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SELBY COUNCIL

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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AND

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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SELBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Chairman: Councillor C. E. Anson, J.P., C.Ald.

Vice-Chairman: Councillor H. Stockdale.

Medical Officer of Health:

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.

Senior Public Health Inspector:

J. R. BLACKLEDGE, Cert. S.I. Board Cert. Meat and Food Inspection R.S.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector:

J. B. SAWDON, Cert. S.I. Board

Clerk: HILARY THOMPSON.

To the

Chairman and Members of the Selby Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Tenth Annual Report on the health of the Selby Rural District and the work of the Public Health Department during 1956.

84 live births were notified, giving a Birth Rate of 12.8 per thousand population; the lowest ever recorded. The Aggregate Rate for W.R. Rural Districts was 17.7, and for England and Wales 15.7.

The Infantile Mortality Rate of 11.9 (one death) remains satisfactory and compares favourably with the W.R. Rural Rate of 30.0 and the National Rate of 23.8, which was a new low record.

The Crude Death Rate of 8.7 is the second lowest recorded. Of the 57 deaths, 24 (42.1%) occurred at the age of 75 years or over, and of these 6 were over 85 years of age and 2 over 90 years.

Infectious disease notifications totalled only 8.

Registration for vaccination against poliomyelitis was made available in the early part of the year and the parents of 195 children born between 1947 and 1954 applied. Unfortunately the production of vaccine was so limited that only 23 vaccinations could be completed before injections were discontinued for the summer. No further supplies of vaccine became available during the year.

The Vital Statistics tables have been revised and now list the figures for the last six years, and the mean rates for ten yearly periods since the beginning of the century. This enables a more informative comparison to be made.

I include a summary of the Report on Lung Cancer for information and record. The incidence of lung cancer deaths in the district, 6 males and 2 females in seven years, is low. Now is the time to think about keeping it low.

In conclusion, I express my thanks to the Members and Officials of the Council for their interest and assistance during 1956.

I remain, Your obedient servant,

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,

July, 1957.

Medical Officer of Health.

CANCER OF THE LUNG.

On the 27th June, 1957, the Minister of Health informed the House of Commons that, "The Medical Research Council has advised the Government that the most reasonable interpretation of the very great increase in deaths from lung cancer in males during the past 25 years is that a major part of it is caused by smoking tobacco, particularly heavy cigarette smoking."

The great increase in the death rate from lung cancer is progressive and the 1955 rate was more than double that for 1945.

In 1956, 18,000 died from lung cancer, and it accounts for about 1 in 18 of all male deaths and 1 in 103 of all female deaths.

A carefully compiled epidemiological survey carried out in this country, and confirmed by similar surveys elsewhere, has shown with regard to lung cancer in men:

- (1) a higher mortality in smokers than in non-smokers;
- (2) a higher mortality in heavy smokers than in light smokers;
- (3) a higher mortality in cigarette smokers than in pipe smokers;
- (4) a higher mortality in those who continued to smoke than in those who gave it up.

The death rate amongst heavy cigarette smokers was found to be nearly 40 times the rate amongst non-smokers. The evidence suggests that the proportion of lifelong heavy cigarette smokers who will die of lung cancer is approximately 1 in 8 but for non-smokers it is only about 1 in 300. An important point is that those who give up smoking, even in their early forties, may reduce the likelihood of developing the disease by 50%.

Knowledge of the cause of the disease is incomplete and evidence by clinical experiment in man impossible, but the evidence from many investigations is highly significant in incriminating cigarette smoking. In the opinion of the Medical Research Council the most reasonable interpretation of the evidence is that the relationship is one of direct cause and reffect.

That being so, it is the duty of local health authorities who are responsible for health education to take all appropriate measures to ensure that the public is fully informed of the risk associated with smoking.

Once the risk is known, established cigarette smokers will have to make a decision. Some will stop smoking altogether; some will stop smoking cigarettes; more will modify their smoking habits; others being unable or unwilling to alter this addiction, will take shelter behind a veil of scepticism; for some it is already too late.

It is to be hoped that those who continue to smoke heavily, for whatever reason, will not be indifferent to or biassed against the necessity to educate the public, particularly children and adolescents, about this known risk of lung cancer in smokers.

"If thyself thou canst not save, lead not others into the trap."

Old Chinese Proverb.

GENERAL STATISTICS, 1956

Area of Rural District		33,304 acres
Population (mid 1956)		6,560
Number of Inhabited Houses		1,961
Rateable Value (April 1957)		£46,310
Product of Penny Rate (Estimated	1957	/8) £179/4/7

VITAL STATISTICS

	SELBY R.D.	Aggre- gate West Riding R.D.s	West Riding Admin. County	England and Wales (Provi- sional)
BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)	12.8	17.7	16.4	15.7
CRUDE DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population)				
All causes	8.7	9.8	11.8	11.7
Infective & Parasitic Diseases	0	0.06	0.07	_
Repiratory Tuberculosis	0	0.12	0.11	0.11
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	0	0.02	0.02	0.01
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)	0.61	1.07	1.29	-
Cancer	2.29	1.50	1.89	2.08
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	3.35	3.71	4.47	
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	1.07	1.36	1.86	_
INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	11.9	30.0	27.1	23.8
STILLBIRTHS	23.3	22.2	23.1	23.0
MATERNAL MORTALITY (Deaths of mothers in child-birth per 1,000 total births)	0	0.12	0.52	0.56

Comparability Factors:

For Births, 1.10. Adjusted Birth Rate, 14.1 For Deaths, 1.08. Adjusted Death Rate, 9.4

BIRTH AND DEATH RATES FOR SIX YEARS AND MEAN RATES FOR DECENNIAL PERIODS

BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)									
			(PC)						
1956			12.8	1901-1910			26.0		
1955			16.4	1911-1920			22.9		
1954			13.5	1921-1930			19.6		
1953			13.1	1931-1940			14.5		
1952			14.6	1941-1950			17.6		
1951			15.2	1951-1955			14.4		
			CT	CH I DIDTHS					
				TILLBIRTHS					
			(per	1,000 total births)					
1956			23.3	1901-1910					
1955			53.1	1911-1920					
1954			53.8	1921-1930					
1953			22.2	1931-1940			34.5		
1952			20.2	1941-1950			30.0		
1951			38.8	1951-1955			38.1		
		II.	LEGI	TIMATE BIRTH	IS				
			(per	1,000 total births)					
1956			69.7	1901-1910					
1955			61.9	1911-1920			65.0		
1954			118.2	1921-1930			69.8		
1953			66.6	1931-1940			54.7		
1952			40.4	1941-1950			82.9		
1951			58.3	1951-1955			69.0		
		IN	FANT	THE MORTALIT	Y				
			(per	1,000 live births)					
1956			11.9	1901-1910			98.3		
1955			18.7	1911-1920			83.3		
1954			22.7	1921-1930			68.9		
1953			22.7	1931-1940			41.8		
1952			10.3	1941-1950			34.5		
1951	,		10.1	1951-1955			17,1		

NEONATAL MORTALITY (Deaths in first month per 1,000 live births) 1956 11.9 1901-1910 1955 9.4 1911-1920 44.7 42.7 1954 11.9 1921-1930 22.0 1953 11.4 1931-1940 1952 1941-1950 18.2 10.3 1951 10.1 1951-1955 10.6 MATERNAL MORTALITY (per 1,000 total births) 1.39 1956 0 1901-1910 1955 8.85 1911-1920 2.17 1954 1921-1930 2.56 0 2.28 0 1931-1940 1953 1952 1941-1950 1.03 0 1951 1951-1955 1.77 0 TOTAL DEATH RATE (per 1,000 population) 8.7 1956 1901-1910 15.6 1955 10.1 1911-1920 13.2 12.4 1954 10.0 1921-1930 1953 8.5 1931-1940 12.2 1952 1941-1950 12.0 10.3 1951 13.4 1951-1955 10.5 DISEASES OF HEART AND CIRCULATION 1956 3.35 1901-1910 1.36 1955 3.06 1911-1920 1.51 1954 3.83 1921-1930 1.96 2.99 1931-1940 1953 2.95 1952 3.02 1941-1950 3.18 1951 5.39 1950-1955 3.66 VASCULAR DISEASES OF CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM 1901-1910 1956 1.07 1955 1.53 1911-1920 -1954 1.68 1921-1930 1.25 1953 1.34 1931-1940 0.91 1952 2.42 1941-1950 1.95

1951-1955

1.89

2.46

1951

CANCER

1956	 	2.29	1901-1910	 	1.16
1955	 	1.68	1911-1920	 	1.04
1954	 	1.84	1921-1930	 	1.77
1953	 	1.49	1931-1940	 	1.73
1952	 	1.81	1941-1950	 	1.91
1951	 	1.39	1951-1955	 	1.64

RESPIRATORY DISEASES

1956	 	0.61	1901-1910	 	1.86
1955	 	1.07	1911-1920	 	1.66
1954	 	1.07	1921-1930	 	1.60
1953	 	0.90	1931-1940	 	1.28
1952	 	1.06	1941-1950	 	1.32
1951	 	2.00	1951-1955	 	1.22

INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES

1956	 	0	1901-1910	 	1.17
1955	 	0	1911-1920	 	0.51
1954	 	0	1921-1930	 	0.28
1953	 	0	1931-1940	 	0.19
1952	 	0.15	1941-1950	 	0.05
1951	 	0	1951-1955	 	0.06

RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS

1956		 0	1901-1910	 	0.91
1955		 0	1911-1920	 	0.68
1954		 0	1921-1930	 	0.36
1953		 0.15	1931-1940	 	0.36
1952		 0	1941-1950	 	0.34
1951	****	 0.15	1951-1955	 	0.06

NON-RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS

1956	 	0	1901-1910	 	0.72
1955	 	0	1911-1920	 	0.21
1954	 	0	1921-1930	 	0.16
1953	 	0.15	1931-1940	 	0.12
1952	 	0	1941-1950	 	0.14
1951	 	0.15	1951-1955	 	0.06

BIRT	ΓHS,	1956									
Live Births.—Legitimate Illegitimate			Male 38 3	Female 40 3	Total 78 6						
T	otal		41	43	84						
Stillbirths			2	0	2						
CAUSES OF DEATH, 1956											
			Male	Female	Total						
Influenza			1	1	2						
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)			0	0	0						
Tuberculosis (Other forms)			0	0	0						
Cancer			5	10	15						
Vascular Lesions of Nervon			3	4	7						
Heart Diseases			10	10	20						
Other diseases of circulato			1	1							
Bronchitis			2	0	2 2 0						
Other Respiratory Diseases			0	0	0						
Gastro-enteritis			0	0	0						
Diabetes			1	0	1						
Peptic Ulcer			0	0	0						
Hyperplasia of Prostate			- 0	_	0						
Childbirth			_	0	0						
Congenital			0	0	0						
Motor Accidents			1	0	1						
Other Accidents			0	Ö	0						
All other causes			4	3	7						
in one causes				_	_						
Т	otal		28	29	57						
TUBE	RCUL	osis.									
New ca	ases in	n 1956.									
			Male	Female	Total						
Pulmonary			0	3	3						
Non-Pulmonary			1	0	3						
•				_							
Т	otal		1	3	4						
Total case	es on	Regist	er.								
Pulmonary			7	9	16						
Non-Pulmonary			1	5	6						
			_	_	_						
Т	otal		8	14	22						

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

One death from Atelectasis at 1 day old.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE notified during the year 1956.

		Numi	BER C	F CA	SES .	Noti	FIED		
Notifiable Disease.	ý		Ac	cord	ing	to A	ge		DEATHS
	At all Ages.	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	Over 65	DE
Small-pox									
2 1. 10. 1			***		***	444		**	* * *
Food Folsoning Fightheria (including Membranous Croup							***		
Auto-face to			7.4	***					
Sand t Pener			44.0						
Symbols Consu									
Intonio Forme				744					
Donnoral Descrip				***					
touchus animal Maria siti									
tanta Daliam unlitia un unlutia		1							
non manulatio					***				
Lanta Eugashalitia									
trabella dissila Viscous temporario									
Sulmonous Tub	. 2				2				
Ithon forms of Talamentaria	1				1			144	
Ieasles									١.
rimary Pueumonia	. 2					1		1	١.
nfluenzal Pneumonia									١.
Vhooping Cough	3		3					111	

Ialaria									
Totals	8		3		3	1		1	

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1949. Section 47.

No action was required under this section of the Act during 1956.

WEST RIDING COUNTY DIVISIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SELBY RURAL DISTRICT, 1956

The Public Health Nursing Staff in this Division no longer works according to County District boundaries. Most of the figures in the following summaries refer to Selby R.D., but in a few cases the figures are those for the Rural and Urban Districts combined or for Division No. 10 as a whole.

DIST	ricts combined or i	IOF DIVISI	OH INO	, 10 a	S a WI	ioie.	
1.	BIRTHS.						
	Live Births						84
	Stillbirths						2
	Illegitimate						6
	Males					****	41
	Females						43
2.	PREMATURE BA	ABIES. I	Babies	weigh	$\frac{1}{2}$	lbs. o	r less
	(i) Born at hom	ne				Alive	
	(ii) Born in hosp	ritel				Alive	orn 9 4
	(ii) born in nost	ntai					orn 0
					Γotal		4
3.	HEALTH VISITI	NG (Div	ision l	No. 10	as a v	whole').
				rst	Othe		
			Vi	isits	Visi	ts	Total
	Expectant Mothe			69	505		774
	Children under 1			51	5839		6490
	Children between	1 and 5	25	61	5396		7957
			-	-	1912		1912
	Ineffective visits		_	_	1439)	1439
		Total	34	81	15091		18572
4. (a	CHILD WELFAR) Total number of first attended the who at the date	children ne Clinic	under durin	5 yrs. g the	of age year,	who and	
(1	under 1 year) Total number of						0
	who attended the	he Clinic	durir	ig the	e year	and	

who at the end of the year were:

(i) under 1 year (ii) over 1 year					5 7
Number of Sessions hel					
					10
West Bank					10
Total attendance					23
Average per session		1 0			
In addition 35 child				ts to ot	her Child
Welfare Centres in	the D	ivision			
5. SCHOOL HEALTH	SERV	ICE.			
Total number attend	ling F	Paediat	ric Co	nsultant	2
Total number attend					
Total number attend					
Number ordered Spe	-				45
Number attending					2
Total number inspec					
Total number inspec					
Total number of ver	minor	is head	ls		25
Tests for mental def	ects,	primar	у		3
					0
Reported to M.D. A				ıcable	0
Reported to M.D.A.					0
Recommended for s				****	1
Attending special s					2
Recommended for	Child	Guidai	nce		0
The following defects w	ere fo	ound at	t medi	cal inspe	ctions:
]	Requiring	For ob-
			1	reatment	servation
Verminous heads				25	0
Skin				0	1
Vision	****			19	14
Other eye conditions	S			2	2 3 5 1 3
Hearing				1	5
Other ear defects				3	5
Nose and throat		****		4	1 2
Speech		****		2 2	0
Cervical glands Heart and circulation	****			0	
	711			0	2 3
Lungs Developmental				0	1
Orthopaedic				3	1 3
Nervous System				1	0
Psychological				1	1
Other conditions				0	2

6. MATERNITY SERVICES.

Ante-natal Clinics:

ance manua	Cimes	First Visits	Total Visits	Mothers attending
West Ban	k	 0	0	0
Goole		 0	0	0
Selby		 15	51	19
Snaith		 8	35	9

Confined in Hospital;

Leeds Maternity Home		 		1
York Maternity Home		 		28
Goole Borough Maternity	Home	 		0
Others		 		1
		T . 1		20
		Total	****	30

County Midwives.

There were 53 domiciliary confinements in Selby Rural District in 1956.

The following summary of the work of the County Midwives is for Division 10 as a whole:—

Number of	cases	 	393
Number of	Visits	 	12066
Gas and air	analgesia	 	287
Number of	midwives	 	9

7. HOME NURSING (Division 10 as a whole).

Number	of	cases	 	544
Number	of	Visits	 	14862

8. HOME HELPS.

Home Helps were employed for 48,330 hours attending cases in the Division.

The following Selby Rural cases were attended:-

Lying-in	and	Expec	tant N	lothers	13
Illness					3
Aged					0
Children					1
		п	otal		17

9. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA during 1956

Children under 5 years	 			73
Children over 5 years	 			12

				85
Booster doses	 			97
		7	Cotal	182
			Otal	102

Total number of children under 15 years of age who have been immunised up to the 31st December, 1956

Age—Years	0—1	1—4	5—9	10—14	Under 15 Total
Number	14	181	414	463	1072
Percentage	42	2.6	97	7.7	78.8

10. IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH 1956

			During 1956	Total to Dec., 1956
6 to 12 months		 	1	1 0
Under 6 months		 	18	,
1 to 2 years		 	8)
2 to 3 years		 	4	71
3 to 4 years	****	 	4)
		Γotal	35	71

11. B.C.G. VACCINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN (13 years of age).

Number vaccinated with B.C.G.

Pre-vaccination Tuberculin Tests: Positive (not requiring vaccination) 10 (21.7%)	Negative (requiring vaccination)	 36 (78.3%)
Pre-vaccination Tuberculin Tests: Positive (not requiring vaccination) 10 (21.7%)	Negative (requiring vaccination)	 36 (78.3%)
	Positive (not requiring vaccination)	 10 (21.7%)
1 1 1 2 1 1050	Number of acceptances in 1956	 39

36

12. VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS.

Children registered in 1956	 	 	195
Vaccinations completed	 	 	23
First injection only	 	 	1

13. MENTAL HEALTH.

(a) Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913-1938.

The number of mentally defective persons under supervision at the end of 1956 was as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Under Guardianship	 0	0	0
Under Statutory Supervision	 6	6	. 12
Under Voluntary Supervision	 1	1	2
On Licence from Institutions	 0	0	0

(b) Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890-1930.

Admissions to Mental Hospitals by the Duly Authorised Officer during 1956 were as follows:

		Male	Female	Total
Voluntary Patients		 3	1	4
By Temporary Order		 1	1	2
By "Three Day" Order		 0	0	0
By Summary Reception	Order	 2	0	2
		6	2	8

14. COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The following are the details of patients from Division No. 10 carried by the W.R.C.C. ambulances during 1956:

			Selby	Goole
Maternity cases			 128	231
Accident cases			 120	480
Other cases			 5796	13080
Journeys made			 2272	3805
Total patients ca	arried		 5444	13791
Mileage travelled		,	 72519	89784

PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION No. 10

The County Districts forming Division No. 10 are:-

Goole Borough Goole Rural Selby Urban Selby Rural

Area of the Division (in acres) 76,692 Population (estimated mid-1956) 45,260

DIVISIONAL OFFICE AND STAFF 6/7 Belgravia, Goole. (936/7)

Divisional Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer: S. KENNAUGH APPLETON, M.D., D.P.H., D.T.M.

Assistant County Medical Officers and School Medical Officers: EILEEN M. R. BELL-SYER, M.B., B.S. MURIEL J. LOWE, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.

School Dental Officers:

P. F. A. ELTOME, L.D.S. G. O. WOOD, L.D.S. (Divisions 10 and 9).

Health Visitors and School Nurses:

Mrs. B. BEAL, Miss D. M. BUTLER, Miss J. DAVIS, Mrs. M. DODSON, Mrs. M. HARGREAVES, Mrs. M. KELLY, Mrs. L. PRATT, Miss A. RIDSDALE.

Home Nurses:

Miss P. K. AGER, Mrs. A. BLACKBURN, Mrs. S. CLAYBOURN Mrs. W. E. DUFFIN, Mrs. L. A. POLLARD, Miss M. WHITTAKER.

Domiciliary Midwives:

Mrs. E. BALLANCE, Miss I. CAMPBELL, Mrs. M. COLLIER, Miss M. I. GILHOME, Mrs. M. E. HORNSHAW, Mrs. L. KITCHEN, Miss M. ROBINSON, Miss A. TOLSON, Miss E. WHITLEY.

Mental Health:

Mrs. M. MYERS (Social Worker, Divisions 10 and 12). Mrs. D. H. MILLINGTON (Home Teacher, Division 10).

Physiotherapy:

Miss E. ALDERSON (Part-time).

Speech Therapy:

Miss K. WADE (Divisions 10, 11 and 12).

Duly Authorised Officer:

Mr. T. G. FOSTER.

Clerical:

Senior Clerk: Mr. R. TOWELL.
Miss S. L. BRAMHAM, Miss F. A. CAMPBELL, Mr. H. DODSON, Mr. G. N. NOWILL, Miss B. REED, Miss J. E. SMAJE,
Miss M. E. WORMALD.

REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR for 1956.

Water Supply.

Mains water is supplied to all parishes by the Council, which is the water undertaker for the whole of the District.

Water is purchased in bulk from Selby Urban District Council, and is obtained from deep boreholes in the red sandstone at Brayton Barff, which is situated in the Selby Rural District.

Chlorination is carried out at the source, but no other treatment has been found necessary. No complaints as to quality have been made during the year, and samples taken have all been reported satisfactory for drinking and domestic purposes.

One mile of 4 inch main has been laid during the year, from Selby Urban District Council's main to the existing Rural District Council main at Wistow. This has completed a "ring" main to Wistow, and has increased the flow into the district.

This main is part of a more comprehensive scheme which has been submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government to improve the supply to the Parishes of Wistow and Cawood, but which has been deferred owing to the restrictions in capital expenditure.

Complaints of inadequate supply are still being received from Cawood and the Wistow Lordship area, and it is intended to lay a further section of main during the forthcoming year.

Sewerage.

The Parish of Barlow sewerage scheme was completed during December, and all properties in the village can now discharge sewage into the system, which gravitates to an ejector station and thence pumped to disposal works owned by the War Department.

A partial sewerage scheme covering approximately onethird of the parish of Carlton has received Ministerial consent and work is to commence early in January 1957, The Council have erected five small disposal plants in connection with groups of Council houses, and with the exception of these, and two plants at H.M. Services establishments, disposal of sewage is effected by means of septic tanks and open dikes. The cleansing of tanks is carried out by means of a mechanical cesspool emptier, no charge being made in the case of domestic tanks.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

House Refuse is collected throughout the district by direct labour, with two 7 cubic yard collection vehicles, and the service has been satisfactorily maintained.

Disposal is effected on five tips at widely dispersed points, and every endeavour is made to keep the tips in satisfactory condition. In this, the efforts of the Council's workmen are often defeated by thoughtless persons indiscriminately dumping rubbish on the tip during the absence of the workmen.

Housing and Public Health Inspections.

Routine inspection of house property is carried out as circumstances permit, and complaints are investigated without delay.

Remedies are effected largely by a personal visit to the owner and, in appropriate cases, informal notices are served.

No circumstances have arisen which have necessitated statutory action by the Council.

Following inspection of property in the Parishes of Cawood and Wistow, your Committee have decided to deal with four houses in each Parish under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, and to erect Council houses to rehouse the families displaced.

No. of houses rendered fit	in con	sequen	ce of	
informal action				 47
Sanitary inspection under	Public	Health	Acts	 31
Housing inspections				 276
Inspections for pests				 530
Other inspections				 82
Shops and food premises				 79

Food Inspection.

The standard of cleanliness in food shops has been maintained at a satisfactory level, and no action has been necessary apart from verbal advice.

There are no ice cream manufacturing premises in the district, but a number of traders are licensed to sell prepacked ice cream.

The three dairies in the district subject to the Council's supervision have been well maintained.

Most food premises in the district have been visited, and improvements, mainly concerned with the provision of sinks, washing facilities and hot water, have been installed or are in progress.

There are six licensed slaughterhouses in the district, all of which are kept in a satisfactory manner. Inspection of all food animals slaughtered for human consumption is regularly carried out, and during the year the following number of carcases have been inspected:—

Bullocks and Heifers, 118; Cows, 2; Sheep, 128; Pigs, 215.

Condemnation for Disease:

Bullocks, 130 lbs, for Tuberculosis

28 lbs. for echinococcus cysts.

112 lbs. for liver fluke

10 lbs. for abscess

14 lbs. for Angiomatosis

294 lbs.

Pigs.

29 lbs. for Tuberculosis

38 lbs. for Cirrhosis

10 lbs. for Immaturity

77 lbs.

Total weight condemned-371 lbs.

Owing to the comparatively small amount of meat condemned, it is not an economical proposition to salvage it, and by arrangement with the Superintendent at Selby Baths, this material is destroyed by burning in the Baths furnace.

Rodent Control.

The Council employ a Rodent Operative on a part-time basis, and complaints are dealt with as they arise.

The refuse tips are given regular attention, and a good liaison is maintained wth the County Pests Department regarding agricultural holdings.

No major infestation has been reported during the year, and a comparatively small number of complaints in respect of domestic premises have been satisfactorily dealt with.

New Housing.

New houses have been erected or are in course of erection within the district as follows:—

By Council		By Private Developers			
Completed	In Course of Erection	Completed	In Course of Erection		
6	-	24	14		

Factories Act, 1947.

No. of Factories wi	th me	echanic	al por	wer	 8
No. of Factories wi	thout	mecha	mical	power	 Nil
No. of inspections					 13
Contraventions					 Nil





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