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RURAL DISTRICT OF MARKET HARBOROUGH



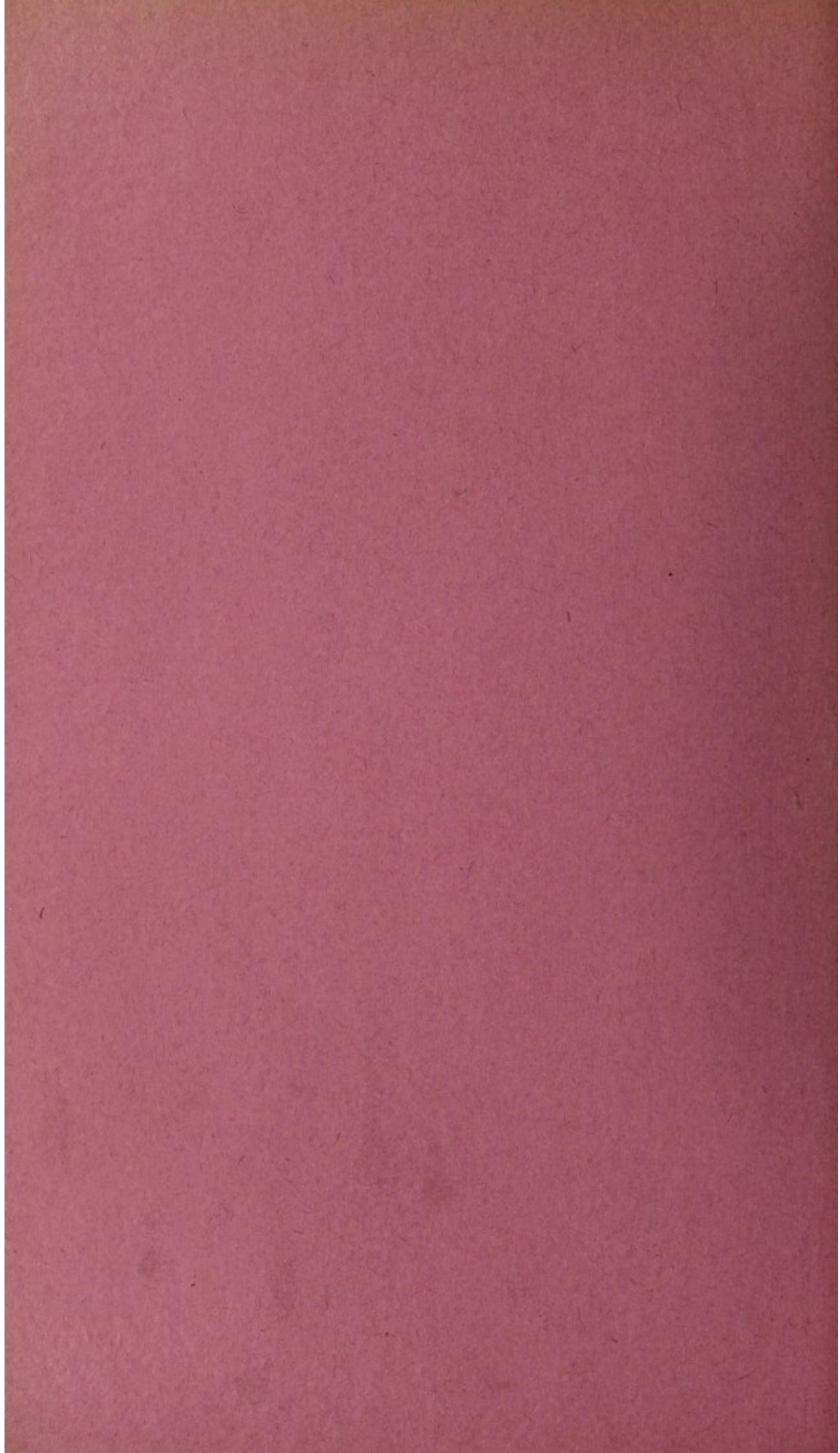
ANNUAL REPORT

- of the -

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1955

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VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Area (In acres)</u>	45,166
<u>Number of inhabited houses (at 31st. March 1955)</u>	3,268
<u>Number of Council Houses occupied</u>	584
<u>Rateable Value 1st. April, 1955</u>	£44,731
<u>Sum represented by a penny rate</u>	£ 176

POPULATION.

1955 Registrar General's estimate ..... 10,040

TABLE showing the Registrar General's estimate of the population during the past ten years :-

1946 - - - - -	8,809	1951 - - - - -	9,915
1947 - - - - -	9,311	1952 - - - - -	9,970
1948 - - - - -	9,810	1953 - - - - -	-10,010
1949 - - - - -	9,900	1954 - - - - -	-10,050
1950 - - - - -	9,660	1955 - - - - -	-10,040

BIRTHS.1955

<u>Live Births:</u> Legitimate - - Male	59	79
- - Female	52	66
Total	111	145

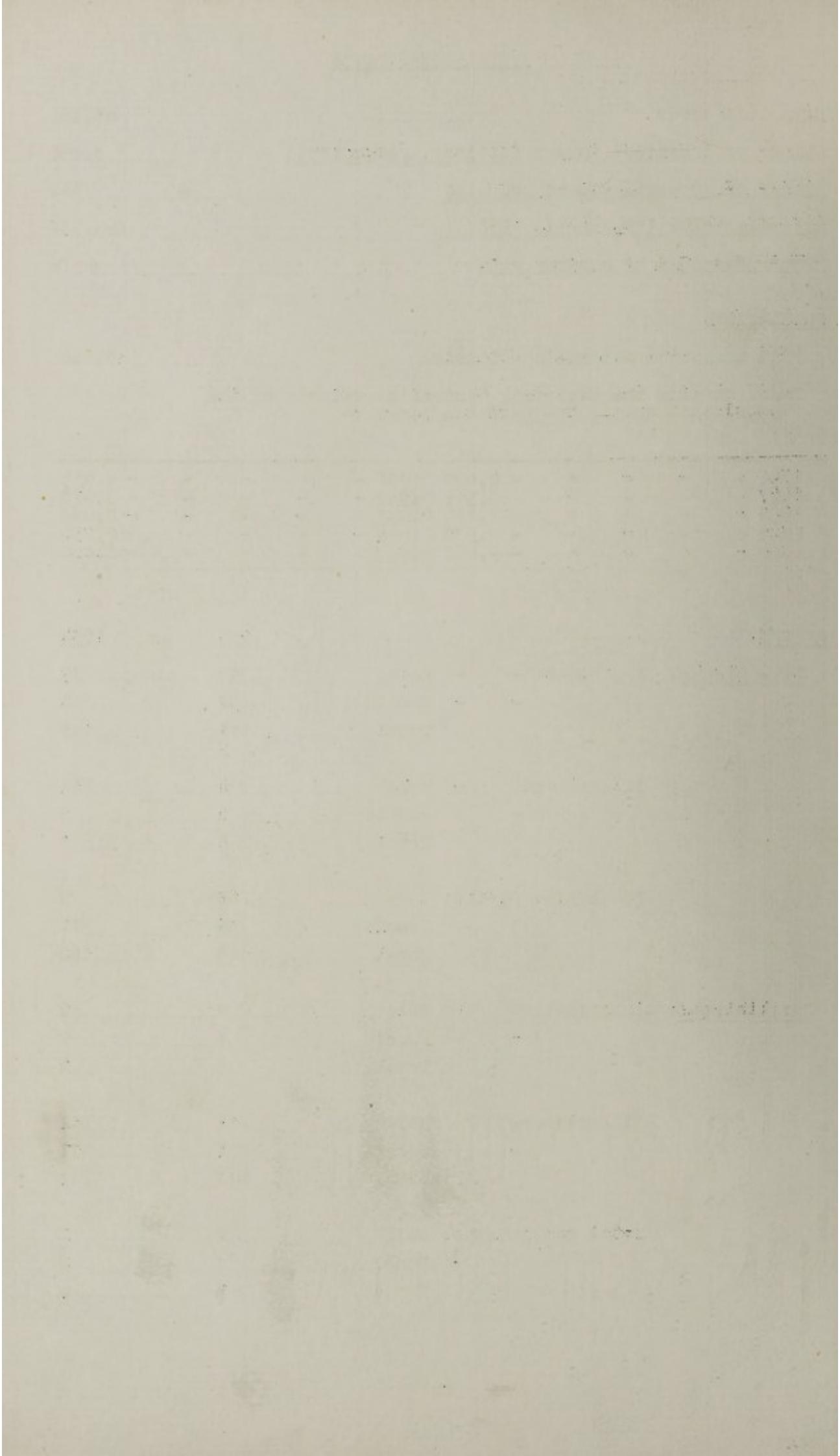
<u>Illegitimate</u> - - Male	4	Nil
- - Female	4	5
Total	8	5

<u>Total Live Births:</u> Male	63	79
Female	56	71
Total	119	150

<u>Stillbirths:</u> Legitimate - - Male	2	2
- - Female	1	2
Total	3	4

<u>Illegitimate</u> - - Male	Nil	Nil
- - Female	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	Nil

<u>Total Stillbirths:</u> Male	2	2
- - Female	1	2
Total	3	4



<u>Birthrate per 1,000 estimated population:</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1954</u>
Market Harborough Rural District	11.8	14.9
England and Wales- - - - -	15.0	15.2

TABLE showing the variations in the total live births and in the birth rates during the past ten years:-

Year	Total Live Births.	Birth Rates (per 1,000 population)		
		Mkt. Harboro' Rural Dist.	Leicestershire	England and Wales.
1946	172	19.5	20.6	19.1
1947	193	20.1	21.2	20.5
1948	165	17.1	18.84	17.9
1949	188	18.9	17.35	16.7
1950	176	18.2	16.17	15.8
1951	160	16.1	16.02	15.5
1952	171	17.1	15.67	15.3
1953	154	15.3	15.43	15.5
1954	150	14.9	14.51	15.2
1955	119	11.8	14.78	15.0

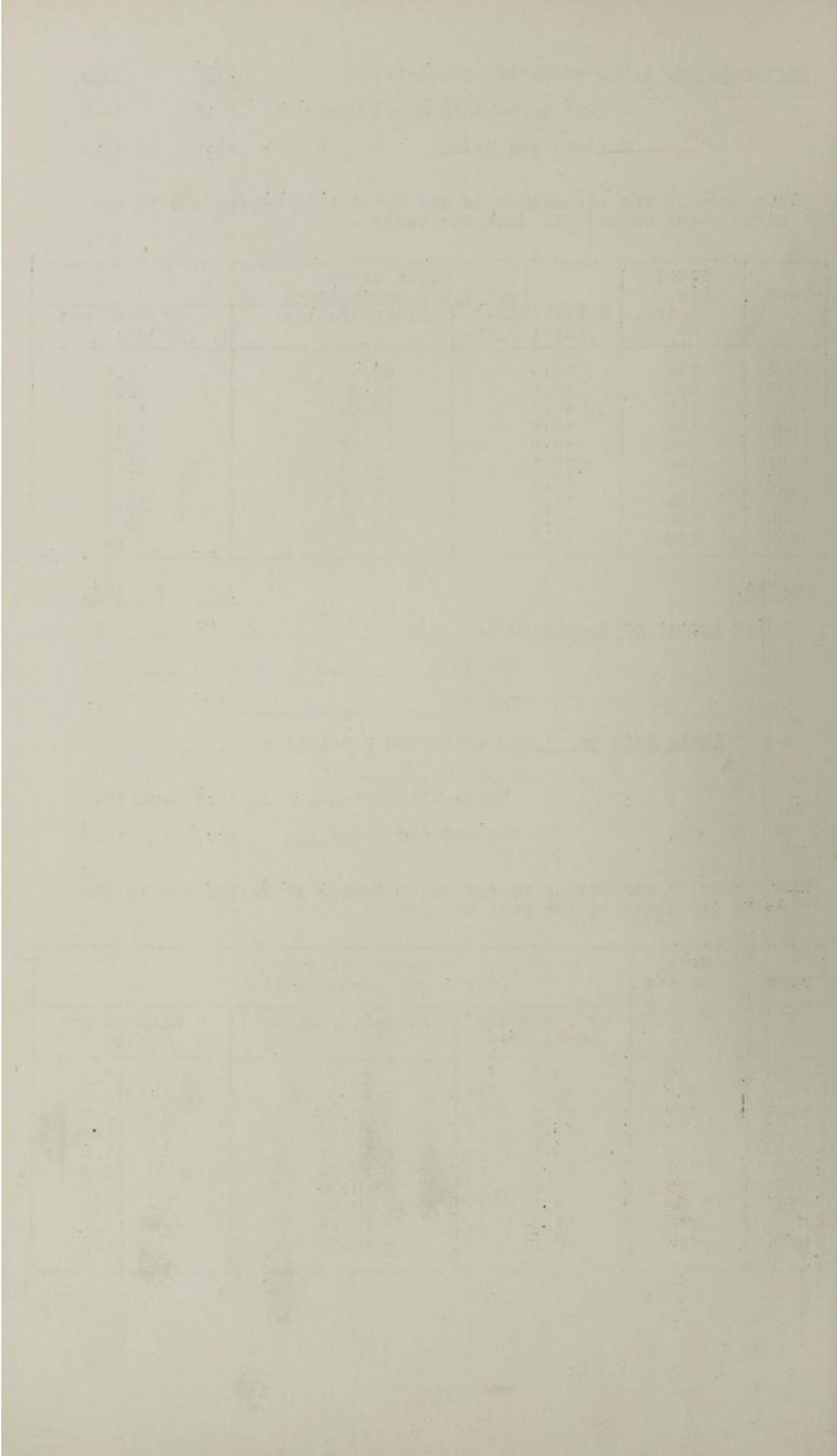
<u>DEATHS.</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1954</u>
Total number of Deaths: Male	68	61
Female	60	51
Total	128	112

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population

Market Harborough Rural District	12.7	11.1
England and Wales	11.7	11.3

TABLE SHOWING variations in the total number of deaths and in the death rates during the past ten years:

Year	Total Deaths	Death Rates (per 1,000 population)		
		Mkt. Harboro' Rural Dist.	Leicestershire	England and Wales
1946	87	9.9	10.7	11.5
1947	113	12.1	11.3	12.0
1948	101	10.2	9.77	10.8
1949	116	11.7	10.68	11.7
1950	123	12.5	10.28	11.6
1951	110	11.0	10.74	12.5
1952	96	9.6	10.06	11.3
1953	91	9.0	10.05	11.4
1954	112	11.3	10.29	11.1
1955	128	12.7	10.59	11.7



<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:</u>				<u>1955</u>	<u>1954</u>	
No. of deaths:	Legitimate	-	-	Male	Nil	3
	-	-	-	Female	1	Nil
				Total	1	3
	Illegitimate	-	-	Male	Nil	Nil
	-	-	-	Female	Nil	Nil
				Total	Nil	Nil
	Total Infant deaths	-	-	-	1	3

Infant mortality per 1,000 live births :

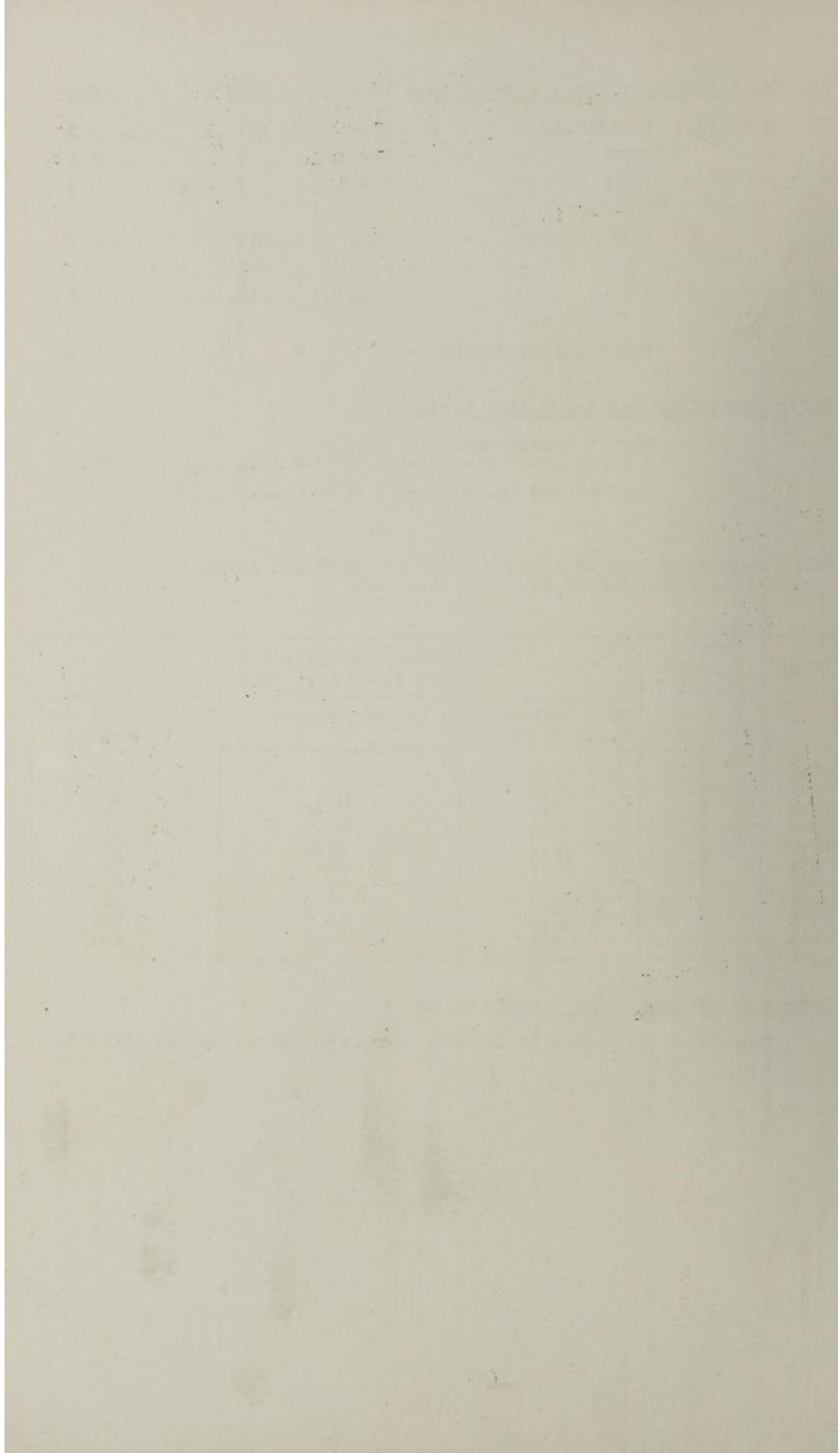
Market Harborough	-	-	-	8.4	20.0
Rural District-	-	-	-		
England and Wales	-	-	-	24.9	25.5

TABLE showing deaths of infants under one year and infant mortality rates during the past ten years :

Year	Total Infant Deaths	Infant Mortality Rates (per 1,000 live births)		
		Mkt. Harboro' Rural Dist.	Leicestershire	England and Wales
1946	3	17.4	36	43
1947	5	25.9	43	41
1948	1	6.0	32.2	34
1949	2	10.6	27.1	32
1950	4	22.7	27.0	29.8
1951	5	31.2	25.1	29.6
1952	1	5.8	26.5	27.6
1953	5	32.4	28.0	26.8
1954	3	20.0	28.1	25.5
1955	1	8.4	22.5	24.9

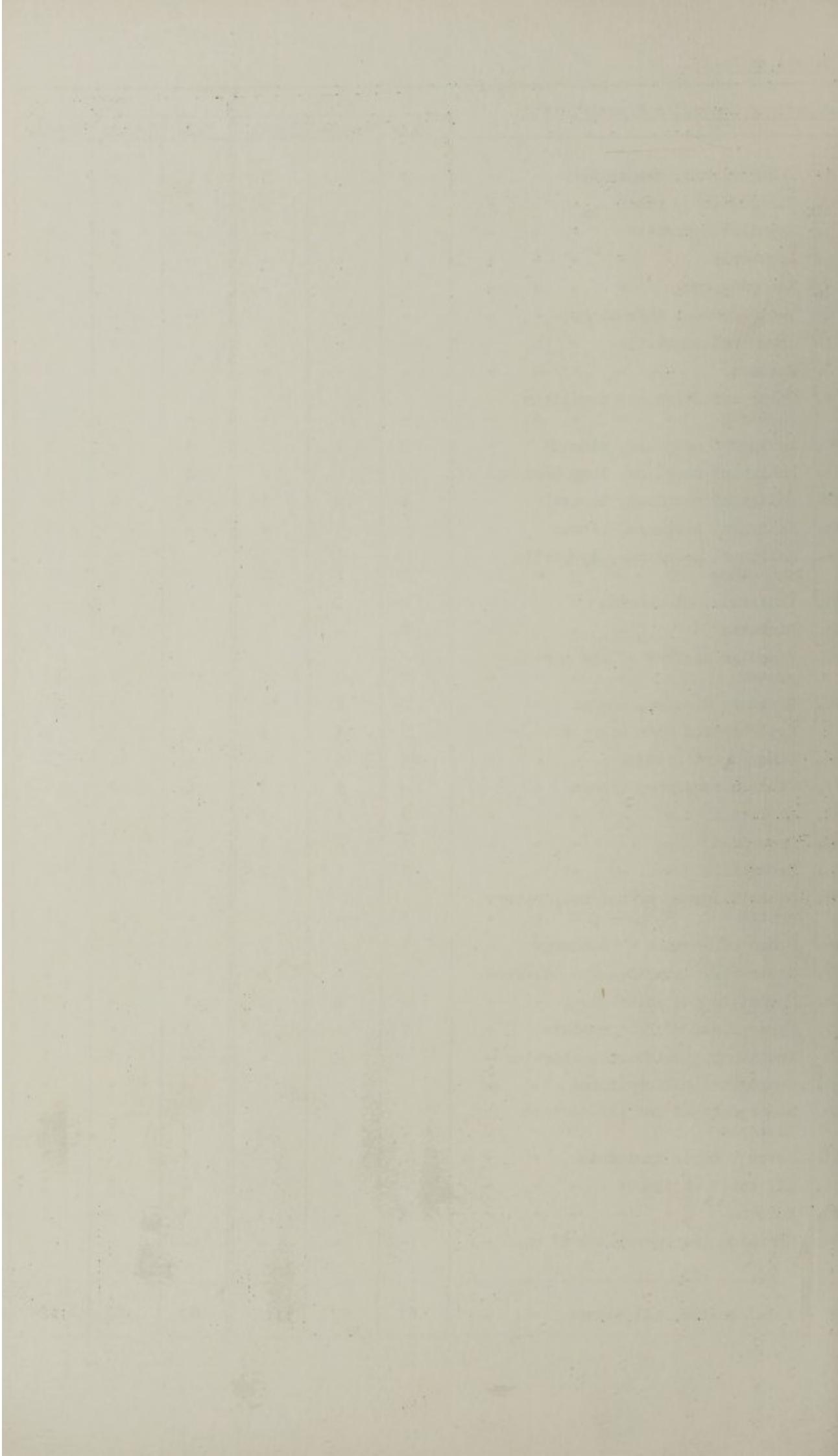
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age :

There were no deaths of Infants under four weeks of age in 1955.



Causes of Death.

Registrar General's Classification.	1954			1955			
	Male	Female	Total.	Male	Female	Total.	
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory - -	3	-	3	2	-	2	
2. Tuberculosis, other - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3. Syphilitic disease - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4. Diphtheria - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5. Whooping cough - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6. Meningococcal infections - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7. Acute poliomyelitis - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	
8. Measles - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases - - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach -	2	1	3	1	-	1	
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus -	-	-	-	1	-	1	
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast -	-	1	1	-	4	4	
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus -	-	-	-	-	1	1	
14. Malignant neoplasms, lymphatic and other - - - -	8	1	9	8	4	12	
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia - - -	-	-	-	-	1	1	
16. Diabetes - - - -	1	-	1	-	1	1	
17. Vascular lesions of the nervous system - - - -	8	8	16	11	9	20	
18. Coronary disease, angina - -	7	8	15	8	3	11	
19. Hypertension with heart disease -	2	1	3	3	1	4	
20. Other heart disease - - -	11	15	26	4	14	18	
21. Other circulatory disease - -	-	3	3	4	2	6	
22. Influenza - - - -	2	1	3	3	1	4	
23. Pneumonia - - - -	3	-	3	2	-	2	
24. Bronchitis - - - -	1	1	2	8	2	10	
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system - - - -	1	-	1	-	2	2	
26. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum -	2	-	2	1	-	1	
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea -	-	-	-	-	2	2	
28. Nephritis and nephrosis - -	-	2	2	1	-	1	
29. Hyperplasia of the prostate -	2	-	2	1	-	1	
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion -	-	-	-	-	1	1	
31. Congenital malformations - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases - - - -	7	6	13	8	7	15	
33. Motor vehicle accidents - -	-	-	-	1	-	1	
34. All other accidents - - -	-	3	3	-	3	3	
35. Suicide - - - -	1	-	1	1	2	3	
36. Homicide and operations of war -	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Total deaths, all causes - -	61	51	112	68	60	128



## CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

### IMMUNISATION.

Immunisation facilities are provided free under the National Health Service Act. 83 children under the age of 5 years received their primary immunisation during the year whilst 64 children received further treatment to maintain their immunity.

### TUBERCULOSIS.

There were 2 deaths from this disease during the year under review.

New cases are summarized as follows :

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	1	3
Non-pulmonary ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTALS	2	1	3

2 cases came to reside in the District and three existing cases were cured.

The total number of cases residing within the District at the close of the year was as follows :

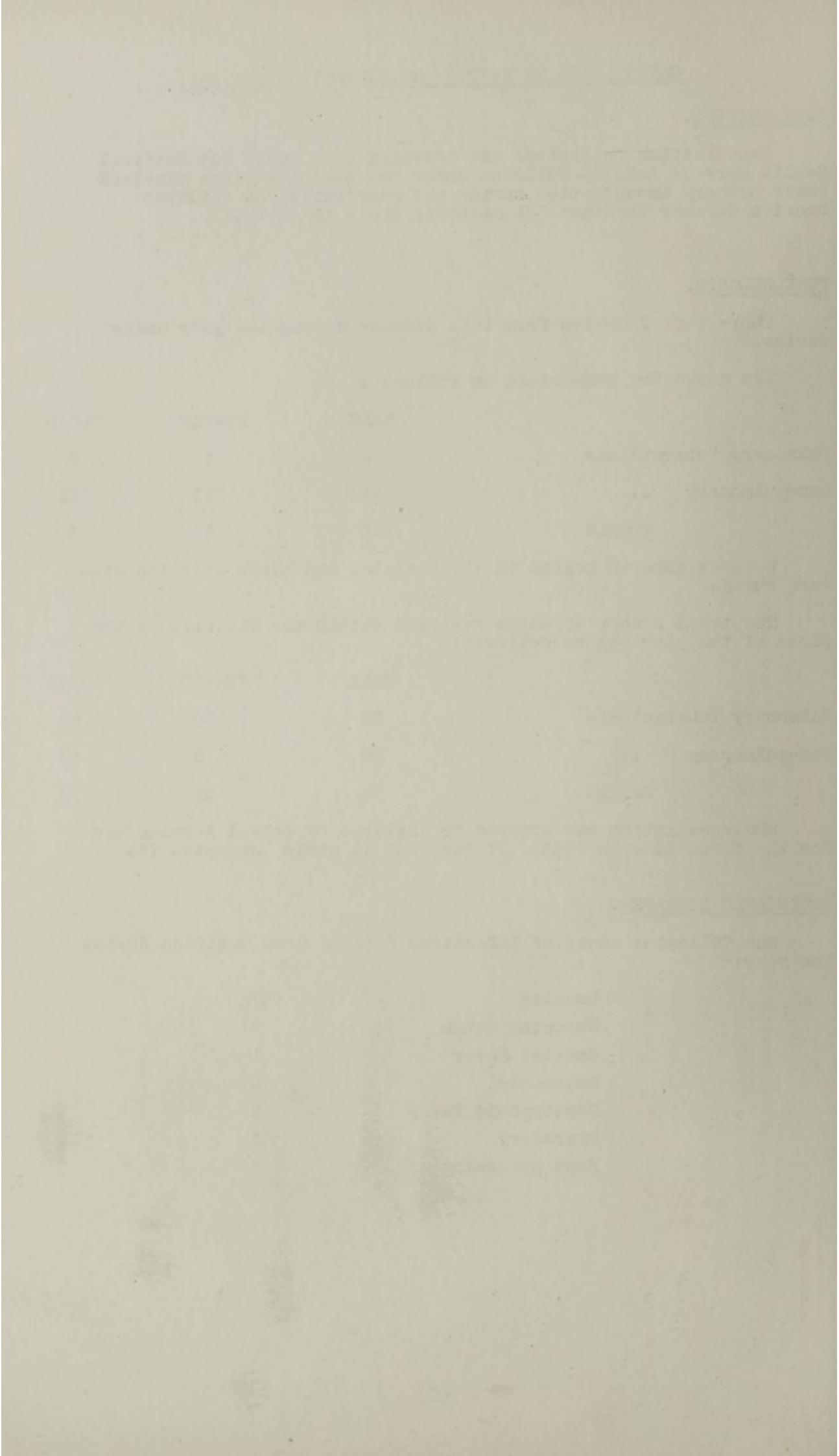
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	22	39	61
Non-pulmonary ..	10	8	18
TOTALS	32	47	79

BCG vaccination was offered to children of school leaving age for the first time in 1955. 21 boys and 14 girls accepted it.

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during the year:-

Measles	147
Whooping Cough	8
Scarlet fever	1
Pneumonia	4
Paratyphoid fever	2
Dysentery	1
Food poisoning	1



NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948                    and  
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

No formal action was required under these Acts during 1955.

Three persons coming to notice were admitted to hospital voluntarily.



### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

For the following information I am indebted to Mr. R.W. Turner, Senior Sanitary Inspector, whose work during the year under review it represents.

#### Water Supply.

Main supplies have been satisfactory. Saddington is now supplied by gravity which has overcome the shortages met in 1954 due to irregular pumping.

Well supplies, being mostly from shallow wells, are usually polluted. Owing to dry weather the quantity and quality were both worse than usual. 23,700 gallons were carted to Husbands Bosworth, Great Easton and Stonton Wyville.

2114 houses with a population of 6780 are served by internal mains water supply whilst a further 121 houses with 360 residents have access to mains water from stand pipes. Wells serve the remaining 1033 houses.

During the year the Knaptoft reservoir was completed and mains were laid in the villages of Mowsley Laughton, Gumley and Husbands Bosworth.

When main laying at Theddington is completed the whole of the Western Area will have a mains supply.

Supply to the Eastern Area is still dependent upon and awaiting development of the River Dove Scheme, with the exception of Great Easton, Bringhurst and Drayton which will be supplied from the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board.

#### Sewage Disposal.

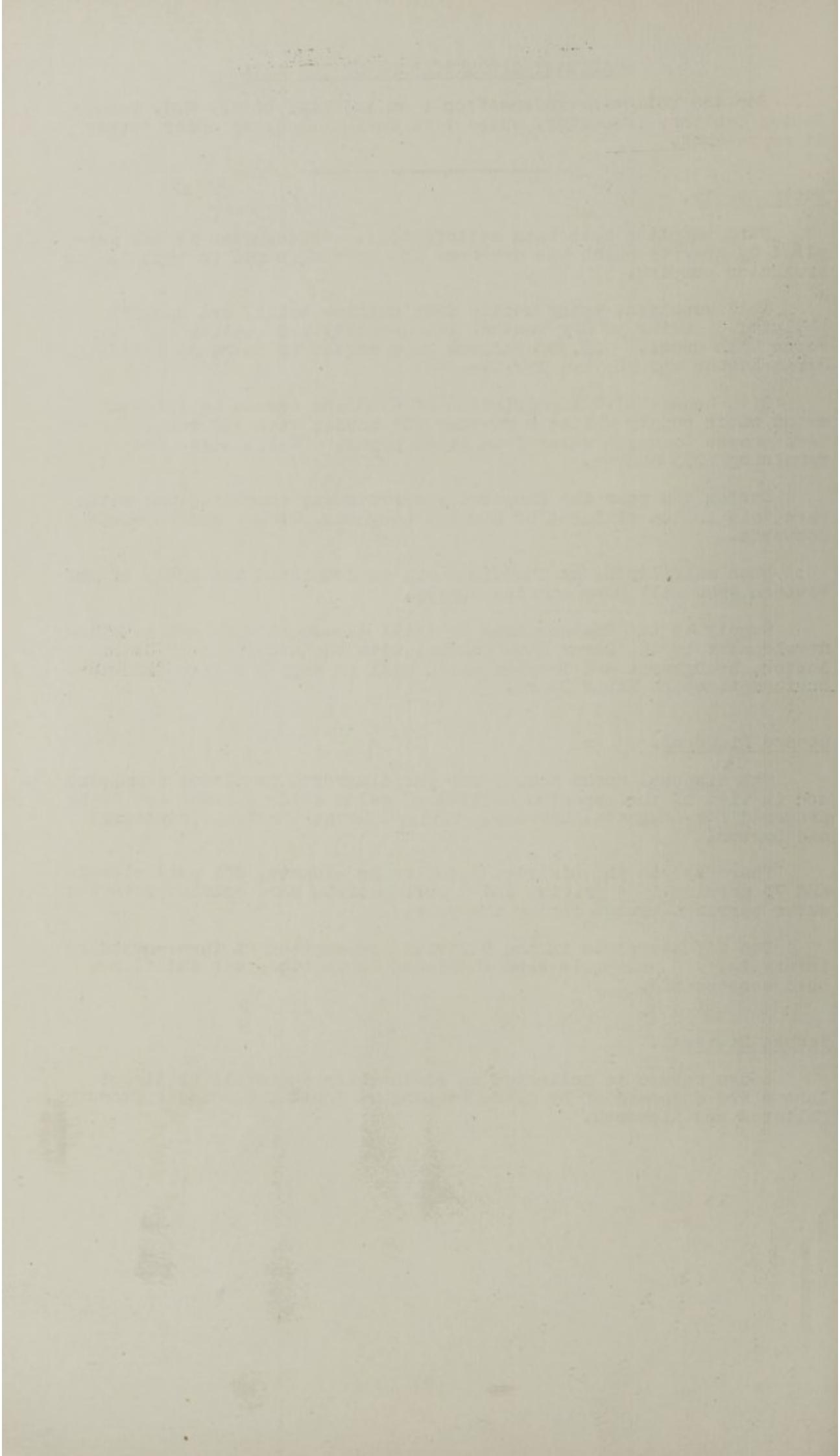
The disposal works scheme for Theddington is almost completed and in view of the expected arrival of mains water schemes are to be prepared for Laughton, Mowsley, Gumley, Great Easton, Bringhurst and Dayton.

There are in the District 3,167 water closets, 201 pail closets and 73 privies. 5 privies and 3 pail closets were converted to the water carriage system during the year.

The 217 cesspools in the District are emptied at three-monthly intervals. 5 cesspools were abolished during the year and 11 new ones constructed.

#### Refuse Disposal.

House refuse is collected at fortnightly intervals by direct labour and disposed of by crude tipping at Foxton, Husband's Bosworth, Hallaton and Kibworth.



Sanitary Inspection of the Area :

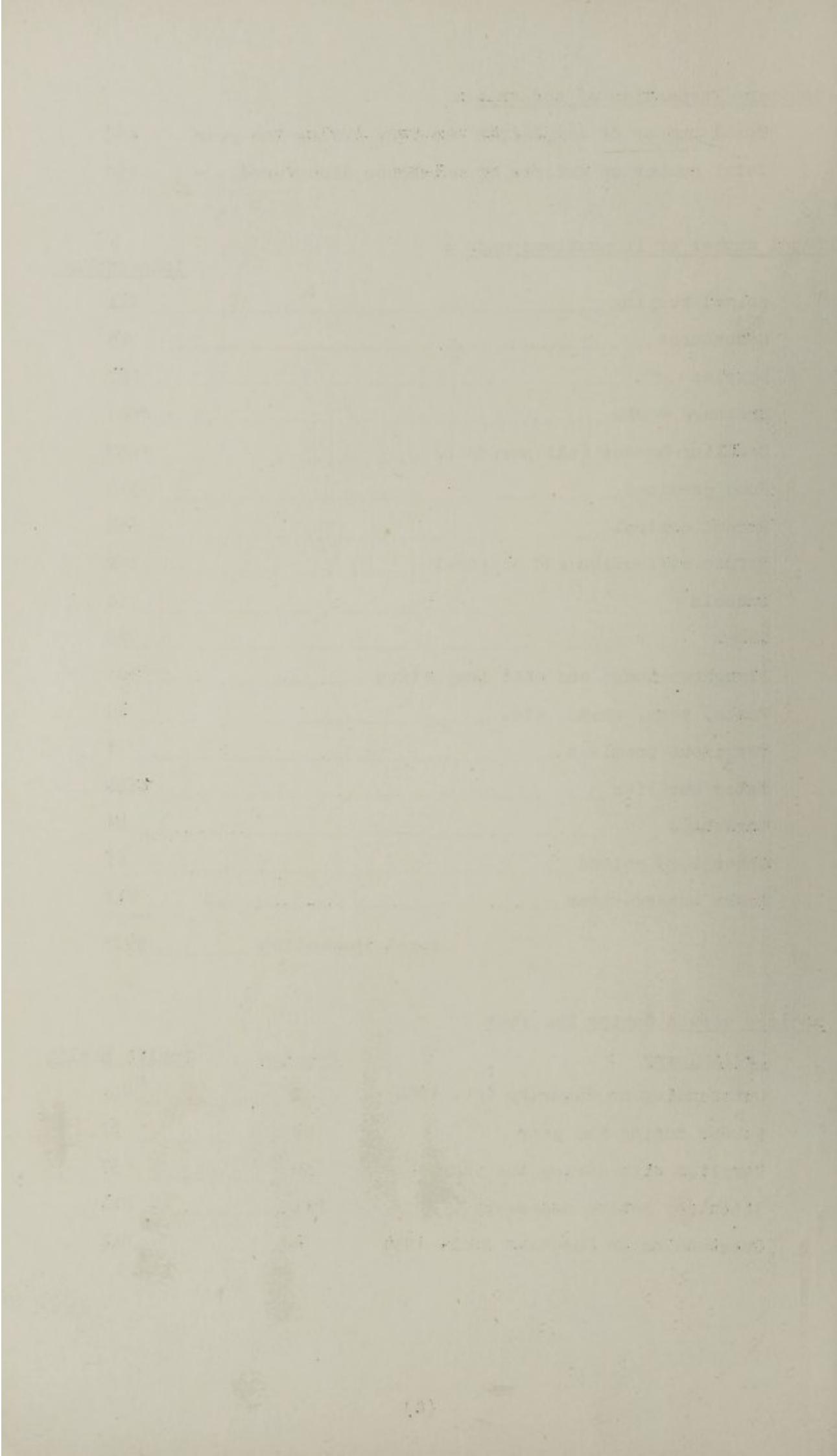
Total number of complaints received during the year	168
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered -	250

Total number of inspections made :

	<u>Inspections</u>
Animal keeping	Nil
Bakehouses	15
Dairies	127
Drainage works	1041
Dwelling-houses (all purposes)	1457
Food premises	318
Rodent control	668
Refuse collection and disposal	182
Schools	16
Shops	22
Slaughter-house and meat inspection	307
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.	19
Verminous premises	1
Water supplies	1644
Workshops	41
Other inspections	67
Smoke observations	Nil
Total inspection	5925

Notices served during the year :

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on Janurary 1st. 1954	5	Nil
Issued during the year	49	37
Complied with during the year	50	37
Statutory action necessary	Nil	Nil
Outstanding on December 31st. 1954	4	Nil



Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Treatment of sewers was carried out with the assistance of Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries operators.

Tips were dealt with by our own workmen, under supervision by the Sanitary Inspectors.

Mouse infestation at Fleckney School was treated on two occasions.

Smoke Abatement.

No action was necessary during the year.

Shops Act, 1950.

No defects were discovered during the year.

Camping Sites.

4 camping sites exist and 7 licences were issued under Section 269, Public Health Act 1936 for moveable dwellings. 19 inspections were made and conditions are good.

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

No premises are licensed under this Act.

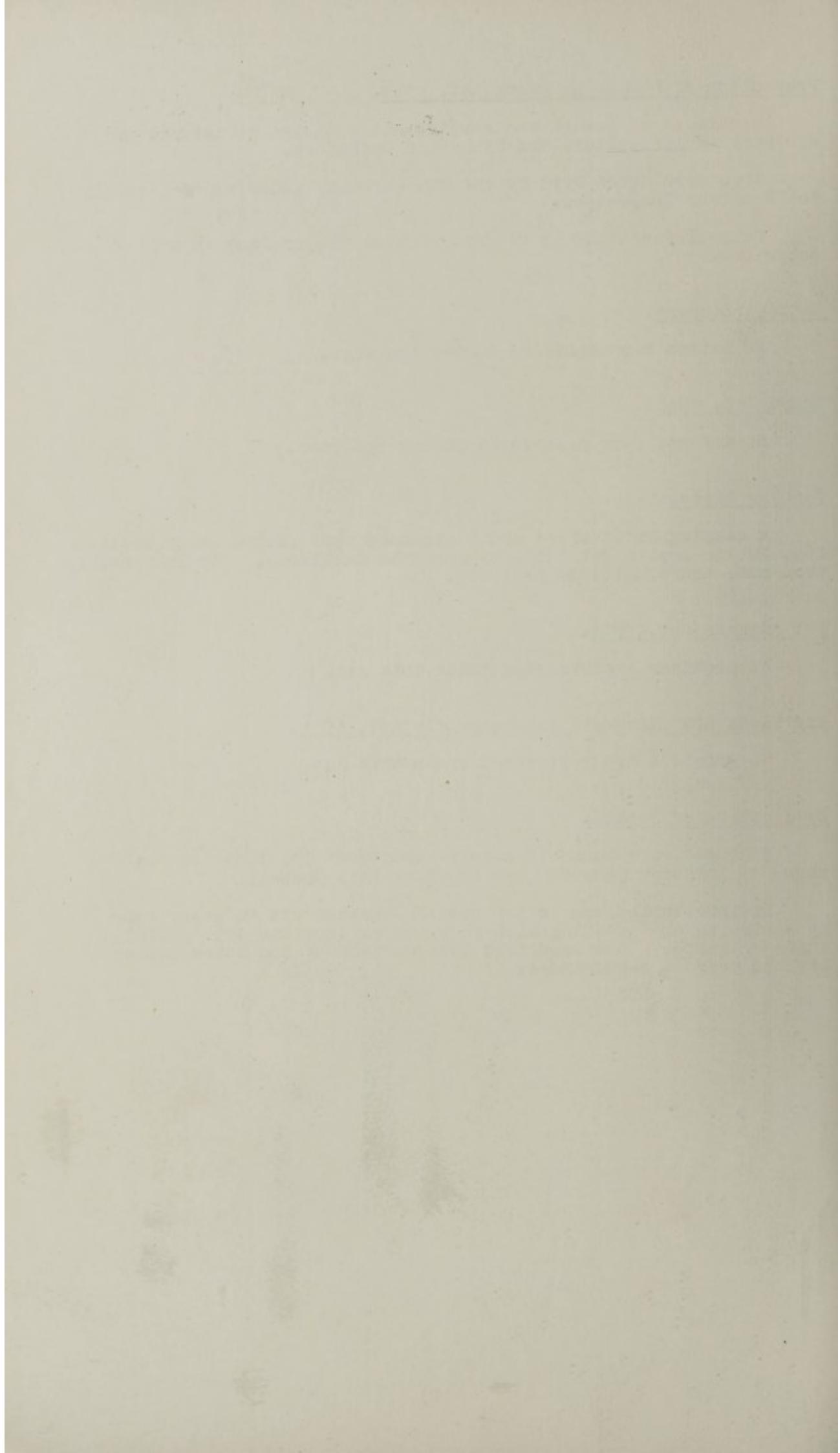
Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

No premises are registered under this Act.

Eradication of Vermin.

3 houses were found to require treatment to eradicate bed bugs. 1 infested property was owned by this Council.

Disinfestation was satisfactorily carried out in every case by stripping and treating with proprietary insecticides applied under pressure. The occupiers were advised of the steps necessary to prevent recurrences.



## THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Ice Cream.

24 premises are registered for sale of ice cream. All ice-cream sold is of the prepacked variety.

No sampling was carried out during the year.

### Milk: Dairies and Distributors.

#### i) Dairies:

Number on Register	3
Number of inspections made	36
Number of contraventions found	Nil
Number of contraventions remedied	Nil

#### ii) Distributors:

Number on Register	9
Number of inspections made	108
Number of contraventions found	Nil
Number of contraventions remedied	Nil

### Milk Sampling.

45 routine samples of bulked milk were taken for biological examination. In 1 of these infection by tubercle bacilli was detected and in a further 1 infection by Brucella abortus.

Stop notices were issued on both occasions and a further 26 individual samples were taken.

### Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Licences issued: 1 Dealers, Pasteurised	6
Sterilised	Nil
2 Supplementary, Pasteurised	3
Sterilised	Nil

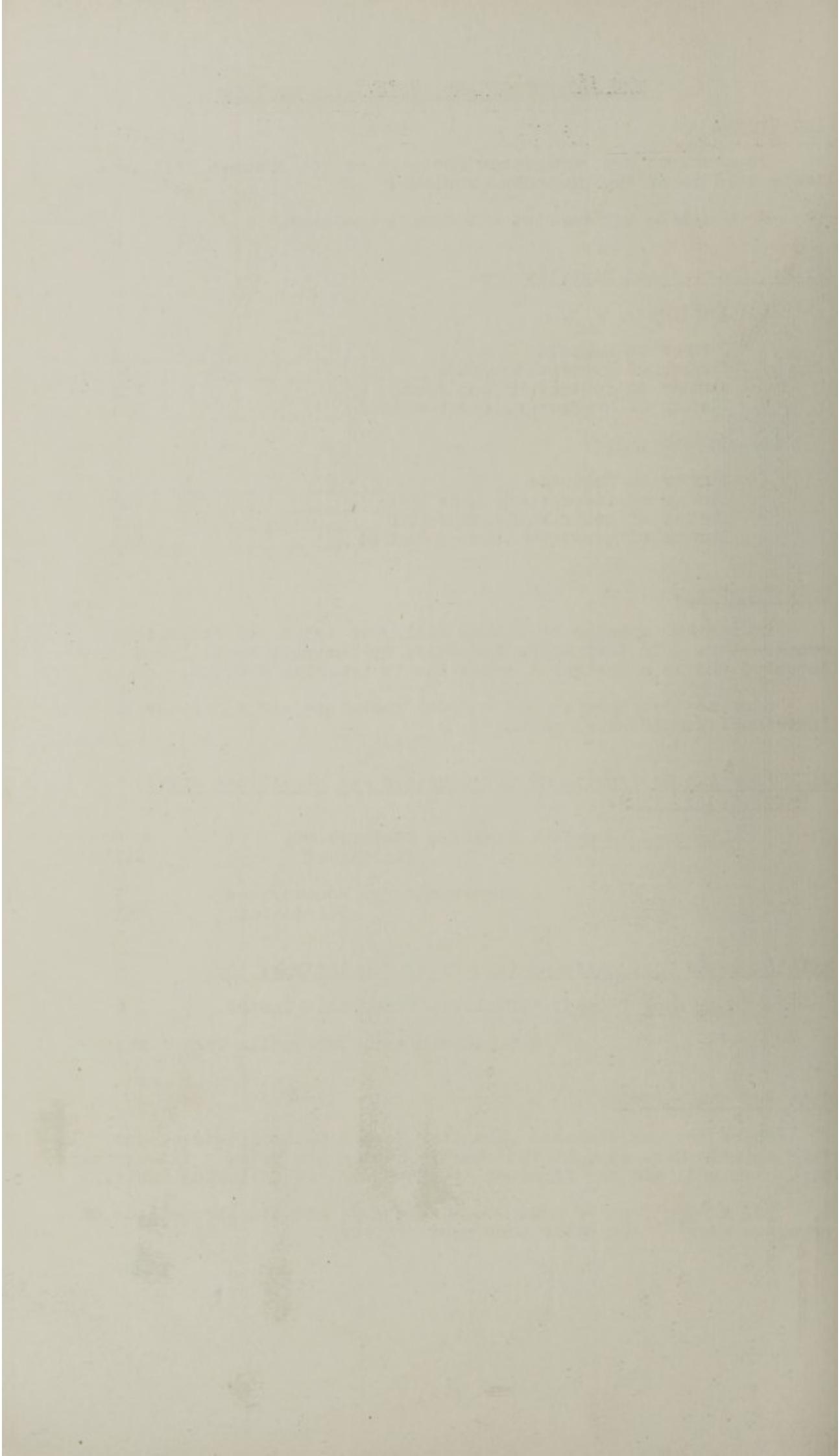
### Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Licences issued: 1 Dealers, Tuberculin Tested	4
2 Supplementary, Tuberculin Tested	Nil

### Meat and other Foods.

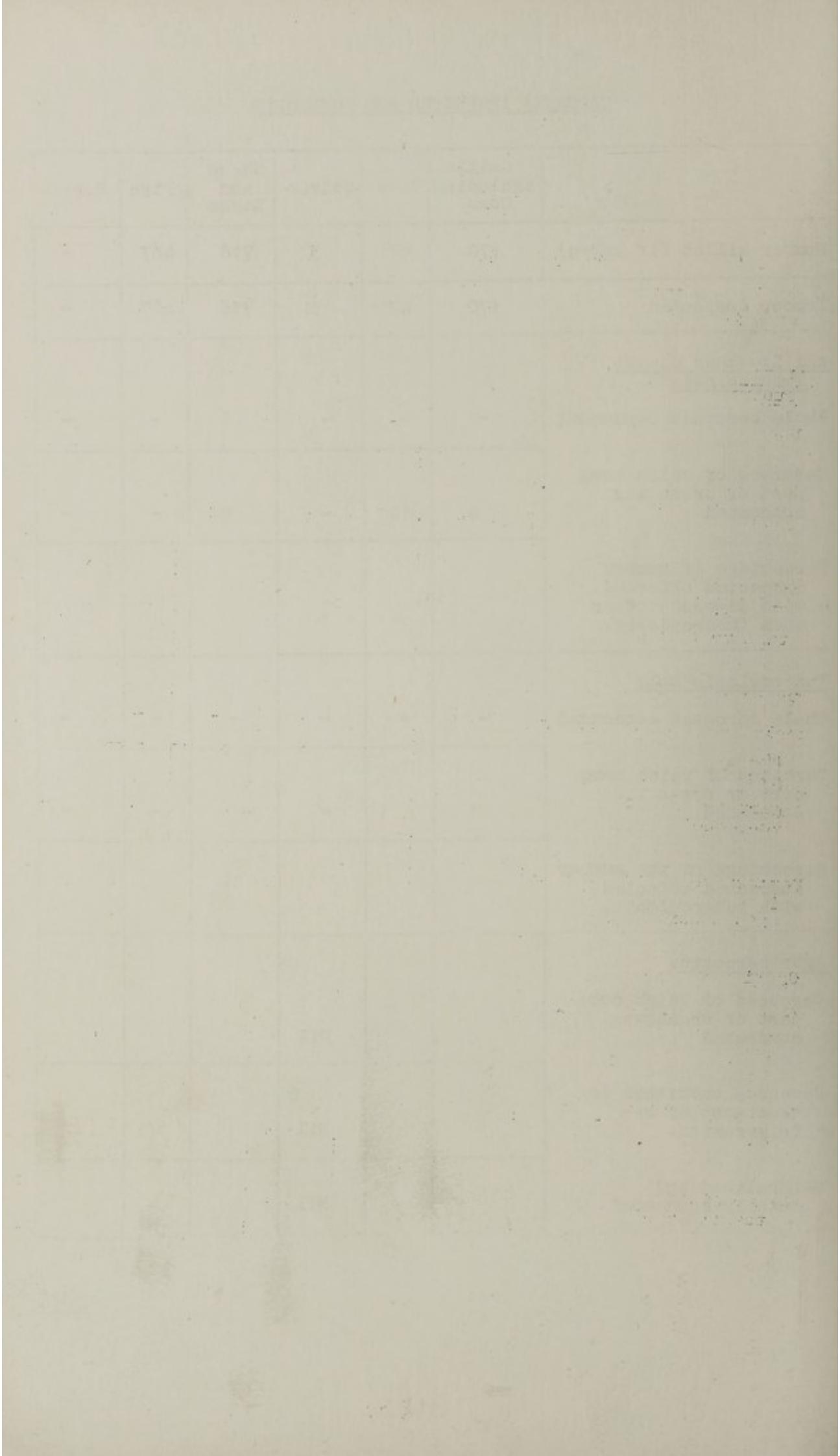
There are six licensed slaughter houses in the District and 1425 animals were slaughtered therein during the year. All carcases were examined, and the findings are shown in the following table.

307 inspections of meat shops were made and 318 inspections of premises where foods other than meat are sold.



CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	170	47	3	718	487	-
Number inspected	170	47	3	718	487	-
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	6	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	10	-	4	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis.						
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	1	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.						
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned				Nil		
Carcases submitted to treatment by re- frigeration.				Nil		
Generalised and totally condemned				Nil		



HOUSING ACT, 1936 : PARTS II and III

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954 : SECTION I

SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME

Part 1. The total problem.

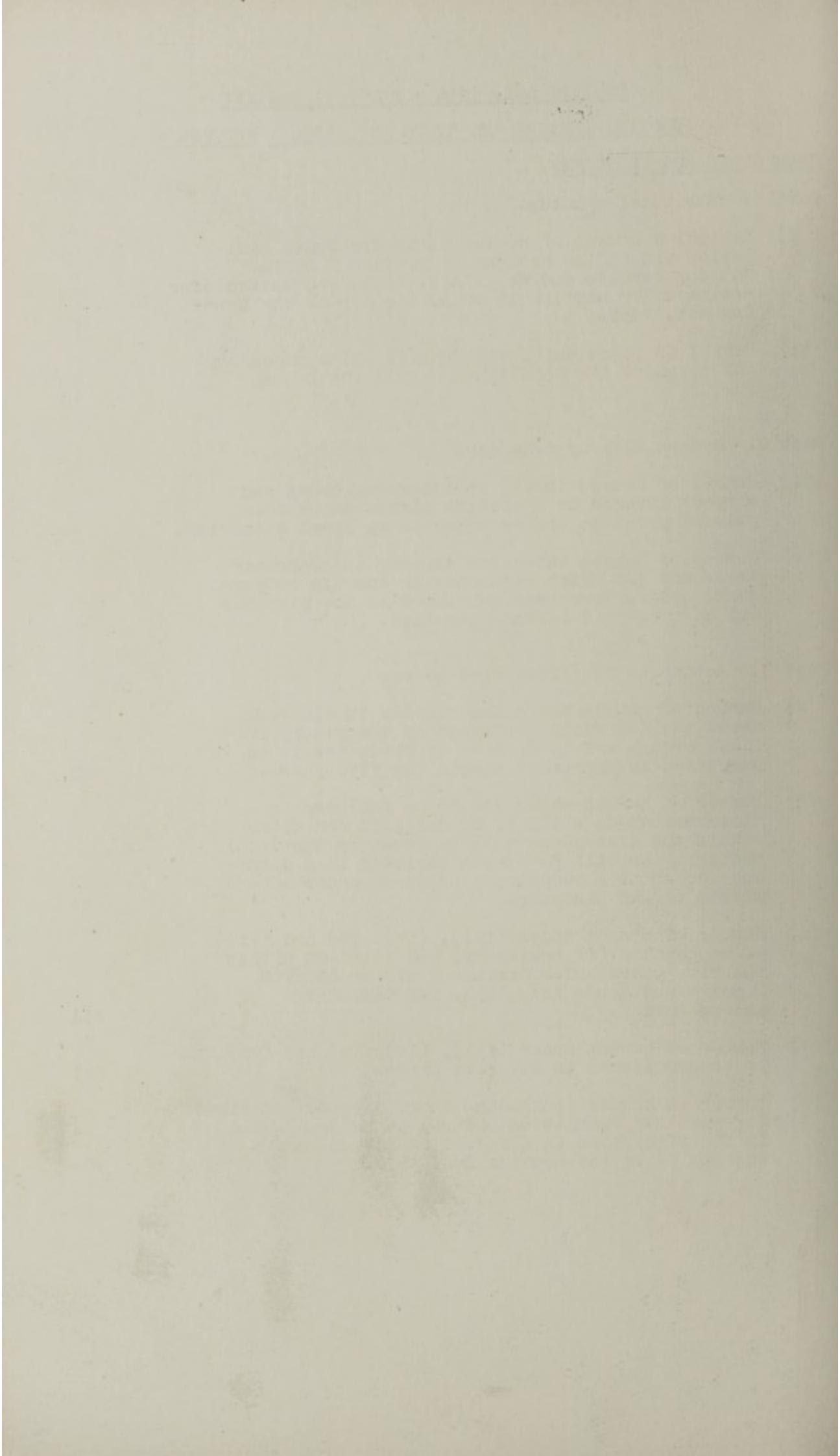
- i) Estimated number of houses unfit for human habitation within the meaning of section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and suitable for action under section 11 or section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936. 107
- ii) Period in years which the Council think necessary for securing the demolition of all the houses in (i) 10

Part 2. Orders already made etc.

- iii) Number of houses in (i) in clearance areas and already covered by operative clearance or compulsory purchase orders or owned by local authority. -
- iv) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders have been submitted to the Minister but have not yet become operative. -

Part 3. Action in the first five years.

- v) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders are to be made or which are to be purchased by agreement within the five years. Nil
- vi) Number of houses which are to be included in clearance areas still to be declared and which within the five years will be owned by the local authority or will have been included in a clearance order or a compulsory purchase order submitted to the Minister. 11
- vii) Number of houses under (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) to be patched (if necessary) and retained within the five years under section 2 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, for temporary accommodation. Nil
- Viii) Number of houses under (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) to be demolished in the five years. Nil
- ix) Number of houses (including those already comprised in operative demolition orders) to be demolished in the five years as a result of action under section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936. 77



## H O U S I N G

### 1. New Houses.

Number of applications for council houses at the end of the year	426
Programme of new council houses :	
Erected during the year	20
Under construction at end of year	2
Number of houses erected during the year by private enterprise	10
Number of houses in course of construction at the end of the year by private enterprise	9
Total number of post-war houses completed by -	
a) Local Authority	388
b) Private Enterprise	70

### 2. Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the year.

a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	710
Number of inspections made for the purpose	929
b) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	107

### 3. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice.

Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	21
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### 4. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

No statutory action was taken during the year.

### 5. Housing Act, 1936.

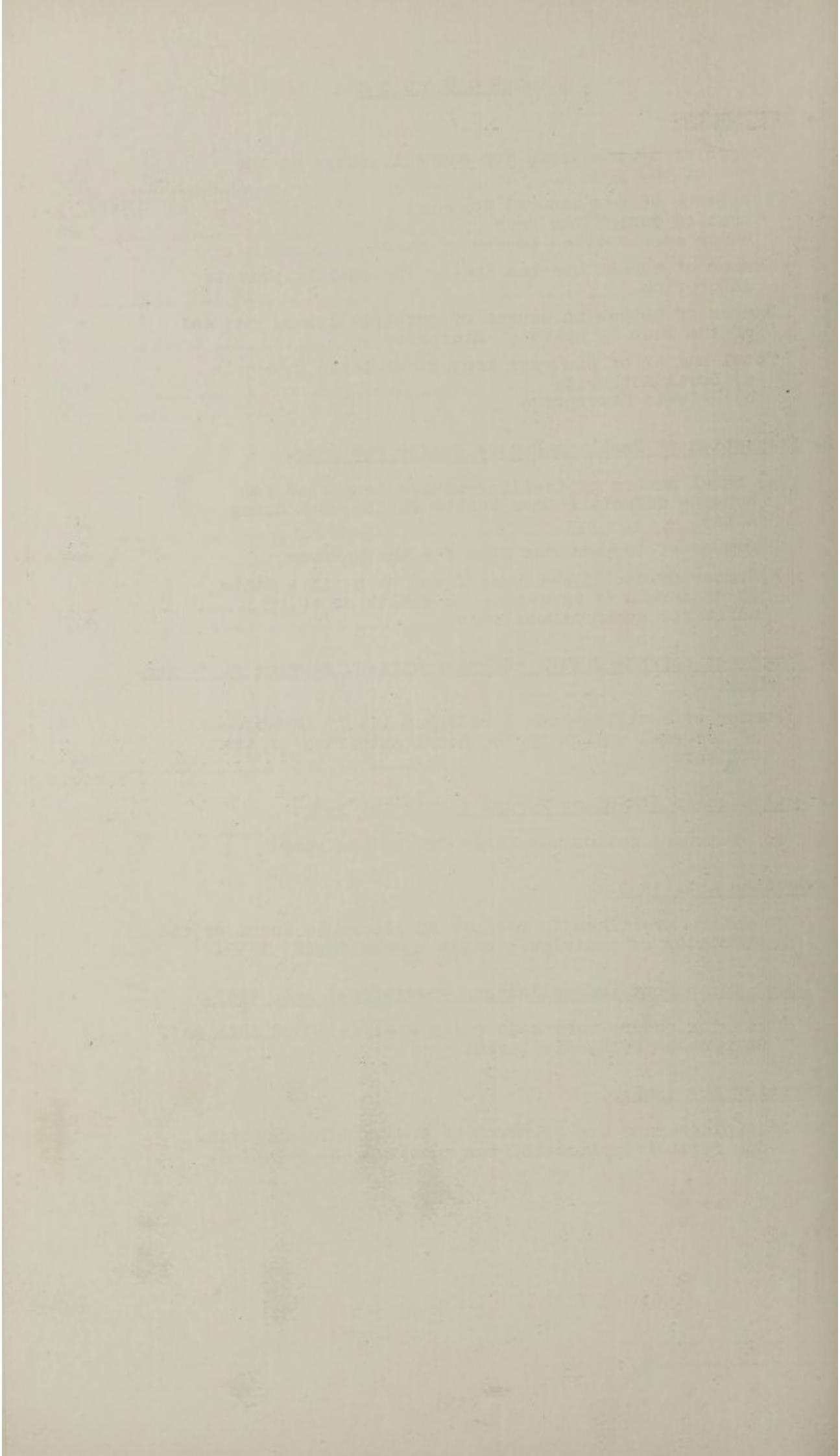
No action was taken in respect of clearance areas or the demolition of individual unfit houses during 1955.

### 6. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.

9 closing orders were made under Section 10 of this Act.  
24 persons being displaced.

### 7. Housing Act 1949.

28 applications for improvement grants were approved.  
One further application was received but rejected.



FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

1. INSPECTIONS

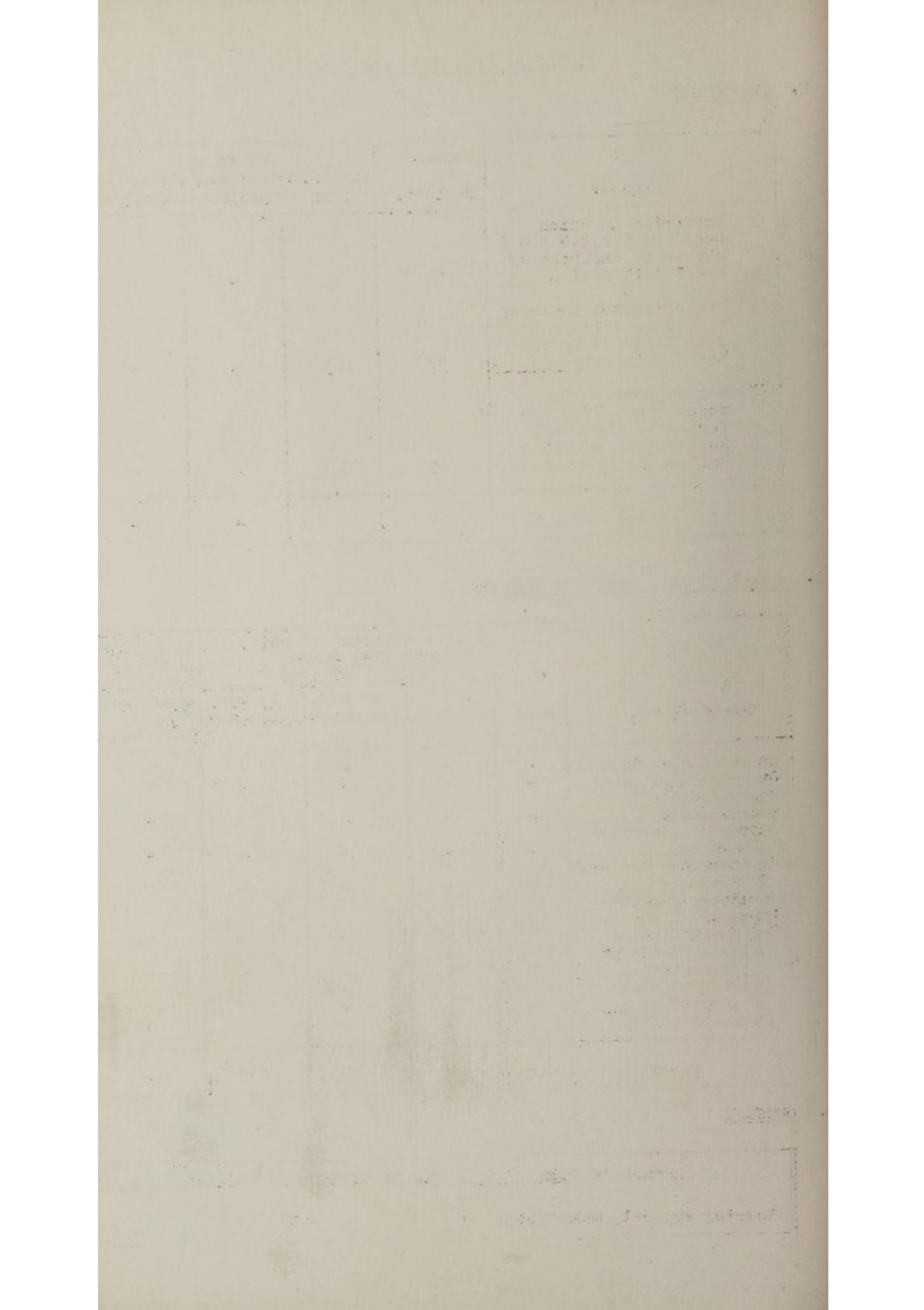
Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspect- ions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	14	32	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	57	103	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	20	43	-	-
Total	91		-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	
	Found	Remedied	Referred			
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector		
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-	
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-	
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-	
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-	
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-	
Sanitary conveniences:						
(a) Insufficient	3	3	-	-	-	
(b) Unsuitable or defective	7	7	-	1	-	
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-	
Other offences	2	2	-	1	-	
Totals	12	12	-	2	-	

3. OUTWORK

Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers on List
Wearing apparel, making etc.	28





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