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(from June, 1965)

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F. E. Storr, M.A.P.H.I. and C.R.S.I. (Meat and Other Foods)

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M. Swinger, M.A.P.H.I. and C.R.S.I. (Meat and Other Foods)

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Chief Clerk: Mrs. J. Thorlby

Miss H. Walker (Transferred to Notts. C.C.
Offices - 15.11.65)

Miss P. Parsons

Public Health Inspector's Dept.:

Chief Clerk: Mr. S. E. Watson (part-time)

Miss J. Easom (part-time) (resigned 31.7.65)

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
CHANCERY LANE,
RETFORD

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
EAST RETFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The 1965 mid-year population of the Rural District is 23,440 which is 100 less than the population in 1961, and 100 more than the population last year.

The number of births in 1965 is 403 which is 49 more than last year.

The natural increase of births over deaths is 172.

The number of deaths is up by 7 on the previous year.

The infant deaths in 1965 were 6 compared with 8 in 1964.

This year there has been an epidemic of measles, but apart from this, there have not been many cases of notifiable diseases.

There were two primary notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis during the year.

Again no cases of poliomyelitis or diphtheria have occurred in 1965. This is a tribute to the continuing high level of immunisation carried out by General Practitioners and Public Health doctors, but it depends also on the readiness of the parents to see that their children are well protected. If the level of immunisation falls too low in a population, so surely will there be a recrudescence of these preventable diseases. The prophylaxis against tuberculosis is the B.C.G. vaccination of negative skin reactors of the Secondary School population. The rate of acceptance for this procedure in 1965 was 81%. It still could be higher.

Brucellosis

In 1965, two milking herds in the Retford Rural District were shown by Laboratory Isolation of Brucella organisms to have cows excreting organisms that can produce human disease. A proportion of the milk from one of these herds was distributed as farm bottled milk – not pasteurised. It was possible to arrange for all the milk from this herd to go for pasteurisation.

Infection in children may not be manifest and in adults may be inapparent, and the severity and duration of clinical illnesses are subject to wide differences. Although all the family doctors in Retford and

District were informed of the possibility of Brucellosis, no such case was brought to my notice. It is not a notifiable disease, of course. Nor do I know of any cases in this district diagnosed in hospital. So this incident may not have caused any illness.

Housing

This interesting subject is dealt with in the body of the report beginning on page 29.

The number of families rehoused from slum clearance properties in 1963 and 1964 was 14 and 13 respectively; in 1965 there has been a welcome increase to 24, and I hope, as you do, that this figure will continue to rise.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The following account has kindly been given to me by Mr. Roberts.

The provision of main sewers and the Sewage Disposal Works for the villages of Hayton and Clarbrough (including Welham) made good progress in the early part of 1965, and in fact the Disposal Works were ready for operation towards the end of May. The Official Opening of this Works took place in June; Alderman Small (Chairman of the Nottinghamshire County Council) performed the opening ceremony, which was well attended by members of the Council. With the sewer contract approaching completion, contracts were awarded in July to Mr. M. O'Shea for the house connection work, and this work was proceeding at the year end.

Authority was received during the year for the Council to proceed with the North and South Wheatley Scheme, and in July, the Council received approval of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. R. H. Fullwood and Co. Ltd., amounting to £57,383. 16s. 9d. The contractor moved on to the site towards the end of August and work was commenced in September, but due to the inclement weather, progress was not as good as had been anticipated. During the second half of the year, authority was received from the Ministry to invite tenders by public advertisement for the construction of a Sewage Disposal Works, six Sewage Pumping Stations and the necessary gravity sewers and pumping mains for the Lound, Sutton and Barnby Moor Scheme. Tenders were received and considered at the December Council Meeting, when it was agreed, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, that a tender submitted by Lindum Construction Co. Ltd. be accepted.

Details of the proposed schemes of the main drainage of the hamlet of Ranby and the village of Finningley were submitted to the Ministry for consideration.

The revision of the proposed scheme for Treswell, Rampton, Laneham and Dunham was carried out, so as to include the villages of Darlton and East Drayton, and at the end of the year negotiations were proceeding for the purchase of additional Pumping Station Sites, and applications for planning permission had been submitted in respect of these sites.

The most pleasing feature of the year with regard to the existing Sewage Disposal Works was the improvement in the final effluent from the East Markham Works, this without doubt reflects credit on the attendants for the diligence and attention to detail in the routine maintenance of the Works. The Elkesley Works and the Ranskill Works, both of which are considerably underloaded have given rise to a certain amount of concern. At Elkesley, experiments are being carried out by cutting out certain parts of the works in an attempt to maintain a more even flow through the works and this improves the effluent. The Ranskill works has presented an unusual problem in that the discharge from the filters has, from time to time, been of a higher standard than the final effluent, and the Trent River Authority showed considerable interest, and took a number of samples at various points at the works, but as yet have not suggested a workable scheme for the solution of the problem. The North Leverton Works, has of course, reached saturation point, and the Council's Engineers are investigating the question of whether it would be more advisable to extend the existing works or to take over the West Burton Power Station Sewage Disposal Works. At Walkeringham, where the works is only a partial treatment works, difficulties are constantly being encountered because of the infiltration of surface water into the sewers. Investigations have shown that a number of manholes, particularly in the northern part of Misterton, are in an extremely poor condition, and are not water tight.

The small Sewage Disposal Plants on Council House Estates have received regular maintenance during the year, and minor repairs and replacement of equipment have been carried out as necessary.

During the year a Massey Ferguson tractor and trailer was purchased for the joint use of the Public Health Department and the Surveyor's Department, and this additional equipment has been a great asset in connection with the removal of sludge from Sewage Disposal Works.

In conclusion I wish to thank you for your support during the year, and for the help and co-operation of the Rural District Officers and Staff.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

G. TATTERSALL,

Medical Officer of Health

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area	111,024 acres
Registrar General's estimated population, mid-year 1965	23,440
Number of inhabited houses at 31st March, 1966 ..	7,201
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1966	£911,592
Sum represented by the Penny Rate at 31st March, 1966	£3,824. 16s. 2d.

Vital Statistics are calculated on the estimated population given by the Registrar General, i.e. 23,440.

					England & Wales
Live Births	T403	M188	F215		
Live birth-rate per 1,000 population	17.19	18.1			
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	5.70				
Still-births	T6	M3	F3		
Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births ..	14.66	15.8			
Total live and still births	T409				
Infant deaths (under 1 yr) T6	M3	F3			
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births ..	14.88	19.0			
Legitimate mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	15.78				
Illegitimate mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil				
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	12.40	13.0			
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	9.92				
Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	24.44	26.9			
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	Nil				
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still-births	Nil				
Deaths from all causes T231	M132	F99			
Death rate per 1,000 population	9.85	11.5			

CAUSES OF DEATH — 1965

Tuberculosis, respiratory	0
Tuberculosis, other	0
Syphilitic disease	0
Diphtheria	0
Whooping Cough	0
Meningococcal infection	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0
Measles	0
Other infective and parasitic disease	0
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	6
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7
Malignant neoplasm, breast	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	27
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1
Diabetes	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	36
Coronary disease angina	40
Hypertension with heart disease	4
Other heart disease	18
Other circulatory disease	13
Influenza	1
Pneumonia	13
Bronchitis	8
Other diseases of the respiratory system	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	4
Hyperplasia of prostate	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0
Congenital malformations	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	21
Motor vehicle accidents	7
All other accidents	7
Suicide	1
Homicide and operations of war	0
Total	231

Causes of Death in Children under 1 year

Cause	Under 24 hrs.	Under 1 week	Under 1 mth	1-3 mths.	3-6 mths.	6-9 mths.	9-12 mths.	Total
Prematurity	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Atelectasis	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Meningitis	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital heart disease	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Gastro-enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
TOTAL	4	—	1	—	—	1	—	6

Causes of Death in children aged 1-15 years

Cause	Pre-school	School-children	Total
Wilms Tumour	1	—	1
Volvulus of small intestine	1	—	1
Broncho-pneumonia	1	—	1
Drowning	1	1	2
Car Accident	1	1	2
TOTAL	5	2	7

Table showing deaths of children under 1 year over the last five years

Year	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
No. of deaths	6	8	3	9	5

Table showing Vital Statistics 1961-1965 (inclusive)

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Population (mid-year population as estimated by the Registrar General)	23,440	23,340	23,010	22,720	23,540
BIRTHS:					
Live Births — legitimate	380	343	385	344	322
— illegitimate	23	11	16	15	22
Still Births — legitimate	6	5	9	3	5
— illegitimate	—	1	—	—	2
DEATHS:					
All causes	231	224	233	230	260
Maternal Deaths	—	—	1	1	—
Infantile deaths (i.e. under 1 year) . .	6	8	3	9	5
Neonatal deaths (i.e. under 4 weeks)	5	7	2	7	4
Early neonatal deaths (i.e. under 1 week)	4	6	2	7	2
Perinatal deaths (i.e. still-births and deaths under 1 week combined)	10	12	11	10	9

**DEATHS FROM CANCER OF THE LUNG AND BRONCHUS
COMPARED WITH ALL OTHER DEATHS FROM CANCER
(EXCEPT LEUKAEMIA)**

	Cancer of Lung and Bronchus	All other Cancer deaths (except Leukaemia)
Number	7	38
Average Age	60 years	67 years

PREVALENCE & CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following diseases are notifiable to the Medical Officer of Health:

Anthrax	Plague
Cholera	Pneumonia, Acute Primary
Diphtheria	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal
Dysentery	Poliomyelitis
Encephalitis (Acute)	Puerperal Pyrexia
Enteric, Typhoid or	Relapsing Fever
Paratyphoid Fever	Scarlet Fever
Erysipelas	Smallpox
Malaria	Tuberculosis
Measles	Typhus
Membranous Croup	Whooping Cough
Meningococcal Infection	Food Poisoning or suspected
Ophthalmic Neonatorum	Food Poisoning

The number of infectious diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) notified during 1965 was 467. Details of these are as follows:

<i>Diseases</i>	<i>No. of Cases</i>
Dysentery	19
Erysipelas	1
Food Poisoning	4
Malaria	1
Measles	423
Pneumonia	3
Salmonella Infection	1
Scarlet Fever	14
Whooping Cough	1

Tables showing various details about notifiable infectious diseases during 1965 are given on pages 13 and 14.

Tuberculosis

There were 6 cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year, of these 2 were primary notifications, i.e. related to persons who had not previously been notified in the area of any authority, and 4 were non-primary notifications, those being transfers from other areas.

A table giving details of new cases and deaths from Tuberculosis is given on page 15.

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations were carried out at the Public Health Laboratories at Lincoln and Sheffield; 67 medical specimens and 46 water samples were submitted for examination.

Vaccination and Immunisation

This is a Personal Health Service and is the responsibility of the County Council. This work is organised by the District Medical Officer of Health, for the County Council. Protective injections are given against Smallpox, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis.

Prophylactic Measure	By P.H. Dept.	By P.P.
Diphtheria Immunisation		
Primary Immunisation	123	186
Reinforcing dose	345	68
Whooping Cough Immunisation		
Primary Immunisation	118	184
Reinforcing dose	126	36
Tetanus Immunisation		
Primary Immunisation	144	186
Reinforcing dose	180	53
Vaccination against Smallpox		
Primary Vaccination	86	131
Re-vaccination	5	6
Vaccination against Poliomyelitis		
Salk (1st and 2nd injections) ..	0	0
Oral (three doses)	160	185
Reinforcing doses (Salk or Oral)	256	57

P.H. Dept. — Public Health Department

P.P. — Private Medical Practitioner

Protection against Tuberculosis

A scheme for the protection of adolescents against Tuberculosis has been in progress since 1957.

This scheme involves the skin testing and B.C.G. Vaccination of all children of secondary school age, and of students.

The work is organised by the District Medical Officer of Health as agent for the County Council.

The figures for 1965 are given below.

VACCINATION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

No. of children offered vaccination	..	..	..	251
No. of children whose parents accepted	..	..		203
Rate of acceptance	..	..	..	81.2
No. of children skin tested	..	..	..	185
No. found to be positive and referred for X-ray	..			39
No. found to be negative	..	..	..	131
No. of children vaccinated	..	..	..	131
No. re-tested after previous vaccination	..	..		39
No. re-vaccinated	..	..	..	27

Infectious Diseases (Excluding Tuberculosis) Notified Month by Month — 1965

DISEASES	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	19	—	—	—	2	3	2	6	—	—	3	3	—
Encephalitis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1
Food Poisoning	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Malaria	423	102	124	83	38	3	12	13	35	4	6	3	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	3	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-paralytic Poliomyelitis	14	1	1	—	1	3	3	—	—	2	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salmonella Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	467	103	127	86	41	9	18	22	36	6	10	7	2

Infectious Diseases (Excluding Tuberculosis) Notified in Age Groups — Admitted to Hospital, and Deaths, 1965

DISEASES	At all ages	Under 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years	5-10 years	10-15 years	15-20 years	20-35 years	35-45 years	45-65 years	65 & over	Age un- known	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	19	1	1	3	2	3	3	1	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	—
Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	423	14	29	31	53	53	199	18	2	5	1	—	—	18	—	—
Meningococcal Infection ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-paralytic Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	14	—	—	—	3	3	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Whooping Cough	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salmonella Infection	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
TOTALS	467	15	30	34	59	60	210	22	4	10	2	1	—	20	2	—

TUBERCULOSIS 1965

New Cases and Deaths

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2-3 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3-4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4-5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-10 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10-15 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-20 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-35 years	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35-45 years	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
45-65 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Deaths – 1955-1964 inclusive

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955
New cases	8	7	7	8	5	12	10	16	12	10
Deaths	3	1	1	1	2	0	1	5	1	1

NEW CASES

1965	Annual Average over previous ten years
2	9.5

DEATHS

1965	Annual Average over previous ten years
0	1.6

MASS MINIATURE RADIOGRAPHY

The South Yorkshire Area Mass Radiography Unit visits Retford every two years and undertakes public sessions at the Butter Market, Retford. Many of the Rural District residents benefit by this service.

The Unit visited Retford in July, 1965, and also visited West Burton and High Marnham Power Stations. Details of this survey are given below:

Survey	Numbers examined	Referred to Chest Clinic	Cases of Tuberculosis			
			Active	Requiring close clinic supervision	Requiring occasional supervision	Presumed healed
West Burton Power Station Nr. Retford	1338	14	2	1	7	5
High Marnham Power Station Nr. Tuxford	316	1	—	—	—	—

SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER AUTHORITIES

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

(a) Hospital and Specialist Services (Part II National Health Service Act, 1946)

The Sheffield Regional Hospital Board is responsible for the hospitals serving East Retford Borough and Rural District through a Hospital Management Committee.

There are four Hospitals:

Victoria Hospital, Worksop;
Kilton Hospital, Worksop;
Carlton Hospital, Nr. Worksop;
Retford and District Hospital, Retford;

and the Worksop and Retford Hospital Management Committee carries out the day-to-day administration of these hospitals.

(b) Health Services provided by Local Health Authorities

The Nottinghamshire County Council provides the following services under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946 (Dr. A.R. Margetts, County Medical Officer of Health and Principal School Medical Officer).

1. Care of mothers and young children.
2. Domiciliary midwifery.
3. Home nursing.
4. Health visiting.
5. Vaccination and immunisation.
6. Ambulance service.
7. Prevention of illness, care and after-care of persons suffering from illness.
8. Home help.
9. Mental health.

Care of Mothers and Young Children

(a) As a new Clinic was opened at Elkesley in November, 1965, there are now eight villages in which Antenatal and Child Welfare Clinics are held.

A list of the villages at which clinics are held can be seen on page 19.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, which was in the Market Square, Retford, until the new Nottinghamshire County Council Clinic and Offices were opened in Chancery Lane, Retford, in November, 1965, is available to those parents living in nearby villages.

Your Medical Officer of Health attends some of the centres.

(b) *Cervical Cytology*

In June 1965 the County Health Service inaugurated a Cervical Cytology Clinic at the Retford County Council Health Centre, 22,

Market Square, Retford, which in the autumn was removed to the new Health Centre in Chancery Lane, Retford.

All women are invited to attend. This clinic, which takes place every Wednesday from 2-4 p.m., is intended to provide early diagnosis of cervical cancer, and is therefore a most important preventive measure.

I give below number of attendances from June to December, 1965.

Borough	Rural	Other parts	Total
188	155	43	386

The Doctor in attendance at this clinic is also available for Ante-Natal purposes.

Domiciliary Midwifery

Mothers may have their babies at home or in hospital, this depending on various factors, medical and social. If the mother has her baby at home, then she is usually attended by a midwife who will call in a doctor if required, this usually being the family doctor.

Home Nursing

This is a service which provides for the nursing at home of chronic patients, and of less serious forms of acute illness where the family doctor requests it. It is carried out by the Retford and District Nursing Association.

Health Visiting

Health Visitors are State Registered Nurses with knowledge of midwifery, who have attended a whole-time course in Public Health work and received the Health Visitor's Certificate. Their duties are in respect of the Personal Health Services. They work in the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics and do routine visiting of their districts, advising on prevention of illness and maintenance of health.

Vaccination and Immunisation

The vaccination and immunisation service is administered for the County Council by the District Medical Officer of Health, acting as the agent for the County Council.

Ambulance Service

The main Ambulance Station is situated in the Retford Borough and the vehicles comprise three ambulances and three dual-purpose vehicles, which will carry either sitting cases or stretcher cases, and also a four-berth Civil Defence training vehicle.

The Station Supervisor has his office at North Road, Retford.
Telephone No. Retford 2303

Home Help

This office is now in the new Nottinghamshire County Council Clinic and Offices in Chancery Lane, Retford. This most useful service provides domestic help where, on account of illness, age, or other domestic reasons, it is required. The Home Help Supervisor is Miss Turner.
Telephone No. Retford 2681.

(c) **Provision of General Medical and Dental Services, Pharmaceutical Services and Supplementary Ophthalmic Services (Part IV National Health Service Act, 1946)**

THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

The School Health Service (known as the School Medical Service until 1945) started officially in 1908, but its growth was greatly increased by the Education Act of 1944 and the National Health Service Act of 1946.

The County Council as the Local Education Authority is responsible for the School Health Service.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

The County Council provides a welfare service for the aged and handicapped persons. The Welfare Office is at 3, Overend Road, Worksop. Telephone No. Worksop 2600.

MENTAL HEALTH ACT, 1959

The County Council provides a welfare service for the mentally handicapped. The District Officer for this purpose is Mr. Hughes, who has a call office at the Retford County Health Centre, Chancery Lane, Retford, between 11 a.m. and 12 noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Telephone No. Retford 2681.

Details of Attendances at the Maternity and Child Welfare Centres during 1965

Village	Attendances			Medical Consultations
	Children	Expectant Mothers	Post-Natal Cases	
Dunham-on-Trent	811	Nil	Nil	195
Elkesley	97	Nil	Nil	27
Gringley-on-the-Hill	510	Nil	Nil	89
Mattersey	343	Nil	Nil	103
Misterton	1236	Nil	Nil	227
Ranskill	209	Nil	Nil	45
South Leverton	1295	Nil	Nil	294
Tuxford	1474	Nil	Nil	76

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Details of work carried out by the Public Health Department during the year are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Food and Drugs Act, 1955, provides for the sampling of food and drugs for analysis or for bacteriological examinations. The Notts. County Council is the authority responsible for these duties, and I am grateful to Mr. Gregory, Chief Inspector, Food and Drugs, for a report of the Public Analyst upon articles analysed during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The tables on pages 21 and 22 give a summary of the work with respect to matters under Part I and Part VIII of the Factories Act, 1961.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT (1948) AND NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

These Acts provide for the removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention. No action was necessary under the Acts during the year though assistance in getting persons into hospital on a voluntary basis was given.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	No. of Inspections (3)	No. of Written Notices (4)	No. of Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	24	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	56	29	1	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	80	29	1	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases)

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. By H.M. Inspector (4)	Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	1	-	1	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART VIII OF THE ACT: Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections by the Public Health Inspectors).

Outwork — Sections 133 & 134 Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing) Making, etc.	1	—	—	—	—	—
apparel) Cleaning & washing	—	—	—	—	—	—
Household linen	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lace, lace curtains and nets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Curtains and furniture hangings	—	—	—	—	—	—
Furniture and upholstery	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electro-plate	—	—	—	—	—	—
File making	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brass & brass articles	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fur pulling	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iron & steel cables & chains	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iron & steel anchors & grapnels	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cart gear	—	—	—	—	—	—
Locks, latches & keys	—	—	—	—	—	—
Umbrellas, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Artificial flowers	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nets, other than wire nets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tents	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sacks	—	—	—	—	—	—
Racquets & tennis balls	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paper bags	—	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brush making	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pea picking	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feather sorting	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carding etc. of buttons, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stuffed toys	—	—	—	—	—	—
Basket making	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chocolates & sweetmeats	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cosques, Christmas stockings, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Textile weaving	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lampshades	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	1	—	—	—	—	—

**THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (PASTEURISED AND
STERILISED) MILK REGULATIONS**

	<i>Pasteurised</i>	<i>Sterilised</i>
Samples Obtained and submitted to prescribed tests	19	5
Samples Unsatisfactory	2	—

UNTREATED

56 samples satisfactory

3 samples failed methylene blue test

Bacteriological Examination of Milk Bottles:

Examined	Nil
Satisfactory	Nil
Unsatisfactory	Nil

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Particulars of samples obtained by Officers of the Department and examined and/or analysed under the above Act in the Rural District of Retford during the year ending 31st December, 1965.

Article	Number of Samples			Adulterated and Sub-Standard Samples	
	Obtained	Genuine	Adult'd or Sub-Standard	Result of Examination and/or Analysis	Remarks
Apples	1	1			
Brandy	2	2			
Butter	1	1			
Cake decoration	1	1			
Cod Fillets	1	1			
Cooking Fat	1	1			
Cornish Pasties	2	2			
Cough Mixture	2	2			
Flan Filling	1	1			
Fruit Juice	2	2			
Fruit Salad, evaporated	1	1			
Gin	1	1			
Ginger Punch	1	1			
Gravy Salt	1	1			
Honey	2	2			
Ice Cream	1	1			
Indian Brandee	1		1	Labelling inadequate	Taken up with manufacturer
Indigestion Mixture	1	1			
Margarine	1	1			
Milk, evaporated	1	1			
Milks	77	77			
Mustard	1	1			
Peaches, canned	1	1			
Pickle	1	1			
Pie Filling	1	1			
Potato Crisps	1	1			
Rum	1	1			
Sauce	1	1			
Sausage, beef, canned ..	1	1			
Sausage, pork	4	3	1	1 sample slightly deficient in meat. Contained 63.6% meat. Should contain not less than 65%	Sellers cautioned
Shandy	1	1			
Soup	2	2			
Steak and Kidney Pies ..	1	1			
Sweets	2	2			
Swiss Roll	1	1			
Syrup	1	1			
Vodka	1	1			
Whisky	1	1			
TOTALS	124	122	2		

Miscellaneous Food and Drugs Investigations:

1. Selling mouldy pork pie. Seller fined £7 with £3. 3. 0d. costs.
2. Selling pre-packed ice cream which appeared to have shrunk, was slightly discoloured and had a strong taste. Investigations indicated that this was probably caused by the ice cream having partly thawed and then been re-frozen. Retailer cautioned.
3. Selling bottle of beer containing foreign body - hop residue. Bottlers cautioned.
4. Selling sachets of fruit drink containing traces of mould. Matter taken up with local Inspector and makers of the liquid.
5. Selling bottle of milk with splinter of glass embedded in cap. No action possible but matter taken up with bottlers.
6. Complaint that fish at a local hotel caused sickness to the purchaser. Insufficient evidence to substantiate complaint.

ANNUAL REPORT 1965

Dear Dr. Tattersall,

I beg to submit this my report for the year 1965, a year which has once again seen a great variety of work carried out.

Those fields of activity which have taken up the most time and towards which the greatest number of visits have been made, include Housing and Slum Clearance, Movable Dwellings, Food Premises, Refuse Collection and Disposal. In addition, more and more time seems to be taken up by administration, and during the year at least twenty-four reports have to be written and given. These include 12 monthly, 8 quarterly, and 4 annual reports. At times it makes one think that time spent in the field would be more useful.

There was an improvement in the number of families re-housed from slum clearance properties, twenty-four (24) as against thirteen (13) in 1964.

My thanks are due to your goodself for guidance and help during the year, and to my colleagues on the staff of the East Retford Rural District Council for help and assistance in all matters.

Yours sincerely,

F. E. STORR,

Chief Public Health Inspector

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply of the area and of its several parts has on the whole been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Complaints were still received, particularly from the Trent side villages of "brown and smelling" water. Samples taken from sources of complaint were however returned in all cases as satisfactory bacteriologically. Complaints were passed on to the offices of the Lincoln and District Water Board. Flushing of mains generally brought some improvement.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

No. of samples taken	48
Satisfactory	48
Unsatisfactory	Nil

The forty-eight samples were taken from twenty-four parishes.

There are no public standpipes in the Rural District, and the following tables give an estimation of houses and populations supplied or not from the public water supply:

1. Estimated population of East Retford Rural District	24,313
2. Estimated No. of Dwellinghouses*	7,201
3. Estimated No. of houses and population already supplied with piped water supply:	
No. of houses	6,987
Population	23,559
4. Estimated No. of houses and population not at present supplied with a piped water supply:	
No. of houses	214
Population	754

*This total includes houses on Crown Property at Rampton State Institution, and Daneshill Royal Ordnance Factory.

Fluoridation

The fluoride content of the public water supply to the Retford Rural District is 0.11 parts per million.

The Nottinghamshire County Council has agreed in principle to the fluoridation of the public water supplies.

The Retford Rural District Council has expressed its unwillingness to have its public water supply fluoridated to 1 part per million, which is the optimum level of fluoride recommended by the Ministry of Health.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A six (working) day collection from the back door has been the aim during the year, and has for the most part been maintained. Exceptions being due to illness, shortage of labour, mechanical breakdowns and holiday periods. One hundred and forty six (146) complaints concerning refuse collection and/or disposal were received during the year.

The collection of refuse was in all parts by direct labour with four vehicles. Five refuse tips were used for disposal. The vehicles are the 16/18 cu. yd. fore and aft tippers. In all, fifteen men were employed on the vehicles.

Tips in use are at Walkeringham, Torworth, Finningley, Haughton, and East Markham. Up to the end of August, they were semi-controlled by the collection personnel, and occasionally by a private firm of contractors. On the 1st September, the Council provided a general purpose Massey Ferguson Industrial tractor complete with bucket, and this was used for tip levelling purposes. From the onset a marked improvement in control was evident. The scattered nature and the intermittent use of the tips causes some difficulty in proper maintenance and

control. The biggest source of nuisance being paper, particularly in windy weather. Refuse continues to change in nature becoming lighter and more bulky, and in order to cope with this, a replacement vehicle of the Pakamatic variety was ordered during the year.

Litter on lay-bys and abandoned cars came to the fore for consideration during the year. Wherever and whenever possible assistance was given to the County Highways Department in the emptying of litter bins. Abandoned cars, or to be more exact, the empty shells of abandoned cars, were disposed of on the tips in use.

Two refuse tips full and completed were levelled over with top soil and returned to agriculture.

The approximate quantity of refuse collected and disposed of on tips during the year was 6000 tons. Some unit costs in connection with this work are as follows:

	£	s	d
Gross cost per ton labour	2	2	8
Gross cost per ton transport		9	6
Net cost (all expenditure) per ton	2	15	3
Net cost per 1,000 population . .	707	0	0
Net cost per 1,000 premises	2403	0	0

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

All houses at which cases of notifiable infectious diseases requiring investigation have occurred have been visited and advice re disinfection given in appropriate cases.

The number of visits and re-visits (108) necessary in connection with this work was up on last year (64). No major outbreaks occurred during the year.

CLEAN AIR - SMOKE ABATEMENT

The Central Electricity Generating Board did during the first four months of the year operate and maintain monitoring stations around the three power stations in the District. These monitoring stations consisted of lead peroxide candles and deposit gauges, and were situated in rough circles around each power station.

The ring of volumetric control stations and deposit gauges designed and so placed to monitor fall-out from all three power stations finally came into operation as from May, but unfortunately went out of action after only four months of operation. At the end of the year they were still out of use, and the only readings being returned were those from the deposit gauges.

When completed and fully operational there will be a ring of twenty volumetric stations belonging to the Central Electricity Generating Board, four Local Authority operated volumetric stations and twelve deposit gauges. These are situated as follows:

<i>C.E.G.B. Volumetric</i>	<i>L.A. Volumetric</i>	<i>Deposit gauges</i>
1. East Stockwith	1. Retford Municipal	1. Saundby
2. Wiseton	Borough	2. Gainsborough
3. Beckingham	2. Grove (Notts C.C.)	3. Sturton Highhouse
4.)	3. Lindsey County	4. Littleborough
5.) Gainsborough	Council (Caenby	5. Cottam
6. Springthorpe	Corner)	6. Morton
7. Lea	4. Lincoln County	7. Laneham
8.)	Borough	8. Fenton
9.) Retford		9. Woodcoates
10. South Leverton		10. North Clifton
11. Torksey		11. Normanton
12. Stow		12. Spalford
13. Markham Moor		
14. Darlton		
15. Thorney		
16. Saxilby		
17. Egmanton		
18. Ossington		
19. Grassthorpe		
20. South Scarle		

Action was started during the year to check and improve the nuisance from dust fall-out emanating from the Notts. Crop Driers factory at Misson. Plans were submitted proposing to remove existing plant into one main building, and thus more efficiently control the exhaust fumes and dust.

MEAT INSPECTION

The arrangements made between the Council and the East Retford Corporation for the management of the Retford Grove Lane Abattoir continued to operate satisfactorily during the year.

Slaughtering is carried out by a Company formed by the Retford and District Butchers Association. Meat inspection is the responsibility of the Borough Public Health Inspector who managed to carry out 100% meat inspection.

Details of stock slaughtered at the abattoir in Retford together with details of meat condemned are recorded in the report of the Public Health Inspector for the Borough of East Retford.

Unsound Food

Food condemned as unfit during the year was as follows:

- 3 doz. 6d. Ice Cream Brickettes
- 4 doz. 3d. Supa Fruits
- 15 6d. Chock Sticks
- 4 2/6d. Dairy Belle
- 3 2/- Neopolitan
- 2 2/- Vanilla

HOUSING

Inspections etc. were carried out under the Housing Acts for the following purposes:

1. Repair and demolition of houses	345
2. Improvement Grants	10
3. Application for Council Houses	4
4. Interviews with Owners other than at Office	46
5. Inspections in connection with Certificates of Disrepair	Nil

Housing Act, 1957, Section 9

No. of houses dealt with formerly under Section 9	—
No. of houses dealt with by informal action	5

Housing Act, 1957 – Section 16

The work of slum clearance continued during the year, but the end of the year found us way behind in our target of dealing with 981 houses in 12-14 years from 1955.

A general review of the picture shows re-housing to be far too slow, by the end of the year 83 houses with confirmed Demolition Orders on them were still occupied, and indeed, some of them have been for a number of years.

A further picture emerging from the review shows the vast majority of the slum clearance properties to be occupied by elderly people or problem families. The demand for one and two bedroom bungalows is still great.

1. No. of dwellings represented prior to 1st January, 1965, upon which no formal action had been concluded	4
2. No. of Demolition Orders made in respect of dwellings included in (1) above	3
3. No. of Undertakings to re-construct accepted in respect of dwellings included in (1) above	—
4. No of Undertakings included in (3) above complied with (conversion of two dwellings into one)	—
5. No. of Undertakings not to use for human habitation accepted in respect of dwellings included in (1) above ..	—
6. No. of dwellings included in (1) above which the Council are negotiating to purchase	—
7. No. of dwellings included in (1) above on which formal action has not been concluded	1
8. No. of dwellings represented as unfit to Council between 1st January, 1965, and 31st December, 1965	18
9. No. of Demolition Orders made in respect of dwellings included in (8) above	14

10. No. of undertakings to re-construct accepted in respect of dwellings included in (8) above	—
11. No. of Undertakings not to use for human habitation accepted in respect of dwellings included in (8) above ..	1
12. No. of dwellings included in (8) above which the Council are negotiating to purchase	—
13. No. of dwellings included in (8) above upon which consideration has been deferred	1
14. No. of houses demolished as a result of Demolition Orders and representations	17

Slum-Clearance Summary

Estimate of Number of Unfit Dwellings

Proposals submitted to Minister in 1955

No. of unfit houses to be dealt with	981	205 first
Period of time	12-14 years	five years

No. of houses already dealt with up to December, 1965

	<i>Confirmed</i>	<i>Awaiting Confirmation</i>
(a) As clearance areas	Nil	Nil
(b) As individual unfit houses	408	Nil

No. of houses remaining to be dealt with

472 less 5 voluntarily re-constructed during the year with assistance of Improvement Grants — 467	
No. of houses still occupied with confirmed Demolition Orders	83
No. of families re-housed during 1965 from Slum Clearance properties	24

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

1. No. of applications for Grants received	45
2. No. of applications approved on original submission ..	30
3. No. of applications rejected	3
4. No. of applications referred back for revision	8
5. No. of applications approved after re-submission extra to (2) above	4
6. Total value of Grants approved	£11,505 10s. 0d. (£7224. 10s. 0d. in 1964)
7. Average Grant per dwelling	£338. 7s. 11d. (£314. 2s. 2d. in 1964)

8. No. of Schemes certified complete	28
9. Average Grant in respect of Schemes completed in (8) above.....	£316. 15s. 0d. (£299. 2s. 5d. in 1964)

Of the 34 grants approved during the year 14 (41.17%) were in respect of dwellings which were let or intended to be let.

Of the 28 schemes which were certified as completed during the year, 12 (42.85%) were in respect of dwellings which were let or intended to be let.

STANDARD GRANTS

1. No. of applications for grant received	76
2. No. of applications approved	64
3. No. of applications rejected.....	1
4. No. of applications referred back for revision	11
5. No. of schemes certified complete	45
6. Average grant in respect of schemes completed in (5) above.....	£106. 12s. 8d. (£91. 13s. 8d. in 1964)

Of the 64 grants approved during the year, 28 (43.75%) were in respect of dwellings which were let or intended to be let.

Of the 45 schemes which were completed during the year, 14 (31.12%) were in respect of dwellings which were let or intended to be let.

The schemes approved during the period, envisaged the provision of the following amenities:

<i>Water Closets</i>	58	<i>Lavatory Basins</i>	54
<i>Larders</i>	17	<i>Hot Water Systems</i>	49
<i>Baths</i>	53		

The following amenities were provided during 1965:

<i>Water Closets</i>	39	<i>Lavatory Basins</i>	32
<i>Larders</i>	13	<i>Hot Water Systems</i>	26
<i>Baths</i>	29		

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act

2 applications for subsidy in respect of agricultural workers' dwellings have been approved. 3 applications for loan to build new houses or acquire existing houses were also approved.

NEW HOUSES

The following additional units of housing accommodation were completed during the year:

1. Council houses	65
2. Private enterprise houses including provision with subsidy	86
3. Units by conversion schemes	1
4. Housing Associations	—
5. Government Departments	—

At the end of the year 70 Council Houses and/or bungalows were under construction and 75 Private Enterprise houses or bungalows.

THE CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

The Council had up to the end of the year issued the following licences subject to compliance with the required Standards:

Permanent Residential	16	providing accommodation for 294 caravans
Holiday	4	providing accommodation for 225 caravans
Individual	46	

In spite of an increase on the previous year in the number of licensed sites, the caravan problem in the District remains acute, particularly in siting the vans used by migrant workmen in the areas around West Burton and Cottam. Many of them are of a type who would sooner pay a nominal rent and site their vans in any old corner without conveniences of any sort.

The Council in an attempt to bring owners of unlicensed sites into line, authorised proceedings to be taken against three of them under the appropriate Section of the Act.

A conviction was obtained in each case resulting as follows:

- 'A' Fined £5. Subsequent planning application successful — now a licensed site for one van.
- 'B' Fined £5 and £5. 5s. 0d. Costs. Subsequent planning application unsuccessful — the site was then cleared.
- 'C' Fined £5. Subsequent planning application unsuccessful — the site was then cleared.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

The following is a summary of the various food premises in the Rural District:

Grocers and General Shops	85
Bakehouses	1
Butchers	15
Fried Fish and Chips	8
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	3
Sweets and Minerals, etc.	11
Ice Cream Roundsmen	1
Private Hotels, Guest Houses	2
Clubs and Institutes	4
Cafes, Tearooms	11
Works Canteens	8
H.M. Canteens	2
School Meals Service	31
Private Schools	2
Hotels, Public Houses, Inns, etc.	72
	256

Of these premises 84 were registered for the retail sale of wrapped ice cream.

149 inspections and 192 re-inspections were made of food premises.

The following table summarises the progress of this work and also indicates an overall picture of the improvements effected:

Informal Notices requiring attention to:	<i>Outstanding from last year</i>	<i>Served during year</i>	<i>Complied with</i>
Provision of impervious surfaces to walls and/or ceilings	2	2	4
Provision of light and ventilation	1	1	2
Provision of sinks and drainage	2	2	3
Provision of hot and/or cold water . .	2	2	3
Provision of impervious work tables . .	2	3	3
Provision of sanitary accommodation and/or cleaning of	—	3	3
Provision of <i>Wash Your Hands</i> notices	1	1	2
Provision of clothes locker	—	1	1
Provision of soap, towels, etc.	1	3	4
Provision of storage containers (inedible offal, etc.)	1	4	3
Provision of First Aid kit	—	1	1
Clearing accumulation of refuse	—	1	1
Exclusion of domestic animals	—	1	1
Ratproofing food rooms	1	—	1
Smoking in food room	1	2	3
Unclean premises (re-decoration) . .	2	9	7
Damp/defective wall plaster	1	2	1
Defective floors	3	3	4
Misc. others	—	5	3
TOTALS	20	46	50

Excluding village public houses, school premises and canteens, there are only 142 food premises in the district, including small one-man village shops; visits have been made to these, and in almost every case appropriate advice has been given regarding the clean and safe handling of food.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Number of properties inspected as a result of:

	<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Dwelling Houses</i>	<i>Business Premises</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a) Notification and/or complaint	—	74	9	83
(b) Survey under Act	42	—	—	42
(c) Otherwise (when visited primarily for other purposes)	20	30	47	97
Total inspections and re-inspections*	109	249	36	394

* This number includes inspections of part-time rodent officer in addition to those by Public Health Inspectors.

Number of infested properties	33	92	43	168
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A charge of 12s. 6d. per hour to include cost of labour, materials and travelling is made in respect of business premises.

Statutory Notices served during the year were as follows:

Public Health Act, 1936 – Section 92.

Cottage at Barnby Moor

1. Defective and rotted woodwork of front door and door frame.
2. Defective and leaking front and rear slopes of pantile roof.
3. Lack of eavesguttering.

A nuisance which has occurred annually causing considerable distress to local inhabitants once again arose during the summer months – namely the nuisance by smell from the Chesterfield Canal particularly in the area around the Packet Inn at Misterton.

After much correspondence, a meeting was finally arranged on site between representatives of the British Waterways Board, the Trent River Authority, the Misterton Parish Council and the Chairman (Mr. H. E. Horton), and myself.

At this meeting the Board promised to:

1. Dredge the Canal throughout its length in the Misterton Parish.
2. Continue experiments re weed control.
3. Make every effort to ensure an adequate supply of water running through the Canal.

Dredging was commenced and some improvement effected before the end of the year.

Sanitary and Housing Repairs and Improvements Effected

	<i>Notices Served</i>	<i>Complied with</i>
Housing defects		
Structural repairs to roofs, walls, etc.	1	2
Defective eavespouts and fallpipes	2	1
Defective chimney stacks	2	—
Floors repaired or renewed	1	1
Defective roofs	5	6
Cooking ranges and fireplaces renewed or repaired ..	1	3
Windows repaired or made to open	1	—
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired	3	3
Doors and Staircases repaired	—	1
 Drainage		
Obstructed drains liberated	3	3
Defective drains repaired	3	4
Leaking or overflowing cesspools and septic tanks	4	3
 Sanitary Conveniences		
Pan closets converted to water closets	53	53
Privies converted to water closets.....	3	3
Sanitary conveniences repaired	2	2
 Water		
Water services repaired	2	2
 Miscellaneous		
Offensive accumulations removed	4	5
Unauthorised caravan sites and contraventions	6	11
Keeping of animals.....	1	2
Others	6	7

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

This is an Act intended to make fresh provisions for securing the health, safety and welfare of persons employed to work in office or shop premises, and in certain railway premises.

It required the registration of such premises, and the main provisions of this Act came into force on the 1st August, 1964. These provisions include amenities similar to those required for factory premises, including notification of accidents and fire precautions.

Registration and General Inspections

<i>Class of Premises</i>	<i>No. of Premises registered during year</i>	<i>Total No. of registered premises at end of year</i>	<i>No. of Registered Premises receiving general insp.</i>
Offices	3	15	14
Retail Shops	1	30	22
Wholesale shops, warehouses	—	—	—
Catering establishments	—	12	9
Fuel storage depots	—	—	—

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises: 86

Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

<i>Class of workplace</i>	<i>No. of persons employed</i>		
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Offices	22	17	39
Retail shops	24	55	79
Wholesale shops, warehouses	—	—	—
Catering Establishments	41	106	147
Canteens	—	7	7
Fuel storage depots	—	—	—
TOTAL	87	185	272

This is the first full year of operation, and to cover the year and give a narrative report on the working of the Act as carried out by this Department is best done by possibly giving a resume of notices served under the various sections. These are split into categories of premise, and then totalled as follows:

Catering Establishments

Section 6	(Thermometer)	3
Section 8	(Lighting)	1
Section 10	(Washing facilities)	1
Section 16	(Floors)	1
Section 24	(First Aid)	3
Section 50	(Abstract)	9

Shops

Section 4	(Clean fittings)	5
Section 6	(Thermometer)	16
Section 8	(Lighting)	1
Section 9	(Sanitary conveniences)	3
Section 10	(Washing facilities)	3
Section 12	(Clothes storage)	1
Section 16	(Handrail)	1
Section 24	(First Aid)	6
Section 50	(Abstract)	21

Offices

Section 5	(Overcrowding)	2
Section 6	(Thermometer)	10
Section 8	(Lighting)	2
Section 9	(Sanitary conveniences)	1
Section 10	(Washing facilities)	2
Section 16	(Handrail)	1
Section 24	(First Aid)	4
Section 50	(Abstract)	13

Totals

Section 4	5
Section 5	2
Section 6	29
Section 8	4
Section 9	4
Section 10	6
Section 12	1
Section 16	3
Section 24	13
Section 50	43

An examination of the list shows that if one takes out Sections 6 and 50 Notices, the remainder are few in number. This is probably due in some part to the bulk of registered premises being small family businesses employing one or two persons, who are for the most part treated as "one of the family". In dealing with such premises as this, interpretation of the Act as to what is or is not required sometimes becomes difficult.

One adverse comment that I would make is with regard to the publicity given to the Act. This was totally inadequate to the point of being no use at all. Applications for registration were and are for the most part only received after investigation and persuasion from this office. Occupiers of premises which require to be registered just have not heard of such an Act.

The same remarks would seem applicable in the case of accident notifications. Only one has been received and this must surely be open to query.

Section 8 – Lighting

It is with “tongue in cheek” that this report is given, “tongue in cheek” because the lighting in my own office is as bad, if not worse, than any encountered during the special survey over the last three months of the year.

Without a guide or standard to work to, it was difficult to require or fix standards of lighting in the various premises. A rule of thumb adopted, however, was that wherever the lighting fell below 20 lumens then the occupiers were written informally suggesting that their standards of lighting were too low.

Shops on the whole were found to be well lighted in the range 35-70 lumens. This standard dropped in the stores and “off stage” areas to 15-20 lumens.

Offices varied, but generally suffered from lights being too high and often wrongly situated. Fluorescent strip lighting tends to lose intensity as the working surfaces of desks and typewriters get further away. In one office, five desks varied from 10 up to 25 lumens.

In November, four offices were inspected, and they in themselves varied from desk to desk, and room to room:

(a) less than 5		Nil
(b) more than 5 but less than 10		Nil
(c) more than 10 but less than 15		1
(d) more than 15 but less than 25		1
(e) more than 25		4

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963

This Act which came into force on the 1st January, 1964, is aimed at ensuring that suitable accommodation is provided and proper care given to pets whilst in the care of boarding establishments.

Such premises are licensed annually, and twenty visits were made during the year to the five licensed premises.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928-1936

All new tank installations are tested under pressure (10lbs per square inch for 24 hours) in liaison with a representative of the company concerned.

Number of renewal licences issued		148
Number of new licences issued		6
Number of carbide licences issued		1

SUMMARY

Inspections and Visits

Houses (Public Health Acts)	385
Houses (Housing Act, 1957 – Repair and Demolition)	345
Houses (Housing Act, 1957 – Improvement Grants)....	10
Houses (Applications for tenancies)	4
Houses (Housing Act, 1957 – Certificate of Disrepair)	Nil
Temporary Movable Dwellings	222
Food Premises	341
Complaints and Nuisances Investigated	119
Unsound Food	6
Knackers Yards	16
Meat Inspection	Nil
Offensive Trades	12
Factories and Workshops	29
Refuse Collection and Disposal	317
Infectious Diseases	108
Infestation (including Rodent Operator)	394
Atmospheric Pollution	36
Water, Watercourses (including samples)	94
Drainage (including drain tests)	35
Interviews on Sites: Housing	46
Food Premises	7
Others	52
Petrol Regulations	38
Attendance at Court, Inquiries, etc.	43
Miscellaneous	72
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	86
	TOTAL
	2817

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