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CITY OF SALISBURY

#### ANNUAL REPORT

of the

#### MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for

1955

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the state of the Public Health and details of Public Health Work during the year 1955. The Report of your Senior Public Health Inspector is also incorporated.

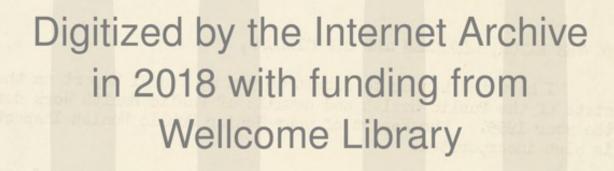
I wish to record my appreciation of the assistance and cooperation of the staff of the Public Health Department and of my colleagues in other Departments of the Council.

> I am, Your obedient Servant,

> > E.M. WRIGHT

Medical Officer of Health

10th September, 1956



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### GENERAL STATISTICS

Registra Rateable	f inhabited houses and flat r General's estimated mid y	ear Home Popula		34,150
BIRTHS.	Live - Legitimate Illegitimate All births	Total 486 22 508	Male 236 8 244	Female 250 14 264
	Total Birth Rate per 1,000 Area comparability factor Adjusted Birth Rate  Birth Rates per 1,000 popu 1954		usted):-	14.42 16.44 14.75 15.21 16.42
BIRTHS.	1950	Total 9	Male 3	15.13 15.59 Female 6
DEATHS.	Total Still Birth Rate per			0.26 Female 262
D25-1137 •	Total Death Rate per 1,000 Area comparability factor Adjusted Death Rate			15.55 0.83 12.91

Death Rates per 1,000 population (not adjusted):-  1954 1953 1952 1951 1950 Average 1950 - 1954 Average Death Rate for England and Wales for 1955 (provisional)	13.39 15.22 10.71 11.82 11.05 12.44 11.7
Infantile Death Rate - per 1,000 live births:-  Death Rate of all Infants under one year of age  Total Deaths (legitimate and illegitimate)  Deaths of Legitimate Infants  Deaths of Illegitimate Infants	25.59 13 12 1
Infantile Death Rate:-  1954	17.99 26.37 17.51 16.97 34.68 22.70
	males
All Causes  1. Tuberculosis, respiratory  2. Tuberculosis, other  3. Syphilitic disease  4. Diphtheria  5. Whooping Cough  6. Meningococcol Infections  7. Acute poliomyelitis  8. Measles  9. Other infective and parasitic diseases  10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach  11. Malignant neoplasm, breast  12. Malignant neoplasm, breast  13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus  14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms  15. Leukaemia, aloukaemia  16. Diabetes  17. Vascular lesions of nervous system  26.	262 1

		Causo	s of	Death	(con	ntd)	Males	Females
18.	Coronary disease, angina						46	25
	Hypertension with heart dis	sease					6	2
	Other hear disease						55	65
21.	Other circulatory disease						10	12
	Influenza						-	1
23.	Pneumonia						15	9
							8	4
25	Other diseases of respirate		stem				5	
	Ulcer of stomach and duoder						3	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and di	iarrho	ea				-	1
	Nephritis and nephrosis						3	3
	Hyperplasia of prostate						4	-
	Pregnancy, childbirth, abou						-	-
	Congenital malformations						4	2
32.	Other defined and ill-defin	ned di	sease	s			20	34
33.	Motor vehicle accidents						4	1
34	All other accidents		• •	• •			4	8
35.	Suicide						5	1
36.	Homicide and operations of	war					-	-

The above figures only refer to deaths of residents in Salisbury and to those who died outside Salisbury but whose named residence is in the City. There were 635 deaths registered as occurring in Salisbury; 426 of these deaths occurred in institutions. There were 55 inward transfer deaths (i.e. those of residents of Salisbury who died outside the area), and 159 outward transfer deaths (i.e. those of non-residents who died in the City).

Deaths in institutions in the City were as follows:-

		Residents	Non-Residents
Salisbury Infirmary	 	68	152
Harnwood Hospital	 	1	
Newbridge Hospital	 	90	-
Meyrick Close	 	27	-
The Old Manor	 	61	-
Nursing Homes	 	27	-
		-	
		274	152

#### INQUESTS

During the year 1955, 29 inquests were held on deaths which occurred in the City.

Residents	Non-Resid	dents	
3	9		deaths were due to road accidents.
1	- 1		deaths were due to accidental falls.
_ 8	- 1		death was due to burns.
4	- 1		deaths were due to suicide.
ĭE			death was due to drowning.
-	- 1		death was due to too large dose of
			insulin - misadventure.
- 1	3		deaths were due to aeroplane crashes.
2			deaths were due to accidental carbon
			monoxide poisoning.
- 05	- 1		death was due to pneumonia following
			an accidental fall.
- 4	1		death was due to alcoholic poisoning -
			self inflicted.

# SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE CITY STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, 1955

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Dr. E.M. Wright, T.D., M.A., B.M., B.Ch., D.P.H.

DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Dr. H. Margaret Hammond, M.B., Ch.B. \*

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD INSPECTOR

Mr. S. Appleyard, C.S.I.B., A.R.S. L.

DEPUTY SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTOR

Mr. L. Weeks, C.S.I.B.

\* Dr. Hammond acts only in the absence of the Medical Officer of Health, under Section 115, Local Government Act, 1933.

### ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD INSPECTORS

Mr.A.H. Kay, C.S.I.B., A.R.S.H.

Mr. H. H. Seddon, C.S.I.B., A.R.S.H., M.R.I.P.H.H.

Mr. P. Bradwell, C.S.I.B. (appointed 1st April, 1955)

#### RODENT OPERATIVE

Mr. T. E. Hazel

#### CLERICAL STAFF

Mrs. J. Weeks

Miss J. Grant

The following Health Visitors employed by the Wiltshire County Council for duty in the City, are provided with office accommodation and clerical assistance in the Public Health Department:-

Miss P.E. Morris, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.F.N., H.V.Cert.

Miss M.H. Norman, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.

Miss E.C.N. Cross, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.F.N., H.V.Cert.

Mrs. A.H. Soilleux, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.

The Public Health Committee deals with all public health matters.

The following School Nurses are also employed by the Wiltshire County Council for duties in the Schools in the City; they carry out their work from the Minor Ailments Clinic, Salisbury General Infirmary:-

Mrs. B.A. Brown, S.R.N., S.C.M.

Mrs. N.M. Dalzell, S.R.N., S.C.M.

Laboratory facilities are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Salisbury General Infirmary, where examinations of specimens connected with infectious disease and examinations of water supplies, milk, ice-cream, food, etc. are regularly carried out.

### IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

### Immunisation against Diphtheria

Immunisation of children against diphtheria is carried out under arrangements made by the Wiltshire County Council, as Local Health Authority under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946. Immunisation is carried out at maternity and child welfare clinics, at school clinics and at primary and secondary schools, by Medical Officers of the County Council, and, in addition, general medical practitioners in the City immunise a large number of children under arrangements made privately with their parents.

The	following	are the	statistics	for	1955:-
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Age Group	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 -	9	10	- 14	Total under 15
Primary immunisations completed during 1955	184		10	61	A.H.	(8)	6	5	Miss 1	410
Reinf. injections administered during 1955	0.7.X	1841	9.8	22		core.	56'	7	anes August	589
Total immunised child population at 31st Dec.1955	17	302	349	333	361	409 **	1851 I	428 **	1165 Ŧ	5215

### Immunisation against Whooping Cough

A large number of children in the City are immunised against whooping cough by their family doctors, under arrangements made privately by their parents, but no statistics are available for this work. During 1955, the Wiltshire County Council, as Local Health Authority, prepared a scheme for submission to the Minister for the immunisation of children against whooping

- \* Immunised before 1-1-51
- I Immunised since 1-1-51

cough, which was due to come into operation on the 1st January, 1956.

### Vaccination against Smallpox

Vaccination against smallpox is undertaken by general medical practitioners in the City under arrangements made privately.

The following are the statistics for 1955:-

Age Group	Under 1	1	2 - 4	5 - 14	15 or over
Vaccinations	223	8	15	19	26
Re-vaccinations	-	-	14	50	108

### Vaccination with B.C.G.

A certain number of children who have been exposed to a risk of infection with tuberculosis receive B.C.G. vaccination, under arrangements made by the Wiltshire County Council, at the Chest Clinic, Salisbury General Infirmary. The number of children living in Salisbury who received this treatment during 1955 was 35.

In addition, the County Council, as Local Health Authority, put into force during 1955 a scheme under which children nearing school leaving age should, where advisable, and subject to their parents' consent, be vaccinated against tuberculosis with B.C.G. at schools and school clinics.

Before children are vaccinated, a simple skin test, called the Heaf test, is carried out; this shows whether or not a child will benefit by vaccination. The Heaf test is repeated six to eight weeks after vaccination in order to ascertain whether it has "taken"; if not, the vaccination is repeated, and a further Heaf test carried out after the appropriate interval.

The following are the figures for this work in the City during 1955:-

Number of school leavers who were Heaf tested to ascertain whether they needed vaccination with B.C.G. .. .. .. 239

Number of such children who actually received B.C.G. .. 137

In my opinion, the introduction of this scheme must be considered as a marked advance in the campaign against tuberculosis in the City, as adolescents are particularly prone to develop the disease. The prospects

for the prevention of tuberculosis are today far brighter than appeared likely to be the case a few years ago, and the City Council, as a Local Housing Authority is necessarily interested in any anti-tuberculosis campaign, in view of the very large sums which they spend annually on the re-housing of tuberculous persons and their families. It would probably be correct to say that the City Council now spend far more, through their housing policy, than either the County Council, as Local Health Authority or the Salisbury Group Hospital Management Committee, on anti-tuberculosis work, taking this phrase in its broadest meaning.

### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Homes are visited by the Medical Officer of Health or the Public Health Inspectors when necessary upon receipt of notification of infectious disease and enquiries made regarding contacts and the possible source of infection.

Bedding is removed for steam disinfection when necessary and disinfectant supplied to householders where infectious disease occurs, with instructions given for its use.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during 1955

Notified Cases	All ages	Under 1 Year		615	16-25	26-45	46-65	66+		Treated in Hospital
Scarlet fever	21	10-11	9	9	- 10		0710	-	3	1 1 2 2
Whooping Cough	33	4	25	4		34301	ETQ-00	-	mtran b	2
Moasles	884	26	583	251	6	9	1	-	8	1
Poliomyelitis (Non-paralytic)	1	der to	00		1	31 <u>-</u> 10	00 100 00 <u>1</u> 11		mosa of	1
Erysipelas	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexid	. 5	A Food		-	2	3	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	13	_0.1	2	4	ol_m	2	2	1	2	1
Suspected Food Poisoning	5		1	2	-	2			algo en	-
Dysentery	5	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	n ou <del>t</del> long

#### FOOD POISONING

The following are particulars of outbreaks of food poisoning during 1955:-

(a)	Total	number	of	outbreaks	 • •	 	• •	 4
(b)	Total	number	of	cases	 	 	• •	 18
(c)	Numbe:	r of dea	ath	5	 	 		 0

(d) One outbreak was probably due to meat paste showing a heavy growth of coagulase negative staphylococci, B. Proteus and mixed organisms. The causes of the other outbreaks were not discovered.

### TUBERCULOS IS

Primary cases of Tuberculosis notified in the City during 1955.

	emilines	Primary Cases						
Age Periods	Respi	ratory	Non-Res	piratory				
	М	F	М	F				
0-1	-	- 40						
2-5	Tyld y a	alek eg	v m2-m	-				
6-15	hito e co-fe	1 5	1	1				
16-25	3	1	10-00	- 100				
26-35	4	4	0.00-000	1				
3645	5	3	1	1				
46-55	2	2	-	-				
56-65	2	-	1	orraea go				
66 and over	5	1		-				
Totals	21	12	3	3				

The total number of cases of respiratory tuberculosis notified during 1955 was one fewer than the corresponding figure for 1954.

The City was visited by the Bournenouth Mass Radiography Unit during the period 12th May - 3rd June, 1955.

# REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

No action was taken during the year under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, or under the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951. In several instances, however, advice was given regarding cases where action under these Acts might have been necessary at a later date.

### WATER SUPPLIES

No restrictions were imposed during the year by reason of lack of water at source, but the plant was running very near to capacity. The supply is derived from two wells, and samples are taken for bacteriological examination before and after chlorination at both pumping stations each week, or more often if necessary. Non-faecal organisms, in small numbers, were found on a few ocasions in samples taken before chlorination, in one of the wells, but samples taken before chlorination from the other well were found to be free from evidence of pollution.

Samples taken from both wells after chlorination were found to be free from evidence of pollution.

Eighteen samples were taken by the Public Health Inspectors during the year from ten private wells supplying dairies and other industrial premises in the City. Of these, 12 showed no evidence of pollution, 5 showed a very small degree of pollution with non-faecal coliform organisms, and one showed a very small degree of pollution with both faecal and non-faecal organisms.

There are nine groups of houses served by one or more standpipes, and 16 houses served by standpipes. One house on the outskirts of the City has a shallow well with pumped water to a storage tank in the roof space.

### SALISBURY AREA PATHOLOGICAL SERVICE

### General Infirmary

Report on the Analysis of Samples of Water received on 2nd November, 1955.

### Devizes Road Pumping Station

Physical Characters

Clear - no deposit

Chemical:	Parts per 100,000
Reaction Alkaline Saline and free Ammonia Organic (or "albuminoid") ammonia	pH 7.2 Nil Nil
Oxygen absorbed from permanganate in two hours at 27°C Chlorides	0.008
Nitrogen as nitrates Total Hardness	1.0
(a) Temporary (b) Permanent	17.4
Poisonous Metals Nitrites	Nil Nil
Microscopical examination of the Sediment	Nil

OPINION: - Chemical examination satisfactory.

### Wyndham Road Pumping Station

### Chemical:

Reaction Alkaline	pH 7.2
Saline and free Ammonia	Nil
Organic (or "albuminoid") ammonia	Nil
Oxygen absorbed from permanganate in two hours at 27°C	0.004
Chlorides	1.9
Nitrogen as nitrates	1.0
Total Hardness	23.4
(a) Temporary	18.0
(b) Permanent	5.4
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites Nitrites	Nil
Microscopical examination of the Sediment	Nil

OPINION: - Chemical examination satisfactory.

### SEWAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL

The greater part of the sewage from the City is dealt with at the Corporation sewage works, the effluent and storm overflow being discharged into the River Avon. These works are frequently over-loaded, the main reason for this being that they were originally constructed to deal with a much smaller volume of sewage than that which now reaches them. They can only give full treatment without deterioration in effluent quality to 2.33 times the dry weather flow. Flows between 2.33 times and 4.05 times the

dry weather flow are passed to the storm filter, and all flow in excess of the latter figure is screened and passed direct to the river.

Sewage which is not passed to the works is treated on a sewage farm at Bemerton, on the outskirts of the City. In all but the driest weather, this farm cannot easily accept the loading applied to it, and in spite of "contour ploughing" to spread the flow, short circuiting sometimes occurs. This leads to sewage running straight down the hillside to the roadside below, where it gives offence to local residents and passers-by.

In view of these facts, it is advisable that both the sewage works and the sewage farm should be replaced as soon as possible by larger modern works in a more suitable location, and it is understood that detailed plans are under discussion between the Ministry and the City Engineer.

Refuse collection is dealt with by freighter type vehicles, which deliver to controlled tips.

### HOUS ING

The work of the Public Health Department in connection with housing did not change materially during the year, and again included a large number of investigations regarding applications for re-housing on medical grounds, or because of over-crowding. The most important of the medical grounds for re-housing was, as in previous years, the presence of pulmonary tuberculosis in one or more members of a family, and during the year eight such families were re-housed. There has been the usual close collaboration between the Chest Physicians of the Salisbury and District Hospital Group and myself in this matter, to which further reference is made in the section of this Report dealing with B.C.G. vaccination of children against tuberculosis.

The most important feature of the work in connection with housing in 1955, however, has been the survey of unfit houses in the City for the purposes of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954. This survey resulted in a scheme under which 144 unfit houses will be dealt with by the end of 1960. Such a programme of slum clearance will result in the closing or demolition of the worst houses in the City, but there will undoubtedly be a very considerable number to be dealt with subsequently. Indeed, unless some method is devised by which landlords can be allowed greater inducements to keep their property in good repair, it is very hard to set a limit to the amount of deterioration in the older houses in the City, with the consequent necessity for further housing schemes by the Council.

### COURSE ON FOOD HYGIENE

A course on this subject was held for firms in the City, and for their staffs, during October and November, 1955. Sixty-three people, from

twenty-six firms, enrolled, and they included proprietors, managers, and assistants from hotels, restaurants, bakeries and butchers' and bakers' shops. In addition, I am pleased to say that representatives from four women's organisations in the City attended by invitation as observers, and showed a very keen interest in the efforts to educate the staffs of food businesses to the need for a high standard of hygiene in their work.

The first lecture of the course was very kindly given by Dr. H.W.H. Kennard, Pathologist to the Salisbury Group of Hospitals, and the second by Mr. L. Weeks, Deputy Senior Public Health Inspector. At the third session of the Course, three sound films on food hygiene were shown.

The attendances at each of the three sessions, which were held on Wednesday afternoons, were 46, 41 and 37. I should like to add that only 26 businesses, out of 205 circularised, sent representatives, and these were largely the same firms and persons who attended the course on food hygiene given in 1954. It is rather disappointing to record this when feeling so certain that these courses are a valuable contribution to the appreciation of the need for the greatest care in the handling of food. Great credit is due to many of those who attended for giving up their weekly half-holiday to attend the lectures and also to the firms who gave employees an alternative half-holiday.

### BYELAWS UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

These byelaws, which were approved by the City Council and came into operation in 1950, are enforced by visits of the Public Health Inspectors to premises where food is prepared, stored or sold. No legal proceedings were taken during the year under these byelaws.

### MEAT INSPECTION

Meat inspection at the municipal slaughterhouse continued to involve the Public Health Inspectors in very heavy duties during the year; the exact figures for this work are given in the Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector. It was possible for meat inspection to be carried out without curtailing the other work of the Public Health Department, especially as the situation was eased by the appointment of Mr. P. Bradwell on the 1st April, 1955, as a Public Health Inspector for full-time meat inspection duties.

The other Public Health Inspectors also carry out meat inspection on a rota basis, and the work, as in the previous year, has been carried out in a most conscientious manner.

### REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1,702 inspections (compared with 1,399 last year) with 984 additional visits (including 110 preliminary housing surveys) were made for the investigation and suppression of nuisances, and inspections of the various types of premises in the City as follows:-

259 133 63 62 59 44 42 36 22 20	inspections  n  n  n  n  n  n  n  n  n  n  n  n	11 11 11 11 11 11	drainage systems restaurant kitchens dairies licensed premises butchers' shops bakehouses caravans factories workplaces wet fish shops
11		11	fried fish shops
8	il il	n	ice-cream premises

230 (compared with 169) complaints were received during the year.
69 preliminary notices and 11 statutory notices were served: 56 preliminary notices and 9 statutory notices had been complied with by the end of the year.

A further 158 visits were made in respect of unsound food and 66 for infectious disease.

The number of visits to food preparing premises has increased considerably over the previous year and details of work resulting from advice given will be found on pages 18 and 19.

### Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

This Act places a duty on the local authority to secure the inspection of premises registered or licensed by them, and to enforce the law with a view to securing the use of clean filling materials. "Registered" premises are those which use fillings in the upholstery of new furniture, bedding, toys, baby carriages and other articles; "licensed" premises are those where rag flock is manufactured or stored for delivery to registered premises.

The Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspectors are, by virtue of their appointments, "authorised officers" under the act.

All the materials used in the upholstery trade in the City come from sources where the British Standard Specifications are complied with and a certificate issued with the materials to this effect. These products are sampled regularly at the source, thus avoiding the necessity and expense of sampling within the City.

### Shops Act, 1950

The Public Health Inspectors are also Shops Act Inspectors for the purpose of investigating the hours worked by young persons, the enforcement of the early closing hours, meal times, etc. and the provisions of the Public Health Act which includes ventilation, temperature and the provision of sanitary conveniences. 58 Inspections were made of various types of shops as follows:-

Provisions		• •				• •			10
Shoes									6
Car sales									5
Electrical									5
Restaurants						• •			3
Jewellers									3
Furriers									3
Tailors									2
Hairdressers									2
Drapers		• •							2
Multiple stor	res								2
Hardware	0.0								1
Radio and cyc									1
Antiques	••								ī
Baby linen		100000		1000		-22.50	• •		ī
Butchers	7. 7.	••	••	••	• •	• •	••	••	i
		• •	••	• •	• •	• •	••	••	
Ladies outfit	_		••	••	• •	• •	••	••	1
0		••	• • .	• •	• •		• •		1
Motor cycles				S			• •	• •	1
	mate	rials			• •				1
Outfitters	••		• •	• •					1
Rainwear									1
Tobacconists						0 0			1
Wine merchant	SS								1
Radio									1
Soft furnishi	ings								1
	Tot	al nu	mber	of in	spect	ions			58
					Place				,-

### Offices

During the course of shops and warehouse inspections, 11 offices found in the premises have also been inspected and no contraventions of the relevant section of the Public Health Act were found.

# PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

### Work completed during the year 1955

# Housing

	Roofs repaired					25
	Chimney stack rebuilt					1
	Gutters repaired or renewed					11
	External wall repaired or repointed	d				1
	Dampness abated:-					
	i. repairs to roof					1
	ii. repairs to external walls					2
	iii. waterproofing of internal		ls			9
	iv. damp proof plinth provide					í
	Wall plaster repaired					7
	Ceiling plaster repaired	• •				11
	Rooms redecorated	• •	• •		•••	
			••	••		4
	Ceiling redecorated	• •	••	••	••	1
	Windows repaired	••	• •	••		3
	Window renewed			••		1
	Sashcords provided		••	• •	• •	1
	Doors repaired		• •	••	••	4
	Doors renewed			• •		2
	Floor repaired		••			1
	Floor renewed	• •				1 2
	Firegrate or range repaired					1
	Firegrates or ranges renewed					2
	Washing copper repaired					1 2
	Refuse receptacles provided					2
	Verminous room disinfested					1
	Chinney flues repaired (obstructed	1)				2
	The state of the state of the state of					
Sanitary	Conveniences					
	and the control of th					
	Separate accommodation provided					2
	W.C. cisterns repaired					2
	W.C. cistern renewed					1
	Flush pipes repaired					2
	Door renewed					2
	W.C. pan cleansed					1
	noo par oxognod					_
Drainage						
	Drains/sewers examined					9
	Drains/sowers cleansed					9
	Inspection chambers provided	100				5
	Fresh air inlets fixed					2
	Waste pipe cleared					521
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#### Nuisances Wasps! nests destroyed 1 Flooding of cellar abated .. Bakehouses 6 Bakehouses cleansed and redocorated ... Equipment benches cleansed . . 1 Structural repairs carried out 1 Gas water heater repaired 1 Handbasin renewed .. .. . . . . 1 Handwashing notice provided 3 Hand towels provided .. Factories, Workshops and Workplaces Sanitary accommodation provided or rebuilt 3 Intervening ventilated space provided W.C. screened .. . . . . 1 W.C. cleansed .. . . .. . . 1 Structures repaired ... .. 1 W.C.s labelled (Male or Fermle.. .. Licensed Premises Cellar floors renewed 2 1 Cellar floor repaired . . 11 Cellars redecorated ... 1 Cellar walls and ceiling repaired . . 1 Automatic dispenser provided 2 Doors provided to cellars 2 Defective sinks renewed . . . . 2 W.C.s cleansed .. 1 W.C.s labelled .. 3 W.C.s disconnected from bars . . . . 1 Lighting to bar sinks improved Shops Act, 1950 1 Shop heating improved 1 Shop ventilation improved Food Preparing Premises, Shops, Stalls, etc. 14 Rooms cleansed or redocorated ... 232 Benches, etc. cleansed . . Structural repairs carried out Glass barriers provided . .

Water heaters provided

### Food Preparing Premises, Shops, Stalls, etc. (Contd)

T. 111	4
Lighting improved	1
Water heating arrangements improved	1
Waste bins provided	3
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Handwashing notices provided	8
Hand basins, hot and cold water, soap and towels	5
Sink renewed	7
Constant hot water provided for dish washing	2
Grease gullies installed	1
Floor repaired	1
W.C.s disconnected from food rooms	3
Refrigerators re-painted	1
Premises where extra drying cloths provided	1
	7
Extractor fans provided	·· hatesastell

### HOUSING STATISTICS

### Slum Clearance

The only properties demolished during the year were those comprised in CLEARANCE AREA NO. 16 (GRIFFIN'S COURT, FISHERTON STREET). Six of the seven houses were demolished and seventeen persons have been re-housed.

Five houses (not in clearance areas) were closed - four formally and two informally - and 13 persons were re-housed by the City Council from these dwellings.

Three families were also re-housed from single houses to be included in future Clearance Areas.

### Underground Rooms

One underground room used for sleeping purposes was altered to comply with the Council's Regulations regarding underground rooms.

### The Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954

Two applications for Certificates of Disrepair under this Act were received late in 1954 and were granted in 1955, together with 7 other applications received and granted during the year. Only one application for a Revocation of the Certificate following the completion of works was received and this was granted.

### INSPECTIONS OF DWELLING HOUSES

### Housing Act, 1936

### Unfit properties:-

	Preliminary inspections		 			110
	Detailed inspections		 			65
	Additional visits		 			126
	Inspections with Sub-Com	mittee	 	• •	• •	4
Houses	measured for permitted r	nembers	 			26
	Additional visits		 			13
Underg:	round Rooms:-					
	Inspections					7

Inspections .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 7

Public F	dealth act, 1936	
		388 143
	Preliminary notices served	69 56
	Statutory notices served	9
Housing	Repairs and Rents Act, 1954	
	Detailed inspections for unfitness	13 21 9 1
Number o	of New Houses and Flats erected during the year:-	
	(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b))	k-
	(i) by the Local Authority	39 Nil 44
	(b) With state assistance under the Housing Acts:-	
	(1) by the Local Authority	
	(b) for the purpose of Part III of the Act,	Nil Nil
	1936, on the 31st December, 1955	75

#### Number of Houses Owned by the Local Authority:-(1) Parts II and III of the Housing Act, 1925 Nil (2) Other Powers .. .. Nil 210 Housing Act, 1919 11 11 1923 304 - 11 110 1924 11 Nil 1925 . . . . 112 1930 - 11 11 64 1936 1938 12 11 11 1946 1,093 .. .. .. .. 99 Temporary Bungalows, Housing Act, 1944 Total 2,004 Housing Act, 1936 - Part 1V - Overcrowding Number of dwellings known to be overcrowded at the end of the year .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 2 Number of new cases of overcrowding discovered during 2 the year .. .. .. .. .. Number of inspections .. .. .. 25 Public Health Act, 1936, Section 83 - 85 Number of inspections in connection with verminous premises .. .. .. .. 20 Number of additional visits entailed 12 . . Number of new cases .. .. .. 8 Number of verminous rooms sprayed .. 34 Number of verminous rooms gassed ..

# PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH ARE CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAWS OR REGULATIONS

Underground Rooms See page 20.

### The Market Place

Inspections of the Market Stalls are made with a view to observing the sale of unsound food and also compliance with the Meat Regulations and Food Handling Bye-laws as to proper covering of stalls, the cleanliness of fittings and equipment, and the protection of food from contamination, etc.

### Offensive Trades

There is only one such trade carried on within the City, viz: a marine store. The premises are regularly inspected and are generally kept clean, tidy, and free from vermin.

### Moveable Dwellings

42 inspections of the 124 caravans within the City proved conditions to be generally satisfactory.

### Food Premises

There were 26 butchers' shops, 15 bakehouses, 7 fried fish shops, 6 wet fish shops, 63 restaurant kitchens (31 of these being licensed premises supplying meals or snacks) one bacon and one fish curing establishment, 2 ice cream manufacturers and 127 dealers on the register at the end of the year, showing an increase of 8 dealers.

21 ice cream samples were submitted for bacteriological examination compared with 40 last year, and all (as against 24 (60%) in 1954), satisfied the provisional recommendations of the Ministry of Health, which suggests, briefly, that over a six monthly period not less than 80% of the samples taken should fall into Grade I or II, and these are the grades quoted in the percentages above.

A total of 495 (compared with 333 in 1954) inspections of these and other food premises were made during the year, the following table showing the variety of food shops visited in the City:-

Type of Food Stores							No. of Inspections
Restaurant kitchens							133
Dairies			• •	• •	• •		63
Licensed premises			• •	••	••	• •	62
Butchers							59
Grocers					••		48
Bakehouses							44
Market Food stalls							33
Wet fish			0 0	••	• •	• •	20
Fried fish		• •	• •	• •	••		11
Greengrocers		• •	• •	• •		• •	8
Ice-cream Premises							8
Egg packing	••					••	3
Sugar confectionery	••	••	••			••	one fam you? made
Manufacturing confectioners			••	••	• •	• •	1

At one hotel in the City the kitchen and allied rooms were extended and modernised. The Public Health Inspector was consulted and the proprietors readily accepted his advice concerning hygienic construction, food storage and washing-up methods.

The work included providing extra rooms, surfacing all floors with quarry tiles, improving lighting and ventilation of all food rooms, and providing extra sinks and a wash-hand basin with hot and cold water.

At another hotel the still-room was enlarged and the walls and ceilings were re-surfaced and redecorated. Natural and artificial lighting was increased and the ventilation improved and a wash basin with constant hot and cold water was provided. A badly ventilated and windowless staff room was abolished during the course of the work.

This firm also sought the advice of the Public Health Inspector, who was able to ensure that matters which might have been overlooked were included in the work undertaken.

Details of the amount of food examined and voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption are as follows, the fresh meat being in addition to that condemmed at the abattoir. All food surrendered is buried under supervision at the Corporation's tip:-

2,811 lbs. 132 ozs. tinned meat. 2,447 lbs. 12 ozs. fresh meat. tins, fruit, fish, milk and vegetables. 2,147 30 St. 8 lbs. fish. 364 lbs. Brussels sprouts. lbs. dried milk powder. 224 170 lbs. 13½ ozs. cheese. 75 pork pies. 48 lbs. sweets. 42 lbs. sausages. lbs. herring roes. 28 18 lbs. pastry. 17 lbs. tomatoes. 1bs. 8 ozs. peaches. 10 10 lbs. sultanas. 9 lhs. 8 ozs. cake mixture. 43 lbs. flour. lbs. 14 ozs. soup mixture. lbs. 8 ozs. butter. lbs. margarine. 1bs. 3 ozs. chutney. lbs. porridge. lbs. rice. 1b. 12 ozs. raisins. lb. 4 ozs. paste. lb. jam. 1b. marmalade. lb. suet. 15 ozs. curry powder. 12 ozs. dessicated coconut. 8 ozs. gravy salt. 8 ozs. jar Horlicks.

7½ ozs. dressed crab.
6 ozs. jar olives.
4 ozs. jar cream.
2 ozs. jar Marmite.

The following complaints of unsound food being sold, offered for sale or deposited with a view to sale were reported to the Public Health Committee and column 4 indicates the action taken:-

Article (1)	How discovered or reported (2)	Nature of Complaint or other irregularity (3)	Action Authorised (4)
Loaf of Bread	Complaint after sale	Sale of bread con- taminated with oil and dirt	Warning given that in future proceedings would be considered
Brussels sprouts	do.	Sale of rotten Brussels sprouts	do.
Loaf of Bread	do.	Sale of bread con- taining piece of metal	do.
Loaf of Bread	do.	Sale of bread con- taining piece of string	do.
Bottle of milk	do.	Sale of bottled milk in a dirty condition	do.
Bottle of milk	do.	Sale of milk in a dirty bottle	do.
Buns	do.	Sale of buns in a dirty condition	do.

### INSPECTION OF DATRIES AND MILK SAMPLING

Visits to dairies and numbers of samples taken increased considerably during the year. The number of satisfactory samples was also markedly increased and it will be of interest to note that all milk now sold in the City is either "Pasteurised" or "Tuberculin Tested", a far cry from twenty years ago when there were 48 dealers in the City and only 4 "Tuberculin Tested" and 2 "Pasteurised" licences were issued.

There are now only 6 dairies (3 of them having pasteurising plants) and 16 purveyors, supplying the City; 63 inspections were made and 205 samples were submitted for examination, the results being shown below. Five "Tuberculin Tested" and 15 "Tuberculin Tested" (Pasteurised) licences were issued.

### Milk Samples

No. taken	Examination undertaken	<u>Number</u> Satisfactory	Percentage Satisfactory
67	Statutory test for "Pasteurised" milk.	65	97.01%
25	Statutory test for "Tuberculin Tested" milk.	19	76%
26	The presence of tubercle bacilli.	26	100%
61	Washed bottles submitted for cleanliness.	44	72.13%

### BIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLES

The following table shows the results of samples submitted for the presence of tuberculosis during the past ten years:-

	Samo:	les taken	Satisfactory	% Satisfactory
1946	 	44	42	95%
1947	 	29	29	100%
1948	 	66	64	96.9%
1949	 	58	55	94.8%
1950	 	58	55	94.8%
1951	 	41	41	100%
1952	 	72	71	98.6%
1953	 • •	43	43	100%
1954	 • •	17	17	100%
1955	 • •	26	26	100%

### MEAT INSPECTION

The regular hours of slaughter at the abattoir are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Mr. P. Bradwell is permanently employed there as Meat Inspector. Two of the District Inspectors work also for the greater part of the day in alternate weeks, and also work at week-ends when emergency slaughter is unavoidable.

The number of animals handled (29,562) was lower than in 1954 (41,782) and this was probably due to the unusually hot summer, the high price of meat and, by comparison, the exceptionally large numbers of animals sent in during 1954. Statistics, however, show a pleasing trend in the amount of tuberculosis found (page 29): 7.9% in 1,257 cows, compared with 13.9% in 1,625 cows for the previous year, and 1.8% in 12,554 pigs compared with 2.7% in 11,629 during 1954.

Whenever a number of animals from the same farm are found to be affected with tuberculosis the facts are reported to the Animal Health Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food with a view to the investigation of conditions at the farm, thereby helping to check the spread of the disease.

The following tables show:-

- 1. The number of animals killed and inspected and the number and weight of carcases and parts rejected (Tables A and B);
- 2. The sites of infection in the case of tuberculosis (Table C);
- 3. Diseases and conditions found, other than tuberculosis -

Whole carcases - Table D; Part carcases and offal - Table E;

4. The incidence of Cysticercus Bovis - (Table F).

Carcases and offal are rejected when any one of 35 specified diseases or conditions are found; parts of carcases and either whole offals or parts are rejected when other conditions are present in localised areas only.

All condemned meat and offal is collected by a firm who process it into fertilizer with the exception of some joints which are fit for cat and dog food and are received under supervision at a local depot.

### TABLE A

### SUMMARY OF INSFECTIONS

# Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

à	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number killed	3,580	1,257	1,936	10,235	12,554	29,562
Number inspected	3,580	1,257	1,936	10,235	12,554	29,562
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci Whole carcases			_		bran Bogh Bookman	dinore.
condemned	7	25	12	23	52	119
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1,573	656	35	944	2,115	5,32
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculess and cysticerci	44.13	54.18	2.43	9.45	17.26	18.4
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned	9	8	_	-	3	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	197	92	-	-	225	51
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	5.75	7.96	-	-	1.82	1.8

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TABLE A (Contd)

Sami as an electi	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	37	9	182.0 182.0 187.0 187.0 187.0	-	-	46
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	37	9	088,	_	TOPTING	46
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	Nil

For further details re. the above, see Table F (page 36)

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TABLE B

NUMBER AND WEIGHT OF OFFALS AND WEIGHT OF CARCASE MEAT REJECTED

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	
Heads	222	11	24	286	
Tongues	229	10	22	298	
Lungs	338	29	269	1,706	
Hearts	74	12	78	505	
Livers	1,858	16	721	516	Pattal
Part Livers	474	3	7	16	broil
Mesenteries	227	17	32	123	Libotal
Intestines	182	17	32	128	ZOVLE
Stomachs	77	16	29	119	spelas.
Omenta	57	15	24	108	Midney
Diaphragms	82	7	21	51	-arozna
Spleens	104	8	16	74	Sarous
Udders	51	1	9	12	Vanancily
Tails	59	5	6	14	Bons
Genital organs	23	1	3	5	
					Total Weight
Weight (lb) of offal	44,211	309	1,654	5,597	51,771
Weight of carcase meat (lb)	34,556	717	1,319	10,314	46,906
Total weight (lb)	78,767	1,026	2,973	15,911	98,677

44 Tons 1 cwt. 0 qrs. 0 st. 5 lb.

TABLE C

DISTRIBTUION OF TUBERCULOUS LESIONS

(All cases)

	Bovine					Pigs
	Steers Bulls Heifers	Cows	Calves	% incidence	No.	% incidence
Lungs	98	62	_	52.3	20	8.9
Head	92	38	-	12.5	215	94.3
Intestines	74	41	-	37.6	12	5.3
Liver	29	15	-	14.4	20	8.9
Spleen	9	5	-	4.6	2	0.9
Kidney	3	2	-	1.6	1.	0.4
Carcase glands	16	9	-	8.2	4	1.8
Serous membranes	9	3	-	3.9	-	-
Mammery glands	0 -	2	-	0.7	-	-
Bone	1	-	-	0.3	-	-

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TABLE D

DISEASES AND CONDITIONS OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

(WHOLE CARCASES UNFIT)

Disease	Cattle other than cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Bruising, extensive	3	3	1	-	-
Emaciation, pathological	-	3	1	8	1
Fever	_	5	3	-100	3
Jaundice	-	-	1	-	1
Mastitis, acute septic	-	3	siste) e	my-mil	
Oedema	2	5	2	3	7
Pericarditis, acute septic	_	1	11-333		-
Peritonitis, acute septic	7	-	-020	1	2
Pleurisy, acute septic	700	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia, acute septic	-	1	-	2	2
Pyaemia	101	1	1	2	5
Septicaemia	-	-	1	2	2 -
Swine erysipelas	-	-	-	Pagraga d	3
Tumours	-	1	-	1	1 -
Uraemia	1	-	2	2	2
Moribund carcases	-0	1	-	1	7
Multiple abscesses	-	-	-	_	8
Bad bleeding	1	-	-	na-bend	3
Rickets, with malnutrition	_	-	-	01414	5
Leukaemia	-	1-0	dlba-ola	or (V-inc)	1
Pigmentation	2	1	-	olmo Tra	-
Toxaemia	-	-	-	1	1
Totals	7	25	12	23	52

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	Control Lasy Est	asso	Cattle other than Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
PARASITIC INFESTATIONS	Cysticercus bovis Echinococcus granulos Fascioliasis Lung parasites Linguatula Multiceps multiceps	sus	37 12 1390  9	9 9 501 - 7 -		- - 671 127 - 4	1
BACTERIAL DISEASES	Actinomycosis (include actinobacillosis) Atrophic Rhinitis Bacterial necrosis Johne's Disease	ling	17 - 1 7	9 2 7	qea -tue	ley sour	16
CESSES	Abscesses Arthritis Bruising Congestion Endocarditis Enteritis Fat necrosis Fatty change Fibrosis Fractures Cirrhosis Hepatitis Hydronephrosis Nephritis Mastitis Oedema Pleurisy, pericarditi peritonitis Pneumonia Pyometra Urticaria	s and	185 101 13 - 4 12 8 4 3 15 - 9 14 3 1 - 4 4 3 3 	61 -66 9 -3 9 18 18 8 -14 19 10 7	5 - 11 - 2 - 2 - 3 3 1 5 1 5 1 5	23 13 6 45 15 6 1 29 37 	49 54 33 365 4 13 16 50 260 6 1 2 337 1012 16
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TABLE E (Contd)

EalleS	dolar state .	Cattle other than Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
NEOPIASNS	Tumours (misc) Telangiectasis (Angioma) Haematoma	16 5	1 53 2	1 -		111
COND IT IONS	Bloodsplash Melanosis Manurial contamination Abnormal odour Laceration	1 2 26 -	1 7	1 - 1	5	2 4 1 2

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made. This percentes is communicable to can last destroyed by firegraps of

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TABLE F

INCIDENCE OF CYSTICERCUS BOVIS

Class of animal	Site of Infection							
	Head	Head & Heart	Heart	Thin Skirt & Heart	Thick Skirt	Total		
Steers	18	B	8	anothera) el	1	27		
Bulls	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Heifers	9	00	1	-	discriptions	10		
Cows	7	1	-	1	ni-stele	9		
Total	34	1	9	1	1	46		

Percentage incidence of total number of cattle slaughtered .... 0.95

Cysticercus Bovis is a parasite found in beef which has become more common since the war and for which routine examination of all beef carcases is made. This parasite is communicable to man but destroyed by freezing at 20°F. for 21 days and all carcases affected are transferred to a cold store for this minimum period.

# FACTORIES ACT, 1937

### 1 (a) FACTORIES

PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NAMED IN COLUMN TWO	1000000		Number o	f
Premises	No. on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 (i.e. cleanliness overcrowding, temperature, ventilation, drainage of floors and sanitary conveniences) are enforced by L.A. (non- power)	29	6	1	uni werersa idente aver (S. A) averse aver (S. A) averse aver averse aver (S. A) averse aver averse a
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 only (i.e. sanitary con- veniences) is enforced by L.A. (power)	168	29	1	(a) Tamus (b) Tamus (c) -Unous dof (c) Not a
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 (sanitary con- veniences) is enforced by the L.A. (i.e. building operations and works of engineering construction).	8	1	at the second	and a reds  of the cold  of the
Total	205	36	2	-

# ses in which defects were found

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<sup>\*</sup> Includes arrears from 1954.

# ) Outworkers

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ture of work	No. of out- workers in August List Required by Section 110 (1)(c)		No. of prose-cutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
king c. wear- gapparel	18	10	-	-	-	-

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

### 2. Workplaces

Type of Workplace	No. of Premises	Total No. of Inspections	Total No. of notices served	Total No. of Notices complied with
Offices	11	-	_	-
Nurserymen	1	-	-	-
Laundry receiving office	1	-	-	-
Beer and spirits store	1	17	1	1
Receiving shop, dry cleaners	1	-	-	-
Marine store dealer	1	-	-	-
Engraver	1	-	-	-
Wholesale potato store	1	-	-	-

### THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

110 complaints of rats or mice were received and together with surveys undertaken on adjoining properties a total of 2,263 inspections (involving 2,171 visits and 1,012 treatments) of the following varied types of premises were made:- dwellings, business premises, Institutions, garden sheds and poultry runs, pig-sties, the sewage works and refuse tips, and a twice yearly treatment of the City's sewers.

### PERSONAL SERVICES FOR TORS

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