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# MILNROW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1949

# TO THE HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE URBAN DISTRICT OF MILNROW

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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I have to honour of presenting my twenty-first Annual Report of the Health of the Urban District of Milnrow, and shall commence by placing before you the General Statistics from which this report is formed.

#### Population

The estimated population of 1949 is 8514 with an acreage of 5,194 acres. The consus of 1931 gave the number of inhabitated houses to be 2,574, and the number of families or separate occupiers 2,575. The consus of 1931 gave the total population as 8,623.

The rateable value of the district is £50,760 and the sum represented by the Penny Rate if £211.

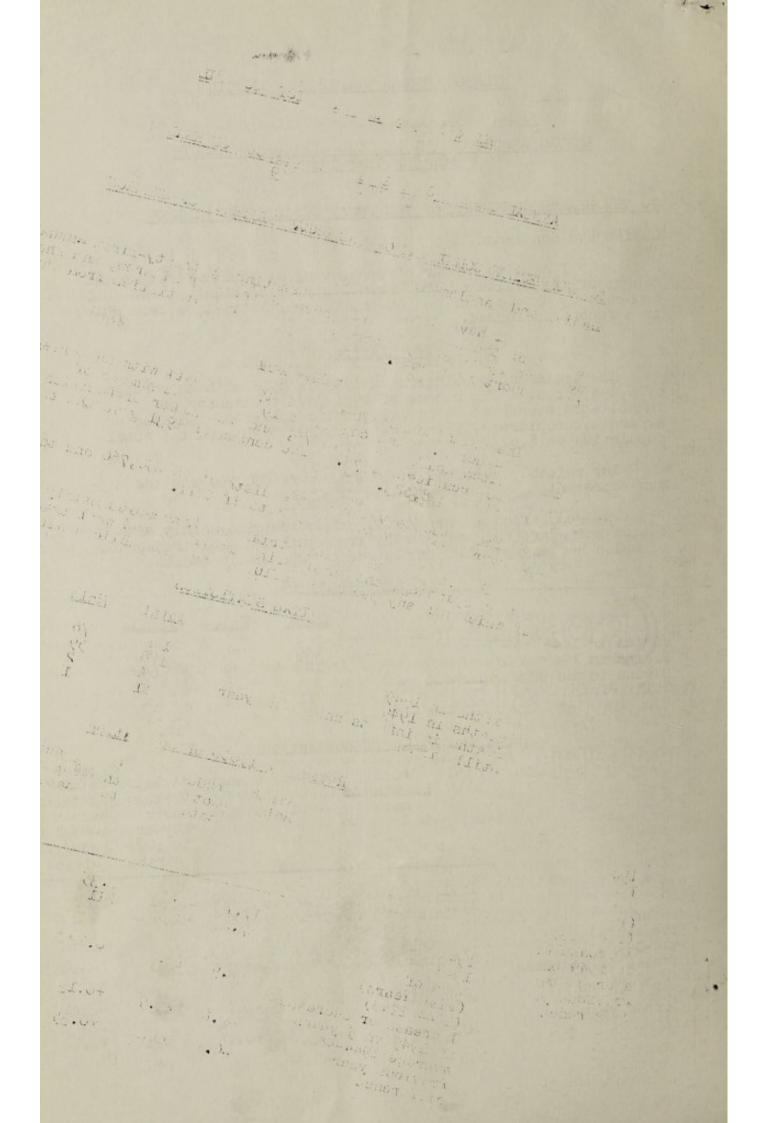
The population is industrial and is occupied mainly with cotton spinning, the engineering trade and the wool trade, none of which has any peculiar influence on the public health.

## VITAL STATISTICS

	Total	Male	Female
Births in 1949 Deaths in 1949 Deaths in infants under one year Still Births	146 128 6 11	76 59 2	70 69 4

# Rates per 1,000 of population

	Birth Rato	Crude Death Rate	Phthisis Death Rate	Cancer Death Rate.	Rates of Deaths under 1 year to 1000 Births	Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live and Still Births
1949 1948 Mean of (Five Years)	17•1 17•2	15.0 13.8	0.35 Nil	2.00 1.54	41 62	6.80 6.66
(1944-1948) Increase or decrease in 1949 on 5 years	17.9	13.5	0.22	2.24	43	2.71
average 1944-48 Previous year	-0.8	+1.5	+0.13	-0.24	-2	+4.09
difference	-0.1	+1.2	+0.35	+0.46	-21	+0.14



## VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE OF DISTRICT

## DURING 1949 AND PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Population estimated to middle of each year	Bi: No.	rths Rate.	Dea No.	ths Rate	Infan Deaths under 1 year	tile Rate	Matern Mortal Deaths	lity
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## Birth Rate

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The decrease in 1949 on the previous year was	.1
The Brith Rate for England and Wales in 1949 was 16	.7

## Death Rate

In 1949 the deaths belonging to this District were 59 males and 69 females.

The	death rate for 1949	was	15.0
The	death rate for 1948 increase in 1949 on	the previous year was	13.8
The	death rate for Ingla	and and Wales in 1949 was	1.5

In 1949 the registered births exceeded the deaths by 18 In 1948 the registered births exceeded the deaths by 28

During the year 42 people belonging to the District died outside it

Birch Hill Hospital	33
Rochdalo Infirmary	-2
Rochdale	1
Whittingham	1
Christie Hospital	_1
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## The causes of death were

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## Infantile Mortality

During 1949 there were 6 deaths of infants under one year the causes of death being :-

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There were 167 cases of Infectious Diseases.

The	Death	rate	for	Pulmonary	т.в.	in 1949 was	0.35
The	Death	rate	for	Pulmonary	T.B.	in 1948 was	Nil
				Cancer in			2.00
The	death	rata	for	Cancer in	1948	Was	1.54

Under the National Health Service Act the county is divided into 17 administrative divisions.

Milnrow is in Number 13 district which is composed of Bacup, Haywood, Littleborough, Milnrow, Wardle and Whitworth.

## Maternity and Child Welfare

Clinic. There is a Maternity and Child Welfare clinic

(Consultation) open every Thursday, 2-0 to 4-0 p.m. at 1 Wesley Street, Milnrow.

A clinic and Treatment centre is also held there. Ante Natel Cases attend clinic in Rochdale by arrangements

or 1 Wasley Streat when the clinic is open every Wednesday afternoon.

Midwifery Domicilary midwifery is carried out by midwives

under the control of the Lancashire County Council.

Home Helps There are two home helps in the district.

Cleansing Centre Cases requiring treatment are treated at

the Cleansing Centre in Rochdale.

Immunisation Clinics are held monthly at the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre on the first Wednesday in every month.

Ambulance Facilities The Ambulance service is now administered by the Lancashire County Council and the Ambulance Station is at Littleborough.

## Infectious Diseases

The hospital functions are now administered by the Regional Hospital Board.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen, Yours obediently,

O.R.I.LOVE, M.D., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

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#### MILNROW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1949

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee of The Urban District Council.

Lady and Gentlemen,

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I have much pleasure in submitting to you my fifth Annual Report of the sanitary conditions of the district.

The greatest problem is still housing accommodation.

The number of spplicants for Council houses at the end of the year was 543, at the end of 1948 the number was 549.

During the year there were 70 families rehoused in new houses and 8 families rehoused in other council houses.

No. of houses		Adults	Children	Total		
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In addition to the above 6 families exchanged from non-Council to Council houses. The total number of people involved was 22.

The total number of families rehoused during the year was 84 totalling 294 people.

From the foregoing it will be seen that although 84 families involving 294 people have been rehoused the number of applicants for Council houses has only been reduced by 6.

The position of the housing programme at the and of the year was :-

#### SCHEME NO. 1.

This contract was for the crection of 116 houses. At the commencement of the year 46 houses had been tenanted. During the year the remaining 70 houses have been completed and tenanted.

#### SCHEME NO. 2.

The number of houses to be creeted under the contract is 28. The position at the end of the year was --Roof timbers fixed 4 Brickwork to firth floor level 4 Brickwork 5'0" above ground floor 6 Brickwork to ground floor 14 28

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During the year 5 demolition orders have been made under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936 for individual unfit houses.

In each case the house was in a dangerous condition and it was imperative that the house should be closed and the tenants removed from the danger.

The total number of dwellinghouses in the district is 3,034. This is made up of 664 Council houses, 2,370 private dwellinghouses.

The collection and disposal of domestic refuse, night soil and salvage was placed under my jurisdiction in February.

Since that date a new refuse vehicle has been ordered and delivered. The services are now operated with two vehicles for domestic refuse and night soil, a hired vehicle is used for the collection of kitchen waste.

There was joint asabin accommodation at many dwellinghouses in the district. During the year the accommodation has been brought up to separate accommodation, 378 additional ashbins have been provided by the owners.

During the year the Council considered the question of provision and maintanance of ashbins. From 1st April, 1950 the Council will provide and maintain ashbins for the reception of house refuse, the ashbins as renewed will become part of the refuse collection equipment and will be owned by the Council.

The diraction for the collection of waste paper was withdrawn on the 4th July. Owing to the collection becoming an unaconomic proposition it was decided to discontinue the service at the end of September.

A charge of 25/- per bin is now made for the collection of waste paper and trade refuse from business premises.

The Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944 came into operation on the 1st October, transferring the control of production of milk from the local authorities to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The Local Authorities are still responsible for the supervision of Heat Treatment and distribution of milk.

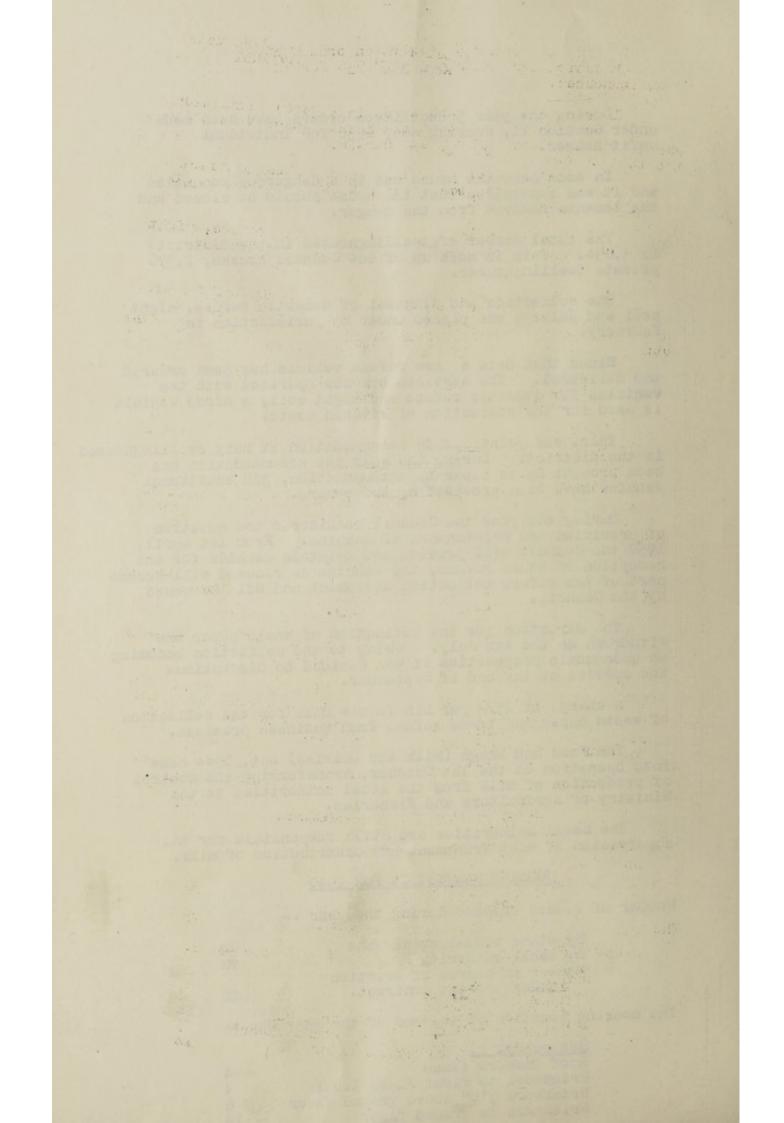
## HOUSING STATISTICS FOR 1949

Number of houses erected during the year :-

By other bodies or persons	4
By local authority	70
Number in course of eraction	
under present contract.	28

The housing position at the end of the year was :-

Scheme No. 2.	
Roof timbers fixed	Δ
Brickwork to First Floor level	7
Brickwork 5'0" above ground floor	4
Brickmark to above ground 1100r	6
Brickwork to ground floor	14



I.	Inspect	ion of	Dwelling	houses	during	the year

Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for la. housing defects (under Fublic Health or Housing 271 Acts) Number of inspections made for the purpose 271 lb. Number of dwellinghouses (including under 2a. sub-heading (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Regulations NIL 1925-1932 b. NIL Number of inspections made for the purpose Number of dwellinghouses found to be in such 3. a state so dangerous or injurious to health 5 as to be unfit for human habitation. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusvie of those 4. referred to under the precoeding sub-heed) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 135 REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT THE II. SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES Number of defective awellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local Buthority or its Officers 122 III. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR a. Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936. NIL b. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which NIL notices were served requiring repairs. IV. HOUSING ACT 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING a. (i) Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year. 52 (ii) Number of families dwelling therein. 1 2 (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein. 16 b. Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year. NIL c. (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved 4

during the year. 4 (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases 34

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

The total number of houses inspected during the year was 438. Of this total 167 houses were inspected owing to the occurence of infectious diseases. The remaining inspections were made on account of general defects, overcrowding etc.

Other inspections made are shown on Table A and nuisances abated in Table B.

There were 87 informal notices issued and 16 statutory notices served.

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## WATER SUPPLY

The main supply is provided by -ochdale and Oldham Corporations and is a direct supply to the houses.

The water supply is still not satisfactory the discolouration at times being very bad.

The Health Committee have made representations to the Rochdale Corporation from time to time but there has not been any improvement. The supply is being kept under observation and further offorts made to obtain a satisfactory supply.

There are no stand pipes in the district.

Of the 3034 houses in the district 2846 are supplied from the mains. The houses not receiving mains water are those scattered throughout the district where a water main is not available, and are farms, farm cottages and small hamlets.

During the year a scheme for the provision of mains supply to one farm has been completed.

## RATS AND LICE INFESTATIONS

This problem has received attention during the year 106 visits have been made for rats and mice infestations.

The Council tip and Sewage works are visited periodically and baiting carried out.

A test bait of the sewers was carried out, 23 manholes were baited. I am pleased to report that no bait was taken.

There word no cases of infastation of a serious nature.

### SCAVENGING.

The Sanitary accommodation at the and of the year was

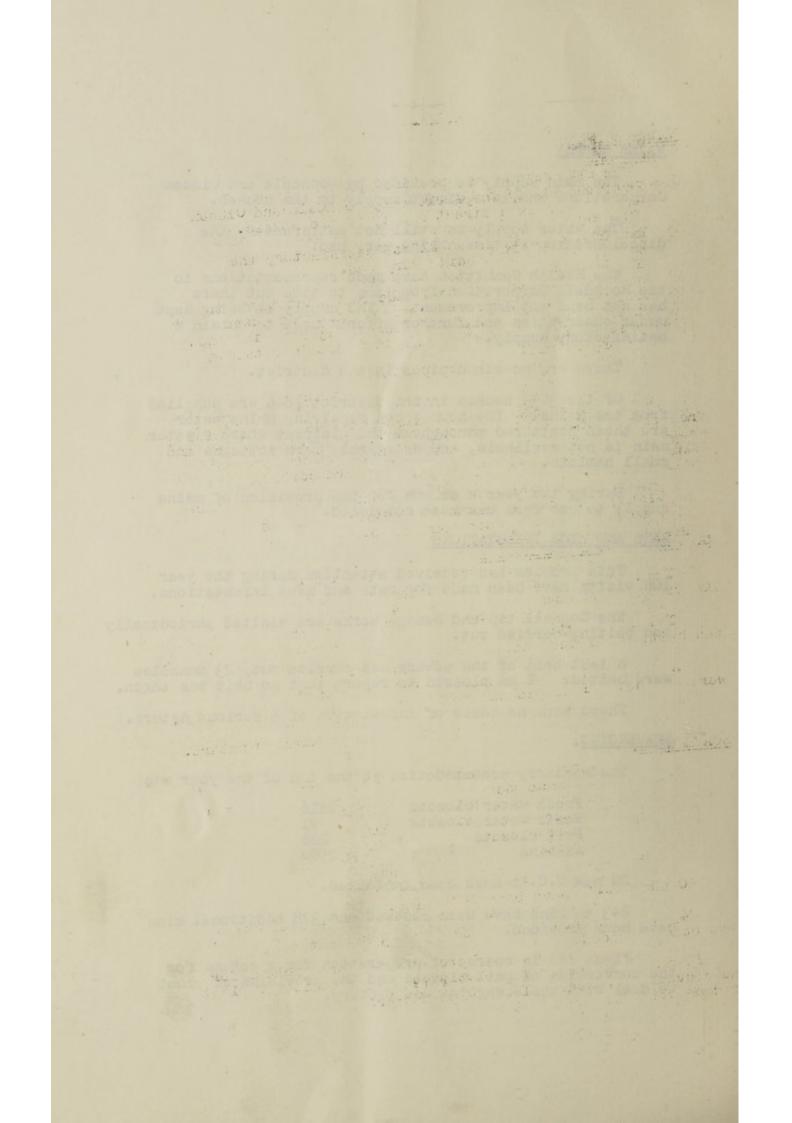
Fresh water closets	2616
Waste Water closets	. 71
Pail closets	226
Ashbins	2580

20 new W.C.'s have been installed.

243 ashbins have been renewed and 378 additional bins have been provided.

Plans are in course of preparation for a scheme for the conversion of pail closets and the provision of plant to deal with the sewage at one factory.

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### REFUSE TIP, COLLECTION AND SALVAGE

All household refuse is collected by two refuse collection vehicles and is disposed of by controlled tipping on the Council tip.

The collection of waste paper was discontinued at the end of September, other salvage work has been continued.

The amount collected was :-

Waste paper	27	14	0
Rags		6	0
Scrap Metal	0	5	0
Kitchen waste	81.	7	0

Many of the Kitchen waste bins were very dilepidated and 50 have been renewed.

Kitchen waste is collected and taken to the Mochdale Corporation Cleansing Department for starilization and manufactured into pig food.

### DRAINAGE

All drainage work carried out has been inspected including drainage on the Council housing estates. 153 visits have been made.

#### FACTORIES

There are 48 factories in the district, 45 mechanical and 3 non-mechanical. These are made up as follows :-

#### Machanical Factorias

11 Cotton Spinners 2 Weste Mills 1 Flannel Manufacturar 1 Paper Tube Manufecturer 4 Joiners. 4 Engineering Works 1 Woodwork Machinists 1 Laundry 1 Brickwork

4 Bleaching and Dyeing Works 1. Surgicel Cotton Manufacturer 2. Quarry 10 Bakehouses

3 Garagos.

Non-Machanical Factories

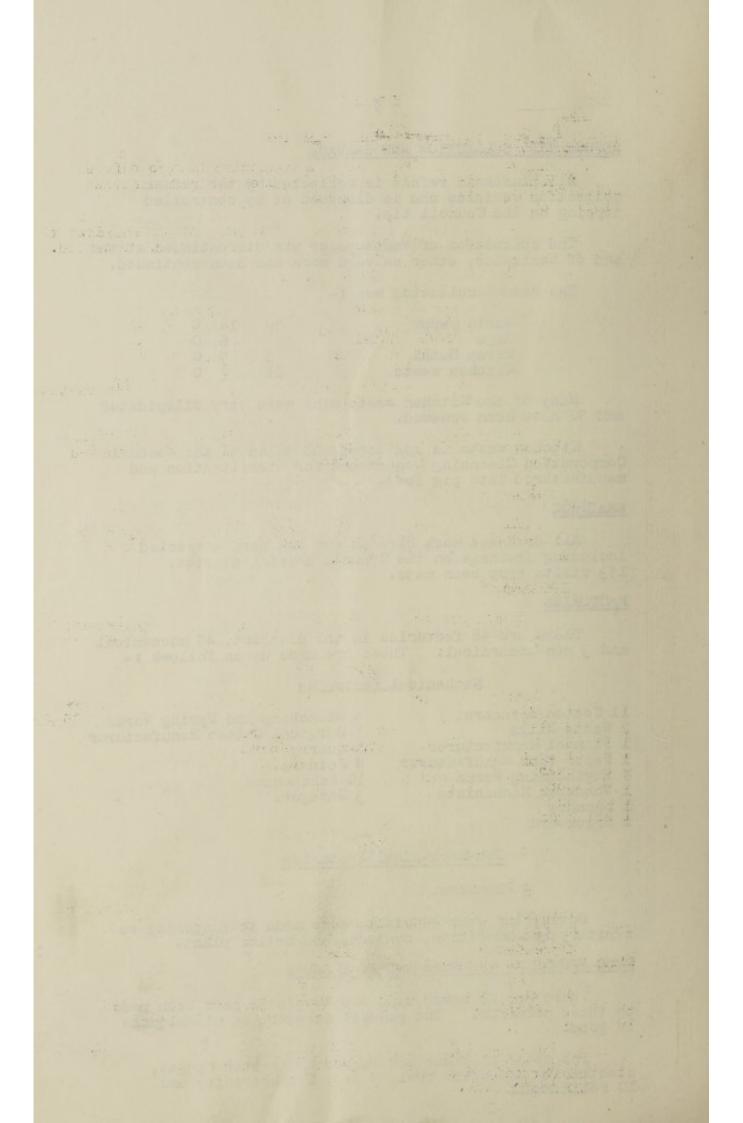
3 Plumbers.

During the year 24 visits ware made to factories re senitary accommodation, canteens and beiler plant.

### FOOD PREPARING PREMISES AND FOOD SHOPS

There are 21 bakehouses and 40 visits have been made to these premises. The general standard of claanliness is good.

The ovens at these bak shouses are heated by gas, electricity and solid fuel, 9 gas, 2 electricity and 10 solid fuel.



#### FOOD SHOPS

There are 15 butchers shops, 12 Fried Fish and Chip shops, 25 Grocery and provisions, 21 confectioners, 14 greengrocery and fish, 12 Icc Gream retailers and 1 Blood Pudding Manufacturer.

98 visits have been made to food preparing premises and food shops. Many shops have provided refrigerators, also many are now retailing frozen foods. A good standard of cleanliness has been maintained.

A Mobile fish and chip shops was in operation in the district for a short period during the year.

#### ICE CREAM

There are 12 shops retailing ice cream in the district, one one shop ratails loose ice cream, the others sell pre-packed ice cream.

There is one ice cream manufacturer in the district. During the year heat treatment plant has been installed to comply with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations. The standard of cleanliness is satisfactory.

### LICENSED PREMISES

6 visits have been made to licensed premises regarding cleanliness and sanitary accommodation.

The premises were clean and satisfactory, facilities for washing glasses adequate. In many premises a deterrgent is used in the cleansing of glasses.

#### MILK

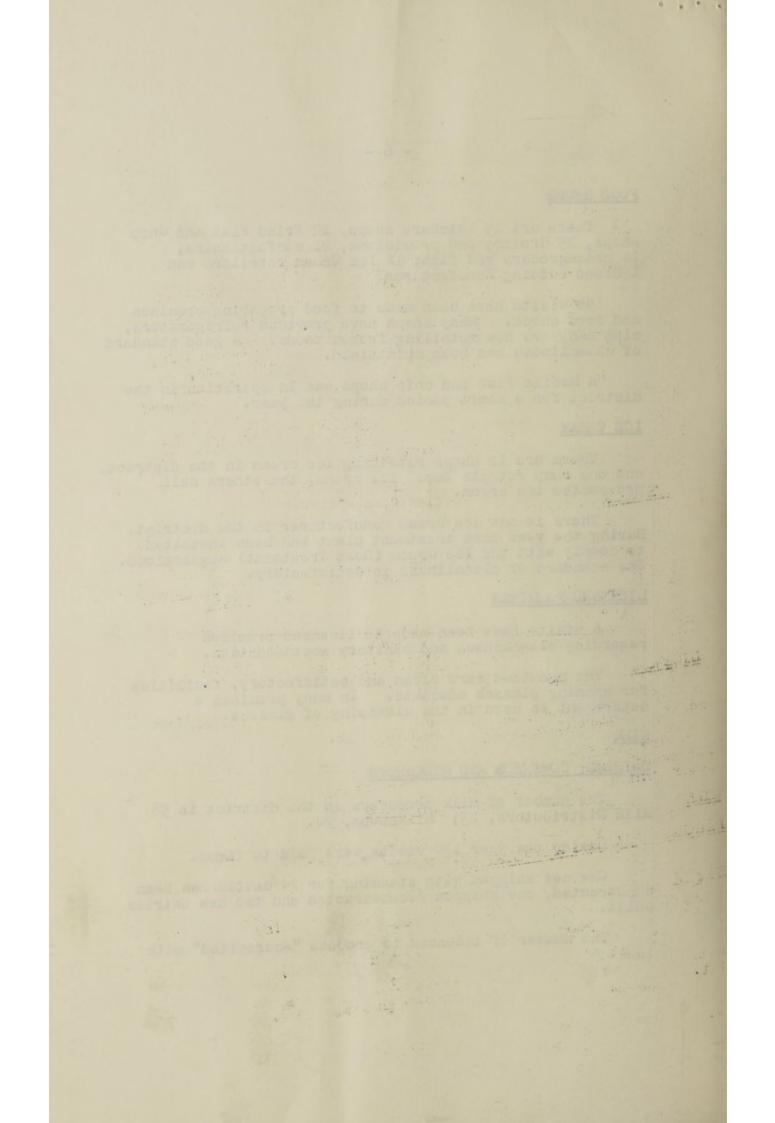
### DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS

The number of milk producers in the district is 58 Milk Distributors, 23; Milkshops, 20.

During the year 130 visits were paid to farms.

One new shippon with standing for 24 cattle has been constructed, one shippon reconstructed and two new dairies built.

The number of licences to produce "Accredited" milk is 4.



SAMPLES TAKEN DURING THE YEAR

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No.	Taken	N. P	Meti	N.S.	Col: S.	N.S.
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MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS 1949						

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These regulations came into operation on the 1st October.

21 Licenses have been granted to use the designation "Sterilized" and "Pasteurised" Milk.

3 Licenses have been granted for the sale of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk.

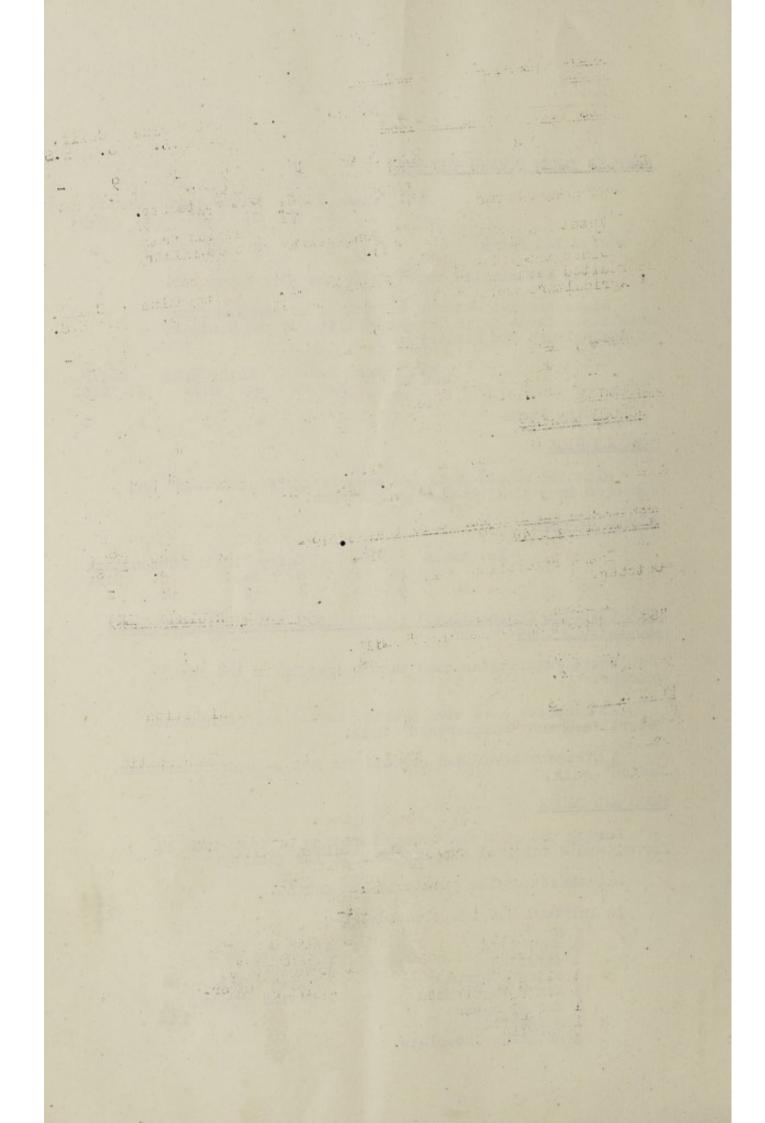
## FOOD AND DRUGS

During the year the County Sampling Officer took 22 formal and 2 informal samples of milk for quality.

All these semples proved to be genuine.

16 informal samples were taken:-

- 1 Bournvita
- l Ovalting l Sliegd Carrots l Mixed Vogetables
- 1 Runner Beans
- 1 Spaghetti
- 1 Drinking Chocolate.
- 3 Cooking fats 3 custard 2 Mixed spice 1 ground ginger.



The undermentioned foodstuffs have been examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption.

> 16 lb. Brisket 3 Tins Danish Pork 1 Tin Ham Loaf 1 Tin Beans 9 Tins Pilchards 7 Tins South African Grapes 7 Tins Dressed Crab 4 Tins Peas 1 Tin Spaghetti 17 Tins Evaporated Milk 3 Tins Tomatous 1 Tin Sweet Corn 16 Tins Carrots 19 Tins Milk 7 Tins Victoria Plums

#### SHOPS ACTS

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The following is a list of shops in the District :-

- 15 Butchers 8 Boot and Shoe 1 Fancy goods 25 Grocery & Provisions 6 Sweats and Tobacco 1 Cycle accessorics.
- 21 Confectioners 14 Greangrocery & Fish 15 Butchers 1 Gowns 2 Chemists11 Hairdressers1 Corn Merchant7 Hardware10 Drapery8 Newsegents2 Electrical goods1 Paint & Varnish & Wallpaper2 Fried Fish & Chip1 Tripe1 Fancy goods1 Watch and Clock

#### LICENSED PREMISES

22 Public Houses 8 Clubs 2 Off Licenses

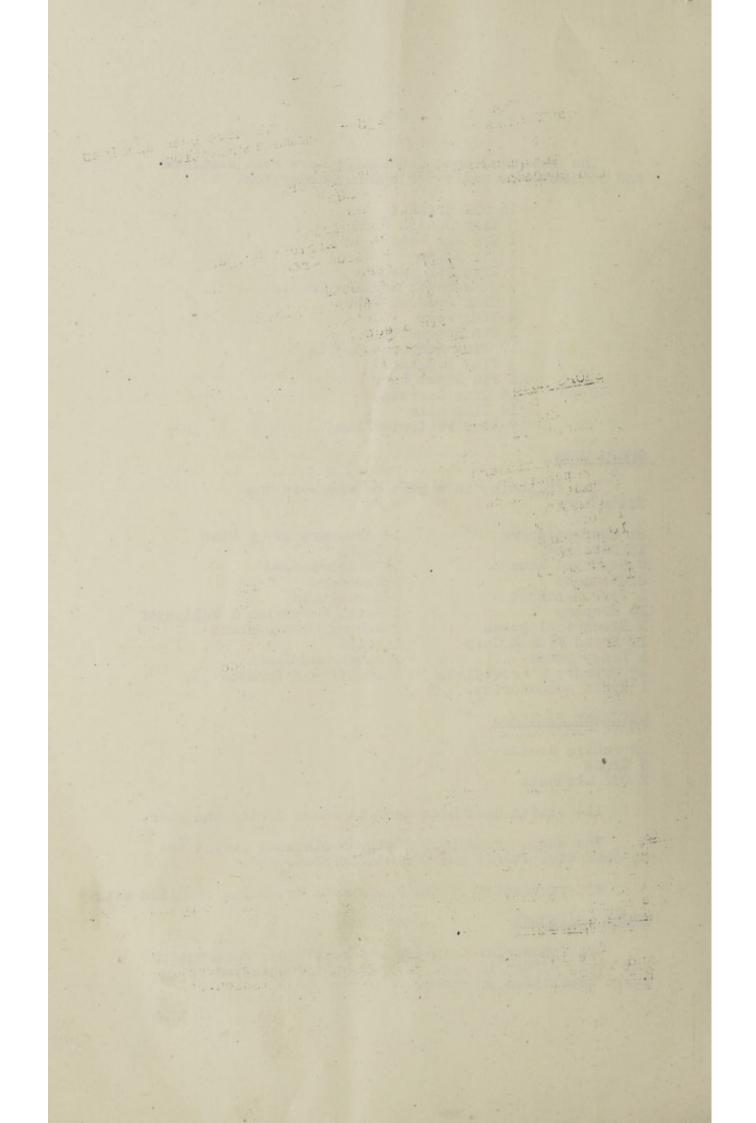
114 visits have been made to shops during the year.

The shops are mainly family businesses except the Co-operative stores and a few multiples.

The provisions of the Shops Acts are being complied with.

#### SMOKE ABATEMENT

The industrial chimneys are kept under observation and every effort is made to prevent the emission of large quantities of smoke.



## INFECTION AND DISINFECTION

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There were 167 cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year.

Measles	132
Scarlat Fever	19
Whooping Cough	32
Erysipelas	2
Enteric Fever	1
Pneumonia	3
Tuberculosis	
Pulmonary	50
Non Pulmonary	2

Of the 19 cases of Scarlet Faver 17 were removed to hospital.

30 rooms have been fumigated with formaldehyde.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their help and consideration in the exercise of my duties as Sanitary Inspector.

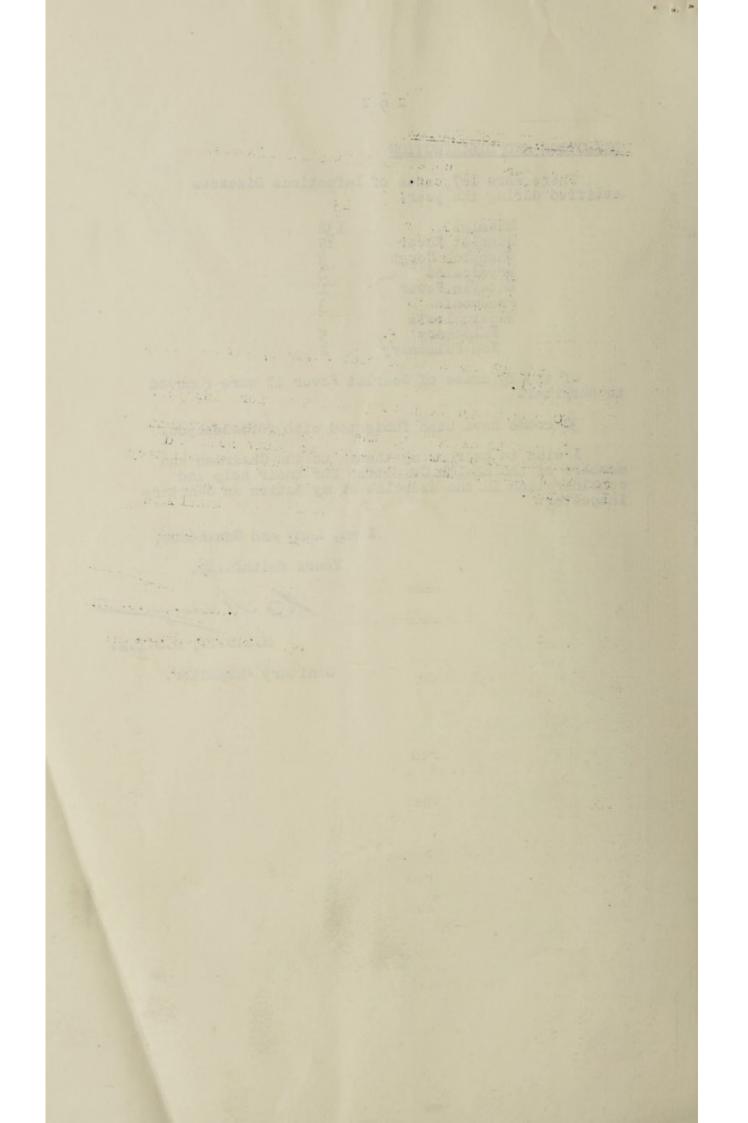
I am, Lady and Gantleman,

Yours faithfully,

16. Aug

M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Sanitary Inspector.



# TABLE "A"

Investigations of Infectious Diseases (notificable) No. of houses inspected Re-inspections Inspection of Factories Inspection of Farms Inspection of Farms Inspection of Food preparing premises Inspection of Ice Cream shops Inspection of Ice Cream shops Inspection of Fried Fish and Chip Shops Inspection of Licensed premises Visits to schools Visits to schools Visits to tip Visits re Rats and Mice Drainage inspections Offensive Trade Rag sorter Visits re applications for Council houses Visits to shops Visits to Day nursery Visits re ashbin accommodation Miscellaneous visits	167 438 456 130 430 15 460 576 31 94 10 5 10 5 10 5 10 5 10 5 10 5 10 5 10
Miscellaneous visits	105 2,245

# TABLE "B"

# NUISANCES ABATED

Roof repairs	10
Door casings repaired	
Rainwater pipes renewed	2
Eavesgutters repairs	E A
Drains relaid	7
Floor boards repaired	G
Wall plaster repaired	4
Defective flues repaired	2
Defective flues repaired	- 3
Choked drains released	17
Dampness	4
Defective firerange repaired	3
Defective fireback	1
Removal of rubbish	1
W.C. Pedustal renewed	2
W.C. Seat renewed	2
W.C. Chamber door repaired	224243377431122211119111144
Choked tipper released	1
Defective stairs repaired	l
Water service repaired	9
Water tap renewed	.i
Window repaired	1
Flooded cellar	1
Emission of Cotton waste	ī
Overcrowding relieved	4
Ashbins ranewed	243
Additional ashbins provided	378
Rat infestations	34
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