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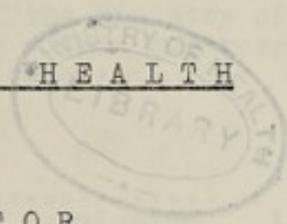
SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR ENDING

31st. DECEMBER, 1955.

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OF THE  
M E D I C A L O F F I C E R O F H E A L T H  
A N D  
S A N I T A R Y I N S P E C T O R

1955.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, we deal briefly in this Report with matters within our responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine :-

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) .....	5,699
Registrar General's Estimated Mid-Year Home population	14,470
Number of Inhabited Houses .....	3,932
Rateable Value .....	£ 90,301
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .....	£ 356

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
<u>Live Births:</u> Legitimate .....	114	114	228
Illegitimate .....	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>122</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>242</u>
<u>Still Births:</u> Legitimate .....	3	3	6
Illegitimate .....	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	
<u>Birth Rate</u> .....			
Per 1000 Population .....	16.0	16.4	
For County Urban Districts .....	-	15.2	
For England and Wales .....	15.2	15.0	

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
AND  
CAPTAIN INCHON

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health we deal briefly in this Report with matters which are especially important regarding public health and preventive medicine:-

GENERAL STATISTICS

2,500	Area (in acres) .....
11,400	Population .....
1,900	Number of inhabited houses .....
50,000	Value of property .....
2,500	Number of houses represented by a penny rate .....

VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Deaths	Births	Rate
1900	120	150	12.5
1901	110	140	12.0
1902	100	130	11.5
1903	90	120	11.0
1904	80	110	10.5
1905	70	100	10.0
1906	60	90	9.5
1907	50	80	9.0
1908	40	70	8.5
1909	30	60	8.0
1910	20	50	7.5

Vital Statistics (Continued):

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Number of Deaths:</u> ...    ...    ...    ...	75	60	135

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
<u>Death Rate</u>		
Per 1000 Population.....	10.3	9.7
For County Urban Districts.....	-	10.5
For England and Wales.....	11.3	11.7

Deaths of Infants under  
One Year of Age:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Legitimate ... ..	2	4	6
Illegitimate .. ..	1	-	1

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births	38.5	28.9
Infant Mortality Rate for England & Wales	25.5	24.9

The Statistics in general can be regarded as very satisfactory, the Death Rate comparing favourably with the figure for England and Wales, and again showing a reduction from the District Rates for previous years.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Tuberculosis (Non Respiratory).....	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach .....	6	2
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung.....	3	-
Measles.....	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus.....	-	1
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms....	7	4
Leukaemia.....	2	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.....	7	9
Coronary Disease.....	9	8
Heart Diseases.....	16	11
Other Circulatory Disease.....	3	5
Pneumonia.....	2	3
Bronchitis.....	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.....	-	1
Gastritis.....	-	1
Nephritis or Nephrosis.....	-	1
Congenital Malformations.....	2	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases...	11	9
Motor vehicle accidents.....	2	-
All other accidents.....	-	1
Suicide.....	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>75</u>	<u>60</u>



PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

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

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

H. Buxton, M.R.S.H, M.S.I.A.

Chief Sanitary Inspector and Meat & Food Inspector.

P.K. Russell, A.R.S.H.

Additional Sanitary Inspector. (to 5th June, 1955.)

H. S. Charlton, M.R.S.H.

Additional Sanitary Inspector. (from 5th September, 1955.)

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester:-

Throat and nose swabs...	...	...	69
Faeces and urine	...	...	207
Blood ... ..	...	...	3
Sputa ... ..	...	...	61
Vaginal swabs	...	...	66
Whooping Cough	...	...	1
Miscellaneous specimens	...	...	<u>15</u>
			422

The good co-operation with the Public Health Laboratory Service has again continued during the year and the assistance given has been of great value.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS  
AND OTHER DISEASES

(1) Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1955

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever.....	2	-
Pneumonia.....	20	5
Whooping Cough.....	13	-
Measles.....	214	1
Dysentery.....	71	-
Erysipelas.....	3	-
	<u>323</u>	<u>6</u>

TABLE SHOWING THE RESULTS OF THE ANALYSES

John Jones, M.A., D.S., B.S., F.R.S. (Genl.)

Medical Officer of Health for the Lancashire and Rutland  
County Districts in which this District is included.

M. Gordon, F.R.S., M.S., B.S., F.R.S. (Genl.)

Chief Sanitary Inspector and West & East London

E.H. Russell, M.A., F.R.S.

Additional Sanitary Inspector. (to 18th June, 1905.)

A. J. Ober, M.A., F.R.S.

Additional Sanitary Inspector. (from 6th September, 1905.)

TABLE SHOWING THE RESULTS OF THE ANALYSES

The following examinations were carried out during the year  
at the Public Health Laboratory, Tottenham.

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The good co-operation given by the Public Health Laboratory  
during the year has been of great value.

W. J. L. G. (Genl.)

Sanitary Inspector

(1) Water Supply and other than (Municipal) water 1905

Water	Total Cases	Deaths
Beattie's Park	2	0
Princes	30	0
London Dock	12	0
St. Paul's	212	0
St. George's	21	0
St. Andrew's	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0</b>

Age Groups.

Disease.	Under 1 yr.	1	2	3	4	5 9	10 14	15 24	25 34	35 44	45 64	65 and Over	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia.	1	1	2	1	1	2	-	-	3	-	4	5	20
Whooping Cough.	1	1	2	2	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	13
Measles.	3	7	18	28	19	138	1	-	-	-	-	-	214
Dysentery.	7	2	5	4	3	24	5	1	9	4	3	4	71
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
	12	11	27	35	24	171	7	1	12	4	8	11	323

There was an outbreak during the early months of the year, of the mild form of Dysentery, which is becoming increasingly prevalent throughout the country.

Fortunately no case of Poliomyelitis was notified during the year.

Once again it is pleasing to report the absence of Diphtheria and it is now over nine years since a case was notified.

(2) Tuberculosis.

Age Groups	New Cases			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M	F	M	F
1 - 4	-	2	-	1
5 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	2	-	-	1
35 - 44	1	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	1	-	-
55 - 64	1	-	-	-
TOTALS.	4	3	-	2

One death from this disease occurred during the year.

Number of cases on Register at 31st. December, 1955.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Pulmonary .....	40	37
Non-Pulmonary .....	10	19
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	50	56
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## Diphtheria Immunisation

Details supplied by the Local Health Authority show that during the year 1955, 164 children under five years of age were immunised against diphtheria and 100 children aged four to fifteen years were given a "booster dose."

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### (1) WATER SUPPLY

##### Number of Samples taken for Analysis:

(a)	from piped supply	...	...	...	...	...	12
(b)	from wells	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Eight samples of water for bacteriological examination and four samples for chemical analysis from the piped supply after treatment were all satisfactory. The reports obtained show that the water supply was satisfactory as regards quality, and no serious shortage was experienced.

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water ... 5

#### (2) SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Number of Cesspools in District at end of 1955 ... 7

#### (3) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

##### Total Number in District at end of 1954:

(a)	Pail Closets	...	...	...	...	8
(b)	Water Closets	..	...	...	...	4,790

#### (4) PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse and trade refuse is collected by direct labour for disposal at the Destructor Works and at the Controlled Tip.

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report:-

Total Number of Complaints received ..	...	...	179
Total Number of Premises at which Defects or Nuisances were dealt with ..	...	...	224

Statistical Information

Details supplied by the local health authority show that during the year 1925, 184 cases of typhoid fever were reported. The highest number of cases was reported in the month of August, when 45 cases were reported. The lowest number of cases was reported in the month of February, when 12 cases were reported.

Summary of Statistics for 1925

(1) WATER SUPPLY

Number of Gallons Taken for Analysis

(a) From public supply	...
(b) From wells	...

Eight samples of water for bacteriological examination and two samples for chemical analysis from the public supply were taken during the year. The results of the analyses show that the water supply was satisfactory as regards quality, and no serious shortage was experienced.

Number of cases in which water supply was suspected as cause of infection ...

(2) SEWER SYSTEM

Number of cesspools in District of ...

(3) REPORTS OF DEATHS

Total Deaths in District of ...

(a) Full details	...
(b) Under 10 years	...

(4) WATER PURIFICATION

Water supply and sewerage system is maintained by direct labor. The amount of the expenditure for the year is ...

Statistical Information for 1926

The particulars given above this heading are for all persons including persons who have been in the district during the year.

Total number of deaths reported	...
Total number of persons of which deaths were reported	...

## INSPECTIONS

<u>Nature of Inspections</u>	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Dwellinghouses (all purposes) ... ..	942
Animal Keeping ... ..	20
Bakehouses ... ..	18
Dairies ... ..	15
Drainage Works ... ..	49
Food Premises ... ..	282
Refuse Collection and Disposal ... ..	10
Rodent Control ... ..	449
Shops ... ..	50
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection ... ..	610
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc. ... ..	12
Verminous Premises ... ..	25
Water Supplies ... ..	6
Factories ... ..	25
Other Inspections ... ..	52
	<u>2,565</u>

## NOTICES

	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
(1) <u>Preliminary</u>		
Outstanding on 1st January ... ..	9	10
Issued during the Year ... ..	25	46
Complied with during the Year... ..	29	52
Statutory Action necessary ... ..	15	-
Outstanding at 31st December ... ..	5	4
(11) <u>Statutory:</u>		
Outstanding on 1st January ... ..	2	-
Issued during the Year ... ..	15	-
Complied with during the Year... ..	16	-
Outstanding at 31st December ... ..	1	-

## SHOPS

### Action taken under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1950:

Seven defects were found relating to sanitary convenience and washing facilities, and six were remedied during the year.



FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948

(a) Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health:

	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Owners Prosecuted</u>
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	24	10	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	75	12	-	-
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	3	3	-	-
	<u>102</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

(b) Cases in which Defects were Found:

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector</u>
Want of Cleanliness ...	3	3	-
Sanitary Conveniences:			
(1) Insufficient	-	-	-
(2) Unsuitable or Defective	4	4	2
(3) Not separate for Sexes	-	-	-
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>

(c) Outwork:

There were no instances during the year of outwork in unwholesome premises.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

(a) Publicly Owned:

One Children's Open Air Swimming Pool, owned by the Town Estate, where the water is treated by chlorination with controlled dosage.

(b) Privately Owned:

Nil.

THE PET ANIMALS ACT

No. of premises licensed..... 3

(a) Investment for purposes of operation as to health

No. of Investment Schemes	Investment Schemes	Investment Schemes	Investment Schemes	Investment for purposes of operation as to health	
				Investment Schemes	Investment Schemes
10	-	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-
103	-	-	-	-	-
103	-	-	-	-	-

(b) Other in which health is not health

No. of Investment Schemes	Investment Schemes	Investment Schemes	Investment Schemes	Other in which health is not health	
				Investment Schemes	Investment Schemes
2	-	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-
7	-	-	-	-	-
13	-	-	-	-	-
13	-	-	-	-	-

(c) Health

There were no investments during the year of health in investment schemes.

Investment in the year

(a) Health

On 31st March 1953 the investment fund owned by the health trusts, which was to be used for investment in health investment schemes, was Rs. 1,00,00,000.

(b) Investment

THE HEALTH TRUSTS

No. of health investment schemes.....

RODENT CONTROL:

After pre-bait testing, two maintenance treatments were carried out during the year to destroy rats in those main sewers found to be infested, with very satisfactory results.

Minor rat infestations at the Destructor Works, Salvage Depot, Sewage Disposal Works, Cattle Market and the Controlled Refuse Tip have been dealt with, also minor rats or mice infestations which were reported or discovered at four business premises and seventy-four private premises, and surveys were carried out in conjunction with these infestations.

HOUSING

A. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year:

- (a) (i) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.....142
- (ii) Number of Inspections made for the purpose.....251
- (b) Number of Dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..... 14

B. Repairs - Informal Action

Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Public Health or Housing Acts..... 57

C. Demolition and Closing Orders

(a) <u>Housing Act, 1936</u>	<u>No. of Houses</u>	<u>No. of Persons Displaced</u>
(1) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure.....	Nil	-
(11) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners.....	6	21
(111) Parts of buildings closed	1	3
(b) <u>Housing Act, 1949</u>		
Closing Orders made under Section 3 (1).....	Nil	-

It is the policy of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to carry out the program of housing for the elderly in a manner which is consistent with the national housing goals for the year 1975.

HOUSING

Investment of Public Housing Funds for the Year

- (a) Total number of dwellings units expected for housing during the fiscal year 1975 by housing type..... 14
- (b) Number of dwellings units to be built in accordance with the program for the year 1975..... 14

Summary - Federal Action

Number of units of public housing to be built in accordance with the program for the year 1975 by housing type..... 14

Definition and General Status

- (i) Public housing units..... 14
- (ii) Units of public housing to be built in accordance with the program for the year 1975..... 14
- (iii) Units of public housing to be built in accordance with the program for the year 1975..... 14



(c) Local Government (Housing) Act, 1959

Working Orders made under Section 10 (1)

No.	Area	No. of Houses	No. of Houses
1		100	100
2		50	50
3		20	20
4		10	10
5		5	5
6		2	2
7		1	1
8		1	1
9		1	1
10		1	1
11		1	1
12		1	1
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92		1	1
93		1	1
94		1	1
95		1	1
96		1	1
97		1	1
98		1	1
99		1	1
100		1	1

Working Orders:  
 Total Number of Working Orders in District .. .. .  
 Number of Working Orders in Council Areas .. .. .

Housing Act, 1959 - Investment Grants:  
 Number of applications approved .. .. .  
 Amount .. .. .

Housing Applications:  
 Number of applications for Council houses at end of year .. .. .  
 Number of applications received during the year .. .. .

REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF HOUSES

REGISTRATION:

Area	No. of Registered Houses	No. of Inspections
District	10	10
Sub-district	1	1
Wards	1	1
Streets	1	1
Other	1	1

(c) REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF HOUSES

REGISTRATION:  
 Number of houses registered .. .. .  
 Number of inspections .. .. .

Milk Supply (Continued):

(d) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:

Licences Issued:

Dealers' Licences:.. .. 5  
 Supplementary Licences .. .. 1

Ice Cream

Number of Premises Registered:

(a) Manufacture and Retail .. .. Nil  
 (b) Manufacture only .. .. Nil  
 (c) Retail only .. .. 45

Number of Samples Taken: 6 Results: Grade I 6  
 Grade II Nil  
 Grade III Nil  
 Grade IV Nil

At forty of the forty-five retail premises, only pre-packed Ice Cream is sold.

Meat and Other Foods

Number of Slaughterhouses in Area .. .. 1  
 Number of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected .. .. 8,386  
 Number of Inspections of Meat at time of Slaughter 610  
 Number of Knackers Yards in Area .. .. 1  
 Number of Visits to Knackers Yards.. .. 5

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Total.
Number Killed and Inspected.	1,080	42	41	3,283	3,940	8,386
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>						<u>Wt. in lbs</u>
Whole Carcasses condemned.	1	2	3	15	5	3,213
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned.	147	8	Nil	24	51	2,557
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	13.7%	23.8%	7.3%	1.2%	1.4%	<u>5,770</u>
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	2	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,761
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	67	9	Nil	Nil	176	4,836
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	6.4%	23.8%	-	-	4.5%	<u>6,597</u>

Total Weight in lbs - 12,367

(a) With Special Allowance for 1954

Disbursements

1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
100	100	100	100	100

Number of Months Registered

(a) 1954	(b) 1953	(c) 1952	(d) 1951	(e) 1950
100	100	100	100	100

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Part of 1954

Number of months registered in 1954  
 Number of months registered in 1953  
 Number of months registered in 1952  
 Number of months registered in 1951  
 Number of months registered in 1950

General Information

Year	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
1	100	100	100	100	100
2	100	100	100	100	100
3	100	100	100	100	100
4	100	100	100	100	100
5	100	100	100	100	100
6	100	100	100	100	100
7	100	100	100	100	100
8	100	100	100	100	100
9	100	100	100	100	100
10	100	100	100	100	100
11	100	100	100	100	100
12	100	100	100	100	100
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33	100	100	100	100	100
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35	100	100	100	100	100
36	100	100	100	100	100
37	100	100	100	100	100
38	100	100	100	100	100
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49	100	100	100	100	100
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Carcases Inspected and Condemned (Continued):

5 Tons. 10 cwts. 47 lbs. of Meat was condemned during the year, compared with 17 tons. 1 cwt. 107 lbs. last year.

Inspection of Food Premises

	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Meat shops, meat stores, etc., .. .. .	28
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale. .. .. .	240

The following foods were condemned and voluntarily surrendered during the year:-

Fish - 77 lbs.	Sausages - 29 lbs.	Bacon - 47 lbs.
Cheese - 24 lbs.	Tomatoes - 25 lbs.	Milk Powder - 56 lbs.
Fruit Cake- 91 lbs.	135 Meat Pies - 69 lbs.	Imported Meat - 167 lbs

1,053 tins and jars of various foods.

No. of certificates issued .. 151

Food Poisoning

No cases of Food Poisoning have been notified during the year 1955.

We have the honour to be,  
Your obedient servants,

J. YOUNG  
Medical Officer of Health.

H. BUXTON  
Chief Sanitary Inspector.

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Inspection of Food Products

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