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Hoddesdon Urban District Council



ANNUAL REPORT.

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year

1969

EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COMBINED DISTRICTS

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1969

H O D D E S D O N U R B A N D I S T R I C T

P R E F A C E

To the Chairman and Members of the
Public Health Committee

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the Urban District of Hoddesdon for the year ending 31st. December 1969.

The population of the District increased by 890, bringing the total figure up to 22,090. Hoddesdon's growth increases steadily but not uniformly. The growth figure for 1969 is largely made up of inward migration, a figure of 624 compared with a natural increase of 266. This has been the result of the extensive building programme that has recently been undertaken in the District.

The number of deaths at all ages fell from 182 to 173, of which 90 were in males and 83 in females.

Infectious Diseases did not present a problem, with comparatively few cases of Measles, and some of Sonne Dysentery at a Nursery School. There were 7 cases of Salmonella Food Poisoning, and I am glad to say that the number of cases of Infective Jaundice dropped from 13 to 6.

Health Centre

The new Health Centre, referred to in the preface of my 1968 report was completed in 1969 and this was probably the most important single event in 1969. This is the first principal Health Centre in the County to include Group Practice Surgeries for local Doctors, built by the County Council. It became available for use by County Staff in June, and the Rt.Hon Sir Derek Walker-Smith, Bt., T.D., Q.C., M.P. officially opened the Health Centre and Group Practice Surgeries, on Tuesday, 23rd. September.

The excellent new premises provide rooms and facilities for all the various health services, covering ante-natal, baby and child health clinics, cytology clinic, psychiatric clinics, audiology and family planning sessions, a medical loan depot (run by the British Red Cross Society), well equipped dental surgeries, and the surgeries for the 4 Doctor partnership. The running of these many health services is proceeding smoothly and efficiently, owing to the mutual co-operation of all the Doctors, Health and Welfare Workers, Clerical Staff and Voluntary Workers.

Day Centre (Old Health Centre)

The Old Health Centre then became available for use in the main as a Day Centre by the Social Work Unit of the East Herts Division, and the responsibility of the Divisional Social Worker. Groups of blind, partially sighted people and physically handicapped people are transported to the Centre on different days of the week, when various forms of handicraft work are undertaken.

Rooms have been allocated to the Area Home Help Organiser for the running of the local Home Help Service.

Arrangements have also been made for the British Red Cross Society, and St. John's Ambulance Brigade to continue using the premises for their meetings and storage of equipment.

Visit of Mobile Unit of the Health Education Council

Planning began in December 1969 for a visit from the above-named Unit early in 1970. This Unit, which is one of a number purchased by the Health Education Council, was scheduled to visit three towns in Hertfordshire, one of which was to be Hoddesdon. Visits had already been paid to various Counties in England.

The Unit is a 22-foot long trailer towed by a Land Rover, both together having an overall length of 34 feet 7 inches, and a maximum height of just over 10 feet. The trailer is divided into an audio/visual aids operation/television control room of 8 feet, and a reception/display area of 14 feet. The control room is equipped with a closed circuit television console with its associated television cameras and equipment, and has 16 mm. cine and automatic 2" x 2" slide back projection facilities. Videotape, tape recording, record-playing and public address systems are available. The display area has a television monitor receiving either B.B.C. or I.T.V. TV programmes, videotape or C.C.T.V. programmes, and a back projection screen. There are eight illuminated exhibition display panels. On one side an external split flap opens to reveal a large 6' x 5' window with an eye-catching caption and photograph.

Building

As might well be anticipated from the population increase, there was a considerable spurt in building in 1969. This was largely accounted for by the provision of new houses and flats by private enterprise, while the Council provided 35 flats.

PREFACE (cont'd)

The past year saw changes in the staff of the Public Health Department. Mr.A.V.Sullivan left to take up an appointment as Additional Public Health Inspector to Watford Rural District Council, while Mr.W.F.Halliday took up a similar appointment with Bedwas & Machen Urban District Council. Their places have been taken by Mr.T.J.Price and Mr.D.J.Streight, who came from Bedworth Urban District Council and the London Borough of Waltham Forest respectively. They have my good wishes for a congenial term of office.

I am again grateful to the Public Health Committee and its Chairman for the keen interest they always evince in everything relating to the work of the Department.

My thanks are due to the Chief Public Health Inspector for his constant co-operation and his contribution to the smooth running of the Department. I am very cognisant of the devoted service put in by Mrs. Guest who not only deals with matters pertaining to the East Herts Combined Districts but also with many County affairs as well.

My thanks are also due to the other Chief Officers for assistance readily provided.

I am,

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Gordon M. Frizelle
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Medical Officer of Health

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Public Health Committee for the Session 1969/70 was
Councillor Mrs. C.M. Woods; the Vice-Chairman was Councillor Mr. C.W.H. Goldie.

Also on the Committee were Councillors Mrs. J.E.E. Ball, Mrs. C.E. Birtwistle;
A.D. Bates, J.G. Glossop, Dr. B.C. Hale, E.M.M. Hatfull, K.A. Howard, D.N. Hutton,
H.C. Waller; and S.G. Bull until July 1969.

SECTION "A"

GENERAL STATISTICS 1969

(TABLE 1)

(Figures for 1968 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION

Estimated mid-year population of Hoddesdon Urban District

	22,090	(21,200)
Natural increase or decrease	+ 266	(+ 244)
Migration in or out	+ 624	(+ 316)
Total increase or decrease	+ 890	(+ 560)

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres 4,430

Number of Inhabited Domestic Premises according to Rate Books as at 1st. April 1970

	7,513	(7,200)
Number of houses per acre	1.69	(1.62)
Number of persons per acre	4.98	(4.78)
Number of persons per house	2.94	(2.94)
Rateable value of District 1st. April 1969	£1,437,739	(£1,371,108)
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate 1969/70	£6,170	(£5,900)

VITAL STATISTICS (TABLE 2)		Local authority area			England & Wales (Total)
		Males	Females	Total	
Estimated mid-year home population		-	-	22,090	48,826,800
Live births	Total	228	211	439	797,542
	Legitimate	225	208	433	730,500
	Illegitimate	3	3	6	67,042
Stillbirths	Total	3	1	4	10,662
	Legitimate	3	1	4	9,555
	Illegitimate				1,107
Total live and stillbirths	Total	231	212	443	808,204
	Legitimate	228	209	437	740,055
	Illegitimate	3	3	6	68,149
<u>Deaths of infants</u>					
Under 1 year of age	Total	7	1	8	14,397
	Legitimate	7	1	8	12,694
	Illegitimate				1,703
Under 4 weeks of age	Total	5	1	6	9,603
	Legitimate	5	1	6	8,494
	Illegitimate				1,109
Under 1 week of age	Total	4	1	5	8,232
	Legitimate	4	1	5	7,266
	Illegitimate				966
<u>Maternal Deaths</u> - including abortion		-	-	-	
<u>Deaths</u> - all ages		90	83	173	579,463

VITAL STATISTICS	Local authority area	Hertford County	England and Wales
(TABLE 2) -cont'd-			
Live birth rates, etc.			
Livebirths per 1,000 home population(crude rate)	19.9	15.8	16.3
Area comparability factor	.90	0.94	1.00
Local adjusted rate	17.9	14.9	16.3
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.10	-	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	1	-	8
Stillbirth rate			
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	9	10.9	13
Infant mortality rates			
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	18	14.1	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	18	14.1	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-	22.0	25
Neonatal mortality rate			
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	14	10.0	12
Early neonatal mortality rate			
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	11	9.0	10
Perinatal mortality rate			
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	20	20.0	23
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)			
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	-	0.07	
Deaths rates, etc - all ages			
Deaths per 1,000 home population(crude rate)	7.8	9.1	11.9
Area comparability factor	1.15	1.14	1.00
Local adjusted rate	9.0	10.4	11.9
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	.75	-	1.00

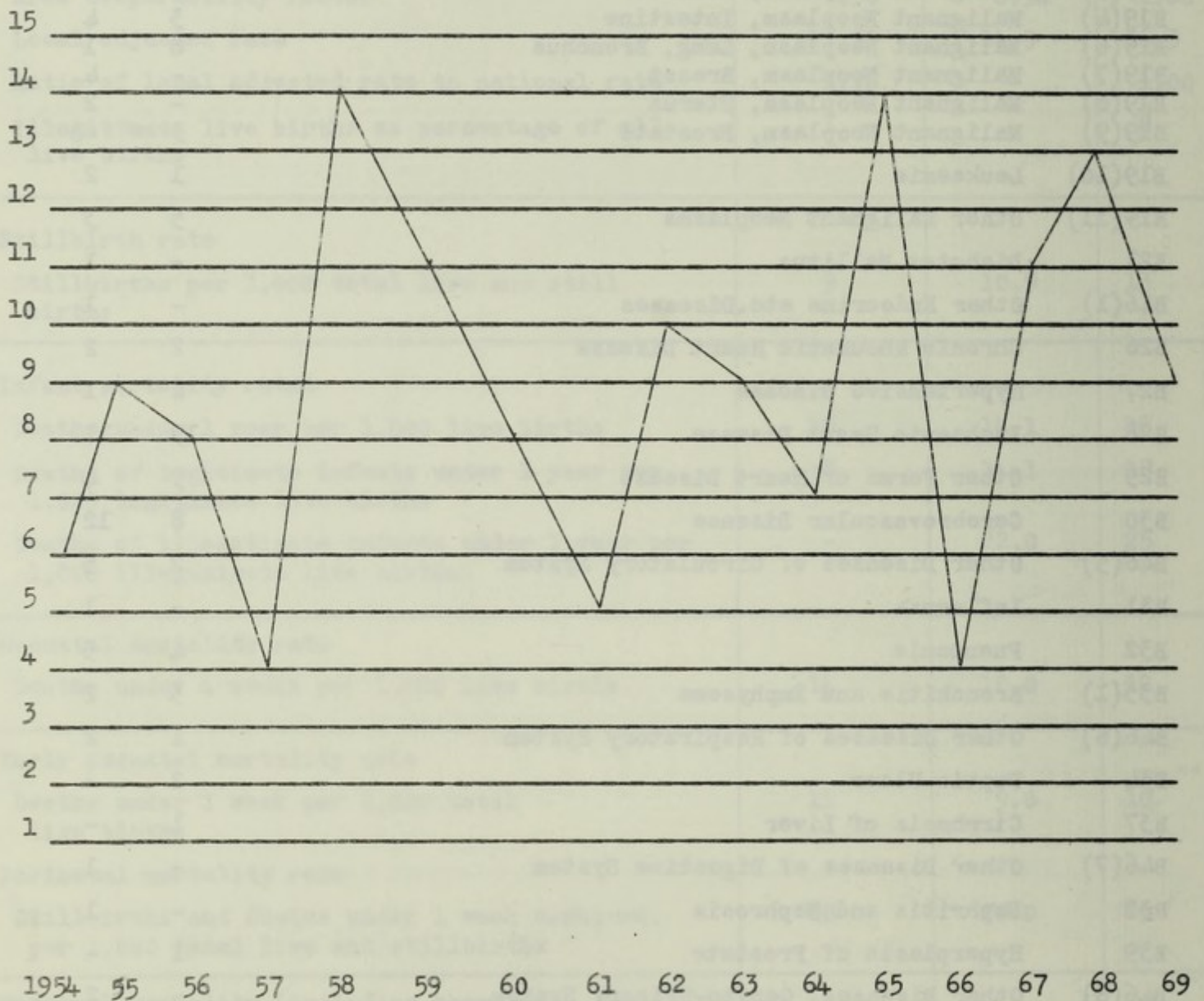
ALL CAUSES

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1969

		M	F
B5	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	-
B6	Other Tuberculosis, incl. Late effects	1	-
B18	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	-
B19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc	1	-
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	2	-
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	4
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	4
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	8	1
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	4
B19(8)	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	2
B19(9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	3	-
B19(10)	Leukaemia	1	2
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	5	3
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	-	1
B46(1)	Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	-	1
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	2
B27	Hypertensive Disease	2	1
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	19	11
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	3	4
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	8	12
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	5
B31	Influenza	-	1
B32	Pneumonia	4	5
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	2
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	2
B34	Peptic Ulcer	2	-
B37	Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1
B38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1
B39	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
B46(8)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	2
B42	Congenital Anomalies	2	-
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc	1	1
B44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	-
B45	Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	2	8
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	1
BE48	All Other Accidents	1	1
BE50	All Other External Causes	-	1
		90	83 = 173

L U N G C A N C E R D E A T H S

FROM 1954 - 1969



PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) Notified during 1969)

(TABLE 3)

Disease	Total	Under 1	1-	5-	15-	25-	Over 65	Age unknown
Measles	22	4	17	1	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	4	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	12	-	8	3	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	7	-	-	1	2	4	-	-
Infective Jaundice	6	-	-	3	-	3	-	-

INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE DURING THE DIFFERENT MONTHS

(TABLE 4)

Disease	First Quarter			Second Quarter			Third Quarter			Fourth Quarter		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Measles	6	5	4	1	4	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	3	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	1	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS DURING 1969

(TABLE 5)

<u>Tuberculosis</u> <u>New cases</u> <u>only</u>	Total all ages	Under 5 years	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 and over	Age not known
Respiratory	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Meninges and C.N.S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
<u>Tuberculosis</u> <u>All cases</u>	Total	Males			Females			
		P	NP		P	NP		
Cases on Register at 1st. January 1969	44	21	-		22	1		
Cases added to Register								
New Cases	3	2	-		-	1		
Restored to Register	-	-	-		-	-		
Inward Transfers	-	-	-		-	-		
Cases removed from Register								
Deaths	1	1	-		-	-		
Outward Transfers	1	1	-		-	-		
Patients Cured	-	-	-		-	-		
Cases remaining on Register at 31. 12. 69.	45	21	-		22	2		

GENERAL STATISTICS

The total mid-year population for 1969 was 22,090 compared with a figure of 21,200 in 1968. The natural increase in the population was 266 (244 in 1968) while the inward migration was 624 (316 in 1968). This shows a small increase in the number of births over deaths and a very considerable gain in the number of persons who have elected to come to live in Hoddesdon.

The number of inhabited houses increased from 7,200 to 7,513 while the number of houses per acre rose from 1.62 to 1.69. The number of persons per acre increased from 4.78 to 4.98, while the number of persons per house remained the same at 2.94.

VITAL STATISTICS

The total number of live and still births increased from 426 to 443 with the live birth rate falling from 20.94 to 19.9, while the still birth rate fell from 18.43 to 9.

Deaths in infants under 1 year of age rose from 7 to 8 giving an infant mortality rate of 18 compared with the 1968 figure of 16.43. No maternal deaths were reported.

CAUSES OF DEATH

The total number of deaths at all ages was 173 compared with the previous year's 182; of these 173, 90 were in males and 83 in females. The consequent death rate per 1,000 population was 7.8 while the figure for 1968 was 8.58.

Following the customary pattern, all forms of Heart Disease accounted for the highest number of deaths, totalling 44; this figure being 9 less than that of last year. Of these 44, 30 were due to Coronary Disease, 14 less than in 1968; 19 of these deaths were in males and 11 in females, while 15 occurred in the 65 - 74 age group.

Heart Disease was closely followed by Malignant Disease, including Leukaemia, with 41 deaths. The comparable figure in 1968 was 34. Malignant Disease of the Lung accounted for 9 deaths, 8 being in males while there were 7 each in males and females related to the Stomach and Intestines. Once again the majority of the deaths was in the older age groups.

Cerebrovascular Disease was responsible for 20 deaths, 8 being in men and 12 in women. As might be expected, 9 out of the 20 were over the age of 75. The 1968 total was 29.

Pneumonia accounted for 9 deaths, and Bronchitis and Emphysema for 7. All of these occurred at the latter end of life.

4 deaths were due to motor accidents, while other causes of accidental death were Cerebral Haemorrhage following a fall in an 88 year old woman, Vagal inhibition, and Asphyxia due to a fragment of food lodging in the throat.

Deaths in children under 1 year of age were due to, Congenital Abnormalities - 3, Prematurity - 3, Broncho-pneumonia - 1, and Septicæmia - 1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

22 cases of Measles were notified during 1969, the majority occurring during the first quarter of the year. The 1968 figure was 371, and while it was not anticipated that 1969 would be an epidemic year, nevertheless the large difference leads one to the guarded belief that the immunisation programme is having a profound effect.

There was an outbreak of 7 cases of Sonne Dysentery at a Nursery School situated in Hoddesdon but maintained by a London Borough. Close supervision and follow up fortunately brought this to an end in a comparatively short space of time. The infection was introduced by two recently admitted children.

5 other cases, all children, in two families, were followed up and quickly cleared of the infection.

Two family outbreaks of Salmonella Food Poisoning occurred during the summer quarter, involving 4 persons in all. Investigation showed that the two families went on a picnic together and that the origin of the infection could probably have been due to locally purchased chickens, although there was no conclusive evidence that the chickens were the cause.

3 other individual cases, 1 following a holiday in Majorca, were followed up and as sometimes happens, unfortunately, 2 of these cases did not clear up but continued to excrete the Salmonella organism for a considerable time, without showing any subjective symptoms. However, in due course, they both cleared up satisfactorily.

There were 6 sporadic cases of Infective Jaundice. As in 1968 careful search failed to reveal the causes. Once more the danger of becoming future blood donors was pointed out to the patients or their parents.

Apart from the cases of Salmonella poisoning referred to above, there were no large scale or protracted outbreaks of food poisoning during 1969. When it is remembered that the organisms which cause Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers belong to the Salmonella family, I would urge, as I have done many times previously, that all families wishing to take their summer holiday in Mediterranean countries should avail themselves of protective inoculation, starting six weeks before they intend to travel. This is not only in their own interests but also in the interest of those with whom they may come in contact.

Influenza

During the early part of 1969 in anticipation of a possible outbreak of Hong Kong Influenza, preliminary precautions were taken to alert all interested organizations and a public meeting was held in Hertford which was attended by representatives of the W.R.V.S., Old People's Welfare Association, B.R.C.S., St. John's Ambulance Brigade and the Women's Institutes. The object of this meeting was to co-ordinate welfare work amongst old people who might possibly be stricken with Influenza. In addition a press report was published in The Hertfordshire Mercury in its various editions, and also in the Herts & Essex Observer.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (cont'd)

Influenza (cont'd)

Furthermore, special precautions were taken with regard to special groups at risk, including residential schools and training centres, ambulance drivers and Local Authority staff. In all, 1,002 doses of vaccine were administered.

TUBERCULOSIS

The year began with 44 cases on the Tuberculosis Register and ended with 45. This was accounted for by the discovery of 3 new cases, while 2 were removed from the Register - 1 through death, the other by leaving the District.

Mass X-Ray Unit

In December a Circular letter was issued by the Department of Health and Social Security, concerning the future of the Mass Miniature Radiography Service. The Department's Summary of this letter reads as follows :-

"This memorandum reviews the present effectiveness of the Mass Miniature Radiography Service, and suggests that the general need for mass radiography of the chest no longer exists. Regional Hospital Boards are asked to consider in consultation with local health authorities how the need for chest X-ray services in their regions can best be met, with a view to integrating mass miniature radiography units with hospital radiological departments; and are asked to report on progress. "

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948-51

I am once again pleased to report that no action was required under Section 47 of these Acts during this year.

WORKROOMS FOR THE ELDERLY

The financial position was somewhat improved during the year by the receipt of £100 from the Hoddesdon Urban District Council and £100 from the County Council, the latter in part payment of amenities afforded to the physically handicapped, who no longer attended the Workrooms but had their own meeting place.

Items of work were not always easy to find but fortunately there was not a scarcity of items.

The numbers have been maintained at between 22 and 24, of whom there are ten active members over the age of 80. Enthusiasm is maintained as is shown by the fact that there has been little absenteeism even during the most adverse weather conditions.

HOME SAFETY COMMITTEE

Under the Chairmanship of Councillor H.C.Waller, the Committee continued to meet during the year.

A "Don't Hoard Medicines" Campaign was run by the Committee with the co-operation of local Doctors and Chemists, from the 17th. March onwards. Publicity was given by the local press, posters and leaflets were distributed, and the campaign was continued for a longer period than that originally arranged, but the results were disappointing. However, the dangers of hoarding old medicines were brought to everyone's attention, some people could have destroyed medicines themselves instead of returning them, and it was hoped that future campaigns may prove more successful.

Town Show: A Home Safety section was included in the 1969 Town Show when the Gas Council provided an Exhibition Stand.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LONG-STAY IMMIGRANTS

The Long-Stay Immigrant situation has again changed during the past year. Firstly, the numbers have dropped from 18 to 10 and secondly the nationality pattern has altered. While the majority of immigrants some years ago were Italian, last year's newcomers were Chinese, Indian and Yugoslavian, with only one Italian. It must be remembered however, that the notifications received at this office are only those supplied from Airports and Seaports, and there may conceivably be others who enter the country by different means, and also those whose final place of settlement is not known.

BUILDING

In 1969, 489 houses and 59 flats were built by private enterprise and 1 house and 35 flats were provided by the Council.

SPECIAL REPORTS

During the year special reports on the following subjects were submitted to the Public Health Committee :-

Potential Dangers from Pets

Mass Radiography

Mobile Unit of the Health Education Council

SECTION "B"

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR
HODDESDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The County Council is responsible for providing the Maternity and Child Welfare and School Health Services, Health Visiting and Home Nursing and the Home Help Service. Full details can be obtained from the Divisional Medical Officer, East Herts Division, Council Offices, High Street, Hoddesdon.

Clinics which serve Hoddesdon Urban District

<u>Health Centre, High Street, Hoddesdon</u>	<u>Tel. No. Hoddesdon 66351</u>	
Child Guidance	Daily, 9 - 5.p.m.	
Dental	Daily, 9.30.a.m. - 4 p.m.	
Speech Therapy	Monday & Tuesday, 2 - 4.30.p.m.	
Cytology	Tuesday, 9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. (Telephone any time for appointment)
School Children's Consultations	First Wednesday in every month, 10.a.m.)
Infant Welfare	Wednesday, 2 - 4.p.m.	
Ante-natal - Relaxation & Mothercraft	Thursday, 2.30 - 4.p.m.	
Assessment	Second Wednesday in every month, 2.15 - 3.45.p.m. (Telephone any time for appointment)
Audiology	Third Thursday in every month, 10.a.m. - 4.p.m. (Telephone for appointment to Secretary, Health Centre, St.Albans- St.Albans 59211, Extn. 236)
(Audiometry Sessions - arranged as necessary)		
Family Planning Association	Thursday, 9.30 - 11.a.m. (Telephone during these times only for appointment)
Marital Problems	Second and fourth Thursday every month, 9.30 - 11.a.m. (Telephone during these times, or to F.P.A. Office, Hertford 2800, for appointment.)
Sub-normality	Third Friday of each month 2 - 4.p.m.)
<u>Health Centre, Rye Road, Rye Park</u>	<u>Tel. No. Hoddesdon 64980</u>	
Infant Welfare	Monday, 2 - 4.p.m.	
Orthopaedic	Second and fourth Friday every month, 2 - 5.p.m.)
Orthopaedic fitter	Friday, 2 - 5.p.m.	
Physiotherapy	Monday to Friday, 9.a.m. - 12 noon Wednesday & Friday, 2 - 5.p.m. (Telephone any day for appointment)

SECTION "B" (cont'd)

Day Centre (Old Health Centre)

Social Work Unit activities:

Tel. No. Hoddesdon 66351,
Extn. 16

Tuesday	-	Handicapped
Thursday	-	Blind
Friday	-	The housebound and lonely elderly

Local Home Help Office:

Tel. No. Hoddesdon 67080

St. John's Ambulance Brigade, and
British Red Cross Society:

Use the Day Centre for meetings,
and storage of equipment.

Immunisation & Vaccination

All parents are advised to take advantage of this service, which can be obtained from their family doctors or at the Infant Welfare Centres mentioned.

The following table gives the latest recommendations :-

2 - 6 months	Diphtheria	-)	3 injections
	Whooping Cough	-)	
	Tetanus	-)	
6 - 10 months	Poliomyelitis	-	3 doses oral vaccine (This may be given at the same time as the triple injection if the procedure is started at 3 months)
1 - 2 years	Measles Vaccination		
	Smallpox Vaccination		
15 - 18 months Reinforcing	Diphtheria	-)	Injection
	Whooping Cough	-)	
	Tetanus	-)	
5 years	Reinforcing Oral Polio		
	Diphtheria	-)	Injection
	Tetanus	-)	
9 - 12 years	Smallpox Revaccination		
13 years	B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis.		

Home Help Service

This service is still under-staffed, and dissatisfaction is felt at the rates of pay. During 1969 an appeal was made for Night-Sitters-In, which resulted in the appointment of 4 persons to cover the Hoddesdon and Ware area.

Any person wishing to become a Home Help should apply to Mrs. J.E. Clements, 27, Bull Plain, Hertford (Tel. No. Hertford 3232), who is the Divisional Organiser for the whole of East Hertfordshire, while the Area Organiser (covering Broxbourne, Hoddesdon, Ware, Standon and Puckeridge) is Mrs. J. Sackett, The Day Centre, High Street, Hoddesdon. (Tel. No. Hoddesdon 67080).

Cervical Cytology Service

The number of attendances at the Hoddesdon Clinic fell from 82 in 1968 to 66 in 1969, with ages ranging from the early 30's to the middle 50's. No suspected cases of malignancy were discovered.

These have been patients who came to the Clinic of their own volition as all the Doctors in Hoddesdon arrange for a test of their own patients.

Family Planning

The Family Planning Association Clinic was opened in Hoddesdon on the 27th. November 1969, and is held every Thursday morning at the Health Centre. Attendances have been good.

Dental Services

Hoddesdon Urban District is served by eight Dental Practitioners. Details regarding School Dental Clinics are shown under Clinics.

Ambulance Service

There is an Ambulance Station in Hoddesdon. Except in an emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner.

Hospital Services

Hoddesdon Urban District is served by the County Hospital, Hertford, the Herts & Essex Hospital, Bishop's Stortford, and the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow.

Chronic sick can receive treatment at Western House Hospital, Collett Road, Ware. As was reported last year the Hospital was closed in 1968 for rebuilding and extensive renovation. The improvement scheme included new sanitary annexes, extensions to the Day rooms, cubicle curtaining and improved lighting facilities. Modern furniture and equipment was also provided and installed. The number of beds available is :-

69 for females, of which 47 are for psycho-geriatric patients
22 for males

Hospital Services (cont'd)

The official re-opening was performed by Sir Graham Rowlandson, M.B.E., J.P., Chairman of the North-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, on the 19th. September 1969.

Patients suffering from infectious diseases can be treated either at St. Ann's General Hospital, South Tottenham, London.N.15 (Tel.No. 01 - STA 0121), or at Highlands Hospital, Winchmore Hill, London.N.21 (Tel.No. 01 - 360 8151).

General Practitioner Services

Hoddesdon Urban District is served by fifteen General Practitioners, all of whom work in partnerships. To the partnerships are attached Health Visitors, and these attachments have proved to be very successful.

Health Visitors and Nurses

Hoddesdon Urban District has 6 District Nurse/Midwives, 1 District Nurse, 1 part-time District Nurse, and 1 Midwife.

Medical Loan Depot

This Depot is run by the British Red Cross Society at the Hoddesdon Health Centre, and is at present open at the following times :-

Monday to Friday - 10.a.m. - 11.30.a.m.

Wednesday - 7.p.m. - 8.p.m.

Chiropody Service

Available on alternate Fridays, at the Hoddesdon Old People's Centre, Stanstead Road, Hoddesdon. Domiciliary visits can also be arranged.

Old People's Welfare

The Centres at the Hoddesdon Old People's Centre, Stanstead Road, Hoddesdon, (Tel.No. Hoddesdon 62379) - which is open daily - and at Wormley Old People's Centre, held at Bushby Hall, Wormley, are well attended and continually expanding.

The respective Secretaries are as follows :-

Hoddesdon Old People's Centre

Hon. Secretary - Mrs.M. G. Curtis, 25A, Park Lane, Broxbourne.
(Tel. No. Hoddesdon 62449)

Wormley Old People's Centre

Hon. Secretary - Mrs.L.E. Syer, 30, St. Laurence Drive, Wormley.
(Tel. No. Hoddesdon 67483)

Meals Service

This is a branch of the Hoddesdon Old People's Welfare Committee. The Hon. Secretary is - Mrs.M. Lythall, 277, Stanstead Road, Hoddesdon.
(Tel. No. Hoddesdon 62549)

Luncheon Club

This is an extension of the Meals Service, which commenced in November 1968, and is run every Thursday, at 12.30.p.m. at the Stanstead Road Centre.

Any enquiries should be made to -

Mrs. C. Dutton, 5, Woodlands Drive, Hoddesdon.
(Tel. No. Hoddesdon 62479)

Social Work Unit

The East Herts. Social Work Unit is based at "Westfield", West Street, Hertford. Tel. No's : Hertford 3145, 5875 & 6144.

Divisional Social Worker Miss HILDA WATSON

Senior Social Worker (Mental Health) Mr. ROY BOHRER

Senior Social Worker (Welfare) Mr. JOHN GILL

Social Workers

Physically Handicapped Miss C. LOSEBY Southern area

Miss P. WATSON Northern area

Blind Miss D. TAYLOR Northern area

Miss J. Van RAAIJ Southern area

Mentally Ill, Mentally Handicapped, Elderly etc.

Cheshunt U.D.C. Mrs. P. EVANS

Mrs. A.B. STROUD

Hoddesdon U.D.C. Mrs. P. EVANS

Mrs. A.B. STROUD

Mrs. J.E. WRIGHT

Ware U.D.C.)

Mr. K.R. COCKMAN

Ware R.D.C.)

Mrs. P. PAGE

Hertford Borough)

Mrs. B. EBELING

Hertford R.D.C.)

Bishop's Stortford U.D.C.)

Mrs. R. LUCKMAN

Braughing R.D.C.)

Mrs. M. HEWISH

Sawbridgeworth U.D.C.)

Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Stroud may be reached at :-

Chestnuts Day Nursery,
Crossbrook Street, Cheshunt.
(Tel: Waltham Cross 20905, 27330
and 24658)

and Mrs. Hewish and Mrs. Luckman at :-

Health Centre, Bishop's Stortford.
(Tel: Bishop's Stortford 2743)

If in doubt, Mental Health problems should be referred to Mr. Bohrer and Welfare problems to Mr. Gill.

All emergency calls should be referred direct to "Westfield", where they will be dealt with by the duty officer for the day, irrespective of area.

WATER SUPPLY

Public Water Supply

SECTION C

This District is within the Area of supply of the Metropolitan Water Board. All properties have an internal supply from the Board's mains, except for a small number referred to below.

No complaints of the inadequacy or poor pressure of the public supply were received by this Department during the year.

The Director of Water Examination of the Metropolitan Water Board has kindly supplied for the Board's Report, the following information as far as it relates to the public supply.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1. (a) The supply was of good quality and of (i) quantity, and (ii) quality, during 1969.

1969

(b) All new and repaired mains are disinfected with chlorine; after a predetermined period of contact the pipes are flushed out and refilled; samples of water are then collected from these treated mains, and the mains are returned to service only after results are found to be satisfactory.

The quality control from these laboratories is carried out by means of daily sampling from sources of supply, from the treatment works or well stations, from the distribution system, and through to the consumer. Any sign of contamination or any other abnormality is immediately investigated.

(c) (i) The Board has no record of the number of structurally defective dwellings supplied in your area, but the population supplied direct according to the Registrar-General's estimate at 30th June 1969, was 21,930.

July 1970

(ii) No houses were previously supplied by stand-pipe.

(d) No artificial fluoride was added, and where the fluoride content is indicated in the analysis it represents the naturally occurring fluoride in the water.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF BUREAU OF LANDS

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WATER SUPPLIES

Public Mains Supply

This district is within the Statutory Area of supply of the Metropolitan Water Board. All properties have an internal supply from the Board's mains, except for a small number referred to below.

No complaints of the inadequacy or poor pressure of the public supply were received by this Department during the year.

The Director of Water Examination of the Metropolitan Water Board has kindly supplied for the Annual Report, the following information so far as it relates to the Board's supply:-

1. (a) The supply was satisfactory both as to (i) quality, and (ii) quantity throughout 1969.

- (b) All new and repaired mains are disinfected with chlorine; after a predetermined period of contact the pipes are flushed out and refilled; samples of water are then collected from these treated mains; and the mains are returned to service only after results are found to be satisfactory.

The quality control from these laboratories is carried out by means of daily sampling from sources of supply, from the treatment works or well stations, from the distribution system, and through to the consumer. Any sign of contamination or any other abnormality is immediately investigated.

- (c) (i) The Board has no record of the number of structurally separate dwellings supplied in your area, but the population supplied direct according to the Registrar-General's estimates at 30th June 1969, was 21,980.
(ii) No houses were permanently supplied by stand-pipe.
- (d) No artificial fluoride was added, and where the fluoride content is indicated in the analyses it represents the naturally occurring fluoride in the water.

2. (a) The supply was derived from the following works and pumping stations:-

Well water from Rye Common and also, with effect from May 1969, Broxbourne pumping station. Middlefield Road well has been withdrawn from use temporarily.

No new sources of supply were instituted.

The number of samples collected and the bacteriological and chemical analyses of the supply from the above sources after treatment are shown on the attached sheets.

- (b) On account of their hardness content and alkaline reaction the Board's river and well water supplies are not considered to be plumbo-solvent. It should, however, be appreciated that all types of water pick up varying amounts of metal from the material of water piping particularly when it is newly installed; this applies to copper, zinc, iron and also to lead. Surveys carried out between 1966 and 1968 on analyses of water from consumers' premises confirmed this statement.

APPENDIX 1

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD - Water Examination Department

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS - YEARLY AVERAGES, 1969

BEFORE TREATMENT

Source of Supply	Number of Samples	Agar plate count per ml		Coliform count		Escherichia coli count	
		20-24 hours at 37°C	3 days at 22°C	Per cent. samples negative in 100 ml.	Count per 100 ml	Per cent. samples negative in 100 ml.	Count per 100 ml.
Broxbourne	123	50.4	444	2.44	122.8	18.70	37.2
Rye Common	252	19.6	397	34.13	52.4	44.84	15.3

AFTER TREATMENT

Source of Supply	Number of Samples	Agar plate count per ml.		Coliform count		Escherichia coli count	
		20-24 hours at 37°C	3 days at 22°C	Per cent. samples negative in 100 ml.		Per cent samples negative in 100 ml.	
Broxbourne	123	6.9	94	100.0		100.0	
Rye Common	259	11.0	76	99.23		99.61	

APPENDIX 2

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD - Water Examination Department

AVERAGE RESULTS OF THE CHEMICAL EXAMINATION OF WATER SUPPLY TO HODDESDON

(Milligrammes per litre - unless otherwise stated)

Description of the Sample	Number of samples Day of the month	Ammoniacal Nitrogen	Albuminoid Nitrogen	Nitrate Nitrogen	Oxygen abs. from KMnO_4 4 hrs at 27°C	Hardness (total) CaCO_3	Hardness (non carbonate) CaCO_3	Chloride as Cl	Natural Fluoride as F	Turbidity units
BROXBOURNE	5	0.055	0.046	3.6	0.40	307	91	28	0.30	1.8
RYE COMMON	4	0.015	0.041	4.3	0.321	333	84	26	0.25	0.5
Description of the Sample	Colour (Burgess units)	pH value	Electrical Conductivity (micromhos)							
BROXBOURNE	7	7.3	700							
RYE COMMON	3	7.2	600							

WATER SUPPLIES (cont'd)

Private Supplies

There are approximately 23 properties in the Urban District still connected to private water supplies, including 10 industrial premises.

Thirty-five samples were taken during the year and submitted for bacteriological examination. Unsatisfactory results were recorded in samples from four premises, but subsequent sampling in one case was satisfactory and in another satisfactory results were obtained early in 1970 after the fitting of a new filter. Temporary alternative arrangements were made in a third case and in the fourth instance the occupier concerned was advised to consider the introduction of a biological filter, but in the meantime to boil all drinking water before use.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

Sewage purification and disposal are undertaken at the Rye Mead Sewage Works after being pumped through a series of pumping stations.

Two of the Council's new main drainage schemes were completed during the year.

In the more remote and thinly developed areas of the town, where sewers are not available, there are approximately 118 cesspools and septic tanks. The Council provide a free emptying service twice a year at these installations.

HOUSING ACTS, 1957 - 1964

Individual Unfit Houses

33, 35 and 37 Duke Street, Hoddesdon

These properties were inspected and found to be unfit for human habitation and not repairable at reasonable expense. Demolition Orders were made under Section 17 of the Housing Act 1957. The tenants were rehoused by the Council, and the properties demolished before the end of the year.

Nos. 3, 9 and 11 Lord Street, Hoddesdon

No. 5 Park Lane, Broxbourne

Closing Orders were made during the year on the above properties considered unfit for human habitation. The Occupiers in each case have been rehoused by the Council.

No. 15 Roman Street, Hoddesdon

No. 80 Burford Street, Hoddesdon

Nos. 193 and 195 Lord Street, Hoddesdon

The above properties, previously the subject of Closing Orders, were made fit for human habitation during the year. The Closing Orders were accordingly determined under the provisions of Section 27 of the Housing Act 1957.

HOUSING PROGRESS

	<u>During 1969</u>	<u>Total since end of the war</u>
<u>By Private Enterprise</u>		
New dwellings, including dwellings provided by conversion and War destroyed dwellings rebuilt.	548	3,107
<u>By Local Authority</u>		
New dwellings including conversions or adaptations in terms of family units.	36	1,266
<u>By Other Authorities</u> (including Police cottages, etc.)		
New dwellings erected	-	14
<u>Properties controlled by the Local Authority at 31st December 1969</u>		
Council Houses	1,617	
Sundry other properties	9	
Shops	5	

Municipal Housing

Macers Lane, Wormley

69 Dwellings

(26 three-bedroom houses, 10 two-bedroom houses and an Old People's Centre of 32 one-bedroom flats, with communal facilities and a warden's flat).

This development, commenced in 1968, was completed in April 1969.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

HOUSING ACT, 1969

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

10 applications for improvement grants received approval throughout the year, 1 relating to discretionary and 9 to standard grants.

Works of improvement were completed at 9 dwellings during 1969.

During the period 1955-1969 grants totalling some £34,500 have been paid in respect of the improvement of 201 dwellings.

AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

As in previous years, inspections were made at the agricultural holdings throughout the district to ensure that adequate sanitary accommodation was provided for the employees.

The total number of agricultural holdings registered in the Urban District is thirty-one.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

The following table shows the numbers and categories of food premises in the Urban District subject to these regulations:-

<u>CLASS OF PREMISES</u>	No. (i)	Fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (ii)	Reg. 19 Applies (iii)	Number complying with Reg. 19 (iv)
Supermarkets	4	4	4	4
Grocery - General Stores	32	32	32	32
Greengrocers	11	11	11	11
Butchers	12	12	12	12
Fishmongers, inc. fried fish shops	7	7	7	7
Sweets & Confectionery	26	26	N.A.	N.A.
Bake-houses	4	4	4	4
Bread & Flour Confectionery	8	8	N.A.	N.A.
Cafes & Restaurants	16	16	16	16
Factory Canteens	11	11	11	11
School Canteens	18	18	18	18
Milk Distributors	3	3	N.A.	N.A.
Public Houses	21	21	21	21
Miscellaneous Food Premises	20	20	20	20
Market Stalls	4	Nil	N.A.	N.A.
TOTALS	197	193	156	156

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 (cont'd)

All proposals for the provision of new premises, or for alterations to existing premises where food is to be stored, sold or manufactured, are scrutinized in order to ensure that such premises will conform to the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations. Discussions and consultations with architects, surveyors, builders and representatives in advance of construction, invariably result in agreement on the necessary requirements being incorporated.

Routine inspections were made of food premises during the year and any infringements of the Regulations were pointed out to those concerned to ensure compliance.

Legal proceedings were taken against the occupiers of a butcher's shop and a cafe for infringements of the above Regulations. In the first instance fines totalling £93 were imposed for eight offences under the Regulations and one under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949. In the second case, in addition to infringements of the Regulations, the occupier was charged with obstructing the Council's Public Health Inspectors in the course of their duties; fines totalling £95 were imposed, plus the Council's costs.

Section 2. Several complaints of unsound food being purchased were received during the year. The following list gives some indication of their nature:-

- Foreign objects in apple puff and jar of pickles
- Snail in dates
- Dirty milk bottles
- Mould on pork pie, cheese slices and bread
- Fly blown meat and bacon

Every complaint was fully investigated and when necessary the retailers, wholesalers or manufacturers, were approached for their observations and comments. Warning letters were sent where appropriate.

Section 16. 16 premises are registered for the preparation and storage of sausages, or potted, pickled or preserved food, and there are 56 premises registered for the storage and sale of ice cream. There are no premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream.

Food Hygiene (Market Stalls & Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966

Legal proceedings for infringements of these Regulations were taken against the driver of a mobile ice cream vehicle. Fines totalling £32, plus the Council's costs, were imposed for offences committed on two separate occasions.

Poultry processing premises: NONE within this District

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Annual Report for the period 1st January 1969 to 31st December 1969

The Act requires that the Local Authority shall submit an Annual Report to the Ministry of Labour every year. The report for the year 1969 is given below:-

<u>Registrations & General Inspections</u>			
Class of premises	Number of premises registered during year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving general inspection during the year
Offices	7	57	36
Retail Shops	12	163	158
Wholesale Shops	0	0	0
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	0	13	13
Fuel storage depots	0	0	0
<u>Totals</u>	19	233	207

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises - 463

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>Number of persons employed</u>
Offices	325
Retail shops	877
Wholesale depts., warehouses	7
Catering establishments open to public	98
Canteens	9
Fuel storage depots	-
Total <u>Males</u> - 555. Total <u>Females</u> - 761	<u>TOTAL</u> 1,316

Exemptions

Section 5(2) Space; Section 6 Temperature; Section 9 Sanitary Conveniences; Section 10 Washing Facilities:-

In each of these categories there were no current exemption certificates at 31st December; no exemptions were granted or extended during the year. There were no cases of employees opposing applications and no appeals against any refusal to grant or extend an exemption or against the withdrawal of an exemption.

Prosecutions

No prosecutions were instituted during the year.

There were no complaints made under Section 22 of the Act, and there were no interim orders granted.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

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

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which S.1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	1	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) which S.7 is enforced by the L.A.	101	118	7	-
(iii) Other premises in which S.7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding out- workers' premises)	19	3	-	-
TOTAL	124	122	7	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—

FACTORIES ACT, 1961 (cont'd)

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Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	6	6	-	-	-
(c) Not separate sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outworkers)	1	-	1	-	-
TOTAL	8	7	1	-	-

PART VIII of the Act
Outwork
(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134	
	No. of Outworkers In August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	No. of Cases of Default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served Prosecutions
Paper bags	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing Apparel	14	-	-	-	-
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper.	7	-	-	-	-
Light Engineering	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	21	-	-	-	-

