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ANNUAL REPORT

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and

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for the year

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URBAN DISTRICT OF MATLOCK

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To the Chairman and Members of the Matlock Urban District Council
Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health on the sanitary circumstances and vital statistics affecting the Urban District of Matlock for the year 1954.

It is a pleasure to report a distinct drop in the number of cases of measles compared to that of the previous year. The largest number affected, as in the previous year, was in the age group 5, that is when most children have recently started attending school. As infection is usually well established before the first case can be diagnosed, the chance of limiting spread by isolation of contacts is remote, there is a strong argument therefore in favour of allowing them to continue at school until the appearance of symptoms.

The number of cases of whooping cough, although not by any means as large as those in the previous year, exceeds that of measles, this is unusual but again the largest number affected is in the age group 5. The risk of complications is greatest in infancy and every effort should be made to guard babies from contracting this infection.

The incidence of acute poliomyelitis is low and only one case of paralysis which has happily made a complete recovery.

Pulmonary tuberculosis is down by half and most of the cases are mild in character.

Many years have passed since we had to record a death directly attributable to childbirth, unfortunately there has been one case - but this rare occurrence only serves to show how ante natal care has made childbirth such a safe procedure.

As preventative measures have rendered the incidence of infectious diseases a comparative rarity, there remains chiefly the problem of the so called circulatory diseases, e.g. high blood pressure and coronary disease and their occurrence at an earlier age, and also that of malignant disease. These problems are vast but some day their secrets should be revealed.

Another problem which can be wide sweeping in it's effects is much nearer solution given care and cooperation on the part of the public, is that of food poisoning. Care in handling, strict personal cleanliness, the careful preservation of uncooked and previously cooked dishes, particularly meat, can practically eliminate the occurrence of food poisoning. The Health Department is always at the service of the general public and to give advice and help on the preparation, handling and preservation of food.

Thanks are due to the members of the Health Committee for their help during the past year and to those officials who so readily give their assistance.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Town Hall,
Matlock.

G.L.Meachim,

May 1955.

Medical Officer of Health.

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provision as to health
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(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	144	111	2	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	176	142	2	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Reme- died	To H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	5	5	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	2	2	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	2	2	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	11	11	-	-	-

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Nature of work					
Wearing apparel making etc.	21	-	-	-	-

MATLOCK District
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Cases notified during 1954.

		Number of Cases	
		Noti- fied	Removed to Hospital
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary		8	6
Tuberculosis - Other forms		1	1
Smallpox:-			
No. vaccinated and re-vaccinated	Nil		
No. vaccinated in infancy	Nil		
No. unvaccinated	Nil		
Scarlet Fever		8	Nil
Diphtheria		Nil	-
Enteric Fever:-			
Typhoid		Nil	-
Para-typhoid		Nil	-
Puerperal Pyrexia		3	3
Cerebro-spinal fever		1	1
Erysipelas		Nil	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		-	-
Acute Encephalitis			
(a) Infective	Nil	-	-
(b) Post-infective	Nil	-	-
Acute Polio-Myelitis			
(a) Paralytic	1	1	
(b) Non-paralytic	1	1	
Pneumonia		2	Nil
Measles		16	Nil
Whooping Cough		28	5
Food Poisoning		1	1

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES DURING 1934

AGE GROUPS.

KATLOON DISTRICT.

Disease	Under one year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	60-	TOTAL
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	5	1	-	1	-	-	-	8
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil
Enteric Fever:- Typhoid Para-typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil Nil Nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
Whooping Cough	5	1	5	3	3	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	28
Measles	-	-	2	1	2	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Registrar-General's Estimate of Population Mid 1954	18,490
Population Census 1921	15,716
Population Census 1931	16,596
Population Census 1951	17,770
Area in acres	16,598
Rateable Value at 31/3/54	£124,119
Product of Penny Rate 1954/55	£498

	Male.	Female.	Total
<u>Live Births:-</u> Total	127	121	248
Legitimate	122	116	238
Illegitimate	5	5	10

<u>Still Births:-</u> Total	5	3	8
Legitimate	5	2	7
Illegitimate	-	1	1

<u>Deaths all Ages:-</u>	117	103	220
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Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of Age:-

Total	4	4	8
Legitimate	3	4	7
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age:-

Total	2	3	5
Legitimate	2	3	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Birth Rate is 13.41 per 1,000 population

Death Rate is 11.89 per 1,000 population

Phthisis Death Rate .16 per 1,000 population

Other Tuberculosis Deaths - NIL

Respiratory Death Rate 1.08 per 1,000 population

Infantile Death Rate under 1 year 32.25 per 1,000 Births

Infantile Death Rate under four weeks 20.16 per 1,000 Births

Still Births .43

TABLE OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY FOR 8 YEARS.

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Birth Rate	21.64	18.45	16.50	15.99	14.73	12.66	15.45	13.41
Death Rate all causes	13.55	10.88	12.04	12.48	13.21	10.98	10.73	11.89
Deaths under 1 year - all causes per 1,000 live births.	27.10	20.96	46.66	30.40	25.73	21.46	21.05	32.25

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF NEW TUBERCULOSIS CASES
IN MATLOCK AREA.

TUBERCULOSIS Age Period	NEW CASES				MORTALITY			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
15	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
35	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
65	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
	4	4	-	1	2	2	-	-

Causes of Death (Civilians only)	Males	Females	Total
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	2	2	4
2. Tuberculosis, Other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	2	1	3
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	1	2
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	5	1	6
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	-	1
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	2	2
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	2	2
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	5	8	13
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-	-
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	13	21	34
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	20	8	28
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	4	1	5
20. Other Heart Disease	16	17	33
21. Other Circulatory Disease	7	8	15
22. Influenza	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	1	3	4
24. Bronchitis	10	2	12
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	4	-	4
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	1	2	3
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	2	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-	2
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	1	1
31. Congenital Malformations	2	2	4
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined diseases	12	13	25
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-	2
34. All other accidents	4	5	9
35. Suicide	1	1	2
36. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-	-
Total Deaths, all causes	117	103	220

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR

MATLOCK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL 1954

Chairman of the Council

Councillor J. Turner, J.P., C.C.

Vice-Chairmen

Councillor Mrs A.M. Greateorex

Health Committee

Chairman: Councillor T.N. Johnson

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Mrs W.A. Dimmock

Councillors: J. Allen

F.W. Beddington

C.D. Baddley

T.W. Spencer

Mrs A.M. Greateorex

E.C.P. Stevens

S. Tomlinson

J. Turner J.P., C.C.

C. Widdeson

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:-

G. Leslie Meachim M.B., Ch.B.

Sanitary Inspector:-

C. Raymond Lill, C.R. San. I., M.S.I.A.

Housing Assistant:-

R.G. Childs

Clerk:-

A.S. Duncan

Statistical Summary.

Rateable Value of General Rate at 31/3/54	£124,119
Estimated product of a Penny Rate 1954/55	£498
Area of District	16,598 acres
Population (Mid 1954 Census)	18,490
Number of inhabited houses	5,573
Rainfall	39.04

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee,
Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is again my pleasure to submit for your information my 10th Annual Report and a resume of the work done by the Health Department is set out on the following pages.

We looked forward with expectancy to the new legislation to be introduced in 1954, viz., Housing Repairs and Rent Act 1954, clarification of the slum clearance procedure, reconditioning of unfit houses, improvement grants, Food and Drugs Act, Clean Air Act and last but by no means least the derationing of meat and return to private slaughtering with the necessary new regulations in connection therewith. I have made special mention in this Report at a later stage with regard to meat. In connection with the Housing Repairs and Rent Act certain extra work has been entailed relating to increased rents and consequent inspections, but to date nothing of great consequence has come of this. Preliminary work is being done in preparation for the survey of sub-standard properties to be included in the comprehensive proposals to be submitted to the Ministry in August 1955. Staff difficulties for this and other expected added responsibilities increase this problem but it is hoped to be able to submit a programme in time. It is pleasing to note from reports that applications for improvement grants are now coming in due, no doubt, to publicity in connection with this scheme and also, I hope, in some measure to the quiet but persistent campaign I have been waging during my numerous inspections of properties and discussions with owners. Over the last few years this scheme has improved and will continue to improve numerous good but old properties by providing them with modern amenities.

It is also pleasing that at long last extensions to the Lea sewage works are now proceeding, this will enable the sewage from the whole of our District to be dealt with at these works in a proper manner and goes a long way to encouraging the sanitary improvement of our District. The commencement of a sewerage scheme for the Darley Dale area is now within sight and it is expected that a start will be made in 1955 and gives hope for great sanitary improvements in that area. The extensions to water supplies to unpiped areas is also another great step forward and with the ability to proceed with water laid on in pipes to houses effected should improve the sanitary amenities then possible. I do feel that the Council should be strongly recommended when these water supplies are in the houses and the new sewers made available that compulsory conversion to the water closet system should be given serious consideration and so do away once and for all with that anachronism the night soil cart.

I do sincerely record my appreciation of the support awarded to me by the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, to the Officials of other Departments, the Medical Officer of Health and to the staff of my Department, both inside and out, for the help which without doubt keeps any department running smoothly

Town Hall,
Matlock.
May 1955.

I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
C.R. Lill,
Sanitary Inspector.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR - 1954

Inspections made & nuisance abated	Inspections	Defects Remedied
Miscellaneous	314	136
Defective privies, pails etc.	5	1
Conversion of privies to w.cs	10	2
Conversion of pails to w.cs	256	48
Conversion of privies to pails	-	-
Defective water closets	13	10
Additional water closets	22	22
Dust bins	85	70
No disconnection of waste pipes	-	-
Waste pipes, traps, drains	53	25
Drains obstructed	84	46
Drains reconstructed	78	45
Paving of courts and yards	9	6
Roof repairs	29	17
Rain water piping and eaves	35	23
Defective sinks	32	21
Windows	23	13
Walls	13	10
Dampness	81	35
Water Supply	9	2
Premises cleaned	10	6
Offensive accumulations	2	2
Pigsties	14	8
Fireplaces	14	8
Floors	10	7
Plaster	25	17
Doors	5	5
Food storage	5	5
Washing facilities	6	3
	<u>1,242</u>	<u>593</u>

Housing inspections	346
Factories, workshops & offices	142
Dairies, distributors, samples	69
Meat Inspection	493
Fish and Chips	24
Butchers	51
Cafes etc	20
Bakehouses	13
Licensed premises	34
Food shops	84
Ice Cream	77
Market stalls	16
Slaughterhouses	401
Swimming Pools	29
Tents, Vans, Moveable dwellings	47
Controlled Tip & Depot	218
	<u>2,064</u>

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Wearing
apparel
making
etc.

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GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

	No. on Register	Increase or Decrease	Inspections Made.
Bakehouses	16	3	13
Canal Boats	-	-	-
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-
Dairies	5	+1	19
Factories & Workplaces	176	-	142
Houses let in Lodgings	-	-	-
Ice Cream Premises	107	+8	77
Market stalls	-	-	16
Milk Distributors	12	+2	27
Moveable Dwellings (a) Sites	10	-1	11
(b) Dwellings	112	-5	47
Offensive Trades	1	-	12
Outworkers	21	+1	12
Preserved Food Stores	19	-	26
Slaughterhouses	7	+2	401
Knackers Yards	-	-	-
Swimming Baths	3	-	29
Shops	335	-	175

SAMPLING.

	No. of Samples taken	Meth. Blue	
		Sat.	Unsat
Ice Cream	31	30	1
		Meth. Blue Phosphatase	
		Sat. Unsat	Sat. Unsat.
Milk (a) Routine	21	19	1 20 -
		Positive	
(b) Biological	14	-	14
		Sat.	Unsat.
Water (a) Mains	135	126	9
(b) Other sources	Nil		
(c) Swimming Baths	26	24	2

WATER SUPPLIES.Est. Pop.
Involved.

No. of houses in district connected to mains	5,185	16,592
No. of houses in district supplied from standpipes on mains	48	154
No. of houses in district not supplied from standpipes or mains	339	1,085
No. of connections made during year:-		
(a) existing houses	8	
(b) new houses	119	
(c) other premises	6	

DRAINAGE.

No. of houses in district connected to sewers	4,908	15,706
No. of houses in district not connected to sewers	585	1,872
No. of connections made during year:-		
(a) existing houses	35	
(b) new houses	128	
(c) other premises	3	
No. of conversions of other closets to w.cs	48	

HOUSING.

New houses erected during year by:-

(a) Local Authority	106	
(b) Private Enterprise	10	
(c) Other local authorities	12	
No. of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).....	474	
No. of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....	346	
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation...	5	
No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority.....	227	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	2	
No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	2	
No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted	3	
No. of premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made	NIL	
No. of Improvement Grants made during the year.....	8	
No. of dwelling houses "improved" during year.....	9	

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

We had 5.04% of sickness and absence during 1954, .44% in excess of 1953. This figure compares very favourably with those of neighbouring authorities. This absence, however, does mean that time lost is almost equal to one man being absent for the whole year and without doubt creates difficulties in maintaining a good service, particularly in the two winter quarters when 1830 hours were lost due to sickness.

Operational Statistics

No. of premises from which refuse collected	6,053
Dustbins emptied weekly	5,120
Total refuse collected (test weighings)	5,645 tons
Weight per 1000 population per day (365 days to year)	17 cwt
Density of refuse, Summer, cwt per cubic yard	4.59
Density of refuse, Winter, cwt per cubic yard	6.43

<u>Total Net Cost:-</u>	per 1000 population	£415
	per 1000 premises	£1,358
	per ton	26/6d

The whole of the districts' house and trade refuse has again been disposed of by controlled tipping at Dimple Farm site. We have maintained a regular and systematic collection of house refuse in a satisfactory manner during the year, great credit must go to your Foreman and members of the service for so efficiently carrying out their trying duties, often during periods of sickness and very bad weather conditions. As is usual overalls, gloves, rubber boots and donkey jackets have been provided as protective clothing during the year.

In an endeavour to meet an urgent need and to give your men better facilities for clothes drying the Depot has been improved, a four section boiler installed with heating pipes and a compartment formed for clothes drying, this facility is appreciated and working satisfactorily.

We are now working on the second five year section and making preparations for the third section. The soil covering to the first section has been roughly levelled by bulldozer and is ready for further working down in preparation for it's final development, it is expected that some commencement will be made during 1955 on the work necessary to bring it into use as a playing field, which was foreseen at the time of purchase in 1946.

The income from salvage sorted from refuse at the tip during 1954 was £292 with a total income taken during the seven years life of the controlled tip of £2,322.

The voluntary bin supply scheme is still in operation in the district but the demand has considerably slowed down during 1954.

SALVAGE.

Salvage waste paper is now urgently needed by the paper mills, prices are steady with an improved trend and we have an assured price until March 1956. Tonnages collected keep a good level and although more paper is wanted, and is indeed to us a good proposition for income, we seem to be at about our limit without extra paper drives or an incentive bonus.

TABLE OF SALVAGE INCOME.

	Tons Paper	Income Paper	Tons all Salvage	Income all Salvage
1945/46	93	594	101	629
1946/47	83	529	82	550
1947/48	104	687	114	803
1948/49	166	1187	183	1318
1949/50	196	1354	248	1475
1950/51	203	1504	226	1555
1951/52	234	3828	260	3934
1952/53	202	1741	236	1875
1953/54	214	1545	259	1731
1954/55	210	1608	257	1789
	1705	£14,577	1966	£15,659

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD & MILK DISTRIBUTION.

Milk.

A Ministry of Food circular was received in relation to the introduction of the Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) (No.3) Order 1953 as from 1st January 1954. Since that date, therefore, only bottled pasteurised or tuberculin tested milk has been retailed in the district.

21 samples have been taken for Methylene Blue Test one of these being unsatisfactory. 14 samples were submitted to Biological Test none of which proved positive.

31 further milk samples were taken by the Food and Drugs Authority, 2 samples contained small amounts of added water and the vendors were cautioned. The remaining samples of milk were genuine and of satisfactory quality.

The following were registered with this Authority for the year ending December 1954:-

Distributor or Dairy Premises	12
Dealers - Tuberculin Tested	27
Dealers - Pasteurised	27

Number of visits or inspections - 69

This duplication of milk licences for only annual periods throws a lot of unnecessary work on the department and I see no reason why a composite licence for a longer period, say of three years, could not be initiated.

Other Foods.

47 forms of Voluntary Surrender of Food Unfit for Human Consumption have been issued during 1954 as follows:-

Meat	39 lbs	Tomatoes	38 tins
Meat (Tinned)	14 lbs	Evap. Milk	7 tins
Ham	151 lbs	Fish	28 lbs
Tongue	1 lb	Fruit	103 tins
Cheese	34 lbs		

84 visits have been made to food shops.

24 samples of other foods were taken by the Food and Drugs Authority all of which were satisfactory with the exception of three samples of oranges which on analysis were found to contain thiourea preservative. These oranges were traced back to importers and found to be of Spanish origin and the institution of proceedings, together with representations by the Ministry to the packers in Spain, led to the discontinuance of the use of thiourea on oranges for export to this country.

The Food and Drugs Authority results are supplied through the courtesy of the County Analyst, R.W.Sutton Esq., B.Sc., F.R.I.C.

Ice-Cream.

Manufacturers of Ice-cream	1
Sale of Ice-cream	122
No. of visits to the above	77

31 samples of ice-cream were taken during the year for analysis under the Methylene Blue Test and were graded as follows:-

<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
26	4	Nil	1
Pleasing results but it would be gratifying to see all samples in Grade 1.			

OTHER FOODS, (CONTINUED).

Bakehouses.

13 inspections have been made at the 19 Bakehouses on our register and a reasonable standard of cleanliness has been maintained.

Some improvement is taking place in delivery vehicles now that the supply of vehicles is easier.

Fish and Chip Shops.

24 inspections have been made at 8 shops. No notices for lack of cleanliness have been issued. One shop has been reopened after the carrying out of improvements to premises and renewal of frying range had been asked for. This shop is now being maintained in a reasonable condition.

LICENSED PREMISES.

Licensed Premises in District - 46 Inspections - 34

The very necessary work of improving sanitary accommodation and washing facilities at licensed premises has been maintained, four further premises have been so improved, nine premises require some work including one house which has done some of the work in connection with sanitary accommodation but not for washing facilities. One has submitted plans for work this next year, one or probably two will be surrendering licences and therefore are only carrying out the necessities. One house is negotiating for extra land on which to provide the necessary facilities and one house is at present preparing plans for improvements. Taken by and large however a good job has been and is being done by the various companies on licensed premises in this district to bring their facilities up to a decent modern hygienic standard and in doing so the decent living conditions of the tenants is not being forgotten.

WATER SUPPLIES.

After complaint on analysis of private water supplies in two areas of your district, viz., Upperwood, Matlock Bath and Dunsley Mills area, the Council have decided to extend public water mains to supply these areas, after which notice will be served to discontinue the private supplies for domestic purposes.

HOUSING.

474 housing inspections have been made in connection with complaints, in the course of routine inspections and as a check on applications for Council houses.

The provision of sufficient decent houses is still a problem in the district and without doubt provision will soon have to be given by the Council to building more houses to enable demolition and clearance of worn out properties to be proceeded with.

SWIMMING POOLS.

26 samples of water have been taken from the public and privately owned swimming pools, 24 of these were satisfactory and 2 from the private pool unsatisfactory, this was found to be caused by some lack of attention to the chlorinating plant at the beginning of the season and was quickly remedied with no further trouble.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948, SECTION 47.

No action was necessary under the above Act.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

2 premises were cleared and disinfected during the year.

TENTS, VANS & MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

We have sites for 112 vans and moveable dwellings situated on 10 sites as against 117 vans and moveable dwellings on 11 sites last year.

The moveable dwellings are all kept in a reasonable condition the one at Darley Dale being exemplary and a credit to the district.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

(1) No. of portable dustbins emptied by Council	6149	(4) Water Closets	4976
(2) Premises visited for waste paper	175	(5) Pail & Earth Closets	729
(3) Pail closets emptied by Council	380	(6) Cesspools in Area	39

Conversions.

Number of pails and privies converted to W.Cs - 50

MEAT INSPECTION.

For some 14 years meat had been on the ration and all slaughtering done at the Ministry of Food slaughterhouse at Bakewell when suddenly it was rumoured that meat was to come off the ration, Ministry of Food slaughterhouses closed and private slaughterhouses reopened. It was not, however, until 9th February 1954 when we received a copy of The Report of the Interdepartmental Committee on Slaughterhouses, that we had any idea of the implications of this. Immediate action had to be taken now and to further this inspections were carried out and reports made to the Committee on the conditions at existing private slaughterhouses and a meeting with the Master Butchers' Association was arranged when recommendations were made to enable work of improvements and repair to be completed by the time of de-rationing in July 1954. With the ready cooperation of the butchers concerned seven slaughterhouses were agreed to and the work necessary to bring them up to decent standard approved, so that by the time private slaughtering came we were ready, and it is pleasing to note that by this quick action by all concerned we were able to get through the transitional period from public slaughtering on ration to private slaughtering off the ration without difficulty.

Since private slaughtering, apart from the terrific amount of extra time taken now on meat inspection, things are going well, there is a decided improvement in the quality of meat in the shops with a decisive decrease in the quantity of meat condemned as will be seen from the comparison contained in the following schedule. Up to the time of rationing 32 visits of inspection had been made but since that time 461 inspections have been necessary for meat inspection purposes. 401 inspections of slaughterhouses have also been made during alterations and since re-opening and am pleased to report that same are all kept in excellent condition.

I feel sure that the drop from 29.06% to 21.10% for all diseases in young cattle and particularly the decrease from 16.23% to 12.06% of young cattle affected with tuberculosis is gratifying and with the added results from cows showing a drop from 48.46% to 31.81% shows not only more selective buying but a general betterment in cattle health.

The majority of transport and handling has been in private butchers hands and reasonably maintained during the year.

MEAT INSPECTION 1954.

BAKEWELL & NATLOCK KILLINGS

JANUARY - JUNE 1954.

BAKEWELL KILLINGS

(Ration Period)

	Cattle Excluding Cows					Cows only					Cattle Excluding Cows					Sheep & Lambs		
	6 Mths Ration Period	6 Mths Private Period	Full Year	6 Mths Ration Period	6 Mths Private Period	Full Year	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Lambs	Pigs				
Number killed	234	199	433	130	176	306	33	2053	867	234	130	-	943	436				
Number inspected	234	199	433	130	176	306	33	2053	867	234	130	-	943	436				
All diseases except T.B.																		
(a) whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	1	-	-	-	-	1				
(b) carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	68	42	110	38	38	76	-	146	30	68	38	-	11	16				
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	29.06	21.10	25.40	29.22	21.56	24.83	3.33	7.11	3.46	29.06	29.22	-	1.07	3.66				
Tuberculosis only:-																		
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	2	4	-	4	-	-	4	1	4	-	-	3				
carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned. (including whole carcasses)	38	24	62	63	56	119	-	-	21	38	63	-	-	11				
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	16.23	12.06	14.31	48.46	31.81	38.88	-	-	2.42	16.23	48.46	-	-	2.52				

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949.

The following is the Annual Report on Rodent Control for 12 months ended 31st March 1955 submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				Agri-cultural
	Local Authy	Dwelling Houses	All other (including Business Premises)	Total of Cols 1,2,3	
I. No. of properties in Local Authority's District	39	5303	826	6181	115
II. No. of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	2	27	12	41	6
(b) Survey under the Act	48	502	148	698	21
(c) Otherwise (e.g., when visited primarily for some other purpose)	2	11	6	19	-
III. Total inspections carried out-including re-inspections	352	1478	664	2494	37
IV. Number of properties inspected (in Sect.II) which were found to be infested by:					
(a) Rats { Major	-	-	1	1	
{ Minor	12	65	38	115	6
(b) Mice { Major	-	-	-	-	-
{ Minor	4	7	12	23	-
V. Number of infested properties (in Sect.IV) treated by the L.A.	12	72	44	128	6
VI. Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	53	126	72	251	6
VII. Number of notices served under Sec.4 of the Act:					
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work	-	-	-	-	-
VIII. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sec.4 of Act	-	-	-	-	-
IX. Legal proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
X. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	1	13	3	17	-

