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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 1957.

As each year comes up for review it is obvious that the struggle against infection increasingly favours human beings. An assessment of the value of modern drugs however, must keep in mind the fact that micro-organisms in their desire for survival are able to develop fresh characteristics with which to defend themselves, often with success, against these drugs. Constant research for the modification of old drugs or the discovery of new ones, is required, to overcome the natural resistance, often quite recently acquired, of these resourceful microbes.

Whilst there is new knowledge gained and new methods of prevention and fighting disease constantly being discovered even longer living may be anticipated. Prolongation of old age therefore raises further problems. It should be our aim to care for old people whilst remaining at home as long as possible and, removal to hospital should be a last and desperate resort. The provision of adequate and suitable accommodation is desirable and, the part local authorities are playing and, will have to play in the future is becoming more and more plain. Whilst old age may be free from disease, infirmity tends to increase with age. Sight and hearing may not be so acute and reactions consequently slowed - an increased liability to falls hence the provision of non-slip floors - no unnecessary mats to trip over - fireguards and the provision of foolproof electrical and gas appliances - a minimum of steps and stairs - constant supply of hot water from a central source and a minimum amount of cooking and cleaning.

After the provision of suitable and adequate housing, two important factors remain, the one social the other economic. Corporate action should be taken to ensure visiting and, nursing care when required, to make old people, particularly those isolated from friends and relatives, feel that they are wanted and still constitute an essential part of the community. Finally any scheme for the benefit of the aged must be consolidated by the provision of a pension adequate to the needs of the time.

The question of safeguards for old people must take into account the provision of suitable clothing to guard against catching fire, and this applies with equal force to that worn by women and children. Many of the new fabrics are highly inflammable and efforts are being made to provide flame proof material. Meanwhile loose flowing garments, e.g. nightdresses for children should be avoided and the need for guarding all heating appliances is imperative. There are approximately 500 deaths per annum from clothing burns and 2000 seriously injured.

I wish to thank the members of the Health Committee, and also other members of the Council for their help, and thank also Officials for their cooperation during the past year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G.L.Meachim,

Medical Officer of Health.

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES DURING 1957

AGE GROUPS

MATLOCK DISTRICT[illegible]

MATLOCK District

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Cases notified during 1957

		Number of Cases	
		Noti- fied	Removed to Hospital
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary		5	4
Tuberculosis - Other forms		Nil	-
Smallpox:-			
No. vaccinated and re-vaccinated	Nil		
No. vaccinated in infancy	Nil		
No. unvaccinated	Nil		
Scarlet Fever		2	-
Diphtheria		Nil	-
Enteric Fever:-			
Typhoid		Nil	-
Para-typhoid		Nil	-
Puerperal Pyrexia		Nil	-
Cerebro-spinal fever		Nil	-
Erysipelas		Nil	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		Nil	-
Acute Encephalitis		Nil	-
(a) Infective		Nil	-
(b) Post-infective		Nil	-
Acute Poliomyelitis			
(a) Paralytic		2	2
(b) Non-paralytic		-	-
Pneumonia		1	-
Measles		80	-
Whooping Cough		2	2
Food Poisoning		Nil	-
Meningococcal Infection		1	1

Immunisation Against Diphtheria - Children Immunised
1957

Under 1 year.....	150
1 to 4 (incl.).....	76
5 to 14 (incl.).....	61
	<u>287</u>

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

1957

	Number on Register	Inspection tations	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	31	36	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	131	88	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	162	124	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH WERE DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

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

<u>OUTWORK</u>	No. of out-workers in August list reqd by Section 110(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel making etc	12	-	-	-	-	-

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Registrar-General's Estimate of Population Mid 1957	18,280
Population Census 1921	15,716
Population Census 1931	16,596
Population Census 1951	17,770
Area in acres	16,598
Rateable Value at 31/3/57	£196,607
Estimated Product of Penny Rate 1957/58	£750

	Male.	Female.	Total.
<u>Live Births:-</u> Total	127	123	250
Legitimate	123	120	243
Illegitimate	4	3	7
<u>Still Births:-</u> Total	3	1	4
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>Deaths all Ages:-</u>	98	97	195

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:-

Total	1	2	3
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age:-

Total	1	1	2
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Birth Rate is 13.66 per 1,000 population

Death Rate is 10.66 per 1,000 population

Phthisis Death Rate .16 per 1,000 population

Other Tuberculosis Deaths - NIL

Respiratory Death Rate .76 per 1,000 population

Infantile Death Rate under 1 year 12.00 per 1,000 Births

Infantile Death Rate under four weeks 8.00 per 1,000 Births

Still Births .21

TABLE OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY FOR 8 YEARS

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Birth Rate	15.99	14.75	12.66	15.45	13.41	13.04	13.46	13.66
Death Rate all causes	12.48	13.21	10.98	10.73	11.89	12.06	11.33	10.66
Deaths under 1 year -- all causes per 1,000 live births	30.40	25.73	21.46	21.05	32.25	20.83	24.39	20.00

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	4	1	-	-	2	-	-	-

Causes of Death	Males	Females	Total
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	2	1	3
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	1	1	2
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	9	-	9
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	4	4
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	3	3
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	5	8	13
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	3	-	3
16. Diabetes	-	1	1
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	12	24	36
18. Coronary Disease, Angine	16	14	30
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	3	-	3
20. Other Heart Disease	13	17	30
21. Other Circulatory Disease	4	10	14
22. Influenza	2	-	2
23. Pneumonia	2	3	5
24. Bronchitis	7	-	7
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	-	2
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	-	2
27. Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	1	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	-	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	-	1	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	4	9
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2	1	3
34. All other accidents	3	2	5
35. Suicide	2	2	4
36. Homicide	-	-	-
Total Deaths, all causes	98	97	195

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MATLOCK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1957

Chairman of the Council

Councillor B.C.P. Stevens, J.P.

Vice-Chairman

Councillor O.R.Tinti, J.P., C.C.

Health Committee

Chairman: Councillor T.N Johnson

Vice-Chairman: Councillor T.W.Spencer, B.E.M.

Councillors: J.T. Allen

F.W. Beddington

F.L. Farmer

P.F. George

Mrs A.M. Greateorex

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O.R. Tinti, J.P., C.C.

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

L. Twigg

Mrs L.Wright

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:-

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

Public Health Inspector:-

C.Raymond Lill, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Housing Assistant:-

R.G., Childs

Clerk:-

A.S. Duncan

Statistical Summary

Rateable Value of General Rate at 31/3/57	£196,607
Estimated product of a Penny Rate 1957/58	£750
Area of District	16,598 acres
Population (Mid 1957 Census)	18,280
Number of inhabited houses	5,684
Council Houses	670
Rainfall	32.99

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

For the 13th time it is my privilege to submit for your information and consideration the Annual Report of work carried out in the Public Health Department.

Some progress has been made this year in our re-housing programme, 8 two-bedroom houses having been completed with 8 families re-housed from demolition or clearance properties. Very little progress, however, has been made in the demolition of these old houses, only 8 houses having been taken down during the year, however 1958 should show better results when the 50 houses now under construction have been completed, this scheme will wipe out the pre-war demolition and clearance orders and go a long way to providing accommodation for those families now being dealt with under new and pending orders.

Conversion to water closets has progressed favourably this year, 55 conversions having been made, including 4 in Improvement Grant work.

Improvement Grants are doing good work in this district by the bringing up to modern standard of old, but good, structurally sound houses, 26 houses have been so improved by grants this year.

There has been a decided improvement in food shops, showing that the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955 are bringing results, but the progress is very slow.

Housing repairs, food premises, rodent control and meat inspection particularly where 100% inspection has been maintained, have constituted a great part of the activities of the department.

In conclusion I should like to express my thanks to the Council, the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, for their support and interest throughout the year, also to the Medical Officer of Health, Officials of other Departments, for their valued cooperation and last, but by no means least, to the Department's staff, both inside and out, for their help in the smooth running of this most important but often difficult public service..

I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Town Hall,
Matlock.

C.R. Lill,

June 1958.

Public Health Inspector.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR - 1957.

Inspections made & nuisance abated	Inspections	Defects Remedied
Miscellaneous	236	118
Defective privies, pails etc	5	-
Conversion of privies to w.cs	15	13
Conversion of pails to w.cs	268	42
Conversion of privies to pails	-	-
Defective water closets	13	9
Additional water closets	5	-
Dust bins	102	105
No disconnection of waste pipes	-	-
Waste pipes, traps, drains	112	69
Drains obstructed	49	20
Drains reconstructed	24	16
Paving of courts and yards	24	10
Roof repairs	67	42
Rain water piping and eaves	33	19
Defective sinks	13	13
Windows	14	6
Walls	21	13
Dampness	62	18
Water Supply	5	5
Premises cleaned	3	2
Offensive accumulations	9	2
Pigsties	2	1
Fireplaces	52	18
Floors	18	6
Plaster	29	10
Doors	8	6
Food storage	5	3
	<u>1,094</u>	<u>566</u>

Housing inspections	254
Factories, workshops & offices	124
Dairies, distributors, samples	8
Meat inspection	720
Fish and Chips	39
Butchers	59
Cafes etc	24
Bakehouses	9
Licensed Premises	23
Food shops	18
Food premises	111
Ice Cream	109
Market Stalls	26
Slaughterhouses	524
Swimming Pools	85
Tents, Vans, Moveable Dwellings	26
Controlled Tip and Depot	194
Offensive Trades	12
	<u>2,366</u>

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Wearing apparel making etc	12	-	-	-	-

GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

	No. on Register	Increase or Decrease	Inspections Made
Bakehouses	9	-	9
Canal Boats	-	-	-
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-
Dairies	5	-	8
Factories & Workplaces	156	-	124
Houses let in Lodgings	-	-	-
Ice-cream Premises	123	+1	109
Market Stalls	-	-	26
Milk Distributors	13	-	5
Moveable Dwellings (a) Sites	10	-2	9
(b) Dwellings	122	-5	26
Offensive Trades	1	-	12
Outworkers	12	-	7
Preserved Food Stores	19	-	14
Slaughterhouses	7	-	524
Knackers Yards	-	-	-
Swimming Baths	3	-	86
Shops	337	-	184

SAMPLING

	No. of Samples taken	Meth. Blue			
		Sat	Unsat	Sat	Unsat
Ice Cream	56	52	4		
		Meth. Blue		Phosphatase	
		Sat	Unsat	Sat	Unsat.
Milk (a) Routine	-	-	-	-	-
		Positive		Negative	
(b) Biological	-	-	-	-	-
		Sat.		Unsat.	
Water (a) Mains	137	133		4	
(b) Other sources	1	-		1	
(c) Swimming Baths	56	50		6	

GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED).WATER SUPPLIESEst. Pop.
Involved.

No. of houses in district connected to mains	5286	16,932
No. of houses in district supplied from standpipes on mains	38	114
No. of houses in district not supplied from standpipes or mains	318	954
No. of connections made during year:-		
(a) existing houses	6	
(b) new houses	49	
(c) other premises	9	

DRAINAGE

No. of houses in district connected to sewers	5184	16,589
No. of houses in district not connected to sewers	498	1,594
No. of connections made during year:-		
(a) existing houses	56	
(b) new houses	66	
(c) other premises	3	
No. of conversions of other closets to w.cs	55	

HOUSING

New houses erected during year by:-

(a) Local Authority	8
(b) Private Enterprise	57
(c) Other local authorities	1

No. of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects
(under Public Health or Housing Acts)..... 254No. of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects
reasonably fit for human habitation..... 224No. of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous
or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.... 10No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence
of informal action by the Local Authority..... 67No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders
were made... 3No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition
Orders... 8No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which undertakings were
accepted... 2

No. of premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made... 3

No. of Improvement Grants made during the year..... 24

No. of dwelling-houses "improved" during year..... 26

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

We had 3.70% of sickness and absence during 1957, a decrease from 5.36% in 1956, a very gratifying result.

Operational Statistics

No. of premises from which refuse collected	6,164
Dustbins emptied weekly	5,006
Total refuse collected (test weighings)	6,376 tons
Weight per 1000 population per day (365 days to year)	19.20 cwts
Density of refuse, Summer, cwt per cubic yard	4.57
Density of refuse, Winter, cwt per cubic yard	5.91

		Matlock	Country Average U.D.C.
<u>Total Net Cost:-</u>	Per 1000 population	£555	£584
	Per 1000 premises	£1,640	£1,811
	Per ton	31/10	31/3

Disposal of the District's house and trade refuse has been carried out on the controlled tip at the Dimple Farm site on the extension area to the first section adjoining Sherriff Lane, this section is not yet completely filled and soil is awaited for final covering.

Although we have had extremely wet weather we have been able to maintain a very fair regular collection and again I think an appreciation is due to the outside staff for the loyal manner in which they have carried out their duties. I feel the provision of decent protective clothing and drying facilities has been appreciated.

The Municipal bin scheme is still in operation, as shown below this year shows that bins of the painted variety are becoming worn out and we again have a greater replacement than in previous years.

	Paid	On Rates	Replacements	Total
1950	63	72	-	135
1951	61	81	-	142
1952	55	57	-	112
1953	55	39	-	94
1954	45	25	-	70
1955	37	24	2	63
1956	44	34	10	88
1957	23	67	19	109
	383	399	31	813

SALVAGE

Although restrictive quotas on waste paper have again been in operation the bonus scheme has proved itself worthwhile, paper tonnage showing a slight increase on 1956 and still has a tendency to rise. Bonus payments for 1957/58 amounted to £625.

TABLE OF SALVAGE INCOME

	Tons Paper	Income Paper	Tons all Salvage	Income all Salvage
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
1955/56	303	2718	359	2973
1956/57	318	2672	363	2963
1957/58	327	2763	365	3027
	2560	£22136	£2952	£23,993

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND MILK DISTRIBUTION.

19 milk samples were taken by the Food and Drugs Authority and all found to be satisfactory.

The following were registered with this Authority for the year ending December 1957:-

Distributor or Dairy Premises	13
Dealers - Tuberculin Tested	26
Dealers - Pasteurised	23

Number of inspections:- 8

Other Foods.

20 forms of Voluntary Surrender of Food Unfit for Human Consumption have been issued during 1957 as follows:-

Meat (Tinned)	78 lbs	Ice-cream Margarine	56 lbs
Ham	24 lbs	Peas	8 tins
Fruit	25 tins	Beans	2 tins
Evap. Milk	5 tins	Salmon	2 tins
Tomatoes	20 tins	Tongue	6 lbs

52 samples of other foods were taken by the Food and Drugs Authority, including 19 milk, in the area, all samples being classed as satisfactory.

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., F.C.

<u>Food Premises</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Visits</u>
Bakehouses	9	9
Butchers Shops	21	59
Catering Establishments	47	24
Wet Fish Shops	6	8
Ice-cream Shops	123	109
General Food Shops	102	111
Licensed Premises	46	23
Market Stalls	6	26
Preserved Food	22	14
Fish & Chip Shops	8	39
	<u>490</u>	<u>422</u>

OTHER FOODS (CONTINUED)

Ice-cream

Manufacturers of Ice-cream	1
Sale of Ice-cream	123
No. of visits to the above	57

56 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>
41	11	Nil	4

Appropriate action and resampling was carried out in all cases of unsatisfactory results.

MARKET STALLS

The market stalls and ground have been maintained in a clean and reasonable condition but until we see all food sold in open markets pre-packed good hygiene and clean food cannot be expected as ideal.

26 visits have been made.

Food Hygiene Regulations.

38 premises selling or preparing food have carried out improvements in line with the Food Hygiene Regulations. It has been necessary to make 111 visits.

Bakehouses.

9 inspections have been made at the 9 Bakehouses on the register, a reasonable standard of cleanliness has been maintained, negotiations are proceeding to bring these up to Food Hygiene Regulation standard.

Fish and Chip Shops.

39 inspections have been made at 8 shops. Again all premises with the exception of one have been maintained in a reasonable manner.

LICENSED PREMISES.

Licensed Premises in District - 46	Inspections - 23
Licensed Clubs in District - 6	Inspections - 3

The work of improving washing facilities, sanitary accommodation and hygiene at these premises has again continued, three premises having been so improved and two further premises are at present having work carried out, whilst plans have been submitted for improvements at two further licensed houses. An entirely new building has been provided for one licensed club to replace the previous unsatisfactory accommodation.

TENTS, VANS AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

We have sites for 122 vans and moveable dwellings licensed on 10 sites.

The moveable dwellings are mostly maintained in a reasonable condition.

26 inspections have been made.

HOUSING.

The building of houses to replace clearance and demolition properties is now well in hand, it will therefore shortly be possible for demolition work to be commenced on more vigorous lines than in the past. A new housing application form and a letter has been sent to all applicants so that the Committee will have a more up to date picture of the real housing need in the district.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

- (1) No. of portable dustbins emptied by Council 6260 (3) Water Closets 5172
(2) Pail closets emptied by Council 284 (4) Cesspools 38

Ward	Converted since 1945	Total Earth & Pail Closets	Pails Collected by U.D.C.	PCs & ECs not Collected
Tansley	46	66	39	27
Riber	-	27	17	10
Matlock	138	41	4	37
Matlock Bath	6	16	15	1
Cromford	68	47	30	17
Bonsall	141	141	104	37
North Darley	123	111	20	91
South Darley	17	85	57	28
	539	534	286	248

Total Conversions from 1945 - 1957 = 539 as under.

1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
7	26	17	24	12	71	74	108	45	50	22	28	55

VERMINOUS PREMISES

2 properties were cleared and disinfected during the year.

MEAT INSPECTION

I have again been able, with the cooperation of the Meat Traders, to keep up a 100% inspection of meat killed in this district and again the selective quality of animals killed is reflected in that no carcasses were condemned during the year.

The tables given show a definite decrease in miscellaneous diseases but a very slight increase in Tuberculosis from 12.43% to 12.97% although this figure is satisfactory when considered along with that of 36.48% in 1948

TUBERCULOSIS %

1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
36.48	27.12	25.76	28.13	29.33	23.96	24.49	13.81	12.43	12.97

The table shows that 2091 animals were slaughtered and inspected at the seven private slaughterhouses entailing 720 inspections. The slaughterhouses have been carefully used and maintained in a decent condition without complaint and have provided adequate slaughtering facilities in the district.

Condemned meat is stained and collected from the slaughterhouses by approved contractors for treatment and disposal for purposes other than human consumption. There is a definite need for legislation to enforce staining of condemned meat at the slaughterhouses and it is hoped that this will be included in future legislation.

MEAT INSPECTION 1957.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	395	160	16	803	717	-
Number Inspected	395	160	16	803	717	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:-</u>						
(a) Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	28	31	-	132	2	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	7.08	19.37	-	16.43	0.27	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:-</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned (including whole carcasses, if any)	27	45	-	1	14	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	6.83	28.12	-	0.12	1.95	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned, carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>All Cattle Killed:-</u>						
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	12.97	-	-	-	-	-

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949
REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1957

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				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	51	5684	832	6557	136
II. No. of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	3	19	27	49	-
(b) Survey under the Act	48	726	235	1009	131
(c) Otherwise (e.g., when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	-	-	-	-
III. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	238	1831	817	2886	151
IV. Number of properties inspected (in Sec.II) which were found to be infested by:					
(a) Rats { Major	-	-	1	-	1
{ Minor	8	30	37	75	8
(b) Mice { Major	-	-	-	-	-
{ Minor	6	11	18	35	-
V. Number of infested properties (in Sec.IV) treated by the L.A.	14	41	39	94	9
VI. Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	55	54	57	166	9
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	16	56	16	88	-



