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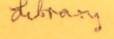
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BY

C. ROBERTSON WILSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Together with the

ANNUAL REPORT of TREVOR H. CUTLER, M.A.P.H.I. CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

BOROUGH OF LYTHAM ST. ANNES

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1960. The statistics are set out on page 9 of the report, and it will be seen that the death rate is a little higher than that for 1959, the birth rate being slightly lower. The number of illegitimate births has dropped materially.

There were again six infant deaths during the year, this figure for the past two years comparing favourably with that for the preceding four years. Four of these deaths occurred within the first month of life, two within the first week. Four were attributed to congenital malformations, a matter which is receiving attention in current research.

The table on page 10 shows graphically that degenerative conditions of the heart and blood vessels and malignant growths accounted for 72% of the deaths in the Borough, and this is in line with the recognised fact that a considerable number of our residents are in the retired and ageing group.

The table on page 18 shows that Measles was the only notifiable disease presenting any real prevalence, but judging from the number of school absences due to coughs at one period it is perhaps doubtful if the figure 37 presents the real extent of Whooping Cough infections. This condition has been greatly modified by the immunising injections now given to the great majority of young children and really classic attacks of Whooping Cough are now, one is glad to say, comparatively rare. It is in many cases difficult to assess whether a cough is of this particular type or not. The nineteen cases of dysentery were investigated quickly and there was no wide spread.

My thanks are due to the Chief Public Health Inspector and all members of the Health Department staff for their co-operation and support; also to yourself, Mr. Chairman, and the members of the Health Committee.

Yours faithfully,

C. ROBERTSON WILSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (exclusive of Foreshore), 5,814 acres

Area of Foreshore, 5,891 acres

Total area,

11,705 acres

Population: Census, 1931, 25,760.

Population : Census, 1951, 30,343.

Population: (Mid-1960, estimate by Registrar General) 32,590.

Physical Features and Character of the Area

The Borough is a seaside resort, situated on the Fylde Coast, and extends from the Estuary of the River Ribble to the Southern boundary of Blackpool, a distance of six and three-quarter miles. The curving coast line faces successively South, South-West and West. The district is very flat and the climate equable. The soil is of a sandy nature near the sea, but inland is chiefly clay.

Number of inhabited houses (Ce	nsus, 1951) 8,637
Number of inhabited houses (D	ecember, 1960) 11,688
Rateable Value	£627,530
Produce of Penny Rate	£2,543

Social Conditions, including the Chief Occupations of the Inhabitants

The population is more residential than industrial. The industries include slipper and boot manufacturers, several light engineering works, and several laundries. None of these has any special influence on public health.

VITAL STATISTICS

Home population (Registrar General's estimate), mid-1960: 32,590. Live Births:

	Total	M.		F.
Legitimate	 389	 199		190
Illegitimate	 17	 9	• • •	8
Total	 406	208		198

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Birth-rate per 1,000 population: 12.5

Stillbirths:

Adjusted Birth-rate per 1,000 population: 14.3 (Comparability factor, 1.15).

Total M. F 7 2 5 Legitimate 1000 Nil Nil Nil Illegitimate Rate per 1,000 total births: 16.9 Deaths of infants under 1 year of age: Total M. F. Legitimate 5 3 2 Illegitimate 1 1 Nil Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age: Total M. F. 3 3 Legitimate Nil . . . Illegitimate 1 1 Nil Deaths of infants under 1 week of age: Total M. F. Legitimate 1 1 Nil Illegitimate 1 1 Nil . . . Total M. F. Deaths 620 291 329 Death-rate per 1,000 population 19.0. Adjusted death-rate per 1,000 population 13.5... (Comparability factor, 0.71). Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births: Nil Total No. of deaths Infantile mortality 6 Rate per 1,000 live births 14.8 . . . Total No. of deaths Infantile mortality (neo-natal) 4 ... Rate per 1,000 live births ... 9.9 Infantile Mortality (early neo-natal) 2 . . . Rate per 1,000 live births 4.9 Perinatal Mortality rate per 1,000 total births ... 21.8 Deaths from :

Pulmonary Tuberculosis	 3	Rate	 0.09	per	1,000
Malignant Neoplasms	 	Rate		-	

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Birth-rate, Death-rate and Analysis of Mortality during the year, 1960.

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Rate per 1,000 Related ive-births	Intant Mortality Neo-Vatal Mortality	1 7 15.6	14.8 9.9
L	Maternal causes (excl. abortion)	0-31 21	0.00
z	Maternal causes due to abortion	0.08	0.00
(OITATIO)	Maternal Mortality (total)	0.39	0.00
ANNUAL DEATH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION	Other Cancer	1.68	2.91
	pronchus) Cancer (lung and	0-48	0.55
	Cancer (All forms)	2.16	3.47
	(smrof IIA) .H.T	0.075	60.0
INUAL	T.B. Non-Respy.	0.007	0.00
AN	Т.В. Кезрігаtогу	0.068	60.0
	səsnəə IIA	11.5	13.5
Rate per 1,000 Home Population	Stillbirths	0.34	0.21
	Live births	17-1	14.3
		England and Wales	LYTHAM ST. ANNES

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TABLE II

Comparative Table of Births, Deaths, Stillbirths, Maternal and

Infant Mortality

					Deaths	ths			Maternal	srnal		Infant 1	Infant Mortality	
			Live	Live Births	(all causes)	auses)	Stillt	Stullbirtus	MOTIAIILY	anty	Total	tal	Neo-natal	natal
Lytham St. Annes	ST. ANNE	s	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births
Year 1960			406	*12.5	620	*19-0	2	16-9	Nil	liN	9	14.8	4	6.9
,, 1959			427	13-3	572	17.8	11	25.1	Nil	IIN	9	14.1	9	14.1
,, 1958			375	11.8	602	19-0	14	36	Nil	IIN	12	32	10	26-7
., 1957			372	11-9	572	18.3	9	16	Nil	IIN	6	24	6	24
,, 1956		E.	346	11.2	551	17.8	13	36	Nil	Nil	8	23	9	17
" 1955			347	11.4	588	19-3	8	23	Nil	IIN	10	29	2	20
Average 5 years-1955-59	ars-1955.	-59		11-9		18.4		27	1	IIN		24.4		20.3

* Adjusted live birth-rate (comparability factor, 1.15) — 14.3 per 1,000
 * ,, death-rate (comparability factor, 0.71) — 13.5 per 1,000

VITAL STATISTICS

TABLE III

Birth and death rates, together with case rates for certain infectious diseases, for ENGLAND AND WALES in the year 1960 (Provisional figures based on Registrar-General's Weekly and Quarterly Returns)

Estimated home population mid-1960 - 45,755,000

				No.	Rate per 1,000 home population
Births :				700 070	17.1
Live births				782,673	17.1
Stillbirths				15,734	0·34 19·7 (a)
Deaths :					1000000 A
All causes				526,278	11.5
All causes Tuberculosis (all forms)				3,426	0.022
Respiratory				3,094	0.068
Respiratory Non-respiratory				332	0.002
Cancer (all forms)				98,691	2.16
Lung and bronchus				21,992	0.48
Other cancer				76,699	1.68
Maternal mortality (tota	11)			311	0·39 (a)
Maternal causes (exclu	uding	abortion	n)	248	0·31 (a)
Due to abortion				63	0.08 (a)
Due to abortion Infant mortality				16,961	21.7 (b)
Neo-natal mortality				12,188	15.6 (b)
NOTIFICATIONS (corrected)	:				
Typhoid fever				89	0.005
Typhoid fever Paratyphoid fever Meningococcal infection				239	0.002
Meningococcal infection				630	0.014
Scarlet fever				32,166	0.703
Whooping cough				58,030	1.268
Diphtheria				53	0.001
Erysipelas				2,954	0.065
Smallpox				1	0.000
Measles				159,314	3.482
Acute pneumonia				14,543	0.318
Acute poliomyelitis-					
Paralytic				258	0.006
Non-paralytic				125	0.003
Acute encephalitis—					
Infective				145	0.003
Post-infectious				116	0.003
				43,269	0.946
Dysentery Food poisoning				7,722	0.169
Food poisoning				8,807	0.192
Puerperal pyrexia				0,007	
Tuberculosis-				21,129	0.462
Respiratory				199	0.004
Meninges and C.N.S. Other				2,662	0.058

(a) Per 1,000 total (live and still) births.

(b) Per 1,000 live births.

TABLE IV

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE BOROUGH OF LYTHAM ST. ANNES

			196	0		195	9
	Causes of Death	М.	F.	Total	М.	F.	Tota
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1	3	3		3
2	Tuberculosis, other				-	1	1
3	Syphilitic disease		1	1			
4	Diphtheria				-		
5	Whooping Cough				-		
6	Meningococcal infections					-	
7	Acute poliomyelitis						_
8	Measles						
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases				-	-	
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	10	11	21	12	6	18
11	,, lung, bronchus	14	4	18	14		15
12	,, ,, breast		9	9		11	11
13	,, ,, uterus		3	3	-	1	1
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	24	36	60	26	28	54
15	T 1		1	2		1	1
16		1	1	5	1		1
17	Verselan Indens of semicore such as	10	69	112	33	60	93
18		0.0	51	112	58	46	104
19	There extend in which have the	1	10	110	6	7	13
20		36	57	93	33	51	84
21		18	14	32	20	20	40
22		10	14	100000	6	6	12
23		7	8	15	8	14	22
24	Th. 1.1.1	00	3	26	13	8	21
25	00 F 7 7 7 7	6	1	7	15	0	
26		0	2	2	2	2	4
27	Contribio antonitio and dia 1		1	1	4	-	
28	NT 1 IVI 1 1 IVI		1	1	1	1	2
29	II	2		2	4		4
30	Th		_	4	1 "	_	-4
31	Congenital malformations	3	1	4	_	1	1
32	Congenital malformations Other defined and ill-defined diseases	21	29	50	16	32	48
33	Motor vehicle accidente	3	29	-	3		40
34	All other easidents	0	11	14	3	3	6
35	Suicida	0	2	5		9	10
36	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	
-	All Causes	291	329	620	263	309	572

Percentage of total deaths	35.80%	18.22%	18.00%	8.00%	5.16%	4.19%	2.41%	0.48%	7.74%
	Heart Disease	Malignant Neoplasms (All sites)	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	Other Circulatory Disease	Bronchitis	Pneumonia	Tuberculosis	All Other Causes
	30.00000000000000000000000000000000000			2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 2000 200					0000

TABLE V

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE BORDHCH OF LYTHAM ST ANNES DUBING 1960

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

1. Population.

The population of the Borough at the middle of 1960 is estimated by the Registrar General at 32,590; 530 more than in 1959, and 6,830 more than the 1931 census, and 2,247 more than the 1951 census.

2. Births.

According to the Registrar General, 406 live births—208 males and 198 females—occurred in the Borough during the year. This is 21 less than in the previous year, and gives a crude birth-rate of 12.5 per thousand.

CORRECTED BIRTH-RATE.

1960 adjusted birth-rate (comparability factor, 1.15)-14.3 per thousand

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS.

There has been a decrease in the number of illegitimate births 17 of which 9 were males and 8 females—as compared with 25 in 1959. This represents 4.1 per cent. of the total live births, and an illegitimate birth-rate of 0.52 per 1,000 of the population. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 5.8 per cent., and 0.52 per thousand.

STILL BIRTHS.

There has been a decrease in the number of still-births—7, 2 males and 5 females—as compared with 11, 4 males and 7 females during the previous year. This represents 1.72 per cent. of the total births, and a still-birth rate of 0.21 per 1,000 of the population. The corresponding figures for 1959, were 2.57 per cent. and 0.34 per thousand.

3. Deaths.

There has been an increase in the number of deaths during the year, 620 as compared with 572 in 1959. The crude death-rate is 19.0 per thousand; this is 1.2 above that for the previous year.

CORRECTED DEATH-RATE.

1960 adjusted death-rate (comparability factor, 0.71)-13.5 per thousand.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water Supply.

Water is supplied by the Fylde Water Board; the supply has been satisfactory in quality and ample in quantity. Practically all houses in the Borough receive their supply direct from the mains, but some of the larger houses, hotels, etc., are provided with storage cisterns.

All water is mechanically filtered; lime water is added to prevent action on lead, and the water is afterwards chlorinated.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE

List of Adoptive Acts of Parliament

Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, Parts II, III, IV and V.

Museums and Gymnasium Act, 1891.

Private Street Works Act, 1892.

Public Libraries Acts, 1892 to 1919.

- Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, with certain exceptions and amendments which are fully set out in Section 8 of the Lytham Saint Annes Corporation Act, 1923.
- Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, Section 86, as to dealers in old metal and marine stores.
- Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, Section 85, as to Registries for Servants.
- The following parts and sections of the Public Health Act, 1925, viz.: Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31 and 35 comprised in Part II.
 Sections 38, 42 and 43, comprised in Part III.
 Sections 45, 46, 47 and 50, comprised in Part IV.
 Sections 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55, comprised in Part V.

- On the 16th May, 1927, the Minister of Health declared the Council to be the Local Authority for the purpose of administering the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926, to the exclusion of the County Council.
- By "The Borough of Lytham St. Annes (Offensive Trades) Confirmation Order, 1924," the Minister of Health on the 6th December, 1924, confirmed the Order of the Council under Sec. 112 of the Public Health Act, 1875, as amended by Sec. 51 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, declaring the trades, business or manufactures of a Gut Scaper, a Rag and Bone Dealer, a Bone Crusher or Grinder, and a Fish Frier within the Borough to be offensive trades.

(This Order, so far as it relates to the trade of a Fish Frier, was revoked by Sec. 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936).

The Lancashire County Council, by agreement dated 6th May, 1952, delegated to the Council such of their functions under Part II and Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, as are specified in the Third Schedule to the Lancashire County Council Town and Country Delegated Planning Scheme, 1952.

(GENERAL POWERS) ACT, 1951

S. 13-Slaughter of Animals other than for human consumption.

S. 14—Registration of Hawkers and their premises.

The Council, by resolution (No. 791, dated 17th December, 1951) has fixed 1st April, 1952, as the appointed date for the coming into operation of S. 13 (Slaughter of Animals other than for human consumption) and S. 14 (Registration of Hawkers and their premises) of the Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951. (Advertisement in Lytham St. Annes Express and Lytham Times of 8th February, 1952).

LOCAL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT

Lytham St. Annes Corporation Act, 1923, Royal Assent 31st July, 1923.

(LYTHAM ST. ANNES FOOD ORDER, 1946)

- The Minister of Health, by the Lytham St. Annes (Food) Order, 1946, declared Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, to be in force in the Borough of Lytham St. Annes, with effect from the 21st day of August, 1946.
- Section 14 contains provisions relating to the registration of premises used in connection with—
 - (a) the sale or manufacture for the purpose of sale of ice cream or the storage of ice cream intended for sale; and
 - (b) the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale.

BYE-LAWS IN FORCE WITHIN THE BOROUGH

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 18th Aug., 1925 Routes for Motor Omnibuses. 29th Dec., 1925 Tramways and Motor Omnibuses. 14th April, 1926 Employment of Children and the Regulation of Street Trading by Children and Young Persons. 9th June, 1926 Bye-laws with respect to the Management of the Park Cemetery. (Amended 25th October, 1948). 9th Sept., 1927 Routes for Motor Omnibuses. 18th Dec., 1928 Public Slaughter-houses. 18th Dec., 1938 Public Slaughter-houses. 18th Dec., 1934 Employment of Children. 30th Nov., 1936 Good Rule and Government (Dogs and Bicycles). 19th Dec., 1938 Smoke Abatement. 30th Jan., 1939 Queues. 11th May, 1939 Regulations with respect to the Management of the Park Cemetery. 27th Sept., 1948 Table of Fees and Payments with respect to the Park Cemetery. 25th Oct., 1948 Table of Fees to be taken by Ministers of Religion at Interments in the Park Cemetery. 30th Jan., 1950 Sale of Contraceptives in Slot Machines. 30th Jan., 1950 Hackney Carriages. 31th Jan., 1950 Building Bye-laws. 31th Sept., 1948 Table of Fees and Payments (Deposit of Litter). 30th Jan., 1950 Hackney Carriages. 31th Jan., 1957 Regulations with respect to the Park Cemetery. 30th Jan., 1950 Hackney Carriages. 31th Jan., 1957 Regulations with respect to the Park Cemetery. 30th Jan., 1950 Hackney Carriages. 31th Jan., 1950 Hackney Carriages. 31th Jan., 1950 Hackney Carriages. 31th Jan., 1955 Underground Rooms (Regulations). 30th Jan., 1955 Underground Rooms (Regulations). 30th Sept., 1957 Table of Fees to be paid to Ministers for Crematorium. 30th Sept., 1957	18th May, 1925	Offensive Trades.
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PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, DISEASE

(a) Notifiable Diseases:

1. Smallpox.

No cases were notified during the year.

2. Scarlet Fever.

During the year, 12 cases of Scarlet Fever—5 more than the previous year—were notified. All cases were mild, and there were no deaths.

3. Diphtheria

No cases were notified during the year.

4. Enteric or Typhoid Fever.

No cases were notified during the year.

5. Paratyphoid Fever.

No cases were notified during the year.

6. Measles.

Measles was more prevalent than in the previous year—291 cases having been notified, as compared with 121 in 1959. There were no deaths.

7. Acute Pneumonia.

Four cases were notified during the year.

8. Whooping Cough.

Whooping Cough was more prevalent than in the previous year— 37 cases were notified, as compared with 3 in 1959. There were no deaths.

9. Puerperal Pyrexia.

No cases were notified during the year.

10. Meningococcal Infection.

One case was notified during the year.

11. Acute Poliomyelitis.

One case (Non-paralytic) was notified during the year.

12. Acute Encephalitis (Infective and Post-Infectious).

No cases were notified during the year.

13. Sonne Dysentery.

Nineteen cases were notified during the year.

14. Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

No cases were notified during the year.

15. Erysipelas.

Two cases were notified during the year.

16. Malaria.

No cases were notified during the year.

17. Food Poisoning.

One case was notified during the year.

18. Tuberculosis.

There has been an increase in the numbr of cases of Tuberculosis notified—5 compared with 2 in 1959; and a decrease in the number of deaths—3 compared with 4 in 1959. During the year 3 deaths were attributed to Tuberculosis, giving a death-rate of 0.09 per 1,900, which is 0.03 below the rate for the previous year.

(b) Non-notifiable Diseases:

1. Influenza.

No deaths in the Borough were attributed to this cause during the year.

2. Malignant Neoplasms.

There has been an increase in the number of deaths from cancer; 113 deaths—49 males and 64 females—being registered as due to this disease, as compared with 100 in the previous year. The death-rate is 3.47 per 1,000 which is 0.35 above the rate for the previous year.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, the maternity and child welfare functions of the Local Authority were transferred to the Lancashire County Council on the 5th July, 1948.

Infantile Mortality Rate.

The infantile mortality rate for the year was 14.8 per 1,000 live births, as against 14.1 in 1959, and is made up of 4 male and 2 female deaths.

Neo-Natal Death Rate.

The neo-natal death-rate, which represents the number of deaths of infants under four weeks of age, is 9.9 per 1,000 live births, and is made up of 4 male deaths.

Early Neo-Natal Death Rate

The early neo-natal death-rate which represents the number of deaths of infants under 1 week of age, is 4.9 per 1,000 live births, and is made up of 2 male deaths.

SCHOOL HEALTH AND MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CLINICS

County Council Clinics held in the Borough are as follows :----

St. Annes. Public Offices, Clifton Drive South.

Monday	p.m. Ophthalmic Clinic.
Tuesday	a.m. Minor Ailments Clinic.
r desally	a.m. Vaccination and Immunisation (2nd Tuesday
	in each month).
	a.m. Dental Clinic.
	p.m. Child Welfare Clinic.
Wednesday	a.m. Speech Therapy.
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Thursday	a.m. Dental Clinic.
Friday	a.m. Poliomyelitis Vaccination (2nd in month usually).

Lytham. Bath Street Clinic.

 a.m.	Dental Clinic.
p.m.	Dental Clinic.
 a.m.	Minor Ailments Clinic.
a.m.	Vaccination and Immunisation (2nd Wednes-
	day in month).
p.m.	Child Welfare Clinic.
p.m.	Orthopaedic Clinic (3rd Wednesday in each month).
 a.m.	Speech Therapy.
a.m.	Chiropody Clinic (3rd Thursday in each month).
 a.m.	Remedial Exercises by Physiotherapist (2nd and 4th Friday in month).
	p.m. a.m. a.m. p.m. p.m. a.m. a.m.

Ansdell. Baptist Church Hall, Ansdell Road North.

Thursday	 p.m.	Child	Welfare	Clinic	(every	other	Thursday)	

TABLE VI

Incidence of the Main Infectious Diseases, 1956-1960

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Dysentry	10			2	19
Typhoid Feyer					
Poliomvelitie	2	1			1
Diphtheria	-	_			
Scarlet Fever	20	3	18	7	12
Tuberculosis (all forms)		6	8	2	5
Measles	11	328	147	121	291
Whooping cough	116	10	1	3	37
Acute Pneumonia		2	1	4	4
Smallpox					

TABLE VII INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The table below shows the number of infectious diseases notified: number of deaths from these diseases

;	Total cases				Total Age I		. CASES NOTIFIED PERIODS-YEARS	FIED ARS				
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES	at all ages	-0	<u>_</u>	5-	r,	4-	o,	10-	15-	25 and over	Age un- known	deaths
Scarlet Fever	12	1	1		1	3	00	-	1	Î		
ugh	37	61	61	-	01	4	23	61		I		1
Acute Poliomyelitis-Paralytic	1	1	I	I	I	I	I	1	I	1	1	I
Measles (aveluding Ruballa)	196	°	- 06	06	95	49	150	6	0		11	
Diphtheria				1		2		1	1	•	1	1
Dysentery	19	1	1	1	I	61	4	1	67	8	1	١
Meningococcal infection	1	I			1	1	ļ	I			Î	1
Annualina neonacon ann	_		-		_	-		-	85	V	Acre	
		-0		2 2	15	15-	45-	an	and over	unk	unknown	
Acute pneumonia (Primary and Influenzal)	4	-		1			1		61			I
Smallpox						1	I		1		1	1
Acute encephalitis-Infective	1	1		I	1		I		I		1	I
", Post Infectious	1				1	1			1	_	1	1
Enteric or typhoid fever	1	1		1			1		1		1	1
Paratyphoid fevers		1		I	1	1	I		1		1	1
Erysipelas	63			I	1	1	-		I		T	1
Food poisoning	1	1		I		_			1		1	
T.B. Respiratory	4	1		1		3	I		1		1	67
T.B. Meninges and C.N.S.	1			1		1	1		1		1	1
T.B. Other	I	1		I		1	I		ľ		1	I
Puerperal Pyrexia		1		I	1	-	I		1		1	1
Other notifiable diseases	1	1		I		1		_	1		1	1

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my second report upon certain aspects of the Department's duties.

The staff of the Health Department remained unchanged during the year following the arrival of Mr. Robinson, the Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector. With a settled staff, the Department was able to accomplish a considerable quantity of work, as will be seen by reference to the body of my report. In this connection, I would place on record my appreciation of the unflagging efforts of my Deputy and the Additional Public Health Inspector, Mr. B. Sanderson, throughout the year. It is, I think, significant that for the first time in ten years it was not found necessary to resort to formal action to secure the abatement of any public health nuisance.

The throughput of animals at the Public Abattoir increased from 11,723 last year to 13,076 during 1960. Elsewhere in this report I have commented upon the decrease in the incidence of tubercle infection now being found upon post-mortem examination. Satisfactory as this is, there can be no reason for complacency while there is a rise, albeit small, in the percentage of animals affected with other disease or conditions.

Whilst it can truthfully be said that Industrial smoke presents few problems in the Borough, the increase in Bungalow development has brought with it an increase in the discharge of smoke at a low level from domestic premises. This can, of course, be rectified by the declaration of smoke control areas. This is a procedure that can also be applied to new areas of development in the Borough.

The Council's policy of a gradual conversion of their refuse collection vehicle fleet to large capacity diesel driven vehicles has paid satisfactory dividends in the first year of operation, both financially and in the maintenance of the collection schedule. Labour is, of course, the most expensive item in any service. It is, therefore, of vital importance that the right tools are provided to enable the labour force to achieve its full potential. This, the Council are doing, and so are able to provide an adequate service to the ratepayers at approximately £1 per head of population per annum for refuse collection and disposal.

During the year a decision was made to extend and modernise the refuse handling plant. This plant has served the Borough well since its construction in 1938. Since that time, however, the population has increased by over 10,000 and house refuse has changed its character, becoming of greater bulk. It is hoped to make an early start upon the works of modernisation which will provide, upon completion, an up to date plant capable of dealing with the Borough's refuse for many years to come.

My thanks are due to my colleagues, both in the Health Department and in other Departments of the Corporation, for their assistance and co-operation throughout the year and I also acknowledge, with pleasure, the support given to me by the Health Committee and the Council.

I am,

Your obedient Servant, T. H. CUTLER, Chief Public Health Inspector.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD PREMISES

Twenty-five licences for the sale of Tuberculin Tested milk, thirtyseven for the sale of Pasteurised milk and twenty for the sale of Sterilised milk were granted by the Council during the year. Sixteen distributors are registered and operating from dairies in the district and thirty-seven from shops.

Twenty-three samples of milk were submitted to the Laboratory for the Phosphatase test and a further sixty-eight samples for the Methylene Blue Test. Seven samples of Sterilised milk were submitted for the Turbidity test. All the heat treated milks satisfied the Phosphatase or Turbidity test. Twenty-three samples failed to satisfy the Methylene Blue test for keeping quality. Of these twenty-three, all but one were samples of raw milk.

With the advent of the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960, which came into operation on the 1st October, 1960, the Lancashire County Council became the Licensing Authority for the Borough and took over the Council's duties relating to the issue of dealer's licences and the taking of samples.

The following table shows the results of the milk sampling carried out by the Borough's Inspectors: ---

	No. of		lene Blue Γest		sphatase Test	Turbidity Test		ercle cilli
Designation	samples	Pass	% satis- factory	Pass	% satis- factory	satis- factory		+
Pasteurised Tuberculin Tested Tuberculin Tested	15 45	14 23	99.3 53.3	15	100.0	_	9	-
Pasteurised Sterilised	8 7	8	100.0	8	100.0	7		=
TOTALS	75	45	66.2	23	100.0	7	9	

ICE CREAM

Bacteriological Examination

One hundred and twenty-seven samples of ice cream were submitted for examination and the results are as follows:---

Grade	1	 	 	113
Grade	2	 	 	10
Grade	3	 	 	1
Grade	4	 	 	3

Three of the four unsatisfactory samples, i.e. those placed in Grades three and four, were both "loose" ice cream. Following advice as to proper sterilisation of equipment, etc., repeat samples produced results in Grade 1. In all 136 visits were made to premises where ice cream is sold, for the purpose of giving advice.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

St. Annes Public Abattoir

All animals slaughtered at the Public Abattoir are subjected to full inspection. Condemned carcases, after impregnation with a green dye, are

either destroyed at the Refuse Handling Plant or, if suitable, released for processing into animal feeding stuffs.

During the year the report upon the existing and probable future requirements of the District for slaughterhouse facilities and the facilities which were available to meet those requirments, was submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. In order to comply with the provisions of the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958, approval was given to an improvement scheme at the Public Abattoir. The works required were estimated at £3,565. This scheme provides for the relaying of floors in non-slip tile, improved lighting, the provision of a beast stunning pen and the replacement of wooden lairage fittings with galvanised metal divisions and other minor improvements.

The table below records the carcases inspected and the condemnations of carcase meat and offal. It is very satisfactory to note that the incidence of tuberculosis found in beasts and pigs on post mortem examination continues to decline. One only has to look back to annual reports of a few years ago to see the vast quantities of meat and offal rejected by reason of tubercle infection. This year four carcases only were totally rejected, as against nine last year, twenty-seven in 1958, and forty in 1950. In the general incidence of this disease, there was also a decline from 7.8% in Cattle (excluding Cows), 23.9% in Cows and 3.4% in Pigs in 1959 to 1.7%, 8.5% and 1.1% respectively in the year under review. On the other side of the balance a slightly higher percentage of carcases were found to be affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci, although, even here, the number of whole carcases rejected fell from 104 to 48.

	Cattle excl'ding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed Number inspected ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBER- CULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI :	724 724	485 485	99 99	9,544 9,544	$2,224 \\ 2,224$
Whole carcases condemned Carcases of which some part	Nil	12	2	19	15
or organ was condemned Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than Tuber-	415	366	1	1,118	546
culosis and Cysticerci TUBERCULOSIS ONLY :	57.3%	71.8%	3.0%	11.9%	25.2%
Whole carcases condemned Carcases of which some part	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	3
or organ was condemned Percentage of number in- spected affected with	12	40	Nil	Nil	21
Tuberculosis Cysticercosis :	1.7%	8.5%	Nil	Nil	1.1%
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	5	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration Generalised and totally con-	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
demned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Carcases inspected and condemned

The following table shows the reason for condemnation of whole carcases:

Cattle:	Tuberculosis			 	 1
	Septic Mastitis			 	 3
	Pyelonephritis			 	 1
	Generalised Oed	lema		 	 1
	Acute Peritonitis	;		 	 1
	Septicaemia			 	 1
	Fever			 	 2
(including	Toxaemia			 	 1
Cows)	Extensive Bruisi	ng		 	 2
Calves:	Septic Ompholo	nhlehi	tis		1
Carves.	Pneumonian and			 	 1
Character	Generalised Oed	0.000			-7
Sheep:		lema	* * *	 	 1
	Emaciation			 	 5
	Moribund			 	 1
	Fever			 	 4
	Bruising			 	 2
Pigs:	Tuberculosis			 	 3
	Leukaemia			 	 1
	Bruising			 	 1
	Fever			 	 2
	Emaciation			 	 1
	Moribund				1
	Swine Fever			 	 9
	owine rever			 	 9

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

By the courtesy of the Lancashire County Council, the following particulars of samples taken by the County Sampling Officer under the Food and Drugs Act, in Lytham St. Annes, during the year 1960, are given. A total of one hundred and sixty-one samples was obtained, consisting of one hundred samples of milk (eleven of which were Channel Islands milk) and sixty-one others comprising:—

Fruit juice
 Fish cakes
 Fruit, canned
 Pork pies
 Health salts
 Sweets
 Mayonaise
 Salad Cream
 Cream
 Olive Oil
 Coffee extract, dried
 Dutch Edam cheese

- 1 Meat, frozen
- 2 Cheese
- 1 Vegetables (canned)
- 2 Almond oil
- 1 Honey
- 1 Table jelly
- 1 Chutney
- 2 Jam
- 1 Mince tarts
- 1 Arrowroot
- 2 Cocoa
- 1 Danish Blue cheese

1 Butter	1 Oatmeal
1 White pepper	1 Bread
	4 Pork Sausages
	2 Gin
1 Rum	1 Brandy
1 Breakfast food	1 New Zealand Cheddar
1 Cooking fat	Cheese
	1 Lard
tablets	1 Almond marzipan
1 Marzipan	1 Flour confectionery
	1 Coffee
	1 Cod liver oil
1 Ammoniated tincture of quinine B.P.C.	1 Ground almonds
	 White pepper Meringue cream cakes Whisky Rum Breakfast food Cooking fat Compound vitamin tablets Marzipan Pineapple drink Headache powders Ammoniated tincture of

The samples were submitted to the County Analyst for analysis and with the exception of those detailed below were reported to be genuine :—

Type of Samp	ble Result of Analysis	Action taken
1 Formal milk	Fat content 2.80%, deficient 6.6% fat.	Farmer notified
1 Pork sausage	Meat content only 54%. Poor in meat content. Contained 470 parts per million sulphite preservative (expressed as sulphur dioxide) without dec- laration. Miximum permitted in sausages when declared, according to the rules (ar- ticle 4, Section 2 (a), Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) Regulations), is 450 parts per million.	Vendor cautioned and further sample obtained.
1 Pork sausage	Meat content 64.0%. Slightly low in meat content. Con- tained 285 parts per million sulphite preservative (ex- pressed as sulphur dioxide)	Vender interviewed re preservative
1 Headache	with declaration. Declared list of ingredients	Manufacturers
powders	totalled 100.1%. Otherwise genuine.	notified.

Inspection of Premises

The following table shows visits paid to food premises:

Dairies		 	68
Fishmongers		 	23
Fried fish shops		 	9
Hotels, Boarding	houses	 	43

Ice Cream premises			136
Restaurants			72
Grocers and other food pre			235
Butchers			47
Licensed premises			3
Bakehouses			54
Food Hawkers (vehicles)			11
Contraventions of Food Hygiene			1955-60-found and
remedied:	0		
Defects of Structure			10
Want of cleanliness			11
Lack of/or defective sinks			4
Lack of washing facilities			6
Absence of clothing accom			2
Lack of Refrigerators			$\frac{2}{1}$
Lack of first aid facilities			2
Inadequate ventilation			4
Absence of food screens			5
Defective table and count		rfaces	6
Inadequate sanitary accom			3
Inadequate lighting			1
Unsuitable refuse storage			3

HOUSING

In my last annual report, I referred to the lack of information as to the number of dwellings in the Borough let off into single rooms or in the occupation of more than one family. The hope was expressed that during 1960, a start, at least, would be made to survey these premises and ascertain the conditions prevailing in this type of accommodation. In the event, the pressure of other duties has been such that very little has been achieved in this connection. Of the few dwellings inspected, the majority have been found to be deficient in amenity having regard to the numbers occupying the premises. In one case, with the co-operation of the owner, the occupants of the dwelling-eight families in all-were moved to more satisfactory accommodation.

Number of new houses erected during the year :---

						Houses	Flats
	(i)	By the local authority				Nil	Nil
	(ii)	By other local authoriti	es			Nil	Nil
	(iii)	By other bodies or per	son			30	7
1.	Inspec	tions of dwelling-hou	uses dur	ing th	e year	::	
	(1) (a)) Total No. of dwelling- informally for housin					
		Health or Housing A					140
	(b)) No. of inspections, for	ormal or	informa	l, mad	e for	
		the purpose					473
	(c)	No. of dwelling-houses not in all respects rea					
0		tation but capable of	being r	endered	l fit		41

(2)	Total N	lo. of	dwell	ing-l	nouses ex	isting at er	nd of y	ear
	which	were	unfit	for	human	habitation	and	not
	capable	at r	easona	able	expense	of being	render	ed fi

2.	Houses Demolished:	Houses		during year
-	In Clearance Areas: (1) Houses unfit for human habitation	Demolished Nil	Persons	Families Nil
	(2) Houses included by reason of bad ar- rangement, etc	Nil	Nil	Nil
	(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2), Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Not in Clearance Areas:			
	(4) As a result of formal or informal pro- cedure under Section 17 (1), Housing			
	 Act, 1957 (5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of 	2	6	2
	(6) Houses unfit for human habitation	Nil	Nil	Nil
	 where action has been taken under local Acts (7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness 	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Orders	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.	Unfit houses closed:			
	(1) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1), Housing, Act, 1957	2	4	2
	 (2) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
	18, Housing Act, 1957	2	5	2
4.	Unfit Houses made Fit and Houses in Remedied:	which D		Were By Local Authority
	(1) After informal action by local authori	ty	6	Nil

(1) (2)		0	1811
()	Health Acta	Nil	Nil
(3)	Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil

5. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957):

Posi (1)		at end of year: ained for temporary acco	mmod	ation—	No. of Houses	
	(a)	Under Section 48			Nil	Nil
	(b)	Under Section 17 (2)			Nil	Nil
	(c)	Under Section 46			Nil	Nil
(2)		ensed for temporary occ ler Sections 34 or 53	cupatio	n 	Nil	Nil

6.	Purchase of Houses by Agreement:	No. of Houses	
	Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Areas or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased	(1)	(2)
	during the year	Nil	Nil

7. Housing Act, 1949, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958—Improvements Grants, etc.:—

			e bodies lividuals No. of dwelling	No. of	
Acti	on during year: —	schemes	other build-	schemes	other build-
(a)	Submitted by private individuals		ings affected		ings affected
	to local authority	2	2	_	_
(b)	Approved by local authority	1	1		
(c)	Submitted by local authority				
	to Ministry	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(d)	Finally approved by Ministry	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(e)	Work completed	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(f)	Additional separate dwellings				
	included in (e) above	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(g)	Any other action taken under th	ne Acts	— Nil		

8. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959-Standard grants:

		No. of dwellings
Action during year		or other buildings
(a) Applications submitted to local authority	 	affected 42
(b) Applications approved by local authority	 	42
(c) Work completed	 	38

Rent Act 1957

One application only was received for a Certificate of Disrepair and at the end of the year action in respect of this application was in progress.

The following table shows the work carried out under this Act:-

Applications for Certifi	cates	of Disr	epair	 	1
Undertakings given by				 	Nil
Certificates issued				 	Nil
Certificates cancelled				 	Nil
Visits to premises				 	1
Certificates outstanding	, at o	end of	year	 	6

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Public Health Act, 1936

Summary of visits and inspections

Drainage inspections	and tests	 	 433
Keeping of animals		 	 16

				43
				231
				371
				17
				34
				98
investi	gations			17
				30
				409
				32
				15
				13
f Defe	ects re	medie	d	
				2
				4
				7
				63
				5
				17
				4
				24
remov	ed			4
				3
				1
				1
				3
	-visits) -visits) investi remises f Defe 	-visits) investigations remises f Defects re removed removed	-visits) investigations remises f Defects remedie removed removed	-visits) investigations remises f Defects remedied removed

Informal Notices served ... 191 Abatement Notices served ... —

Disinfection and Disinfestation

Eleven houses were disinfected on account of infectious disease by means of formalin lamp and formalin spray. This procedure is adopted in cases of tuberculosis and non-notifiable diseases upon request.

Seven houses infested with cockroaches, etc., were treated with a suitable insecticide.

Closet Accommodation

There are, in the Borough, approximately 15,167, fresh water closets. In addition there were in use at the end of the year, 1 privy and 20 pail closets, all belonging to premises where no sewer is available. During the year two pail closets were converted to water closets. All the pail closets are emptied regularly by the Corporation.

Offensive Trades

As a result of action by the Council, the one offensive trade operating from premises in the Borough removed to newly built accommodation in another district.

Public Conveniences

There are twenty-four Public Conveniences under the control of the

Department. The Council's policy of providing free washing facilities in the public conveniences is being continued in the two new blocks of conveniences situated on the Promenade at St. Annes and adjacent to Fairhaven Lake. These conveniences were in the process of construction at the end of the year. The loss of income which results from the provision of free washing facilities is trivial compared to the gain in personal hygiene which is achieved. Unfortunately it seems impossible nowadays to comment upon public conveniences without making reference to vandalism and inevitably the washing facilities provided receive their share of senseless damage. All the more are the Council to be congratulated in persisting with their policy.

Moveable Dwellings

With the coming into force, this year, of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, a site licence was issued to the one existing permanent residential site in the Borough. There can be no doubt that this Act will enable Local Authorities to secure the provision of adequate amenities on Caravan Sites generally. It is, however, a matter for regret that, although overcrowding of the actual caravans on a site is within control, no provision has been made to prevent overcrowding within the caravans. Surely some simple formula could be adopted to prevent large families occupying what is virtually a one room dwelling with the consequent deterioration in hygiene standards and the inevitable friction which arises within the family by reason of their cramped living conditions.

Rodent Control

The work of rodent control continued throughout the year, the services of one operator being used on three days a week. One hundred and seventeen infestations were dealt with. In addition to the visits of the rodent operator the inspectors made 38 visits of an advisory nature.

			Type of Property				
			Non-agricultural		Agricultural		
			Dwelling houses		-		
()	No. of properties in district		11,688	2,060	40		
5)	No. of properties inspected		102	101	2		
)	Total inspections carried out (incl. re-inspections)		407	220	2		
1)	No. of properties inspected which found to be infested by:	were					
	Rats : major						
	minor :		21	26			
	Mice: major		-				
	minor :		43	27			
				50			
)	No. of infested properties treated Total treatments carried out	1	64	53			
)	(inc. re-treatments)		225	251			

Swimming Baths

There are two municipally owned swimming baths in the Borough. The details are as follows:

St. Annes Open Air Baths:

Capacity — 800,000 gallons. Source of filling water — Sea Water. Treatment — filtration and chlorination. Rate of change — 5½ hourly.

Lytham Baths :

Capacity — 90,000 gallons. Source of filling water — Sea Water. Treatment — filtration and chlorination. Rate of change — 8 hourly.

Daily checks are taken at each pool and in addition samples of water from both baths are submitted for bacteriological examination. During the year 34 samples were taken, all of which were satisfactory.

Clean Air

Seventeen visits were made to boiler and furnace installations in the Borough for the purpose of inspection and advice. Industrial smoke presents no real problem in the Borough. The occasional emission of dark smoke is invariably corrected by an advisory visit.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Four premises are licensed for the sale of pet animals. Number of visits during year -14.

Factories Act, 1937, 1948-Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health

	Number	Number of				
Premises	Number on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted		
 (i) Factories in which Section 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities (ii) Factories not included in in which Section 7 is 	7	4		_		
enforced by the Local Authority (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (ex- cluding out-workers' pre-	190	189	17	-		
mises)	13	16				
Total	210	209	17			

	Ν	Number of cases in which defects were found					
Particulars			Refe	of cases in which			
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspec- tor	By H.M. Inspec- tor	prosecutions were instituted		
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		
Sanitary Conveniences : (a) Insufficient (b) Unsuitable or	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		
defective (c) Not separate for	17	10	Nil	4	Nil		
sexes Other offences against	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		
the Act	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		
Total	17	10	Nil	4	Nil		

2. Cases in which Defects were found

Shops Act, 1950

A total of 32 visits were made to shops for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the above enactment. Observations were kept on Sundays and during evenings and several traders were warned where contraventions were noted. It must be said that the enforcement of certain sections of the Shops Act by the same Inspectors responsible for carrying out food hygiene duties is not helpful in creating a suitable atmosphere for the right approach to the educational aspect of food hygiene.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection

By the end of the year, the vehicle fleet engaged in refuse collection comprised of four, 32 cubic yard capacity, diesel operated vehicles and two petrol driven rear loading moving floor vehicles. With this fleet a weekly collection service was maintained to all premises in the Borough throughout the year. In addition, many of the shops and hotels were given routine collections twice each week. Certain premises received more frequent collection under contract.

The Council's policy of replacing their petrol driven vehicles with larger capacity diesel compression vehicles continued through the year with the purchase of two new vehicles which came into service in February, 1961. The table below shows the saving in fuel achieved during the year by this policy.

		1959/60	1960/61
FUEL		11,698 gallons	9,841 gallons
MILEAGE		65,990 miles	61,648 miles
M.P.G		5.6	6.3
Weight of re	fuse collected	12,511 tons	13,126 tons

It will be seen that the total weight of refuse collected during the year increased by 615 tons, 1 cwt. over that collected the previous year. The following table shows the weight of refuse collected during the past three years:— Weight per thousand

		weight per thou				
	Tons	Cwts.	R.P. Per Day			
1958-59	 11,794	10	20 cwts.			
1959-60	 12,511	8	21.7 cwts.			
1960-61	 13,126	9	22.4 cwts.			

At 22.4 cwts. per thousand population per day, the weight of refuse collected in the Borough is well above the last published figure for seaside holiday resorts of comparable size, which was 17.7 cwts. At the time of writing this report, however, it is known that the Borough's population, as shown by the preliminary returns of the Census, has risen to 36,222. This gives a ratio of refuse collected to population of 19.9 cwts. per thousand population per day, which is much more in accordance with the national average.

The table below shows the cost of refuse collection and disposal for the past three years : —

1					
Gross Expenditure		1958/59	1959/60) 19	960/1
Refuse Collecion		20,139	23,925	2	7,087
Refuse Disposal		15,984	17,618	1	4,330
Totals		36,123	41,543	4	1,417
Income				_	
Refuse Collection		111	333		708
Refuse Disposal		5,298	4,526		4,271
Totals		5,409	4,859	-	4,979
Net Expenditu	re				
Refuse Collection		20,028	23,592	2	6,379
Refuse Disposal		10,686	13,092	1	0,059
Totals		30,714	36,684	3	6,438
Net Cost per thousa		population ated 32,590)	1958/59	1959/60	1960/61
Refuse Collection			631	735	812
Refuse Disposal			336	408	309
		Totals	967	1,143	£1,121

Net Cost per ton	1958/59 1959/60		1960/61	
Refuse Collection Refuse Disposal	33s. 11 18s. 1		40s. 1d. 15s. 4d.	
Totals	52s. 0	d. 58s. 8d.	55s. 5d.	

Refuse Disposal

A major overhaul of the refuse handling plant was undertaken during April and part of May, 1960, when the plate elevating conveyor, driving gear, dust and cinder elevators and drives received attention. During this period the Borough's refuse was disposed of by controlled tipping on a small site in Lytham. This site was also used to relieve the works during the Summer of 1960, and was finally completed in September. The difficulty in finding suitable land within the Borough for tipping purposes is well known to the Council. However, some comment should, I feel, be made upon this matter. Some 60% by weight of the refuse received at the plant eventually finds its way to tip in the form of screenings and clinker. In the past small sites have been found, but with the rapid development of the Borough over the last few years these have now disappeared. A long term tipping site is now required and it will, in all probability be necessary to find land outside the Borough. This will mean increased haulage costs.

In commenting on the cost of refuse disposal, it is most gratifying to be able to report a reduction of 5/7 per ton on last year. It is for this reason that, despite a substantial wage increase, it has been possible to reduce the net cost per ton of refuse collection and disposal by 3/3 as against the cost for 1959/60.

Salvage

The following table shows the income from salvaged material as compared with the previous year: --

		1	959,	60	19	960	/61
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Baled Waste Paper		 1,125	7	0	1,367	19	6
Baled Destructor S		 1,449	0	0	2,499	13	2
Cinders		 133	12	0	121	2	0
Metal and Rags		 94	3	6	250	17	11
Mortar		 1,667	12	6			
Miscellaneous		 56	18	3	32	0	4
	FOTALS	 4.526	13	3	4,271	12	11

It will be seen that the loss of income from mortar production, which ceased in January, 1960, was almost made good by the increased sales of salvaged materials. One interesting feature in the table is the continuing drop in income from cinders due to the diminishing quantity being screened from the refuse. This, no doubt, is due to the increased use of oil fired central heating, underfloor electric heating and the installation of all-night burners in many homes.



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