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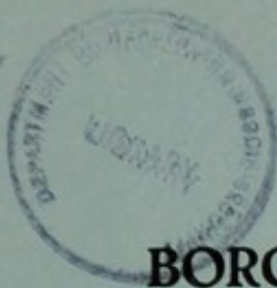
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(Appointed Chief Public Health Inspector 4th November, 1968)

Additional Public Health Inspectors :

H. C. ORMEROD, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
(Appointed Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector 4th November, 1968)

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75, SPRINGFIELD ROAD
CHELMSFORD

7th July, 1969

ANNUAL REPORT, 1968

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1968. The Report has been prepared and compiled in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 1/69 of the 1st January, 1969.

There were 1,094 live births during the year, 12 less than in 1967, which represents a Birth Rate of 19.5 per thousand of the population. For comparison purposes the Birth Rate Figure for the whole of England and Wales over the same period was 16.9.

The Infant Mortality Rate, i.e. infants dying under one year of age per thousand live births was 12, compared with 18 for England and Wales.

There were 478 deaths during the year, giving a death rate of 8.5 per thousand of the population, the rate for England and Wales being 11.9.

During the year eleven investigations were made into applications for housing priority on medical grounds, and were the subject of special reports to the Housing Management Committee.

There were 73 medical examinations carried out during the year on Borough employees for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme. There were also 6 blood tests on employees in the Water Department whose work on water mains brings them into close association with the town's water supplies.

Authentication of International Vaccination Certificates against Smallpox by my Department showed an increase during the year from 1,139 in 1967 to 1,268 in 1968.

My thanks are due to all Chief Officers who have contributed to the compilation of this Report.

I feel it is appropriate that I should comment on the fact that Mr. R. F. Wynn, Chief Public Health Inspector, retired on the 4th November, 1968. Over the past ten years or so it has always been my pleasure to record here in my Annual Report my sincere thanks and indebtedness to Mr. Wynn, for the help and co-operation received from him during the year. His detailed knowledge of all aspects of the environmental health problems of the Borough have been of tremendous help to me. I shall always be most grateful to him for the ready willingness he has always shown in affording me the benefit of his knowledge and long experience in this field. I am happy to know that Mr. N. T. Hudson, the Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector, has now been appointed to the post of Chief Public Health Inspector. To him I would also like to record my thanks and appreciation for his help, so willingly given on many occasions in the past.

I also take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Public Health Committee for their help and support throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. L. MILLER WOOD,

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

AREA (in acres)	...	...	...	4772
POPULATION, 1968	...	...	...	56,090 (Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, mid-year). (Census, 1963—49,810.)
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES (end of 1968) according to Rate Books				18,716
RATEABLE VALUE (1st April, 1968)				£3,428,989
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE (year ending 31st March, 1968)	...	...	...	£13,919

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

			Total	Male	Female	
Live Births	Legitimate	...	1,046	533	513	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated Resident population mid-1968—19.5
	Illegitimate	...	48	26	22	
	Totals	...	1,094	559	535	
Still Births	Legitimate	...	14	4	10	Rate per 1,000 live and still births—15
	Illegitimate	...	3	3	—	
	Totals	...	17	7	10	

DEATHS

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 8.5

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All Infants per 1,000 births	...	...	...	...	12
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	12.4

DEATHS

DEATHS AT ALL AGES DURING THE YEAR, 1968

Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over
11	2	3	1	—	10	11	26	67	119	228

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES, 1968

Cause of death	Males	Females	Total
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases ...	—	1	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	—	1	1
Malignant neoplasm—stomach ...	5	3	8
Malignant neoplasm—lung, bronchus ...	18	6	24
Malignant neoplasm—breast ...	—	9	9
Malignant neoplasm—uterus ...	—	3	3
Leukaemia ...	—	3	3
Other malignant neoplasms, etc. ...	27	19	46
Benign and unspecified neoplasms ...	1	—	1
Diabetes mellitus ...	1	3	4
Other endocrine, etc., diseases ...	—	1	1
Other diseases of blood, etc. ...	1	—	1
Other diseases of nervous system, etc. ...	2	3	5
Chronic rheumatic heart disease ...	2	4	6
Hypertensive disease ...	5	7	12
Ischaemic heart disease ...	83	50	133
Other forms of heart disease ...	7	12	19
Cerebrovascular disease ...	29	22	51
Other diseases of circulatory system ...	6	5	11
Influenza ...	2	6	8
Pneumonia ...	19	20	39
Bronchitis and Emphysema ...	19	6	25
Asthma ...	1	1	2
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	5	1	6
Peptic ulcer ...	2	3	5
Appendicitis ...	—	2	2
Intestinal obstruction and hernia ...	1	1	2
Other diseases of digestive system ...	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate ...	5	—	5
Other diseases, genito-urinary system ...	—	2	2
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system ...	—	3	3
Congenital anomalies ...	2	2	4
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc. ...	2	—	2
Other causes of perinatal mortality ...	3	2	5
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions ...	2	3	5
Motor vehicle accidents ...	5	—	5
All other accidents ...	5	5	10
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries ...	4	2	6
All other external causes ...	1	—	1
Totals ...	266	212	478

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY (See Page 3).

The following Personal Health services are provided within the Borough by the Essex County Council:—

Child Health Centres

Essex County Health Services Clinic, Coval Lane, Chelmsford	Thursdays at 2 p.m.
Parish Hall, Springfield Road, Chelmsford ...	1st and 3rd Mondays at 2 p.m.
St. John's Hall, Vicarage Road, Chelmsford ...	Mondays at 2 p.m.
Chelmsford Free Church, Pentland Avenue, Chelmsford (Woodhall Estate)	2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2 p.m.
Essex County Health Services Clinic, ... Springfield	Thursdays at 2 p.m. and 2nd and 4th Mondays p.m.
Essex County Health Services Clinic, Moulsham Lodge Estate, Chelmsford	Tuesdays 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and Wednesdays at 2 p.m.
Church Hall, Forest Drive, Chelmsford ...	1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays at 2 p.m.
Essex County Health Services Clinic, Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	Every Friday at 2 p.m.

Ante-Natal Clinics

Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, London Road, Chelmsford	Tuesdays at 2.15 p.m.
Women's Welfare Clinic, Coval Lane, Chelmsford ...	2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10 a.m. (By appointment)

Cervical Cytology Clinic

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	1st and 3rd Thursday mornings (By appointment) Tuesday afternoons as and when required
Springfield Green, Chelmsford	Every 2nd Thursday morning (By appointment)

Ante-Natal Relaxation Classes

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	Every Monday and Wednesday afternoon (sometimes Friday)
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	Alternate Tuesdays
Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford	Alternate Tuesday and Friday afternoons
Springfield Green, Chelmsford	Alternate Wednesday afternoons

Chest Clinic

Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford	Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon Thursdays 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
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School Clinics

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Mondays 10 a.m.
Melbourne, Avenue, Chelmsford	...	...	...	2nd Tuesday 10 a.m.
Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford	...	...	...	4th Thursday afternoons

Ophthalmic Clinic

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Tuesdays a.m. and Wednesdays all day (By appointment). Fridays a.m.
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Dental Clinics

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (By appointment)
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (By appointment)
Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Tuesdays and Thursdays (By appointment)
Springfield Green, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Wednesdays all day (By appointment)

Child Guidance Clinic

146 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford	...	...	...	By appointment
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Chiropody Clinics

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and afternoons (By appointment)
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Wednesday mornings and afternoons (By appointment)
Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Thursday mornings (By appointment)
Springfield, Green, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Monday mornings (By appointment)

Speech Therapy Clinics

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Tuesdays all day and Fridays p.m. (By appointment)
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Mondays and Fridays a.m. (By appointment)

Immunisation Clinics

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	...	...	...	1st Monday 2 p.m.
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	...	...	...	4th Friday 2 p.m.
Springfield Green, Chelmsford	...	...	...	3rd Friday mornings

Health Visitors

There are four Health Visitors based at the Essex County Health Services Clinic, Coval Lane, Chelmsford, one at Essex County Health Services Clinic, Melbourne Avenue, two at Springfield Green Clinic, and four at the Essex County Health Services Clinic, Moulsham Lodge Estate. These ladies are Public Health Nurses whose duties consist in attending at various County Council Clinics and Child Welfare Centres, where they give advice as Health Teachers, with an expert knowledge of the care of young children. They also carry out health work in the schools as School Nurses. The most important part of a Health Visitor's work, however, consists in visiting the homes of the people, where she gives advice on health matters concerning the family as a whole. She can also form a most important connecting link between the family and the facilities provided by the Local Health Authority and the General Practitioner Services under the National Health Service Act.

HOME NURSE/MIDWIVES

The following is a list of Home Nurses and Midwives who are working in the Borough:—

Home Nurses

- Mrs. J. Allen (Part-time), 47 Ongar Road, Writtle.
Tel. Gt. Oxney 509
- Mr. J. D. Howell, 9 West Lawn, Galleywood. Tel. Chelmsford 71710
- Mrs. M. B. Palmer, 127 Springfield Park Avenue, Chelmsford.
Tel. 52354
- Mrs. E. J. Young, 132 Long Brandocks, Writtle. Tel. Writtle 228
- Mrs. V. E. Davies, 43 Gilmore Way, Great Baddow.
Tel. Chelmsford 71895
- Mrs. H. A. Weal, 70 Long Brandocks, Writtle. Tel. Writtle 656
- Mrs. F. M. Meek, 127 Springfield Park Avenue, Chelmsford.
Tel. 52354
- Mrs. E. Stonebank, 9 Barnard Road, Galleywood.
Tel. Chelmsford 72302
- Mrs. B. Marshall, 1 Norfolk Drive, Chelmsford. Tel. 53000
- Mrs. G. Drury, 19 Bouverie Road, Chelmsford.
Tel. Chelmsford 52780

Midwives

- Miss M. F. Crisp, 19 St. John's Green, Writtle. Tel. Writtle 567
- Mrs. D. G. Sherrington, 14 Pembroke Place, Chelmsford. Tel. 51387
- Mrs. A. W. Burrows, 1 Kirkman Road, Galleywood.
Tel. Chelmsford 71414
- Mrs. B. A. Munsey, 41 Park View Crescent, Great Baddow.
Tel. Chelmsford 71215
- Miss P. Elliott, 54 Stansted Close, Chelmsford. Tel. 61349
- Mrs. M. B. O'Dwyer, 159 Barnard Road, Galleywood.
Tel. Chelmsford 72528

Miss E. A. Martin, 1 Epping Close, Chelmsford. Tel 54132
 Mrs. M. K. Thurgood (Part-time), 12 Tylers Close, Chelmsford.
 Tel. 56943
 Mrs. E. Summerhayes, 32 Maltese Road, Chelmsford. Tel. 62384
 Mrs. S. L. Taylor, 542 Galleywood Road, Chelmsford. Tel. 56413
 Mrs. D. Nayler, 24 Larch Grove, Chelmsford. Tel. 51181
 Mrs. D. Sumter (Part-time), 10 All Saints Close, Springfield.
 Tel. Chelmsford 8110

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

This service is provided by the Essex County Council and operates from Coval Lane, Chelmsford. Telephone No. 54801.

DAY NURSERY, Waterloo Lane, Chelmsford

A forty-place Day Nursery is provided, and admission is by application to the Matron.

LABORATORY SERVICES

Laboratory Services are provided at St. John's Hospital, Wood Street, Chelmsford, and in September, 1956, the Public Health Laboratory Service opened a new Laboratory at the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital with Dr. R. Pilsworth as the Medical Director.

VENEREAL DISEASES

Treatment is available at Chelmsford & Essex Hospital, London Road, Chelmsford.

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS

As indicated in last year's report, the Essex Association for the Welfare of the Physically Handicapped has now been established, and is operating from 80 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (Telephone No. Chelmsford 57309), where application can be made by physically handicapped persons requiring assistance.

OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE

The work of the Old People's Welfare Council goes on as usual. The Welfare Centre at 17 Cottage Place, Chelmsford, continues to be open daily from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, for fellowship and recreation of all the "over sixties". Tea and coffee is always available, and luncheon is served twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays, at a very reasonable cost of 2/3d. per person. This is only possible because of all the voluntary help received in the preparation and cooking of these meals.

Attendance at the Centre has dropped over the past year, however, owing to the increase in bus fares.

Grants were given during the year by the Borough Council and Rural District Council towards holidays for elderly people who were in need of one. Accommodation was booked at Gt. Yarmouth for the first week in October, and 87 old people from the Borough and Rural Districts were able to go on holiday organised by the Chelmsford and District Welfare Council's Visiting Sub-Committee.

A grant is also given by the Borough Council and the Rural District Council for the W.R.V.S. Meals-on-Wheels Scheme, and this service is still increasing considerably.

The service to elderly housebound people continues. A coach calls twice a month to take them out for a short run into the surrounding villages, when tea is arranged with W.I.s or Church groups, etc. This is greatly appreciated. Schools also help by providing entertainment and sometimes tea for this group. Transport is also sent out to collect housebound people and take them to various functions which they would be unable to attend otherwise.

A late night shopping expedition was arranged for the elderly and disabled just before Christmas, and was a great success. There was also Christmas Day entertainment for 71 people at the Physically Handicapped Centre.

Some twenty-five Old Age Clubs are affiliated to the Old People's Welfare Council, and to try and help these Clubs run smoothly, the Welfare Council organises the paper work involved in all the County competitions, and provides opportunities for representatives to meet. The Welfare Council keeps all these Clubs informed of outings at reduced prices known to them, holidays at special rates, special talks that can be given at their regular meetings, and all other items they receive that are of interest to old people.

The Secretary of the Chelmsford and District Old People's Welfare Committee is Mrs. Bradford, of 24 Rainsford Avenue, Chelmsford. Telephone 51639.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

The quality of the water has at all times been of a satisfactory nature for public supply purposes.

During the past year the quantity of water available has been sufficient to meet the needs of the Borough.

Bacteriological examinations are made daily of the treated water as it leaves the Sandford Mill Pumping Station and frequent analyses are made of the raw water. Daily samples are also taken from the Service Reservoir and at certain points on the distribution system. These have in all cases proved satisfactory.

The water has a slight plumbo-solvency action which laboratory tests show to be approximately 10% of the limit recommended by the World Health Organisation. However, lead is not used in the water services in the area of supply and the water contains less than 2% of the above limit.

Cyanide pollution of our main source (River Chelmer) was reported at noon on 29th June, 1968. Intake from the river to the Sandford Mill works was immediately suspended. Normal intake was not restored until mid-day on 4th July. The highest level of cyanide determined was 0.35 p.p.m.

Chlorination treatment normally carried out at the works removed up to 0.03 p.p.m. cyanide. No trace of cyanide was found in any water entering the distribution system. During the period from 29th June to 7th July, the bulk supply from Hanningfield was increased to a maximum of 1.85 m.g.d.

All properties within the area of supply have mains supply direct to the house.

Supply by means of standpipes—Nil.

SWIMMING POOLS, WATERLOO LANE, CHELMSFORD

On the 11th September, 1965, a new indoor swimming pool was opened to the public for the first time, and since that date has operated as a combined unit with the open-air pool.

This new pool has heated water normally kept at 78°F and thus is able to operate throughout the whole year. It is 110 ft. long and 42 ft. wide, with a diving bay at the deep end which makes an "L"-shaped pool.

The old open-air swimming pool still remains as indicated above, and receives its fair share of use during the Summer months.

The heated pool is of course extremely popular, and Chelmsford may well be proud of having provided such excellent arrangements for one of the most health-giving forms of exercise.

Besides the ordinary attendances of members of the public, organised parties of school children now visit the indoor pool every week, the average number of such attendances being well over 3,000 per week.

Both pools are supplied with water which is clear and bright, of satisfactory pH value, carrying an adequate residuum of free chlorine, and of excellent bacterial quality.

NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1968

(1) By the Chelmsford Borough Council—212, of which 85 were constructed in the area of the Chelmsford Rural District Council due to lack of building land in the Borough.

(2) By other Local Authorities, Bodies or Persons ... 531

The following Schedule gives Statistical details of new Properties built by the Borough Council since the war :—

Estate	Approx. Date of Main Development	Houses	Flats	Maisonettes	Aluminium Bunga- lows	Old People's Bunga- lows	Total
Widford ...	1969	12	12	—	—	—	24
Bradford Street ...	1960	—	27	—	—	—	27
Swiss Avenue ...	1959	—	—	—	—	6	6
First Avenue ...	1958	—	—	—	—	10	10
Second, Third and Fifth Avenues	1948	40	—	—	—	—	40
Baker Street ...	1958	—	33	—	—	—	33
Lady Lane ...	1957	8	—	—	—	—	8
Melbourne Park ...	1948	394	120	—	56	16	586
Melbourne Farm ...	1953/54	392	—	—	—	16	408

Estate	Approx. Date of Main Development	Houses	Flats	Maisonettes	Aluminium Bungalows	Old People's Bungalows	Total
Pines	1953	105	—	—	—	14	119
Rainsford Bungalows ...	1951/52/58	—	—	—	—	69	69
Upper Bridge Road Site	1949/50	5	36	—	—	—	41
Waterhouse Lane ...	1950	—	—	—	60	—	60
Woodhall	1951	168	107	—	—	16	291
Woodhall Extension ...	1954/55	176	32	—	—	14	222
Chignall	1951/52	554	80	—	—	6	640
Springfield Road ...	1958	—	—	—	—	5	5
Springfield Park ...	1948/49	215	29	—	—	40	284
Extension							
Springfield Green ...	1968	—	8	—	—	5	13
Westlands	1954/55	552	166	7	—	—	725
Lower Anchor Street...	1952	3	—	—	—	—	3
Duplex Flats (Various Sites)	1946/47	—	160	—	—	—	160
Hillary Close, Arbour Lane	1960	68	—	—	—	—	68
Meadgate Estate, Bad-dow Road	1961/62/63	282	201	43	—	38	564
	1964/65/66/						
Watchhouse Road Estate	67/68	301	184	40	—	—	—
Sundries	1964/65	14	—	—	—	—	14
Sunrise Avenue ...	1966	2	—	—	—	—	2
Wheatfield Way/ Primrose Hill	1967/68	—	80	34	—	—	114
TOTAL							5,061

Most of Meadgate Estate and all Watchhouse Road Estate developments are in the area of the Chelmsford Rural District Council.

Shops

Melbourne Park, Woodhall, Springfield, Chignall, Westlands, Meadgate	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
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Garages

Melbourne Park, Boarded Barns, Woodhall, Springfield Park Extension, Westlands, Melbourne Farm, Chignall, Baker Street, Second Avenue, Fifth Avenue, Meadgate, Bradford Street, Hillary Close, Watchhouse Road, Primrose Hill, Wheatfield Way	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,406
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In addition 1,443 pre-war dwellings are occupied in the Borough.

Watchhouse Road

A further 57 houses, 48 flats and 72 garages are in course of erection. One general-purpose shop will be provided, and it is envisaged that old folk's flats will be erected at the rear and there will be a resident Warden.

Site of 101 Broomfield Road

27 flats are being erected for old folk and there will be a Resident Warden.

Melbourne Park

44 aluminium bungalows have been demolished and the land will be used for housing development. A further 28 bungalows will be demolished in 1969/70.

Wheatfield Way

The first phase of this development has been completed and includes 20 old folk's flats with a Resident Warden.

It is now planned to erect 70 x 3-bedroomed houses.

Register of Housing Applications

The following is a summary of applications at 1st January, 1969 :—

GROUP A (Persons in Rooms) ...	...	...	...	414
GROUP B (Aged Persons) ...	...	...	...	209
GROUP C (Single Persons) ...	...	...	...	119
GROUP D (Tied Accommodation) ...	...	...	...	354
GROUP E (Tenants) ...	...	...	...	479
GROUP F (Slum Clearance) ...	...	...	...	163
				1,738

ANALYSIS OF LETTINGS, RE-LETTINGS, TRANSFERS AND MUTUAL EXCHANGES
FROM WEEK COMMENCING 1ST JANUARY, 1968, UP TO AND INCLUDING
WEEK COMMENCING 30TH DECEMBER, 1968.

	<i>Applicants Housed</i>			<i>New Properties</i>	
	1967	1968		1967	1968
In Normal Turn ...	177	239	Watchhouse Road		
Court Orders ...	3	—	Houses ...	58	36
Demolition / Closing			Watchhouse Road		
Orders ...	2	6	Flats ...	68	57
Clearance Areas ...	16	17	Watchhouse Road		
Social Services ...	9	16	Maisonettes ...	—	—
Inner Relief Road ...	—	2	Additional Sundry		
Council Employees...	17	6	Property ...	3	—
Other Priorities ...	41	35	Springfield Green		
			Old Folk's		
			Bungalows ...	—	5
			Springfield Green		
			Flats ...	—	8
			Primrose Hill Flats...	—	12
			Wheatfield Way		
			Flats ...	—	68
			Maisonettes ...	—	34
TOTALS	265	321	TOTALS	129	220

Council Tenants Rehoused from Re-Development Sites:—				Re-Lettings due to Termination of Tenancies					
St. Nazaire Road								162	210
Bungalows	...	13	23						
Rainsford Estate	...	13	92						
TOTALS		291	436	TOTALS				291	436
								1967	1968
Transfers Effected				...	...	...	...	112	247
Mutual Exchanges									
(a) Between Borough Tenants				...	...	...	...	30	35
(b) Between Borough Tenants and other Councils				...	...	...	...	15	27
								45	62

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1968

Disease	No. of Cases	NOTIFICATION AT AGES										Cases admitted to Hospital	Total cases notified in each Ward			
		Under 1 year	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	North Ward		South Ward	East Ward	West Ward	
Scarlet Fever	52	1	1	4	5	5	30	5	1	—	—	—	11	19	9	13
Whooping Cough	68	5	9	7	11	6	18	9	—	3	—	—	4	9	10	45
Measles	360	16	51	59	70	47	114	1	1	1	—	—	61	182	71	46
Dysentery	7	—	1	—	—	4	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	1	2
Meningococcal Infection	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	—	3	—
TOTALS	491	22	62	70	86	62	164	16	3	6	—	—	77	214	94	106

Disease	No. of Cases	Under 5 years	5-14	15-44	45-64	65 and over	Age Unknown	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Cases Notified in each Ward			
									North Ward	South Ward	East Ward	West Ward
Pneumonia ...	8	1	1	1	4	1	—	—	5	1	2	—
Erysipelas ...	3	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Infective Hepatitis ...	5	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	1	1	2	1
Food Poisoning ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	18	1	4	5	6	2	—	—	7	4	5	2

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR 1968

*To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Chelmsford Borough Council*

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the following report on work carried out during 1968.

This is my first report as Chief Public Health Inspector but as I was only appointed in November a considerable amount of the work was carried out whilst my predecessor, Mr. R. F. Wynn, was in office as Chief Public Health Inspector. I worked with Mr. Wynn for about thirteen years and feel privileged at being able to take this opportunity of recording my appreciation of him as the Head of the Public Health Inspector's Department and as a person. His term of office with the Council was long and successful and I will remember my association with him as happy and harmonious. The improvement of environmental health for the people of Chelmsford was Mr. Wynn's constant aim.

With the publication of the Government White Paper "Old Houses into new Homes" the Council decided to defer the four-year Clearance Area Programme formulated in 1966. I hope that the proposed new legislation will encourage owners to improve and maintain their properties in an effort to prevent further potential unfit houses and the decay of otherwise good properties. In the past there has been too much patching of houses with comparatively little attention being given to the carrying out of necessary and worthwhile substantial repairs and improvements. In fact, only forty-six applications for improvement grants were approved during the year. There were three official requests for the Council to use their powers to require owners of houses to improve them as provided for under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1964.

I am pleased to be able to report that plans are now well in hand for the sewerage of the part of the district which has for so long been one where there were nuisances arising from overflowing cesspools. The area to which I refer contains some forty-seven houses the vast majority of which drain to very small capacity cesspools.

The number of complaints and comments relating to food and food premises indicates the keen interest by members of the public. In addition, requests for talks on Food Hygiene are received from time to time by the various local organisations. I welcome this continued interest and each complaint and request is given urgent attention.

Whilst the majority of food handlers are aware of their responsibilities, there are some who show lack of knowledge and interest in good food hygiene practices. There are those who have to be reminded of the need for correct stock rotation,

correct storage of cooked foods and the correct use and cleanliness of utensils. Frequent visits are made to the food premises by the Public Health Inspectors and inspections are made of the various food vehicles coming into the district from other areas. When necessary, informal requests are made for compliance with the various Regulations connected with food premises and stalls. These requests are mostly complied with without delay.

Investigations into complaints relating to noise nuisances increased from 68 to 93. Most of the complaints were of a domestic nature. However, there were a number of complaints received which related to industrial noises. The solution to noise is not an easy one and, in my opinion, there is a weakness in the law which has a "best practicable means" defence. A nuisance may be proved, but the defendant may be able to establish that the best practicable means have been used for preventing and for counteracting the effect of the noise or vibration. In such a case the person would have a defence.

I would like to express my appreciation of the kind support and encouragement given to me by Members of the Council; my thanks are due to other Chief Officers for their close co-operation and especially I would like to thank Dr. Miller Wood. Lastly, I would like to record my appreciation to the staff of my department who have remained interested, loyal and hardworking at all times.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

N. T. HUDSON

Chief Public Health Inspector

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

The following figures indicate the amount of inspections and work carried out at dwelling houses. Generally these inspections are initiated by complaints, mostly from tenants who are unable to get repairs carried out by direct approach to their landlords.

Relations with the general public, including property owners, are good and from year to year most of the department's requirements are affected by persuasive means.

1. INSPECTIONS OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects:—

Public Health Act	134	}	336
Housing Act	202		

- (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose:—

Public Health Act	448	}	1,045
Housing Act	597		

- (2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 5

- (3) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation:—

Public Health Act	32	}	54
Housing Act	22		

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority's Officers:—

Public Health Act	41	}	53
Housing Act	12		

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957:—

- | | |
|--|---|
| (1) Demolition orders issued | 4 |
| (2) Demolition orders complied with | — |
| (3) Houses closed | — |
| Parts of Buildings Closed—Houses | 1 |

(4) Houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted in lieu of orders	...	...	...	...	...	1
(5) Houses demolished following undertakings in lieu of orders	...	...	...	...	...	—
(6) Houses made fit following undertakings in lieu of demolition orders	...	...	...	...	...	1
(7) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	...	...	—
(8) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—						
(a) By owners	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) By the Local Authority in default of owners						—

4. CLEARANCE AREAS

Houses Demolished	...	...	...	...	...	8
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Summary of Inspections Made and Work Carried Out as a Result of Notices Served or Recommendations made

Housing Act, 1957

Informal Notices issued	...	...	...	...	...	22
" " complied with	...	...	...	...	...	12
Statutory Notices issued	...	...	...	...	...	—
" " complied with	...	...	...	...	...	—

Public Health Act, 1936

Informal Notices issued	...	...	...	...	...	32
" " complied with	...	...	...	...	...	41
Statutory notices issued	...	...	...	...	...	6
" " complied with	...	...	...	...	...	10

Inspections Made and Recorded

Houses	...	...	...	...	...	1,393
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	...	72
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	20
Scrap Metal Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	271
Ponds, Ditches and Watercourses	...	...	...	...	...	129
Dirty and/or Verminous Houses	...	...	...	...	...	53

Inspections Made and Recorded (Cont.)

Public Conveniences	18
Place of Entertainment	3
Dustbins	30
Drainage Inspection	469
Accumulations of Refuse	148
Keeping of Animals	32
Drain Tests	34
Swimming Bath	94
Insect Infestations	87
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	49
Outworkers' Premises	20
Nuisances on land	47
Noise Nuisances	93
Animal Boarding Establishments	24
Shops	18
Clean Air Act:—	
Smoke Observations	42
Inspection of Installations	11
Prior Approvals	1
Petroleum Acts:—	
Tanks and Service Pipes Tested	50
Inspection of Stores and Installations	354

Work Carried Out

Ceilings provided or repaired	2
Floors repaired or renewed	9
Windows repaired or renewed	10
Sanitary accommodation repaired or renewed	11
Dirty Houses cleansed	1
Sash cords renewed	4
Roofs repaired	10
Internal wall plaster repaired	26
Staircase repaired	3
Drains cleansed	68
Internal walls rendered with impervious material	6
Eaves Gutters and Fallpipes repaired	15
External walls repaired	19
W.C.'s repaired or renewed	7
Chimneys repaired	12
Fireplaces repaired or renewed	2
Provided with Horizontal D.P.C.	11
Satisfactory Food Store provided	11
Suitable Lighting provided	4
When Services repaired	6

Work Carried Out (Cont.)

W.C. Compartments repaired or renewed ...	...	...	...	...	11
Drains repaired or reconstructed ...	...	...	...	...	11
Petrol Tanks made safe ...	...	...	...	...	8
Cesspools ceased to overflow ...	...	...	...	...	6
Door and door frames repaired ...	...	...	...	...	2
Rainwater Fallpipes repaired or renewed ...	...	...	...	...	6
Nuisance from keeping animals abated ...	...	...	...	...	3
Accumulations removed ...	...	...	...	...	19
Inspection chambers provided or repaired ...	...	...	...	...	15
Sinks provided ...	...	...	...	...	1
Dustbins provided ...	...	...	...	...	4
Additional underfloor ventilation provided ...	...	...	...	...	3

Slum Clearance

The Council's eight-year clearance area programme which commenced in 1956 is now complete, the last five houses having been demolished during the year. Of the 456 houses submitted or dealt with by informal procedure only 4 remain due to their not being confirmed as unfit.

Details regarding progress of a four-year clearance area programme formulated in 1966 are given below.

Following publication of the White Paper "Old Houses into New Homes" inspections were discontinued. After examining the contents of the White Paper the Council decided to defer consideration of further properties contained in the clearance programme until after the proposed legislation had been implemented.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Properties</i>	<i>Present position</i>
1967	59, 60 & 61 Moulsham Street ...	Demolished following Clearance Order procedure
	308, 310 & 312 Springfield Road...	Vacated following Clearance Order procedure
	9, 11, 13, 15 & 17 Maltese Road ...	Awaiting vacation following Clearance Order procedure
	1 & 2 Sycamore Cottages, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25 Railway Street. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 Railway Square	Awaiting vacation and demolition following Compulsory Purchase Order procedure.
1968	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 Rochford Road	Awaiting vacation following Clearance Order procedure

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (Including Food Hygiene Regulations)

The statistics given in this section give an overall picture of the day-to-day work of the public health inspectors.

Informal Notices issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	124
„ „ complied	...	...	...	...	...	...	110

The numbers and types of food businesses within the Borough are given below :—

Types of Business at end of 1966

Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Fish Friers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Canteens—Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Greengrocer and Fruiterer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Sweet Confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Restaurants and Cafés	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
Wholesale Warehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Canteens—Factories, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Bakers Confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Residential Homes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Nursery Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Soft Drink Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cooked Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Corn Merchants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Vegetable Packing Station	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hotels and Boarding Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Herbalist	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hospitals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hostels	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Clubs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Flour Millers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Maltster	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Departmental Stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Wholesale Meat Markets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Brewery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cooked Meals Shop	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cooked Meat Factory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Inspections Made and Recorded

Butcher's Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	244
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Factory Canteens, Wholesale Stores, Warehouses, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	409
Cafés and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	393
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	138
Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Fishmongers and Poulterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	249
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
Ice Cream Premises/Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	128
Food preparing Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
School Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	91
Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	432

Work Carried Out

Food Protection provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Sink provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Wash Hands Notices provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Clothing Store provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Repairs to walls, floors, doors, windows and ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Rooms suitably lighted and/or ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Wash Basin provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Hot Water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Cold Water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Rooms redecorated and cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
First Aid equipment provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Soap, Towel and Nail Brush provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Name and Address displayed on Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Sanitary Conveniences cleansed and repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
" " lighted/ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Intervening Ventilated Lobbies provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Articles/Equipment cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Articles and/or Equipment repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Floors cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Hot water provided for hand washing at Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Containers kept free from contamination	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Food stored at suitable temperature	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Personal clothing cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Stalls cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Refuse removed from food room	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Persons refrained from using tobacco whilst handling food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Waste Containers provided at Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

The following unsound food has been rejected and surrendered as unfit. It has been collected and destroyed (where salvage is impracticable):

	tons	cwts.	lbs.
Meat at slaughterhouses	45	4	3
Meat at wholesale premises/retail shops ...		9	102
Cooked meat and meat products		4	9
Canned meats		2	102
Other canned foods		9	88
Fish (fresh)		1	95
Fruit and vegetables (fresh)	1	1	16
Other foods		9	59
Fruit juices		1,915	gallons

Included are frozen foods collected from storage units which have suffered power or mechanical failure.

Bacteriological Examination and Analysis

The following samples have been submitted for bacteriological examination and all unsatisfactory results have been investigated.

The twenty-two unsatisfactory samples of ice cream show a great increase in the number of unsatisfactory samples last year. The unsatisfactory samples were always from loose ice cream. Thorough investigations were carried out and it was concluded that the most likely cause of the adverse results was due to the use of a sterilising agent which was unsuitable for the cleansing of ice cream servers. The retailers concerned were anxious to co-operate and more improved methods of sterilisation have been achieved.

There is no prescribed legal standard for tests on milk bottles but a high standard is the aim. After the four unsatisfactory results were received, follow-up samples were found to be satisfactory.

	Samples Taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Ice-cream/Ice-cream lollies	129	107	22
Ice-lollies	3	3	—
Ice-cream products	1	1	—
Bakers Confectionery	27	26	1
Swimming Bath Water	25	24	1
Water	9	9	—
Cooked Meat	34	34	—
Sausages	3	3	—
Soup	1	1	—

					Samples Taken	Satisfactory			Unsatis- factory
Churn Rinses ...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	—
Milk Bottles ...	...	...	...	...	11	...	7	...	4
Cream ...	...	...	...	...	10	...	9	...	1
Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	69	...	69	...	—
T.T. (homogenized) Milk	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	—
Sterilised Milk	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	...	—
T.T. Channel Island Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	30	...	29	...	1
Fish ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	—
Cordials	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	—

Details of samples tested or submitted for analysis by the Public Analysts for Chelmsford Borough during the period 1st January, 1968, to 31st December, 1968, are given on the following page.

The 74 samples of milk contained an average of 4% butter fat and 9.1% solids non-fat, these being well above the statutory standards.

A sample of "Austrian Smoked Cheese" was described as "Full Fat Processed" but the fat content was found to be slightly low.

There was a deficiency of soluble solids in a sample of apple jelly.

A bottle of Juice Syrup was found to contain slightly less Vitamin C than the amount claimed.

Following a complaint, a portion of a loaf of bread was submitted and found to contain large discoloured areas including a number of particles consisting of charred dough.

A sample of mussels in brine was found to contain 20 parts per million of nitrates which was not in accordance with The Preservatives in Food Regulations, 1962.

A sample of uncooked chips was found to contain 70 parts per million more sulphur dioxide than permitted by The Preservatives in Food Regulations, 1962.

A divided can containing curry in one end and rice in the other was submitted for analysis. The rice was found to show substantial areas of discolouration. The lacquering on the inside of the can showed small spots of corrosion where the lacquer had failed.

Samples of sausages, cooked meat and bacon submitted for analysis under the Pesticides in Food Survey were found to be "Satisfactorily free from Pesticides Residues".

	Samples Taken	Genuine	Not Genuine
Milks	74	74	—
Sausages and other Meat products ...	23	23	—
Butter, Cheese and other fats ...	10	9	1
Jams, Jellies and Marmalade ...	6	5	1
Cordials/Minerals	6	5	1
Soups and Sauces	11	11	—
Sweet confectionery	14	14	—
Bread	1	—	1
Salad Cream	6	6	—
Tinned Milks and Creams	12	12	—
Wines/Spirits	12	12	—
Medicines, Health Foods	17	17	—
Fish/Fish products	7	6	1
Flavouring/Colouring	9	9	—
Vinegar	9	9	—
Vegetables	3	2	1
Tinned Fruit	5	5	—
Other Miscellaneous Foods	12	11	1

The following is a list of the types of complaints received during the year :—

Complaints No. of	Complaints No. of
Dirty milk bottles 4	Foreign object in tinned food ... 2
Unsound meat/meat products... 2	Foreign object in milk 1
Foreign object in bread 5	Foreign object in packet of ... 1
	sweets
Discolouration of bread 2	Hairs in yogurt 1
Worms in smoked cod fillets... 1	Nail in jam 1
Mould growth on sponge cake... 1	Discolouration on fresh cream 1
	bun
Maggots in bacon 1	Hair in cake 1
Fibrous substance in butter ... 1	Insect in cheese 1
Foreign object in dates 1	Fermentation of Turkish Delight 1

Meat Inspection

There are three privately owned slaughterhouses in the Borough, one of which is of a modern type completed during 1966. There are two authorised Meat Inspectors and it will be seen that 58,480 animals were killed and inspected.

There has been no necessity to apply a control of times of slaughter as the hours continue to be reasonable.

The number of cattle affected with tuberculosis has increased from 2 in 1967 to 11. In each case the degree of infection was only slight and the Veterinary

Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was notified. Tuberculosis in pigs was confined chiefly to the head glands and was always localised.

I am pleased to be able to report that there has been a decrease in the number of pigs affected with tail abscesses. Total rejections of pig carcasses were due to Pyaemia (32), Septicaemia (39), Emaciation (14), Jaundice (2), Anaemia (1), Abnormal Odour (1), Moribund (1), Fever (1), Swine Erysipelas (1).

The number of cases of cysticercus bovis has decreased from 37 to 18. Carcase freezing was carried out in each case. There were also cases where cysts were found to be degenerated. In these instances the carcasses were cut into whole-sale joints. If no further evidence was found the carcasses were released.

All unfit meat is disposed of in the manner required by the appropriate Regulations, the total weight of meat condemned was 101,251 lbs.

The following carcasses were examined at the three slaughterhouses: 76 Cows, 7,700 Cattle, 152 Calves, 20,097 Sheep, 30,455 Pigs, making a total number of 58,480 compared with 47,357 in 1967.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cows	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	76	7,700	152	20,097	30,455
Number inspected	76	7,700	152	20,097	30,455
All diseases except Tuberculosis— Whole carcases condemned	1	—	3	5	92
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	29	3,431	4	2,712	7,242
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	39.47	44.5	4.6	13.5	24.04
Tuberculosis only— Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	11	—	—	447
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	0.14	—	—	1.4
Cysticercosis— Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	18	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	18	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

Essex County Council Act

There are 153 premises registered for sale of ice-cream and 182 persons registered as vendors and one person and premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream.

The one manufacturer within the Borough uses the "complete cold mix" method.

Both shops and mobile shops are greatly improved giving testimony of the policy of educating both traders and the public.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The Council's free service to householders continues with success, the public co-operating in reporting infestations, which means that a more efficient treatment is possible both of individual dwellings and of larger areas.

During the year 1,014 infested premises have been treated, involving a total of 3,008 visits.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961**Inspections**

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Written notices</i>	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	16	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority	218	259	21	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	16	56	6	—
TOTAL	250	316	27	—

Defects

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	1	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	1	—	1	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	3	5	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	26	18	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	1	3	—	—
TOTAL	32	26	5	—	—

Outworkers

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel	Making etc.,	22	—	—	—	—
	Cleaning and Washing	—	—	—	—	—
Curtains and Furniture hangings ...	3	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	25	—	—	—	—	—

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Summary of Registrations, Inspections, Contraventions and Work
carried out during the Year ended 31st December, 1968

<i>Class of Premises</i>	<i>No. of Premises Registered during the year</i>	<i>Total Registered Premises at end of year</i>	<i>No. of Registered Premises receiving one or more general inspections during 1968</i>
Offices	25	320	75
Retail Shops	38	430	102
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	3	52	30
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	4	91	63
Fuel storage Depots	—	2	1
	70	895	271

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to
Registered premises under the Act 1,094

Persons employed in registered premises

	<i>No. of Persons</i>
Offices	3,577
Retail Shops	4,583
Wholesale departments, warehouses	535
Catering Establishments open to the public	655
Canteens	66
Fuel Storage Depots	15
Total Males 4,866 Total Females 4,565	9,431

Analysis of Contraventions and work carried out

Detail		Contraventions Found Remedied		Detail		Contraventions Found Remedied	
Cleanliness	...	6	5	Seats (Sedentary Workers)	...	1	1
Overcrowding	...	3	2	Eating facilities	...	—	—
Temperature	...	1	3	Floors, passages & stairs	...	9	11
Ventilation	...	14	8	Fencing exposed machinery	...	19	11
Lighting	...	3	5	Provision of Thermometers	...	39	33
Sanitary Conveniences	...	24	15	Notices	...	57	52
Washing facilities	...	20	16	First Aid General Provision	...	24	36
Drinking Vessels	...	—	—	Clothing Accommodation	...	3	4
The remedial work mentioned above relates to contraventions found during 1967/68.						223	202

Accidents

During the year there were 19 non-fatal accidents reported.

The Act requires the occupier of any premises to notify forthwith any accident occurring on the premises which :—

- (a) causes the death of a person employed to work on the premises, or
- (b) disables any such person for more than three days from doing his usual work.

The causes of accidents were classified as follows :—

No. of Accidents	Cause classification
1	Cutting with hand tools.
4	Falls from steps or ladders.
3	Falls on the same level.
3	Stepping on or striking against object or person.
7	Handling goods.
1	Struck by falling object.

Each accident was thoroughly investigated and in every case it was found that no blame could be attached to the occupier of the premises.



