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Medical Officer of Health.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Halesworth Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt for the year
1965, of the following:

HALESWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following are the **ANNUAL REPORTS** and the accompanying
population in the year 1965, as compared with the population in 1964,
to be presented to the Council at its meeting on 12th June 1965.

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

SURVEYOR/PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1965

This shows an estimated increase of 120 persons, or 0.3%.

The total number of deaths was 40 compared with 35 for the previous year. Deaths totalled 37 compared with 28 in 1964.

The Adjusted Birth Rate was 18.07 per 1,000 estimated population, and the Adjusted Death Rate 11.9 per 1,000, as compared with 17.6 and 12.2 respectively in 1964.

Infant Mortality remained at 'Nil' and there were no infant deaths.

144 confirmed cases of infectious disease were notified during the year; the majority being due to Measles of which an outbreak occurred during the second quarter of the year.

Cases in the S.S. Register further declined by three to a total of nine, reflecting the downward trend occurring throughout the year.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient servant,

G.C.M. FRANKLIN,

Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1965.

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OF THE

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AND

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INVESTIGATION

FOR THE YEAR 1905

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Town Hall,
Halesworth.

Medical Officer of Health.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Halesworth Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1965.

The mid-year population of Halesworth, and the corresponding population in the previous year was estimated by the Registrar General to be:

1965	-	2,570
1964	-	2,440

This shows an estimated increase of 130 persons.

The natural increase due to excess of births over deaths was 10, as compared with 8 for the previous year.

The total number of births for 1965 was 40 compared with 36 for the previous year. Deaths totalled 30 compared with 28 in 1964.

The Adjusted Birth Rate was 18.05 per 1,000 estimated population, and the Adjusted Death Rate 11.9 per 1,000, as compared with 17.6 and 10.2 respectively in 1964.

Maternal Mortality remained at 'Nil' and there were no infant deaths.

144 confirmed cases of infectious Disease were notified during the year; the majority being due to Measles of which an outbreak occurred during the second quarter of the year.

Cases on the T.B. Register further declined by three to a total of nine, reflecting the downward trend occurring throughout the area.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient Servant,

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HALESWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Two Hill,
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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year

1965.

The mid-year population of Halesworth, and the corresponding population in the previous year was estimated by the Registrar General as follows:

1965 - 2,270
1964 - 2,440

This shows an estimated increase of 170 persons.

The natural increase due to excess of births over deaths was 10, as compared with 8 for the previous year.

The total number of deaths for 1965 was 40 compared with 36 for the previous year. Deaths totaled 30 compared with 28 in 1964.

The Adjusted Birth Rate was 18.05 per 1,000 estimated population, and the Adjusted Death Rate 11.9 per 1,000, as compared with 17.6 and 10.2 respectively in 1964.

Natural Mortality remained at 'M1' and there were no infant deaths.

144 confirmed cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year; the majority being due to measles of which an outbreak occurred during the second quarter of the year.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres).....	1,107
Registrar-General's estimate of population (mid-1965).....	2,570
Number of inhabited houses (estimated).....	977
Rateable Value.....	£77,592
Product of Penny Rate (estimated).....	£300

	Halesworth Urban District	England & Wales
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>		
Number	40	-
Rate per 1,000 population	15.56	18.0 c
<u>ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS</u> per cent of total live births		
	55	-
<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>		
Number	Nil	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.....	-	15.7 c
<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS</u>		
	40	-
<u>INFANT DEATHS</u> (deaths under 1 year).....		
	Nil	-
<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES</u>		
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births...	Nil	19.0 d
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births.....	Nil	+
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births.....	Nil	+
<u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births).....		
	Nil	+
<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births).....		
	Nil	+
<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths).....		
	Nil	26.9
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u> (including abortion)		
Number of deaths.....	Nil	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths.....	Nil	+

- Not applicable.

+ Not yet available.

c Based on estimated Births.

d Adjusted figure.

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VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS	Male	Female	TOTAL
TOTAL	22	18	40
Legitimate	20	18	38
Illegitimate	2	-	2

STILL BIRTHS	Male	Female	TOTAL
TOTAL	Nil	Nil	Nil
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE	Male	Female	TOTAL
TOTAL	Nil	Nil	Nil
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE	Male	Female	TOTAL
TOTAL	Nil	Nil	Nil
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE	Male	Female	TOTAL
TOTAL	Nil	Nil	Nil
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

	Male	Female	TOTAL
DEATHS - ALL AGES	20	10	30

R A T E S

	Halesworth Urban District	England & Wales
Illegitimacy rate (per 1,000 live births).....	-	-
Adjusted Birth Rate	18.05	-
Death rate per 1,000 estimate population.....	11.67	11.5
Adjusted death rate	11.9	-

Comparability Factor (Births) 1.16
 " " (Deaths) 1.02

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS

SEX	AGE	CAUSE OF DEATHS
-	-	Nil

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-	1
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	1	1	2
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	-	1
18. Coronary disease, angina	4	2	6
19. Hypertension with heart disease	-	1	1
20. Other heart disease	4	2	6
21. Other circulatory diseases	2	1	3
22. Influenza	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	1	-	1
24. Bronchitis	2	-	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	-	2
33. Motor Vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34. All other accidents	1	-	1
35. Suicide	-	1	1
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
	20	10	30

ADJUSTED BIRTH AND DEATH RATE : COMPARABILITY
FACTOR

Local birth rates are expressed in terms of population. These populations are estimated by the Registrar General and comprise persons of all ages including those who have no influence on the birth rate. These latter do, however, affect the birth rate in that a high proportion of them in a population tends to lower, and a small proportion tends to raise the true rate. The size of this proportion will vary in different areas and, therefore, the elimination or standardization of such a factor will give a truer comparison between areas.

The Registrar General issues a comparability factor on these lines. Multiplication of the crude birth rate of an area by the comparability factor gives the adjusted birth rate and can be compared with the crude rate for England and Wales.

The comparability factor for deaths is obtained in a similar way to the above. The factors for certain areas, where rapid increase or reduction in the population materially affects its comparison by sex and age groups, are also adjusted on that account. Death rate area comparability factors are adjusted to take account of the presence of any residential institutions in each area. Birth rate area comparability factors are also adjusted to take account of the presence of sterile populations in institutions for the mentally ill or mentally deficient.

TABLE SHOWING THE MORE IMPORTANT
CAUSES OF DEATH, NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES

CAUSE OF DEATHS	NO. OF DEATHS		PERCENTAGE	
	1964	1965	1964	1965
Diseases of circulatory system	11	16	39.3	53.3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	1	21.4	3.3
Malignant diseases	4	6	14.3	20.0
Pneumonia and Bronchitis	-	3	-	10.0
Influenza	-	-	-	-
All other causes	7	4	25.0	13.3
TOTAL	28	30	100.0	99.9

In 1965 76.6% of all deaths fell under the first three headings. The comparable figure for 1964 was 75% and 1963 was 73%

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Population	2310	2310	2330	2350	2350	2400	2250	2290	2340	2440	2570
No. of inhabited Houses	806	745	761	752	768	798	803	837	869	931	977
No. of Live Births	49	38	45	26	37	39	30	36	30	36	40
Birth Rate (Crude).....	21.2	16.5	19.3	11.0	15.7	16.25	13.3	15.7	12.7	14.7	15.56
No. of Still Births	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
Maternal Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Infant Mortality Rate	20.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.7	66.6	27.7	0
(No. of Deaths)	(1)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(-)
No. of Deaths (all ages).....	18	23	25	21	19	26	22	27	34	28	30
Death Rate (Crude)	7.8	9.9	10.7	8.9	8.0	10.83	9.8	11.7	14.5	11.5	11.67

Infectious Diseases

Number of all confirmed cases of Infectious and other notifiable Diseases notified during the year 1965 according to age and sex.

AGE	Scarlet Fever			Measles			Whooping Cough			Puerperal Pyrexia	
	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL	Female	TOTAL
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
1 -	1	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
2 -	-	-	-	5	4	9	-	-	-	-	-
3 -	1	-	1	9	3	12	-	-	-	-	-
4 -	-	3	3	4	7	11	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	10	12	22	43	21	64	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	2	7	9	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	2
25 - 44	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 or over ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	14	26	40	62	39	101	-	1	1	2	2

76 Males plus 68 Females = 144.

Diseases notified during the year, classified according to month of occurrence

Month	Scarlet Fever	Measles	Whooping Cough	Puerperal Pyrexia
January	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	2
March	-	-	-	-
April	2	-	-	-
May	23	6	-	-
June	4	85	-	-
July	4	5	-	-
August	1	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-
October	1	-	-	-
November	1	1	1	-
December	3	-	-	-
	44	97	1	2

TOTAL -- 144

TUBERCULOSIS

	MALES		FEMALES		TOTAL
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
No. of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1964.....	4	1	6	1	12
No. of cases added during the year.....	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases removed during the year.....	2	-	-	1	3
No. of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1965.....	2	1	6	-	9

REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR/PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR

THE YEAR 1965.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have th honour to present my report for the year 1965.

Water.

During the period under review the water supply to the Urban District Council of Halesworth has been under the control of the East Anglian Water Company. The principal source of supply continues to be the Artesian bore at the Chediston Street works - with increasing supplementary supplies from the Waterworks at Walpole.

It will be remembered in my last report that I mentioned the completion of the ring main to the west of Halesworth which, in addition to supplying water to the London Road Tower serving the South of the Town, was routed in order to supplement the supplies to the Bungay Road Tower, which served the North, East and Central parts of the Town.

New Head Works at Holton have been completed and are also connected to the Halesworth supply main.

Bacteriological tests show the water to be very satisfactory for drinking and for general purposes.

Number of Houses supplied directly from mains ..	940
Number of Shops supplied directly from mains	28
Number of Offices supplied directly from mains ..	6
Combined Business and Dwelling Premises supplied directly from the mains	43
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Total number of properties supplied with unmetered water..	1,017
Number of Standpipes	Nil
Number of hoses..	86
Number of metered supplies	36
Number of houses not supplied by Water from mains.	2

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Sewage disposal Works at Bramfield Road continues to work satisfactorily.

The number of pail closets in the area has been further reduced to 26. This reduction is attributable almost equally to connections to the sewer and to closure of a number of houses.

It is envisaged that in the near future the sole remaining night soil collection will be the North end of Bungay Road - there are, at present, no plans for sewerage this section.

The Sewage Disposal Works, takes sewage from the Villages of Wissett and Holton, in addition to sewage from Halesworth. Plans are also in hand to take sewage from Blyford. Up to twelve months ago the Works dealt satisfactorily with the sewage from the three former places although it was evident that the proposed extension to the Works was greatly needed.

Work on the extension of the Sewage Works was commenced in 1965 and is still progressing at the time of report, but the whole of the extensions must be completed before any part can be brought into use and it is becoming more evident that the Works as existing are becoming overloaded. One further point is that the site of the Works is such that considerable congestion is occurring during the building of the extensions which hampers the principal task of Sludge removal.

All work of Sludge burning has had to be terminated during this period but it is hoped that this work will re-commence once the extensions have been completed.

It is felt that, in the absence of incentive from higher authority the question of sludge disposal is rapidly becoming a problem which is causing concern to many Authorities, large and small alike, and it is still maintained that burning is still a method of disposal which might bear investigation. At the moment burning is productive only in that it reduces bulk for disposal, and the resultant ash is of value for manure for grasslands, for path surfacing and as a fine filter media for drying beds, but all heat generated is lost and might well be used within the Works on such operations as accelerating the processes of sludge digestion and sludge drying.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

A weekly collection of household refuse is made by the Council employing two men and one Refuse lorry. Disposal is by means of controlled tipping at Mells.

Various systems of collection have been introduced during the period under review in an endeavour to cope with the increasing number of bins to be emptied. The latest system of collection appears to be working satisfactorily. The collection of trade refuse which consists largely of paper and cardboard is carried out by tractor and trailer.

Stormwater gullies are now emptied by suction. The Council having purchased a Tanker/Trailer operated by power take off from the tractor. This machine is operating most satisfactorily at the time of writing and is most effective, not only in reducing the number of hours spent on this work but does a most effective job in clearing.

Street cleaning is carried out daily and it is anticipated that mechanised means of path sweeping will be introduced in 1966.

RODENT CONTROL.

One of the Council's employees who has had the requisite training, is employed part-time by the Council as a Rodent Operator.

There is a total of 1,017 premises in the area comprising, private houses, commercial, Industrial, and educational undertakings. Complaints of rodent infestation are dealt with immediately.

A total of 51 infestations of rats were dealt with during the year.

A warning note must be made regarding Rodent Control. In an area which, although Urban, is closely surrounded by agricultural land, particular care must be taken in periodically changing the bait and poison used. If the same type of poison is used continually two things may well arise; first the rats may become aware of its danger and so ignore it, second and far more problematical, the rats may, during several generations of breeding and consuming non fatal doses, eventually produce a breed of rat which is totally immune to the particular poison. This has happened in at least one part of the British Isles where every effort is being made to isolate and destroy the rats which have secured immunity - it is problematical whether this situation is already arising in other parts of the country.

DISINFESTATION.

This service is available. Once again it must be reported that calls for this particular service are decreasing, this is due principally to the fact that people are using insecticides more in their own houses to combat the nuisance. It is also gratifying to report a growing awareness of nuisance caused to others by accumulations of manure. There are now a number of excellent products on the market which are available to combat the two worst features of manure storage - flies and smell. It is to be hoped that the use of these preparations will soon be adopted by all whose trade necessitates the accumulation of manure. It must be emphasised that quite a number of these premises already adopt these measures as a matter of course.

FOOD PREMISES.

There are 10 premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream in the area. There are no premises registered for the Manufacture of Ice Cream.

Four premises are registered for the manufacture of sausages and sausage meat.

102 inspections of food premises were carried out during the year and on only four occasions were conditions found to be unsatisfactory - these were remedied immediately. There is some tendency for pre-cooked foods to be left in the shops, whilst it is appreciated that these foods must be displayed; it is preferable that they should be displayed in sales cabinets which are cooled. Complete protection of food and the observance of clean habits and persons in the service of food is becoming more imperative each year, and it is the awareness of possible danger which should inspire food Retailers to greater efforts in this field.

MEAT INSPECTION.

There is no slaughterhouse in the Council's area.

As stated in the section dealing with Food Premises, care in the handling of meat and meat products is of prime importance. Particular care must be taken that meat which is hanging should not have any food under it - for example meat pies should not be placed on display under rails from which joints of meat are hanging. The general public too should be more aware that meat intended for their own consumption should be kept in a cool place, and that meat does not keep for an indefinite period even under cool conditions.

HOUSING.

During the year 78 houses were inspected - 18 were found to be unsatisfactory in some respect. The necessary works to remedy the defects have been carried out in each house.

Four houses have been demolished as a result of informal action.

There were two dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders were made.

Two undertakings not to re-let unfit houses were accepted.

44 new Houses were erected by the local Authority.

42 new Houses were erected by Private Enterprise.

Two families were re-housed from unfit houses.

Four Standard Grants and four Discretionary Grants were made during the year.

The House Purchase Scheme initiated by the Halesworth Urban District Council in 1962 has continued with marked success and the completion of the present Contract in 1966 will see the completion of the whole project of the Bramfield Road Estate.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTION FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	14	Nil	Nil
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	28	53	Nil	Nil
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	7	14	Nil	Nil
Total	39	81	Nil	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S1).....					NIL
Overcrowding (S.2).....					
Unreasonable temp. (S.3).....					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4).....					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.5).....					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient.....					
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....					
(c) Not separate for sexes.....					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work).....					

Part VIII of the Act

Sections 133 and 134 - A NIL RETURN.

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The Registration of premises under the above Act has been continued and the following Statistics are submitted:-

Offices	34
Retail Shops	55
Wholesale shops, warehouses..	11
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	5
Fuel storage depots	1
Total number of visits made to Registered Premises...	170
Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplaces:	
Offices	124
Retail Shops	164
Wholesale departments, warehouses..	41
Catering establishments open to the public	11
Canteens... ..	6
Fuel storage depots	5

Total 351

Total Males 181

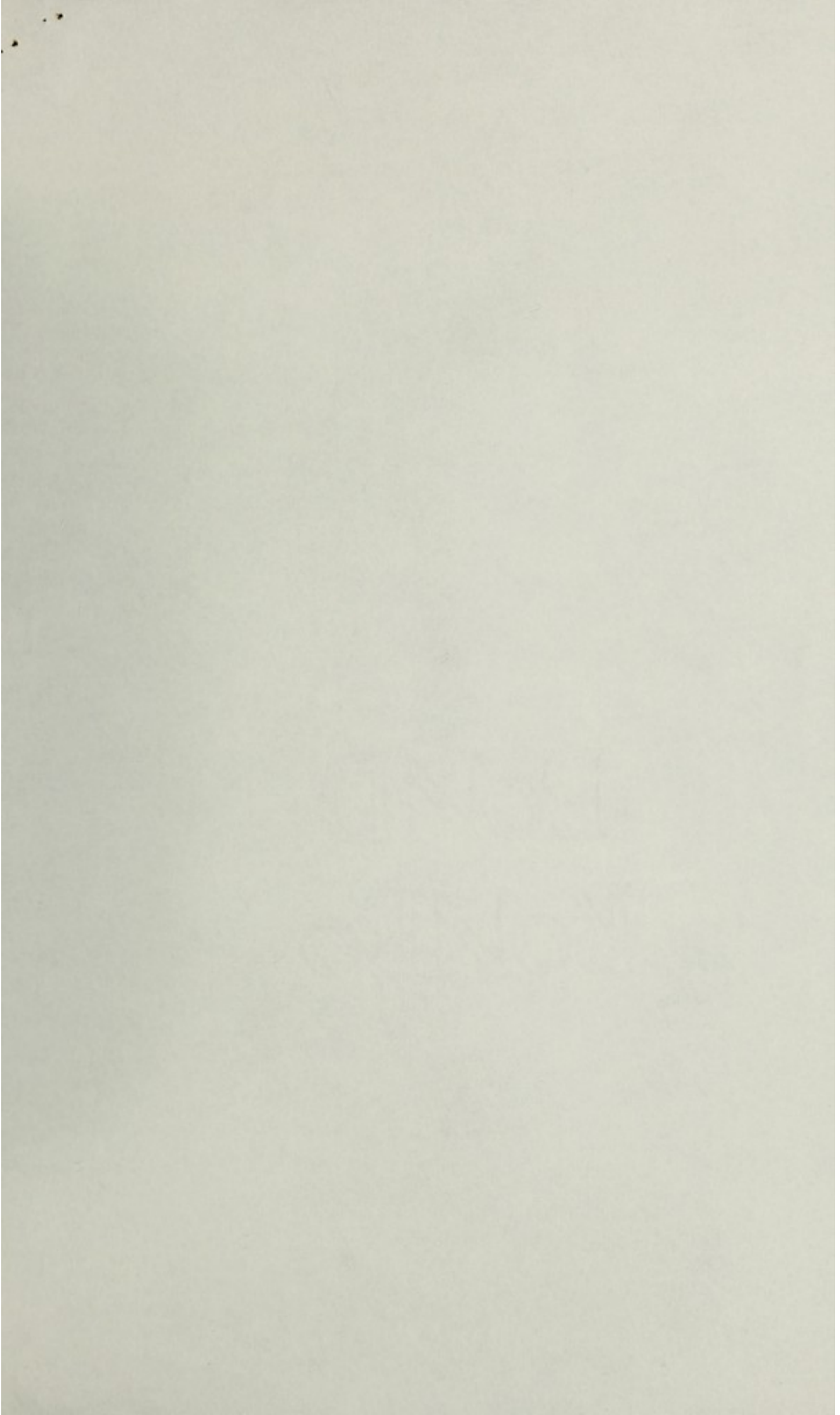
Total Females 170

I am, Sirs,

Your obedient Servant,

F.W.Y. BUCKLEY,

Surveyor/Public Health Inspector.



Part VIII of the Act

Business Licenses - 1914

OFFICE RECORDS AND BUSINESS LICENSES ACT, 1914

The distribution of licenses under the above Act has been estimated and the following statistics are submitted:

Offices	14
Retail Shops	27
Wholesale shops, warehouses,	21
Contracting establishments open to the public, contractors	5
Fuel storage depots	1
<u>Total number of visits made by Registered Dealers</u>	<u>100</u>

Analysis of persons employed in Registered Establishments by Registered Dealers

Offices	204
Retail Shops	104
Wholesale departments, warehouses,	62
Contracting establishments open to the public	21
Depots	6
Fuel storage depots	5
<u>Total</u>	<u>398</u>
<u>Total Males</u>	<u>202</u>
<u>Total Females</u>	<u>196</u>

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. W. T. THOMPSON,

Surveyor, Public Health Department.

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