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# BOROUGH OF DEVIZES

## Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1949

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit herewith my Annual Report for the year 1949 on the Public Health and Sanitary Administration for the Borough.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

Public Health Department,  
The Chequers, Devizes.

31st July, 1950.

G. H. H. WAYLEN,  
Medical Officer of Health.

### GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	...	...	...	1391 acres
Population	...	...	...	7490
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	...	2623
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£50,728
Product of 1d. rate	...	...	...	£200 : 4 : 7.61d.

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### Live Births

	M.	F.	Total
Live Births	83	57	140
Legitimate	78	50	128
Illegitimate	5	7	12

#### Live Birth Rate

Borough	18.7
England and Wales	16.7

#### Still Births

Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	—	—	—

#### Death Rate

Crude Death Rate—Borough	14.7
Crude Death Rate—England and Wales	11.7

#### Deaths of Infants under One Year

All Infants	2	1	3
Legitimate Infants	2	1	3
Illegitimate Infants	—	—	—

#### Infantile Mortality Rate

Borough	21.4
England and Wales	32.0

#### Maternal Mortality Rate

Borough	Nil
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## CAUSES OF DEATH

	M.	F.	T.		M.	F.	T.
1. Typhoid and Para-Typhoid Fevers ...	—	—	—	20. Other Diseases of the Circulatory System ...	4	1	5
2. Cerebro-Spinal Fever ...	—	—	—	21. Bronchitis ...	—	2	2
3. Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	22. Pneumonia ...	—	2	2
4. Whooping Cough ...	1	—	1	23. Other Respiratory Diseases ...	—	—	—
5. Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	24. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ...	1	—	1
6. Respiratory Tuberculosis ...	2	—	2	25. Diarrhoea, under 2 years ...	—	—	—
7. Tuberculosis—Other Forms ...	—	—	—	26. Appendicitis ...	—	—	—
8. Syphilitic Diseases ...	—	—	—	27. Other Digestive Diseases ...	—	—	—
9. Influenza ...	—	—	—	28. Nephritis ...	1	1	2
10. Measles ...	—	—	—	29. Puerperal and post abortion sepsis ...	—	—	—
11. Acute Poliomyelitis and Polio-encephalitis ...	—	1	1	30. Other Maternal Causes ...	—	—	—
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis ...	—	—	—	31. Premature Birth ...	—	—	—
13. Cancer of Buc. Cav. and Oesoph (M) and Uterus (F) ...	1	1	2	32. Congenital Malformations, Birth Injuries, Infantile Diseases ...	1	1	2
14. Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	2	1	3	33. Suicide ...	2	1	3
15. Cancer of Breast ...	—	3	3	34. Road Traffic Accidents ...	1	—	1
16. Cancer of all other sites ...	9	8	17	35. Other Violent Causes ...	1	—	1
17. Diabetes ...	—	1	1	36. All Other Causes ...	4	4	8
18. Intracranial Vascular Lesions ...	2	9	11				
19. Heart Diseases ...	10	32	42	Total for all Causes ...	42	68	110

Deaths from Infectious Diseases were low, i.e., single deaths from Whooping Cough and Anterior Poliomyelitis. Respiratory diseases accounted for six deaths, two each from Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Respiratory Tuberculosis. Over half the deaths 58 (52.7%) were attributed to Cardiovascular Disease and close on a quarter to Cancer 25 (22.7%). Both these groups tend to rise in an ageing population.

### GENERAL PROVISION FOR HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

*Medical Officer of Health:* G. H. H. WAYLEN, M.B., D.P.H., (Cantab.).

*Sanitary Inspector:* Mr. K. WILDEY, M.S.I.A., C.S.I.B., C.G.L.I. Sanitary Engineering, commenced duties on 1st August, 1949. For the previous seven months actual complaints were dealt with by the Medical Officer of Health, with assistance from the Borough Surveyor's Department, but no routine inspections carried out. Foods condemned by Medical Officer of Health during that period are listed in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

#### **Ambulance Services, Maternity and Child Welfare Services, Clinics—Orthopaedic, Physiatric, etc.**

All these services are under the control of the Wiltshire County Council and reported on by the Chief Medical Officer to that Body.

#### **Maternity Services**

Housing conditions here render the need for maternity beds in this area as great as ever, as the figures below prove :—

Confinements at home in Devizes Borough ...	54
Confinements in Hospitals from Devizes Borough ...	179

The sooner the vacant beds at the old Isolation Hospital are put to effective use, the better.



## Isolation Hospital

This hospital closed down in July, 1949. Infectious cases needing hospital treatment were subsequently admitted into Chippenham or Bath City Isolation Hospitals. At the close of the year, these buildings had received some repairs but were not ready for use as a new Maternity Hospital.

This hospital was opened in October, 1905, and took in the "Fever" cases from the Devizes and Pewsey areas. My father was appointed its first Medical Officer, which post he held for 27 years, giving it up in 1932, when I succeeded him. To the day of his death, he had happy memories of a happy place. So have I now; the work was varied, interesting and rewarding. Others than its Medical Officers share such memories, I feel sure.

### DEVIZES & PEWSEY JOINT ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Cases admitted January—July, 1949, inclusive

Diseases	Total	Devizes Borough	Devizes R.D.	Pewsey R.D.	Other Districts	Military
Scarlet Fever ... ..	11	4	7	—	—	—
Glandular Fever ... ..	1	—	1	—	—	—
Chicken Pox ... ..	1	—	—	1	—	—
Influenza ... ..	1	—	1	—	—	—
Measles ... ..	2	1	1	—	—	—
Mumps ... ..	2	—	—	1	1	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	2	1	—	—	1	—
Tonsillitis ... ..	2	2	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis ... ..	1	—	1	—	—	—
Observation ... ..	7	5	2	—	—	—
	30					

## Devizes & District Hospital

The need for increased office accommodation to cope with the requirements under the new arrangements has been met by a new building erected at the entrance to the Hospital. This released space for two additional beds and a Surgical Sister's Duty Room.

Available Beds ... ..	60
Average Occupied Beds ... ..	44-45
Total Admissions ... ..	Over 1,000 (1,032)
Operations ... ..	Nearly 700 (696)
Out-Patients' Attendances ... ..	Over 25,000 (25,305)

Plans for a new Out-Patients' Department have been approved by the Ministry of Health, but are held up and the starting date is still awaited.

## Nursing

Still difficult to obtain adequate numbers of fully qualified nurses. Some assistant nurses, i.e., persons with some previous nursing experience or with two years training only, have been available. Orderlies, male and female, quite untrained, are taking the place of Student Nurses. The differential rates of pay between Student Nurses (£200 p.a.), (i.e., £100 and all found) and Orderlies £4/5 : 14 : 0d. according to sex and hours of work, Enrolled Assistant Nurses (£285-£385) and fully trained Staff Nurses is marked. The untrained student classes get salaries out of proportion to their real value, whilst there is little incentive to attract the girl of good education and background into the profession. Without a high standard of nursing, neither costly equipment, administrative efficiency, nor the skill of medical and surgical staffs will by themselves produce the hospitals within which we should all wish to be treated if ill.

## Diphtheria Immunisation

### Immunisation in relation to Child Population

Number of children who had completed a full course of immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1949.

#### DEVIZES BOROUGH

Age at 31/12/49 i.e., Born in Year	...	Under 1 1949	1 1948	2 1947	3 1946	4 1945	5 to 9 1940-1944	10 to 14 1935-1939	Total under 15
Number Immunised		3	83	119	106	85	464	521	1381
Estimated mid-year population 1949		Children under five 656					Children 5 to 14 1066		1722

#### DEVIZES RURAL DISTRICT

Age at 31/12/49 i.e., Born in Year	...	Under 1 1949	1 1948	2 1947	3 1946	4 1945	5 to 9 1940-1944	10 to 14 1935-1939	Total under 15
Number Immunised		9	96	139	122	117	774	811	2068
Estimated mid-year population 1949		Children under five 1047					Children 5 to 14 1937		2984

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### Water Supply

During the year under review, the quantities of water pumped were as follows :—

Shepherds Shore Waterworks	...	...	127,977,000 gallons
Bourton Waterworks	...	...	74,201,095 gallons

TOTAL ... 202,178,095 gallons

Water Supplied to Devizes	...	...	118,131,000 gallons
Water Supplied to Rural Districts	...	...	30,366,000 gallons

The monthly analysis of water from Town Mains after chlorination was satisfactory.

Rainfall on Catchment Area	...	...	25.81 inches
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### Drainage and Sewerage

No major works have been undertaken at the Main Sewage Disposal Works during the year. Samples of effluent taken as follows :—

MAY, 1949 ANALYSIS—This is an unsatisfactory effluent but shows some evidence of active nitrification.



### Breachfield Works

During 1949, a 6" outfall sewer was laid from the inlet of these works to the inlet of the Roundway Hospital Works, thereby enabling all dry weather flows to be treated at the Hospital Works. The existing filter beds at the works are disused and the existing septic tank was converted into a stormwater tank. The flow of sewage from the Breachfield Drainage Area was diverted from the Breachfield Works to the Roundway Hospital Works at approximately 11.15 a.m. on Saturday, 11th June, 1949.

### Housing in Devizes Borough

The 1947 programme of 38 houses was practically completed at the commencement of the year, as well as 20 non-traditional houses; a further 16 Airey Type houses were in the later stages of construction. The average state of completion for the scheme is 87%. The programme for 1948—32 houses commenced. Average state of completion is 12%. Programme for 1949—tenders invited for 24 houses. By the end of the year, the 1948 programme still in hand; 11 houses all completed, but of the remaining 21, eight not yet half finished and the remainder up to three-quarters complete. Average state of completion is 71%.

Of the 1949 programme, 8 Duplex houses just commenced, 16 Type "F" houses—15% average state of completion, and a further 14 Type "F" completed on average up to 5%. Financial difficulties involving one contracting firm largely contributed to this hold-up.

Houses built by Local Authority during year :—

Completed—27

Under Construction—59

Private enterprise commenced 6 and completed 10 houses during the year.

The number of applicants for houses had risen by 70 at the end of the year, totalling 535.

Slum clearance has barely been touched, two dangerous dwelling houses being demolished during the year.

The rents of our new houses, reaching 23/- with rates, are proving too high for many families most in need. In a semi-rural town like Devizes, with little industry and average wage level in such as there is, the demand is for cheaper houses than those now being built, if necessary to smaller and less elaborate plans. Those with larger families and lower wages are still the responsibilities of your Authority, and will ultimately have to be catered for, either by differential rents or specific Government subsidy.

### Public Cleansing and Refuse Disposal

Serious nuisance from fly breeding at the Nursteed Tip in summer of 1949. As spraying with some insecticide had to be relied upon, rather than proper "Controlled Tipping," it is hoped that more active measures will be taken early in the future.

### Swimming Pool

Number of attendances ... .. Over 32,860

From August 17th-August 28th, the pool was closed after occurrence of cases of poliomyelitis in the Borough and District. The chlorinating apparatus worked on water pressure was, in a dry summer, not equal to providing adequate chlorination at peak periods of use. Its replacement will be considered.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

	1949
Scarlet Fever ... ..	18
Whooping Cough ... ..	43
Measles ... ..	30
Erysipelas ... ..	1
Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	2
Food Poisoning ... ..	1



## TUBERCULOSIS

### DEVIZES BOROUGH

(A) Notifications :	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
Age Group	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
0—10	1	1	2	—	1	1
10—15	1	—	1	—	—	—
15—25	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	2	3	5	—	—	—
35—45	—	—	—	—	1	1
45—65	1	—	1	—	—	—
Over 65	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	5	4	9	—	2	2

### DEVIZES BOROUGH

(B) Deaths :		Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
Age Group	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	
0—10	—	—	—	—	—	—	
10—15	—	—	—	—	—	—	
15—25	1	—	1	—	—	—	
25—35	—	—	—	—	—	—	
35—45	—	—	—	—	—	—	
45—65	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Over 65	1	—	1	—	—	—	
TOTALS	2	—	2	—	—	—	

## The Sanitary Inspector's Report

To—The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors  
of the Borough of Devizes.

Public Health Department,  
The Chequers, Devizes.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting my Report upon the work carried out in the Sanitary Inspector's Department during the five months of my service as Sanitary Inspector to the Borough of Devizes, from the 1st August to the 31st December, 1949.

There is no clerical assistance provided.

The main duties over this period were chiefly in connection with outstanding normal regular routine work of visiting food premises, attending to general complaints, including property repairs to remedy gross defects, disinfestation of the Borough Refuse Tip, Sewage Disposal Works, private and corporate properties and business premises, which were in urgent need of attention. Also meat and other foods inspections.

### Housing

Twenty-six houses were inspected and recorded under the Housing Acts, 1936 and 1949. Seven houses were placed in Category "F," i.e., houses unfit and totally incapable of being made habitable because of their ruinous and worn out condition, congestion and situation on site.



Nineteen houses were included in Category "C," i.e., houses not in all respects reasonably fit, through lack of amenities and minor structural defects.

Structural defects were remedied at 34 houses as a result of informal action, which included the repair of roofs, eaves gutters, fall pipes, rising and penetrating wall dampness, defective wall and ceiling plaster, defective and dangerous floors, defective water closets, choked and leaking drains. A sink with internal water supply and food storage accommodation was provided at one house.

Two owners have responded to informal action to provide a sink with internal water supply in five houses and food storage accommodation at four houses.

### **Overcrowding**

Four cases of overcrowding were reported to the Housing Officer for consideration by the Letting Sub-Committee.

### **Verminous Houses**

Three houses infested with bed bugs were treated with D.D.T. Solution. In one case a further application had to be made before the desired effect was achieved.

### **Drainage Work**

Two smoke tests, 16 colour tests and 3 water tests were applied to drains suspected of being in a defective condition, three of which were replaced by sound, watertight drains.

### **Disinfection**

All bedding, which has been used by a deceased pulmonary tuberculosis patient, was put through the Steam Disinfector at St. James' Hospital by arrangement with the Hospital Superintendent. One set of dirty bedding was also similarly treated.

### **Nuisance**

The Dock and Inland Waterways Executive were also called upon to remove a very large quantity of dead fish from the canal, extending along its course for approximately half a mile. The cause of the poisoning of the fish was not accounted for. There has been no recurrence.

### **Shops Act, 1934, and Food and Drugs Act, 1938**

Towards the end of the year, one visit was paid to a combined shop, bakehouse and restaurant, which ultimately resulted in the proprietor giving instructions to a builder for the provision of additional sanitary accommodation and washing facilities to meet the needs of the staff and diners.

### **Ice Cream Manufacture, etc.**

Premises which are used for these trades must be registered as required by Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Six applications were made for the registration of premises for the sale of wrapped ice cream, and after investigation all the premises were registered. "Ice Lollies" were being manufactured under unsuitable conditions in the living rooms at the rear of three shops, and two shopkeepers agreed to cease manufacture of "Lollies" on the premises. A third shopkeeper provided a sink with hot and cold water supply over, in a well-lighted and ventilated storeroom adjoining the shop, solely for this purpose.

### **Fish Friers' Premises**

There are two fish friers' premises within the Borough. The third one ceased business in September, 1949, and was removed from the register. A breach of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, at one of the shops was remedied.



### Butchers' Shops

All the ten butchers' shops have been visited. Owing to breaches of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, one butcher was requested to cease making up prepared meats in an insanitary basement room until the completion of necessary structural alterations. The work is now in progress. In another case, minor contraventions were also rectified.

### Bakehouses

There are ten bakehouses in the Borough. Three bakehouses were lime washed to comply with informal notices. Small structural defects were also repaired in two other instances.

### Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

There are 14 farms within the Borough. All were visited during August and September, 1949. Five lime washing notices were complied with.

The responsibilities for milk production were transferred from Local Authorities to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on the 1st October, 1949.

There are four dairies and five distributors within the Borough.

One milk retailer, not having a dairy wash house, was found to be bottling milk in a scullery at his own home where household washing was done. He followed advice and immediately obtained temporary accommodation at a local registered dairy.

### Cafés

Four café proprietors were required to discontinue servicing cracked drinking cups to the general public. In one case, the proprietor's attention was also drawn to the dirty condition of the cutlery. One café proprietor complied with a request to provide a white glazed stoneware sink with tiling over, and a new concrete floor in the kitchen.

### Food Transport

Unsatisfactory delivery of uncovered meat from mobile vans to local butchers made it necessary to write and remind the firm of carriers of their obligation to comply with the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, with regard to the transport and handling of meat and the clothing of the personnel. There has been a noticeable improvement.

One local baker complied with an informal notice to stop the objectionable practice of stacking unwrapped bread on the dirty floor and uncovered upholstery seating of a private motor car for delivery to customers.

### Markets

Periodical inspections were made to the weekly market, and all regular food traders are providing clean towels and soap for hand washing. Washing facilities are to be improved in the open and covered Market Hall in the near future.

### Meat Inspection

All private slaughter houses in the Borough have remained closed since 1941, except the Central Wiltshire Bacon Factory, which re-opened on the 9th November, 1949, for the slaughtering of privately owned pigs. Slaughtering for the Ministry of Food will officially commence on the 2nd January, 1950. Pigs are stunned by the electrically charged stunning tongs.

Sixty-nine consumer pigs were inspected. The following parts were affected with Tuberculosis :—

Whole carcasses	...	...	...	...	None	
Pigs' heads	...	...	...	...	4	64 lbs.
Pigs' plucks	...	...	...	...	2	18 lbs.
Mesenteric fats	...	...	...	...	4	
OTHER CAUSES :						
One whole pig (died in transit)	...	...	...	...		196 lbs.
Pigs' lungs	...	...	...	...	7 pairs	19 lbs.
Pigs' livers	...	...	...	...	5 pairs	19 lbs.



### Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933

One slaughterman's licence was renewed and a new application refused on the grounds of incompetence.

### Foods Surrendered as Unfit for Human Consumption

(From 1st August to 31st December, 1949)

Tinned Milk	...	...	...	...	161 pints
Tinned Milk	...	...	...	...	65 lbs.
Tinned Fruit	...	...	...	...	31 "
Tinned Meat	...	...	...	...	61 "
Tinned Vegetables	...	...	...	...	60 "
Tinned Fish	...	...	...	...	5 "
Tinned Soups (mixed)	...	...	...	...	4 "
Jams	...	...	...	...	36½ "
Plums	...	...	...	...	6 "
Cheese	...	...	...	...	1 lbs. 10 ozs.
Bottled Pickles	...	...	...	...	4 "
Fruit Cake	...	...	...	...	11 "
Tea	...	...	...	...	12½ "
Butter	...	...	...	...	2½ "
Eggs	...	...	...	...	35 "
Sausage Meat	...	...	...	...	2 lbs.
Beef	...	...	...	...	90 "
Bovine Liver	...	...	...	...	6 "

### Rodent Control

The services of the Rodent Operator are shared between the Borough of Devizes and the Rural District Council, under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector of the respective Councils.

The accounts are dealt with by Mr. J. E. Hopkins, Borough Treasurer, and the records are kept by myself.

The Rodent Operator's services are made available upon application by the occupiers of infested premises. Private dwellings receive free treatment, and business premises are charged upon a cost basis laid down by the Corporation.

The Ministry of Food procedure regarding methods of prebaiting and poisoning are adhered to throughout this work.

Fifty-three complaints were investigated from the 1st August to the 31st December, 1949. The following are particulars of the work carried out:—

	Number of Infested Premises	Rat Bodies Found	Estimated Kill	Mice Visits	Mice Found
Private dwellings	68	62	207	6	25
Business premises	15	18	114	37	683
Corporate property	40	95	560		
Sewers	10	6	20		
Canal banks	12 (visits)	2	16		

There was serious rat infestation at Nursteed Refuse Tip, which necessitated two treatments within four months, the analysis being as follows:—

AUGUST, 1949			NOVEMBER, 1949		
Prebaiting points	...	40 (complete takes)	Prebaiting laid	...	40
Poisoned positions	...	40	Poisoned baits	...	40
Poisoned takes	...	25	Poisoned takes	...	30
Rat bodies found	...	58	Bodies collected	...	18
Estimated kill	...	300	Estimated kill	...	100



Test baiting was done at the Tip in December, which indicated that the rat population had been reduced to a minor infestation.

MAIN SEWAGE WORKS			
Prebaiting points	...	...	30
Poison points	...	...	30
Poison takes	...	...	12
Rat bodies found	...	...	14
Estimated kill	...	...	80

BREACHFIELD SEWAGE WORKS			
Prebaiting points	...	...	36
Poisoned positions	...	...	34
Poison takes	...	...	25
Bodies found	...	...	10
Estimated kill	...	...	60

#### Petroleum Acts, etc.

Two new electrically-operated flame-proof construction petrol pumps have been installed at one garage.

One new steel petrol tank was fixed underground, pressure tested, and licence granted.

One application to use an existing corrugated steel shed for bulk storage of canned petrol was refused.

#### Summary of Inspections and Nature of Work carried out from 1st August to 31st December, 1949

1.	Number of houses inspected under Housing Act, 1936	...	...	26
2.	Number of houses affected by nuisance :			
	Number of houses	...	...	60
	Number of inspections	...	...	57
3.	Dwelling houses where nuisance abated	...	...	34
4.	Dwelling houses where yards paved	...	...	2
5.	Number of smoke tests applied to drains	...	...	2
6.	Number of water tests applied to drains	...	...	3
7.	Number of colour tests applied to drains	...	...	16
8.	Visits to works in progress	...	...	76
9.	Miscellaneous visits	...	...	170
10.	Interviews with owners or representatives	...	...	62
11.	Number of visits re overcrowding	...	...	6
12.	Number of new cases of overcrowding found	...	...	4
13.	Number of dirty houses visited	...	...	3
14.	Number of dirty houses sprayed with D.D.T.	...	...	3
15.	Number of cowsheds visited	...	...	14
16.	Number of visits under Food and Drugs Act	...	...	29
17.	Number of shops visited re Shops Act	...	...	1
18.	Number of shops visited re hours of closing	...	...	1
19.	Number of visits re rodent control	...	...	28
20.	Number of visits re petroleum inspections	...	...	9
21.	Number of food inspections	...	...	60
22.	Number of factory inspections	...	...	2
23.	Notices served : (a) Statutory	...	...	1
24.	Notices served : (b) Informal	...	...	59
25.	Miscellaneous letters	...	...	69

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

KENNETH WILDEY,

*Sanitary Inspector.*

## FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

1. **Inspections** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	1	28	6	5	nil	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	2	40	5	4	nil	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ... ..	3	4	nil	nil	nil	3
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..		<b>72</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>nil</b>	

2. Cases in which **defects** were found.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)	M/c line No. (8)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred			
To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)						
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ... ..	4	2	2	nil	nil	nil	4
Overcrowding (S.2) ... ..	5	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ... ..	6	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ... ..	7	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ... ..	8	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)							
(a) insufficient ... ..	9	1	1	1	nil	nil	9
(b) unsuitable or defective ... ..	10	8	8	nil	nil	nil	10
(c) not separate for sexes ... ..	11	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ... ..	12	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	12
TOTAL ... ..	60	11	11	1	nil	nil	60



## RODENT CONTROL

Summary of work carried out by the Rodent Operator from the 2nd January to the 30th July, 1949 :—

Premises	No. Visited	Rat Bodies Found	Estimated Kill	Mice
Private dwellings ...	154	70	310	85
Business premises ...	84	48	135	1367
Corporate properties	85	136	540	—
Sewers ... ..	—	—	100	—

### UNSOUND FOODS SURRENDERED DURING FIRST 7 MONTHS OF 1949

Dried Eggs ... ..	28 lbs.	Sausage Meat ... ..	5 lbs.
Canned Milk ... ..	142 "	Canned Meat ... ..	27 "
Canned Milk ... ..	15 pints	Canned Meat and Vegetables	3 "
Sugar ... ..	65 lbs.	Canned Soups ... ..	37 "
Jams ... ..	17½ "	Canned Vegetables ... ..	20½ "
Fruit Juice ... ..	8½ "	Canned Fruits ... ..	77 "
Coffee ... ..	4½ "	Canned Fish ... ..	24½ "
Xmas Pudding ... ..	1 "	Beef ... ..	259 "
Oxo Cubes ... ..	560	Bacon ... ..	12 "

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