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COUNTY HALL,  
NEWPORT, I.W.

*May, 1939.*

*To the Members of the Cowes Urban District Council :*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report on the Sanitary Circumstances, Sanitary Administration, and Vital Statistics for the year 1938.

By direction of the Ministry of Health (Circular 1728) the report is an "Ordinary" one and not a "Survey Report."

I am, Sirs,

Your obedient Servant,

W. S. WALLACE

*Medical Officer of Health.*



## SECTION A. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres ... ..	5542
Population (Estimated Mid-year 1938) ... ..	15440
Number of inhabited houses end of 1938, as per rate book ... ..	4578
Ratable value ... ..	£106064
Sum represented by a penny rate ... ..	£385

## SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

These are unchanged since the last report,

## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births—	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate ... ..	218	116	102
Illegitimate ... ..	11	6	5
Birth rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population ... ..		14·8	
Stillbirths—			
Legitimate ... ..	7	4	3
Illegitimate ... ..	—	—	—
Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births		29·7	
Deaths ... ..	201	109	92
Death rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population ... ..		13·0	
Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and child- birth—			
From Puerperal Sepsis .. ..			Nil
From other Puerperal causes ... ..			1
Total ... ..			1
Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births ..			4·2
Deaths of Infants under one year of age—			
All infants per 1000 live births .. ..			26·2
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births ... ..			22·9
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births ... ..			90·9
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ... ..			36
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... ..			1
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ...			1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)			1

## BIRTHS.

The total number of births was 236. On the estimated population of 15440 this gives a birth rate of 15·3 per 1000 living, the birth rate of England and Wales being 15·7.

## DEATHS.

The number of deaths in the district was 201. This gives a crude death rate of 13·0 per 1000 of the estimated resident population. The Registrar General gives a comparability factor of 0·79 which makes a corrected death rate of 10·3, the death rate for England and Wales being 11·6.

## CAUSES OF DEATH :

The causes of the 201 deaths were as follows :—

<i>Causes of Death.</i>					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
ALL CAUSES.					109	92
1	Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	...			—	—
2	Measles	...	...	...	1	—
3	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	—	—
4	Whooping cough	...	...	...	1	—
5	Diphtheria	...	...	...	—	—
6	Influenza	...	...	...	4	2
7	Encephalitis lethargica	...	...		1	—
8	Cerebro-spinal fever	...	...	...	—	—
9	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...			7	3
10	Other tuberculous diseases	...	...		—	—
11	Syphilis	...	...	...	—	—
12	General paralysis of the insane, tabes dorsalis	...	...	...	1	—
13	Cancer, malignant disease	...	...		13	23
14	Diabetes	...	...	...	1	2
15	Cerebral hæmorrhage, etc.	...	...		11	4
16	Heart disease	...	...	...	27	29
17	Aneurysm	...	...	...	—	—
18	Other circulatory diseases	...	...		6	2
19	Bronchitis	...	...	...	3	—
20	Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...		3	2
21	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	—	1
22	Peptic ulcer	...	...	...	3	1
23	Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)	...			1	—
24	Appendicitis	...	...	...	1	—
25	Cirrhosis of liver	...	...	...	2	—
26	Other diseases of liver, etc.	...	...		—	1
27	Other digestive diseases	...	...		2	4
28	Acute and chronic nephritis	...	...		3	4



<i>Causes of Death.</i>					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
29	Puerperal sepsis	...	...	...	—	—
30	Other puerperal causes	...	...	...	—	1
31	Congenital debility, premature birth, malformations, etc.	...	...	...	2	2
32	Senility	...	...	...	—	5
33	Suicide	...	...	...	2	—
34	Other violence	...	...	...	4	—
35	Other defined diseases	...	...	...	10	6
36	Causes ill-defined or unknown	...	...	...	—	—
37	Diarrhoea (2 years and over)...	...	...	...	—	—
SPECIAL CAUSES (included in No. 35 above)						
	Small-pox	...	...	...	—	—
	Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	—	—
	Polioencephalitis...	...	...	...	—	—

### INFANT MORTALITY.

The number of deaths under one year was 6, giving an Infant Mortality rate of 26·2 per 1000 registered live births, the rate for England and Wales being 53.

### SECTION B.

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

##### (i) PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

*Medical Officer of Health :*

W. S. WALLACE, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

*Sanitary, Meat and Food Inspector :*

J. W. BROMLEY, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

##### (ii) (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES.

No change took place during the year.

(b) **AMBULANCE FACILITIES.**

The Council has recently purchased an ambulance for sick and accident cases and the ambulance services for the area are now adequate for ordinary purposes.

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| (c) Nursing in the Home.           | } No change to report. |
| (d) Clinics and Treatment Centres. |                        |
| (e) Hospitals.                     |                        |

**SECTION C.**

**SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.**

1. (i) **WATER.**

There is nothing new to report with regard to the water supply. Despite the exceptionally dry year, no restrictions were found necessary during the summer or autumn months, but in November, as the Borough of Newport found it necessary to shut off the supply at night, your District shared in what little inconvenience there was.

With regard to the surface supplies, the pressure filters were all renovated and brought up to date during the year, but it was not found possible to complete the installation of the chlorinating plant. It is hoped however that this will function early in the year.

The Public Health and Water Committee decided during the year that frequent sampling of the water for bacteriological analysis should take place. All samples from the East Cowes well and from the well at the waterworks, Cowes, were satisfactory.

(ii) **DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.**

No important change was made in this during the year.

2. **RIVER AND STREAMS.**

No special action was taken to check pollution of rivers and streams in the area.

3. (i) **CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.**

Progress was made in the added area in getting houses connected to the sewer, seven being so connected.



## (ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The refuse dumps were kept in a fairly satisfactory condition throughout the year and fewer complaints were received. The fight against the rat pest was carried on as usual.

## (iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector is appended at the end of this report.

## (iv) SHOPS.

No special action was taken during the year under the Shop Act, 1934.

## (v) CAMPING SITES.

(1)	The number of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes during 1938	...	2
(2)	The number of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the local authority under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936	... ..	2
(3)	The estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season, 1938	... ..	150

This does not include organised Holiday Camps of which there are two accommodating 600.

## (vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Two complaints were received about a smoke nuisance from one of the workshops and suitable action was taken by your Sanitary Inspector.

## (vii) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

A new private swimming bath was opened at the Gurnard Holiday Camp in the summer but some foundering of the walls took place and it had to be closed for repairs.



## (viii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Number of Council Houses infested with bugs	...	Nil
Number of other Houses infested with bugs	...	4
Number of Council Houses disinfested	...	Nil
Number of other Houses disinfested	...	4

Zaldicide and Solution B of Cromessol were used.

## 4. SCHOOLS.

The sanitary conditions and water supplies of the schools in the district are good. No school was closed for infectious disease in 1938

## SECTION D.

## HOUSING.

## 1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year—

(1.) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	442
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	457
(2.) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932				319
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	336
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation				3
(4)	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	...	...	...	265

## 2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices—

Number of defected dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... ..	278
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## 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year—

### (a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a) By owners ... ..	Nil
(b) By local authority in default of owners ... ..	Nil

### (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	6
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners ... ..	6
(b) By local authority in default of owners ... ..	Nil

### (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	3
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...	5



(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	Nil
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	...	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding

(a)	(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	...	18
	(2)	Number of families dwelling therein	...	...	18
	(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	109
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	...	Nil
(c)	(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	2
	(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	12
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	...	...	Nil

During the year the Council commenced building for cases of overcrowding.

## SECTION E.

### Inspection and Supervision of Food.

#### (a) MILK SUPPLY.

Many inspections of premises used in the production of milk have been made during the year and the standard of milk production is steadily improving.



At the end of the year one milk producer held a Tuberculin Tested Licence and six others held "Accredited" Licences.

(b) MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTIONS.

All slaughter houses etc., were adequately inspected. A full report will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

(e) NUTRITION.

Beyond occasional lectures to Women's Institutes, etc., nothing has been done to disseminate knowledge of nutrition.

(f) SHELL FISH.

One firm in the town has oyster layings in the Rural District, and from there the oysters are brought to be marketed in Cowes.

No action under Public Health (Shell Fish) Regulations, 1934, or the Public Health (Cleansing of Shell Fish) Act, 1932, has been found necessary.

## INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers prosecuted. (4)
Factories with mechanical power	32	3	—
Factories without mechanical power ... ..	49	3	—
†Other Premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises) ... ..	4	—	—
†Electrical Stations should be reckoned as factories. Total ...	85	6	—

## 2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars.  (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.  (2)	Remedied.  (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector  (4)	
Want of cleanliness (S. 1) ....	10	10	—	—
Overcrowding (S. 2) ... ..	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3) ...	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4) ... ..	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6) ....	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7) {	insufficient unsuitable or defective....	3	3	—
	not separate for sexes....	—	—	—
Other offences ... ..	2	2	—	—
(Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937.) ... ..				
TOTAL ....	15	15	—	—

## SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS  
AND OTHER DISEASES.

Forty-one notifications of infectious diseases were received during the year. Of these Scarlet Fever accounted for nineteen. Only four notifications of Diphtheria were received.

The amount of non-notifiable infectious disease can be approximately judged from the weekly returns of the head teachers of the schools. From these it appears that the following were the numbers of children absent during the year with non-notifiable infectious disease.

Measles	...	...	312
Mumps	...	...	179
Chicken Pox	...	...	153
Whooping Cough	...	...	4
Ringworm	...	...	3
Scabies	...	...	—
German Measles	...	...	—
Impetigo	...	...	—
Influenza	...	...	10
Influenza Colds	...	...	—
			661

# NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease	Total cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	19	8	—
Diphtheria	4	4	—
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	—	—
Pneumonia	11	—	—
<i>Erysipelas</i>	1	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4	1	—
Totals	41	12	—



## AGE AT DATE OF NOTIFICATION.

Age.	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Enteric Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Encephalitis Lethargica	Poliomyelitis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Under 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
1 and under 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 " " 3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 " " 4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 " " 5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 " " 10	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 " " 15	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 " " 20	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
20 " " 35	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
35 " " 45	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
45 " " 65	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—
65 and over.	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	19	4	—	—	11	1	—	—	4

## OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

CASES.			Vision Un- impaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
Notified	TREATED.					
	At Home	In Hospital				
4	3	1	4	—	—	—

## TUBERCULOSIS.

At the beginning of the year there were 82 cases on the Register. During the year 21 new cases, 15 Pulmonary and 6 Non-Pulmonary were added to the Register, making the total number of cases during the year 103. Of the 103 patients in the district known to be suffering from tuberculosis, 10 died, 10 left the district, and two recovered, leaving 81 on the Register at the close of the year. Of these 81 cases, 53 were Pulmonary and 28 Non-Pulmonary.

AGE PERIODS.	Totals	New Cases.				Totals	Deaths.			
		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
		M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F
0 and under 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 " " 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 " " 10	3	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—
10 " " 15	3	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	—
15 " " 20	4	2	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—
20 " " 25	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 " " 35	5	3	2	—	—	3	2	1	—	—
35 " " 45	1	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—
45 " " 55	3	2	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
55 " " 65	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—
65 and upwards.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	21	8	7	2	4	10	7	3	—	—

# REPORT

## of the Sanitary Inspector 1938.

Northwood House,  
Cowes,  
30th April, 1939.

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Cowes Urban District Council.*

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my third Annual Report, for the year ending 31st December, 1938, in respect of my duties as Sanitary Inspector.

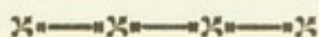
I greatly value the support of the Chairman and Members of the Council, and my thanks are due to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health and Water Committee for their invariable courtesy and consideration, to the Medical Officer of Health for his ready help and advice at all times, and to my fellow officials for their willing co-operation.

I beg to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. BROMLEY,

Sanitary Inspector.



### NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR. .

No. of dwelling houses under the Public Health Acts...	697
No. of dwelling houses under the Housing Acts ...	452
Factories (Power and Non-power) ... ..	85
Bakehouses ... ..	16
Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops ... ..	39
Slaughterhouses ... ..	913
Offensive Trades ... ..	12



Stables	...	...	...	...	...	21
Drainage Work (Testing of Drains)	...	...	...	...	...	201
Premises with regard to Rats	...	...	...	...	...	26
Shops and Food Stores	...	...	...	...	...	46
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	19
Restaurant Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	14
Other Inspections and Visits	...	...	...	...	...	95
Total Inspections	...	...	...	...	2636	
Total Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	644	

## NOTICES SERVED.

No. of Complaints received and investigated	...	...	...	...	158
No. of Notices and Letters sent with respect to matters requiring attention under the Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	286
No. of Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	6

## DESCRIPTION OF WORK CARRIED OUT.

## HOUSES.

New Floors laid or repaired	...	...	...	...	39
Plaster of walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	63
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	37
Rain water pipes and gutters repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	48
Sash frames repaired and sash cords renewed	...	...	...	...	72
Kitchen Ranges repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	47
Coppers repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	18
Yards paved	...	...	...	...	15
Yard paving repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	54
Accumulations of rubbish removed	...	...	...	...	14
Nuisance abated from keeping animals	...	...	...	...	8
Dilapidated sheds demolished	...	...	...	...	2
Verminous houses cleansed	...	...	...	...	4
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	59

## DRAINAGE.

No. of Smoke Tests applied to new drains	...	...	...	...	160
No. of Water Tests applied to new drains	...	...	...	...	8
No. of Smoke Tests applied to existing drains	...	...	...	...	91
No. of Houses completely re-drained	...	...	...	...	33
No. of Houses where drainage was partly re-constructed	...	...	...	...	55
No. of Houses where defective drains were repaired	...	...	...	...	152

No. of Inspection chambers built	...	...	46
New gullies fixed	...	...	55
No. of inspection chambers repaired or renewed	...	...	16
Defective vent and soil pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	17
New vent pipes provided	...	...	18
Rain water pipes disconnected from drains	...	...	14
Cesspools or Earthclosets abolished	...	...	7

## WATER CLOSETS.

W.C. pans cleansed	...	...	...	...	19
Reconstructed or repaired	...	...	...	...	22
Wash down W.C. pans provided	...	...	...	...	86
New Cisterns fixed	...	...	...	...	82
Cisterns repaired and put in order	...	...	...	...	24
Urinals repaired	...	...	...	...	2

## SINKS AND WASTE PIPES.

New provided	...	...	...	...	105
Waste Pipes repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	106

## WATER SUPPLIES.

No. of storage tanks abolished	...	...	...	9
Water services repaired or renewed	...	...	...	11
Domestic water direct from main	...	...	...	9

## BAKEHOUSES.

Cleansed and Limewashed	...	...	...	5
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	1

## FACTORIES AND NON-POWER FACTORIES.

W.C's. cleansed and limewashed	...	...	...	5
Insufficient W.C. accommodation	...	...	...	3
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	1

## RESTAURANTS.

Kitchens cleansed and limewashed	...	...	...	7
Sanitary Defects remedied	...	...	...	5

## SHOPS AND OTHER FOOD STORES.

Cleansed and limewashed	...	...	...	9
Sanitary defects remedied	...	...	...	5



Washing accommodation provided	...	...	4
Miscellaneous	...	...	4

## ICE CREAM PREMISES.

Cleansed and limewashed	...	...	4
Dirty utensils cleansed	...	...	1

## OFFENSIVE TRADES. FISH FRIERS.

Cleansed and limewashed	...	...	1
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## COWSHEDS.

Cleansed and limewashed	...	...	14
Accumulations of manure removed	...	...	6
Miscellaneous	...	...	5

## DAIRIES AND MILKSHOPS.

Defects remedied under Milk and Dairies Orders			5
Cleansed and limewashed	...	...	4

## STABLES.

Cleansed and limewashed	...	...	6
Accumulations of manure removed	...	...	4

## SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

Cleansed and limewashed	...	...	24
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## LICENSED PREMISES.

Sanitary accommodation improved	...	...	2
Urinals cleansed	...	...	4
New sanitary accommodation provided	...	...	2

## DISINFECTION.

Total number of infected houses disinfected	...	28
Total number of infected rooms disinfected	...	31
Number of houses disinfected after consumption		5
Number of rooms disinfected after consumption		5
Number of rooms disinfected on request	...	3

## DRAINAGE.

This work now takes up a large part of the time of your Inspector. Under Section 41 of the Public Health Act,



1936 a builder must inform the Local Authority when opening up to clear a choked or defective drain. This has necessitated a large number of premises to be redrained owing to the defective state of the existing drainage.

Progress is being made in the rural part of the district where the Local Authority have previously laid their sewer for the owners of property where foul cesspools and earth closets are in use and no proper system of drainage for their premises to be connected to the Council's sewer.

#### COWSHEDS, DAIRIES AND MILKSHOPS.

During the year frequent visits were paid to the cowsheds. Many of these are old buildings, but they are kept in a fairly clean condition and the general condition is fairly satisfactory and improvements are being gradually carried out.

Visits were also paid to the Dairies and Retail Purveyors of Milk. Milk is sold mostly from counter pans and in only a few instances are cartons sold.

Under the Tuberculosis Order, 1925, notification was received from the County Council of 3 premises where 3 animals had been slaughtered after Tuberculosis had been confirmed by the Veterinary Surgeon.

#### FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT.

During the year 85 inspections were carried out, several defects were found to exist and have now been put into a satisfactory state.

With regard to bakehouses there are now no underground bakehouses, the only one has ceased to do baking and lapses.

#### SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND FOOD INSPECTION.

There are 6 registered slaughterhouses in the district, 4 in the vicinity of the main street of West Cowes and the other two are at East Cowes.

Regular visits are paid when slaughtering is in progress, and a considerable amount of time is devoted to the inspection of carcasses.

It is to be noticed, however, that there is an absence of cows slaughtered. Principally bullocks and maiden heifers are in the main the chief source of English Beef.

The under-mentioned Table shows the number of animals slaughtered and the amount of meat condemned.

	Cattle ex- cluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	85	..	314	721	1516
Number Inspected ...	79	...	301	693	1494
<i>All diseases except T.B.</i> Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned ... ..	1	...	...	...	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. ...	1'26%	...	...	...	'334%
<i>Tuberculosis Only</i> Whole carcasses c'demned	...	...	...	...	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned ... ..	...	...	...	...	36
Percentage of number in- spected affected with Tuberculosis ... ..	...	...	...	...	2'37%

#### THE SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933.

Regulations relating to the slaughter of animals by means of mechanical instruments are in operation and no offences have been committed.

All slaughtermen are registered under the Act.

#### UN SOUND FOOD.

The following table shows the amount of unsound



food dealt with during the year.

				lbs
2 Pigs	...	...	Generalized T.B.	150
2 Pigs	...	...	Swine Erysipelas	220
1 Pig	...	...	Dropsy	84
22 Pigs' Heads	...	...	Localized T.B.	264
13 Pigs' Mesenterics	...	...	Localized T.B.	142
1 Pig's Pluck	...	...	Localized T.B.	6
1 Pig's Pluck	...	...	Inflammation	6
Hindquarter Pig	...	...	Abscesses	77
1 Bullock's Liver	...	...	Flukes	20
Hindquarter Beef (Chilled)	...	...	Caseous Lymphadenitis	15
Hindquarter Beef (Chilled)	...	...	Callouses	75
Hindquarter Beef (Chilled)	...	...	Bone Taint	272
Ox Liver—Part (Chilled)	...	...	Unsound	5
6 Tins Corned Beef	...	...	Unsound	36
1 Tin Jellied Veal	...	...	Unsound	6
9 Pork Pies	...	...	Unsound	3
1 Wild Rabbit	...	...	Unsound	—
				1381 lbs

#### OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are 5 fish friers in the district, 3 in West Cowes and 2 in East Cowes. All the premises have been periodically inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition.

There is no Marine Store Dealer in the District. All offals, etc. are taken out of the town by a contractor.

#### RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919.

Under the above Act inspections have been made and complaints have been received regarding rats, and suitable instructions, advice and help given, accumulations of rubbish removed, and in some cases undergrowth cleared.

The Council's Refuse Tip at West Cowes and the Destructor at East Cowes have frequently been treated with Cyano Gas and found to be effective.



Although not generally known amongst the general public, the responsibility of ridding premises of rats and mice devolves upon the occupier and owner of the premises.

#### DISINFECTION.

Premises are disinfected after infectious disease by the Department, but disinfection of bedding, etc., is undertaken and done by the Hospital Authorities at Fairlee, Newport.

Where contagious and other diseases occur and disinfection is requested, this is done and no charge made.

#### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

These premises have been periodically inspected and the general maintenance and repairs are carried out by the Surveyor's Department.

Licensed premises have also been inspected and generally these have been found to be kept in a satisfactory state. In several the accommodation has been remodelled and extended.

#### HOUSING (OVERCROWDING).

During the year 2 cases of overcrowding have been abated. There were 18 cases of overcrowding existing at the end of the year.

#### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

During the year it was found that several premises were in a verminous condition. The work of eradication was done by a contractor through the owner and the work was carried out under the supervision of the sanitary inspector. It was found necessary to use a blow lamp on the walls and ceilings, the infected woodwork was treated and finally the premises were sprayed with "Zaldicide" and Solution "B" both of which were found to be effective. No houses belonging to the Corporation were found to be affected with vermin. In cases where vermin is found in mattresses, bedding and furniture these are voluntarily surrendered and destroyed.

## CAMPING SITES.

There are two camping sites in the rural part of the town; one has sixteen summer huts of various structures and and the other has twenty-two summer huts. These are on privately owned ground and used chiefly by summer visitors. Water supply is laid on, the sanitary accommodation is satisfactory and house refuse is collected by the Council.

Two applications under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936 were received from owners of motor caravans, these were inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition, also the sanitary arrangements were in order. The estimated maximum number of persons who occupied these camps averaged 150.

There is also a privately owned Holiday Camp which accommodates about 300 people, there being chalets to accommodate either two or four persons, each chalet being provided with wash basin and water supply, and separate and sufficient lavatory accommodation is provided for both sexes. The drainage of the Camp is connected to the Council's sewer and refuse is collected by the Local Authority at regular intervals.

No nuisances or causes of complaint were received during the year.









