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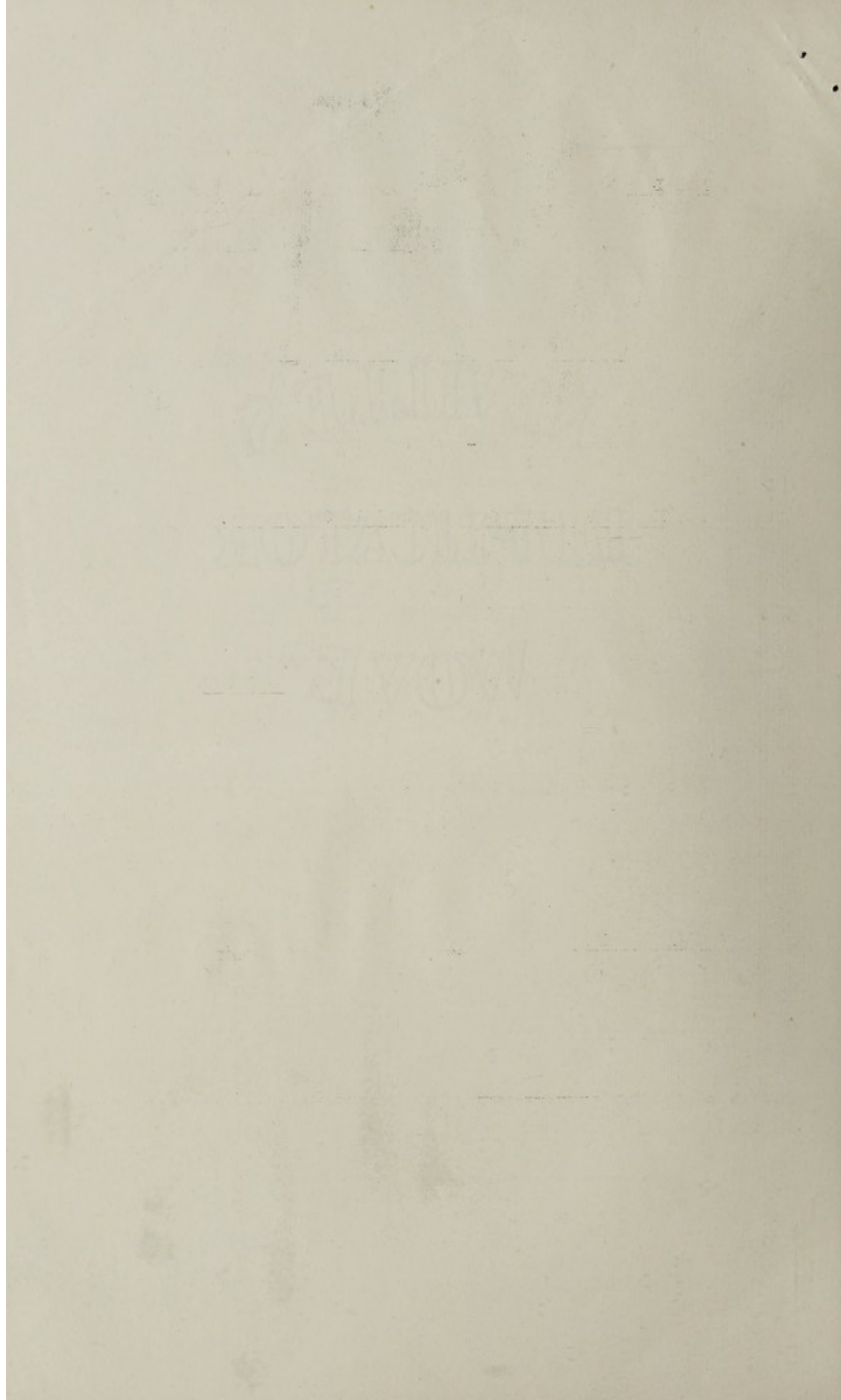
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SANITARY INSPECTOR

- for the -

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1945.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	5,658
Registrar General's estimate of population	11,480
Number of inhabited houses	3,300
Rateable value	£76,428
Sum represented by a penny rate	£298

VITAL STATISTICS

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Live Births	Legitimate	118	114	232
	illegitimate	16	8	24
		<u>134</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>256</u>
Still B irths	Legitimate	4	3	7
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
		<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>

Birth Rate per 1,000 population	22.3
Birth Rate for England and Wales... ..	16.1.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Number of Deaths	70	66	136
Death Rate per 1,000 population...			11.8.
Death Rate for England and Wales			11.4.
Deaths from puerperal causes (headings 29 and 30)			1.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Deaths of infants under			
1 year of age			
legitimate	1	3	4
illegitimate	1	1	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live Births	23
Infant Mortality Rate for England & Wales	46



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<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Whooping Cough		1	1
Tuberculosis of respiratory system		3	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis		1	1
Syphilitic Diseases		1	-
Cancer of the buccal cavity & oesophagus		1	-
Cancer of the Uterus		-	2
Cancer of the stomach and Duodenum		3	3
Cancer of the Breast		-	4
Cancer of all other sites		7	5
Diabetes		-	1
Intracranial vascular lesions		6	5
Heart Disease		28	23
Other disorders of the circulatory system		1	2
Bronchitis		2	2
Pneumonia		2	5
Other respiratory diseases		-	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum		3	-
Diarrhoea under 2 years		-	-
Appendicitis		2	-
Other digestive disorders		3	-
Nephritis		1	2
Congenital malformation - birth injury, infant diseases		4	4
Other violent causes		2	-
All other causes		10	8
		81	71

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GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

J. Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Camb)

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Districts.

H. Buxton, M.R., San.I., M.B.I.M.,
Sanitary Inspector and Meat & Foods Officer.

(ii) Laboratory Facilities

The following examinations were carried out during the year in the County Laboratory, Leicester:-

Sputa for T.B.	46
Blood for Wassermann test	53
Urine (general and bacteriological)....	27
Milk examinations (bacteriological)....	48
Urine for T.B.	13
Swabs for Diphtheria	23
Films for Gonococci	10
Phosphatase test	4
Miscellaneous	9
	<u>233</u>
	<u>====</u>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (1) WATER

Number of samples taken:-

(a) from wells	Nil
(b) from pipe supply	4

2 samples for bacteriological examination and 2 samples for chemical analysis were all satisfactory.

The reports obtained by the Water Engineer show that the water supply was satisfactory as regards quality, but some supplies had to be restricted in the latter part of the year.

Efforts are being made to obtain an additional supply and negotiations are being made for a supply from Leicester City. Practically all houses are supplied with water from the works directly to the houses.

In one case a piped supply was substituted for well water.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Number of cesspools in the District at the end of 1944 8

No new cesspools were constructed during the year and none were abolished.

2. (1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total number in the District at the end of 1944:-

(a) Privies	1
(b) Pail Closets	9
(c) Water Closets	3,360

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 767. 768. 769. 770. 771. 772. 773. 774. 775. 776. 777. 778. 779. 780. 781. 782. 783. 784. 785. 786. 787. 788. 789. 790. 791. 792. 793. 794. 795. 796. 797. 798. 799. 800. 801. 802. 803. 804. 805. 806. 807. 808. 809. 810. 811. 812. 813. 814. 815. 816. 817. 818. 819. 820. 821. 822. 823. 824. 825. 826. 827. 828. 829. 830. 831. 832. 833. 834. 835. 836. 837. 838. 839. 840.

House refuse is collected fortnightly by direct labour for disposal at the Destructor Works.

Practically all houses are provided with moveable dustbins.

Salvage

House-to-house collections are made during alternate weeks. Larger accumulations are collected as requested.

Good progress was made in the salvaging of all classes of materials, the value of the salvage dealt with during the year being £1,477.

3. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Total number of complaints received 141
Total number of defects or nuisances... .. 383
discovered

| | <u>Number of
Inspections</u> | <u>Revisits</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Dwellinghouses (all purposes) | 556 | 365 |
| Animal keeping | 7 | 9 |
| Bakehouses | 12 | 10 |
| Dairies and cowsheds | 30 | 27 |
| Drainage works | 27 | 56 |
| Food premises | 39 | 86 |
| Rats and mice destruction | 24 | 55 |
| Refuse collection & disposal | 10 | 18 |
| Schools | 6 | 4 |
| Shops | 12 | 7 |
| Slaughterhouse and Meat Inspection | 16 | 472 |
| Verminous premises and scabies | 55 | 72 |
| Water supplies | 10 | 4 |
| Workshops, etc | 9 | 6 |
| Other inspections | 38 | 26 |
| Total | <u>851</u> | <u>1,217</u> |

NOTICES

| <u>Preliminary</u> | <u>Housing</u> | <u>Other</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Outstanding on 1st January | 20 | 16 |
| Issued during the year | 55 | 112 |
| Complied with during the year | 51 | 118 |
| Outstanding 31st December | 24 | 10 |
| Statutory action necessary | - | 4 |
| <u>Statutory</u> | | |
| Issued during the year | - | 4 |
| Complied with during year | - | 4 |
| Number of summonses issued | - | 2 |
| Number of convictions obtained | - | 2 |

4. SHOPS

Action under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934:-

4 defects found relating to sanitary conveniences and all were remedied.

5. REGULATED BUILDINGS

| | <u>Number in
District</u> | <u>Number of
Inspections</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Common Lodging houses | 2 | 18 |

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- (a) Publicly owned. One Children's Swimming Pool owned by the Town Estate and one Paddling Pool owned by the Urban District Council.
- (b) Privately owned. One open-air swimming pool.

H O U S I N G

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 244
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 561
- (2) Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 244

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action 210

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR.

- (1) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-
 - (a) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 4
 - (b) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
 - (i) by owners 3
 - (ii) by Local Authority in default of owners 1

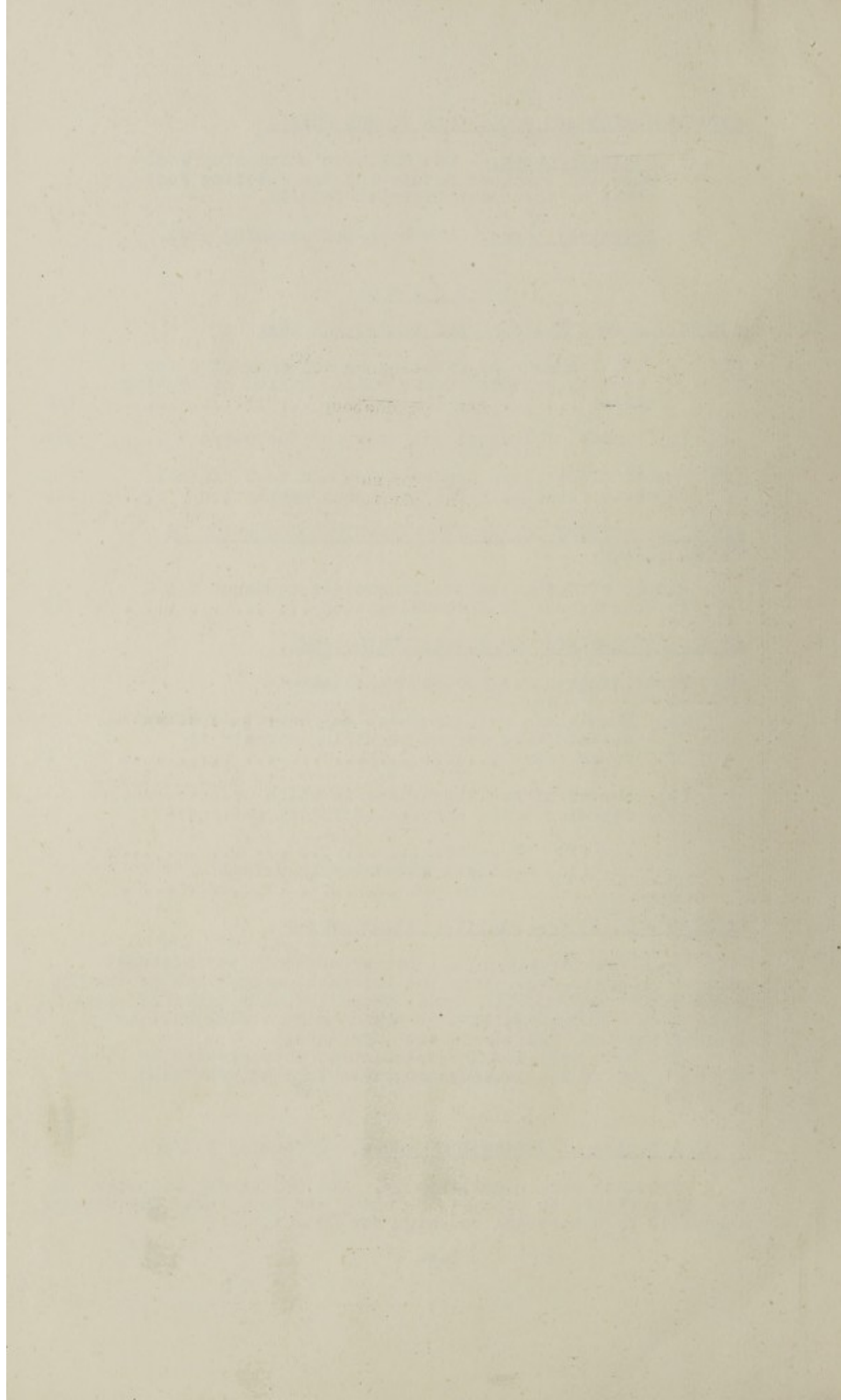
4. HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING

Complete details of all overcrowding in the District cannot be given, but, from the information supplied by the 385 applicants for Council Houses, there are many cases of overcrowding, and the position is becoming more difficult as demobilisation from the forces increases.

The only satisfactory solution to this problem is the speeding up of the housing programme for the provision of new houses.

Requisitioning of Unoccupied Houses. (Circular 138/45)

8 houses were requisitioned. One notice was withdrawn as the owner wished to occupy the house, and in 2 cases the tenants suggested by the owners occupied the houses.



INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY

| | <u>Cowkeepers</u> | <u>Dairyman or
Purveyors of
milk (other than
Cowkeepers)</u> |
|--|-------------------|--|
| Number on register | 21 | 9 |
| Number of inspections of
premises | 38 | 19 |
| Number of contraventions outstanding
from 1943 | 6 | Nil |
| Number of contraventions found
during the year | 9 | 3 |
| Number of contraventions remedied
during the year | 10 | 2 |
| Number of contraventions outstanding
31st December | 5 | 1 |

| <u>Contraventions</u> | <u>Outstanding from
previous year</u> | <u>Found
during
year</u> | <u>Remedied
during
year</u> | <u>Outstanding
on 31st Dec.</u> |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Cleansing | Nil | 6 | 6 | Nil |
| Structural
alterations | 6 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Utensils | Nil | 2 | 2 | Nil |
| Other | Nil | 2 | 1 | 1 |

MILK SAMPLING

36 samples of milk were taken during the year as follows:-

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Number of samples
for bact. exam.</u> | <u>Number
satisfactory.</u> | <u>Number
unsatisfactory</u> |
|--------------|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Designated | 2 | 2 | Nil |
| Ordinary | 36 | 34 | 2 |

In the case of unsatisfactory samples an inspection is made of the premises, advice given on methods of production and repeat samples taken.

2 repeat samples taken and were satisfactory.

A new cowshed and dairy has been provided at one dairy farm.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

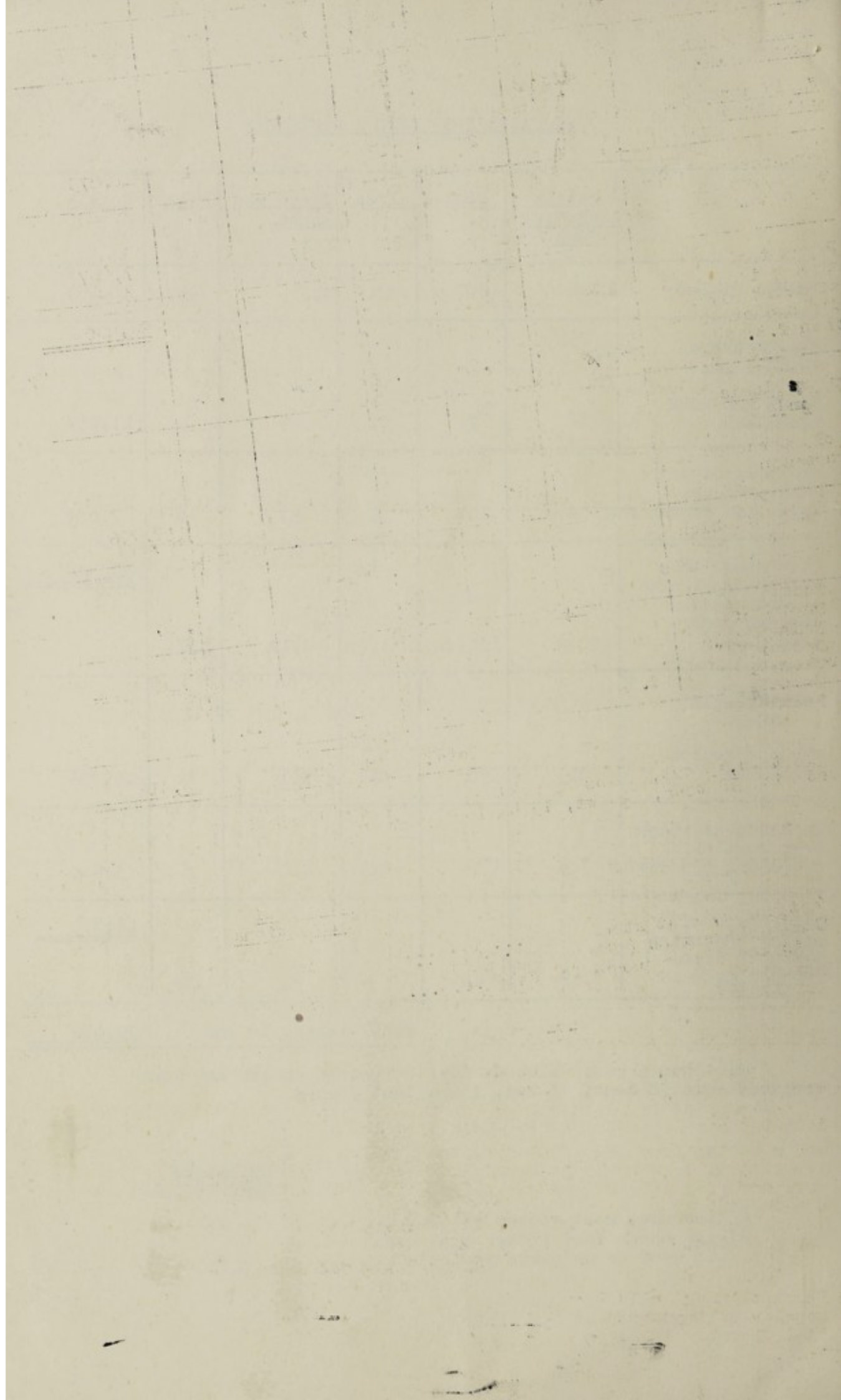
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|---|--------|
| Number of Regional Slaughterhouses
in area | 1 |
| Number of animals slaughtered ... | 10,457 |
| Number of inspections of meat at
times of slaughter | 472 |
| Number of knacker yards in area .. | 1 |
| Number of visits to Knacker yards. | 11 |

CARCASES INSPECTED & CONDEMNED

| | <u>Cattle
excluding
Cows</u> | <u>Cows</u> | <u>Calves</u> | <u>Sheep and
lambs</u> | <u>Pigs</u> | <u>Totals</u> |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Number killed | 1,726 | 602 | 1,094 | 6,330 | 705 | 10,457 |
| <u>All diseases
except T.B.</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Whole carcasses
condemned</u> | 13 | 29 | 12 | 29 | 4 | 21,073 |
| Carcases of which
some part or
organ was condemned. 206 | | 141 | 1 | 57 | 1 | 7,007 |
| Percentage of
number inspected
affected with
disease other
than T.B. | 12.7% | 28.2% | 1.2% | 1.4% | 0.8% | <u>28,080</u> |
| <u>Tuberculosis
only</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Whole carcasses
condemned</u> | 21 | 50 | Nil | Nil | 3 | 42,796 |
| Carcases of which
some part or
organ was condemned 105 | | 76 | Nil | Nil | 5 | 5,940 |
| Percentage of
number inspected
affected with
Tuberculosis | 7.3% | 20.9% | - | - | 1.1% | <u>48,736</u> |
| Total weight in lbs | | | | | | <u>76,816</u> |

34 tons, 5 cwt, 96lbs of meat condemned during the year
compared with 38 tons, 13 cwt, 15lbs last year

| | <u>Number of
inspections</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Meat shops, Meat stores etc | 53 |
| Places where food (other than meat)
is kept or prepared for sale | 72 |



The following foods were condemned and voluntarily surrendered:-

1,107 tins meat - 1,131 lbs.
 264 " milk
 87 " vegetables
 56 " Fish
 7 " Preserves

1,521 tins

and 744 lbs. of various foods.

Food exposed for sale in the open Market is regularly inspected.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTION AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1944:-

| <u>Disease</u> | <u>Total cases notified</u> | <u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u> | <u>Total Deaths</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Scarlet Fever | 37 | 30 | - |
| Diphtheria | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Erysipelas | 3 | 2 | - |
| Dysentery | 114 | 3 | - |
| Whooping Cough | 30 | - | 2 |
| Measles | 253 | 3 | - |
| Pneumonia | 19 | - | 1 |

AGE GROUPS

| <u>Disease.</u> | <u>Under One</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>35</u> | <u>45</u> | <u>65 and over</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| | | | | | | 9 | 14 | 19 | 34 | 44 | 65 | |
| Scarlet Fever | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - |
| Whooping Cough | 7 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Measles | 7 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 30 | 126 | 3 | 2 | 3 | - | - | - |
| Pneumonia | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 5 | - | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | - |
| Diphtheria | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dysentery | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | 5 | 3 | 1 | 40 | 25 | 22 | 9 |
| Erysipelas | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Good progress continues with the scheme for immunisation of children against Diphtheria.

A special Birthday Card together with a card of Consent for immunisation is sent when each child is one year of age. Arrangements are made for free treatment by private Doctors if desired and sessions are held at Egerton Lodge every four weeks. Much valuable propaganda work and advice to parents on immunisation has been given by the local Health Visitor.

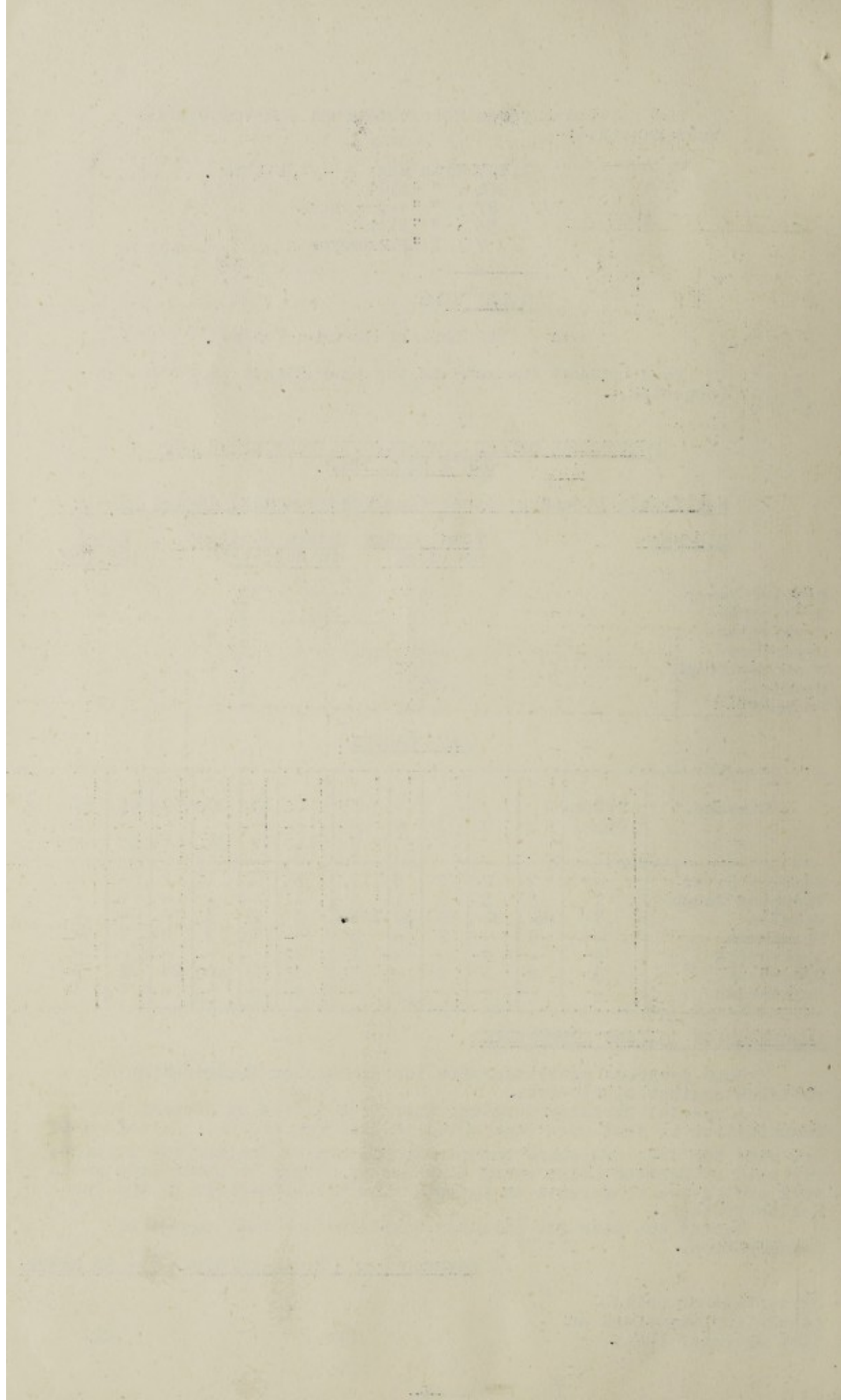
During the year 224 children completed the full course of immunisation.

Between 1 & 5 years of age. 5 - 15 years

Percentage of child population immunised at 31st December 1944.

85%

91%



Number of cases of Diphtheria in children under
 15 years of age notified during the year 1945... .. 3
 Number of cases not immunised 2

TREATMENT FOR SCABIES

A centre was opened in May 1942, for the out-patient treatment of Scabies cases from the Melton Mowbray Urban and the Melton & Belvoir Rural Districts.

41 cases from the Urban District were treated during year, compared with 73 cases last year, 195 in 1943, and 246 in 1942.

| | <u>Under
15 years.</u> | <u>Over
15 years</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Males | 13 | 1 | 14 |
| Females | 23 | 4 | 27 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total | 36 | 5 | 41 |
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T U B E R C U L O S I S

| AGE
GROUPS | New cases | | | | Deaths | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------|---------------|-------|-----------|-------|---------------|-------|
| | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| 1 - 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 - 15 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| 15 - 25 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 - 35 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 - 45 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 45 - 55 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55 - 65 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - |
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