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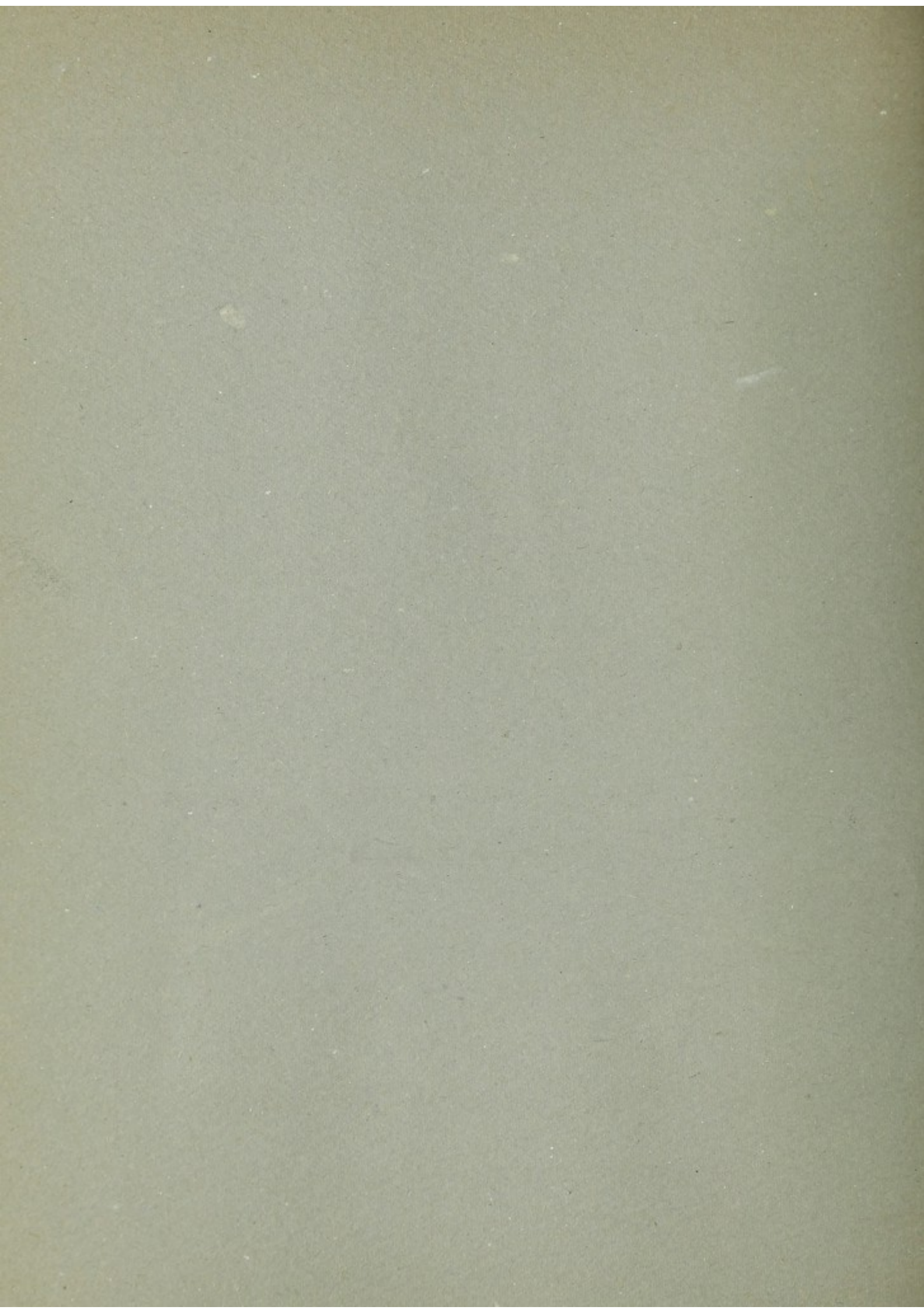
REPORT

on the

**Health and Sanitary Circumstances
of the Borough**

for the

Year ended 31st December, 1969



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on the

HEALTH AND SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH

for the

Year Ended 31st December 1969

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To: The Mayor, Aldermen, and Members of the Congleton Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the Year 1969 on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough.

Again there has been a significant increase in the estimated population which has gone up from 19,210 to 19,610, an increase of 400.

There has been no undue incidence of infectious diseases this year and no deaths have been reported. The campaign against measles by means of vaccination was seriously interrupted during the year owing to the fact that one of the two batches of vaccine manufactured in this country proved to be unsatisfactory and reliance could only be placed on one source. This meant that no appointments could be made through the computer with the result that very few children were dealt with. This is most unfortunate as it is expected that the winter of 1970/71 will see an increase in measles and it was hoped that as many children as possible could be protected before this occurred. However, at the time of writing this Report stocks of vaccine have been increased and it is hoped to re-start the vaccination as soon as possible.

In the Tables showing the cause of death there has been a slight increase in the number of cancer cases and a slight increase in the number of coronary heart disease cases and cerebral vascular accident cases. I am particularly disturbed by the increase in the number of cases of cancer of the lung and bronchus which has shot up to twelve, the highest figure ever recorded. As this is very largely a preventable condition it does seem even more tragic to have to make this kind of report.

It was mentioned in the Report of last year that the scene at that time was very much dominated by the prospects of Local Government Re-organisation. It would appear now that the direction in which this is going to go is not quite the same as everyone expected consequent upon the Maud Report, and it may well be that here in Cheshire we will end up with a well balanced system of Two-Tier Government with a considerable amount of delegation from the higher authority. Indeed it is hoped that this will happen so that not only will Local Government be more interesting and more worthwhile to the elected representatives, but more important still the public could get a better quality service.

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However, the recommendations made in the Seeborn Committee Report have been largely implemented in the Social Services Act and the County Council have appointed a Director of Social Services who will take over the functions of the Children's Department, the Welfare Department, and many important sections of the Health Department. Up to now no one person has ever been responsible for such a combined appointment and in the nature of things a new Director will be serving an apprenticeship and many aspects of his new job he will have to learn, not previously having had any experience in such important subjects as Child care; Training centres; Mental Welfare; Home Helps; Physically handicapped; and certain aspects of Housing Management. However, we cannot go on deploring this situation and must somehow or other endeavour to the best of our abilities to make the new set-up work so that the public, who are in receipt of these services, will not in any way suffer as indeed they might. It is doubtful whether they will have an improved Service as I cannot myself see how a Comprehensive Family Service can in any way be divorced from the health aspect of their problems. I think it is essential that the District Councils, or any new Second-Tier Authority which may evolve, should make certain that they are adequately represented in the Social Service build up and that their Health Department, Medical Officer of Health and Health Inspectors are integrated into the scheme.

We still very much need Clinic facilities in the West End of this town and are being held up because there is no plan to develop a Health Centre. It has been suggested that the clinic facilities be provided as a first stage towards a Health Centre. The general practitioner services could come along at any time in the future if it was felt necessary for this to take place. I do not myself think it absolutely essential that all the services should be within the same curtilage, although it may be administratively convenient. What is essential is that the general practitioners should come together in groups.

I should like to thank Mr. Whiston, our Chief Public Health Inspector, for his co-operation and help in the preparation of this Report as well as to the Engineer and Surveyor for his contribution. Mr. Horace Lawton, our Clerk, has always been a most helpful colleague and I should like to pay tribute to the great assistance and advice he has given me at all times.

I beg to remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

L. RICH

Medical Officer of Health

The figures in brackets throughout this Report are for 1968.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated population 19610 (19210)

<u>Births</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Live Births	Legitimate	327 (341)	172 (177)	155 (164)
	Illegitimate	19 (13)	13 (3)	6 (10)
Still Births	Legitimate	3 (5)	2 (3)	1 (2)
	Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Live birth rate per 1000 estimated average population mid 1969: 17.6
(18.4)

Live birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population: 16.3
(16.9)

Still birth rate per 1000 total (Live and Still) births: 9 (13.9)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (Live and Still) births: 13 (14)

Still birth rate per 1000 total population: .15 (.25)

Infantile Mortality

The total number of deaths is shown as follows:-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	3 (9)	2 (8)	1 (1)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births: 8.6 (25.4)

Infantile mortality rate for England and Wales: 18 (18)

Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births: 9.1 (26.3)

Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births: 0 (0)

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths, all ages	242 (231)	118 (118)	124 (113)

Death rate per 1000 estimated average population: 11.7 (11.4)

Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population: 11.9 (11.9)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year.

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Cholera	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Bacillary Dysentery and amoebiasis	-	-	-
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	-	-
Other tuberculosis, including late effects	-	-	-
Plague	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Typhus and other rickettsioses	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Syphilis and its sequelae	-	-	-
All other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasms	47	29	18
Benign neoplasms and neoplasms of unspecified nature	-	-	-
Diabetes mellitus	-	-	-
Avitaminoses and other nutritional deficiency	-	-	-
Anaemias	-	-	-
Meningitis	-	-	-
Active rheumatic fever	-	-	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	3	1	2
Hypertensive disease	3	-	3
Ishaemic heart disease	60	33	27
Other forms of heart disease	13	4	9

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Cause	Total	Male	Female
Cerebrovascular disease	50	16	34
Influenza	1	1	-
Pneumonia	6	2	4
Bronchitis, emphysema and asthma	16	9	7
Peptic ulcer	2	2	-
Appendicitis	1	1	-
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	1	1	-
Cirrhosis of liver	2	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	1	-
Abortion	-	-	-
Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	-	-	-
Congenital anomalies	1	1	-
Birth injury, difficult labour and other anoxic and hypoxic conditions	1	1	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	-	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	-	-	-
All other diseases	22	8	14
Motor vehicle accidents	3	2	1
All other accidents	3	1	2
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	2	-
All other external causes	1	1	-
Total	242	118	124

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes

	<u>No. of deaths</u>
Puerperal Sepsis	0 (0)
Other maternal causes	0 (0)

Maternal mortality rate per 1000 Live and Still births: 0 (0)

<u>Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1950	1	1	-
1951	4	3	1
1952	4	4	-
1953	3	2	1
1954	5	4	1
1955	3	3	-
1956	8	6	2
1957	5	4	1
1958	6	6	-
1959	5	4	1
1960	6	5	1
1961	8	8	-
1962	7	6	1
1963	9	9	-
1964	3	2	1
1965	4	1	3
1966	5	5	-
1967	6	4	2
1968	6	5	1
1969	12	12	-

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows:-

Miss M. Corbishley, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Nursery Lane Clinic,
Congleton.
Tel: Congleton 2261.

Miss J. B. Edwards, S.R.N., N.N.E.B., Nursery Lane Clinic,
H.V. Congleton.
Tel: Congleton 2261.

Clinic Nurse

Mrs. A. N. Thursfield Nursery Lane Clinic,
Congleton.
Tel: Congleton 2261.

Clinic Services

As forecast in the Report of last year considerable changes are beginning to take place in the Child Health Clinics, with special reference to Developmental Paediatrics. A number of Assistant County Medical Officers and General Practitioners have received courses of training in this new field of work and are beginning to operate the new scheme. This involves seeing all babies at certain specified intervals from the age of six weeks to assess in great detail the neurological and physical development of the child. Special equipment has been provided in the Clinics for this purpose and appointments are given for each visit.

We have already found that mothers take great interest in this new procedure and are anxious to participate. At the same time we do not neglect all the other purposes for which these Child Health Clinics were originally established, and the feeding problems and other ailments that develop during the upbringing of a child are being adequately dealt with. We have, during the year, stopped the sale of the branded foods at the Clinics and it would appear that from the figures being reported that there has been a falling-off in the number of attendances. This was to be expected as we knew that many mothers attended just to buy the foods. What I am certain we are now dealing with are the special cases being sent for under the Developmental Scheme, and mothers who are really worried about their children and want Clinic advice.

Statistics

Mothers Clinics	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held
Ante-natal	87 (97)	401 (452)	49 (50)

Dental Clinics	No. of Inspections	No. of Visits	No. of Extractions	No. of Fillings
Children 0-5	326 (296)	432 (365)	82 (61)	237 (150)
Expectant and Nursing Mothers	34 (48)	197 (154)	46 (43)	131 (89)
Dentures Supplied 11 (7)				

Infant Welfare

Welfare Centre	New Cases			Total Attendances			No. of Clinics	Cases seen by Doctor	Average per Clinic seen by Doctor	Average attendance per Clinic
	0-1	1-2	2-5	0-1	1-2	2-5				
Nursery Lane	159 (159)	- (-)	- (-)	1756 (2216)	341 (534)	194 (165)	49 (52)	449 (358)	9.1 (6.8)	46.7 (56)
West Road	153 (172)	- (-)	- (-)	1654 (2859)	437 (439)	149 (60)	51 (51)	366 (570)	5.2 (11.1)	43.9 (65.8)

Special Clinics for under 5

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	10 (16)	89 (136)	19 (22)	4.6 (6.1)

	New Cases	Re-examinations	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
E.N.T. Clinic	1 (1)	- (1)	9 (9)	.1 (.1)

Special Clinics for School Children

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	70 (50)	375 (359)	19 (22)	19.7 (16.3)
E.N.T. Clinic	12 (11)	56 (59)	9 (9)	6.2 (6.5)

Welfare Foods Sold - 1969

Distribution Centre	National Dried Milk		A. & D. Tablets	Cod Liver Oil	Orange Juice
	F. Cream	H. Cream			
Congleton Clinics and Divisional Medical Office	834 (2205)	27 (88)	388 (459)	426 (492)	7311 (5748)

Day Nursery

There has been an improvement in the attendance rate at the Day Nursery and I am satisfied with the standard of work done and the care and attention given to the children. Our status as a Training School has done much to improve the situation and we are indebted greatly to our Matron, Mrs. Moores, for her leadership and conscientious work.

It may well be that in the future Day Nurseries may be transferred to a Social Service Department or perhaps to the Education Department. At the moment it operates as a Medical Service with special attention given to problem families or families with particular social/medical requirements. These are our top priorities and, of course, in order to make full use of the Day Nursery we do fill in with so-called priority cases where people have to go out to work, or where the work of certain people is particularly required, for example, nurses and teachers.

The future of Day Nurseries is being considered at the moment in the light of the future structure proposed for the National Health Service and in relation to the new Local Authority Social Services Bill.

Whatever new authority the Day Nurseries operate under it will be necessary to provide facilities for sponsored medical cases and I sincerely hope that this will in no way interfere with those cases which benefit in the way they do now from attendance at a Day Nursery.

The charges at the Day Nursery keep going up each year and now stand at 16s. Od. per day. The Divisional Health Committee has power to abate these charges on medical, social or financial grounds, but nevertheless there are certain cases who will seek less satisfactory arrangements rather than apply for abatement.

Day Nursery - Attendances 1969

	<u>Average No. Attending</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>
0-2 years	10.25 (10)	2647 (2484)
2-5 years	29.75 (28.5)	7535 (7114)

January %	February %	March %	April %	May %	June %	July %	August %
87.1 (82.8)	85.9 (81.8)	92.7 (87.5)	80.1 (77.4)	84.2 (72.5)	83.3 (78.7)	83.1 (81.1)	57.1 (57.5)

September %	October %	November %	December %	1969 %
93.5 (79.4)	89.1 (83.2)	89.3 (84.4)	76.1 (87)	83.4 (79.4)

Midwifery

Nurse M. S. Bowman combines the duties of Home Nurse with that of District Midwife.

The Midwife resident in the Borough is:-

J. Sulej

12 Padgbury Lane,
Congleton.

Tel. No:
Congleton 3495

Births - 1969

Hospital		Home		Private N. Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
335 (329)	3 (5)	17 (33)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Home Nursing

Three District Nurses are resident in Congleton Borough.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>
M. S. Bowman	9 Pirie Road, Buglawton, Congleton.	Congleton 3444
B. Morris	2 Clayton Avenue, Buglawton, Congleton.	Congleton 2104
E. Scholes	36 Bailey Crescent, Buglawton, Congleton.	Congleton 3904

The Home Nurses work in close co-operation with Family Doctors and give a high level of service. With the increasing difficulty of getting patients into hospital, particularly old people, more and more work is falling on to their shoulders. To meet the call a considerable amount of nursing equipment of every kind is used and when required, which is frequent, domestic help is provided.

Meals on Wheels

One cannot speak too highly of the work being done through this service. 36 meals are served twice each week and in addition numerous social visits throughout the year are carried out by these ladies. On occasions assistance has been given by the W.V.S. to old people who have moved into bungalows. Tribute should be paid to Mrs. Nichols and all her loyal band of W.V.S. workers.

Fellowship House

Fellowship House is now being used well and a Committee of Management working to an agreed constitution is now in being and meets regularly.

The Organisations now using Fellowship House are as follows:-

Macclesfield & District Society for the Blind (Congleton Branch)	: Monday p.m.
Congleton Physically Handicapped Club	: Tuesday p.m. (monthly)
Congleton Physically Handicapped Club Committee	: Tuesday p.m. (bi-monthly)
Congleton Physically Handicapped -	: Wednesday p.m.
Handicraft Sessions	: Thursday p.m.

Congleton Old Aged Pensioners	:	Wednesday p.m. Friday p.m.
Congleton Mentally Handicapped Club	:	Friday p.m. (fortnightly)
Congleton Mentally Handicapped Club Committee	:	Friday p.m. (monthly)
Manchester Institute for the Deaf	:	Saturday p.m. (fortnightly)

In addition a Luncheon Club operates twice weekly and is well attended. Where people need transport to the Club this is provided and at present 62 people are picked up. Tribute should be paid to the voluntary workers who assist in all the functions as well as to my staff and particularly to Mr. George Wright who is our Caretaker.

Public Health Laboratory Service

A new laboratory has opened at Chester which we find more convenient than going into Manchester.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Completed Primary Courses - Persons under Age 16
(South-East Cheshire)

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others Under 16	Total	
	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965-62		At Clinics	By G.P's
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple (D/W.C./T)	33	364	112	15	22	31	158	419
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	37	388	114	20	22	66	159	488
Measles	-	90	231	125	208	40	246	448

Reinforcing Doses - Persons under Age 16
(South-East Cheshire)

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others Under 16	Total	
	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965-62		At Clinics	By G.P's
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple (D/W.C./T)	-	32	139	24	423	22	170	470
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	2	2	-	290	9	102	201
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	2	29	90	-	121
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	-	44	120	47	936	104	406	845

Smallpox Vaccination - Persons Under Age 16
(South-East Cheshire)

	Year of Birth				Others Under 16	Total	At Clinics	By G.P's
	1969	1968	1967-65	1964-53				
Vaccinated	5	296	336	164	-	801	190	611
Re-vaccinated	-	-	-	42	-	42	2	40

Domestic Help Service

The demands for this service continue to be high and I am pleased to report that most of them in Congleton continue to be met.

Home Helps employed during 1969

Full time	-	(-)
Part time	89	(92)
	89	(92)

Home Helps employed at 31st December 1969

Full time	-	(-)
Part time	53	(54)
	53	(54)

Applications received during 1969

Aged and Infirm	44	(54)
Chronic sick	1	(4)
Mentally disordered	-	(-)
Maternity	5	(13)
Others	12	(10)
	<u>62</u>	<u>(81)</u>

Cases attended during 1969

Aged and Infirm	173	(176)
Chronic sick	16	(12)
Mentally disordered	1	(2)
Maternity	5	(8)
Others	17	(11)
	<u>212</u>	<u>(209)</u>

Cases receiving attention at 31st December 1969

Aged and Infirm	124	(105)
Chronic sick	14	(14)
Mentally disordered	-	(-)
Maternity	-	(1)
Others	4	(4)
	<u>142</u>	<u>(124)</u>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

General

The area of the Congleton Borough Council has continued to be supplied with water derived to the greatest extent from the Hug Bridge Pumping Station, Bosley (which utilises a mixture of water drawn from the river and from the boreholes), and to a lesser extent from the artesian well supply at Forge Lane, Congleton.

New Sources

As test pumping of the new trial borehole at Rushton Spencer indicates a source worthy of development, further work has been undertaken in identification of the site of a second borehole and for the line of the main between these sources and the Hug Bridge Pumping Station. The water from these new sources will be pumped to the existing or enlarged treatment plant at Hug Bridge. The increased total supply from the station will be pumped to the Cloud Reservoir from which it will gravitate into the Congleton distribution system.

Laying of Water Main Extensions

During the year, extensions of water main - to the greatest extent necessary for the provision of water services to new housing development - have been carried out at the following sites:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Size of Main</u>
B. Cooper, Esq.	Manchester Road	4"
Percy Bilton Limited	Padgbury Lane	6", 4" & 3"
H. C. Janes Limited	Black Firs Estate	6" & 4"
A. Locke (1940) Limited	Havannah Lane	4"
Congleton Corporation	Parson Street	4"
Congleton Corporation	Eaton Bank Trading Estate	12" & 6"

I am indebted to Mr. A. B. Watson, Borough Engineer and Surveyor, for the following information.

Drainage and Sewerage

Private development continues in the West Heath, Lower Heath, Buglawton and Astbury Lane Ends areas. In all cases development has necessitated the extension of the existing drainage system.

Work is due to commence shortly on the provision of additional drainage to serve approximately 50 acres of land between Park Lane and Canal Road. This scheme will include improvements to part of the town centre surface water drainage system.

Public Cleansing

The tonnage of household refuse disposed of by controlled tipping for 1969 is estimated to be 8,500 tons.

Housing

The number of Council houses completed in 1969:-

Houses	-	(-)
Single Person Flats	24	(-)
2 bed. Maisonettes	-	(-)
Shops	-	(-)
1 bed. Bungalows	18	(-)

Private houses completed in 1969 98 (198)

Number of applicants on the waiting list at 31st December 1969 (excluding applications for aged persons bungalows) 243 (198)

Number of visits re housing applications by Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector 33 (47)

Modernisation of Pre-War Council Houses

Several pilot schemes have been carried out during the year and a start on the first phase of Vaudrey Crescent (55 houses) is due to be made at an early date.

Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1969 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1960.

Notifications - 1960 to 1969

	1960		1961		1962		1963		1964		1965		1966		1967		1968		1969	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
<u>Male</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5							1		1											
5 - 15																				
15 - 25			1										1					1		
25 - 35									1		2						2		1	
35 - 45			1						1		2		1				1		1	
45 - 55	1				1		1						1							
55 - 65	1				1		2		1		1		4				2			
65 & over	1		1						1				1							
<u>Female</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15							2										1			
15 - 25	1		1	1						1										
25 - 35			1				1					1		1					2	
35 - 45			1																	
45 - 55									1	1		1								
55 - 65																				
65 & over	1																			
Total	5	-	6	1	1	1	7	-	6	1	6	1	9	-	1	-	7	-	4	-

Deaths - 1960/69

	1960		1961		1962		1963		1964		1965		1966		1967		1968		1969	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
<u>Male</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
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Cases on the Tuberculosis Register at 31st December 1969, were as follows:-

	Up to 1 Yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 & over	Total
Female Pulmonary	-	-	-	3	9	12	4	12	12	52
Male Pulmonary	-	-	2	2	10	7	6	9	7	43
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	8	3	3	3	4	-	21
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	4	5	15

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT FOR YEAR 1969

General Remarks

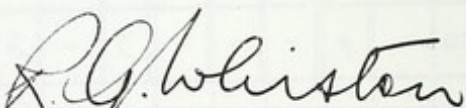
The removal to the new Municipal Offices took place on the 1st February and this has helped with administration and liaison with other departments.

The Council decided to continue the policy of training Public Health Inspectors and a new pupil was appointed in August and commenced his theoretical training at Salford College of Technology in September.

The end of the year saw the passing of the Housing Act 1969 with larger grants becoming available and additional improvements covered by grant aid.

As well as Local Government Reorganisation being considered in the Redcliffe/Maud Report probable changes in Public Health administration were outlined in the Government Green Paper (National Health Service) and the Seebohm Report (Welfare and Social Services).

After due consideration and consultation over a long period with various persons concerned the Council decided to discontinue the mortuary facilities provided and accordingly the mortuary was closed and taken out of use with effect from 1st June.


Chief Public Health Inspector.

Public Health Acts 1936 - 1969

Complaints

During the year 165 complaints were received and investigated; 12 of these were found to be concerning matters which could not be dealt with by the department; 20 were found to be related to dangerous structures, waste of water and other matters and were referred to the departments concerned.

Nuisances

Following complaints, and as a result of routine survey, 97 houses were inspected, a total of 107 nuisances found and 81 Informal Notices issued, 132 visits were made to houses previously inspected and 102 nuisances found to be abated. 94 Informal Notices were complied with. 15 Formal Notices were served and complied with.

Drainage

The repair of existing drainage was supervised and necessary testing done. 331 visits were made in connection with this work and the tracing of existing drainage at various properties.

Water Supply

Routine samples were taken monthly from each of the town's systems of supply, from the baths at the National Children's Home and also during the season from the Council's swimming baths. The Public Health Laboratory Service, Chester, carried out bacteriological examination of the samples and the reports were satisfactory.

All except 24 (75 occupants) of the houses in the Borough have piped water inside the houses from public water mains.

Infectious Disease and Disinfection

4 cases of infectious disease were investigated and the necessary disinfection of premises and library books carried out.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses registered.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

The licensed site at Rocky Pool, Timbersbrook, was visited regularly and was found to be satisfactorily kept and well conducted.

The Discontinuance Order in respect of the site at Astbury Marsh became operative on the 1st June 1967, but unfortunately its use was not discontinued and many complaints were received.

On one occasion groups of itinerant caravans were parked on the fair ground but these were dealt with by the Borough Surveyor as this is Council owned land.

Noise Abatement Act 1960

2 complaints of noise were received, both arising from engineering processes. The nuisances were abated following informal approach to the management of the firms concerned.

Clean Air Acts 1956 - 1968

Only one firm gave any trouble and following survey and advice from the National Coal Board the position with regard to smoke emission improved.

Housing Acts 1957 - 1964

65 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Acts and 299 re-visits made.

29 houses in clearance areas were demolished and 4 areas completely cleared. 2 individual unfit houses were demolished.

6 houses were vacated and closed.

3 clearance areas comprising a total of 40 houses were represented to the Council and Compulsory Purchase Orders made.

1 clearance area of 8 houses was purchased by the Council by agreement with the owners.

Reports were submitted on 5 individual unfit properties and Closing Orders were made by the Council in respect of these.

An Order in respect of 3 clearance areas containing 37 houses was confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Following applications for advances under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958, 28 houses were inspected and reports submitted to the Council.

Improvement Grants

16 applications for standard grants were received and all but two were approved.

Certificates of Disrepair

No application for Certificates of Disrepair were received.

Food and Drugs Act 1955

785 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out. 27 contraventions were found and 10 Informal Notices issued. On re-inspection 49 contraventions had been abated and 19 Notices complied with.

5 complaints were received at the office of the unsatisfactory condition of various food-stuffs. All were referred to the Cheshire County Council who prosecuted 3 of the firms concerned resulting in 1 fine of £5, 1 of £20 and one of £25.

Ice-cream

There are 6 shop premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream. 96 premises are registered only for selling ice-cream.

During the year 25 samples of ice-cream were taken for bacteriological examination by the Public Health Laboratory at Chester, and none were below standard.

Preserved Food

45 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc.).

Slaughterhouses

The one licensed slaughterhouse in the Borough continued to operate and all animals slaughtered were inspected as laid down in the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 and carcasses passed fit marked in accordance with the regulations. The sum of £107 was received from the slaughterhouse occupier being the result of the charge levied on a headage basis by the Council in 1963.

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

Slaughter of Animals Act 1958

The stunning of all animals in the Borough is carried out by means of captive bolt pistols.

23 slaughtermen's licenses were renewed.

Pet Animals Act 1951

There are 2 licensed premises in the Borough and both these were inspected during the year.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

1 establishment was licensed.

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1960

12 farms are registered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and sell farm bottled milk in the Borough. 4 dairymen are registered and operate from various premises and 62 shop premises are licensed for the sale of milk. 2 premises are registered as dairies.

28 visits have been made dealing with the enforcement of the regulations.

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

	Total Submitted	Number Brucella Positive
Bulk Samples	9	2
Dealer Samples	97	2
Individual Cow Samples	100	5
Total	206	9

There were, at the end of 1969, 12 dairy herds in the district from which milk was sold raw to the public.

Following the 3 notifications from the Public Health Laboratory that samples of milk from dealers in the Borough had been found to be infected with brucellosis, Notices were served on the farms concerned requiring all their milk to be diverted to pasteurisation until the affected animals were identified and removed from the herd.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

The Council has one full-time operative whose duties are concerned with the destruction of rats and mice.

136 visits have been made by Public Health Inspectors in connection with complaints and general supervision.

All work at business premises was carried out after written or verbal intimation had been given and no Statutory Notices have been served.

A summary of the incidence and treatment carried out is appended.

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers

It is estimated that there are 1,300 manholes in the Borough and a test bait of 10% of these was undertaken and two treatments carried out during the year.

Factories Act 1961

47 inspections were made. No new contraventions were noted and 2 found previously were found to have been remedied.

Outworkers

No lists of outworkers were submitted from factories in the area.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

206 general inspections were made and 53 re-visits were made to premises previously inspected.

10 Informal Notices were served as a result of the general inspections and 11 of the Notices served previously were found to be complied with on re-inspection. A total of 30 contraventions were noted and 31 contraventions were found on re-inspection to have been remedied.

No accidents were reported during the year.

Premises registered at the end of the year were as follows:-

Offices	-	37
Retail shops	-	131
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	6
Catering establishments	-	5
Fuel storage depots	-	2
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A total of 811 persons (males 339, females 472) are shown as employed in the premises registered.

Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964

There are 5 dealers in the Borough registered under the Act.

TABLES AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Summary of Visits and Inspections

<u>General</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Water supply	75
Drainage	351
Stables and Piggeries	1
Swimming baths	11
Farms	2
Noise abatement	29
Caravans	61
Factories	47
Scrap Metal Dealers	3
Hairdressers	7
Public conveniences	3
Animal Boarding Establishments	3
Refuse disposal	45
Rats and mice	136
Atmospheric pollution	136
Pet shops	5
Interviews	211
Miscellaneous	328

Housing

Under Public Health Acts

Number of houses inspected	97
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	132

Under Housing Acts and
Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 No. of Visits

Number of houses inspected	65
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	299

Overcrowding

Number of houses inspected	6
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Verminous Premises

Number of inspections	3
Found verminous and disinfested	-
Improvement grants	96
Miscellaneous housing visits	156

Infectious Diseases

Inquiries	4
Visits re disinfection	1
Miscellaneous	31

Food Premises and Food Inspection

Slaughterhouses	380
Butchers	63
Canteens	14
Dairies and milk distributors	28
Fishmongers and poulterers	14
Food preparing premises	9
Fried fish shops	20
Grocers	237
Greengrocers and fruiterers	69
Ice-cream premises	167
Restaurants	26
Street Vendors and Hawkers carts and vehicles	31
Licensed premises	74
Bakeries	42
Miscellaneous	12

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises

Offices	43
Retail shops	148
Wholesalers	7
Caterers	1
Re-visits	53

Summary of Notices Served

No. of Visits

Number of Informal Notices served	92
Number of Informal Notices complied with	113
Number of Statutory Notices served	15
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	15

Food and Drugs Act 1955

Food Premises

Number of food premises in the area by type of business is as follows:-

Butchers	26
Canteens	21
Dairies	2
Milk shops	62
Fishmongers and poulterers	7
Greengrocers	16
Grocers and confectioners	114
Restaurants and Cafes	27
Bakehouses	9

All premises comply with regulations 16 and 19 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960, where applicable.

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

Particulars of Animals Slaughtered

Slaughterhouse	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
E. & G. Vernon West Street	-	279	24	170	-	859	734	2066

Weight of Meat Condemned

Beef lbs.	Mutton lbs.	Veal lbs.	Pork lbs.	Offal lbs.	Total lbs.
330	-	-	-	1837½	2167½

Other Foods Condemned

Tons Cwts. Qtrs. Lbs.

Canned Foods

14

-

3

20

Other Foods

1

11

2

4

15

12

1

24

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Part or Whole

	Cattle ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	449	24	-	859	734
<u>All diseases except T.B. and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	158	18	-	66	58
Percentage affected with disease other than T.B. and Cysticercosis:					
1967	28.14	16.66	5.55	9.02	9.16
1968	34.15	70.73	-	8.12	12.41
1969	35.19	75.00	-	7.68	8.03
<u>Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with T.B:					
1967	-	-	-	-	-
1968	-	-	-	-	0.28
1969	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted for treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with Cysticercosis:					
1967	-	-	-	-	-
1968	-	-	-	-	-
1969	-	-	-	-	-

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	8082	87
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	173	2
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	87	1
(ii) Mice	83	1
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	530	52
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	219	43
(ii) Mice	254	9

FACTORIES ACT 1961

1 - Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority	173	47	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	173	47	1	-

2 - Cases in which defects were found

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

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Table A - Registrations and General Inspections

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	2	37	37
Retail shops	1	131	131
Wholesale shops, warehouses.	1	6	6
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	-	5	5
Fuel storage depots	-	2	2
Totals	4	181	181

Table B - Number of Visits of All Kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises

245

Table C - Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered
Premises by Workplace

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	252
Retail shops	455
Wholesale departments, warehouses.	25
Catering establishments open to the public	68
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	11
Total	811
Total Males	339
Total Females	472

Table 2 - Analysis of Foreign-Born Registered Inspectors

Number of persons employed	Class of work	Number of persons employed
100	General	100
100	Special	100
100	Supervisory	100
100	Technical	100
100	Professional	100
100	Administrative	100
100	Other	100
100	Total	100

Table 3 - Analysis of All Other Registered Inspectors



