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Public Health Department,
Municipal Offices,
Coalville.

To the Coalville Urban District Council,

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health and sanitary condition of the district for the year 1950.

The report follows the instructions contained in Circular 2/50, dated 25.1.50, from the Ministry of Health.

In June, Mr. B.Greenwood, the then Chief Sanitary Inspector, died. This was a great loss to your Authority and to this Department. Mr. Greenwood, a member of your staff since 1921, was a man of the utmost integrity who always performed his duties without fear or favour, who was held in high esteem not only by his colleagues here but throughout the County, and whose effect on the welfare of the inhabitants of the District will, in many ways, be permanent.

He was succeeded in October by Mr. H.Hunter, who came to your service from the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne. I am confident that he will prove a worthy successor, and that he, in his turn, will have many worthwhile contributions to make to the general well-being of the District. Much of this Report is to be attributed to him and is an evidence of the quick grasp he has been able to take of the circumstances existing.

During the period which elapsed between the death of Mr. Greenwood and the coming of Mr. Hunter, Mr. Shutes and Mr. Moore, your Additional Sanitary Inspectors, very satisfactorily performed all that was required of them. I can assure you that in all matters, I have had loyal and faithful service from every member of my Department.

I wish to thank the Surveyor and Water Engineer for information supplied respecting public water supplies, sewerage, and public cleansing, and for co-operation in many ways.

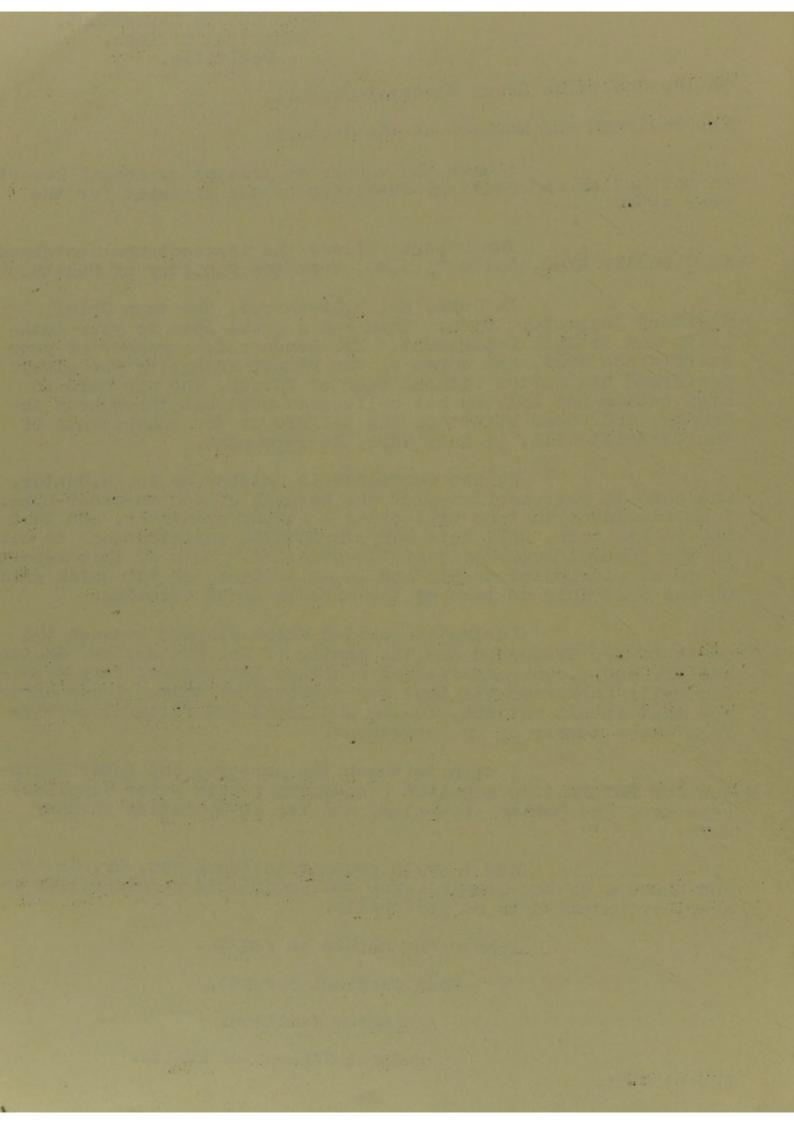
And I would once again thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, for the invariable consideration and courtesy extended to me personally.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

Andrew Hamilton,

Medical Officer of Health.



### SECTION A.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	6 157
Population. (1931 census).	6,453.
Population. (1991 census).	21,880.
Population. (est.middle 1950).	25,720.
Number of inhabited houses (end 1950).	7,063.
Ratcable value.	£112,605.
Product of 1d rate.	£431.

#### VITAL STATISTICS.

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Legitimate. Illegitimate.	M. 181 4	F. 217	Total. 398 11
	185	224	409

Birth Rate per 1000 estimated population mid. 1950 - 15.9

Still Births.

Legitimate.	M.	F.	Total.
Illegitimate.	5	8	
	5	8	13

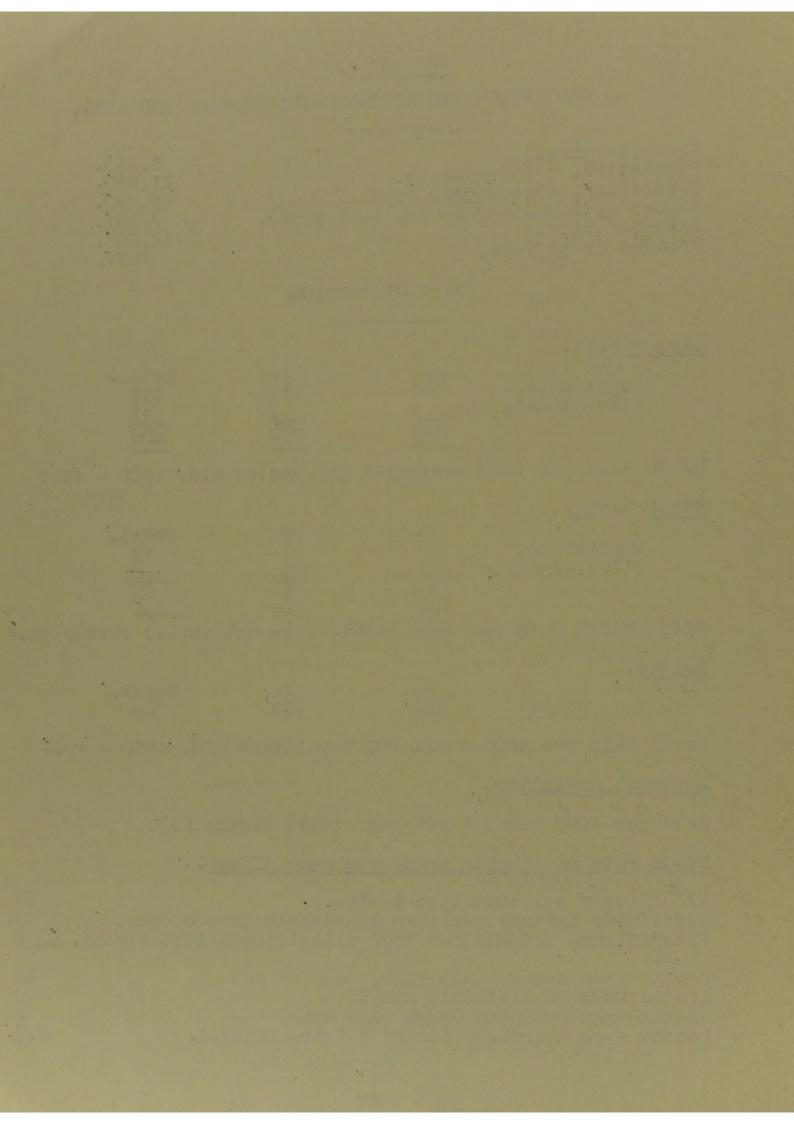
Still Birth Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births 30.8 Deaths.

Death Rate per 1000 estimated population mid. 1950 - 10.8 Maternal Mortality,

Rate per 1000 Total (live and still) births 4.74

## Death rate of infants under one year of age.

All infants per 1000 live births. Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births. Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births.	61 63 0
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) Deaths from Measles (all ages) Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).	42 0 0 7.3



#### SECTION B.

#### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

#### Laboratory Services.

Laboratory facilities are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Groby Road, Leicester, and the service was made good use of during the year.

During 1950 the following examinations were carried out for your authority:

Throat	and	nose	swabs	16
Faeces	and	Urine	9	38
Sputa				75
Milk				94
Ice-cre	am			35
Water				44
Miscell	ane	ous		3

The County Laboratory closed down on the 31st March, 1950 and for a period during the year some examinations were carried out by a private analyst and bacteriologist.

#### SECTION C.

#### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### 1. WATER SUPPLY.

The public water supply for the area is obtained from the new red sandstone measures overlying the coal measures, water being pumped from boreholes and pit shafts sunk into and through these measures respectively. These public supplies are situated at Broom Leys Pumping Station, Holly Hayes Pumping Station, Whitwick Colliery and Ellistown Colliery, and all water from these sources is cholorinated, the Ellistown and Whitwick Colliery supplies also being filtered.

The average daily output from these sources during the year was:

Broom Leys		 245,000	galls.
Holly Hayes		109,000	
Whitwick & Ellistown	Collieries	433.000	

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No supplies were necessary from the Ashby Rural District Council's Hoo Ash reservoir during the year.

The total quantity of water pumped from the various sources during the year was 287,159,000 gallons, an increase of 9,725,000 gallons over 1949.

35,836,000 gallons were supplied in bulk to Market Bosworth Rural District Council, an increase of 5,023,000 gallons over the 1949 figure.

Daily consumption for the Urban area for all purposes averaged 26.7 gallons per head of the estimated population.

It was necessary to impose restrictions on consumption of water on the 6th October and these restrictions were still in force at the end of the year.

The Council's scheme for the extension and development of the existing supplies was approved by the Ministry of Health in June 1949, but no starting date had been allocated at the close of the year. This scheme involves:

- (a) the full development of the Holly Hayes Pumping Station;
- (b) the construction of a new service reservoir;
- (c) the laying of new rising and distribution mains, and the extension to new areas of the latter; and
- (d) the centralisation of sterilisation plant at Forest Rock reservoir.

The required standard of purity for a public water supply was maintained during 1950. 36 samples of raw (untreated) water and 16 of treated water going into supply were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year, with the following results:

Whitwick Ellistown Holly Broom Leys Distribution Colliery Colliery Hayes. Pumping points Station in the area.

Raw. Treat. Raw. Treat. Raw. Treat. Raw. Treat.

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4 samples of 'raw' water, one from each of the four sources of supply were examined during the year by the

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Permutit Company Ltd. Chemically the samples were reported as being of satisfactory purity and free from metallic contamination, the degrees of hardness being as follows:

	Broom Leys.	Holly Hayes.	Whitwick C.	Ellistown C.
Before boiling	28	16.8	44.8	41.7
After boiling	8.4	2.4	25.2	23.8

6,819 houses in the area have an internal water supply direct from the public mains, and 100 houses are supplied from standpipes.

108 houses, including some outlying farms, have no water supply from public sources, most of these being outside the range of existing mains.

20 samples of water from private wells were submitted for examination during the year, only 9 of these being reported as of satisfactory quality. The other 11 samples showed the wells concerned to be polluted to a greater or less extent and in all cases notices were served requiring the provision of a wholesome water supply.

3 wells were closed during the year and the 6 houses concerned supplied from the public water mains.

2,660 yards of new water mains were laid during the year to the Greenhill Housing Site.

### 2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

During the year the pumping station near the Hermitage Road Bridge was put into full operation which together with the 7" rising main referred to in the 1949 report are now bye-passing a length of the main cutfall sewer severely affected by mining subsidence.

The re-laying of the Church Lane sewer was completed during the year. This work was necessitated by mining subsidence. In addition the re-laying of the North High Level sewer was commenced in May and the work was still in progress at the close of the year.

The schemes for draining the Battleflat and Melbourne Road areas remain in abeyance, the latter on account of the high cost per house.

During the year the investigations of defects, drainage and re-drainage works have necessitated 350 inspections with 102 re-visits. Many of the defects have been caused by

widows total Incastat to wind pure out at compactifical post bullooks wit answer our han learne billion and post downly this other and beares become our store artists of these bear and the and the seasons to matrix of appropriate in observa agents book mining subsidence. 27 properties have been connected to the public sewers after the abolition of 10 cesspools.

There are still a number of properties in your district with unsatisfactory drainage facilities. In the majority of cases however there is no public sewer available and it would appear an uneconomical proposition to provide one. In such cases steps are being taken to improve the existing arrangements by the provision of proper cesspools or small sewage treatment plants where suitable outfalls are available into which the effluents can be passed.

#### 3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The closet accommodation in the Urban area at the end of 1950 was as follows:

7690 - water closets.

122 - privies in sewered areas.

36 - privies in areas at present unsewered.

74 - pails in sewered areas.

125 - pails in areas at present unsewered.

66 - middens in sewered areas.

22 - middens in areas at present unsewered.

10 - dry ashpits.

4 - chemical closets in sewered areas.

8 - chemical closets in areas at present unsewered.

Progress towards the complete abolition of privies etc. is still alarmingly slow and towards the end of the year the Council had under consideration the question of making a financial contribution towards the cost of this work. It is hoped that should such a scheme come to fruition, we shall soon see every house in the sewered areas of the town on the water carriage system. One appreciates the very high cost of conversions at this time with a consequent increase in the difficulty one experiences in trying to persuade owners to put such work in hand.

During the year 21 privies, 28 pails and 1 chemical closet were replaced by 57 water closets and 178 additional water closets provided for houses, shops, etc. In addition 2 pail closets were provided in substitution for 2 privies where no sewer was available.

#### 4. PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SALVAGE.

Public cleansing and scavenging are under the control of your Surveyor, these services being provided for the whole of the area. 6 motor refuse collection vehicles are employed for this purpose.

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The collection of waste paper and salvage is carried out as part of the cleansing service but separately from refuse collection, and special collections are made from shops, factories, etc., as necessary.

The collection and disposal of trade refuse is also carried out by your Council. In the cases of properties with a rateable value of £75 or under, 1 free bin is allowed per week, and for properties over £75 rateable value, 2 free bins per week. All additional bins are charged at 2d each, quantities in excess being charged on a "cost plus" basis.

Applications for cesspool cleansing services are referred to a neighbouring Authority for the use - on a direct re-chargeable basis - of their Gulley & Cesspool Emptier.

The amount of refuse collected and disposed of during the year was:

Dustbin refuse ... 15,492 tons
Dry ashpit refuse & ashes in bulk 8 "
Midden and pail refuse ... 1,371 "
Market refuse ... 106 "

and the numbers of the various refuse receptacles in use at the end of 1950 were:

Dustbins - 7,689 Dry ashpits 10 Middens - 88

#### 5. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The particulars given below are for all purposes, including those given elsewhere in this report, with the exception of rodent extermination.

Total number of complaints received - 229

notices served:

(a) formal
(b) informal

notices complied with:

(a) formal
(b) informal

53
(b) informal

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Inspections in connection with:	-	Re-visits
Dwelling Houses Verminous and dirty houses Water supplies Drainage works Tents, Vans and Sheds Factories Smoke observation Outworkers Slaughterhouses Shops Fried Fish Shops Bakehouses Other Food premises Meat and other Foods Dairies Keeping of animals Refuse collection and disposal #Rodent control Schools Miscellaneous	11 05 21 53 350 37 72 8 307 22 346 446 838 79 10 19 49 369	1161 15 102 102 11 1 1 1 1 1 3 6 1 38 1 5 10 5 1 1 21
TOTAL	4207	1433

<sup>\*</sup> Full-time rodent operator employed whose inspections and visits are not included in this report.

Additional work was carried out as under: -

Houses disinfected	43
Lots of bedding etc. disinfected	11
Lots of bedding etc. destroyed	3
Houses disinfested	21
Milk samples for T.B. examination	61
Ice-cream samples	34
Water samples by Sanitary Inspector	
Houses measured (Housing Act	3
Milk Samples (Methylene Blue	
	124
Building Licences issued	30

The number of notices served during the year, together with figures showing the number complied with, are given in the following tables.

PRELIMINARY	Housing	Others
Outstanding on 1st January Issued during year Complied with during year Statutory action necessary Outstanding on 31st December	45 73 73 73 73	101 182 70 30 183

	Housing	Others
Outstanding on 1st January	43	20
Issued during year	13	30
Complied with during year	27	26
Outstanding on 31st December	29	23

Considerable difficulty is still being experienced with most owners in persuading them to carry out repairs. The ever increasing cost of this work and the "freezing" of rents have aggravated the problem even more. Only in a few cases have we found owners ready to carry out repairs without our having to have recourse to much cajoling and threatening. We have at all times been very willing to discuss with owners the question of repairs and have found that this personal contact often shows more satisfactory results than the use of our statutory powers.

It would appear that the only real solution to this problem is a scheme whereby owners are allowed to increase rents provided they can satisfy the local authority that their property is in all respects fit for human habitation. This would at least be an incentive to owners to make their properties fit.

#### Regulated Buildings.

### (a) Common Lodging Houses.

There are two of these, both situated at the City of Dan, Whitwick, both accommodating male lodgers only, and both in the same ownership. They have a total capacity of 34 beds, the lodgers now being mainly "regulars" and employed at local factories, mines and farms. There are very few casuals.

Both houses are very old, poorly adapted for their present use (having originally been dwelling houses) and in only fair condition structually. They are situated in an area which is ripe for clearance, and if progress in this direction is possible in the near future, some consideration will have to be given to the provision of alternative accommodation for these "lodgers". Whether this will best be done by private ownership or whether provision should be made by the local authority will be a matter primarily for your decision and may well be considered in future housing proposals.

7997 "lodger nights" were recorded during the year, an average of 21.9 lodgers per night, all males of full age. The figure for 1949 was 8595. There were no cases of infectious disease reported during the year at either house.

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## (b) Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.

There are no camping sites, in the generally accepted sense of the term, in the area, the only sites licensed being used for single vans or sheds for permanent or semi-permanent occupation.

Camping on unlicensed and completely unsuitable sites has again occurred during the year and vigilance is necessary to enable us to deal with offenders before serious nuisance is caused. These offenders are generally hawkers. The difficulties of control in these cases are increased by the absence of any suitable licensed site in the area to which all these van owners could be directed, and a recommendation has been made to you that a local-authority-owned site should be provided for this purpose.

During the year 8 vans or sheds have been occupied with 5 still remaining tenanted at the end of the year. Generally speaking they have been maintained in fair condition.

37 inspections with 10 re-visits were made during 1950.

#### (c) Offensive Trades.

There are no offensive trades in the area.

(d) Houses let in lodgings. }- There are none of these in the area.

### Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no privately owned swimming baths or pools in the area for public use. The Council's swimming baths were open to the public from 22nd April to 30th September, 1950.

Daily tests of the water for chlorine residual and alkalinity were made, and bacteriological examinations were satisfactory.

### Schools.

The sanitary condition of the schools in the area is generally satisfactory, with the exception of those few cases where the school buildings themselves are of unsatisfactory type and construction and which are to be dealt with under the new educational scheme.

One school at Standard Hill still has conservancy type closet accommodation.

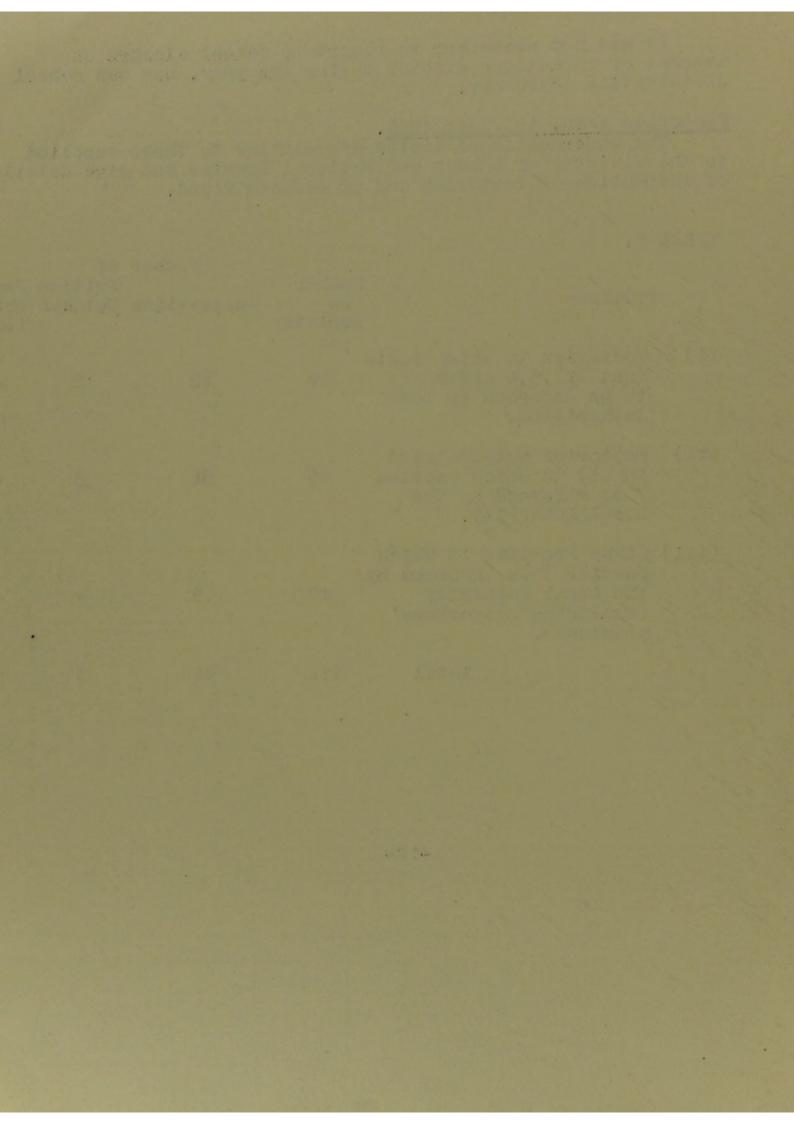
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Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948.

The undermentioned tables are similar to those supplied to the Ministry of Labour and National Service and give details of inspection of factories and of defects found.

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TABLE	1.				
	Premises	Number on Register	Number	Written	
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	26	22	2	-
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	86	54	3	-
(iii)	Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	10	8	-	-
	Total	112	84	5	-

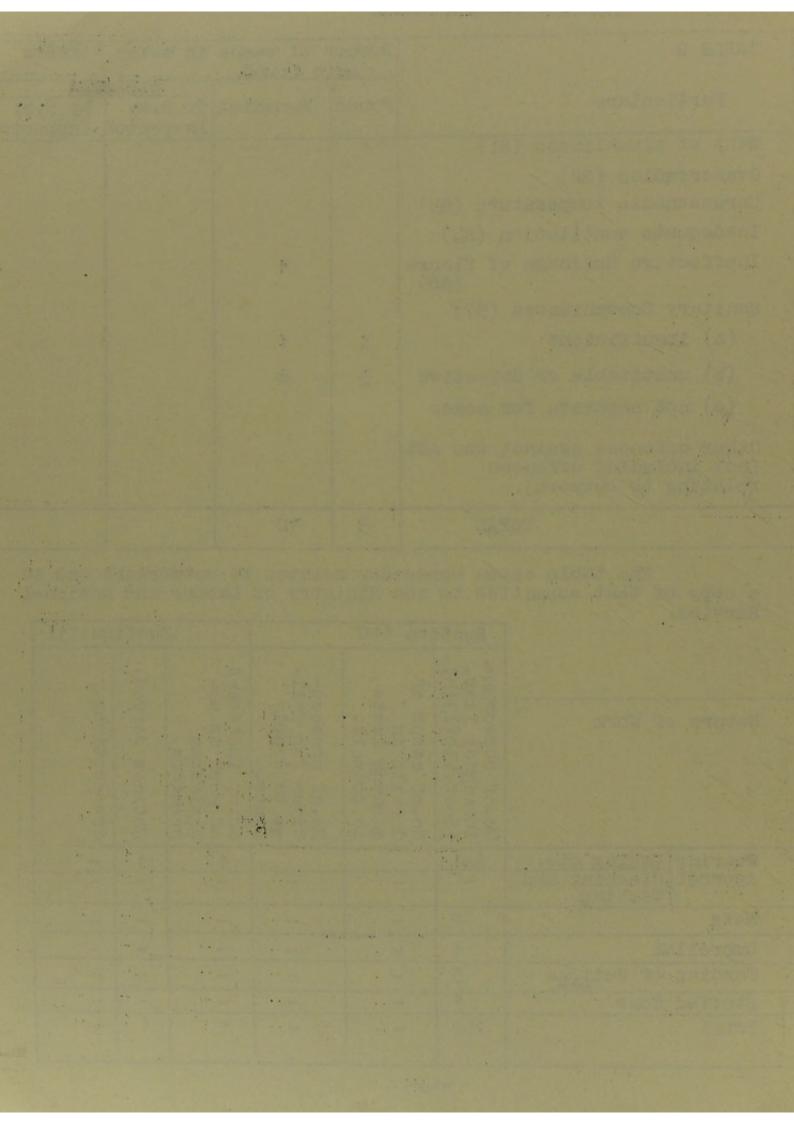


## CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

TABLE 2	Number	of cases	in which	defects
	wei	re found.		,
Particulars	T	7	Refer	THE R. P. LEWIS CO., LANSING, MICH. 49-14039-1-1-1-1
rar of cutars	Found	Remealed	To H. M.	By H.M.
Want of cleanliness (S1)	1		Inspector	Inspector
	1			
Overcrowding (S2)				
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	1			
Inadequate ventilation (S4)				
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)		1		
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)				
(a) insufficient	1	1		
(b) unsuitable or defective	3	8		
(c) not separate for sexes				
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork).				
TOTAL	5	10		

The table shown hereunder relates to outworkers and is a copy of that submitted to the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

		Section 110			Section 111		
Nature of Work		No.of Outworkers in August list. (Sect.110(1)(c).	No.of cases of default in sending lists to Council.	No.of prosecu- tions for fail- ure to supply lists.	No.of instances of work in un-wholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
Wearing	Making etc.	241			1	1	-
Apparel	Cleaning and Washing	-	1	-	-	-	-
Nets		2	-	-	-	-	-
Umbrellas		1	-	-	-	1	-
Carding of Buttons		5	-	-	-	-	-
Stuffed Toys		3	_	-	-	-	-
Total		252	-	-	1	1	-



The amount of homework given out by factories is fairly considerable, due primarily to the shortage of full-time labour at the factories themselves. Most of the outwork carried out in this area is received from factories outside the Urban area and consists mainly of machine and hand knitting of gloves and hosiery, linking, the repair and finishing of hosiery, and making (by hand) of infant's wear.

Two cases of infectious disease occurred during the year in the homes of outworkers. Completed articles and unused materials were taken away, disinfected and returned to the factories. The outworkers and factory owners were informed that no more outwork should be done at the premises concerned until they were disinfected.

307 visits of inspection were made to outworkers' homes during the year.

Keeping of Animals.

The wartime position as regards to relaxation of byelaws respecting domestic pig-keeping is still maintained, and this important aspect of domestic economy shows no sign of waning interest, although the "tightening-up" of the Ministry of Food's regulations as to licences to slaughter has apparently had some effect in some directions.

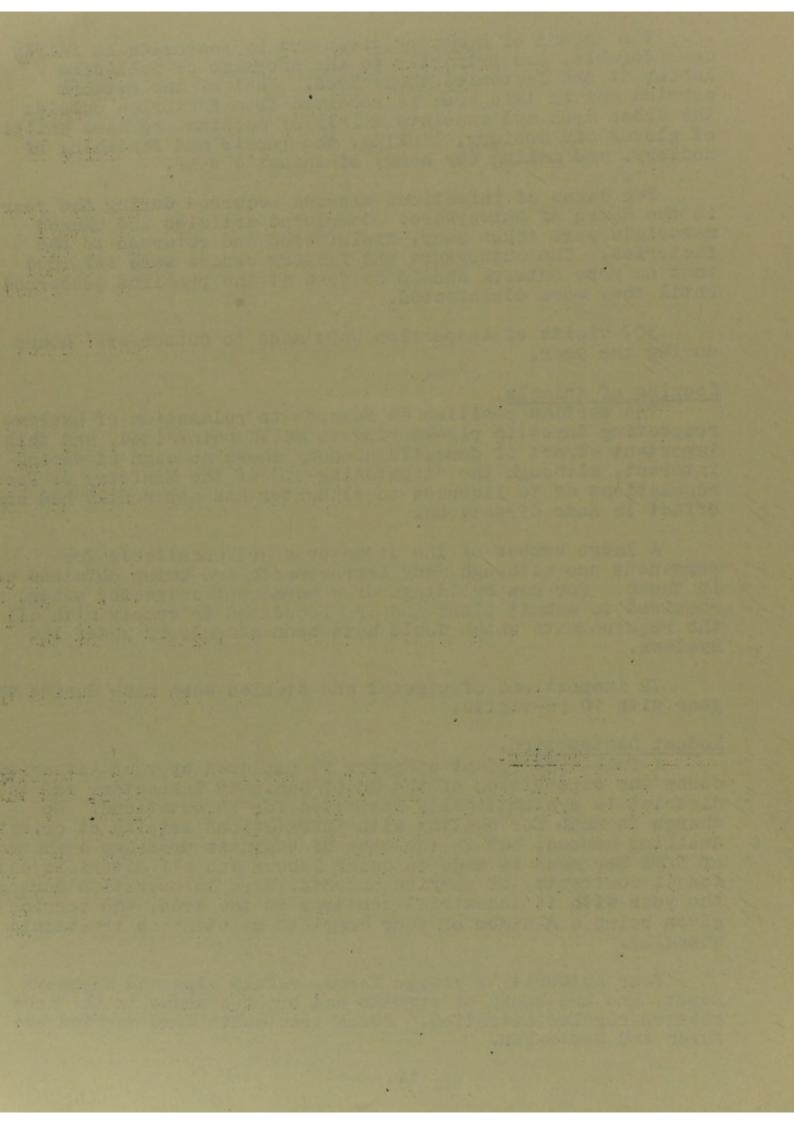
A large number of the structures are unsuitable for permanent use although many improvements are being obtained even in these. For new buildings of a permanent character owners are required to submit plans and are requested to comply with all the requirements which would have been compulsory under the Byelaws.

72 inspections of pigstys and stables were made during the year with 10 re-visits.

Rodent Destruction.

A full-time rodent operator is employed by your Authority under the supervision of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, and the district is systematically inspected for infestations. No charge is made for dealing with infestations arising at private dwelling houses, but in the case of business premises a charge of 3/6d per hour is made to cover labour and all materials used. Annual contracts, of varying amounts, were in operation during the year with 11 industrial concerns in the area, the service given being a minimum of four complete maintenance treatments annually.

Your Authority's sewage farms, refuse tips and Highways Depot, and the banks of streams and brook-courses in the area receive regular attention. Sewer treatments were carried out in March and September.



#### SECTION D.

#### HOUSING.

Housing inspections have again been confined largely to repair items of urgency and to the maintenance of weatherproof conditions, although it has been possible to commence more extensive repairs and re-conditioning in a number of cases.

180 houses were inspected for defects during the year under the Public Health and Housing Acts, and 1,119 re-visits to these houses, and to some recorded previously, were made. This latter figure reflects the reluctance of many owners to commence repairs, the time "lag" involved and the increased visits necessary.

Of the houses inspected 2 were found to be unfit for habitation and were recorded for future action. 158 houses were found to be "not in all respects fit for habitation" and needing repair or re-conditioning.

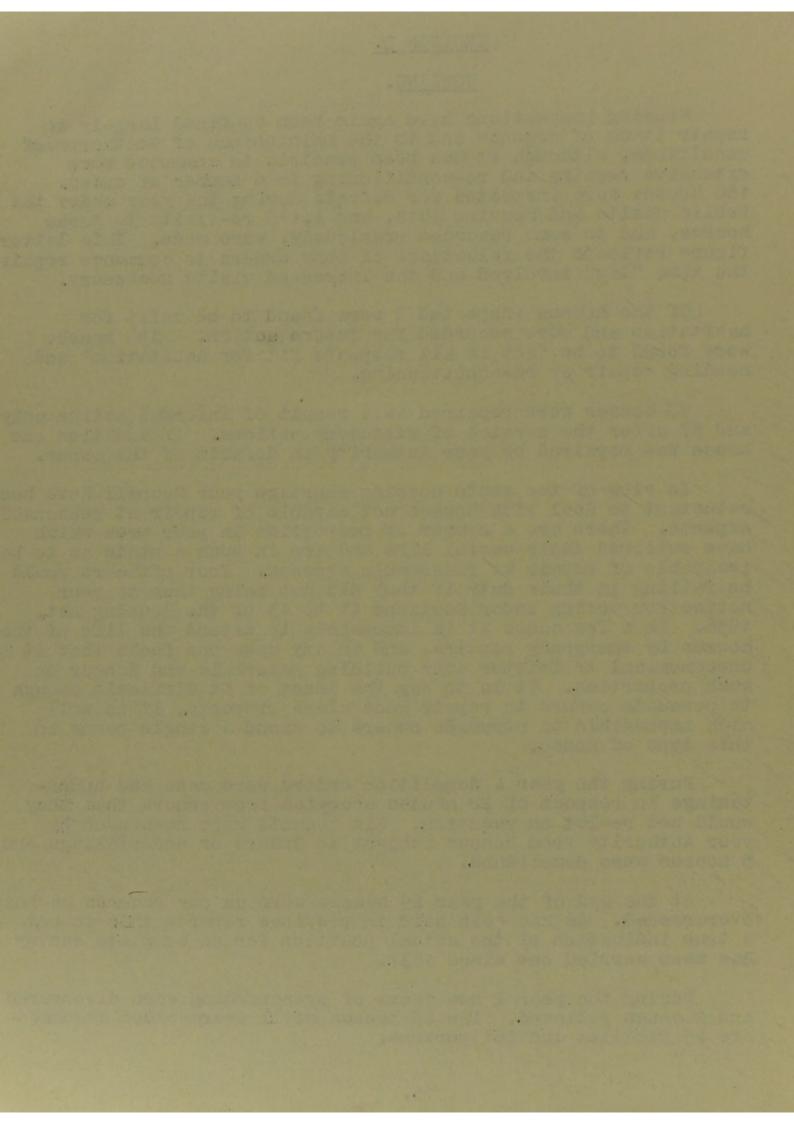
97 houses were repaired as a result of informal action only and 57 after the service of statutory notices. In addition one house was repaired by your Authority in default of the owner.

In view of the acute housing shortage your Council have been reluctant to deal with houses not capable of repair at reasonable expense. There are a number of properties in your area which have outlived their useful life and are in such a state as to be incapable of repair at reasonable expense. Your officers would be failing in their duty if they did not bring them to your notice for action under Sections 11 to 13 of the Housing Act, 1936. In a few cases it is impossible to extend the life of these houses by emergency repairs, and in any case one feels that it is uneconomical to fritter away building materials and labour on such properties. It is to say the least of it difficult enough to persuade owners to repair good class property, it is well nigh impossible to persuade owners to spend a single penny on this type of house.

During the year 4 demolition orders were made and undertakings in respect of 20 houses accepted from owners that they would not re-let on vacation. Six tenants were re-housed by your Authority from houses subject to Orders or undertakings and 5 houses were demolished.

At the end of the year 29 houses were on our records as being overcrowded. As has been said in previous reports this is not a true indication of the actual position for no complete survey has been carried out since 1937.

During the year 2 new cases of overcrowding were discovered and 2 cases relieved. The 29 houses still overcrowded accommodate 45 families and 261 persons.



16 houses were in use during the year under requisitioning powers for housing families inadequately housed, a reduction of two on the previous year.

At the end of 1950 the number of applicants for Council houses stood at 829 an increase of 144 on the previous year.

At the close of the year 336 post-war houses had been completed by your Authority (including 50 pre-fabricated houses by the Ministry of Works) 48 by the East Midlands Housing Association and 130 by private enterprise.

#### SECTION E.

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

The table below shows the number of dairies and distributors registered at 31st December, 1950 and the number of inspections made:-

### DAIRIES (other than dairy farms) and DISTRIBUTORS.

## (Section 8 Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949)

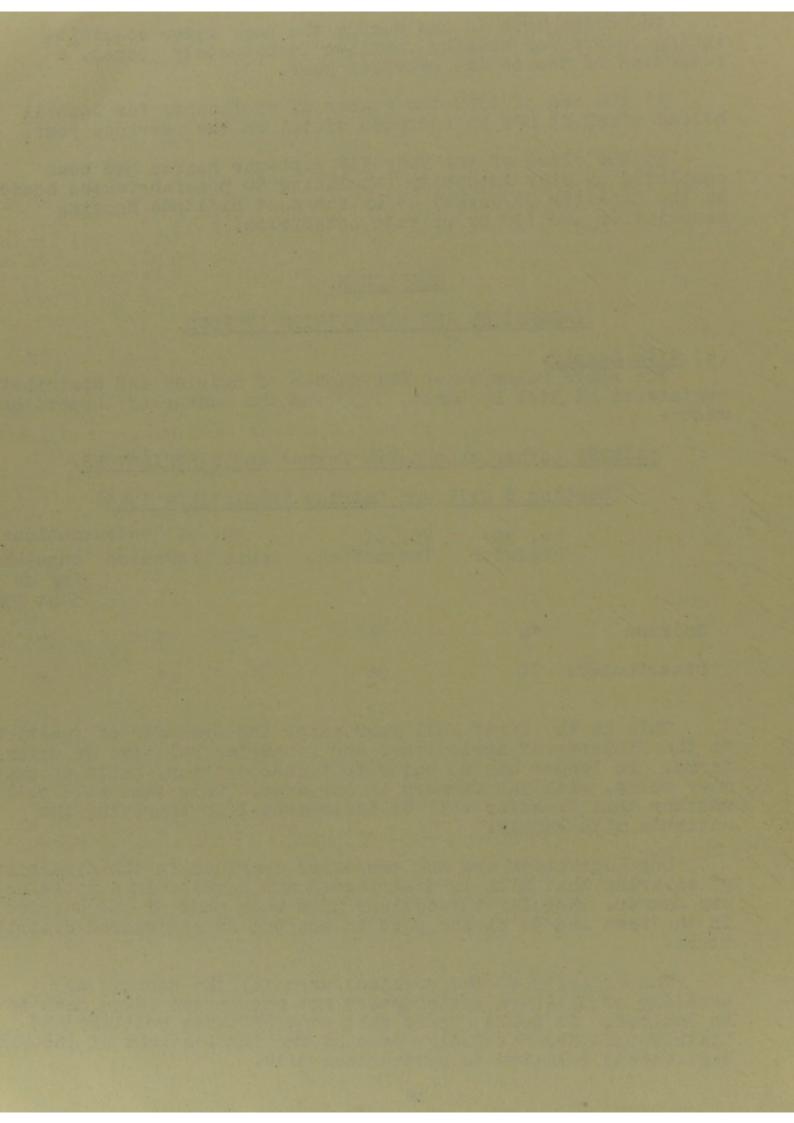
No. on	No. of	No.	of Contra	ventions.
Register	Inspections	Found	Remedied	Outstand- ing on 31st Dec.

Dairies	14	84	-	1	-
Distributors	30	96	1	1	-

This is the first full year since the transfer of functions to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries relative to dairy farms. No longer can we enjoy that co-operation, built up over many years, with the farmers in our area. Only time will tell whether this transfer will be instrumental in improving the nation's milk supply.

Our activities are now therefore confined in the direction of ensuring that milk is distributed and handled in a satisfact-ory manner. Regular inspections have been made of the dairies in the town and 96 visits paid in respect of registered distributors.

The majority of the premises used for the storage or handling of milk are satisfactory but one or two leave much to be desired. It would appear that some of these bottlers and distributors are not fully aware of the implications of the Milk Regulations relative to pasteurised milk.



These regulations make it quite clear that after the 1st October, 1954, milk which is pasteurised must be bottled on the premises at which it is pasteurised. Thus the practice of obtaining milk in bulk from the pasteurising establishments and filling it into bottles on locally registered premises will of necessity come to an end. In addition more milk producers are now selling their products to the larger pasteurising establishments leaving less raw milk for sale to the local dairymen. One can forsee in the not too distant future that local distributors, who are at present bottling milk, will be unable to obtain bulk milk for this purpose. It would appear that their only remedy for this state of affairs is the provision of heat treatment facilities on their own premises or alternatively that they should form themselves into a local co-operative dairy organisation with central premises for this purpose.

There is one licensed pasteurising establishment in your area and the premises have at all times been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

Sampling of milk for bacteriological examination has again played its part in the activities of the department.

The following table shows the result of these samples.

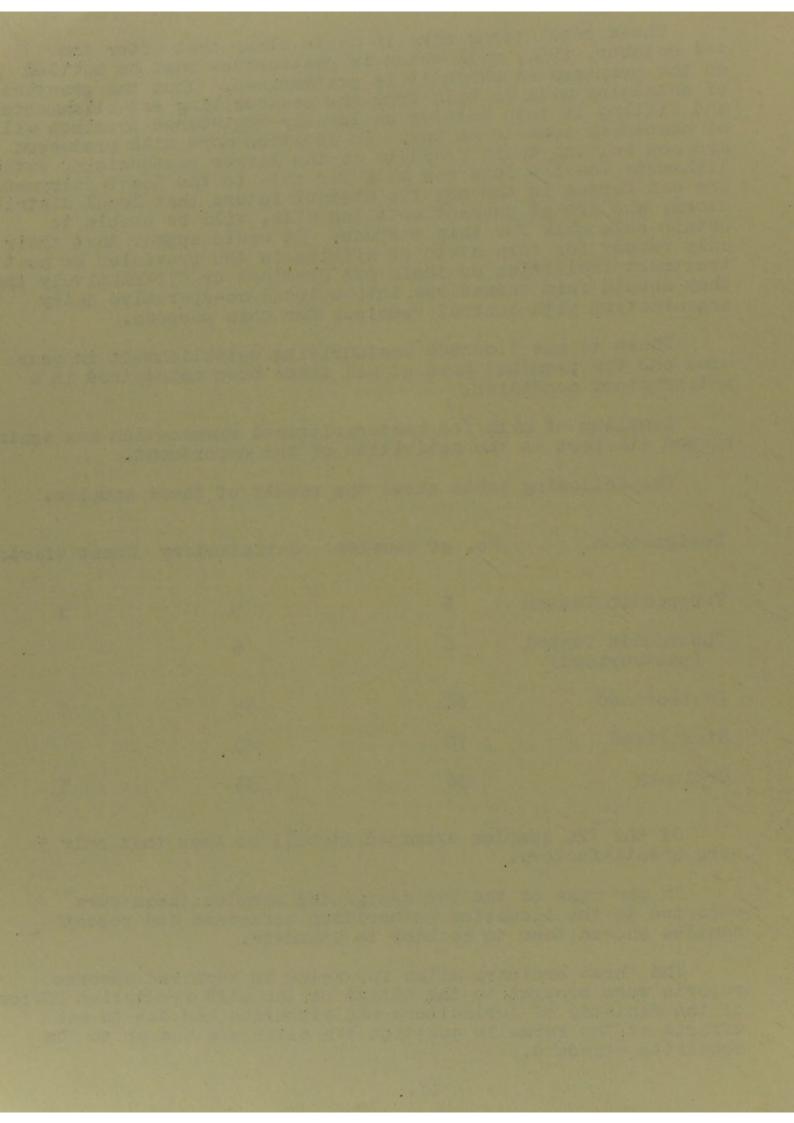
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Designation.	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfact
Tuberculin Tested	6	5	1
Tuberculin Tested (pasteurised)	6	6	
Pasteurised	66	65	1
Sterilised	10	10	
Ordinary	36	33	3

Of the 124 samples examined it will be seen that only 5 were unsatisfactory.

In the case of the two designated samples these were reported to the licensing authorities concerned and repeat samples showed them to be back to standard.

The three ordinary milks for which we received adverse reports were brought to the notice of the milk Production Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and due to his efforts at the farms in question the milks are now up to the requisite standard.



During the year 61 samples of milk were submitted for biological examination and in all cases these were reported to be negative. This a highly satisfactory state of affairs and one sincerely hopes that the position will be maintained in future years.

The following licences to deal in designated milks were issued during the year:

Dealers Licences.		Supplementary Lice	nces.
Pasteurised Sterilised Tuberculin Tested	10 8 10	Pasteurised Tuberculin Tested	1 3

(b) Meat and other Foods.

All animals slaughtered for sale for human consumption continue to be dealt with at the Ministry of Food slaughterhouse in your area. This slaughterhouse caters for a population of almost 65,000 contained in the Urban Districts of Ashby, Ashby Woulds, Shepshed and Coalville, and the Rural Districts of Ashby and Castle Donington and your inspectors are responsible entirely for the inspection of all the animals slaughtered therein. This entails work outside normal office hours, and at holiday periods, and I must pay tribute to those members of the staff who have unselfishly given of their own time to the carrying out of this work. Only by such co-operation from the staff of the department were we able to ensure that all animals were inspected after slaughter.

As will be seen from the following tables 2,788 more animals were examined in 1950 that in 1949.

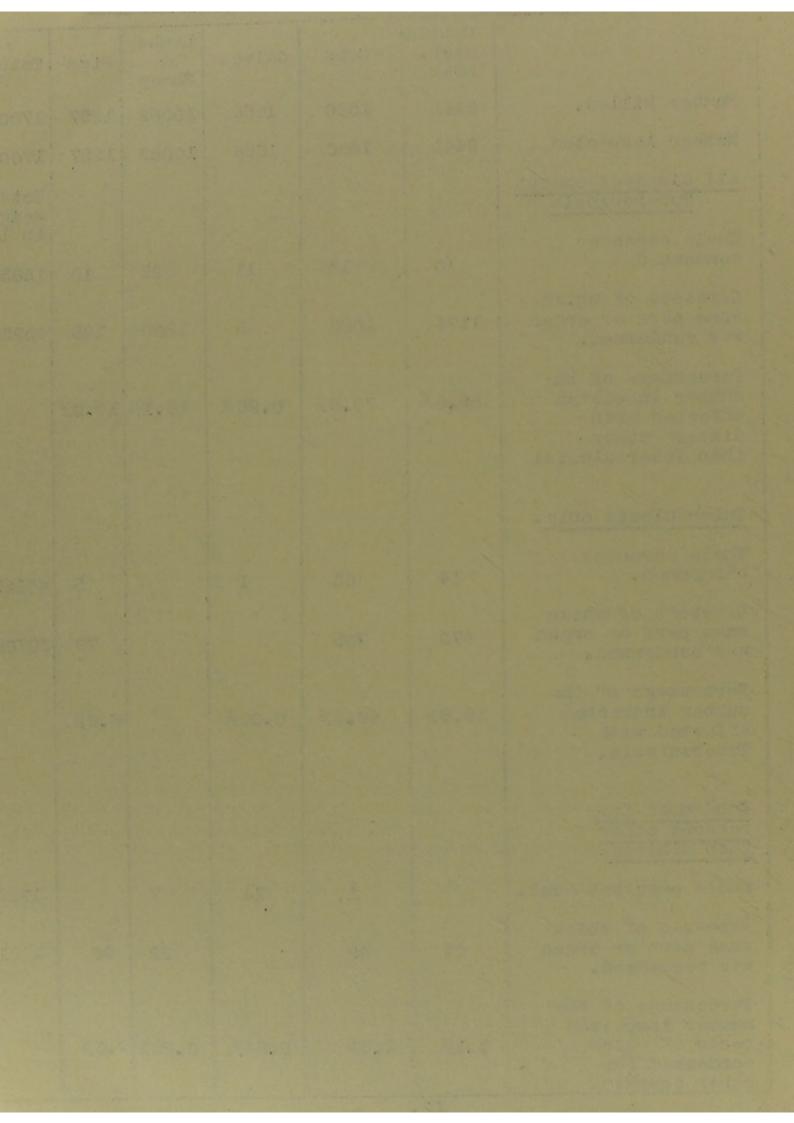
Regional Slaughterhouses in area	1
Animals slaughtered therein	16515
Animals examined therein	16515
Animals slaughtered elsewhere	491
Animals examined elsewhere	491
Inspections of meat at time of slaughter	789
Knackers yards in the area.	NIL.

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Details of carcases inspected, and	condemnations.
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	Cattle excl. cows	Cows	Calves	Lambs & Sheep	Pigs	Total
Number killed.	2441	1560	1666	10082	1257	17006
Number inspected	2441	1560	1666	10082	1257	17006
All diseases except Tuberculosis						Total weight
Whole carcases condemned	10	13	11	28	10	in 1bs.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	1174	1088	5	1800	128	40925
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	52.8%	70.5%	0.96%	18.1%	10.9%	
Tuberculosis only.						
Whole carcases condemned.	14	63	1		5	46129
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	470	705	*		79	39706
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	19.8%	49.2%	0.06%		6.6%	
Condemned for reasons other than disease.						
Whole carcases cond.		1	14	7		1723
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	27	39		22	26	2221
Percentage of the number inspected parts of which condemned for other courses.	1.1%	2.5%	0.84%	0.28%	2.6%	

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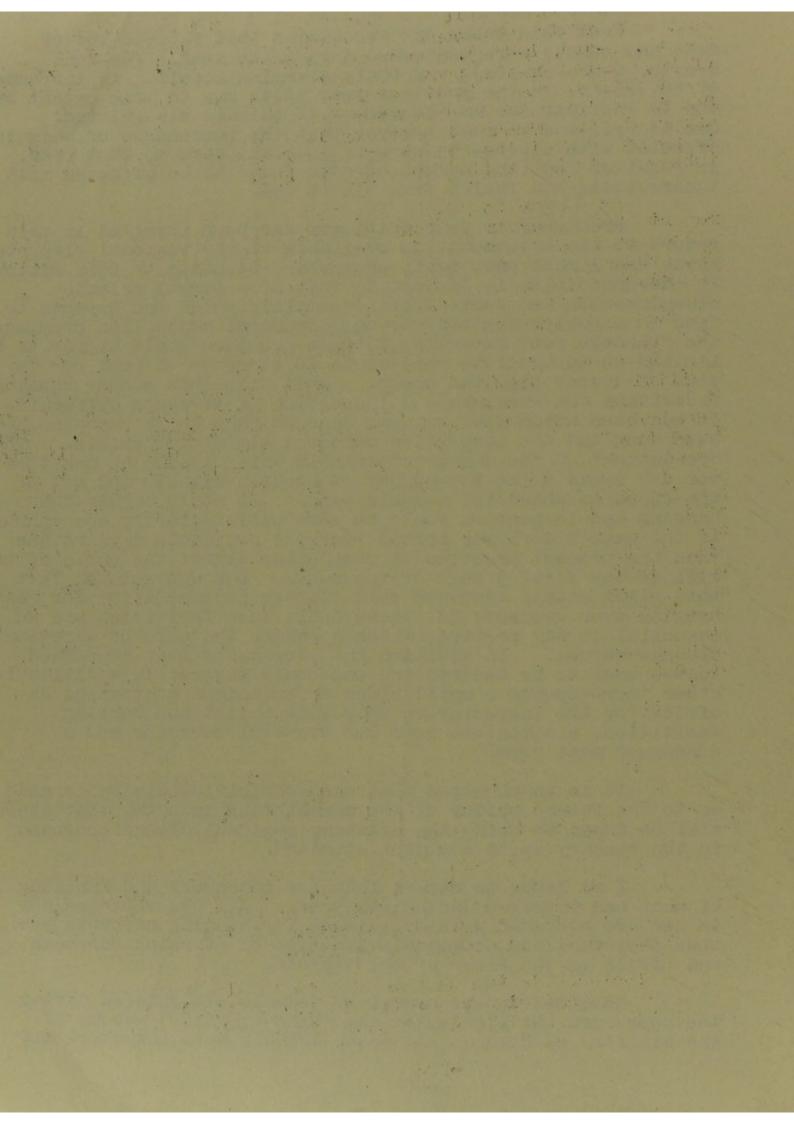
From this table one ascertains that 146,556-1bs of meat and offals were condemned during the year. (65-tons 8-cwts. 2-qrs. 4-lbs). A truly alarming total! An increase of 58,766-lbs on the previous year which may to some extent be due to the increase in the number of animals slaughtered. One is relieved to read however that the percentage of animals affected with disease is more or less the same as last year, in point of fact the number of cows found to be affected with tuberculosis has fallen from 53% to 49%.

From year to year criticism has been levelled in this report at the accommodation available at the regional slaughterhouse and I must once again draw your attention to this matter. The accommodation is limited to that of a normal private slaugtherhouse and lacks those essentials which one expects to find in a public abattoir or on government controlled premises. The "through put" capacity of these premises would appear to be limited as an absolute maximum to 20 carcases of beef per day plus of course pigs and sheep. Even with this number hanging facilities are strained and inspection of carcases difficult. It has been noted that on some days as many as 34 carcases have been hung and the inspection rendered almost impossible. The "yardstick" of the number of animals which should be dealt with per day seems to be the number of hooks available and not of the space in which the animals hang. It would appear that hanging and inspection would be more satisfactorily accomplised if the week's work was spread over the available days rather than the present practice of completing almost the whole of the kill in the first 3 days of the week. One appreciates that this might entail adequate cold storage accommodation for meat hanging over weekends but there again such facilities are an essential at any premises which go under the name of a regional slaughterhouse. In addition the storage of meat condemned leaves much to be desired and one could suggest in addition to other improvements a small block of buildings containing an office for the inspector on duty with toilet and washing facilities, a detention room for doubtful carcases and a condemned meat room.

It is to be hoped that when official decision is made as to the future policy of the slaughtering industry that steps will be taken to bring the existing regional slaughterhouses in the country up to a modern standard.

I am happy to report that the transport and handling of meat has improved during the year. All the vehicles now in use are provided with facilities for hanging carcases etc., thus obviating the abominable practice of stacking carcases and offals on the floor of the vehicle.

Included in the number of animals slaughtered during the year were 491 pigs under the "Self-supplier" scheme of the Ministry of Food. All these animals were inspected and



owners agreed in all cases to surrender voluntarily such parts of the carcases or organs as were found to be unfit for human consumption. In a number of cases the animals were slaughtered in back yards or in close proximity to houses under conditions which left a lot to be desired. At the close of the year I was in contact with the local officers of the Ministry of Food in the hope that in future years as much as possible of this slaughtering could be carried out in licensed slaughterhouses.

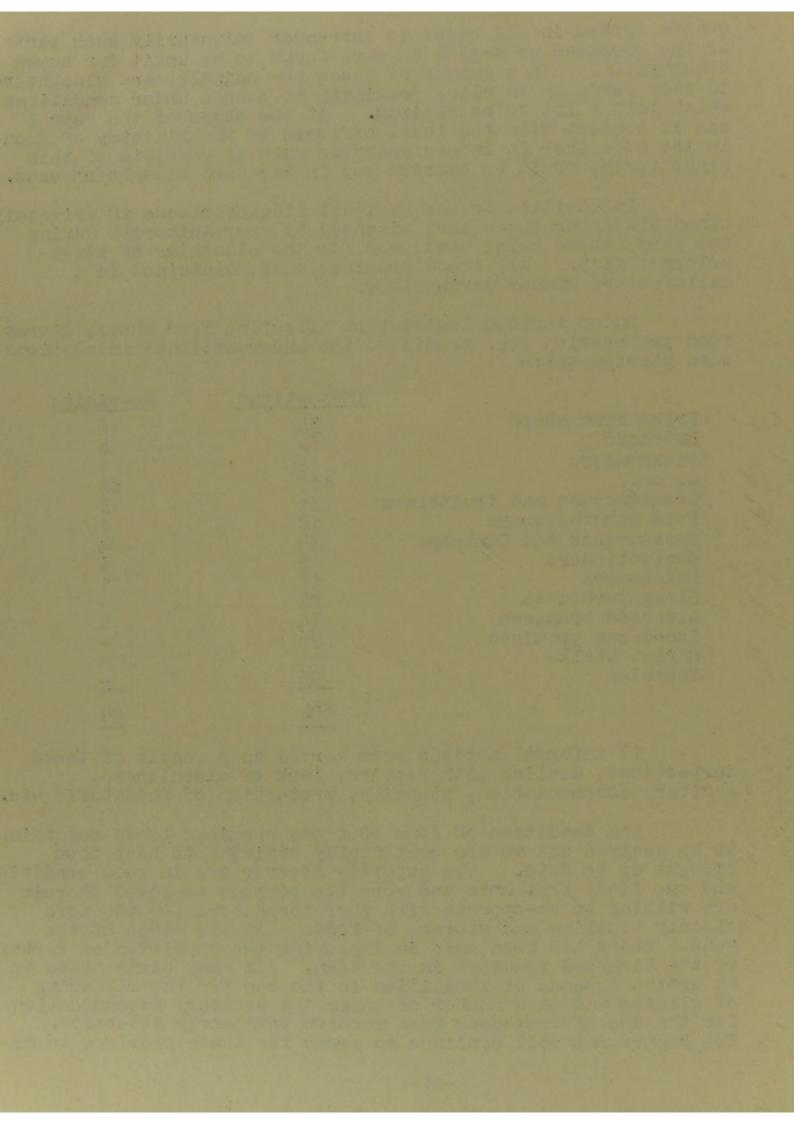
In addition to the Regional slaughterhouse 10 privately owned slaughterhouses were licensed by your Authority during the year, these being used only for the slaughter of householders' pigs. All these premises were maintained in a satisfactory manner during 1950.

Under various legislation affecting food shops, stores, food preparation etc. premises, the undermentioned inspections were carried out:-

	Inspections	Re-visits
Fried Fish Shops	34	6
Butchers	64	4
Fishmongers	9	1
Grocors	117	19
Greengrocers and fruiterers	31	3
Food manufacturers	17	1
Restaurants and Canteens	34	<b>1</b>
Confectioners	2	1
Bakehouses	15	1
Slaughterhouses	22	-
Licensed premises	14	4
Ice-cream premises Market stalls	96	-
Vehicles	53	
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17 informal notices were served as a result of these inspections, dealing with repairs, lack of cleanliness, sanitary accommodation, utensils, protection of foodstuffs etc.

The condition of some of these premises leave something to be desired and we are continually striving to have them brought up to date. The majority however are in good condition and one finds that more and more the persons employed therein are willing to co-operate with your inspectors for the more cleanly handling and storage of food. At the close of the year a start had been made in improving the condition of certain of the licensed premises in the town. In many cases there is an entire absence of facilities in the bar for the cleansing of glasses and in a number of cases the sanitary accommodation for the use of customers must receive very early attention. The Department will continue to press for these premises to be



improved and in this connection I would like to pay tribute to the assistance and co-operation of the local Superintendent of Police and the Licensing Bench.

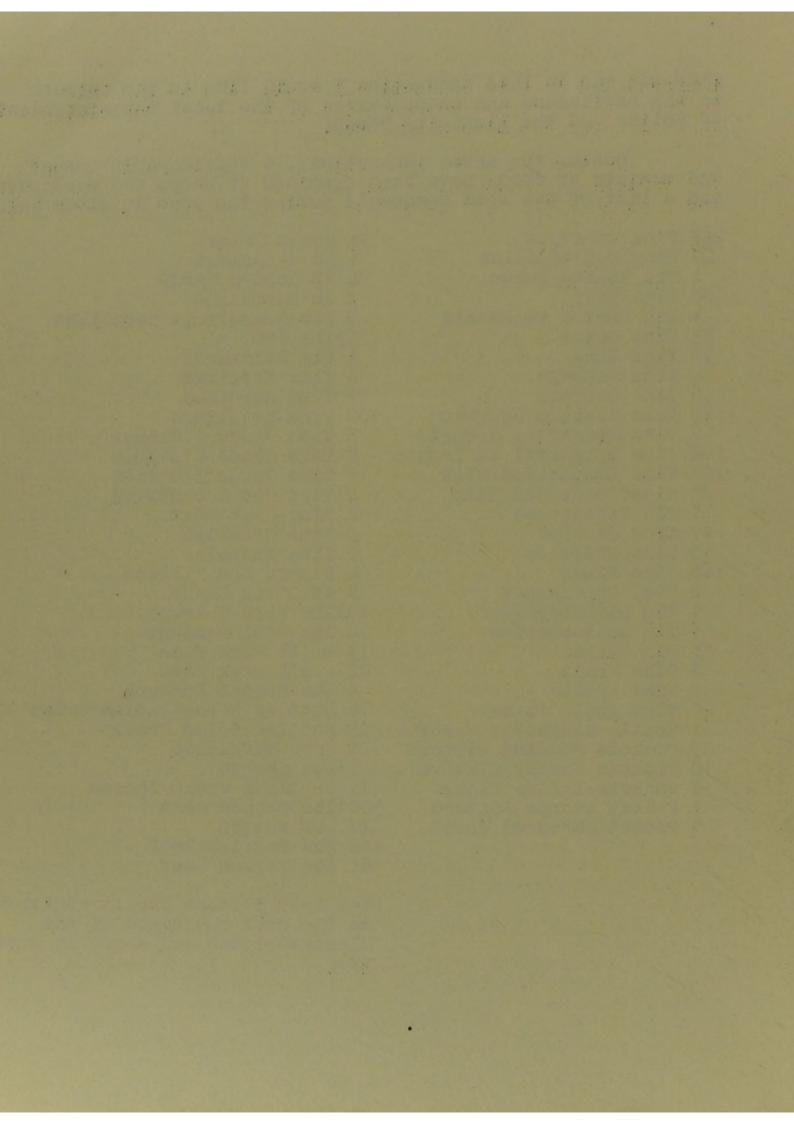
During the above inspections, a considerable amount and variety of foods have been examined at shops and warehouses and a list of the food condemned during the year is given below:

295 Tins Tomatoes 40 Tins Tomato Juice 1 Tin Tomato Puree 20 Tins Soup 1 Tin Meat & Vegetable 65 Tins Beans 65 Tins Beans 39 Tins Peas 4 Tins Cabbage 5 Tins Carrots 15 Jars Pickled Gherkins
2 Tins Spaghetti & Meat
2 Tins Grade 1 Salmon
208 Tins Evaporated Milk
28 Tins Condensed Milk
4 Tins Cod Roe Spread
2 Tins Crab Meat
2 Tins Crab Meat 1 Tin Pineapples 17 Tins Peaches 13 Tins Cherries 148 Tins Plums 2 Tins Greengages 1 Tin Blackberries 1 Tin Gooseberries 1 Tin Grapes 2 Tins Fruit 3 Tins Apples 11 Tins Apple Juice 1 Bottle Raspberry Cordial 19 Bottles Salad Cream 85 Packets Pudding Mixture 10 Packets Pastry Mixture 6 Packets Barley Flour 1 Packet Sponge Mixture 1 Packet Shredded Wheat

31 Boxes Dates 1 lb Mincemeat 4 lb Golden Syrup 2 lb Marmalade 9 lbs Grapefruit Marmalade 6½lbs Jam 1 Tin Pilchards 6 Tins Herrings 6 Tins Herrings 17 Tins Sardines 3 Tins Grab Meat
3 Tins Crawfish
2 Tins Mussels
4 Stones Cod Fillets
8 lbs 11oz Bacon
19½lbs Pork Sausage
4 lbs Beef Sausage
13 - 11b Pork Pies
22 - ½lb Pork Pies 4 lbs Nougat Bonbons 6 Bottles Horse-radish Sauce 21 Jars Mayonaise 951bs Cheese 14 Portions Cream Cheese 500%lbs Canned Meat 17 lbs Mutton 418 lbs English Beef

> (The last 3 Items are in addition to the meat condemned at the slaughterhouse and shown on page 19).

63 lbs Frozen Beef



The condemnation of foods of certain types and amounts is notified to the Salvage Division of the Ministry of Food, which deals with the foods thus condemned. This routine applies to all amounts of butter, cheese, lard, margarine, cooking fats, bacon and ham.

In all other cases where it is not considered harmful, condemned food is utilised after cooking by local pig and poultry keepers. Unusable material is buried at the Council's tips.

#### (c) Ice-cream.

Under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, there were registered at the close of the year 56 premises for the sale of ice-cream and 1 for its manufacture and retailing. No ice-cream was manufactured at these latter premises during the year.

The "Standard code of practice" for these premises, adopted by your Authority in 1947, has been in operation throughout the year and has formed the basis on which all new applicants for registration have been dealt with. The "code" also laid down the official requirements for the construction of vehicles used for the sale of ice-cream, for the equipment to be carried and for the observance of hyginic practices by the vendors.

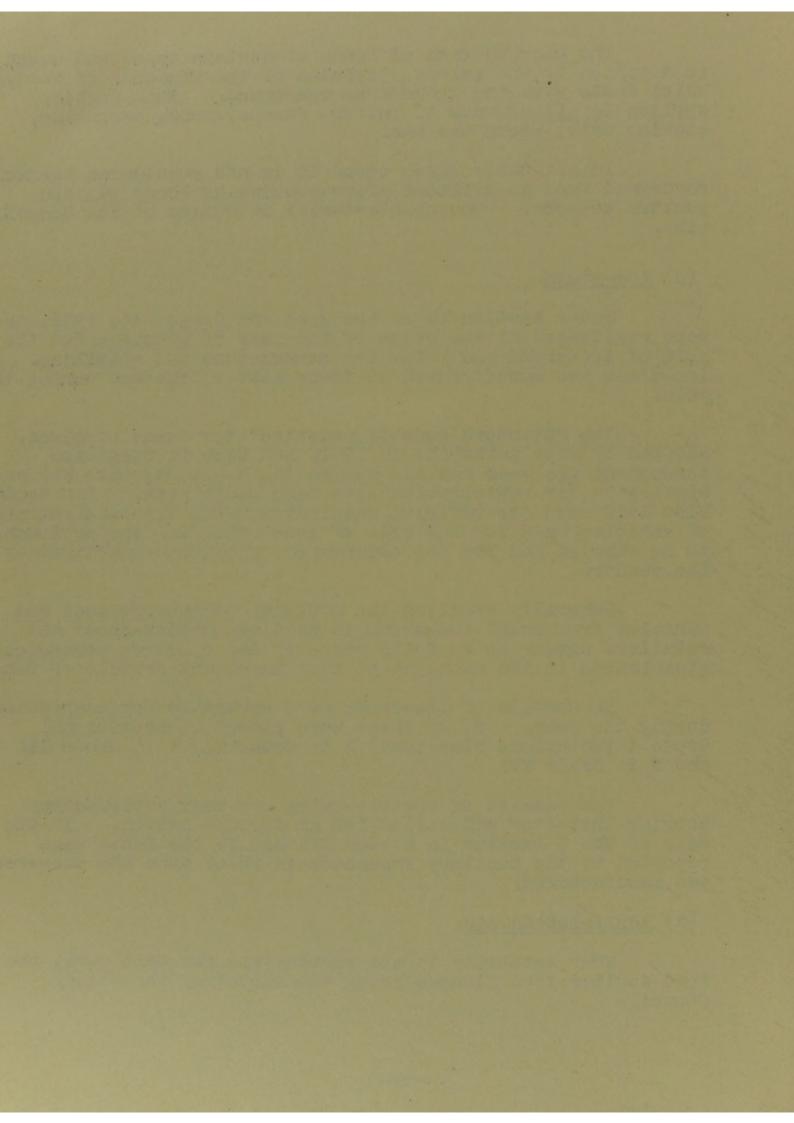
Generally speaking the majority of the premises and vehicles from which ice-cream is sold are satisfactory and retailers appear to be fully aware of the need for scrupulous cleanliness in the handling of this important article of food.

34 samples of ice-cream were submitted for examination during the year. 27 of these were placed in provisional Grade I (Methylene Blue Test) 4 in Grade II, 1 in Grade III and 2 in Grade IV.

The results of these samples are very satisfactory showing that over 91% called for no further action. In the case of the 3 samples in Grades III and IV the facts were reported to the Sanitary Inspector in whose area the ice-cream was manufactured.

#### (d) Adulteration etc.

Your Authority is not responsible for this work, the food adulteration clauses being administed by the County Council.



## (e) Food Poisoning Outbreaks.

Three cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

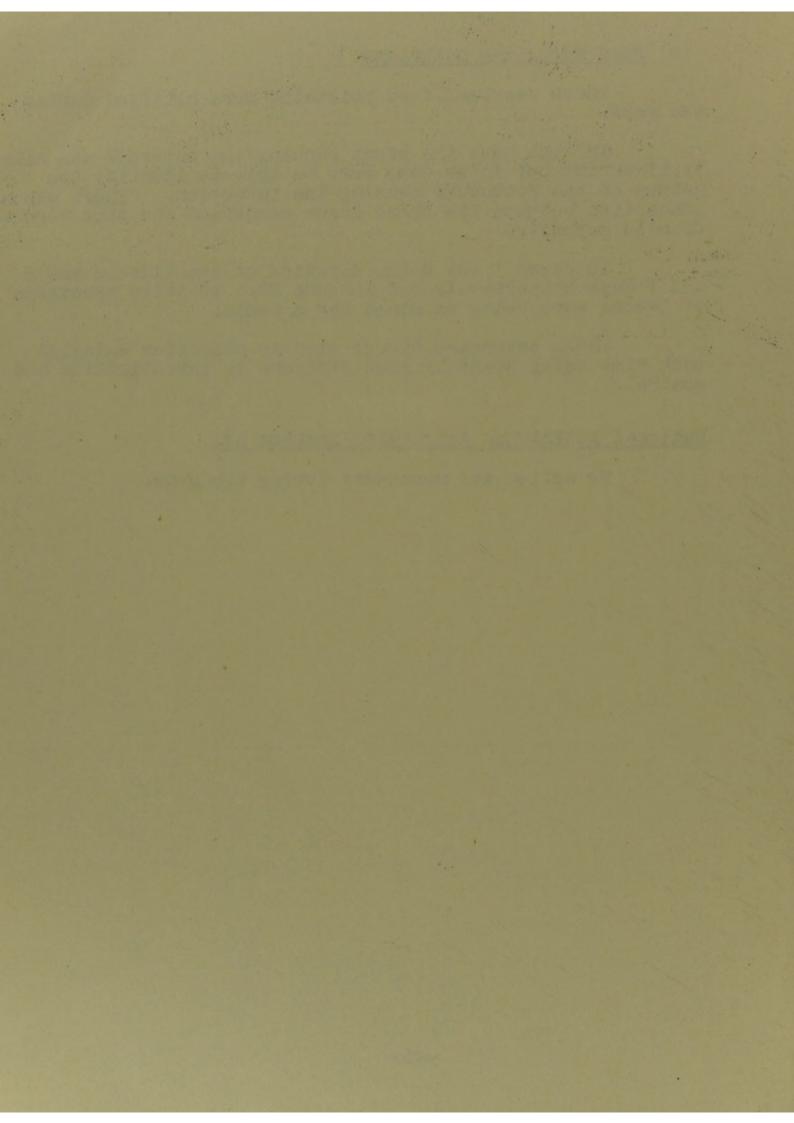
In each case the agent causing the outbreak was salm. typhi-murium but in no case were we able to identify the nature of the foodstuff causing the infection. There was no connection between the three cases concerned and they were all of mild severity.

In cases 1 and 2 the duration of the illness was 5 and 7 days respectively but in case No.3 positive specimens of faeces were being examined for 8 weeks.

These outbreaks though mild in character entailed much time being spent by your officers on investigation and control.

### National Assistance Act, 1948. Section 47.

No action was necessary during the year.



#### SECTION F.

# PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Tables showing the total notifications after correction under age groups, and deaths from infectious diseases.

N	OTI	FICAT	TONS.									
Age		ever.		ping gh.	Acute Poliomyelitis Paralytic Non-Paralytic					asles	Diphtheria	
Under 1	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	М	F
year			10	7					13	23		
1-2			16	15				1 4 4 3	107	94		
3-4	2	8	21	16					119	108		
5-9	4	7	14	14					149	158		
10-14		2		2					4	4		
15-24	1.					-			1			
25+												
Age un- known									2			
Total	7	17	61	54					395	387	-	
	2	4	11	5					7	82		

/Notifications cont'd.

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							en al	it	ph	-	-	Fever	1				118						
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1	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M			M	
Under 5 years	22	19																		2			
5-14	10	6		1																			
15-44	7	9		1													1			1	2		
45-64	10	10		1															1				
65∓	4	4													1	3							
Age unknown																			1	1			
Total	53	48		3				-						1	1	3	1	1		3		1	
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#### DEATHS

	Total	Under 1 year	1-2	13-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+
Scarlet Fever Diphtheria Pneumonia Cerebro-Spinal Fever Whooping Cough Measles	9	5								1	1	2

#### DIPHTHERIA.

During the year, no cases of this disease were notified, a further testimony to the efficacy of immunisation.

Dr Gibson, County Medical Officer of Health, has kindly supplied the numbers of children primarily immunised during

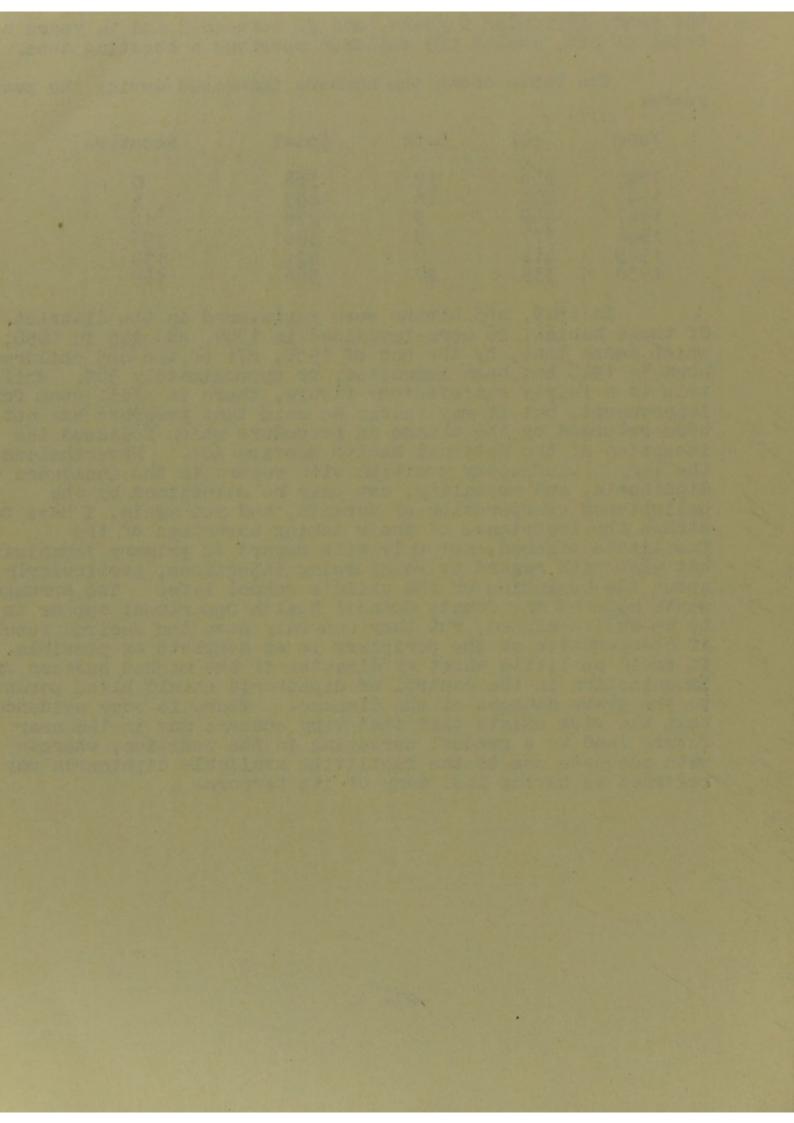
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the year, 339 under 5 years, and 27 between 5 and 14 years a total of 366, whilst 169 children received a boosting dose.

The table shows the numbers immunised during the past si

Year	-4.	5-14	Total	Boosters
1945 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950	356 443 469 377 412 339	12 16 9 9 27	368 459 478 386 421 366	0 4 16 96 138 169

In 1949, 463 births were registered in the district. Of those babies, 26 were immunised in 1949, and 245 in 1950, which means that, by the end of 1950, 271 of the 463 children born in 1949 had been immunised, or approximately 58%. Whilst this is a fairly satisfactory figure, there is still room for improvement, but it may fairly be said that progress has not been retarded by the change in procedure which followed the inception of the National Health Service Act. Nevertheless, the very satisfactory position with regard to the incidence of diphtheria, and mortality, can only be maintained by the enlightened co-operation of parents, and yet again, I have to stress the importance of their taking advantage of the facilities offered, not only with regard to primary immunisation but also with regard to reinforcing injections, particularly about the beginning of the child's school life. The arrangements made by the County Council Health Department appear to me to be well designed, but they can only have the desired result if co-operation at the periphery is as complete as possible. It would be little short of disaster if the marked success of immunisation in the control of diphtheria should blind parents to the grave dangers of the disease. There is some evidence that the risk exists that that very success may in the near future lead to a gradual worsening in the position, whereas with adequate use of the facilities available diphtheria may be regarded as having lost many of its terrors.



# Tuberculosis.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis, and all deaths from the disease during the year.

		New	Cases	3		I	eaths	
Age	Re	Resp. Non-Resp.			Res	sp.	Non-Resp	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1								
1 - 5	1		1					
5 - 15	1							
15 - 25	2	3				1		
25 - 35	1				2			
35 - 45	2					1		
45 - 55	. 2				1	2		
5 <b>5 -</b> 65					1			
65+	1							
TOTAL	10	3	1	-	4	4	-	-

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# Infantile Mortality.

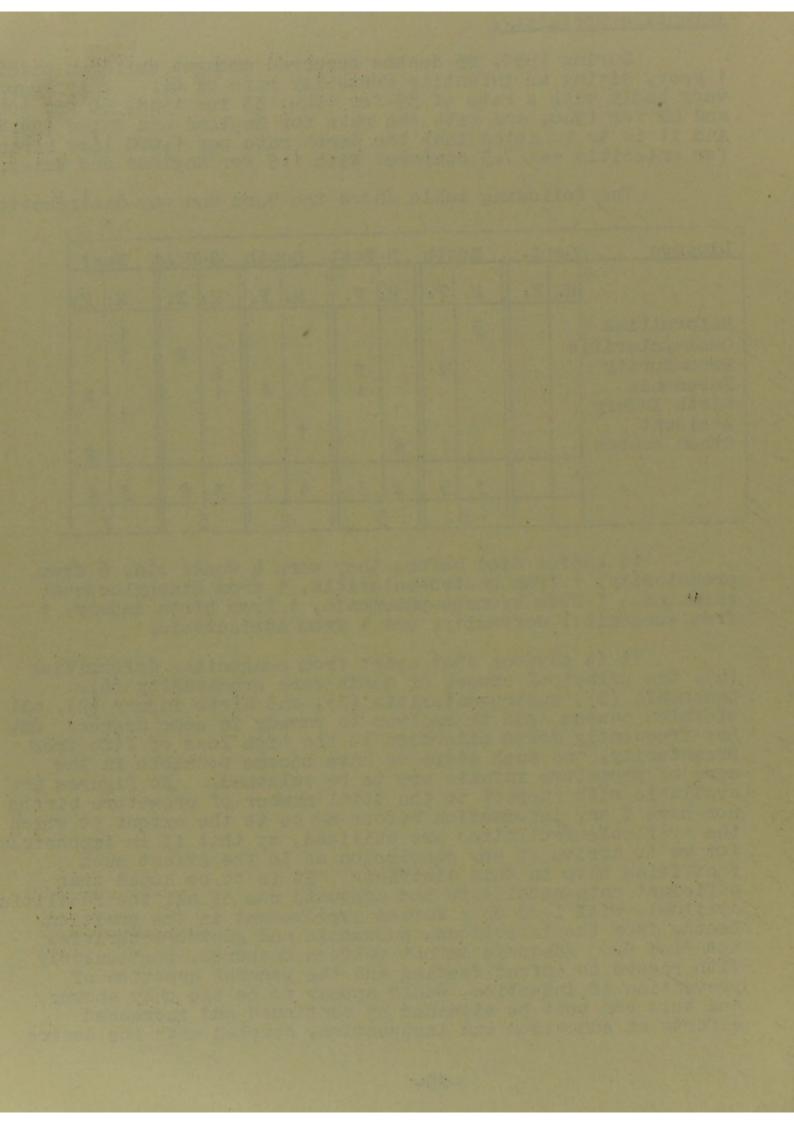
During 1950, 25 deaths occurred amongst children under 1 year, giving an infantile mortality rate of 61. This compares very badly with a rate of 39 for 1949, 33 for 1948, 60 for 1947, and 42 for 1946, and with the rate for England and Wales (29.8). And it is to be noted that the death rate per 1,000 live births for enteritis was 7.3 compared with 1.9 for England and Wales.

The	following	table	shows	the	Ward	and	sex	distribution.
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Disease	Cent.		North		N-East		t so	South		S-East		West	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Deformities Gast-Enteriti Prematurity Pneumonia Birth Injury Accident Other causes	S		3	2	1 1	2 1	1	1	2 1	2	1 1	2	
			3	3	2	3	1	1	3	2	3	4	
			6		5		2	2		5		7	

12 babies died before they were 4 weeks old, 6 from prematurity, 1 from gastro-enteritis, 1 from staphylococcal pneumonia, 1 from broncho-pneumonia, 1 from birth injury, 1 from congenital deformity, and 1 from atelectasis.

It is obvious that apart from congenital deformities (4), the principal causes of death were prematurity (6), pneumonia (5), gastro-enteritis (3), and birth injury (2), all of which causes lend themselves to remedy in some degree. One has frequently drawn attention to the high loss of life from prematurity, and such steps as have become possible in the care of premature infants are to be welcomed. No figures are available with respect to the total number of premature births nor have I any information before me as to the extent to which the available facilities are utilised, so that it is impossible for me to arrive at any conclusion as to the effect such facilities have in this district. It is to be hoped that efficient ante-natal care and adequate use of all the facilities available will lead to a marked improvement in the position. Deaths from the infections, pneumonia and gastro-enteritis, totalled 9. Adequate infant welfare measures, particularly with regard to infant feeding and the general question of prevention of infection, would appear to be the only answer, and this can best be attained by continued and increased efforts at education and instruction, coupled with the desire,



# Table showing causes of Deaths and sex distribution of Deaths in 1950.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Total	М.	F.
Tuberculosis, respiratory. Tuberculosis, other. Syphilitic disease. Diptheria.	8	4	4
Whooping Cough. Meningococcal infections. Acute Poliomyelitis. Measles.			
Other infective and parasitic diseases. Malignant neoplasm, stomach. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus. Malignant neoplasm, breast. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	1 7 8 6	1 2 8	5
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms. Leukaemia, aleukaemia. Diabetes. Vascular lesions of nervous system. Coronary disease, angina. Hypertension with heart disease. Other heart disease. Other circulatory disease. Influenza. Pnuemonia. Bronchitis. Other diseases of respiratory system. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea. Nephritis and nephrosis. Hyperplasia of prostate. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion. Congenital malformations. Other defined and ill-defined diseases Motor vehicle accidents. All other accidents. Suicide	21 31 43 91 91 95 3 43 1 2 2 4 5 1 3 2	173 1662 276 1 432 31 1 2 461 2	4 187724 3 52112 2 29
Homicide and operations of war.	-	2	
ALL CAUSES	286	164	122

And brighten . CIRCUMST DONE OF STREET MOLFED ANDLESSED .V. N. CO. which I am sure exists in most parents, to receive and use that instruction to the best of their ability. This is a real problem for the district, but it can only be solved by the co-operation of all concerned, parents and local authorities alike.

Birth rate, Death rate and Analysis of Mortality during 1950.

	Rate per 1,000 total pop.		Annual Death Rate per 1000 pop.										Rate per 1,000 live Births	
	LIVE BIRTHS	STILL BIRTHS	ALL CAUSES	ENTERIC FEVER	SMALL POX	MEASLES	SCARLET FEVER	WHOOPING GOUGH	DIPHTHERIA	INFLUENZA	ACUTE POLIO	PNEUMONIA	ENTERITIS UNDER 2 YRS.	TOTAL DEATHS UNDER 1 YR.
England & Wales Coalville U.D. 1950 Coalville U.D. 1949	15.8 15.9 18.1	. 50	10.8	,00		.00	.00	.00	. ∞	.03	.00	•35		29.8 61 39

To make the death rate for Coalville strictly comparable with the rest of the country, the figure given (10.8) should be multiplied by 1.11, the corrected death rate thus being 11.98; and to make the birth rate strictly comparable with the rest of the country, the figure given (15.9) should be multiplied by 1.02, the corrected birth rate thus being 16.21.

