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REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year

1948.

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AUNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District of Newmarket in the County of West Suffolk for the year ending 31st December, 1948.

> Public Health Offices, 8, Whiting Street, Bury St. Edmunds.

August 1949.

To:-

The Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Newmarket.

Mr. Chairman, Ladics and Gentlemen,

Herewith I beg to submit for your favourable consideration my thirteenth Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health, being that for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gontlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT H. CLAYTON.

Medical Officer of Health.

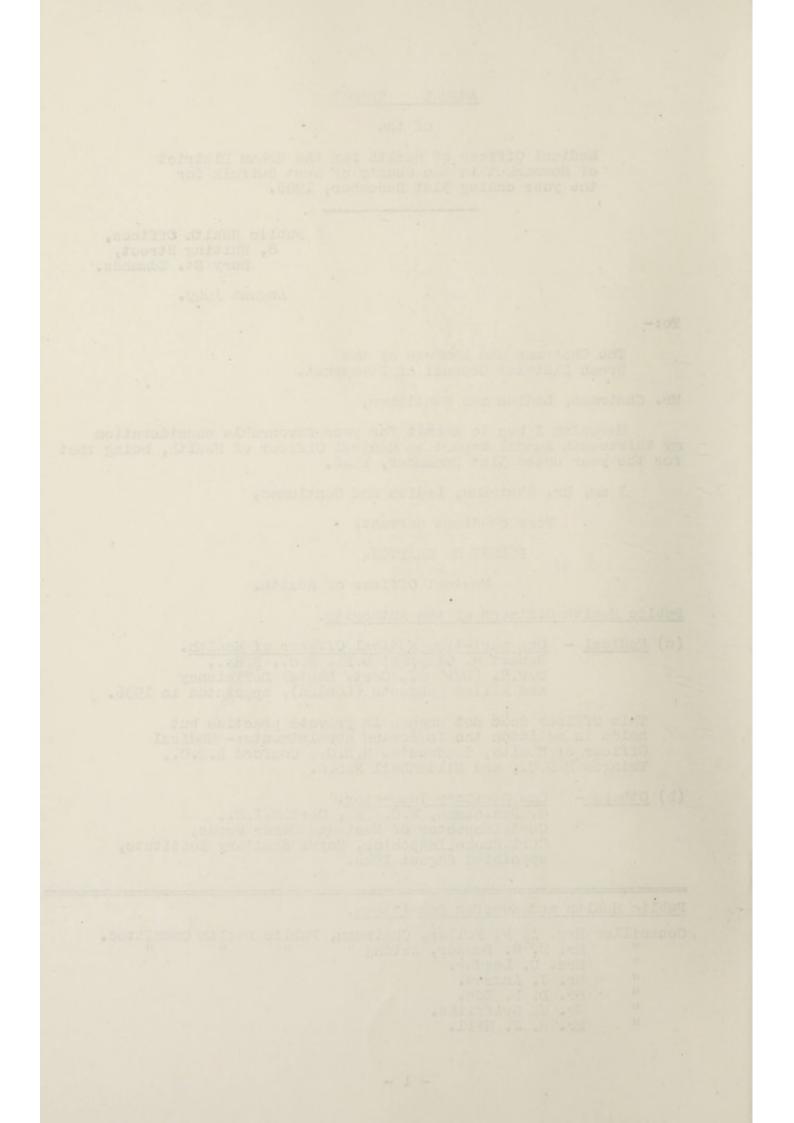
Public Health Officers of the Authority.

(a) <u>Medical</u> - <u>One part-time Medical Officer of Health</u>. Robert H. Clayton, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H. (Durham), Cert. Mental Deficiency and Allied subjects (London), appointed in 1936.

This Officer does not engage in private practice but holds in addition the following appointments: - Medical Officer of Health, Thedwastre R.D.C., Cosford R.D.C., Thingoe R.D.C., and Mildenhall R.D.C.

(b) <u>Others</u> - <u>One Sanitary Inspector</u>. G. Penistone, M.S.I.A., Cert.S.I.B., Cert.Inspector of Meat and Other Foods, Cert.Smoke Inspector, Royal Sanitary Institute, appointed August 1946.

Public Health and Housing Committees.



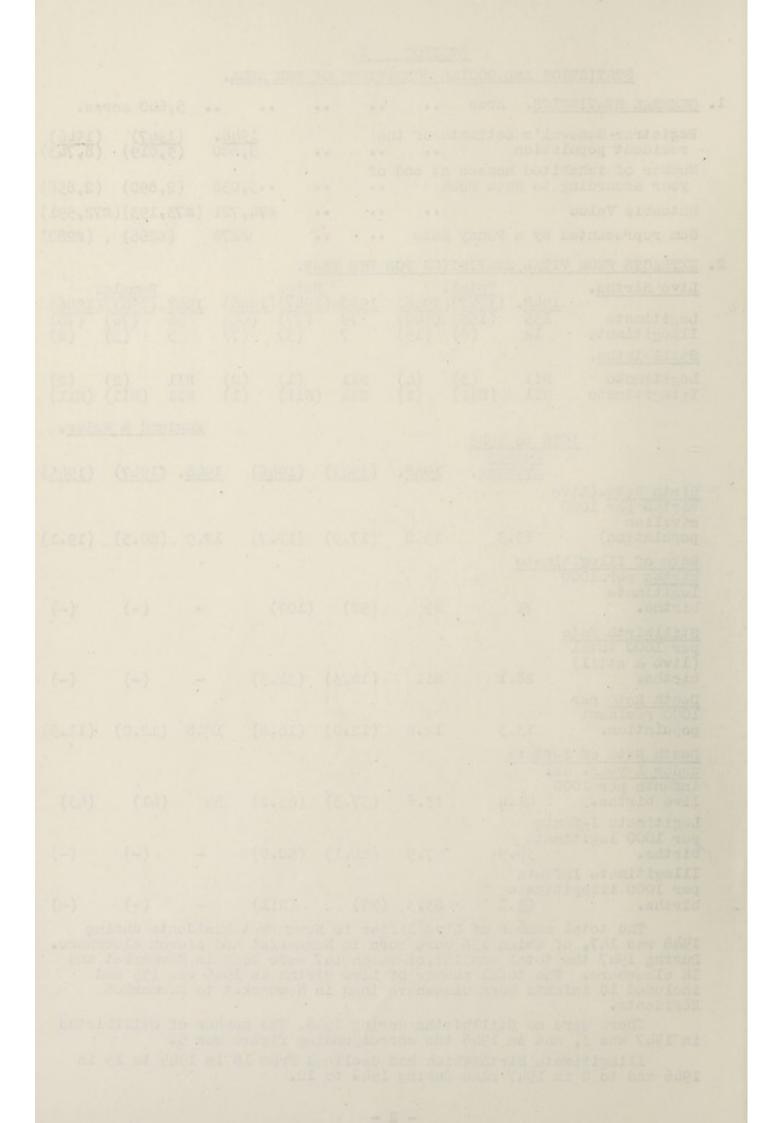
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STATISTICS	AND	SOCIAL	CONDITIONS	OF	THE	AREA.

1.	GENERAL STATISTIC	S. Area				. 5.	,640 acr	88.
	Registrar General			0	194	.8. (1	1947)	(1946)
	resident populat		••	•• ••	0.4	580 (3	9,019)	(8,743)
	Number of inhabit year according t			of •• ••	••3,0)38 (:	2,890)	(2,856)
	Rateable Value		••	•• ••	£74,7	721 (£7 .	3,193)(£	72,591)
	Sum represented b	y a Ponny l	Rate	• • •	e £2	278	(£266)	(£282)
2.								
	Live Births.	48. (1947)		19/18-((1947)	5) 1944	Femalo 8.(1947)	(1946)
	Legitimate 1	35 (153) 12 (8)	(140) (15)	79 79 7	(77) (6) (5) (7	1) 50	6 (76) 5 (3)	(76)
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		il (3) il (Nil)	(4) (1)	Nil Nil ((1) (2 (Nil) (1	?) Nil Nil	l (2) l (Nil)	(2) (Nil)
						Eng	land & W	ales.
		to 1945	101.8	(2017)	(2016)	101.8	(1947)	(1946)
	Birth Rate. (Live	Average.	1948.	(<u>1947</u>)	(1946)	1940,	(1241)	(1940)
	births per 1000							
	civilian population)	13.3	15.2	(17.9)	(17.7)	17.9	(20.5)	(19.1)
	Rate of Illegitim	ate						
	legitimate			1>	1			
	births.	70	89	(52)	(107)		()	(-)
	Stillbirth Rate per 1000 total							
	(live & still) births.	28.1	27.4.7	(18.3)	(7) 7)		()	(-)
	Death Rate per	20.1	Nil	(10.5)	(31.3)	-	(-)	(-)
	1000 resident	17 7	20 6	(10.0)	(16.8)	10.8	(12.0)	(11 5)
	population.	13.3	12.0	(12:0)	(10*0)	10.0	(12.0)	(110))
	Death Rate of Inf under 1 year. All	anos						
	infants per 1000 live births.	41.4	13.6	(37.3)	(45.2)	34	(41)	(43)
	Legitimate Infant	8		(2,12)	()			
	per 1000 legitima births.	.to 39.9	7.5	(26.1)	(50.0)	-	(-)	(-)
	Illegitimate Infa per 1000 illegiti							
	births.	63.3	83.3	(25)	(Nil)	-	(-)	(-)

The total number of Live Births to Newmarket Residents during 1948 was 147, of which 136 were born in Newmarket and eleven elsewhere. During 1947 the total was 161, of which 147 were born in Newmarket and 14 elsewhere. The total number of Live Births in 1946 was 155 and included 18 infants born elsewhere than in Newmarket to Newmarket Residents.

There were no Stillbirths during 1948. The number of Stillbirths in 1947 was 3, and in 1946 the corresponding figure was 5.

Illegitimate Birthswhich had declined from 18 in 1945 to 15 in 1946 and to 8 in 1947 rose during 1948 to 12.



122 Deaths, 65 Male, 57 female, (108 deaths in 1947 and 127 in 1946) occurred during 1948, including no deaths from Maternal Causes (Headings 29 and 30), 26 deaths from Cancer, no deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough or Diarrhoea (under 2 years).

Deaths of Infants under one year of age during 1948 were two -(1 male legitimate, 1 female illegitimate). In 1947 there were six -(1 male legitimate, 4 female legitimate and 1 female illegitimate) the corresponding figure in 1946 was seven.

The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring at the various age groups. The totals correspond with the Registrar General's figures. The deaths are classified under the headings given in the New Abridged List of Causes, as used in England and Wales and Northern Ireland, as set out on Page XXXIX of the Manual of the International List of Causes of Deaths - 1948.

CAUSES OF DEATHS.			s at t er occ												
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8.Syphilitic diseases.	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
14. Cancer of stomach & duodenum.	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2
15.Cancer of Breast.	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1.1
16.Cancer of all other sites.	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	11	4	15	5
18.Corebral Haemorrhage.	-	-		-	-		-		1	3	-	5	7	8	8
19.Heart Diseases.	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	8	l	14	14	22	15
20.0ther circulatory diseases		-		-	-		-	-	-	-	1	1	3	1	1
21.Bronchitis.	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	5	1
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27.0ther digestive diseases.	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
28.Nephritis.	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	
31.Premature Births.	1	1		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
32.Congenital malformations, birth injury, infantile disease.	-	-			-	-	_	-	-	-	1	-	-		
34.Road Traffic Accidents.	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1]
35.0ther violent causes.	-	-	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	2
36.All other causes.	-	-		-	-	-	1	-	-	1	5	2	4	3	10
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Females.	-	1	- 1	-	- !	-	1	-	1	-	12	-	41	-	57

On page 4 is a table giving statistics for 1948 and for the previous years, 1947 and 1946, as also for the decade from 1936 to 1945, during which I have reported as Medical Officer of Health. From this table have been prepared the decade average figures which allow comparison with this period and the year 1948.

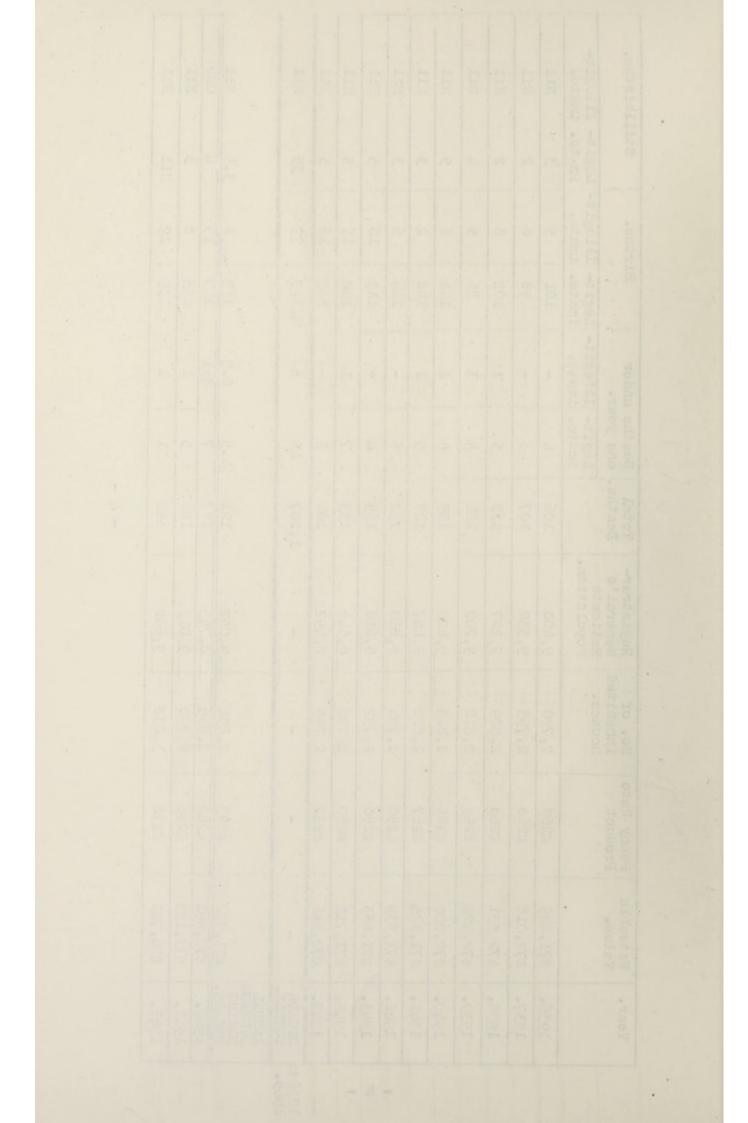
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	Year.	Rateable Value.	Penny Rate Product	No. of inhabited	Registrar- General's	Total Deaths.	Deaths under one year.	under r.	Bi	Births.	Stil.	Stillbirths.
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	1937.	£72,018	£268	2,795	9,330	107	3	1	98	8	2	LiN
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	1939.	£72, 126	\$269	2,812	9,202	TOT	li	-1	86	5	4	LiN
	1940.	£72,000	£268	2,805	9,420	109	11	1	104	9	5	III
	.1941.	\$71,125	£267	2,802	9,447	127	5	1	148	2	3	Lin
	1942.	\$71,539	£280	2,794	8,860	132	9	1	124	9	3	Lin
	1943.	£71,683	£280	2,792	8,618	1.55	4	1	213	10	5	liN
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1	1947.	1	\$266	2,890	9,019	108	5	1	153	8	3	III
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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

(a) <u>LABORATORY FACILITIES</u>. From 31st March, 1947, the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Cambridge, have continued these services, without a block payment, under the directorship of Dr. R. M. Fry.

(b) <u>AMBULANCE FACILITIES</u>. The County Council became responsible for these services on the 5th July, 1948, the Appointed Day of the National Health Service Act. In effect this appeared to be only a new financial arrangement, the County Council carrying out their obligations by using the existing services provided by the Red Cross Society.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. The County Council, the Local Health Authority under the National Health Service Act proposed to continue the existing arrangements for the provision of a domiciliary nursing service. Adequate staff will not be available for a long time, but the provision of a night service will be considered when the shortage of nurses becomes less acute.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES. The following is a list of Out-Patient Clinics held at White Lodge Hospital :-

MONDAY.	10 - 12 noon.	Ear, Nose and Throat.	Mr.R.W.Williamson. (principally for Hearing Aids.)
TUESDAY.	10 - 12 noon.	Gynaccological & Post Natal.	Professor J. Preston Maxwell, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G.
	2 - 4 p.m. 10.30 - 12 noon.	Ante-Natal. Orthopaedic.	Mr.E.S.Jamieson, M.B., Ch.B.(N.Z.), F.R.C.S.E.
	11 - 12 noon. 2 - 4 p.m.	Surgical. Eye.	Mr.J.E. Rowlands, F.R.C.S.E. Miss Perres Taylor. (1st, 2nd & 3rd.Tuesdays only).
WEDNESDAY.		Medical.	Dr.R.Arden Jones, M.B., (London), M.R.C.P.
	2 - 5 p.m. 2 - 5 p.m.	Medical. Medical.	Dr.T.Smillie, M.B., M.R.C.P. Dr. L.C.Martin, M.D., F.R.C.P.(fortnightly)
THURSDAY,	2 - 5 p.m. 10 - 12 noon.	Ear, Nose and Throat. Gynaecological, etc.	Mr.R.W.Williamson. Professor J. Preston Maxwell, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G.
	2 - 4 p.m. 2 - 5 p.m.	Ante Natal. T.B.Consultations and Refills.	Dr.R.Arden Jones, M.B. (London), M.R.C.P.
FRIDAY.	2 - 5 p.m.	Orthopaedic.	Mr.E.S.Jamieson, M.B., Ch.B.(N.Z.) F.R.C.S.E.
SATURDAY.	2 - 5 p.m. 10.30 - 12 noon	Surgical. Orthopaedic (School) (3rd Saturday each month only)	Mr.J.E.Rowlands, F.R.C.S.E, Mr.E.S.Jamieson, M.B., Ch.B.(N.Z.), F.R.C.S.E.

(e) <u>HOSPITALS</u>. Of the 147 total live births to Newmarket Residents, 136 took place in the Urban District, (of those 84 occurred at WhiteLodge Hospital and 23 at the Cardigan Street Nursing Home - the remaining 29 were at the residents' home) and 11 beyond our District.

Of the 122 deaths of Newmarket residents, 28 occurred beyond our District and 94 in our District. The place of death was, 6 at friends homes outside the District, 74 at their own homes, and 42 at hospitals, as under :-

13 White Lodge Hospital, Newmarket.

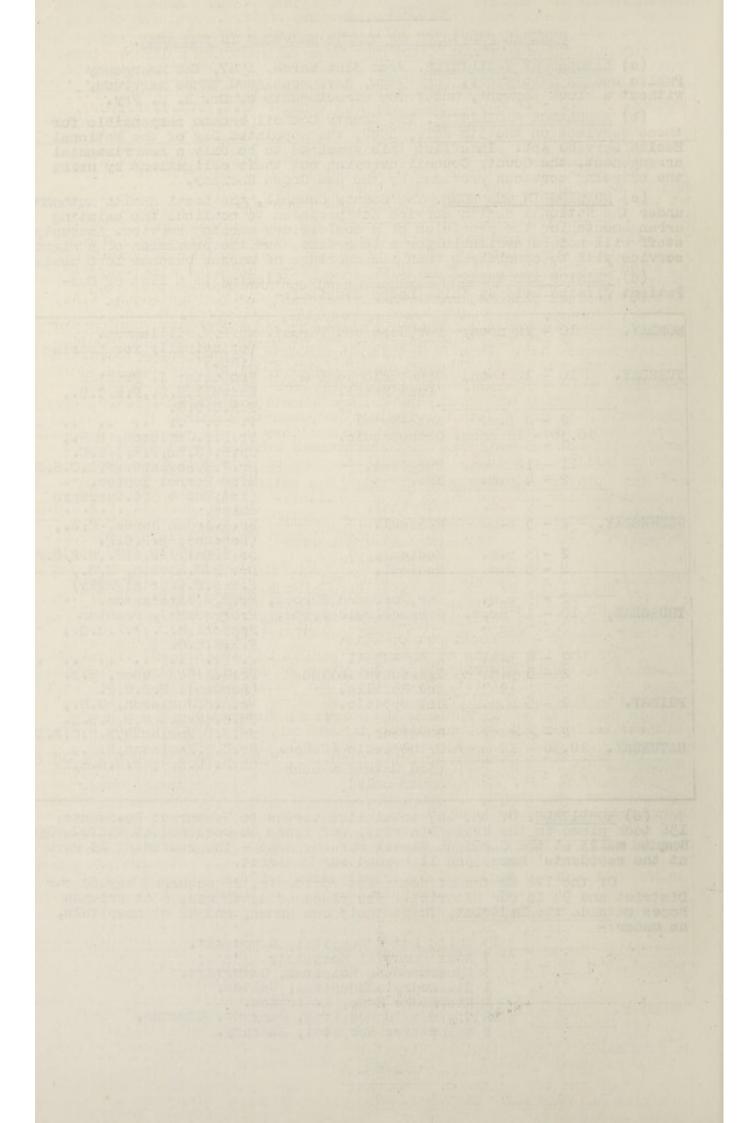
7 Rous Memorial Hospital,

3 Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge. 1 St. Audry's Hospital, Melton.

- 1 Risbridge Home, Kedington.

16 St. Mary's Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds.

1 Walnuttree Hospital, Sudbury.



SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) <u>WATER</u>. The Newmarket Waterworks Company Ltd., supplies the Urban District - all properties except two farms and 13 houses have piped supplies laid on to the properties.

Two wells in the chalk at Southfields Pumping Station, connected by an adit are the source of supply. The water is chlorinated and pumped to a storage reservoir at Warren Hill which has a capacity of 260,000 gallons.

The supply was maintained without break throughout the year.

During the year, 31 samples were taken direct from the well for bacteriological examination. Of these 30 were reported as satisfactory, the remaining one showing a small B. Coli count. The Waterworks Company was informed and immediately showed their usual concern to ensure that the water received sufficient chlorination before distribution into the mains.

27 samples of water were taken from the mains and all were satisfactory showing counts of Nil B.Coli per 100 mls.

Two samples of water were taken from a well serving two houses in Church Street, Exning. Both samples were unsatisfactory and showed evidence of pollution. As these two houses were the subject of Demolition Orders, arrangements were made for the occupiers to obtain water from the main piped supply at the adjoining house.

A sample of water from the well at Southfields Pumping Station was submitted to Dr. S. Greenburgh, the Public Analyst, for Chemical Examination and the following is a copy of his certificate:-

> " Public Analyst's Laboratory, Tenison Road, Cambridge.

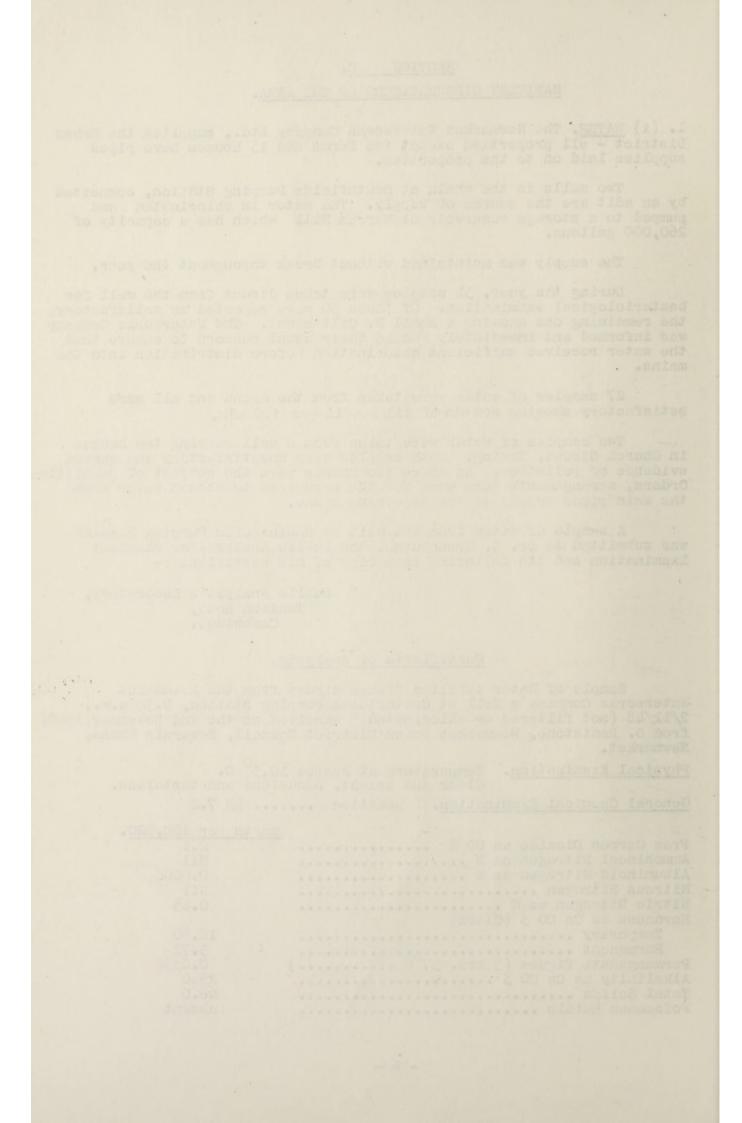
Certificate of Analysis.

Sample of Water labelled "Taken direct from the Newmarket Waterworks Company's Well at Southfields Pumping Station, 9.30 a.m., 2/11/48 (not filtered or chlorinated)" received on the 2nd November, 1948, from G. Penistone, Newmarket Urban District Council, Severals House, Newmarket.

Physical Examination. Temperature at Source 10.5⁰ C. Clear and bright, odourless and tasteless. General Chemical Examination. Reaction pH 7.2

	parts per 100,000.
Free Carbon Dioxide as CO 2	. 2.1
Ammoniacal Nitrogen as N	. Nil
Albuminoid Nitrogen as N	. 0.0008
Nitrous Nitrogen	. Nil
Nitric Nitrogen as N	
Hardness as Ca CO 3 (Clark)	
Temporary	. 18.80
Permanent	. 5.72
Permanganate figure (3 hrs. 37°C	.) 0.0330
Alkalinity as Ca CO 3	. 25.0
Total Solids	
Poisonous Metals	-

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Mineral Analysis.	parts per 100,000
Calcium as Ca	18,80
Magnesium as Mg	trace
Carbonate as CO3	
Chloride as Cl	
Sulphate as SO 4	
Iron	2.00 Nil
Microscopical examination of deposit Nor	10.

Bacteriological examination

Coliform organisms absent in 100 mls. Number of micro-organisms per ml. developing on Agar at $37^{\circ}C = Nil$ Number of micro-organisms per ml. developing on Agar at $21^{\circ}C = 6$ <u>Plumbo-Solvency</u>. No action on lead in 3 days at $18^{\circ} - 21^{\circ}C$.

Remarks. The results obtained on the analysis of this sample do not show any evidences of pollution with harmful organic or inorganic matter. I am of opinion that this water is fit for drinking purposes!

1. (11) <u>DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE</u>. There are two separate works - the main Newmarket Disposal Works (serving an estimated population of 8,500 persons and sited in close proximity to a heavily built up area) and the Exning Sewage Works (serving an estimated population of 2,000 persons, which is approximately one mile to the North West of the Main Works).

The Newmarket Works treat an estimated dry weather flow of 445,000 gallons per day and the Exning Works an estimated dry weather flow of 57,000 gallons per day.

The position with regard to both works remains the same as was stated in the Annual Report for 1946.

Detailed schemes for the electrification and remodelling of the whole works have from time to time been considered, but, on each occasion owing to the excessive present day costs and long delivery for necessary plant, the matter has been deferred.

2. <u>RIVERS AND STREAMS</u>. The final effluent from the Sewage Works is given land treatment before being discharged into the stream.

3. (i) <u>CLOSET ACCOMMODATION</u>. In the District only the two farms and thirteen houses, previously noted as being without a piped water supply, are without water closets.

(ii) <u>PUBLIC CLEANSING</u>. Cleansing of streets and road gullies, collection of house refuse, shop refuse, trade refuse, and salvage, is carried out by direct labour under the supervision of the Engineer and Surveyor. In connection with this the Council have one 12 cubic yard Scammell Moving Floor Refuse Collector, and one 500 gallon Scammell Gulley and Cesspool Emptier.

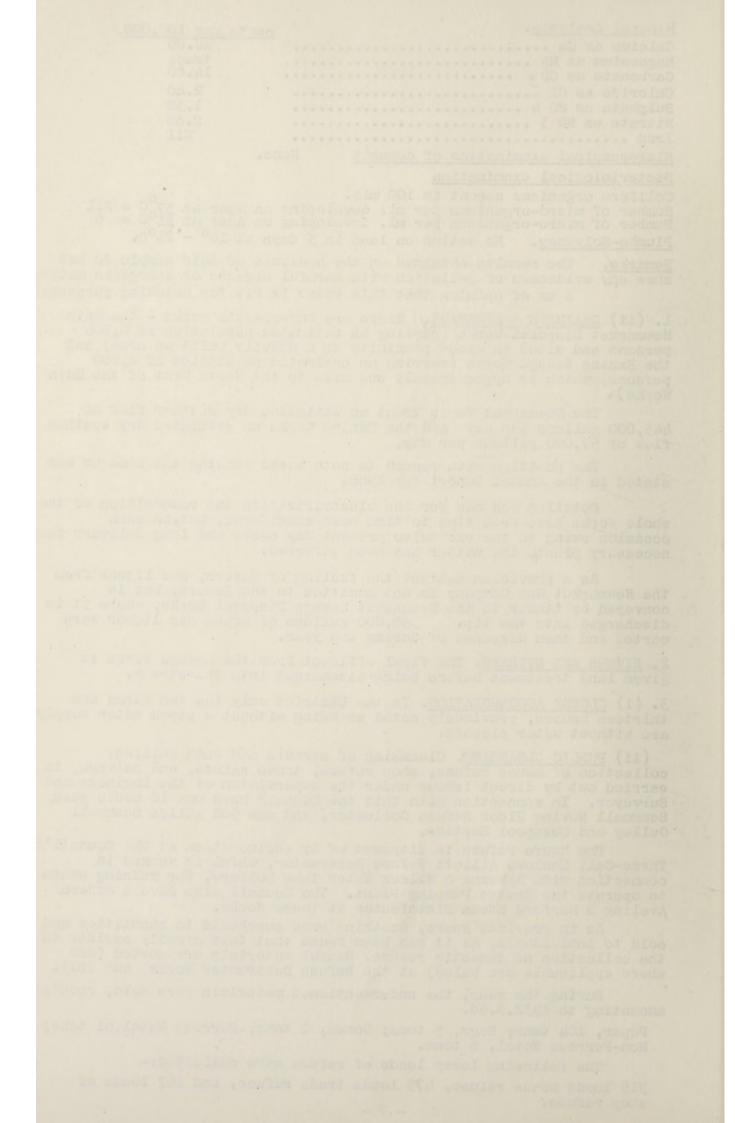
The house refuse is disposed of by incineration at the Council's Three-Cell Manlove Alliott Refuse Destructor, which is worked in connection with Babcock & Wilcox Water Tube Boilers, for raising steam to operate the Sewage Pumping Plant. The Council also have a modern Aveling & Barford Steam Disinfector at these Works.

As in previous years, dustbins were purchased in quantities and sold to individuals, as it has been found that this greatly assists in the collection of domestic refuse. Useful materials are sorted (and where applicable are baled) at the Refuse Destructor Works and sold.

During the year, the undermentioned materials were sold, receipts amounting to £932.8.6d.

Paper, 104 tons; Rags, 5 tons; Bones, 2 tons; Ferrous Metal, 61 tons; Non-Ferrous Metal, 6 tons.

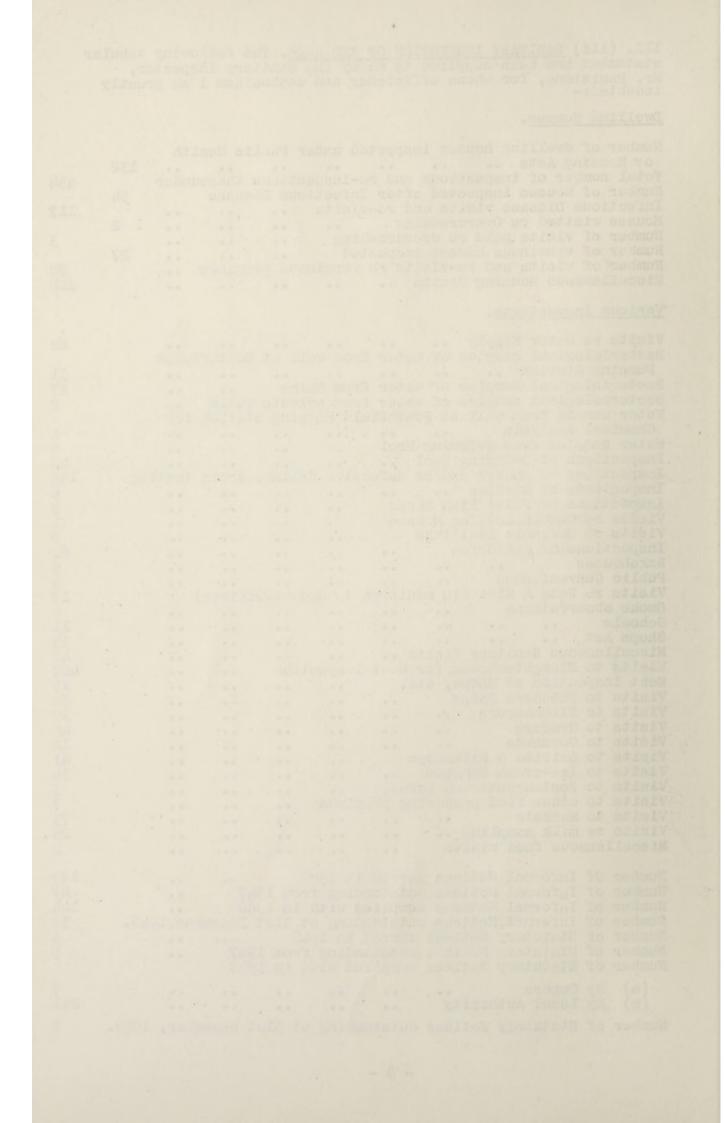
The following lorry loads of refuse were collected:-915 loads house refuse, 479 loads trade refuse, and 147 loads of shop refuse.



III. (iii) <u>SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA</u>. The following tabular statement has been supplied to me by the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Penistone, for whose efficiency and enthusiasm I am greatly indebted:-

Dwelling Houses.

Number of dwelling houses inspected under Public Health or Housing Acts	454 117 3 80 224
Various Inspections.	
Visits re Water Supply	62 31 27 2
Water samples from Swimming Pool	1 9
Inspections at Swimming Pool	40 155
Inspections of Fried Fish Shops	6 9 1 2 61
Visits re Common Lodging Houses	1
Visits re Moveable Dwellings	67
Bakehouses	9
Public Conveniences	9 4
Visits re Rats & Mice (in addition to Rodent Officer)	17
Smoke observations	4
Schools	12 15
Shops Act	48
Visits to Slaughterhouse for Meat Inspection	402
Meat Inspection at Shops, etc.	15
Visits to Butchers Shops, .,	34
Visits to Fishmongers	30
Visits to Grocers	45
Visits to Dairies & Milkshops	41
Visits to Ice-creem Femises	34
Visits to Restaurants and Cafes	3
Visits to Restaurants and Cafes	41 34 37 75 25 4
Visits to Markets	75
Visits re milk sampling	25
	-4
Number of Informal Notices served in 1948	129 47 144 32 3
Number of Statutory Notices complied with in 1948	5
(a) By Cwners (b) By Local Authority	7
	N11
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1949.	. 1



Work done after service of Notices.

	Informal.	Formal.
Roofs repaired Walls repaired Floors repaired Ceilings repaired	13 13 2 7 2	=
Windows or door repaired Fireplaces, ovens, cooking ranges repaired ow renewed Washing coppers renewed	6	2
Eaves gutters and rainwater pipes repaired or renewed Water closets renewed, repaired or cleansed Drains repaired or renewed Drains cleansed	4	4 1
Chimney stacks re-built or repaired Sinks renewed Dust-bins provided	5 2 52	-
Houses cleansed and disinfested Offensive accumulations removed Nuisance from keeping of animals abated Ditches cleansed Cowsheds cleansed and limewashed	6 4 1 1	
Bakehouses cleansed and limewashed Factory sanitary accommodation renewed Light provided to Factory sanitary accommoda	2 1 ation 1	Ē
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Factory Act, 1937.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

		Number	Num	ber of	
	Premises.	on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced b Local Authorities.		. 14	Nil	Nil.
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	48	47	4	Nil
(111)	Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority * (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil.	Nil	Nil
	TOTAL:	81	61	4	Nil

i.e. Electrical Stations (Section 103 (1)), Institutions. (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

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1.c. Electrical Stations (Section 103 (1).), Lastin tions. (Section 10b) and sites of building Operations and Pop Cases in which defects were found,

	N	No. of cases in which			
Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.	Refer To H.M. Inspector!	By H.M.	prosecutions were instituted.
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	Nil	2	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences(S.7) Unsuitable or	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
defective TOTAL:	4	4	Nil	2	Nil

(iv) <u>SHOPS AND OFFICES</u>. 15 inspections were made under the Shops Act, 1934. Notices were served in two cases where the water closets were found to be defective and the closets were repaired.

(v) <u>CAMPING SITES</u>. There are no licenced camping sites in the district.

(vi) <u>SMOKE ABATEMENT</u>. Four smoke observations were made during the year, all in connection with smoke nuisance from a laundry chimney. Smoke nuisance arose mainly due to the fact that the boiler was overloaded. Unfortunately the owners have not yet been able to obtain delivery of new boiler plant which is on order.

The boiler house was visited following each observation and information was given to the boiler house staff on efficient methods of firing.

(vii) <u>SWIMMING POOLS</u>. The Council own a modern open-air swimming pool. Water for the pool is obtained from the Newmarket Water Company's mains and is treated with a Bell horizontal sand filter and suitable chlorination plant.

Nine samples of the swinning pool water were taken for bacteriological examination, of which seven samples showed no B. Coli per 100 mls. and the other two showed small B.Coli counts. Following the two samples showing B.Coli the chlorination of the water was increased.

40 inspections were also made regarding the cleanliness of dressing boxes, sanitary accommodation, and pool surroundings.

The swimming pool was open from 13th May to 15th September,1948. The number of tickets sold was 17,395, of which 5,270 were adults, 11,983 were children, and 142 members of H.M. Forces, who were admitted at a reduced rate. In addition there were 32 adult and 105 children season ticket holders. The pool was also used regularly by several schools.

(viii) <u>ERADICATION OF BED BUGS</u>. 27 premises infested with bed bugs were inspected during the year, and the premises and furniture were treated with Zaldecide containing D.D.T. by the Council's staff. 53 reinspections were made and no case of re-infestation was found.

57 routine visits were paid to houses occupied by prospective Council house tenants in order that the dwelling they occupied and their furniture could be inspected and if necessary freed from vermin before removal to a new house. Fifteen of the infested premises were discovered as a result of these visits and of these 10 were houses subject to Demolition Orders.

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(ix) <u>RATS AND MICE</u>. The Council continued to employ two operators on the work of rodent destruction, and systematic and block control treatment was carried out.

From the ending of the Ministry's Scheme for free treatment of dwelling houses on the 31st March, 1948, to the end of July a charge was made for treatment to all premises including dwelling houses. It was found however that there were many difficulties with regard to making charges for the treatment of dwelling houses. Too much time was spent by the operators seeing householders and asking them to sign the requisition for the treatment, which retarded the work of killing the rats. Some householders elected to carry out their own treatment rather than pay, which of course they were entitled to do. The result was that proper block control methods were interfered with, and in addition, further inspections had to be made to ascertain if those householders were in fact carrying out their own treatment. To facilitate the work the Council resolved to carry out free treatment to dwelling houses as and from the 1st August, 1948.

Test baiting of the sewers showed only very slight infestation of the sewers of the district. Two maintenance treatments were carried out during the year in these parts of the sewer system found to be affected.

Four treatments were carried out at the Council's Sewage and Refuse Disposal Works at Exning Road, and six treatments at the Exning Sewage Works. A total of 394 rat bodies were found after treatment at these premises - the estimated kill is of course several times greater than this.

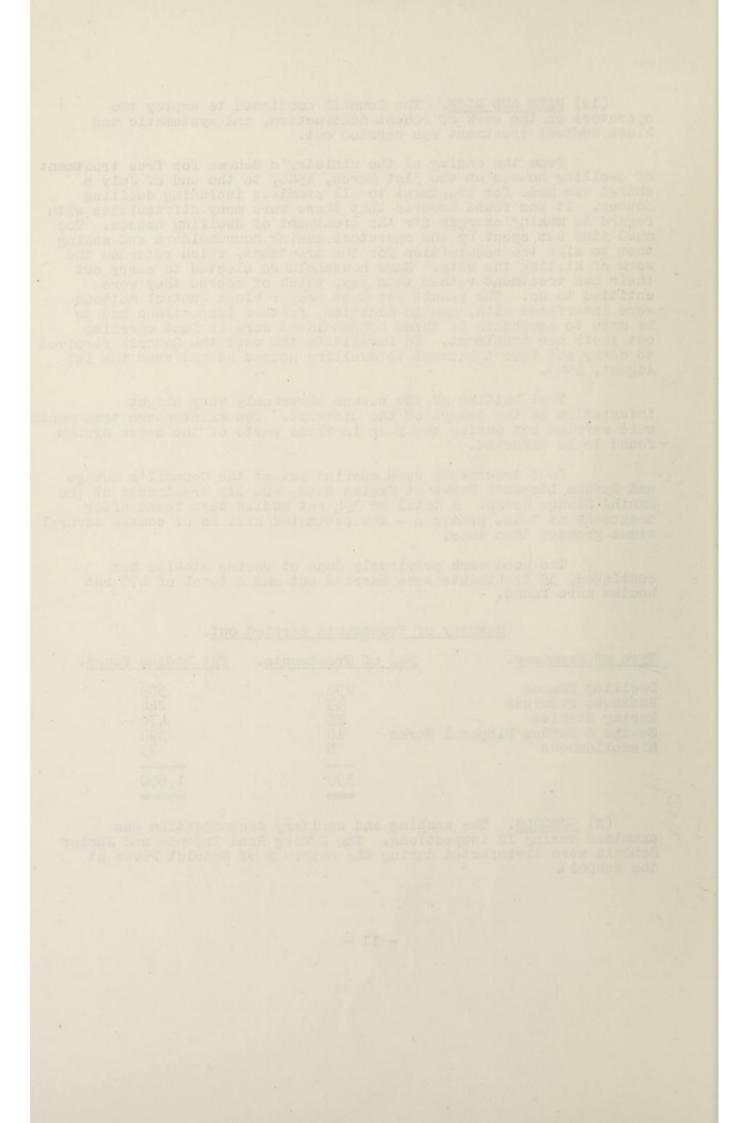
The good work previously done at racing stables has continued, 35 treatments were carried out and a total of 470 rat bodies were found.

Summary of Treatments carried out.

Type of Premises.	Ho.	of Treatments.	Rat Bodies Found.
Dwelling Houses Business Premises Racing Stables Sewage & Refuse Disposal Miscellaneous	Works	292 53 35 10 8	509 244 470 394 73
		398	1,690

(x) <u>SCHOOLS</u>. The washing and sanitary accommodation was examined during 12 inspections. The Exning Read Infants and Junior Schools were disinfected during the outbreak of Scarlet Fever at the school.

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HOUSING.

l. (i)	(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	132
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	454
(11)	(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.	14
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	14
(111)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	12
(iv)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	117
2. Rem	edy of Defects during the year without service of mal notices:-	
con	per of defective dwelling houses rendored fit in sequence of informal action by the Local Authority their officers.	128
3. Act	ion under Statutory Powers during the year: -	
(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	Nil
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By Owners (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil Nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	3
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
	(a) By Owners	- 7
*	(Includes 5 outstanding from 1947) (b) By Local Authority in default of owners.	Nil
(c)	Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act. 1935.	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which	12
	 Demolition Orders were made. (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in persuance of Demolition Orders. 	21.
(d)	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	1
	(2) Number of duelling-houser closed in persuance of Closing Orders 12 -	l

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4.	Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.	
	(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end	11
	of the year	
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	19 88
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein.	88
	(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.	Nil
	(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.	6
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases.	51
	(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local	NII
	Authority having taken steps for the abatement of	

overcrowding.

The Table on page 16 indicates the extent of the progress which the Ministry of Health have allowed the Council to make - comparison is possible with my other four Districts. The progress made in housing provision by the Council (as indicated in the Table) can be studied with the following extract of a report as to housing needs in the District as shown at 28th February, 1949, by Active Housing Applicants only:-

"At 28th February, 1949, the Active Housing Applicants (as indicated by those who have returned the Government's official form), numbered 361. It is stressed that this figure of 361 referred only to the Active Housing Applicants and bears little or no relation to the complete housing requirements, for noither are there included all families living in houses likely to be the subject of demolition orders nor families who are occupying either requisitioned properties, temporary houses or converted hutments or others who will be included in the complete building programme.

As requested by the Ministry of Health, (in letter 92056/3/177 of 3rd December, 1948), the 361 Activo Applicants have been divided into those 179 Families without a separate house and 182 Families with a separate house - in the latter group the main reason for seeking a new house has been indicated. The size of house required has as requested by the Ministry of Health in the same letter, been assessed in all cases. The Standard applied in Table One is that defined in Sub-Section (b) Section 136, Housing Act, 1936,

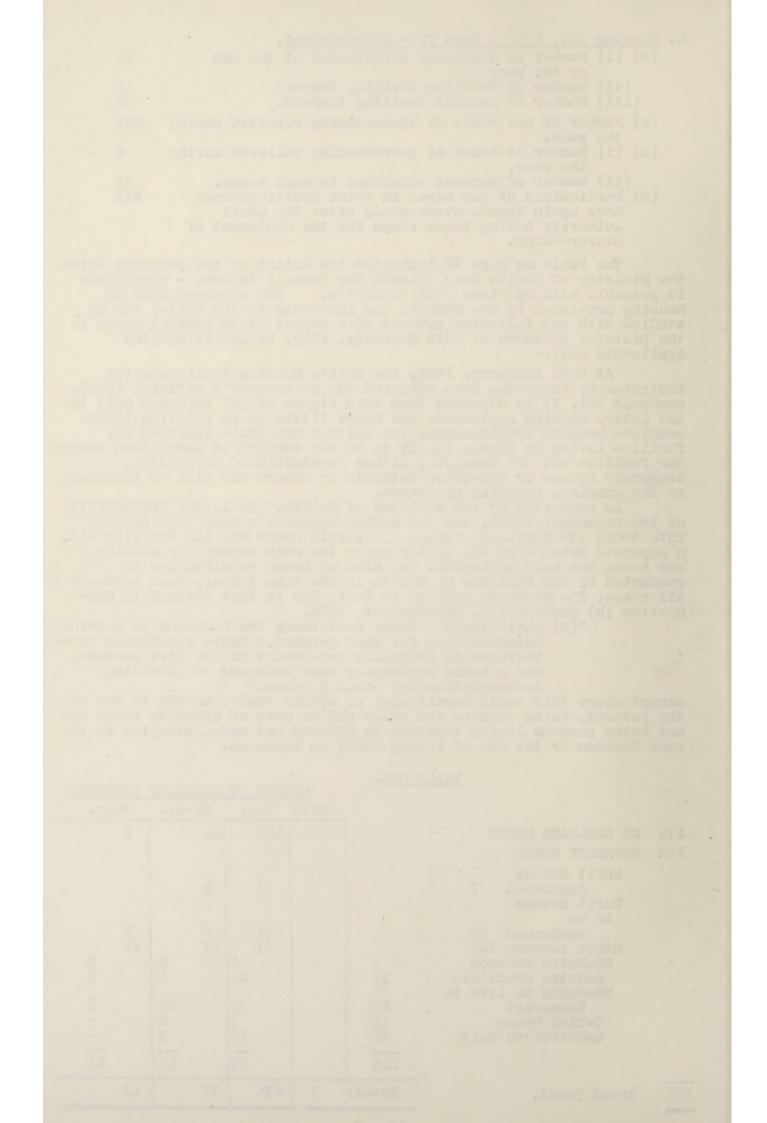
"(b) shall treat a house containing two bedrooms as providing accommodation for four persons, a house containing three bedrooms as providing accommodation for five persons, and a house containing four bedrooms as providing accommodation for seven persons."

except where this would result now, or within twelve months in two of the persons, being persons ten years old or more of opposite sexes and not being persons living together as husband and wife, sleeping in the same bedroom or the use of living rooms as bedrooms.

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	TABL	E ONE.	NU	MBER OF	BEDROOMS	REQUIRED.
			N11.	Two.	Three.	Four.
179 182	NO SEPARATE HOUSE SEPARATE HOUSE		l	163	14	l
	Unfit Houses Condemned 7 Unfit Houses to be			3	4	
	condemned 30 Other reasons 145 BR=Extra Bedroom A=Extra Amenities NM=Wants to live in Newmarket	8 39 65 11		21 87 28 33	8 47 4 8 26	1 11 2 3 6
	T=Tied House Q=Notice to Quit	11 22 145		17	$\frac{4}{5}$	
361	Grand Total.	Total:	1	274	73	13

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í	11	11		11	8	11.

361# Includes one family seeking to become the tenants of the Council House in which they now live with their mother when she no longer requires it.

There are, therefore, 1,138 persons in these 361 families and it will be noted that 108 of these families, totalling 384 persons, wish to come and live in Newmarket Urban District from outside the District, whilst 253 families, totalling 754 persons, already live in Newmarket Urban District.

It would be fallacious to regard the totals 274, 73, 13, (representing 76%, 20% and 4%) in Table One of Two, Three and Four bedroomed houses as indicative of the needs of the complete Housing Programme, because inter alia (1) As previously remarked, only Active

- Housing Applicants have been included.
- (2) Allowance should be made for the use to which could be put many of the Separate Houses when their present occupiers are re-housed.
- (3) The natural increase anticipated in the size of the families of those
- Applicants still of child-boaring ago. (4) Eventual decease.

With regard to (1), for the first five years post-war period it will probably be inevitable to ignore those persons who although living in houses likely to be the subject of Demolition Orders have not been Active Applicants (owing to the limited rate of building possible) .

With regard to (2), consideration has been given to each house occupied separately by a Live Applicant to form an estimation of the number of these houses which will be available to Newmarket Residents. Those who have given their main reason "Want to live in Newmarket" will not leave a house available to our Council, neither will many other houses, mostly on the periphery which are required for agricultural workers or estate employees, nor others which are doomed unfit for re-letting, become available. It is estimated that from the 182 Separate Houses the number of houses which will be vacated and then be available and suitable for occupation in Newmarket is 45, of which 42 have two bedrooms and three have three bedrooms.

With regard to (3) and (4), the 274 Applicants, as shown in the second column of Table One, with families now numerically suited for two bedroomed houses are adjudged to be 193 of child-bearing age, 75 whose families will probably remain at the present number, and 6 of advanced years.

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The 73 Applicants (Column 3, Table One) with families now numerically suited for three bedroomed houses will in the future probably require a few four bedroomed houses.

SUMMARY

361 Live Applicants (total 1,138 persons) apply for 360 houses. The present size of the families could be fitted by 274 two bedroomed houses, 69 three bedroomed and 13 four bedroomed houses.

Suggested means to cope with this Active Waiting List

Analysis of the present houses occupied by these Applicants together with the ages of the families, suggests that to build these houses in these numbers and sizes would inevitably mean much moving of tenants in the future - tenants have shown themselves averse to changing from one Council House to another as the size of their family fluctuates. It is suggested that the requirements of the 361 Live

Applicants should be met by providing: -

40	-	Two Bedroomed Dwellings
250	-	Three Bedroomed Dwellings
25	-	Four Bedroomed Dwellings

It is essential that the cost of these dwellings should . not be such that the dwellings will be available to the applicants only by them denying themselves some of the necessities of life such as food, clothing and warmth. At first sight it appears that two bedroomed dwellings

could be built for two thirds of the price of three bedroomed dwellings. That this is fallacious is soon apparent when it is realised that the size of the kitchen and its equipment, the size of the living room, bathroom and its fitments, etc., is almost identical with that of the three bedroomed dwellings. Actually two bedroomed dwellings can only be built at a cost which allows them to be rented for a few coppers a week less than three bedroomed dwellings. Regard, however, must be paid to the fact that the rates of a three bedroomed dwelling are in excess of that of a two bedroomed dwelling. Bearing in mind the expenses of removal and families' reluctance to be changed from one Council House to another and weighing against this the lessening of rent and rates, the ease of managament and the economy in furnishing, whilst also taking note of the peculiarities of the district and the advantage which an additional bedroom has been in the past and might continue so to be in the future in relation to the chief industry of the town, it is suggested that 40 two bedroomed dwellings, of which 10 should be bungalows suitable for old persons and 30 should be maisonettes for allocation to families without, or unlikely to have, young children, would be an appropriate number. For the sake of economy it is suggested that the 25 four bedroomed dwellings might each be obtained by building 25 blocks of four three bedroomed houses with an extra bedroom over the centre passage easily added to either of the middle houses.

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SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) <u>MILK SUPPLY</u>. 25 samples of milk were taken with results as tabulated below.

MILK Nature of Sample.	No. of Samples.						LI NATION.	Total No. of Samples Un- satisfactory.	
		Satisfastory.	Unsatis?actery.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.		
Pasteur- ised.	12	. 11	1	10	2	-	-	2	
Raw - Ungraded.	13	-	-].2	1	8	5	6	
TOTAL:	25	11	1	22	3	8	5	8	

Following the unsatisfactory samples of Pasteurised milk visits were paid to the dairy concerned and inspections made of the plant and its working. It was found that due to defects in the Time and Temperature recording apparatus no proper check could be made as to whether the milk was receiving proper treatment. New recording apparatus was fitted and subsequent samples all proved satisfactory.

As regards the ungraded samples only one unsatisfactory sample was produced in the district. The farm was visited, methods of production and handling were improved, and following samples from this source were satisfactory.

Information as to unsatisfactory samples produced outside the district was sent to the officers of the District concerned for their attention.

One new cowshed and dairy was registered during the year where the cows are Tuberculin Tested and the premises are of modern construction on the milking parlour system. Methods of production are excellent and the system is a vast improvement on the method of milking cows in the cowshed.

Action was taken with regard to milk distribution by one dairy where crates of bottles of milk were placed at the roadside to await collection by milk roundsmen. The milk was thus exposed to possible contamination, particularly by dogs, and arrangements were made for the crates to be suitably protected by covers.

53 visits were paid to cowsheds and dairies to supervise the production, handling and distribution of milk.

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(b) <u>MEAT AND OTHER FOODS</u>. All slaughtering of animals for human consumption for our District takes place at the Government controlle slaughterhouse in the town. All carcases and organs are inspected before distribution to the various retailers in Newmarket and the surrounding district.

402 visits were paid to the slaughterhouse for the purpose of meat inspection. No effort has been spared to ensure that all carcases and organs received detailed inspection which necessitated visits in the evenings, week-ends, and on normal public holidays.

The slaughtermen take particular pride in the cleanliness of the slaughterhouse and equipment both during and at the completion of each day's slaughtering. It is highly pleasing when official visitors to the slaughterhouse frequently make comment as to its high standard of cleanliness, which is difficult to maintain in view of the character of the work carried out.

An unsatisfactory feature is that the slaughterhouse has no cold room into which the meat could be removed after slaughter and thus be kept in better condition and protected from flies. Ministry of Food staff made efforts to keep the premises clear of flies by spraying the slaughterhouse and associated buildings with D.D.T. insecticide, and the applications of D.D.T. insecticide powder to the manure pit, condemned meat room, etc. at frequent intervals.

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Lambs.	Part	"	4				

Offals Condemned 1948.

Cattle	Cattle other t Cows.	than	Cows		
	Tuberculosis.	Other Diseases.	Tuberculosis.	Other Diseaces.	Total
Hoads.	96	12	23	2	133
Lungs.	147	94	72	2 9 1	322
Hearts.	2	2	1		6
Livers.	2 31	274	12	53	370
Kidneys.	-	3	23 72 1 12 3 11	2.	8
Skirts.	18	1	11	-	30
Spleens.	11	4	11	3	29
Stomachs.	8	3 1 4 3 1	1 2	1	8 30 29 5 13
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Pigs.			Total.		
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Lungs.	1	25	20		
Hearts.	2	13 11	14 12		
Livers.	Т	12	12		
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and Intestines.	-	0	0		
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Heads.	-	2	2		
Lungs.		14	14		
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Livers.	-	20	20 2 1		
Kidneys.	-	2	2		
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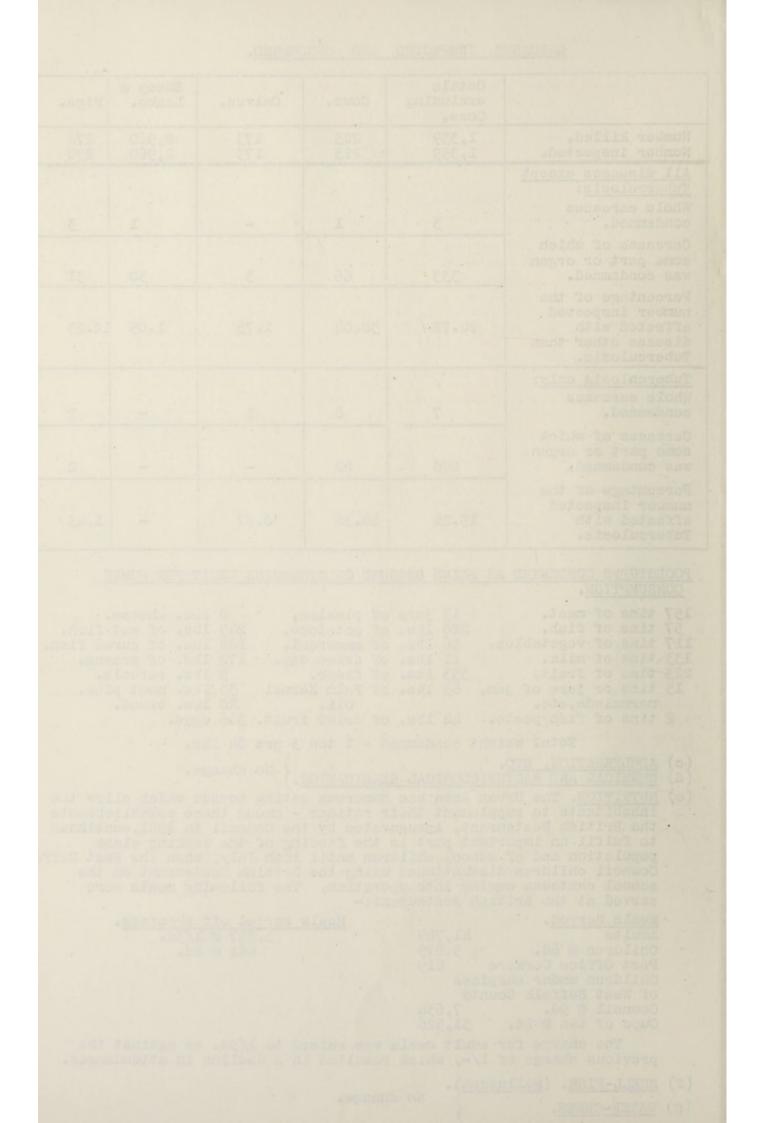
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CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.					
Number killed. Number inspected.	1,359 1,359	223 223	173 173	2,960 2,960	278 278					
All diseases except Tuberculosis: Whole carcases condemned.	3	1	_	1	3					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	333	66	3	30	31					
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	24.72	30.04	1.73	1.05	12,23					
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned.	7	8	l		2					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	200	82	_	_	2					
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	15.24	40.36	0.57	-	1.43					
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<pre>223 tins of fruit. 15 tins or jars of j marmalade,etc. 2 tins of fish past</pre>	353 lbs. am, 65 lbs.	of flour. of Palm Ke Oil.	9 11 ernol 33 11 20 11	bs. cereal bs. meat p bs. bread.	s. ies.					
 Total weight condemned - 1 ton 3 qrs 24 lbs. (c) <u>ADULTERATION, ETC.</u> (d) <u>CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION</u>. No change. (e) <u>NUTRITION</u>. The Urban Area has numerous eating houses which allow the inhabitants to supplement their rations - among these establishments the British Restaurant, inaugurated by the Council in 1941, continued to fulfil an important part in the feeding of the working class 										
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Children under au of West Suffolk C Council @ 9d. Cups of tea @ 2d.	Adults 41,749 3,357 @ 1/3d.									
The charge for previous charge of (f) <u>SHELL-FISH</u> . (Moll										
(g) <u>WATER-CRESS</u> .	} No c	hange.								

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SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following table shows the number of Infectious Diseases among the civilian population during the year. These are the final numbers after corrections subsequently made either by the Notifying Medical Practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Disease Hospital.

ALL NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING 1948.

	Scarlet Fever.	Whosping Cough.	Measles.	Pneumonia.	Puerperal Pyrexia.
Grand Total: H. F. 76 34 42 Totals.	M. F. 26 27	M. F. 5 5	M. F. 3 5	M. F.	M. F. - 4
Age 0 to under 1		- 1			
1 " " . 3	- 2	- 1	- 2		
3 " " 5	1 2	3 2	1 1		
5 " " 10	17 18	2 -	2 2		
10 " " 15	5 4				
15 " " 25	2 -				
25 " " 45	1 1	- 1			- 4
45 " " 65					
65 and over				- 1	

It will be noted that the District was comparatively free from infectious diseases during 1948 with the exception of Scarlet Fever. Of the 53 Scarlet Fever cases confirmed, 38 occurred in scholars of the Exning Road School or their immediate contacts. This explosive outbreak began early in October. The co-operation of Dr. R. M. Fry, Director, Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Cambridge, was obtained and it was soon established that the infecting organism was Haemolytic Streptococcus,

Group A, Type 2. What "trigger" determined the infectivity of this organism was not identified, for similar Haemolytic Streptococci of Group A, Type 2, were found in some children at All Saints School, but in this latter school no cases of Scarlet Fever occurred.

TUBERCULOSIS. NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1948.

During 1948 there were 17 new cases as follows:-

16 Pulmonary:

1 Non-Pulmonary:

7 Males, aged 26, 27, 33, 49, 53, 54, 70. years. 9 Females, " 11, 19, 19, 19, 19, 26, 38, 38, 47 years 1 Male, aged 30 years.

There were 3 deaths:-

3 Pulmonary:

2 Males, aged 37, 69 years. 1 Female, " 70 years.

