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RURAL DISTRICT OF MARKET HARBOURGH



ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1956

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Medical Officer of Health

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VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres _____ 45,166.	Number of occupied houses _____ 3278
Rateable Value at 1st. April 1956 _____ £76,578.	Number of houses owned by the Council _____ 586
Sum represented by a penny rate _____ £310.5.2d.	Population (mid 1956) _____ 9,940

BIRTHS

Live births : Legitimate :

Male	74
Female	76
Total	150

Illegitimate :

Male	NIL
Female	1
Total	1

All live births :

Male	74
Female	77
Total	151

Still births :

Male	1
Female	3
Total	4

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population _____ 15.1

DEATHS

Deaths, all causes :

Male	64
Female	58
Total	122

Deaths from puerperal causes _____ NIL

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age :

Male	4
Female	NIL
Total	4

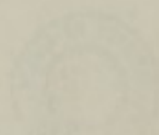
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age :

Male	3
Female	NIL
Total	3

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population _____ 12.2



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Causes of Death.

<u>Registrar General's Classification.</u>					1956					
					Male	Female	Total			
1.	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-			
2.	Tuberculosis, other-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
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	-	-	-	-	-	-			
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	-	-	-	2	-	2			
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-	-	3	3			
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-			
14.	Malignant neoplasms, lymphatic and other	-	-	-	11	4	15			
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-			
16.	Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-			
17.	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	-	-	-	7	8	15			
18.	Coronary disease, angina	-	-	-	3	3	6			
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-	3	4	7			
20.	Other heart disease	-	-	-	11	16	27			
21.	Other circulatory disease	-	-	-	6	4	10			
22.	Influenza	-	-	-	1	-	1			
23.	Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	1	1			
24.	Bronchitis	-	-	-	3	1	4			
25.	Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	-	-	1	1	2			
26.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	-	-	-	2	-	2			
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-	-	-			
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-	3	2	5			
29.	Hyperplasia of the prostate	-	-	-	1	-	1			
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-			
31.	Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	-			
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	-	-	5	8	13			
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-	1	-	1			
34.	All other accidents	-	-	-	3	1	4			
35.	Suicide	-	-	-	1	1	2			
36.	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Total deaths, all causes					-	-	-	64	58	122

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CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

IMMUNISATION

During 1956 ninety seven children under the age of five years received their primary immunisation against diphtheria. Sixty three older children received further injections to maintain their immunity.

For the first time vaccination against poliomyelitis was offered to selected groups of children between the ages of two and nine years. 33 children were vaccinated. This represents 2.1 % of those eligible.

BCG vaccination was again offered to children of school leaving age. 18 boys and 10 girls accepted it.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were no deaths recorded as due to this disease although two cases died from associated illness.

Three new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified and one further case came to live in the District.

Five cases left to live elsewhere and one case achieved cure.

The cases known to be living within the District at the close of the year are as follows :

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis _____	21	38	59
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis _____	10	7	17
TOTALS _____	31	45	76

OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

The following cases of infectious disease were notified :-

Measles _____	2
Whooping Cough _____	3
Scarlet Fever _____	1
Dysentery _____	5
Erysipelas _____	1

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

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

WATER SUPPLY.

Mains water supplies remained satisfactory and distribution throughout the District was extended. Laughton, Mowsley and Gumley are now receiving bulk supplies from the Leicester Corporation. Husbands Bosworth and Theddingworth are supplied from the Market Harborough U.D.C. works at Husbands Bosworth, whilst Great Easton is supplied by the Northampton Water Board Mains. This latter supply will ultimately be extended to Bringhurst and Drayton.

Further extensions of mains water are dependant on the maturation of the River Dove Scheme possibly as early as 1959.

2305 dwelling houses now have an internal supply serving a population of 7350. 131 houses have external standpipes, whilst 832 houses still rely on wells and expose a population of 2262 to some risk.

Samples of mains water which were taken during the year were in connection with tests on new mains. 20 such samples were taken.

3 samples of well water were taken. All proved unfit for domestic use.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The District is served by 73 privies, 193 pail closets and 3134 water closets, the latter discharging to some 17 publicly owned sewage works, 12 sewer dykes, one private system and in one case direct into a watercourse. In addition there are some 210 cesspools.

The Theddingworth works was completed during the year and preliminary work has been carried out on schemes for Gumley, Laughton and Mowsley, and Great Easton. The scheme for Thorpe Langton is delayed although approved in principle.

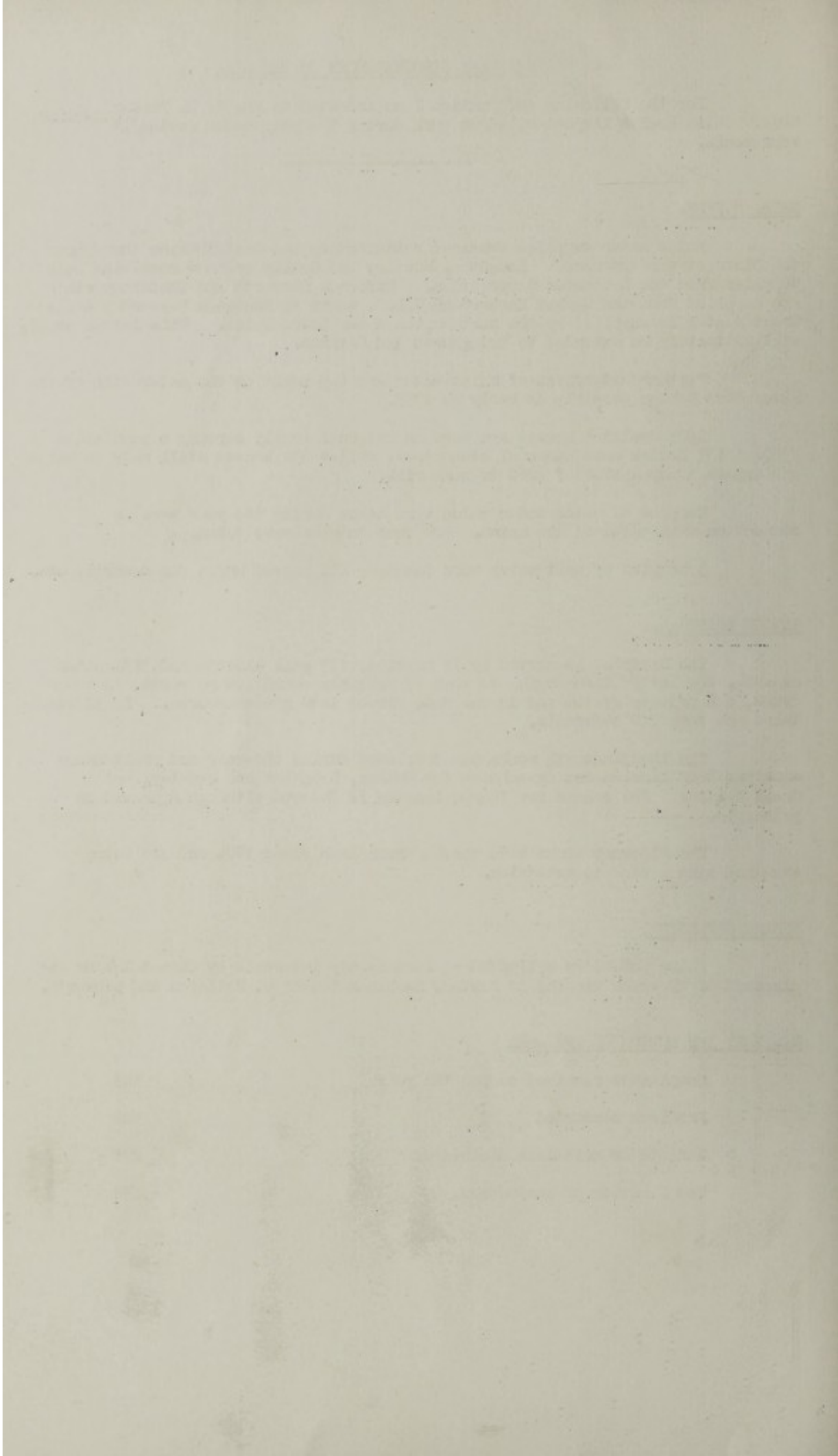
The Fleckney works have served their area since 1904 and are being examined with a view to extension.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

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

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA :

Complaints received during the year	143
Premises concerned	147
Defects or nuisances discovered	271
Total visits of inspection	6,458



TOTAL NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS MADE :

	<u>Inspections</u>
Bakehouses	21
Dairies	60
Drainage works	904
Dwelling-houses (all purposes)	1140
Food premises	405
Rodent control	488
Refuse collection and disposal	211
Schools	14
Shops	12
Slaughter-house and meat inspection	489
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.	21
Verminous premises	NIL
Water supplies	2536
Workshops	16
Other inspections	94
Smoke observations	47

NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR :

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on January 1st. 1954.	4	Nil
Issued during the year	28	55
Complied with during the year	26	55
Statutory action necessary	Nil	Nil
Outstanding on December 31st. 1954.	6	Nil

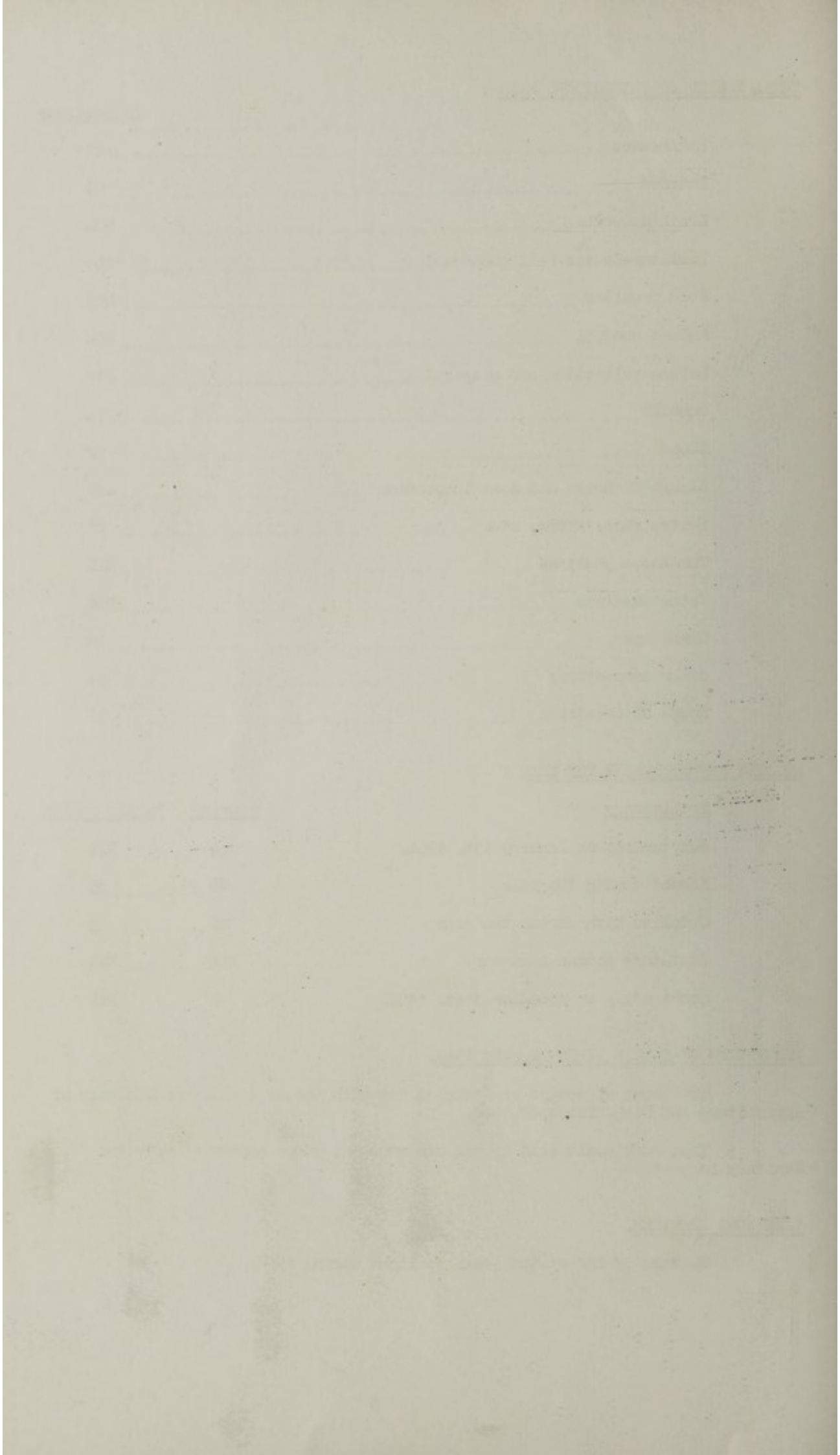
PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

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.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

No case of infestation came to light during 1956.



CAMPING SITES.

5 camping sites exist and 5 licences were issued under Section 269 of Public Health Act 1936 for moveable dwellings.

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951 and
RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT 1951.

There are no premises affected by the operation of these Acts.

SHOPS ACT 1950.

No defects were found during the year.

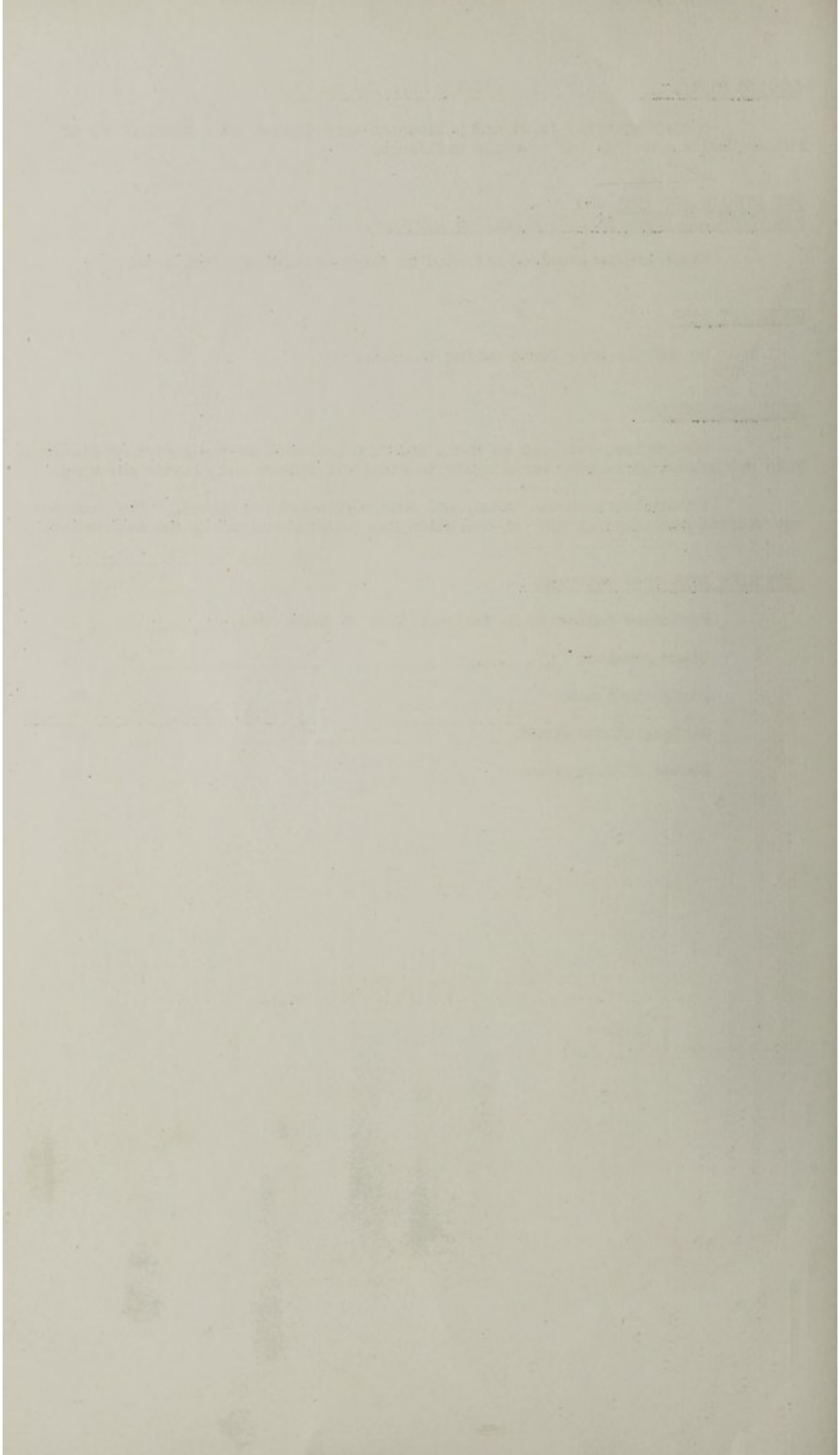
SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Observation was kept on smoke and fume nuisance in the parish of Fleckney. This was caused by burning scrap cable to rid it of rubber and plastic covering.

Informal action was taken, and some improvement obtained. The premises are visited periodically and co-operation has been maintained by the management.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948.

Factories concerned in the operation of these Acts	73
Other premises	19
Inspections made	224
Contraventions found	NIL
Number of outworkers	62



THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955.

These regulations are now in operation. Traders concerned with food handling have been given an abstract of the Regulations and advised how to implement their requirements. In general demands have been well received and complied with.

Premises inspected	84
Visits made for this purpose	364
Informal notices served	20
Informal notices complied with	18

ICE CREAM.

29 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. The prepacked variety is the only product sold. No sampling was carried out.

MILK : DAIRIES AND DISTRIBUTORS

	<u>Dairies</u>	<u>Distributors</u>
Number on Register	2	13
Inspections made	8	52
Contraventions found	NIL	NIL

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS 1949, and MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS 1949.

Licences issued :-

Dealers :	Pasteurised	5
	Tuberculin tested	2
Supplementary :	Pasteurised	2

MILK SAMPLING.

20 samples of milk were taken for examination. In none of these was there evidence of infection by tubercle bacilli or Brucella abortus.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

There are six licensed slaughter-houses in the area.

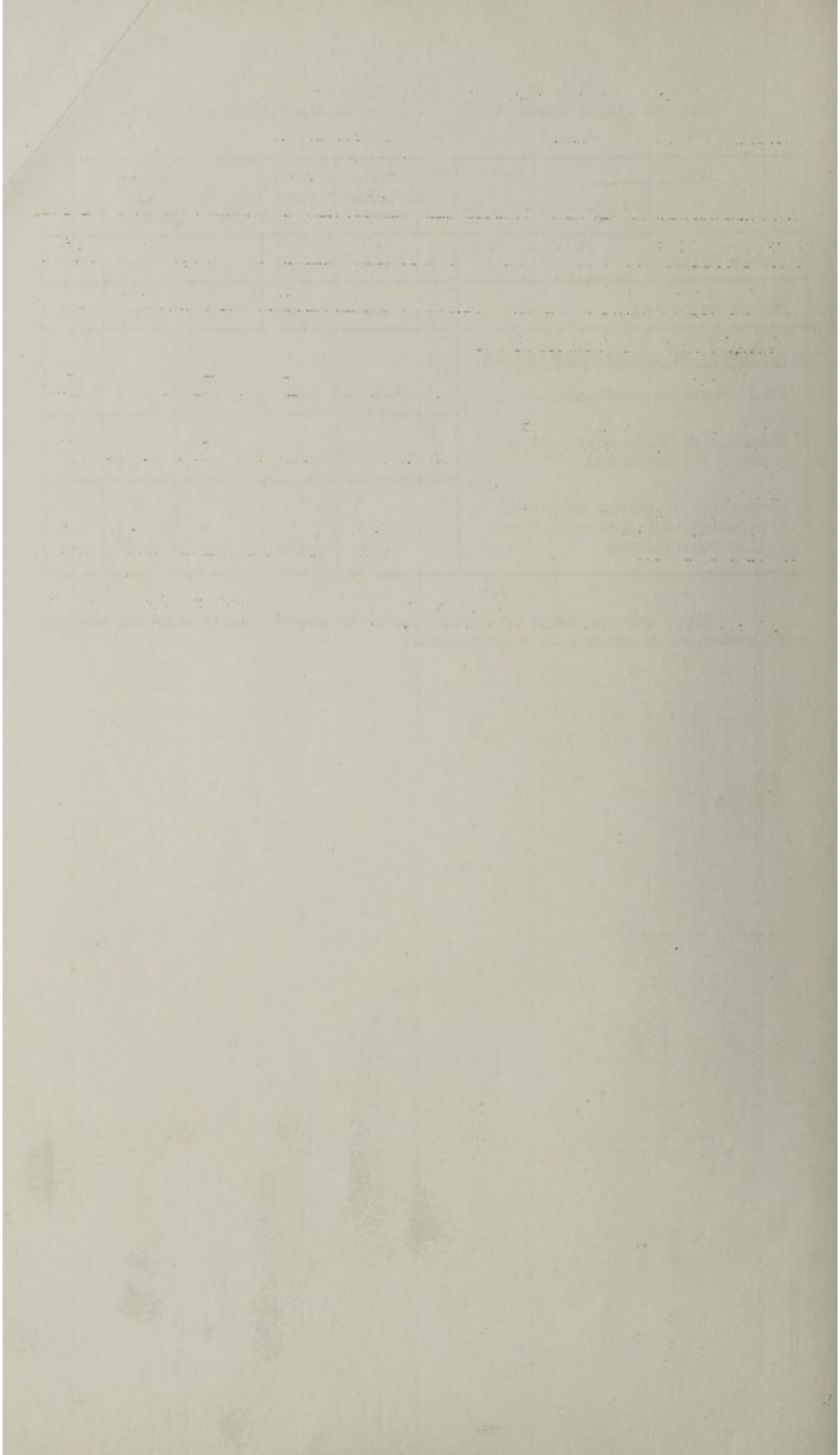
Animals slaughtered during 1956	2138
Animals examined at time of slaughter	2138
Visits made for this purpose	489
Inspections of meat shops	44
Inspections of places where other foods are kept	320

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The results of examinations are shown in the following table :-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lembs	Pigs
Number killed	266	20	16	1510	326
Number inspected	266	20	16	1510	326
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	3	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	8	12	-	1	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	3.0%	60%	-	0.2%	-

There were no cases of cysticercosis discovered and in only one cow was part condemned on account of tuberculosis.



H O U S I N G

1. New Houses.

Number of applications for council houses at the end of the year	180
Applications received during the year	68
Programme of new council houses :	
Erected during the year	2
Under construction at end of year	NIL
Number of houses erected during the year by private enterprise	9
Number of houses in course of construction at the end of the year by private enterprise	13
Total number of post-war houses completed by :	
a) Local Authority	390
b) Private Enterprise	79

2. Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the year.

a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	500
Number of inspections made for the purpose	529
b) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	93

3. Repairs.

Houses rendered fit after informal action	20
Houses rendered fit after service of formal notice	1

4. Housing Act, 1936.

	<u>No. of Houses.</u>	<u>Persons Displaced.</u>
Houses demolished as a result of Section 11 procedure	3	6
Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking	18	28

5. Housing Act, 1949.

Applications for improvement grants are accepted and dealt with on merit. 30 applications were received in 1956. 19 of these were approved and 11 rejected.

6. Purchase of Houses by Agreement.

2 houses were acquired by the Council during 1956.

