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URBAN DISTRICT OF NORTHALLERTON

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To the Chairman and members of the Northallerton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Owing to the retirement for Medical reasons of Dr. H. Diggles, I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Health of the District for 1969. The main vital statistics are as follows. Birth rate, adjusted by the comparability factor, 15.5 lower than that for England and Wales (16.3); Infant Mortality rate (Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 births) 28, higher than that for England and Wales 18; General Death rate (Adjusted) 15.6, higherthan that for England and Wales 11.9. There were no maternal deaths and two stillbirths.

The water supply authority for the district is the Northallerton and Dales Water Board and I am indebted to their engineer for the following report:—

The Board's main efforts continue to be directed towards locating and developing suitable new sources of supply. This is necessary to make up for existing "dry weather" deficiencies, to meet the growing demand for water and to enable numberous and isolated supplies to be replaced by more economic linked schemes.

Throughout the year, routine bacteriological samples were taken by the Board and examined by the Public Health Laboratory Service.

Little to report except that pressures are low in some areas during the peak demand periods, and a survey has been approved as an initial stage of reinforcing the distribution.

It was necessary to impose a hosepipe ban in early September to reduce the demand for water during the Autumn period.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

H. R. MORRISON,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

Section A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(a) General Statistics

		Latitude 54° 21′ N. Longitude 1° 26′ W.
		125 feet
		26 inches
		3,653 acres
		4,787
		6,087
		6,720
pulation		
		8,630
)		1,215
)		2,896
970)		£380,567
		£1,570
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(b) Vital Statistics (as supplied by Registrar General)

		Males			Females		
	Total	Legit.	Illegit	Total	Legit.	Illegi	
Live Births	80	72	8	62	59	3	
Still Births	_	_	1	2	2	_	
Infant Deaths—							
Under 1 year	2	1	1	2	2		
Under 4 weeks	2	1	1	1	1		
Under 1 week	1	1	_	1	1		

CLASSIFIED CAUSE OF DEATH

Cause of Death	ADI	Males	Females	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus		_	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine			1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus		2	2	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Osophagus		_	1	1
Other Heart Disease		3	3	6
Other Circulatory Disease		3	1	4
Pneumonia		3	2	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema		3		3
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach		2	2	4
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.		3	_	3
Other Malignant Neoplasm, etc		1	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast			3	3
Hypertensive Disease		1		1
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions			1	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases		_	1	1
Diabetes Mellitis		1		1
Motor Vehicle Accidents		1		1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease		_	1	1
All other Accidents		2		2
Ischaemic Heart Disease		18	12	30
Cerebrovascular Disease		8	11	19
Other Diseases of Respiratory System		1	2	3
Mental Disorders		_	1	1
Influenza		1	1	2
Other Diseases of Digestive System		1	1	2
Other Diseases of Genito Urinary System		1		1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality		1	1	2
Suicide and Self-Inflicated Injuries		1	_	1
Total (All Causes)		57	50	107

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

Section B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

The details of the staff are given at the beginning of the report.

Laboratory Facilities

Laboratory facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, The Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Ambulance Facilities

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station in Brompton Road.

Hospital Facilities

Local hospital accommodation is provided in the area by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board.

In addition a considerable number of Northallerton residents are treated in Darlington and Middlesbrough Hospitals.

Nursing in the Homes

The Home Nursing and Domicilary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council with the day-to-day administration dealt with by the Area Medical Officer. The staff operating in the Northallerton area comprises two District Nurse/Midwives and one Health Visitor.

Home Help Service

This is provided by the County Council, the day-to-day administration again being dealt with by the Area Medical Officer.

Section C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Report.

Section D

HOUSING

During the year 60 houses were built by the Council.

Section E

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Report.

Section F

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Infectious Diseases notified	Male	Female	Total
Infective Jaundice	2	1	3
Total	2	1	3

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1969

August, 1970.

To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my twenty-fourth Annual Report on the work carried out during the year 1969. The Report, which is mainly statistical, reveals the various duties covered by Public Health Inspectors. The routine work in the department continues to expand, due entirely to the steady growth of the town and the expansion of housing, business and industry.

Further progress was made with the adminstration of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, and all Registered Premises had received a general inspection.

With regard to all new building work, we have the task of examining all plans to ensure that they comply with the various statutes and the drainage systems comply with the Building Regulations.

There were 6,326 animals presented for slaughter at the public abattior. As in previous years post-mortem examinations were carried out in every case, thus achieving one hundred per cent meat inspection.

I should like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for the help and support that I have received from the Chairman and members of the Council, Chief Officials and staff in general, and also to my Additional Inspector Mr. Owen who retired during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. CORNICK,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

General Inspection of Premises and Notices Served

The following statistics give information on the number of notices served during the year under the various Acts and the defects or contraventions that were involved.

- 217 informal notices entailing 447 defects served 1969.
- 211 notices entailing 367 defects complied 1969.
 - 32 notices entailing 134 defects outstanding at end of 1969.

Housing	Other Nuisances	Food and Drugs	Factories	Offices, Shops and Railway Premises
Notices 95	41	60	2	19
Defects 184	44	167	2	50
Outstanding				- Calmini
Notices 1	1	25	_	5
Defects 7	2	107	_	18

Analysis of Inspections, 1969

Public Health and Housing Acts

Under Public Health Act—		
Number of houses inspected	 	 119
Number of houses re-inspected	 	 142
Under Housing Acts—		
Number of houses inspected	 	 70
Number of houses re-inspected	 	 160
Other Public Health Act Inspections	 	 128
Complaints	 	 115
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	 	 27
	Total	 761

Food and Drugs Act

erhouse	e Day Ins	spections				1,075
erhouse	e Evening	g Inspection	ons			54
Regula	tions					318
						37
						94
						3
mises						28
other	Food San	nples				4
						10
						59
				• •		
						5
						57
						9
						20
						3
Food V	isits					31
				Total		1,807
	mises other	erhouse Evening Regulations mises other Food San	Regulations mises other Food Samples ises Food Visits	mises other Food Samples ises Food Visite	rethouse Evening Inspections Regulations mises other Food Samples ises Food Visits	rethouse Evening Inspections Regulations mises other Food Samples ises Food Visits

Sundry Inspections

Swimming Bath Sar					 12
Atmospheric Polluti	on				 40
Water Samples					 51
Drainage					 298
Knackers Yards					5
Caravan Sites					 34
Offices, Shops, Gen	eral Inspec	tions			 20
Offices, Shops, Visit	S				 90
Factories					
Refuse Disposal					 17
Rodent Control					 23
					 187
Interviews					 586
Miscellaneous					 158
				Total	 1,521
Total number of ins	spections m	ade durir	of the ve	nr.	4 089

HOUSING STATISTICS

1	Houses	erected	during	the	vear
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		With Subsidy	Without Subsidy	Total
(a) By Local Authority		 60		60
(b) By Private Enterprise		 -	24	24
	Total			84

2. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year

(a) Total number of dwelling house	es inspec	ted for h	nousing d	efects	
(under Public Health or Housin	g Acts)				189
(b) Number of inspections made fo	r the pur	pose			491
Total number of houses in district				2	2,896
Houses demolished					0
Unfit houses made fit and houses in	which do	efects we	re remed	ied	98

Improvement Grants Housing Act, 1969

This Act came into operation during the year and makes further provision for grants by Local Authorities and contributions out of money provided by Parliament towards the cost of providing dwellings by conversion or by improving dwellings and providing amenities within these houses which are essential for the inhabitants.

There are three types of grants available for modernising houses.

1. Standard Grants

This grant is towards the cost of works required for the improvement of existing dwellings by the provision of those standard amenities which are lacking and house owners can obtain, as a right half the cost, up to a maximum of £210 for installing standard amenities.

2. Improvement Grants

This grant is basically to help owners modernise houses by carrying out more extensive works than are covered by Standard Grants, such as the erection of new buildings for use as Bathrooms, certain repairs are also grant aided and generally to ensure that the house when works of improvement are completed are brought up to a proper standard of fitness and will provide suitable accommodation for 30 years.

Grants of up to one half of a minimum of £100 and maximum of £2,000 are available at the discretion of the Local Authority.

3. Special Grants

Towards the cost of works required for the improvement of houses in multiple occupation by the provision of standard amenities. In Northallerton we are not confronted with this type of dwelling.

During the year there were ten applications received for Discretionary Grants and Seven applications for Standard Grants. Nine of these applications were from owner occupiers and eight applications for tenanted properties.

The following table indicates total expenditure incurred for the ten applications for Discretionary Grants.

Total Expenditure	Repairs	Improvements	Grant applied for	Grant Allowed
£ s. d. 12,434 10 1	£ s. d. 1,337 6 6	£ s. d. 11,096 19 1	£ 5,408	4,700

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health inspectors).

		Number		Number of	
	Premises (1)	Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
E	(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local Authorities	1	N	Nil	Nil
(ii)	(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies	69	26	2	N
(iii	(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	1	1	Nil	Nil
	Total	71	27	2	Nil

2. Cases in which Defects were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more seperate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

				Number of cases in which defects were found	ses in which	h defects wer	re found
D. ed.					Referred	rred	Number of
raruculars			Found	Remedied	T.H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	prosecutions were
(1)			(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	:	:	Nil	IZ.	IN	N	EN
Overcrowding (S. 2)	:	:	"	"	**	33	9.0
Unreasonable temperature (5.3)	:	:	**	**	33	33	
Inadequate ventulation (5. 4)	:	:	***	13	33	33	33
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6) Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7)	: :	:	33	,,	33	"	
(a) Insufficient				:	:		
(b) Unsuitable or defective	:	:	. 61	2.2			6
(c) Not separate for sexes	:	:	IZ.	IZ			
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	including	;		33			
I	Total	1	2	2	0	0	0

DUTWORK

Sections 133 and 134

Nature of work	*	No. of out- workers in August list required by	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply	No. of instances of work in unwholesome	Notices	Prose-
(1)		Sec. 133(1)(c) (2)	Council (3)	lists (4)			(2)
Making, etc	:	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nii	Nil	Ν̈́
upparel J Cleansing and Washing	Washing	1	1	1	1	1	1
TC	Total	N	Nil	Nil	N. I.Z.	Nil	Z

WATER SUPPLY, 1969

The Northallerton and Dales Water Board supply water in bulk to the Northallerton Urban District Council and provide a wholesome supply of chlorinated and filtered water.

During the year 50 samples of treated water were taken by the Health Department and submitted for bacteriological examination, these samples were all satisfactory.

2,896 dwellinghouses and 8,630 people are supplied with water from the Public water mains. All the dwellinghouses in the District are connected to the Public water mains.

I am indebted to the Engineer and Manager of the Northallerton and the Dales Water Board for the following information :—

- The quality and quantity of the water has been satisfactory during the year.
 - The daily average consumption of water is 416,000 gallons.
- 2. The water that is delivered into suplyy has no plumbo-solvent action.
- 3. The fluoride content of the water supply is 0.15 P.P.M.

Public Swimming Baths

The War Memorial Swimming Baths were officially opened by Lady Masham on the 3rd June, 1961. The Pool is a reinforced concrete structure with tile finish. The size is 75 feet x 30 feet wide. 3 feet deep at the shallow end, falling to 8 feet 6 inches at the deep end.

The accommodation in the changing rooms include 10 changing cubicles each for men and women, with additional changing accommodation for use of parties.

The heating of the Bath water is carried out electrically through an electrically heated boiler located in the plant room. Also included in the plant room are the rapid filters, chlorination plant and aeration equipment through which the Bath water passes once every four hours and is then discharged through the shallow end of the Bath, as warmed, purified and treated water.

During the year 12 samples of Bath water were taken for bacteriological examination, these all proved satisfactory.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

The sewerage works have sedimentation tanks, filters and humas tanks. The sewerage from Northallerton is treated and the works are producing a satisfactory effluent although the works are working to full capacity.

The public sewers were extended or improved during the year to serve the following areas, Stage 1 Bullamoor Road South, Oaklands Road, Sladeburn Drive and Pine Grove.

Difficulty is being experienced with the sludge drying and in particular sludge disposal, as farmers are reluctant to take this for agricultural purposes. The Local Authority have instructed consulting engineers to report on this problem.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of domestic refuse was maintained during the year and the work is still increasing due to the expansion of the town. Every two weeks refuse is collected from the outlying area of Bullamoor and Hailstone Moor.

The clay quarry into which refuse has been tipped over the last twenty years has now been filled and partially covered and levelled with soil.

The adjoining fields which are approximately 6 feet below the surrounding ground are now being used for refuse disposal. The top soil has been removed and the refuse is being disposed of under more supervision and better conditions than applied previously.

The total annual cost for the collection and disposal of refuse for 1969 was £9,584.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The table below indicates the different types of food premises within the Urban District.

Type of Prem	ises	1	Number
Grocers and General D	ealers	 	16
Bakehouses		 	5
Market (open)		 	1
Fruiterers		 	3
Wet Fishshops		 	2
Catering Establishment	ts	 	11
Canteen		 	10
Confectioners		 	15
Licensed Premises		 	17

The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are as follows:—

For the manufacture of potted, pressed, pickled or preserved foods-

Butchers .		 10
Ice Cream Ma	nufacturers	 2
Ice Cream Ret	ailers	 30
Fish Friers .		5

319 visits were made to premises where food is prepared or sold.

All food premises in the town have been inspected since the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, came into force. The occupiers of these premises have received pamphlets and detailed information regarding the requirements of the regulations. Advice is given to the occupiers on food hygiene in the light of circumstances as is found at the time of inspection.

The method of disposal of condemned carcase meat and associated offals is by the removal of the same from the Public Slaughterhouse, after adequate staining with green dye, by a firm who render the materials into fertilisers.

All other condemned foods are disposed of by burying on the refuse tip.

Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959

There are two manufacturers and 30 retailers of ice cream in the area, the premises are registered with the Local Authority.

The firms carry out the requirements of the regulations and endeavour to produce ice cream hygienically as the samples which have been taken over a number of years indicate.

Bacteriological Sampling

During the year 4 samples of the undermentioned food were taken and submitted for examination to the Public Health Laboratory and were reported upon as satisfactory.

Sample	No.	Taken
Ice Cream	 	4

Inspection of Meat and Other Foods

The Local Authority own the Public Slaughterhouse and undertake the duty of slaughtering and have a staff of one slaughterman and two apprentices for this work. They dispose of all offal except red offal.

There were 6,326 animals slaughtered during the year.

The charges made by the Council which have been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, are as follows:—

Cattle				27/6
Sheep				6/-
Calves				6/-
Pigs up to	120 lb.			9/-
120 lb	. to 200 lb)		12/6
Over 2	200 lb.			17/-
Sows and l	ooars 120	lb. to 30	00 lb.	25/-
Over 3	300 lb.			30/-

50 per cent. increase for Sunday, and Bank Holiday slaughtering.

Lairage

The tolls in the above table include the use of lairs for a period not exceeding 24 hours. For period exceeding 24 hours the following additional tolls are charged for every night.

Cattle, etc. . . 4/- per night.

Sheep . . 6d. per night.

Pigs . . 2/- per night.

5/- per night exceeding 48 hours.

The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963

During 1963 the above Regulations were received and replaced the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, they came into operation on the 1st October, 1963. The introduction of these Regulations provide the means to give to the Government's longstanding intention to ensure that all home-killed meat is inspected before it leaves the Slaughterhouse. The main provisions are:—

- (a) Meat at slaughterhouses must be inspected.
- (b) Meat must not be removed from the slaughterhouse until it has been inspected.
- (c) Meat inspected and passed as fit for human consumption must be marked.
- (d) Local Authorities may charge for the inspection.
- (e) The minimum period of notice of slaughter is extended from three hours to 24 hours.

It may be of interest to note that all carcases and parts of carcases passed fit for human consumption must remain in the slaughterhouse until they have been marked by stamp by your Public Health Inspectors. No specific form of mark is prescribed but it is suggested that this should give the name of the Local Authorities and a code letter to identify the Officer. The size of the stamp should not exceed 1½ inches. This method of marking the carcase has proved quite successful since introduction, but again makes more demand on the time of your inspectors.

The Regulations permit Local Authorities to make charges for inspection of animals at rates not exceeding:—

2/6d. per bovine animal.

9d. per calf or pig.

6d. per sheep, lamb or goat.

The Council decided that from the 1st January, 1966, a charge for meat inspection should be made in accordance with the Regulations.

Details of Whole Carcases Condemned or Destroyed

Carcase and Organs of:-

				Cwt.	Sts.	Llbs.
4 Pigs	Pyaemia		 	3	2	4
1 Sheep	Toxaemia		 		3	8
1 Pig	Emaciation		 		3	4
1 Pig	Extensive Bruising	3	 		4	6
1 Pig	Septicaemia		 		4	4
4 Sheep	Emaciation and O	edema	 	1	3	0
1 Calf	Decomposition		 		3	8
				7	0	6
			_			

Summary of Carcases and Offals Condemned

- 13 Carcases and organs
 - 6 Bovine heads and tongues
- 28 Pig heads and tongues
 - 3 Bovine tongues
- 49 Bovine lungs
- 33 Sheep lungs
- 174 Pig lungs
 - 11 Bovine hearts
 - 4 Sheep Hearts
 - 49 Pig hearts
- 127 Bovine livers
- 171 Sheep livers
 - 47 Pig livers
- 17 Pig plucks
 - 1 Sheep plucks
 - 5 Bovine kidneys
 - 6 Bovine intestines
- 13 Pig intestines
 - 2 Bovine portions of fore or hindquarters
 - 4 Sheep portions of fore or hindquarters
 - 9 Pig portions of fore or hindquarters

Tons Cwts. Sts. lbs.
Total weight . . 2 4 4 9

Emergency Slaughter

During the year 29 animals were admitted to the Slaughterhouse as casualties for emergency slaughter.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED, 1969

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Dressed carcases received	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number killed (if known)	1,199	0	4	3,698	1,425	0
Number inspected	1,199	0	4	3,698	1,425	0
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole carcases condemned	0	0	1	25	7	0
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	196	0	1	210	248	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	16.34	0	25.00	5.67	17.40	0
Tuberculosis only Whole carcase condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	22	0
Percentage of the number inspected infected with tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	1.54	0
Cysticercosis carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration .	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

Summary of Other Food Condemned

The undermentioned food submitted for examination was found to be unfit for human consumption and following surrender of same was destroyed.

29 tins of meat (163 lbs. 3 ozs.)

62 tins of vegetables

41 tins of fruit

9 tins of fish

14 packets of cheese

14 tins of rice pudding

321 lbs. of Bacon

4 tins of evaporated milk

532 miscellaneous packets of

frozen food

1 jar of mincemeat

Clean Air Act, 1965

There are only a few factory chimneys within the Urban district and consequently the amount of air pollution from industry is very small. Observations are made of the above chimneys from time to time and representations have been made to the management concerned when excessive smoke emissions have been noted.

Two further notifications of new boiler installations and chimneys to serve them were received during the year. In each case these were approved after being checked for adequacy of chimney height, in accordance with the appropriate memorandum.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

Only one licence to use land as a site for caravans have been issued by the Local Authority. This is for the caravan site at the rear of Standard House, High Street, the site accommodates 11 caravans.

The Council have attached conditions to the site licence similar to those of the Model Standards and the licence expires at the end of October, 1972.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The work of rodent control is carried out by a part-time operator and all repression work is done by methods approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The work is divided into three main categories:—

- (1) Sewer Maintenance Treatment.
- (2) Business Premises.
- (3) DwellingHouses—complaints from occupiers.

Sewer Maintenance

Two treatments were carried out during the year and the results obtained indicate that there was only a small infestation of rats in the sewers.

Business Premises

The Local Authority gives a free service to occupiers of all business premises for the eradication of rats and mice.

Dwelling Houses

The Council continued to give a free service to occupiers of private dwelling houses for the eradication of rats and mice.

The following table indicates the rodent control work carried out during the year :—

For the 12 months commencing 1st January, 1969, and ending 31st December, 1969, the following infestations have been dealt with:—

	Properties other than Sewers	Type of	Property
	Troperties other than Sewers	Non- Agricultural	Agricultural
1.	Number of properties in district	3,527	30
2.	(a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	79	Holls Boot
	(b) Nunber infested by (i) Rats (ii) Mice	57 9	_
3.	(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	54	1
	(b) Number infested by (i) Rats (ii) Mice	19	_

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

This Act came into operation in 1963 and makes provision for the health, safety and welfare of persons working in Offices, Shops and certain Railway premises.

Section 60 of the above Act required every Local Authority to produce an Annual Report and to keep a copy of the Report at their Office. I have prepared this Report from the information supplied by the occupiers of the premises concerned on the Forms O.S.R. 1. From this information the following extracts were prepared.

Work during the year consisted mainly with the enforcement of outstanding notices and dealing with inspection of premises within the scope of the Act.

The following tables explain the scope of the Act on the registration of premises, inspections made, analysis of persons employed, list of contraventions and accidents reported.

TABLE A. REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	No. of premises regd. during the year	Total No. of regd. premises at end of year	No. of regd. premises receiving a general insp. during year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Offices	5	57	4
Retail Shops	7	82	15
Wholesale shops, ware- houses		6	ndor2_(i)
Catering establishments open to the public— Canteens	1	8	1
Fuel Storage depots	_	_	_
Totals	13	153	20

TABLE B. Number of Visits to all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises—

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TABLE C. Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	457
Retail Shops	442
Wholesale depts., warehouses	34
Catering Estab. open to the public	69
Canteens	1
Fuel Storage depots	
TOTAL	1,003
Total males	409
Total Females	594

(B) ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Section	Number of Contraventions found	p	Section	Number of Contraventions found
4	Cleanliness	T	16	Floors, passage and stairs
10	Overcrowding	1	17	Fencing exposed parts of
9	Temperature	10		machinery
7	Ventilation	2	18	Protection of young persons working at dangerous machinery
00	Lighting		19	Training of young persons working at
6	Sanitary Conveniences	60		dangerous macimiery
100		,	20	(Hoists and Lifts) Regulations, 1968
10	Washing facilities	0	23	Prohibition of heavy work
11	Supply of drinking water	1		
100			24	First Aid
71	Clothing ассомтофацоп	1	49	Registration of Premises
13	Sitting facilities	1	2 3	
14	Seats (Sedentry Workers)	1	000	Information from Employees 10
11	Scale (Scacing) Horners)			TOTAL 50
15	Eating facilities	1	Ili	

REPORTED ACCIDENTS

11 111	Number	Number Reported	E		Action Recommended	mmended	
Workplace	Fatal	Non- fatal	investigated	Prosecution	Formal	Informal	No action
Ответи	1						1
Retail shops	I	1	1			1	
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-						
Catering establishments open to public, canteens			1	1	1	ı	
Fuel storage depots							
TOTALS		4	1			1	

Analysis of Reported Accidents

	Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	Fuel storage depots
Machinery		1	1	1	
Transport		ı	1	and the second	
Falls of persons	1	1	1		1
Stepping on or striking against object or person			1		1
Handling goods		1	-	-	1
Struck by falling object		1			1
Fires and explosions		1	1		1
Electricity	1	-1	1		1
Use of hand tools	1		1	-	1
Falls on the same level	1	1	1	1	1

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