-	-	50
Emaciation	-	-	9	-	9
Moribund	-	-	9	-	9
Telangiectasis	40	-	-	-	40
Hydatid Cysts	-	-	-	-	-
Degenerate Cysts	57	-	-	3	60
Peritonitis	-	-	-	-	-
Melanosis	6	-	-	-	6
Corynebacterium	-	-	-	44	44
Necrosis	-	-	2	-	2

Public Slaughterhouse - Throughput of Animals and Income

April 1968 - March 1969

Month	No. of Weeks	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total Animals Killed	Meat Inspection Charges			Tolls		
							£.	s.	d	£.	s.	d
1968												
April	4	743	8	3,395	1,668	5,814	135.	11.	3	1,573.	16.	3
May	4	769	8	3,132	1,574	5,483	134.	7.	6	1,503.	1.	9
June	5	883	1	4,590	1,719	7,193	165.	18.	0	1,881.	11.	6
July	4	754	3	4,394	1,335	6,486	143.	8.	6	1,600.	11.	6
August	4	711	15	3,818	1,429	5,973	136.	0.	6	1,181.	3.	9
Sept.	5	950	2	5,192	2,066	8,210	188.	1.	6	2,163.	16.	1
Oct.	4	756	7	4,064	1,611	6,438	150.	12.	0	1,697.	16.	6
Nov.	4	762	10	3,761	1,974	6,507	150.	15.	3	1,747.	9.	0
Dec.	5	809	6	4,082	2,272	7,169	167.	13.	0	1,941.	17.	6
1969												
Jan.	4	728	1	3,412	1,238	5,379	128.	4.	6	1,483.	1.	9
Feb.	4	746	-	3,250	1,640	5,636	136.	18.	0	1,573.	6.	9
March	5	923	5	3,412	2,110	6,450	167.	5.	0	1,930.	4.	9
TOTAL	52	9,534	66	46,502	20,636	76,738	1,804.	15.	0	20,277.	17.	3
TOTAL	53	11,786	185	60,288	16,697	88,956	2,065.	5.	0	20,095.	12.	0
TOTAL	52	11,446	346	61,897	15,521	89,210	2,028.	16.	6	18,910.	16.	6
TOTAL 1965												
Old S'House	3,634	113	11,647	1,933	17,327	214.	11.	9	1,015.	8.	3	
New S'House	5,515	172	32,576	7,182	45,445	1,643.	1.	6	14,096.	8.	9	

MILK SUPPLIES

As reported in 1967 the closure of the local pasteurising plant resulted in a position where all milk sold in the Borough is brought in from other districts. In order to check the purity and quality of this milk, regular sampling is carried out from retailers over which a further control is kept by registration and licensing.

Detailed figures of this work are given below:-

No. of premises licensed to sell pasteurised milk ...	Nil
No. of distributors of milk..	90
No. of distributors licensed to sell "Pasteurised" milk	25
No. of distributors licensed to sell "Sterilized" milk	75

Sampling of Milk for Bacteriological Examination

Pasteurised Milk

No. of samples submitted to prescribed tests...	35
No. of samples satisfying Methylene Blue Test..	29
No. of samples not satisfying Methylene Blue Test ...	4
No. of void samples	2
No. of samples satisfying Phosphatase Test	35
No. of samples not satisfying Phosphatase Test. ...	Nil

Sterilized Milk

No. of samples submitted to Turbidity Test	17
No. of samples satisfying Turbidity Test	17

NOTE:

(The Methylene Blue Test gives an indication of the number of certain types of bacteria in the milk.

The Phosphatase Test shows whether the milk has been sufficiently heat treated by the Pasteurising process.

The Turbidity Test indicates whether the Sterilization process has been satisfactorily carried out).

ICE CREAM

The position regarding the supply of this food is similar to that of milk in that all supplies are imported into the Town. Control has to be carried out at the production stage by the authority concerned and our efforts are confined to the inspection and registration of retail shops and vans and occasional sampling.

Detailed figures are set out below:-

New Registrations

New premises registered in 1968 for the sale of Ice Cream..	7
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Position as at 31st December 1968

No. of premises registered as manufacturers of Ice Cream	1
No. of premises registered for manufacture of ice-lollies	3
No. of premises registered for the sale of ice-cream.	123

SAMPLING

No. of samples for Chemical Analysis ...	...	2
No. satisfactory ...	...	2

FISH

Most of the fish coming into the Borough for sale in wet fish shops and fish and chip premises, is channelled through the three wholesale premises in the Town. These are subjected to routine inspection and the conditions found are invariably excellent. A high standard of co-operation is maintained with the wholesalers concerned and where any consignment is of doubtful condition the services of an inspector is asked for to check the fish and to condemn any found to be unfit.

OTHER FOODS

Many other types of foods are subject to control by the Department. When time permits inspections are carried out in manufacturing premises, wholesalers and retail shops. Shortages of staff has somewhat limited this work to a level below that which I feel is desirable. This is not to say that there are many premises where conditions of hygiene are bad but occasionally inspectors find premises where standards have fallen and it is only by regular visits that these can be brought into line.

The Department again maintained a close working arrangement for the surrender of damaged or unsound foods whereby these can be "condemned" and re-imbursement claimed from suppliers. To give an idea of the variety and quantity of foods dealt with, I give below a list of the main items dealt with:-

12 lbs.	Veal	11 lbs.	Haddock
191 lbs. 5 oz.	Pears	22 lbs. 12 oz.	Ice Cream
101 lbs. 13 oz.	Rice	5 lbs. 8 oz.	Fruits
6 lbs.	Sago	92 lbs. 12 oz.	Beans
1 lb. 8 oz.	Cream	72 lbs. 3 oz.	Peas
2 gall.	Milk	11 lbs. 8 oz.	Peaches
2 lbs.	Margarine	3 lbs.	Pineapple
4 lbs. 8 oz.	Salt	112 lbs. 10 oz.	Soup
4 lbs. 12 oz.	Beetroot	13 lbs.	Preserves
8 lbs.	Carrots	48 lbs.	Stewed Steak
83 bags	Crisps	14 lbs. 7 oz.	Steak & Veg.
21 lbs.	Luncheon Meat	25 lbs.	Minced Beef
2 lbs.	Crawfish	45 lbs.	Corned Beef
12 lbs.	Shrimps	2 lbs.	Tongues
75 lbs.	Crab	218 lbs.	Tomatoes
4 lbs. 8 oz.	Prawns	393 lbs.	Hams
36 lbs.	Salmon	569 lbs.	Pork
6 lbs.	Lobster	13 lbs.	Bacon
16 lbs.	Chicken	83 lbs.	Miscellaneous
23 bottles	Wines & Spirits		

SAMPLING

Due to staffing it was only possible to carry out limited sampling of foods for chemical analysis and these were concentrated mainly on to foods produced locally.

The following table gives details of samples taken:-

COMMODITY	No. of Samples		No. reported as unsatisfactory	
	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal
Pork Sausages	2		2	
Beef Sausages	1			
Instant Whip	1			
Potted Beef Paste	1			
Honey	1			
Fresh Cream Trifle	1			
Fresh Cream Cake	1			
Tea	1			
Ice Cream	2			
Pork Pies		8		
Sausage Rolls		1		
TOTAL	11	9	2	

The samples of Pork Sausage contained 60.2% and 62.3% meat, which is only slightly below the recommended standard of 65%, in both cases therefore the manufacturers were given a warning.

Cyclamates

At the request of the Association of Municipal Corporations, certain foods were sampled in order to ascertain the amount of cyclamates in these articles. These cyclamates are sweetening agents which if used in relatively small amounts are thought to be harmless, but which may give rise to trouble if excessive quantities are used. Samples of four types of soft drinks were taken and one of sweetening tablets, and although the four drinks did contain cyclamates, the quantities found were below the suggested levels.

Complaints

During the year there were a number of complaints regarding the presence of foreign bodies or peculiar conditions in certain foods. In practically every case, the cause of complaint was found to be relatively harmless and in view of this the Committee decided that proceedings should not be taken, but that a warning should be issued.

Food Poisoning

In following up a reported food poisoning case, 28 bacteriological samples were taken of cooked meat and 13 swabs of cutting surfaces and work-tops, and were sent to the Public Health Laboratory but in all cases these were proved to be negative.

Pesticide Residuals

In co-operation with other Food and Drugs Authorities, samples of liver were taken for special analysis to ascertain the amount of pesticides which animals might have absorbed and could pass on to the consumer. It was reassuring to find no pesticides were found in our samples and that the quantities found in allied samples of other foods from other West Riding Authorities were so small as to be negligible.

Mobile Shops

Control of mobile food shops is still maintained by the registration of such persons as "Hawkers of Food" under the W.R.C.C. General Powers Act 1951. Before such persons are registered a close check is made of their vehicle and storage premises to see whether they satisfy hygienic conditions. During the year two new Hawkers were registered and on a number of occasions vans observed in the district were checked by the District Inspectors.

WATER SUPPLY

All premises in the Borough have water on tap supplied by the Wakefield and District Water Board. The department maintain regular sampling to ensure the bacteriological purity and of 115 samples taken only one showed any sign of contamination.

Public Baths

The Council's premises in Florence Street operated throughout 1968 and are still the only facilities for swimming within the Borough. The loading on these Baths is very high in the warmer parts of the year and it says much for the diligence of the Baths Superintendent and his staff that a very high standard of water was maintained throughout the year, particularly when one reflects that the purification plant is of considerable age. Regular sampling both Bacteriological and Chemical was carried out throughout the year, details of which are given below:-

Bath Water Samples

No. of samples taken	69
No. if samples showing bacilli coliform...	Nil
No. of samples showing colonies to the Plate	
Count Test..	20

This Plate Count Test is an extremely sensitive test and although 20 samples gave small counts of from 1 - 20 colonies when these are compared with counts of many thousands of colonies often found in artificial creams they are almost negligible.

Chemical Analysis

No. of samples taken	11
No. satisfactory..	11

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

In this field the work of the Department falls into three sections. These are:-

1. Recording of Pollution

This is a routine job in the daily servicing of the two volumetric smoke and sulphur dioxide gauges at The Green and the Whitwood Technical College and the monthly attending to the deposit gauge also at the Green. This apparatus enables the compilation of records which, although taken in isolation can rarely give accurate assessment of existing conditions, can, when properly assimilated over several years, give indication of the main trend of pollution levels.

The results for the year are set out in the following graphs I, II and III, and included in the volumetric section are the results for a similar gauge stationed and serviced by the Medical Officer's Staff. May I again express my best thanks to the Principal of the College, to Mr. Trippier and Doctor Paterson and their respective staffs for their help in the siting and compilation of these records.

2. Control of Industrial Pollution

I am pleased to report that rarely during the year were chimneys observed to emit excessive amounts of smoke. However, when these were seen, visits were immediately paid to the premises concerned in order that the cause could be ascertained and remedial action recommended.

A further duty is to check any proposed new installations of boilers, chimneys or other furnaces. The plans are scrutinised and details of equipment checked to ensure smokeless operation and that the chimney is of sufficient height to disperse the effluent gases.

Close co-operation was maintained with the Alkali Inspectors on any problems from the scheduled processes. These include the Coke Ovens and two chemical works. Any excessive emissions observed or reported are passed on immediately to the Inspector and he kindly keeps us informed of the results of his investigations and also of any modifications he has suggested which will improve the situation.

3. Domestic Pollution

I regret that I can report little progress in the main pollution problem which still exists, this being the smoke from domestic premises.

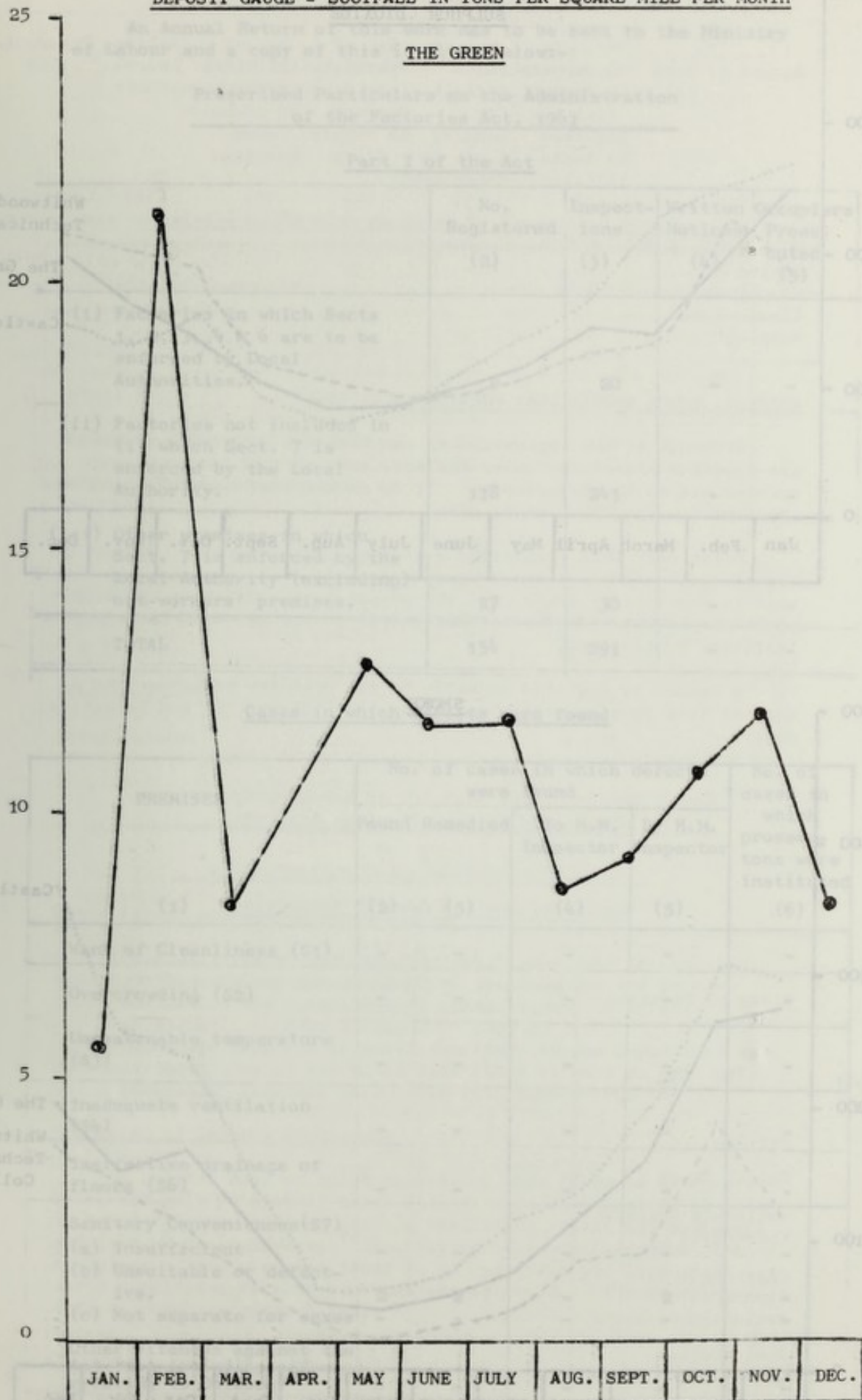
During the year the Council authorised that steps should be taken to declare three new areas where the building of new houses is proposed. This step is very desirable and is relatively easy in that the heating systems required to comply with the Parker Morris Standard must of necessity use smokeless fuels.

There still remains the major task of the conversion of fireplaces in many thousands of houses so that they are capable of burning the only smokeless fuel said to be in abundant supply (namely hard coke).

I feel I must urge the Council to make the necessary financial provision in estimates for forthcoming years so that this essential work can be got on with.

DEPOSIT GAUGE - SOOTFALL IN TONS PER SQUARE MILE PER MONTH

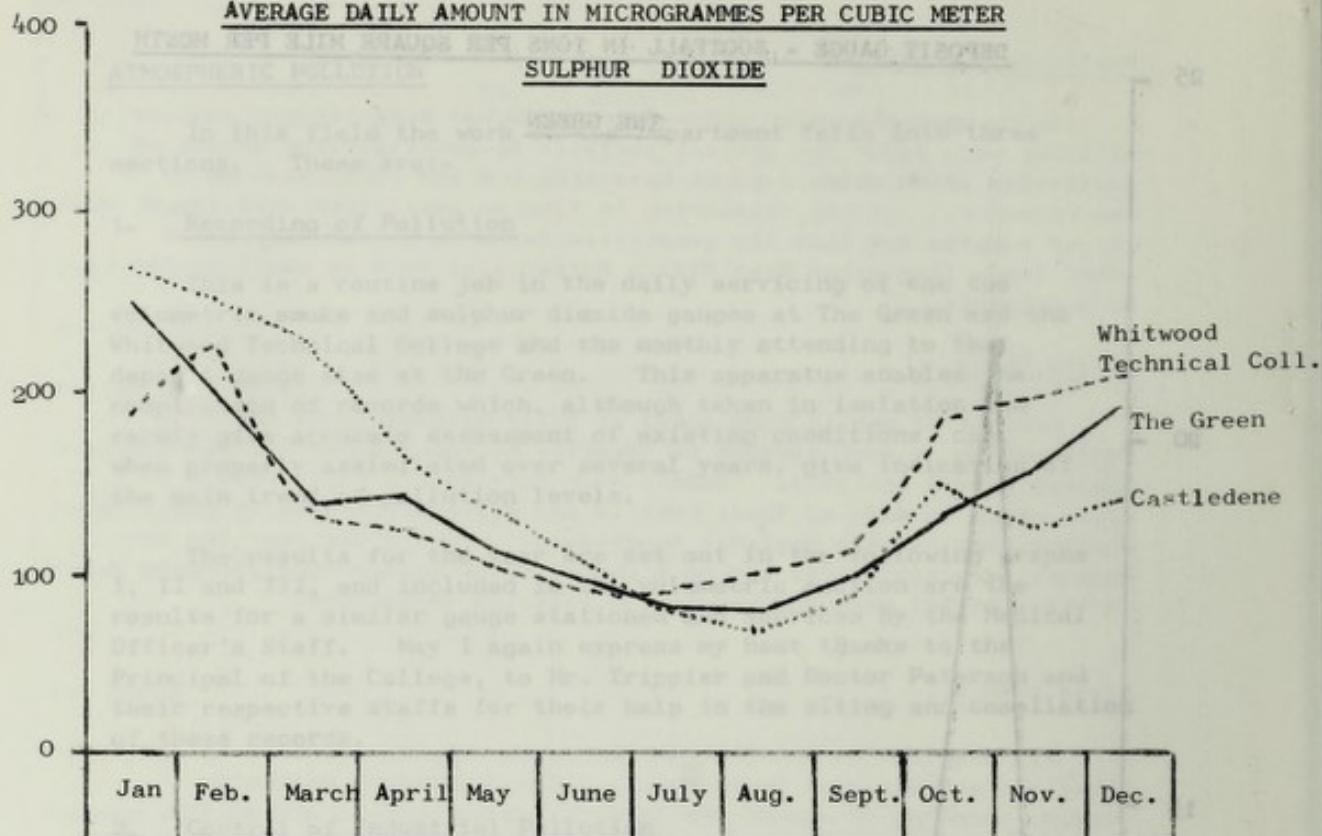
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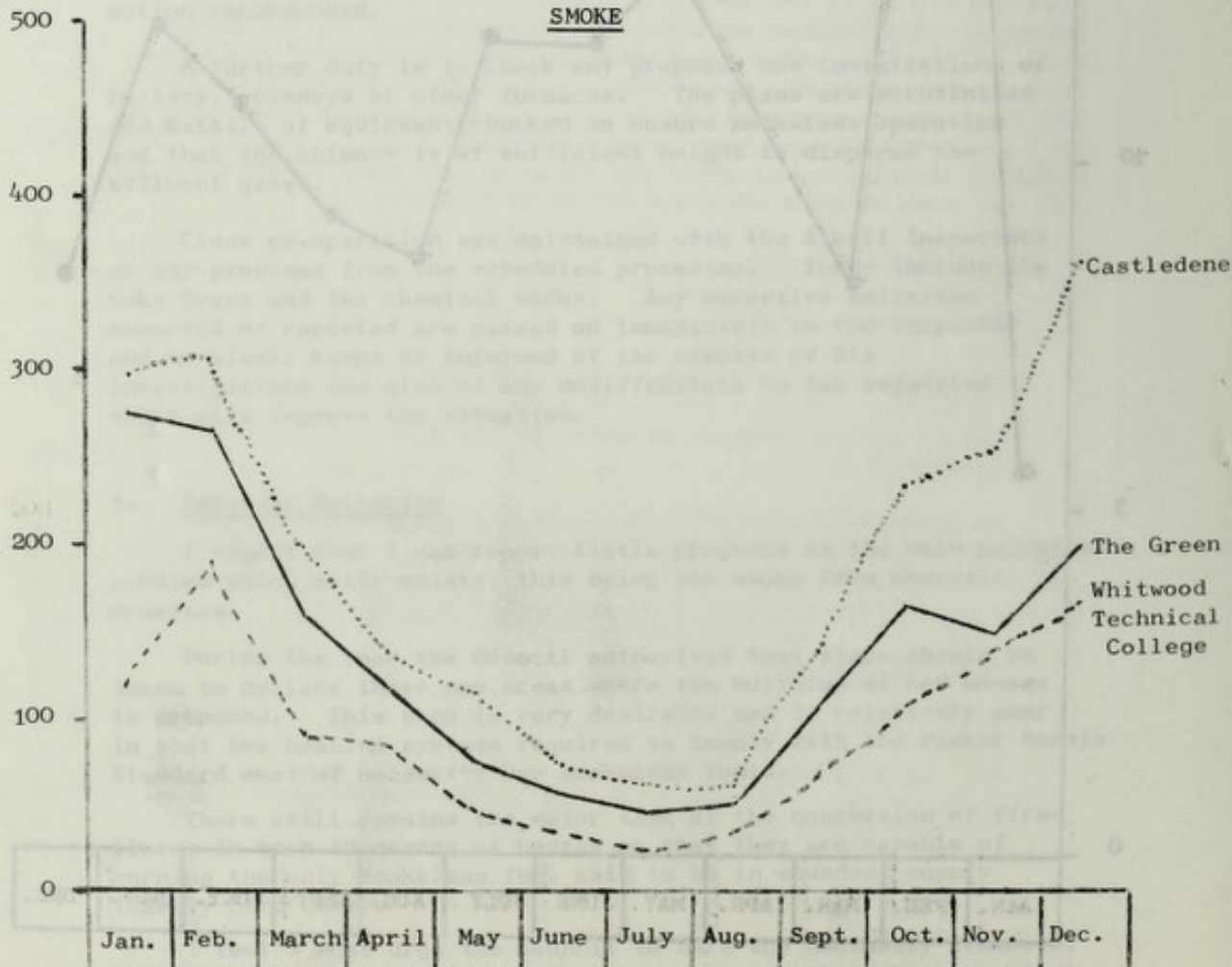
VOLUMETRIC APPARATUS

AVERAGE DAILY AMOUNT IN MICROGRAMMES PER CUBIC METER

SULPHUR DIOXIDE



SMOKE



FACTORIES ACT

Whenever it was possible, routine inspections were made of factories to ensure compliance with the above Act.

An Annual Return of this work has to be sent to the Ministry of Labour and a copy of this is given below:-

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

Part I of the Act

	No. Registered (2)	Inspect- ions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prose- cuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sects 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	9	20	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	118	241	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises.	27	30	-	-
TOTAL	154	291	-	-

Cases in which defects were found

PREMISES	No. of cases in which defects were found			No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences(S7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	2	2	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	2	-	2	-

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork

Nature of Work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sects. 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel making etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning and Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Although it was impossible to complete the full inspections of all premises registered under the Act, some 48 full surveys were carried out by the Department. It is anticipated that 1969 will see the remaining premises dealt with.

After each full inspection a list of contraventions are sent to the occupier and later check visits are made. I am pleased to report that in practically every case the person concerned has taken prompt action to comply with the Act and so far it has not been necessary to institute proceedings.

A return is required annually to the Ministry of Labour and a copy of this is given below in Tables 'A', 'B' and 'C' and Narrative Report.

Annual Report to the Ministry of Labour under Offices, Shops, and Railway Premises Act, 1963

TABLE 'A'

Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered in 1968	Total No. of registered premises at end of 1968	No. of registered premises receiving general inspection in 1968
Offices	5	93	13
Retail Shops	4	301	35
Wholesale Shops & Warehouses	3	19	-
Catering Establishments including canteens	1	5	-
Fuel Storage places	-	3	-
TOTALS	13	421	48

TABLE 'B'

No. of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to
registered premises 349

TABLE 'C'

Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises

Class of Workplace	No. of Persons employed
Offices	659
Retail Shops	1,362
Wholesale Depots and Warehouses	154
Catering Establishments open to the public	277
Canteens	13
Fuel Storage Depots	5
T O T A L	2,470
Total Males	880
Total Females	1,590

Narrative Report to accompany Annual Report
for 1968
under Section 60 to Ministry of Labour

Registration and Inspection

The provisions of the Act relating to the need to register, appear to have become more well known to employers and in most cases changes in the occupation of premises were notified.

During the year due to staff shortages it was impossible to devote as much time as one would have liked to work on this Act, but a further 48 premises were given full inspection.

Operation of General Provisions

In general most of these provisions were found to be complied with, and only relatively minor defects were found mainly relating to sanitary conveniences, washing facilities, first aid equipment and lack of thermometers. Informal notices were served on the occupiers of all premises found to be deficient and in general early compliance with the notices was achieved. A summary of defects found is given below:-

No. of Premises

Inadequate or defective sanitary conveniences	11
Inadequate or defective washing facilities	6
Inadequate or defective lighting..	12
Lack of cleanliness... ..	6
Lack of First Aid Equipment. ...	8
Structural repairs needed	1
Inadequate heating	1
Dangerous machinery... ..	1
Lack of supply of drinking water..	2
No thermometer..	19
Lack of ventilation... ..	2

Accidents

All accidents reported were somewhat minor in nature and the notification of these was mainly confined to the larger type of premises, particularly where a number of younger persons are employed. It may be that the small shopkeepers with only a few employees are not aware yet of the need to notify.

Prosecutions

Up to the end of 1968 it has not been necessary to institute any proceedings under this Act.

ACCIDENTS IN SHOPS AND OFFICES

All accidents causing absence from work for three days must be reported to the Department and a quarterly return is made to the Ministry. A summary of the four Quarterly Reports is given below:-

TABLE 'D'

ACCIDENT REPORTS

1968 Quarter	No. of Accidents reported in						Total
	I Offices	II Retail Shops	III Whole- Sale	IV Cater- ing Estabs	V Canteens	VI Fuel Storage Depot	
Jan. - March	-	4	-	1	-	-	5
April - June	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
July - Sept.	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Oct. - Dec.	-	3	-	1	-	-	4
TOTALS	-	12	-	2	-	-	14

TABLE 'E'
ANALYSIS OF REPORTED ACCIDENTS

	Offices	Retail Shops	Whole- Sale Ware- houses	Catering Estabs. open to public, Canteens etc.	Fuel Storage Depots
Machinery	-	1	-	-	-
Transport	-	-	-	-	-
Falls of persons	-	4	-	-	-
Stepping on or striking against object or person	-	1	-	-	-
Handling goods	-	1	-	1	-
Struck by falling objects	-	2	-	1	-
Fires and Explosions	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	-	-	-	-	-
Use of hand tools	-	2	-	-	-
Not otherwise specified	-	1	-	-	-

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION

During 1968 the department continued to employ two Rodent Operatives for dealing with complaints of infestations and in addition these men carry out systematic survey of all premises, particularly those more vulnerable to infestation. Treatment where-ever possible was carried out using the milder type of poisons such as Warfarin, because of the safety factor involved. However, I regret that in a number of cases this poison does not appear to be having the same success, particularly with mice, as it did when it was first introduced; it may be that some of the rodent population is acquiring immunity to this material. A free service is given to all domestic premises, but business premises are treated on a time and materials rechargeable basis. An Annual Report is required by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on this work and a copy for 1968 is given below:-

ANNUAL REPORT ON RATS AND MICE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1968

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS	Type of Property	
	Non- Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	15,486	15
2. (a) Total No. of properties inspected following notification.	1,430	-
(b) No. infested by:-		
(i) Rats	709	-
(ii) Mice	393	-
3. (a) Total No. of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	468	-
(b) No. infested by:-		
(i) Rats	456	-
(ii) Mice	82	-

DISINFESTATIONS

The department continues its usual service for the disinfection of premises for various types of vermin, this work being integrated with the rodent control by the two operatives. All Council houses are given a precautionary treatment before occupation by new tenants and this, I feel, has done much to reduce the incidence of bed bugs in Council houses. Indeed, it is now a rare occurrence for this type of infestation to be found, and these are treated on a rechargeable basis if the infestation is found to be the fault of the tenant.

One fairly serious infestation problem dealt with in 1968, was the presence, in the Smawthorne Estate, of a considerable number of clover mites which, although perfectly harmless from a pathological point of view, caused anxiety amongst the occupiers of the houses. Regular treatment of the areas affected was carried out using the standard insecticides, but these were found to be so ineffective that advice was sought from the entomological department of the Ministry of Agriculture and a stronger insecticide was recommended, used and found to be quite effective.

MISCELLANEOUS PREMISES

The department exercise certain control over a number of premises used for a variety of purposes. Many of these are subject to annual licensing or to registration, and for the sake of brevity I am including these in one collective section.

It is of note that in 1968 the government made alterations to the legislation covering the charges which could be made for such licences, and the Council took the opportunity to introduce a more realistic fee in appropriate cases.

The various types of premises are listed below with very brief details on each.

Common Lodging Houses

One such premises is in use with a capacity of 40 men. It is well run and kept in good condition.

Offensive Trades

Five such premises are still in operation, these being one gut scraper, one tripe boiler, one fat melter and two rag and bone dealers. Conditions in these premises are reasonably satisfactory.

Petroleum Spirit Storage

All premises where inflammable materials such as petroleum mixtures, calcium carbide etc., are stored, are subject to annual licence. During 1968 some 58 premises were licensed for this use and a total quantity stored is in excess of 300,000 gallons.

In this section it is interesting to mention that a complaint regarding the smell of petrol was received from the tenant of one house, and after exhaustive tests a slight defect

on a filling pipe was found and this appeared to have allowed the escape of a small amount of petrol each time the main tanks were replenished by tanker deliveries. This petrol must then have percolated a considerable distance through the ground and vapourized into the cellar of the complainant's house. Since this leak has been remedied no further complaints have been received.

Scrap Metal Dealers

The department maintains a register of all persons dealing in scrap metal and 1968 was a year when such registrations had to be renewed. The number of premises on the register at the end of the year was 10 and this register is of considerable use to the police authority, the officers of which are authorised under the Act, in addition to the Council Public Health Inspectors.

Pet Shops and Animal Boarding Establishments

These are subject to annual licencing and one of each type of premises is in use in the Borough and is checked for condition prior to the renewal of the annual licence.

Hairdressers

All premises used by barbers and hairdressers have to be registered under the West Riding County Council (General Powers) Act, prior to the commencement of the business. This enables the department to ensure that satisfactory hygienic precautions and facilities are provided. During the year two further premises were registered, bringing the total number of premises up to 60.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

This Act, which came into operation in 1967, and which gave power to deal with abandoned cars and the dumping of other materials, has caused a number of problems during the past year. During the period some 34 cars or parts thereof were found to be abandoned on waste land, car parks, allotments etc. The department have adopted a procedure by which every effort is made to find the owner or person responsible for the dumping and to point out to him that proceedings can be taken against him for the offence of abandoning the vehicle and that the penalty for such act be a fine up to £100. This usually proves to be fairly effective and 19 of the vehicles were removed by their owners. The main problem arises when all means of identification have been removed from the vehicle and often only the skeleton and bodywork are left. In such cases it is necessary to try to find the owner and if these efforts are unsuccessful notice has to be stuck on the vehicle, of the intention to remove this after seven days. In 15 cases this was found to be necessary and the effective steps were taken by using the department's Chase Side shovel and the borrowing from the Parks Department of the low loading trailer. I would wish to record my thanks to Mr. Trippier and his department for the help given on these occasions.

With regard to the dumping of various materials, a considerable number of cases have been dealt with, but one improvement has been due to the agreement of the Council to undertake the removal of old furniture free of charge from domestic premises.

NOISE ABATEMENT

During 1968 a number of complaints were received regarding excessive noise from various causes. These were all investigated and in most cases were found to be justified..

The problems can be classed into three groups as follows:-

1. Industrial

This, in three cases, involved noise from machinery in use in factories. In one case the fitting of a larger silencer was effective, in the second screening of the noise source proved satisfactory and in the third case, carried over from 1967, the noise did not exceed the recommended tolerance levels and no action could be taken.

2. Commercial

The cases dealt with under this heading related to a cobblers shop where noise from late working was a nuisance to adjoining residents, and excessive noise from a dance hall. Visits from inspectors achieved an adjustment of hours in the shop and a reduction in the output of the amplifiers in the dance hall. These steps seemed to be successful as no further complaints were received.

3. Domestic

A number of cases were received of dogs barking excessively or loud playing of radios, record players etc. Visits from inspectors who diplomatically explained the complaints produced the desired results.

MORTUARY

The premises at Carr Wood Road proved quite adequate in providing the necessary service. It is to be regretted that vandalism caused some damage to the premises but this was quickly repaired.

CESSPOOLS

I am pleased to report that during 1968 it was possible to make some progress with the abolition of cesspools. The Borough Engineers Department completed the laying of a new sewer in Redhill Drive and some 37 houses, 2 shops and one factory were connected to main drainage and the cesspools serving these premises were filled in and sealed off.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

These services are of a type which are taken for granted and only come to the notice of the public if things go wrong. I am happy to say that in general all branches of this work went well during 1968. Little comment is therefore necessary on the routine work, but two improvements were inaugurated in 1968 although not coming into full use until the following year. These were:-

1. Pilot scheme for use of plastic bin liners

The new flats at Smawthorne were designed with enclosed storages for bins. I felt that to use ordinary dustbins which could become fouled by wet refuse might give problems from smells. The Council therefore approved a scheme to use non-returnable plastic liners in plastic bins and this I feel has been satisfactory in preventing trouble from odour. It also has the advantage of cutting out double journeys for the refuse collectors and this saving does much to offset the cost of the plastic bags.

2. New Baling Press

With an increased demand for waste paper by the Board Mills, a scheme was proposed to purchase an improved type of press which will not only reduce baling costs but will also enable increased quantities of paper to be dealt with. This did not come into operation until after the end of 1968.

Brief comments on each section of this service are given below.

Refuse Collection

House refuse is dealt with by four main teams and the bonus scheme provided a good incentive to enable weekly service for most of the year. Shops and business premises were given one weekly service free and extra collections on a rechargeable basis. This occupied one team full time and a second gang part time.

Refuse Disposal

The incinerator at Cinder Lane dealt with all the rubbish brought in from shops etc., and large quantities of putrescible matter delivered from other trade premises. A nominal charge is made for this.

Three controlled tips remained in operation. The Whitwood Recreation Ground and Water Lane Tips were used for house refuse. Both these schemes are for reclaiming land and the Chase Side Shovel plays a large part in sealing off these tips with soil excavated from the sites or delivered from other building operations in the town. The Victoria Quarry tip was mainly used for receiving trade waste from factories in the District together with a variety of materials from the firm of contractors operating a container service to industries both in and outside the Borough. A small charge is made for material from local industries but this is increased for waste from outside the area.

Paper collected from shops and received from other premises was baled and sold to the Mills.

Street Cleansing

Three mechanical sweepers were operated on main roads and estates. Two electric barrows were used early mornings for cleaning up the town centre and later radiated out to other districts around the centre. Outlying areas were covered by beat sweepers.

This service was as in previous years the most badly hit by sickness, and due to the low level of wages it is very difficult to get relief workers.

Gully Cleansing and Cesspools

Three suction emptiers were employed throughout the year on this work. The fact that a spare vehicle was available enabled a more regular service to be maintained.

I would finally like to express my very best thanks to Mr. Hoyle the Transport Maintenance Officer for his most willing co-operation and help with the vehicles used in the above services.

COSTING

The Ministry have now stopped the submission of Annual Costing Returns but I give below tables setting out the main costings which may be of interest to the Council for comparison with previous years:-

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Particulars	Collection	Disposal	Totals	% of Total Gross Expenditure
	£	£	£	%
<u>Gross Expenditure</u>				
Labour	28,619	5,622	34,241	57.5
Transport	17,885	484	18,369	30.9
Plant	-	1,911	1,911	3.2
Other Items	135	4,841	4,976	8.4
Total Gross Expenditure	46,649	12,858	59,497	100.0
Gross Income	1,224	6,478	7,702	
Net Cost	45,415	6,380	51,795	
<u>Capital Expenditure met from Revenue</u>		910		
Net cost per 1,000 population	1,138	159	1,297	
Net cost per 1,000 premises	2,866	402	3,266	

Analysis of Income

Collection of Trade Refuse ...	£1,224
Charges for use of Destructor. ...	249
Tipping Charges... ..	1,125
Waste Paper Salvage	5,100
	4
	<u>£7,702</u>

Street Cleansing

	Sweeping	Gullying	Total	% of Total Gross Expenditure
	£	£	£	%
Labour	7,068	931	7,999	40
Transport	6,169	3,550	9,719	48
Plant	996		996	5
Other Items	1,211	197	1,408	7
Total	15,444	4,678	20,122	100
Gross Income	309		309	
Net Cost	15,135	4,678	19,813	
Net Cost per 1,000 population	378	117	495	

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

I regret to have to report that continued vandalism occurred to the existing facilities and that no progress was made in the provision of new facilities either to replace outdated conveniences or to serve the areas where additional premises are needed.

STAFF

A list of the staff for the year 1968, is given below:-

Deputy Public Health Inspector ...	Mr. J. Rooke (to 31.5.68) Mr. H. Burton (from 1.6.68)
Additional Public Health Inspectors	Mr. H. Burton (to 31.5.68) Mr. D. Ward (from 9.9.68) Mr. B. Rawdon (from 9.9.68 to 17.11.68) Mr. K. I. Bullough (to 29.12.68)
Pupil Public Health Inspectors ...	Mr. D. Hughes Mr. R. Sherwood

Clerical Staff

Senior Clerk ...	...	...	...	Mrs. N. Ward
Clerk ...	...	...	...	Mrs. D. Collings (to 4.8.68) Mrs. A. Lockwood (from 19.8.68)
Typist ...	...	...	...	Miss K. Sheridan

CONCLUSION

May I, in this my first Report, express my thanks to the Council for their confidence in me in promoting me to Head of the Department during 1968, and hope that I will be able, with the loyal help of the Staff, both inside and outside, to fully justify their decision.

To the Staff of the Department, Professional, Clerical, Foremen and Workmen, I would record my appreciation of their work and help.

Yours faithfully,

J. ROOKE

Senior Public Health Inspector
and Cleansing Superintendent

Cinder Lane
24th October 1969



