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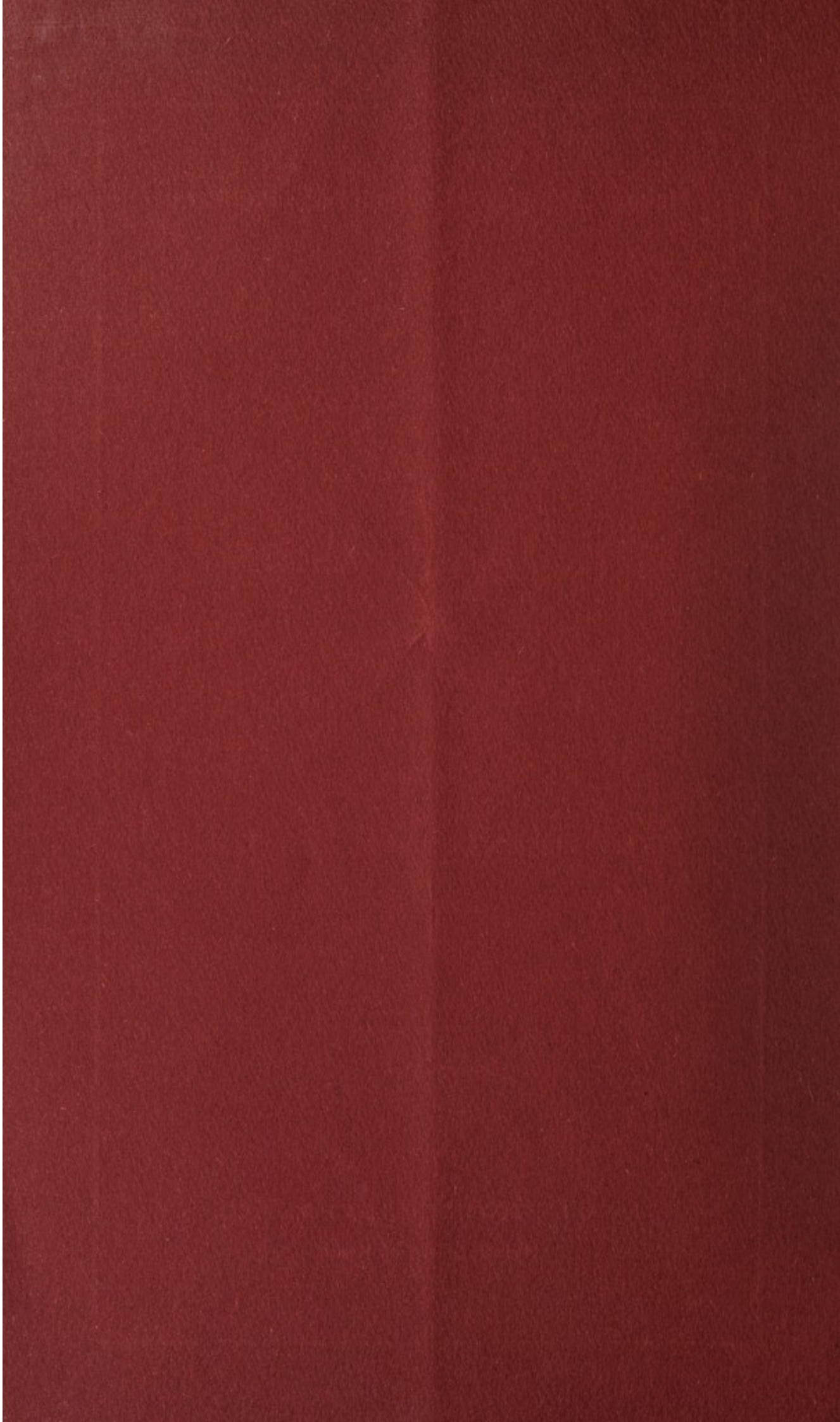
Medical Officer of Health

for the

Year Ending December 31st, 1961

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1961



TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my thirty sixth Annual Report dealing with the health of the inhabitants of Padiham during 1961.

Acting on the instruction of the Ministry of Health this will be an interim report, confined to essential or urgent matters which have affected the Public Health during the year, such as overcrowding, sanitation, distribution of clean food, and outbreaks of infectious diseases etc.

VITAL STATISTICS

Mortality rates per 1,000 est. population -

Total (all forms)

Crude rate 14.6

Adjusted rate 14.8

Respiratory T.B. Nil

Malignant neoplasms, etc.

(Columns 10 - 15 incl. of S.D. 30) 1.81

Live birth rates per 1,000 est. population -

Crude rate 17.2

Adjusted rate 17.9

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total births 22.9

Maternal mortality per 1,000 total births Nil

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 23.4

Nec-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births 23.4

Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births 23.4

Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births 45.7

Population Estimated mid-year Home Population 9920

<u>Comparability Factors</u>	Births	1.03
	Deaths	1.01

Live births	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Legitimate	80	82	} 171
Illegitimate	6	3	

Still Births

Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	-	-	

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

Legitimate	4	-	4
Illegitimate	-	-	

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

Legitimate	4	-	4
Illegitimate	-	-	

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age			
Legitimate	4	-	4
Illegitimate	-	-	
Deaths from all causes	70	75	145

Causes of Death

Malignant neoplasm - Uterus	1
Stomach	6
Lungs	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8
Vascular lesions of nervous system	31
Coronary disease, angina	25
Hypertension with heart disease	4
Other heart diseases	22
Other circulatory diseases	4
Pneumonia	4
Influenza	3
Bronchitis	12
Hyperplasia of prostate	1
Congenital Malformations	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	11
Accidents	7
Motor accidents	1
Homicide	1

SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The unemployment which occurred during 1952 and which was more or less confined to Cotton Operatives was less prevalent during 1961.

Most of the mills in Padiham run their own canteens and these should be encouraged and used more than they are, by the workers.

The County Council has control of two nurseries in the area where children under school age, of women engaged in industry are looked after. The staff in these nurseries have been instructed to isolate or send home any child who is not well and thus prevent infections from spreading.

All the schools in the district provide dinners for the children and this is to be highly commended.

In connection with the welfare of the old people, a voluntary association has been set up and is doing valuable work, such as, letter writing, doing shopping when necessary, giving advice and arranging for domestic help in cases of sickness.

So far as the health of the aged is concerned there is no doubt that the sons and daughters will have to bear their fair share of looking after them and not leave it to others.

A hostel for the aged people is completed and occupied and is proving a huge success.

The Ministry of Health has been rather disturbed about arrangements for relief duty especially at nights in Midwifery but so far as Padiham is concerned no complaints have been received and the rota system is working very satisfactorily, but I still think there is room for a second resident midwife in the area.

The health of the inhabitants has been fairly good during the year and so far as recreations are concerned full advantage was taken of all the facilities controlled by the Local Authority and the various Sunday Schools.

Since the Clean Air Act became operative in Area No. 1., in 1961, a definite improvement in the health of the inhabitants in this area has taken place.

Valuable work is being done by the association formed to help handicapped and disabled people in Radiham.

From observations of my own and those of the Local Practitioners, there seems to be more dental caries than normal and as the fluorine content of the water was rather low arrangements have been made to alter this.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

- i. The water supply has been good both in quantity and quality. Chemically and bacteriologically the water has been excellent. 24 samples were sent for bacteriological examination. 14 were satisfactory, and 10 unsatisfactory.
- ii. The number of dwelling houses and the number of population supplied from public water mains are:-

	<u>Dwelling houses</u>	<u>Population</u>
(a) Direct to the houses	3686	9920
(b) By means of stand pipes	Nil	Nil

Sewerage

The district is on the water carriage system with the exception of two outlying farm houses.

Number of pail closets	5
Number of waste water closets	936
Number of fresh water closets	5183
Number of houses connected to system	3686
Number of waste water closets converted to fresh water closets during the year	85

Rivers and Streams

The Lancashire Rivers Board is responsible for the supervision and protection of rivers and streams in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR

Houses - Public Health Act		138
Houses - Housing Act		188
Houses - Rent Act		12
Housing - Improvement Grants		164
Fireguard Act		1
Factories		72
Workshops		5
Shops Act		614
Food & Drugs Act		162
Pet Shops Act		4
Clean Air Act		1125
Noise Abatement Act		25
Diseases of Animals Act		2
Agricultural Act, 1956		10
Infectious disease cases		5
Rodent Control		56
Revisits		177
Smoke observations		40
Bakehouses		42
Fish and chip shops		40
Butchers' shops		43
Ice-cream premises		25

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR (continued)

Slaughterhouses	88
Food sampling	40
Houses - Disinfection	6
Houses - Disinfestation	7
Domestic refuse collection	123
Trade refuse collection	25
Refuse disposal (Tips)	397
Salvage	475
Street Cleansing	206
Miscellaneous	313
Aged persons	10

4640

Interviews 280

<u>RODENT CONTROL</u>	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses Inc. Council Houses	All other including Business Premises	Total of Cols. (1) (2) and (3)	Agriculture
i. Number of properties in Local Authority District	4	3686	372	3762	14
ii. Number of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification		52	9	61	1
(b) Survey under the act	4		82	86	14
(c) Otherwise		56	312	368	
iii. Total Inspections carried out including re-inspections	397	117	632	1146	28
iv. Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested with					
(a) Rats	4	38	6	48	Nil
(b) Mice	Nil	25	3	28	1
v. Number of infested properties treated by D.A.	4	63	9	76	1
vi. Total treatments carried out incl. re-treatments	26	61	17	104	1

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses Inc. Council Houses	All other including Business Premises	Total of Cols. (1) (2) and (3)	Agriculture
vii. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act					
(a) Treatment	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Structural Work	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
viii. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
ix. Legal Proceedings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
x. Number of 'block' control schemes carried out.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

AGRICULTURAL ACT, 1956

Sanitary Conveniences on Farms

The farm properties in this district are visited at frequent intervals, and all matters which require inspection are dealt with. It has not been found necessary to take any action under the above Act.

DISINFESTATION

Four premises were dealt with for vermin; two for cockroaches, one for fleas and one for bugs. The refuse tip at Lumb Wood was periodically dusted with D.D.T., powder to ensure cockroach and cricket control.

FOOD AND DRUGS

(a) Slaughterhouses

No persons applied for, or were granted, licences to slaughter animals.

(b) Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

Ox head & tongue 1. Cow head and tongue 1. Sheep Livers 8.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	18	28	11	369	1
Number inspected	18	28	11	369	1

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	8	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. and Cysticerci	Nil	Nil	Nil	2.16%	Nil
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B.	Nil	3.57%	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(c) The Public Health (Meat Regulations, 1924)

No contraventions were observed during the year.

(d) Food Premises

Ministry of Health Circular 19/56

i and iii	Type of Food Premises	Number	Inspections
Bakers and Confectioners		18	42
Butchers and meat purveyors		16	43
Cafes and Snack bars		2	4
Chemists		4	8
Cooked foods		2	4
Fish fryers		11	40
Fishmongers		3	6
Greengrocers		13	26
Grocers		62	186
Licensed premises		16	32
Aerated waters (mineral)		2	4
Off licences		10	20
Poultry dealer		1	24
Potato merchant		1	2
Sweets - sugar confections		10	80
Wine merchants		2	4
Tripe dresser		1	16

(e) Milk and Dairies:-

- i. The following registration and licencing matters were dealt with during the year.

Number of persons registered as Distributors of Milk	47
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- ii. The following is the state of registered premises:-

Number of premises registered for sale or manufacture of ice-cream	61
Number of premises registered for preparation or manufacture of sausage or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food	43
Total number of registrations during the year	104

(f) Food Hygiene Regulations

Regular visits were made to food preparing premises, and it is a pleasure to report that it has not been necessary to make any official representation.

(g) Foodstuffs

The following quantity of foodstuffs was examined, condemned for original use, surrendered for disposal and destroyed:-

320 packages of various foodstuffs weighing 261 lbs. 8 oz.

(h) Food Poisoning

No cases occurred during the year.

(i) Offensive Trades

The following offensive trades are now in existence in the area.

Tripe Boiler	1
Size Maker	1
Fish Fryers	12

The various premises have been inspected on 57 occasions.

CLEAN AIR ACT

- (a) The Padiham No. 1 Smoke Control Order became operative as from the 1st September, 1961.
- (b) The proposed Padiham No. 2 Smoke Control Area has been submitted to the Minister for approval.
- (c) The proposed Padiham No. 3 Smoke Control Area has been surveyed.
- (d) Four complaints were received during the year and 40 smoke observations were made. 1125 interviews and discussions with householders and managements took place during the year.
- (e) Fog occurred on seven days during the year.

HOUSING

- (a) Number of new houses erected during the year 38

HOUSING (continued)

(b) Number of houses erected under the various acts:-

i.	Housing Act, 1919	31
ii.	Housing Act, 1923/24	170
iii.	Housing Act, 1930/36	228
iv.	Housing Act, 1936/46	21
v.	Housing Act, 1946/51	260
vi.	Housing Act, 1957	114
		824

(c) Overcrowding

No overcrowding, as set down in the Housing Act, was observed during the year although one case of a complaint by a tenant was submitted to the Committee.

The following list gives a complete picture of the housing demands for the district.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

i. Demolition and Closing Orders:-

<u>Housing Act, 1957</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Number of Persons Displaced</u>
(a) Demolished - Section 16	Nil	46
(b) Closed - undertaking still in force	1	2

ii. Repairs

Rendered fit - informal action 31

Public Health Act

Defects remedied	(1) By Owners	14
	(2) By Local Authority	2

iii. Clearance of Unfit Houses

(a) 93 dwelling houses are scheduled to be dealt with in six clearance areas.

(b) 68 back to back houses are to be cleared by demolition or converted into through houses.

(c) The following dwellings were represented under Section 16 of the Act.

24 Mill Street.
7 Wood Street.

(d) The following areas have been represented under Section 25 of the Act.

The Padiham (John O'Gaunt Street, Barbon Street, Henthorn Street and Guy Street) Clearance Area, 1961.

The Padiham (Ribble Street and Morley Street) Clearance Area, 1961.

- (e) The following back to back dwellings have been converted into through dwellings.

20 Shuttleworth Street.

PREVALENCE OF AN CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

1961 was more or less a normal year, apart from a brisk epidemic of measles which accounted for 149 cases. The type was mild and no deaths were recorded.

The following cases of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) were notified during the year.

Measles	149
Chicken Pox	1
Dysentery	1
Acute pneumonia	1

TUBERCULOSIS

The following cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year:-

Respiratory	4
Non-respiratory	Nil

All new cases are thoroughly investigated and followed up, and all the new treatments are showing excellent results as shown by the decreased death rate from Tuberculosis. Immediate contacts are X-rayed, given the Montoux Test and examined by the Chest Physician.

It is my firm contention that the Mass Radiographic Unit should visit our area more frequently, say alternate years, and in this way, keep tuberculosis under better control.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

For years I have advocated that Padiham should have a public swimming bath, but to the present nothing has been done about it.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Inspections

Premises			Number of	
			Inspections	Written Notices
Factories with Mechanical Power			68	1
Factories without Mechanical Power			5	-
<u>Defects Found</u>				
Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Unsatisfactory Sanitary Convenience	1	1	1	

Classification of Factories and Workshops

Abrasive wheel manufacturing	1
Abrasive crushing and grinding	1
Bread and confectionery	11
Boiled sweet makers	2
Boot repairers and cloggers	4
Cotton weaving etc	6
Cotton waste sorter	2
Corn grinding	2
Cushion maker	1
Dress-making, milliners etc.	2
Drysalter	1
Electrical generation	1
Electrical engineering	2
Engineering (jobbing)	1
Fire-place makers	1
Gas appliance	1
Heating plant engineers	1
Hospital clothing maker	1
Joinery	5
Jute pulling	1
Laundry	1
Leather (artificial chamois) manufacturers	1
Motor vehicle repairer	4
Minerals (Aerated) waters	2
Mop makers	1
Printers	2
Painters	1
Poultry plucking	1
Power owners	2
Photographers	1
Plumbers	3
Plush weaving	1
Rag and fent sorting	1
Rayon fabric weaving	1
Ready mixed concrete manufacturers	1
Reed makers	1
Salvage packing	1
Silk weaving	1
Size makers	1
Tailors	2
Tile slabbing	1
Tripe dressers	1
Wadding (laminated)	1
Wireless/Television	2

The number of Factories now in the Register is 64

The number of Workplaces now in the Register is 13

The number of Bakehouses now in the Register is 15

To bring about closer co-operation between the Local Authority and H. M. Inspector of Factories, the Council now advise persons who submit plans for factory premises to consult H. M. Inspector of Factories as to whether the proposed lavatory accommodation etc. complies with legal requirements.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Clerk of the Council, the Public Health Inspector and the Surveyor for their loyal co-operation during the year.

I am,
Madam and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

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