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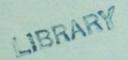
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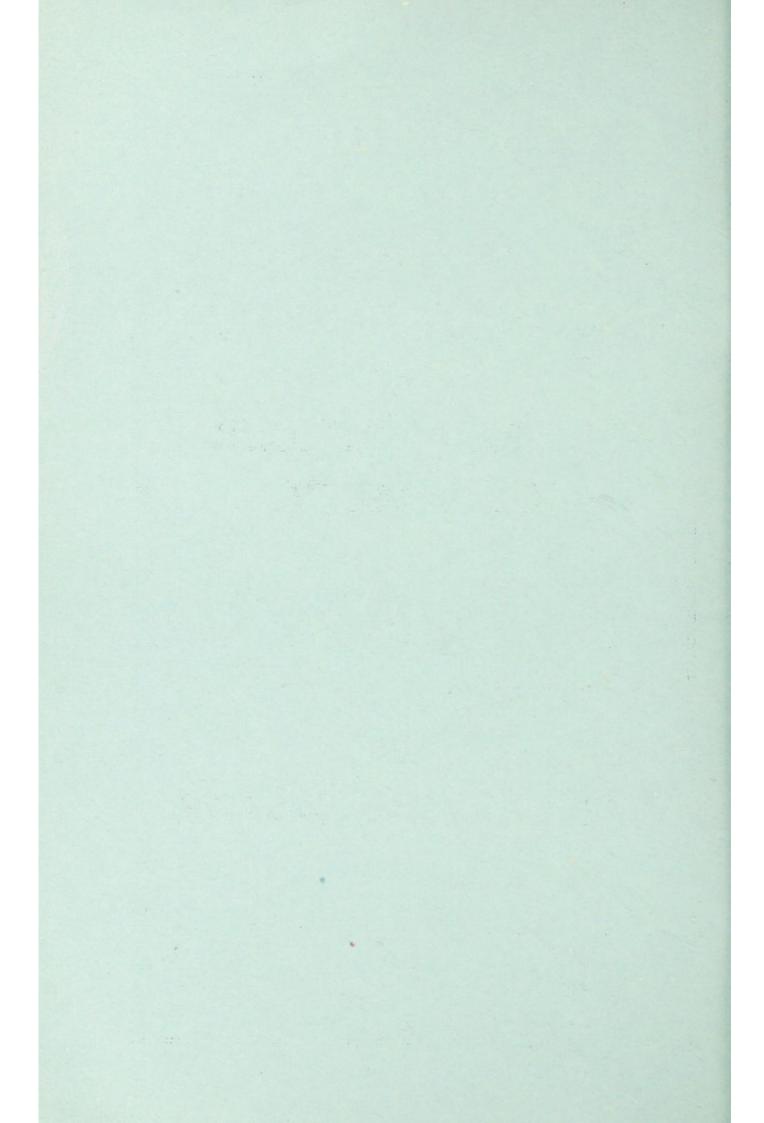
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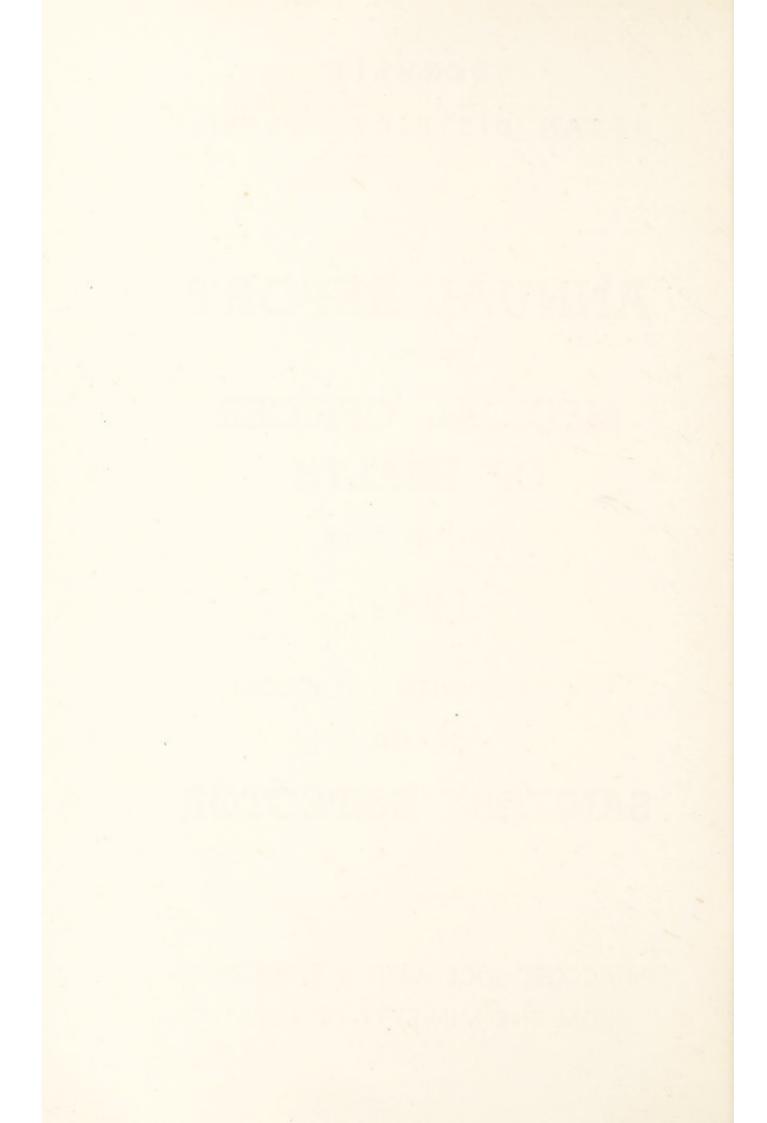
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# PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health:

W. GARSTANG,

M.B., Ch.B., (Vict.) L.S.A. (Lond.)

(Part-time).

Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare Centre:

R. H. VARTAN,

M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.)

Senior Sanitary Inspector, Cleansing Superintendent, Salvage Officer and Petroleum Inspector:

E. H. ADAMS, (a) (c) (e)

Assistant Sanitary Inspector:

J. R. CLIFTON, (b) (d)

Clerks:

MRS. D. SMITH.

Resigned: 29.8.47.

MISS J. TOMLINSON.

Appointed: 18.8.47.

Health Visitors:

NURSE B. WILKINSON (Snr.)

NURSE A. KEARNEY.

- (a) Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute qualifying as Sanitary Inspector.
- (b) Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors Examination Joint Board qualifying as Sanitary Inspector.
- (c) Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.
- (d) Certificate of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene in General Hygiene and Sanitation.
- (e) Certificate of the Institute of Public Cleansing.

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# TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE

#### HUCKNALL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN, MADAM AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my thirty-fourth Annual Report on the Health and Vital Statistics of the Urban District of Hucknall. This report is written in conformity with instructions received from the Ministry of Health.

I cannot say that there has been anything of outstanding importance which requires comment here as regards the health and welfare of the people of Hucknall.

At the present moment I am officially out of office, and as I am very anxious to finish this report while I have easy access to all the necessary records, monthly reports, etc., I am unable to complete two Tables for which information from the Registrar General is essential, and this will not be available for some weeks.

I can only conclude by thanking everyone concerned, Members of the Council, officials and others for their valuable assistance, and it is with real regret that I sign myself for the last time as your Medical Officer of Health.

Yours faithfully,

WALTER GARSTANG.

21st April, 1948.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITION	NS OF	THE AREA.
Area (in acres)		4,030
Population 1946, Registrar General's estima	ate	22,050
Population 1947 (estimated)		22,500
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1947)	:	
Dwelling houses		6,043
		224
Public Houses and Beer-offs		37
		6,304
Rateable Value		£99,267
Sum represented by a penny rate		
Amount expended on Poor Law Out-Relief		£6,122. 8s. 6d.
		,
EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS	OF TI	HE YEAR.
	Total.	M. F.
Live Births: Legitimate	499	247 252
Illegitimate	29	14 15
Birth Rate per 1000 estimated resident	populati	on $= 23.4$ .
Stillbirths: Legitimate		
0	1	
Rate per 1000 (live and still) bit		
Deaths (Civilian only)  Death Rate per 1000 estimated resident		
Deaths from puerperal causes (Headings		
29 and 30 of the Registrar General's Short List).		
Short List).	Deaths.	total (live and
N 00 D		still) Births.
No. 29, Puerperal sepsis	1	1.8
No. 30, Other puerperal causes	0	
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:		
All infants per 1000 live births	22	41.
Legitimate infants per 1000	00	
legitimate live births	22	44.
Illegitimate infants per 1000	0	0.00
illegitimate live births	39	0.00
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	2	
,, ,, Measles (all ages) ,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages)	0	
Diarrhose (under 2 years)	1	
,, ,, Diarricea (under 2 years)		

#### POPULATION.

For the purpose of this Report, and so that I can calculate the various mortality rates, etc., I estimate the population at 22,500.

#### BIRTHS.

The number of live births was 528, an increase of 46 over last year's figure. Males totalled 261, Females 267. The Birth Rate is 23.4 per 1000 population.

Stillbirths were 15. Males 8 and Females 7.

There is a distinct fall in the number of births registered during the first quarter of 1948, which may be expected to continue.

#### DEATHS.

The total number of deaths recorded was 245: Males 140, Females 105. This is an increase of 18 as compared with last year, and gives a Rate of 10.8 per 1000 population.

The main causes of deaths were Cardiac Diseases 55, Intracranial vascular and other diseases of the circulatory system 29, Old Age 28, Cancer and Malignant disease 39, Pneumonia 8, Influenza 6, Violence 6, Premature Birth 9.

Inquests were held in 8 cases. Causes of death were Accidents on the High Road 2, Colliery Accidents 2, Burns 1, Accidental Fall at Home 1, Suicide 1, Through Collapse of Roof of Shed 1.

In five cases the Coroner issued a Certificate after a Post Mortem examination. Deaths were due to Pneumonia 2, Heart Disease 1, Meningitis 1, Cerebral Thrombosis 1.

Three deaths were uncertified; the causes of death being Premature Birth, Heart Disease and Pneumonia.

#### INFANT MORTALITY.

Table II should be read in conjunction with the following statement:—

There were 22 deaths of infants under 1 year of age, 16 Males and 6 Females. This gives a Death Rate per 1000 live Births of 41. This is nearly double the figure for 1946, which was 24, but as I said then, it is very doubtful if Hucknall will ever

again have such a satisfactory figure as that. You will notice that 15 of these infant deaths were under 4 weeks old—Premature Births 9, Congenital Malformations 3, accounting for 12 of the 15. 13 infants died at home and 9 in hospital. Of the 9 Prematurely born infants, 4 died at home and 5 in hospital. These 9 infants all died within the first three days, so it appears that there was no chance of survival.

# GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Last year's remarks under this heading are equally applicable here. I have only to add that after the 5th July, 1948, the maintenance of the Maternity and Child Welfare work in the district will no longer be the responsibility of the Local Authority, but is to be transferred to the County Authority. Whether this will be beneficial or not remains to be proved, but I do not think that local interest in this important part of the Health Services will be sustained at its previous high level.

#### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics.

Dr. R. H. Vartan gives the following report :-

During this year the clinics have again be supervised by Drs. R. H. Vartan and G. V. Fitzgerald. The number of women attending for Ante-Natal examination was 376, an increase of 1 over last year's record figures. The total number of attendances at the Ante-Natal Clinic was again over 700.

18 Ante-Natal cases and 1 Post-Natal case were sent for Consultant's advice to the Women's Hospital, and 16 were admitted under the standing agreement between the Local Authority and the Hospital Committee. Under a similar agreement with the Notts. County Council, 98 women were admitted either to Basford, Mansfield or Worksop Maternity Hospitals: 94 for confinement and 4 for abnormalities of pregnancy. Besides these a further 44 women made their own arrangements for confinements in Nursing Homes.

One afternoon per month was set aside for Post-Natal examinations and 31 mothers attended.

#### INFANT WELFARE WORK.

Dr. R. H. Vartan and Dr. G. V. Fitzgerald attend two of the three weekly sessions.

Mrs. Wilkinson, Senior Health Visitor, has given me the following details arranged in tabular form:—

Total number of Births (live and still) notified after	
adjustment for Inward and Outward transferable births 53	9
Number of births notified by Midwives 36	1
Number of births notified by Doctors	2
Number of births attended by Doctors (who were engaged) 5	5
Number of births in which Medical Aid was sought 9	7
Number of Stillbirths 1	5
Number of Twinbirths	7
Number of families with young children coming into the District 5	2
Number of families with young children leaving the District 7	7
Systematic Visiting.	
Number of first visits 54	1
Number of subsequent visits to infants under one year 148	6
Number of visits to children between 1 and 5 years 262	2
Number of visits to expectant mothers 15	3
Number of visits to mothers, post-natal 20	4
•	
At Welfare Centre.	
Number of Infants on Register under 1 year 36	7
Number of children on Register between ages of 1 and 5 years 61	3
Children Weighed.	
Under 1 year (total weighings) 609	1
From 1 to 5 years (total weighings) 199	6
Average attendance per session 53.	6

Your Health Visitors also report during the year they made 49 visits in connection with the Diphtheria Immunisation Scheme and 48 visits to cases of Scabies and Pediculosis. The following preparations, which are not available at the Food Office, have been sold at cost prices to mothers attending the Infant Welfare Centre:—

Calfos tablets			 4500
Fersolate tablets			 7560
Maltoline			 414
Virol (8 oz. containers	s)		 563
Farex, packets			 843
Aberdeen Emulsion (8	oz. b	oottles)	 146
Midlothian Oat Food			 378

Adexolin capsules are also supplied free to Nursing Mothers in needy circumstances.

#### CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

The position remains as it was during last year, therefore I simply refer you to last year's remarks, no further comment being necessary.

#### ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (REGULATIONS) ACT, 1939.

(a)	during the year	11
(b)	Total number of children in respect of whom notice was given under Sec. 7 (3) during the year	11
(c)	Number of children notified under Sec. 7 (3):—	

- (i) under supervision at the end of the year ... 4
  (ii) who died during the year ... ... --
- (iii) on whom inquests were held during the year ... —
- (d) Particulars of any proceedings taken ... None

#### CARE OF PREMATURE INFANTS.

See Report for 1946.

I will just add that 29 babies were born prematurely, 16 at home and 13 in Hospitals. Of these, 18 were alive at the end of the year.

#### ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.

The position as regards these children is the same as it was in last year's report, which see.

## PRIORITY SUPPLY OF SHEETS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS CONFINED AT HOME.

During the year 978 dockets were issued.

Quarter	ending	31st	March	 	185
,,	,,	30th	June	 	390
,,	,,	30th	September	 	165
,,	,,	31st	December	 	238

Last year the number issued was 907.

The following services are in operation by arrangement with the County Medical Officer of Health.

#### OPHTHALMIC TREATMENT (Retinoscopy).

Six children were referred to the School Medical Officer, and spectacles were provided in five cases.

#### TREATMENT OF MINOR AILMENTS.

Twenty-six children were referred to the School Medical Officer, the total number of attendances being 64.

#### DENTAL TREATMENT.

The Dental Surgeon attends two afternoons a week.

During this year 114 Ante-Natal mothers were recommended for advice and treatment.

Also 55 pre-school children were referred for examination and treatment.

#### TREATMENT AT THE ORTHOPÆDIC CLINIC.

Miss E. M. Strawbridge, General Secretary, has supplied the following particulars:—

Number of pre-school children attending was 69. Number of attendances made: 1,119.

Kind of treatment received :—U.V.R., Plaster, Electrical Treatment, Massage, Exercises.

The cost to the Local Authority was £139. 17s. 6d.

#### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

#### Water Supply.

The following analysis of a sample of the Town's Water has been received from Mr. W. W. Taylor, Public Analyst for the City of Nottingham.

Mark: Treated Water taken from tap at Taylor's Factory at King Edward Street, Hucknall.

Received 8th March, 1948.

This sample contains per 100,000 parts :-

Total Solids dried	at 180°	C.				22.00
Suspended Matter						absent
Chlorides as chlori	ine					2.13
Oxidised Nitrogen	as Nitr	rate				0.58
Oxidised Nitrogen	as nitr	ite				0.00
Free Ammonia						0.0052
Albuminoid Ammo	onia					0.0040
Temporary Hardn	ess					5.00
Permanent Hardne	ess					8.00
Oxygen absorbed	in 4 hr	s. @ 80	°F. fro	m N/80	KMn04	0.00
pH value						7.90
Appearance					clear an	d bright
Odour						none
Taste and Colour						normal
Heavy Metals						absent
Free Chlorine						absent
No. of colonies d	evelopir	ng per r	nil.			
on agar at	21°C. i	n 72 hr	s.			0.
No. of colonies d on agar at						0.
No. of colonies d	evelopir	ng per r	nil.			
on agar at						2.

Coli-aerogenes count per 100 mils.

at 37°C. in 48 hrs. ... 0.

Fæcol coli count per 100 mls.

at 44°C. in 48 hrs. ... 0.

Bacillus Coli (Presumptive) ... Absent in 100 mils.

At the time of sampling, this water was of satisfactory bacterial and chemical quality for human consumption, domestic use and dairy purposes.

#### WATER SUPPLIES.

The particulars given below have been asked for by the Ministry of Health. They are given in tabular form, and need no further comment.

No. of samples submitted for Bacterial examination.	No. found to be satisfactory.	No. found to be unsatisfactory.
Treated water from Mains 32	32	_
Raw water from No. 1 Borehole 14	14	
Raw water from No. 2 Borehole 2	2	
*Raw water from Well 1	1	_
No. of samples submitted for Chemical Analysis.	No. found to be satisfactory.	No. found to be unsatisfactory.
Treated water from mains 1	1	_
Raw water from No. 2 Borehole 1	_	1

<sup>\*</sup>N.B.—Water is usually pumped electrically from No. 1 Borehole. Only on rare occasions is any pumped from the wells.

With regard to the sample taken from No. 2 Borehole, this water has not yet been turned into the Council's main and steps are being taken to ensure purity before so doing.

I am indebted to Mr. H. M. Aitchison, your Surveyor and Engineer, for the following statement on Public Health Works under his supervision:—

#### 1. Water Supply.

Water main extensions have been carried out to the new housing sites at Ruffs Farm and the Welbeck Estate, and to the temporary bungalows in Peveril Street. The Whyburn Lane reservoir has been the only one in use during the year and its level has been maintained as high as possible at all times.

At the Waterworks Pumping Station, the replacement of the No. 2 steam plant by an all electric plant has been completed, and after the well bottom has been thoroughly cleaned out this new plant will then be put into use. The water supply has been chlorinated throughout the whole of the year and analyses of treated water have been uniformly satisfactory. The yield of water in the boreholes has been satisfactory, and I am pleased to be able to report that following an intensive inspection of possible sources of water wastage, the average daily consumption of water in the town has been greatly reduced. The appointment of an additional Water Wastage Inspector and the powers given under the 1945 Water Act have assisted in bringing about this desirable result.

#### 2. Drainage and Sewerage.

Sewerage extensions have been carried out for the new housing sites at Ruffs Farm and very good progress has been made in the main sewerage scheme during the year.

The re-laying of the Northern Outfall between Berridge's Works and the Sewage Works by the replacement of the 12" sewer with a 39" sewer has been completed, thus bringing the whole of the flow from the Northern Outfall directly into the Works for treatment. The overflow of crude sewage near Berridge's Works has been eliminated and the land that was used for the temporary works is now being reclaimed for agricultural purposes.

The work in connection with the Southern Outfall reached an advanced stage and it is hoped that it will be completed and the whole of the Southern Outfall be brought into use by the end of March this year.

The re-laying of the sewer damaged by subsidence in Nabbs Lane has been carried out.

The analyses of effluents from the old and new works have been generally satisfactory.

#### 3. Swimming Baths.

The Public Swimming Baths have been well patronised during the year, and as far as I know the sterilization plant has worked very satisfactorily.

## ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

These Regulations are under the administration of the Notts. County Council.

Mr. T. L. E. Gregory, Chief Inspector, has furnished the following particulars:—

Articles purchased by the Inspectors for examination and analysis: Thirteen samples of Milk. These were examined by the Inspectors and found correct.

**Heat Treated Milks:** Four samples were taken and proved correct. Nineteen other articles in common use were purchased for Analysis by the Public Analyst. All proved genuine.

#### Examined by the County Bacteriologist.

#### Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936-1938.

		Result:				
No. of samples taken	:		Complied.	Failed to comply.		
Tuberculin Tested:		_		_		
Accredited :		44	30	14		
		44	30	14		

#### Heat Treated Milks (Prescribed Tests) Order, 1944.

		]	Result:
No. of samples taken:		Complied.	Failed to comply.
Heat Treated:	7	7	

### Informal Samples of Milk Tested by the Inspectors by "Gerber" Tester.

			ult:
		Correct.	Incorrect.
No. of samples taken by			
the Inspectors	39	39	_
At Farms:	_	_	_
Submitted by Milk Vendors to			
the Inspectors	_	_	_
Totals:	39	39	_

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

		,	Cases	Deaths.					
Age Periods.		Pulmon- ary.		Non-Pul- monary.		Pulmon- ary.		Non-Pul- monary.	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	J
Under 1									
1—5									
5—10									
10—15		1			1	1			
15—20		2	3				2		
20—25		2	3		1				
25—35		2	2	1		1	1		
35—45		3	2	1		1	2		
45—55		2				2			
55—65									
65 upwards		1				1			
Totals		13	10	2	2	6	5	_	_

<sup>\*</sup>New Cases are to include all primary notifications and any other NEW cases coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the year.

Death Rate per 1000 population is: 0.48.

One of the above cases had not been notified prior to receipt of Death Registration.

No action has been necessary under :-

- (a) Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulation, 1925.
- (b) Public Health Act, 1925. Sec. 62.

10 Males and 8 Females received Sanatorium or other Institutional treatment during the year.

The number of cases on the Register on 31st December was:

Males: 50. Females: 40 (Pulmonary).

Males: 24. Females: 13 (Non-Pulmonary).

#### HOUSING.

The following are particulars presented in the manner prescribed by the Ministry of Health :—

1.	Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-	
	<ol> <li>(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)</li> <li>(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose</li> </ol>	269 740
	<ol> <li>(a) Number of dwelling houses included under sub-head (1) above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated</li> </ol>	
	Regulations, 1936	Nil
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
	3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
	4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	258
2.	Remedy of defects during the year without Service of	
	Formal Notices :-	
	Number of defective houses rendered fit in con- sequence of informal action by the Local Author- ity or their Officers	134
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :-	
	<ol> <li>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.</li> </ol>	
	(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	136
	(b) Number of dwelling houses which were rend- ered fit after service of formal notices :—	

											 defau	 1t o		154*
			(0)		Own					111				Nil
		gure in ed wit					tice	s ser	ved d	urir	ng 1940	6 wh	ich	were
	2.	Proc	eec	lings	und	er Pı	ıblic	Неа	alth A	Acts	:			
			whi	ich r				rved			respect		0	12
		,	wer		medi		_				of fo			
			(a)	Ву	Own	ers								10
			(b)		the			utho	rity	in	defaul 	t o		Nil
	3.	Proc		_	und	er Se	ctio	n 11	of the	е Н	ousing	Act	,	
							1000		uses were		respec ide	ct o		Nil
									uses Orde		nolishe 		n 	Nil
	4.	Proc 1936		-	und	er Se	ctio	n 12	of th	е Н	ousing	Act	,	
				ms i							ndergr Orders 	wer		Nil
		, ,	roo	ms i	n res	pect o	of w	hich	Closi	ng (	ndergr Orders om h	wer	e	
					ndere									Nil
4	Hou	using	Ac	t, 19	936.	Over	rcro	wdin	g :—					
	(a)	) (i)						-			ded a			62
		(ii									nerein			132
		(ii	ii)	Nun	nher	of pe	rsor	s du	elline	o th	erein			456

- (b) (i) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... ... 43
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved 58
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases 232
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... 1 case reported.
- (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer may consider it desirable to report ...

The figures given above include notices carried forward from the preceding year, but do not include notices not complied with at the end of 1947.

With regard to the above statement, there are just two matters which are worthy of special notice.

- 1. New Houses. Thirty-two permanent houses have been built and occupied, these being on the Ruffs Estate. Also thirty-one prefabricated houses have been put up, fourteen on the Gilbert Street area and seventeen in Peveril Street. It is a pleasure to record this progress, after the delays and disappointments that have been our misfortune during the two previous years. I am confident that 1948 will see very substantial progress made in the Housing programme.
- Overcrowding. I am also pleased to report that there is a small decrease in this particular, though the number of houses still overcrowded is far too many to be regarded with equanimity.

I am convinced that overcrowding, not only in the homes, but in the schools, is directly responsible for the continued prevalence of such diseases as Measles and Whooping Cough in this District.

### PREVENTION OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Tables IV and V give statistical Details.

The total number of notifications of Infectious Diseases was

648, an increase of 149 compared with 1946. In the following paragraphs the numbers given in brackets refer to the year 1946.

Cases of Measles notified were 430 (162), Whooping Cough 90 (255), Scarlet Fever 57 (6), Pneumonia 63 (53).

Measles was prevalent throughout the year, and epidemic during the first 6 months. 2 fatal cases were reported, giving a death rate of 0.08 per 1000 population. Both these cases were under 1 year of age. Otherwise, the epidemic was of a mild character. Whooping Cough, though not so prevalent, was epidemic during the year. No deaths took place.

Scarlet Fever. A considerable increase. 40 of the cases were notified during the last four months. 30 cases were reported in the West Ward, and the Beauvale Estate area was particularly involved. On the whole the disease was of the same mild character which has been notified for several years past. There were no fatal cases. Eleven cases were removed to hospitals.

Pneumonia. Of the 63 cases notified, 8 proved fatal, giving a death rate per 1000 population of 0.3.

Influenza. In spite of the intense cold and heavy snow during the first quarter of the year, this disease was not unduly prevalent, and the majority of the cases were not of a very severe type. There were six deaths, giving a death rate per 1000 of 0.26.

The only other disease requiring mention is Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis. Three cases of this disease were reported, 2 infants and 1 young adult. These cases were all treated in hospital, and so far as I am aware, have made satisfactory recoveries. Also there was 1 case of Polioencephalitis, a child aged 3, which had a fatal termination.

#### OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Two notifications were received. After treatment at the Nottingham Eye Infirmary, both cases made a full recovery.

#### SCABIES AND PEDICULOSIS.

As regards Scabies, there has been another considerable drop in cases reported, but there was a big outbreak of Pediculosis among the children attending the Butler's Hill School during the winter term. Special measures were taken to try and effect a clearance, which had some success, but not so much as we hoped for.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the district has been free from Cerebro-Spinal Fever, Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers, and Dysentery, while for the third year in succession no case of Diphtheria has been notified. This does prove the value of the Immunisation Scheme started in 1941. Since that date, and to the 31st December, 1947, 2,581 pre-school children, and 2,814 school children have been immunised.

I must once more draw your attention to the paucity of accommodation for cases of infectious diseases in this County, which
is worse now than it has ever been. There is urgent need for more
accommodation and it is to be hoped that the new Regional Hospital
Boards will be able to relieve the present shortage of beds, though
I must confess that I do not see how they can without building
more hospitals, and finding the necessary staffs to run them. And
it is well known that numbers of the existing hospitals cannot be
fully used owing to staff shortages.

Case Rates per 1,000 population of certain notifiable Infectious Diseases for England and Wales compared with similar rates for HUCKNALL.

	England	and Wales. Hucknall.
Typhoid Fever	,	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever		0.00
Cerebro-Spinal Fever		0.00
Scarlet Fever		2.53
Whooping Cough		4.00
Diphtheria		0.00
Erysipelas		0.17
Measles		19.05
Pneumonia		2.08
Smallpox		0.00
Acute Polio-encephalit	S	0.04
Acute Poliomyelitis		0.12

# REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

				Number	of
Premises.	M/c. line No.	Number on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecu- ted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by					
Local Authorities	1	1	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	31	43	-	
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is en- forced by the Local Auth- ority (excluding outwork-			-		
ers premises)	3	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		32	45	_	_

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

	M /c	Numbe	Number of cases in which defects were found	ch defects were	punoj	No. of cases in
Particulars	line No.	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	which prosecu- tions were instituted
Sanitary Conveniences—  (a) insufficient  (b) unsuitable or defective  (c) not separate for sexes	9 10 11	6	2	111	-	111
TOTAL	09	2	2	1	1	1

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

			Section 110			Section 111	
Nature of Work	M/c. line No.		No. of default ing list Cou	cases of No. of prosecu- in send- tions for failure to supply lists  No. of instances of work in unwholesome lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel Making, etc.	13	26	9	nil	liu	liu	lil
Textile Weaving	43	5	1	nil	nil	nil	lin
TOTAL	70	78	9	liu	lin	lin	liu

WALTER GARSTANG,
Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE I. Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1947 and previous years.

Name of District: HUCKNALL URBAN.

the	Ages.	Rate.	10.3	12.0	10.7	10.5	10.8
longing to	At all Ages.	Number	218	250	227	227	245
Net Deaths belonging to the District.	I Year ge.	Rate per 1000 Nett Births	48	53	59	24	41
Net	Under I Year of age.	Number	23	28	26	12	22
Transfer- able	Deaths of Resi- dents not	registered in the District.	57	71	94	65	85
Transfer- able	Deaths of Non- Residents	registered in the District.	60	œ	S	60	7
Deaths	red in strict.	Rate	7.8	9.05	9.9	7.7	7.4
Total Deaths	Registered in the District.	Number	164	187	138	165	167
		Rate.	22.8	24.8	20.9	22.5	23.5
Births.	Net	Number	472	514	440	482	528
	Uncor-	rected	374	405	340	349	392
Population	estimated to Middle	of each Year.	20630	20720	21090	22050	22500
	Year.		1943	1944	1945	1946	1947

#### TABLE II.—INFANT MORTALITY, 1947.

# Net Deaths from stated causes at various periods under one year of age.

Causes of Death.	Under 1 week.	1-2 weeks.	2—3 weeks.	3-4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months.	3 months and under 6 months.	6 months and under 9 months.	9 months and under 1 year.	TOTALS.
Premature Birth	9				9					9
Congenital Malformation	2	1			3					3
Measles							2			2
Pneumonia			1		1	2	1	1		5
Gastro-Enteritis							1			1
Atelectasis	1				1	-				1
Melaena Neonatorum	1				1					1
TOTALS	13	1	1		15	2	4	1		22

TABLE III. Birth Rates, Civilian Death Rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality. Provisional figures based on weekly or quarterly returns in the year 1947.

aths.	Uncertified causes of death.				1.6
Percentage of total Deaths.	Certified by Coroner after post mortem.				1.6
ntage of	Inquest Cases.				3.2
Perce	Causes of death certified by Registered Medical Practitioners.				93.6
Rate per 1000 Births.	Total Deaths under 1 year.				41
Rate p	Diarrhoea or Enteritis under 2 years.				1.8
	Violence.				2.9
	Influenza.				0.5
ulation.	Diphtheria.				0.00
000 Pop	Whooping Cough.				0.00
Rate per 1000 Population	Scarlet Fever.				0.00
	Measles.				80.0
Annual Death	Smallpox.				0.00
A	Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fever.				0.00
	VII causes.				10.8
r 1000 pulation	Still Births.				9.0
Rate per 1000 total population	Live Births.				23.4
	1947.	England and Wales.	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London.	148 Smaller Towns with populations of 25,000 to 50,000.	HUCKNALL

MATERNAL MORTALITY. Rate per 1000 Total Births. (Live and still.) England and Wales.

: Puerperal Infection Others Total

Hucknall. 1.8 0.00

TABLE IV. Showing Monthly Notifications of Infectious Diseases.

Civilian Cases only.

Disease.	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTALS
Scarlet Fever	3			1	5		1		7	11	10	19	57
Whooping Cough	12	5	7	1	2	3	8	8	8	5	13	18	90
Measles	10	48	77	136	41	31	22	13	4	5	11	32	430
Erysipelas		1		1			1		1				4
Pneumonia	5	7	6	5	3	4		4	2	12	2	13	63
Acute Polio- encephalitis									1				1
Acute Polio- myelitis								-	1	1		1	3
Totals	30	61	90	144	51	38	32	25	24	34	36	83	648

Non-Civilians: January, Scarlet Fever-1 Male.

TABLE V. Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year 1947.

Hucknall Urban District Council.

OF CASES NOTIFIED.	At Ages—Years.	4 to 5 5 to 10 10 to 15 15 to 20 20 to 35 45 to 65 65 and 15 to 65 65 and 15 to 20 15 to 65 15 to 65 16 to 85 16 to 65 16 to 85 17 to 85 17 to 85 18 to 95 1		5 24 13 2 5 10 30 17 11	16 20 35 25 30 1	63 147 1 162 96	2 2 1 3	3 7 1 12 6 13 8 21 17 25 16	1 1 3		
MBER	7	\$ of 2 \$ of 8		7	1 25	57 85		5	1	1	
NO		1 to 2	-		10 1	47 5	-	1			-
		Under 1		1	8	30 4		4	-		
		At all Ages.		57	06	430 3	4	63	3	1	
		Notifiable Disease.		Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Erysipelas	Pneumonia	Anterior Poliomyelitis	Anterior Polio-encephalitis	

TABLE VI. Ages at which Death occurred.

				_									_
1947. Age Group.	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTALS
Under 1 year	1	3		2	1		4	1		2	3	5	22
1—2					1		1						2
2—5									1			1	2
5—15	1			1	1					1	1		5
15—25				1		1						1	3
25—45		1	2	1	2	2	2	2		2			14
45—65	8	3	11	5	8	5	3	3	3	4	4	2	59
65—75	12	9	4	2	6	7	6	2	4	3	5	4	64
75 and over	12	9	6	5	5	3	4	2	6	3	9	10	74
Total	34	25	23	17	24	18	20	10	14	15	22	23	245

This Table is corrected for Inward and Outward Transferable Deaths.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR AND CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE YEAR 1947

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

COUNCIL OFFICES.

WATNALL ROAD,

HUCKNALL.

7th June, 1948.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HUCKNALL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my eighteenth Annual Report as your Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent.

The tables of works carried out under the Housing and Public Health Acts shew that a large volume of work has been done during the year, yet one hesitates to rejoice over this because of the consciousness that it has not been possible to devote sufficient time to such matters as routine inspections and recording of houses inspected, the adequate supervision of food premises, visiting shops under the Shops Act, and Factories and Outworkers' premises under the Factories Act.

Judging by pre-war standards, the report is an austerity one—a lot of work has been done but it is mostly patching, whereas in pre-war years it was possible to carry out much more extensive repairs and demolitions.

As a result of the above-mentioned circumstances, more complaints are being received, for the simple reason that property, like an old and ill maintained suit, is always requiring more attention. All this naturally means more inspections, more informal and Statutory notices, more letters and interviews with owners and builders, which run away with much time.

The main difficulties with which the Department has to contend are as follows:—

- Shortage of housing materials and labour—prevents houses being soundly repaired.
- High costs—cause owners and agents to hesitate before embarking on anything but the very minimum of repairs.

Because of these factors, builders find it very difficult either to satisfy themselves or their clients and are inclined to frown at repair work, and if left to their own inclinations, will choose only such classes of work which are economical in the use of materials, and likely to give the most satisfaction.

Except for the great effort of the Council in its Sanitary Administration in pre-war years, things today might have been far worse. Even so, during the past nine years the density of persons per house has again risen to 3.5 and that, combined with the gradual depreciation of houses, virtually brings us back to where we were in the '30s. Thus, in the words of the Scriptures, just as Pharaoh's lean, ill-favoured kine did eat the fat-fleshed and well-favoured kine, so the last nine years have virtually consumed the previous nine years' efforts.

#### HOUSING.

In addition to the table of work carried out under the Housing Act, supplied to your Medical Officer of Health and found in his report, more detailed particulars will be found in the report following the "Summary of work carried out under the Public Health Act."

#### SHOPS ACT.

Routine inspections have been carried out from time to time and, generally speaking, conditions have been well maintained. One written notice was served.

#### FOOD INSPECTION.

I give below a list of the food premises in the district, all of which require to be inspected from time to time, and particulars of the food surrendered and condemned. The condemned food 's sent to Nottingham along with the kitchen waste.

Cowkeepers' premise	s			13
Dairies				21
Cafés, etc.				7
Works Canteens				7
Schools' Kitchens				2
Bakehouses				6
Butchers' shops				21
Butchers' making-up	prei	nises		17
Ice-cream manufactu	ring	premises	3	12
Ice-cream retail pren	nises			22
Chip-frying premises				14
Wet-fish premises				9
Retail food premises			Approx.	90

#### Condemned Food.

11 jars pickles 308 tins milk 1 bottle sauce 62 tins fish 9 stones fish 19 tins fruit 10 tins stewed steak 3 tins sausage meat 6 lbs. sausage meat 11 stones herrings 1 tin M. & V. Ration 1 tin veal loaf 14 tins beans 18 tins mixed vegetables 3 tins crab 18 stones crabs 6 lbs. sausage 16½ lbs. dried fruit 309 tins tomatoes 32 tins peas 46 tins meat 5 tins jam 90 1-lb. jars jam 3 packets cereals 273 lbs. cake 60 lbs. boiled ham 23 lbs. sweets 1 tin syrup 19½ lbs. confectionery 108 lbs. biscuits 3 tins grapefruit juice 34 lbs. prunes

#### MILK AND ICE CREAM.

The number of retailers delivering milk in the district continues to decrease. At the end of the year, there were only eight retailers delivering raw milk. One of them distributes accredited milk and about 50% of the milk sold by the other seven is heattreated. Of the fifteen producers in the district, nine sell their milk wholesale to a local firm who Pasteurise it. Regular samples of milk (monthly) have been taken for examination and in each case the result has proved the milk to be adequately heat-treated.

During the year, one unsatisfactory cow-shed ceased to be used. One unsatisfactory producer shewed improvements in his methods, and three small producers have given up. Farmers and dairymen have, generally speaking, been found to be shewing steady improvement in the quality of their cattle and in their methods of production.

The number of manufacturers and retailers of ice-cream continues to increase, and without exception, everyone has tried to comply with the requirements of the Ice Cream Regulations.

#### Dairies, Cowsheds, etc.

	Total number of producers	and	retailers	regis		
	with the Council					49
	Number of producers whose	prem	ises are	within	n the	
	district					15
	Number of licences granted t	o use	the speci	al des	igna-	
	tion "Pasteurised" in a	elation	n to mill			1
	Number of producers sellin	g "Ac	ccredited	' Mil	k	1
ce Cre	am.					
	Number of manufacturers					12
	Number of retail premises					22

# WATER SUPPLIES, INCLUDING SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

During the year regular sampling of the public supply of water has been maintained. Details of the work have been supplied to the Medical Officer of Health, and will be found in his report. Visits have been made during the year to the pit-head baths, to the Public Baths, and to the Lido. The chlorination plants continue to function efficiently.

#### VERMINOUS PREMISES.

Ten cases of this nature occurred, and effective results were obtained by spraying with a proprietory insecticide. It cannot be too plainly known that modern insecticides, if properly used, are capable of completely exterminating such obnoxious pests as black-beetles, cockroaches, crickets, etc. Unfortunately, people are prone to purchase a small quantity of powder and sprinkle it down in odd positions with the result that the vermin do not walk across it and consequently are not poisoned. The infested areas must be completely surrounded by the powder so that the creatures are forced to walk through it, and in that way they pick up the poison.

During the year a very serious complaint of infestation of a bakehouse and surrounding premises was received and two applications of powder were sufficient to completely clear the area.

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Fifty-one houses were disinfected with formalin gas, and a quantity of bedding destroyed. The steam disinfector was used on ten occasions.

#### RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT.

No special staff is maintained for dealing with vermin. Advice is generally given to persons who have been unsuccessful in their methods of destruction, and bait laid when occupiers of premises are willing to pay. Only eighteen complaints were received during the year, and owing to lack of time and staff it was not possible to bait the Council sewers, neither was any special effort made during the Autumn for the same reason.

At regular intervals during the year, bait was laid on the Council's refuse tip, at the Sewage Farm, along brook courses, and in some outlying premises.

The Canteen habit at factories is gradually encouraging the breeding of rats and mice in these premises.

# SANITARY SUPERVISION OF MUSIC HALLS, THEATRES, ETC.

The two local cinemas and dance halls, etc. have been visited from time to time and it has not been found necessary to serve any notices.

#### COMPLAINTS.

880 complaints were received and investigated as follows :-

Choked and defective of	lrain	s	256
Defective W.C's.			177
Housing defects			250
Defective washcoppers			39
Cesspools overflowing			13
Nuisance from keeping	g of	animals	12
Insect infestation			25
(12 bedbugs, 13	inse	ects)	
Defective Dustbins			36
Rats and Mice			18
Refuse Accumulating			28
Flooding of Cellars			13
Miscellaneous			13
(1 yard par	ving)		

# SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT UNDER THE HOUSING ACT, 1936.

						Informal State Notices. Not		
					Ser- ved	Com- plied with	Ser- ved	Com- plied with
To repair roofs					100	42	61	44
,, repair chimney s	stacks				31	16	20	17
,, repair or renew		utters			55	18	41	27
,, repair or renew			es		2	1	1	2
,, repair or re-point					13	5	6	3
,, repair or re-point		proof c	ourses		_	_	_	
,, repair or renew m								
**		or vent	ilation		3	_	2	2
,, repair internal w	alls and	d ceilin	gs		26	6	20	22
,, repair windows					35	13	22	13
,, repair doors					15	3	12	10
,, repair floors					17	4	14	13
,, repair stairs					_	_	_	_
,, repair fireplaces					48	22	25	15
,, repair or renew w	ashcop	pers			45	26	19	23
,, repair or renew :				oly	18	11	7	5
Miscellaneous			11		2	2	_	-

# SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS (EXCLUDING HOUSING ACTS).

		Info	rmal ices.	Statutory Notices		
		Ser- ved	Com- plied with	Ser- ved	Com- plied with	
	To remedy dampness, repair or renew eaves gutters	2	1	7	7	
	and downspouts	7	5	8	8	
Housing	,, repair chimney stacks	1	1	2	2	
defects.	{,, repair or renew defective windo	ws 1	1	2	2	
	,, ,, ,, doors			_		
	,, ,, ,, fireplaces	1	1	2	2	
	(,, ,, ,, washcopper		_	6	4	
	(,, cleanse	22	17	6	6	
Sanitary	,, repair or renew	160	93	80	79	
Conveniences.	,, provide additional	_	-		-	
	,,, cleanse	214	214	1	1	
Drains.	,, repair or renew	38	25	13	13	
Cesspools.	(,, provide additional ,, cleanse	13	13			
Dustbins.	,, renew	307	222	66	83*	
Yard		2	1	1	1	
Paving.	,, provide additional	_	_	_	_	
Vermin.	,, cleanse premises	-	-	-	_	
Smoke.	,, abate nuisance arising from	_	_	_	_	
Cowsheds and	,, limewash and cleanse	-	-	-	_	
Dairies, etc.	Other matters	-	_	_		
Factories and Workshops.	Sanitary accommodation unsuitable or defective	1	1	_	_	
Rivers and Streams.	To cleanse brook courses	_	_	_	_	
Accumulations Deposits of Ref	or use. To remove	1	1	_	_	
Animals.	Improperly kept	_	_		_	
Gut Scraper.	To limewash and cleanse	_		_		
Slaughter-						
houses.	To limewash and cleanse		_	_	_	
Water.	{,, remedy water in cellar ,, provide internal supply	3	3	_	=	
Outbuildings.	To repair or remove			_		
Miscellaneous.		4	3	1	1	
4T 1111		- 1	0	1		

<sup>\*</sup>In addition to the 83 dustbins supplied as a result of Statutory Notices, 18 dustbins were supplied by the Local Authority where owners had not complied with Statutory Notices served under Sec. 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936, and 12 were supplied upon owners' request.

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#### PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SALVAGE.

#### Collection of Refuse.

The work of collection continues to be carried out as in the past with three long wheelbase, low loading, refuse collection vehicles, each vehicle being properly constructed and adequately covered for its purpose. Two vehicles work on a relay system and the third does a round on its own.

Twelve loaders and three drivers are engaged in the work. Materials for salvage, when put out by householders, are collected in sacks which are carried on each vehicle for this purpose, the remainder being sorted out at the refuse tip. The population is now increasing rapidly, and as employment is, on the whole, good, it follows that the quantity of refuse to be collected is also increasing. It is inevitable, therefore, that it will not be long before it will be necessary to increase the number of vehicles.

A lot of delay has occurred in getting a new vehicle to replace one purchased in 1935 and now practically obsolete, but somehow or other we have managed. I fear sometimes that no one realises the vast amount of work and organisation that is necessary to efficiently carry out a cleansing service. Summer or winter, whether fine or wet, hot or cold, it is necessary to maintain a weekly service, or many complaints will be received. Fortunately, for the past twelve months it has been possible to maintain a weekly collection and as a result of this, a minimum number of complaints has been received.

I give below a table shewing the cost of collection of house and trade refuse. I am greatly indebted to your Treasurer (Mr. R. B. Gandy) for his help in this matter.

#### HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE.

				Collection.	Disposal.	Total.
				£	£	£
Wages				4470	610	5080
Haulage				1101		1101
Sundries (inc.	l. Supera	nnuati	on)	491	96	587
Tools and In	plement	S		56		56
Renewals Acc	ount			255	_	255
GROSS EXP	ENDITU	JRE		6373	706	7079
INCOME (T	rade Ref	use and	d Rents	s) 22	40	62
TOTAL NET	COST			6351	666	7017

#### Disposal.

The new refuse tip at the Sewage Works is now gradually getting into shape. Within the next twelve or eighteen months the first three acres will be completed and soiled over. Thus, three acres of completely waterlogged ground will have become good farming land. It has now been made possible to dispense with tipping at Ruffs Farm, and in view of the fact that so many new houses are being built in the vicinity, it was very desirable that it should no longer be used. Two men are employed on the tip, levelling up, soiling and salvaging, and as required, a caterpillar tractor and scraper is used for removing soil and covering down. The system is very efficient and economical. The amount of salvaging done at the tip has been very pleasing. Except for this, losses incurred in the work of salvage would have been heavier.

#### Salvage.

Once again I am compelled to take notice of the unpleasant fact that the work, and with it the income, from salvage continues to decline. I know only too well that people are heartily tired of the word 'salvage'—it is an unpleasant reminder of war and its many restrictions and annoyances—but on the other hand it has its virtues. Properly carried out, it reduces the cost of refuse collection and disposal. It provides employment and moreover, the separation of waste foodstuffs from ordinary domestic refuse, keeps the bin itself sweeter and cleaner, prevents to some extent the breeding of flies, provides the nation with some very much needed food and the land with valuable fertiliser.

Perhaps some day some genius with a penchant for coining phrases will rid us of such ugly words as 'refuse,' 'dustmen,' 'salvage,' etc., and give us in place suitable words to accurately describe the valuable work performed. When this time comes, housewives may be sufficiently interested to sort out the various commodities at present jumbled in dustbins. These will be collected by men with an added interest and enthusiasm for their work and put to efficient use, instead of being merely salvaged or dumped.

I give below tables showing the amount of salvage collected and sold, and a further table showing the cost of the service.

Mater			Aı	mount.					
			1	Cons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s.	d.
Bones					2	_		11	5
Kitchen Was	te			173	8	2	260	2	9
Wastepaper				116	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	740	14	7
Textiles				5	13	3	79	9	1
Aluminium					1	1	2	0	0
Brass					1	0	1	17	0
Copper						35/7	2	11	0
Lead					3	02/7	9	17	2
Bottles and Ja	ars			11 +	8 668½ do	3 oz.	107	18	7
	TO	OTALS		307 668½ (	3 doz. bot	$0\frac{1}{2}$ tles.	£1205	1	7

Processed Kitchen Waste sold during the year :-

112 tons. 16 cwts. ... £592. 4s. 0d.

Kitchen Waste collected from Camps during year: 67 tons 12 cwts.

Expenditure		£	Income. £
(a) Collection.			Sale of Salvage and
Wages		698	Kitchen Waste 1814
Haulage		239	· Andrews and the second second
Bonus		95	Sundries 3
Sundries and Suptn.		125	The second secon
Service Collections		88	Ministry of Supply, etc. Grants 209
(b) Disposal.			
Wages and Transport		353	
Sundries		112	
Kitchen Waste		393	
Lorry Renewals		120	
	£	2223	£2026
	7		

#### AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MORTUARY.

Two ambulances are maintained by your Authority—one in general use and one as a reserve for Infectious Diseases. The ambulance in general use was thoroughly overhauled during the year and is now in excellent condition. One full time driver is employed who can call upon a relief when required. Occasionally it has been necessary to appeal to the Rolls Royce Company of Hucknall for the loan of their ambulance in emergency, and on each occasion the request has been readily granted. The Council are really indebted to the Company for their free and valuable service. The general ambulance has attended 1245 calls during the year, 36 of these being for road accidents. There were 10 false calls. The Infectious Diseases ambulance has dealt with 6 cases. The Mortuary was used 20 times and 16 Post Mortem examinations were made therein.

#### PETROLEUM REGULATIONS ACTS, 1928 & 1936.

Licences granted ... ... 24

Visits and inspections ... ... 25

Carbide of Calcium Licences ... —

In conclusion I would like to thank your Council for the great interest shewn in my work during the year, the Medical Officer of Health for his ready support and help at all times, and my own staff and colleagues in other Departments for their keen co-operation at all times.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

E. H. ADAMS, M.S.I.A., A.M.Inst.P.C.,

Senior Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent.

