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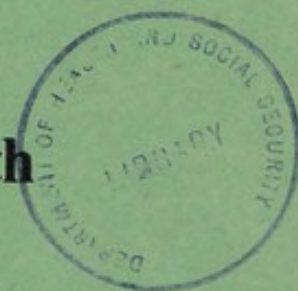
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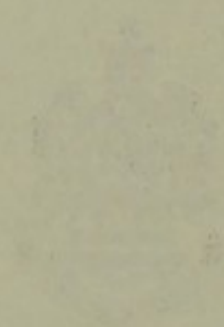
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75 SPRINGFIELD ROAD
CHELMSFORD

ANNUAL REPORT, 1969

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1969. The Report has been prepared and compiled in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 1/70 of the 1st January, 1970.

There were 1,166 live births during the year, 72 more than in 1968, which represents a Birth Rate of 20.5 per thousand of the population. For comparison purposes the Birth Rate Figure for the whole of England and Wales over the same period was 16.3.

The Infant Mortality Rate, i.e. infants dying under one year of age per thousand live births was 17, compared with 18 for England and Wales.

There were 487 deaths during the year, giving a death rate of 8.6 per thousand of the population, the rate for England and Wales being 11.9.

During the year eight 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 112 medical examinations carried out during the year on Borough employees for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme. There were also 8 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 1,268 in 1968 to 1,775 in 1969.

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

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, 1969	56,900 (Registrar - General's estimate of resident population, mid-year). (Census, 1963—49,810.)
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES (end of 1969) according to Rate Books	
	19,070
RATEABLE VALUE (1st April, 1969)	£3,584,605
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE (year ending 31st March, 1969)	
	£14,594

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

		Total	Male	Female	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident popula- tion mid - 1969 — 20.5
Live Births	Legitimate ...	1,119	570	549	
	Illegitimate ...	47	29	18	
	Totals ...	1,166	599	567	
Still Births	Legitimate ...	7	5	2	Rate per 1,000 live and still births — 6
	Illegitimate ...	—	—	—	
	Totals ...	7	5	2	

DEATHS

Death Rate per 1,000
of the estimated
resident popula-
tion—8.6

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All Infants per 1,000 births	17
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	17

DEATHS

DEATHS AT ALL AGES DURING THE YEAR 1969

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
16	4	2	3	4	2	11	34	76	121	214

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES, 1969

Cause of death	Males	Females	Total
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases ...	—	1	1
Other Tuberculosis, incl. late effects ...	—	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc. ...	—	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus ...	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	7	4	11
Malignant neoplasm, intestine ...	13	8	21
Malignant neoplasm, larynx ...	—	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	20	5	25
Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	—	13	13
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	—	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, prostate ...	10	—	10
Leukaemia ...	2	—	2
Other malignant neoplasms ...	18	10	28
Benign and unspecified neoplasms ...	1	1	2
Diabetes mellitus ...	5	4	9
Other endocrine etc. diseases ...	1	—	1
Anaemias ...	—	1	1
Mental disorders ...	1	—	1
Other diseases of nervous system, etc. ...	2	5	7
Chronic rheumatic heart disease ...	4	7	11
Hypertensive disease ...	7	6	13
Ischaemic heart disease ...	77	41	118
Other forms of heart disease ...	3	6	9
Cerebrovascular disease ...	20	29	49
Other diseases of circulatory system ...	10	14	24
Influenza ...	2	2	4
Pneumonia ...	15	12	27
Bronchitis and emphysema ...	22	3	25
Asthma ...	—	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	3	1	4
Peptic ulcer ...	2	3	5
Appendicitis ...	—	1	1
Intestinal obstruction and hernia ...	—	2	2
Other diseases of digestive system ...	1	4	5
Nephritis and nephrosis ...	2	—	2
Other diseases, genito-urinary system ...	5	—	5
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system ...	2	4	6
Congenital anomalies ...	3	1	4
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc. ...	1	1	2
Other causes of perinatal mortality ...	4	5	9
Symptoms and ill defined conditions ...	2	3	5
Motor vehicle accidents ...	5	1	6
All other accidents ...	5	2	7
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries ...	2	1	3
Totals ...	278	209	487

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 Tues- days at 2 p.m.
Essex County Health Services Clinic, Mel- bourne Avenue, Chelmsford	Every Friday at 2 p.m.

Ante-Natal Clinics

Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, London Road, Chelmsford	Tuesdays at 2.15 p.m.
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Cervical Cytology Clinic

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	Thursday mornings (By appointment)
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Ante-Natal Relaxation Classes

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	Every Friday and Wed- nesday afternoon.
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	Alternate Tuesdays
Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford	Alternate Wednesday morn- ings and Friday after- noons
Springfield Green, Chelmsford	Every Tuesday afternoon

Chest Clinic

Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford	Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon Thursdays 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. B.C.G. Clinic—1st Tuesday in every month (By ap- pointment)
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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)

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
- Mrs. M. L. Blackburn (Part-time), 46 Pennine Road, Chelmsford.
Tel. 4663
- Mrs. G. Drury, 19 Bouverie Road, Chelmsford. Tel. 52780
- Mrs. N. K. Griffiths (Part-time), 2 Daws Close, Writtle.
Tel. Writtle 298
- Mr. J. D. Howell, 9 West Lawn, Galleywood.
Tel. Chelmsford 71710
- Mrs. B. Marshall, 1 Norfolk Drive, Chelmsford. Tel. 53000
- Mrs. M. B. Palmer, 127 Springfield Park Avenue, Chelmsford.
Tel. 52354
- Mrs. E. Stonebank, 9 Barnard Road, Galleywood.
Tel. Chelmsford 72302
- Mrs. M. K. Thurgood, 12 Tylers Close, Chelmsford. Tel. 56943

Midwives

- Mrs. A. W. Burrows, 1 Kirkman Road, Galleywood.
Tel. Chelmsford 71414
- Miss M. F. Crisp, 19 St. John's Green, Writtle.
Tel. Writtle 567
- Miss P. D. Elliott, 54 Stansted Close, Chelmsford. Tel. 61349
- Mrs. E. J. Hamling, 45 Waveney Drive, Chelmsford. Tel. 62455
- Mrs. T. Jerman (Part-time), 6 Craiston Way, Gt. Baddow.
Tel. Chelmsford 72054
- Miss E. A. Martin, 1 Epping Close, Chelmsford. Tel. 54132
- Mrs. B. A. Munsey, 41 Park View Crescent, Gt. Baddow.
Tel. Chelmsford 71215
- Mrs. D. Nayler, 24 Larch Grove, Chelmsford. Tel. 51181
- Mrs. M. B. O'Dwyer, 159 Barnard Road, Galleywood.
Tel. Chelmsford 72528
- Mrs. D. G. Sherrington, 14 Pembroke Place, Chelmsford.
Tel. 51387

Miss J. A. Stannard, 13 Houblon Drive, Galleywood.

Tel. Chelmsford 72014

Mrs. E. Summerhayes, 25 Pembroke Place, Chelmsford.

Tel. 54860

Mrs. D. Sumter (Part-time), 10 All Saints Close, Springfield.

Tel. Chelmsford 8110

Mrs. S. Taylor, 542, Galleywood Road, Chelmsford.

Tel. 56413

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 90 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 2/6d. 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 94 people at the Physically Handicapped Centre.

Some twenty-seven 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.

Diesel Oil pollution of River occurred on 7th April, 1969, necessitating closure of the works intake for a period of 4 hours in order to maintain water quality.

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, 1969

(1) By the Chelmsford Borough Council—156.

(2) By other Local Authorities, Bodies or Persons ... 307

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 Bungalows	Old People's Bungalows	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	396	120	—	32	16	564
Melbourne Farm ...	1953/54	392	—	—	—	16	408
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

Estate	Approx. Date of Main Development	Houses	Flats	Maisonettes	Aluminium Bungalows	Old People's Bungalows	Total
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 Extension ...	1948/49	215	29	—	—	40	284
Springfield Green ...	1968	—	8	—	—	5	13
Westlands ...	1954/55	552	166	7	—	—	725
Lower Anchor Street Duplex Flats (Various Sites) ...	1952	3	—	—	—	—	3
Hillary Close, Arbour Lane ...	1946/47	—	160	—	—	—	160
Meadgate Estate, Baddow Road ...	1960	68	—	—	—	—	68
...	1961/62/63	282	201	43	—	38	564
...	1964/65/66/	335	238	40	—	—	613
Watchhouse Road Estate	67/68/69	14	—	—	—	—	14
Sundries ...	1964/65	2	—	—	—	—	2
Sunrise Avenue ...	1966	—	80	34	—	—	114
Wheatfield Way/Prim- rose Hill ...	1967/68	70	—	—	—	—	70
Cramphorn Walk ...	1970	—	27	—	—	—	27
Sutherland House, Corporation Road ...	1969	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL							5,224

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

Garages

Melbourne Park—Boarded Barns—Woodhall—Springfield Park Extension—Westlands—Melbourne Farm—Chignall—Baker Street—Second Avenue—Fifth Avenue—Meadgate—Brad- ford Street—Hillary Close—Watchhouse Road—Primrose Hill—Wheatfield Way—Cramphorn Walk	1,572
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In addition 1,456 pre-war dwellings are occupied in the Borough.

Watchhouse Road

A further 19 Houses, 6 Flats and 35 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. However, this latter development may not start until 1971/72.

Melbourne Park

68 Aluminium Bungalows have been demolished and the land will be used for housing development. A further 32 Bungalows will be demolished in 1970/71.

Wheatfield Way

This development has been completed and includes 20 Old Folk's Flats with a Resident Warden.

Corporation Road—Sutherland House

27 Old Folk's Flats have been erected with a Resident Warden.

Chelmer Place/St. Anne's Place

31 Old Folk's Flats with a Resident Warden and 8 Old Folk's Bungalows will be completed at the end of 1970.

Reader's Corner, Great Baddow

29 x 3 Bedroomed Houses and 24 Flats should be completed by April 1971.

Whitehouse Farm, Great Baddow

32 Old Folk's Flats having a Resident Warden should be completed by April 1971.

Register of Housing Applications

The following is a summary of applications at 15th December, 1969:—

GROUP A (Persons in Rooms)	...	...	...	485
GROUP B (Aged Persons)	...	...	...	191
GROUP C (Single Persons)	...	...	...	145
GROUP D (Tied Accommodation)	...	...	...	356
GROUP E (Tenants)	...	...	...	488
GROUP F (Slum Clearance)	...	...	...	116
				1,781

ANALYSIS OF LETTINGS, RE-LETTINGS, TRANSFERS AND MUTUAL EXCHANGES
FROM WEEK COMMENCING 6TH JANUARY, 1969, UP TO AND INCLUDING
WEEK COMMENCING 29TH DECEMBER, 1969.

	<i>Applicants Housed</i>			<i>New Properties</i>	
	1968	1969		1968	1969
In Normal Turn ...	239	192	Watchhouse Road		
Court Orders ...	—	—	Houses ...	36	38
Demolition/Closing			Watchhouse Road		
Orders ...	6	5	Flats ...	57	41
Clearance Areas ...	17	24	Widford Houses ...	—	12
C.D.A. 15 ...	—	2	Widford Flats ...	—	12
Social Services ...	16	11	Additional Sundry		
Inner Relief Road	2	9	Property ...	—	—

<i>Applicants Housed</i>			<i>New Properties</i>		
	1968	1969		1968	1969
Council Employees	6	8	Sutherland House		
Other Priorities ...	35	52	Flats ...	—	27
			Springfield Green		
			Old Folk's		
			Bungalows ...	5	—
			Springfield Green		
			Flats ...	8	—
			Primrose Hill Flats	12	—
			Wheatfield Way		
			Flats ...	68	—
			Cramphorn Walk		
			Houses ...	—	26
			Maisonettes ...	34	—
Totals	321	303	Totals	220	156
<i>Council Tenants Rehoused from Re-development Sites:—</i>			<i>Re-Lettings due to Termination of Tenancies ...</i>		
Type B.2.				216	171
Aluminium					
Bungalows ...	23	24			
Rainsford Estate	92	—			
	436	327		436	327
				1968	1969
<i>Transfers Effected</i>	...	...	...	247	140
<i>Mutual Exchanges</i>					
(a) Between Borough Tenants	...	...	...	35	30
(b) Between Borough Tenants and other Councils	...	...	...	27	14
				62	44

NEW SEWERS LAID DURING 1969:—

New sewers have been laid during this year in the development of Brownings Meadow, Bishops Court Gardens, and the foul sewer has been extended in Hanbury Road. Sewers affected by Central Area Development have been diverted.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

There has been no alteration in the method of refuse collection during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES DURING 1969

	Respiratory		Meninges and C.N.S.		Other	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 to 4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 9 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 to 14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 to 19 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 to 24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	—	1	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 to 54 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 to 64 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 to 74 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and over	1	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals (All ages)	1	1	—	—	—	—

Patients with tuberculosis can obtain considerable financial help by the provision of extra milk, groceries, and in some instances clothing, on application to Mr. R. Hawkes, Secretary to the Chelmsford and District Tuberculosis Care Association, c/o Rural District Council Offices, London Road, Chelmsford.

There is a leaflet entitled "ADVICE to those who have been diagnosed as suffering from tuberculosis" issued by the County Medical Officer, which gives help and guidance to those affected.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1969

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		
Measles	52	1	17	4	7	10	12	—	1	—	—	—	—	19	11	9	13
Dysentery	31	—	3	5	4	3	5	—	9	2	—	—	—	15	2	1	13
Scarlet Fever	43	—	2	—	4	5	24	3	2	3	—	—	—	13	18	8	4
TOTALS	126	1	22	9	15	18	41	3	12	5	—	—	—	47	31	18	30

Disease	No. of Cases	Under 3 months	3 mths. 6 mths. 9 mths.	1	2-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	North Ward	South Ward	East Ward	West Ward
Whooping Cough	5	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	2

Disease	No. of Cases	Under 5 years	5-14	15-44	45-64	65 and over	North Ward	South Ward	East Ward	West Ward
Food Poisoning	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—

Disease	No. of Cases	Under 1 year	1	2-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	North Ward	South Ward	East Ward	West Ward
Infective Jaundice	16	—	—	1	—	5	3	3	4	—	—	—	—	10	—	6	—

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR 1969

*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 1969.

The year has seen the coming into operation of the Housing Act, 1969, bringing with it opportunities for the satisfactory repair and improvement of houses. In addition, people who have been owner/occupiers for 2 years or more and are living in houses subject to clearance area procedure are now entitled to financial compensation. Although the Act had only been in operation for a short time, by the end of the year a considerable number of enquiries had already been made for information relating to improvements of houses. It will be seen that progress is now being made with the Clearance Area programme. Housing is probably one of the great social problems of our times and the lack of suitable housing accommodation tends to create discontent within the family unit. Qualification certificates will give owners opportunities for rent increases, but only when houses are fit for human habitation, are in good repair and have all the standard amenities. I hope that in the near future the Standard Amenities—fixed bath, wash basin and running hot and cold water, together with indoor sanitation, will be accepted as the basic rights of all families.

Food hygiene forms a large part of the work carried out by members of the staff. Improvements and compliance with the various Regulations are achieved by informal methods. No effort is spared to impress upon food handlers the importance of good practices relating to the handling of food—both personal and as regards the protection of foods from risk of contamination by harmful germs and other foreign bodies. A number of businesses change hands during the course of a year and as occupiers are not obliged to notify such changes to the Local Authority, it is only by the vigilance of the staff resulting from frequent visits, that new occupiers are seen so quickly, some of whom have no previous knowledge of the food trade.

The number of food complaints has risen to 70, many of which referred to mould and foreign bodies. The conclusion drawn from these complaints is that there is still not enough care being taken by manufacturers and retailers to ensure that the food sold to members of the public is satisfactory as to the nature, quality and substance.

Frequent talks were given to members of the public and to food handlers on food hygiene. These talks are arranged on request and the number of invitations received are again indicative of the interest shown by members of the public.

Treatment of premises for rats and mice arose mostly from complaints by members of the public. Warfarin poison has been used over the past few years, partly because the risks to humans and domestic animals are not so great as in the case of other poisons. Unfortunately, however, it has been found that many of the infestations of mice are immune from the effects of this type of poison and other baits are having to be used. This necessary change has had no effect on the efficiency of treatment work and strict precautions are taken to ensure that there are no risks to humans and domestic animals.

In conclusion I express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and encouragement, to my fellow Chief Officers for their close co-operation and especially to Dr. Miller Wood for his help and advice. I am also appreciative of the staff of my department for their loyalty, hard work and interest in their respective duties.

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 figures set out below include the number of inspections and the amount of work carried out at dwelling houses. Inspections are made for several different purposes and include inspections for defects following complaints, for consideration for clearance area and demolition order procedures, inspections following applications for qualification certificates and improvement grants. Inspections are also made of houses in multiple occupation and following requests for advice from owner/occupiers.

It is due to the ready co-operation of many owners that a considerable amount of work is completed without the necessity to proceed by way of Statutory powers.

1. INSPECTIONS OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

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

Public Health Act	138	}	463
Housing Act	325		

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

Public Health Act	425	}	1,099
Housing Act	674		

- (2) Number of dwelling houses found to be unfit for human habitation 52

- (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 or in a state of disrepair:—

Public Health Act	58	}	70
Housing Act	12		

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

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

Public Health Act	53	}	63
Housing Act	10		

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

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

- (1) Demolition orders issued 5
 (2) Demolition orders complied with 5

(3) Houses closed	3
Parts of Buildings Closed—Houses	—
(4) Houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted in lieu of orders	—
(5) Houses demolished following undertakings in lieu of orders	—
(6) Houses made fit following undertakings in lieu of demolition orders	—
(7) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	1
(8) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—	
(a) By owners	1
(b) By the Local Authority in default of owners	—

*Summary of Inspections Made and Work Carried Out
as a Result of Notices Served or Recommendations made*

Housing Act, 1957

Informal Notices issued	12
„ „ complied with	10
Statutory Notices issued	1
„ „ complied with	1

Public Health Act, 1936

Informal Notices issued	58
„ „ complied with	53
Statutory notices issued	1
„ „ complied with	1

Inspections Made and Recorded

Houses	1,011
Tents, Vans and Sheds	8
Water Supplies	12
Infectious Disease	266
Ponds, Ditches and Watercourses	63
Dirty and/or Verminous Houses	47
Public Conveniences	7
Place of Entertainment	6
Dustbins	14
Drainage Inspection	360
Accumulations of Refuse	168
Keeping of Animals	41

Inspections Made and Recorded (Cont.)

Drain Tests	41
Swimming Pools	38
Insect Infestations	48
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	14
Outworkers' Premises	17
Nuisances on land	18
Noise Nuisances	90
Animal Boarding Establishments	15
Shops	19
Clean Air Act:—	
Smoke Observations	24
Inspection of Installations	14
Prior Approvals	2

Work Carried Out

Ceilings provided or repaired	2
Floors repaired or renewed	11
Windows repaired or renewed	14
Sanitary accommodation repaired or renewed	7
Sink W.P. repaired	3
Sash cords renewed	7
Roofs repaired	9
Internal wall plaster repaired	39
Staircase repaired	2
Drains cleansed	56
Internal walls rendered with impervious material	12
Eaves Gutters and Fallpipes repaired	8
External walls repaired	21
W.C.'s repaired or renewed	1
Chimneys repaired	4
Yards/Paths repaired	3
Provided with Horizontal D.P.C.	1
Satisfactory Food Store provided	1
Suitable Lighting provided	4
Water Services repaired	4
W.C. Compartments repaired or renewed	6
Drains repaired or reconstructed	12
Petrol Tanks made safe	2
Smoke Nuisances abated	4
Door and door frames repaired	3
Rainwater Fallpipes repaired or renewed	5
Noise Nuisances abated	3
Accumulations removed	17
Inspection chambers provided or repaired	11

Work Carried Out (Cont.)

Sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Additional underfloor ventilation provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Clearance Areas

With the coming into operation of the Housing Act, 1969, consideration has been given to the four-year clearance area programme formulated in 1966. Details regarding progress are given below:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Properties</i>	<i>Present Position</i>
1967	59, 60 & 61 Moulsham Street ...	Demolished (1968)
	308, 310 & 312 Springfield Road ...	Demolished
	9, 11, 13, 15 & 17 Maltese Road ...	Awaiting demolition 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	Houses vacated. Sycamore Cottages, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 Railway Street, demolished
1968	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 Rochford Road ...	Vacated
	237 Broomfield Road, 1, 3, 5 & 7 Patching Hall Lane ...	Demolished informally
	27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 & 33 Townfield Street ...	Declared Clearance Area
	14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 Lower Anchor Street ...	Declared Clearance Area
1969	66, 68, 70, 72 & 74 Widford Road	Declared Clearance Area
	15, 17, 19 & 21 Springfield Green	Demolished after Demolition Orders
	140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154 & 156 Baddow Road ...	Improved and made fit
	178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194 & 196 Springfield Road ...	Declared Clearance Area
1970	111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137 & 139 Broomfield Road ...	Declared Clearance Area

Housing Act, 1969—Qualification Certificates

The following details relate to applications for certificates received late in the year and relating to houses having controlled tenancies:—

Applications where dwellings satisfy the conditions	...	...	1
Applications where dwellings do not satisfy the conditions	...	...	2

Safeguarding of Food Supplies

A considerable amount of time is spent by the Public Health Inspectors and the Authorised Meat Inspectors in carrying out their duties under this section of the work of the department. The figures given on this and following pages are merely statistics which do not give a true and complete picture of the constant efforts to ensure that all food during its storage, preparation and sale is clean, safe to eat and of a satisfactory quality.

All plans submitted in connection with proposed new premises and alterations to existing premises are inspected in detail and occupiers are encouraged to seek advice. During inspections at food premises and food

stalls no effort is spared to bring about improvements and it is pleasing to be able to record that all of the work carried out was achieved by informal approach.

The number and types of food premises are given below. At many of these premises several types of business are carried on but the main trade only is mentioned and, therefore, the number of premises can be ascertained and compared with the number of inspections carried out. The number of food stalls is not recorded because a number of these include food vehicles coming into the district from other areas. Frequent inspections are made of the stalls at the Chelmsford Retail Market.

Number of Premises and Inspections made.

					No. of Premises			No. of Inspections
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	42
Butchers	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	226
Cafes & Restaurants	...	...	...	...	43	...	...	259
Dairies & Milk Shops	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	132
Fishmongers & Poulterers	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	16
Food Preparing Premises	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	28
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	48
Grocers	...	...	...	...	63	...	...	346
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	52
Ice cream premises/Confectioners	...	...	...	...	62	...	...	102
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	81	...	...	86
School Canteens	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	84
Factory Canteens, Warehouses, stores and other miscellaneous premises	...	...	...	...	82	...	...	239
Food Stalls	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	442
Informal Notices Issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	119
" " complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89

Work Carried Out

Articles and/or equipment repaired	...	...	...	...	21
Articles and/or equipment cleaned	...	...	...	...	25
Constant hot water provided for hand washing	...	...	...	...	6
Containers provided for waste food	...	...	...	...	3
Cupboards or cloakrooms provided for outdoor clothing	...	...	...	...	4
Food protected from risk of contamination	...	...	...	...	11
Foods stored at suitable temperature	...	...	...	...	1
Floors cleansed	...	...	...	...	12
First Aid materials provided	...	...	...	...	5
Hot & Cold water provided for washing at stalls	...	...	...	...	1
Hand washing notices displayed	...	...	...	...	31
Intervening ventilated lobbies provided	...	...	...	...	6
Name & address displayed at stalls	...	...	...	...	1

Persons refrained from using tobacco	...	...	...	...	5
Personal clothing cleansed	...	...	...	...	3
Sanitary conveniences cleansed or put in order	...	...	...	...	15
Sanitary conveniences lighted and/or ventilated	...	...	...	...	4
Suitable constant water supply provided for hand washing	...	...	...	...	4
Soap, towel and/or nail brush provided	...	...	...	...	12
Suitable facilities provided for washing equipment	...	...	...	...	2
Stalls cleansed	...	...	...	...	2
Stalls suitably lighted	...	...	...	...	1
Stalls suitably screened	...	...	...	...	1
Rooms cleansed and/or decorated	...	...	...	...	17
Refuse removed from food room	...	...	...	...	1
Wash hand basins provided	...	...	...	...	1
Wash hand basins cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	...	2
Walls and floors repaired	...	...	...	...	10

Registrations

Premises registered for sale of ice cream	...	...	...	...	152
Persons registered as Vendors of ice cream	...	...	...	...	180
Premises registered for manufacture of ice cream	...	...	...	...	4
Persons registered for manufacture of ice cream	...	...	...	...	4
Premises registered for manufacture of cooked meats etc.	...	...	...	...	58

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

	tons	cwts.	lbs.
Meat at slaughterhouses	52	3	37
Meat at wholesale premises/retail shops	1	17	102
Cooked meat and meat products		6	30
Canned meats		7	49
Other canned foods	1	12	76
Fish (fresh)		1	33
Fruit and vegetables (fresh)		1	—
Other foods		17	42
Fruit juices		133	gallons

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

Bacteriological Examination

The following are details of samples of food and food equipment submitted for bacteriological examination:—

	<i>Samples Taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>
Ice cream/Ice cream lollies ...	139	133	6
Ice lollies ...	1	1	—
Cream ...	79	74	5
Meat Products ...	83	83	—
Milk ...	74	74	—
Bakers confectionery ...	8	8	—
Equipment Washing Water ...	8	8	—
Milk Bottles ...	6	5	1
Churn Rinses ...	2	2	—
Frozen Egg ...	14	13	1
Meat Paste ...	1	1	—
Bread ...	1	1	—

The samples of ice cream were from loose ice cream and improved methods of cleaning utensils and equipment to which I referred last year have had a good effect.

The samples of cream were taken in co-operation with the Public Health Laboratory Service who conducted a survey on creams.

All unsatisfactory sample results are investigated and after advice has been given follow up samples are taken.

Analysis of Food

Details of samples tested or submitted for analysis by the Public Analysts for the Chelmsford Borough are given below:—

	<i>Samples Taken</i>	<i>Genuine</i>	<i>Not Genuine</i>
Milks ...	78	78	—
Ice cream ...	12	12	—
Sausages & other meat products ...	54	50	4
Butter, Cheese and other fats ...	6	6	—
Cordials/Minerals ...	4	4	—
Soups and sauces ...	5	5	—
Bakers Confectionery ...	7	7	—
Bread ...	1	1	—
Salad Cream ...	6	6	—
Tinned Milks & creams ...	13	13	—
Wines/Spirits ...	9	9	—
Medicines/Health Foods ...	19	19	—
Tinned Fruit ...	1	1	—
Fish/Fish Products ...	20	20	—
Flavouring/Colouring ...	5	5	—
Vegetables ...	8	8	—
Vinegar ...	6	6	—
Other Miscellaneous Foods ...	19	18	1

The Statutory Standard for Milk is 8.5% solids non-fat and 4% butter fat in the case of Channel Islands Milk and 3% butter fat in the case of other milk. The average solids non-fat was 9.2% and in the case of 31 samples of Channel Islands milk the average butter fat was 5.2%. In the case of the other 47 milk samples the average butter fat was 4.1%

Three of the samples of meat products found not to be genuine were steak and kidney pies with very poor kidney content. In each case the manufacturer's attention was drawn to the defect and either the mix was improved to give a greater kidney content or the pies were described as meat pies, the total meat content being completely satisfactory.

The fourth unsatisfactory sample under the heading of "Sausages and other meat products" arose following a customer complaint. What appeared to be flakes of paint proved to be pieces of plastic. In this case a letter was sent to the manufacturers.

The miscellaneous sample found to be not genuine referred to a sample of soft brown sugar which again contained small particles of plastic. Investigations were carried out by the manufacturer in an effort to prevent a recurrence of this problem.

I set out below a list of all customer food complaints received during the year:—

<i>No. of Complaints</i>				<i>No. of Complaints</i>			
Insects in food	...	...	11	Unfit Strawberries	...	...	1
Mouldy food	...	...	8	Unfit chicken	...	...	1
Food contaminated with oil	...	...	5	"fizzing" tin of peas	...	...	1
Discolouration of food	...	...	6	Nail in tinned salmon	...	...	1
Unfit potatoes	...	...	1	Wire in cheese	...	...	1
Abnormal taste of food	...	...	7	Bristle in cheese	...	...	1
Unfit tinned soup	...	...	1	Wire in bread	...	...	1
"Glass" in food	...	...	5	Muslin in bacon	...	...	1
Plastic in food	...	...	2	Metal in luncheon meat	...	...	1
Screw in ice cream	...	...	1	Unfit tinned fruit	...	...	1
Ball point pen in ice cream	...	...	1	Metal in cereals	...	...	1
Curdled cream/milk	...	...	2	Metal in bread	...	...	1
Maggots in Cheese	...	...	1	Dirty milk bottles	...	...	3
Maggots in Ham	...	...	1	Elastic in bread	...	...	1
Paint in bread	...	...	1	Rust inside can of meat	...	...	1

Each complaint is thoroughly investigated and in many cases a definite improvement in methods of manufacture, preparation and storage is achieved. In some cases it can positively be established that the complaint is not the form of contamination thought to be by the complainant. For example, from the 5 complaints of glass in food, 3 of these proved to be pieces of Struvite which are crystalline substances appearing like glass and formed by heat and pressure during the canning process.

Meat Inspection

There are three privately owned slaughterhouses in the Borough, the largest being modern in construction and was completed in 1966. There are two Authorised Meat Inspectors and it will be seen that 57,576 animals were killed compared with 58,480 last year. The carcasses and organs of all slaughtered animals were inspected.

The times of slaughter are reasonable and there has been no necessity to apply any form of control.

Improvements have been carried out at both of the smaller slaughterhouses with the provision of additional coolers for the storage of meat and offal.

The reasons for complete rejection of pig carcasses were due to Pyaemia (27), Septicaemia (35), Emaciation (10), Abnormal Odour (2), Moribund (3), Fever (1), Swine Erysipelas (1), Lymphatic Leukaemia (1).

The number of cases of cysticercus bovis has decreased from 18 to 15. 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 wholesale joints and were released after being satisfied of no further evidence.

All unfit meat was disposed of in the manner required by the appropriate Regulations.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND REJECTED

	Cows	Bullocks Heifers	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected ...	22	9,548	142	13,883	33,981
All diseases except Tuberculosis— Whole carcasses rejected ...	—	3	6	5	80
Carcasses of which some part or organ was rejected ...	3	4,179	4	2,119	7,778
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...	13.6	43.7	7.04	15.2	23.1
Tuberculosis only— Whole carcasses rejected ...	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was rejected ...	—	5	—	—	418
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	—	0.05	—	—	1.2
Cysticercosis— Carcasses of which some part or organ was rejected ...	—	15	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	—	15	—	—	—
Generalised and totally rejected ...	—	—	—	—	—

The weight of meat rejected amounted to 52 tons, 3 cwts., 37 lbs.

Swimming Baths and Pools

In addition to the Council owned swimming bath and pool there are 5 school swimming pools. Frequent visits were made to ensure that satisfactory sterilisation of the water was being carried out and 7 samples were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination. Advice is readily given in order to ensure that the water in the pools remains suitable for use by the school children.

Pest Control

The Outside Assistant spends much of his time on pest control work. He is provided with a light van in which to carry his equipment. The Council's free service to householders continues and members of the public co-operate in reporting infestations. It is the reporting of these infestations which assists with the prevention of spread of rats, mice and other pests. No formal action had to be taken under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act. The Council's sewers were treated once during the year necessitating the placing of bait in manholes.

Rodent Control

Properties inspected for rats and mice	...	...	...	832
Properties found to be infested	...	...	...	811
Number of visits made	...	...	...	3,375

Insect Pests

Members of the public are becoming increasingly aware of the services provided by the department. Pests dealt with were crickets, carpet beetles, cockroaches, flies, fleas, wood boring beetles and it is of interest to note that 337 wasps nests were destroyed.

Petroleum Acts

101 premises are licensed for the storage of petroleum spirits. Each underground storage tank is subject to a periodic ullage test and newly installed tanks are pressure tested after installation. During the year 50 tanks were tested and 354 visits were made to stores and installations to ensure compliance with the Licensing Conditions. 67 informal requests were made for improvements and 41 of the requests had been complied with at the end of the year.

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	5	7	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority	179	159	20	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	32	57	11	—
TOTAL	216	223	31	—

Defects

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	2	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	4	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	29	25	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	32	29	—	—	—

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.,	16	—	—	—	—
	Cleaning and Washing	—	—	—	—	—
Curtains and Furniture hangings ...	8	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	24	—	—	—	—	—

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Summary of Registrations, Inspections, Contraventions and Work carried out during the Year ended 31st December, 1969

<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 1969</i>
Offices	43	324	84
Retail Shops	27	418	92
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	10	52	25
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens ...	6	88	15
Fuel storage Depots	—	2	—
	86	884	216

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered premises under the Act 1,277

Persons employed in registered premises *No. of Persons*

Offices	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,057
Retail Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,872
Wholesale departments, warehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	533
Catering Establishments open to the public	...	...	...	...	...	...	638
Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	69
Fuel Storage Depots	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Total Males	4,507			Total Females	4,677		9,184

Analysis of Contraventions and work carried out

<i>Detail</i>	<i>Contraventions Found Remedied</i>		<i>Detail</i>	<i>Contraventions Found Remedied</i>	
Cleanliness	2	2	Floors, passages & stairs	9	2
Overcrowding	—	—	Fencing exposed machinery	5	3
Temperature	4	2	Provision of Thermometers	34	25
Ventilation	7	3	Notices	62	34
Lighting	1	—	First Aid General Provision	28	21
Sanitary Conveniences	15	15			
Washing facilities	11	6			
Drinking Vessels	—	—			
Eating facilities	—	—			
The remedial work mentioned above relates to contraventions found during 1968/69				178	113

Accidents

During the year there were 21 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:—

<i>No. of Accidents</i>	<i>Cause classification</i>
8	Falls of persons on the same level.
2	Falls of persons on or from fixed stairs.
1	Falls of persons from one level to another.
4	Handling goods.
1	Struck by falling object.
1	Use of hand tools.
1	Electrical.
1	Machinery.
1	Striking against object.
1	Contact with hot object.

