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OF HEALTH
AND
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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SELBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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HOUSING, FINANCE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

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Vice-Chairman: Councillor H. Stockdale.

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S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,
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To The Chairman and Members of the Selby Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my twentieth Annual Report on the health of the Selby Rural District and the work of the Public Health Department during 1966.

There appears to be a steady increase in the population of the District in recent years. The Registrar General estimates that the population is now 973 more than at the census of 1961. Recent development has led to the influx of new families, and this is reflected in the increased number of births.

159 live births were registered, an increase of 25, giving a Birth Rate of 21.2 per thousand population (Adjusted Birth Rate 23.5). The aggregate rate for W.R. Rural Districts was 18.4 and for England and Wales 17.7. The Birth Rate is the highest for forty years. I am happy to record, also, that the Infant Mortality Rate was nil for the first time; that is, no babies died in the first year of life. Also there were no stillbirths, so the Perinatal Mortality Rate was also nil. The Infant Mortality rate for the W.R. rural districts was 19.0, and the National Rate the same.

80 deaths occurred, giving a Crude Death Rate of 10.7 (Adjusted Death Rate 11.8). 35 (43%) deaths occurred at the age of 75 years or over, and of these 27 were over 80 years of age and 6 over 90. Births exceeded deaths by 79.

64 cases of notifiable infectious disease occurred, 48 of these being measles.

It became possible in November, after a long delay due to a shortage of trained laboratory technicians, to start sessions at the Selby Clinic for cancer smears to detect those women at risk from cancer of the neck of the womb. The response from the women of the Rural District was unexpectedly good, and I imagine the support given to the test by Women's Institutes had something to do with it. At the time of writing most of those registered have been tested, but there are several hundred still hesitating to apply. The scheme is open to all married women 21 years of age and over. The test takes only a few minutes and is carried out by experienced women doctors in a modern, well-equipped clinic.

Finally, I must record my thanks for the continued support by the Members and Officers of the Council during 1966.

I remain, Your obedient servant,

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,

August 1967.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS, 1966

Area of Rural District	33,304 acres
Population (mid 1966)	7,510
Number of Houses	2,703
Rateable Value (April 1967)	£172,946
Product of Penny Rate (Est. 1967/68)	£682

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)	21.2	18.4	18.0	17.7
CRUDE DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population)				
All causes	10.7	10.1	12.1	11.7
Infective & Parasitic Diseases	0	0.05	0.03	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis	0	0.04	0.05	0.04
Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0.01
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)	1.20	1.33	1.72	—
Malignant Neoplasms	1.86	1.62	2.00	2.25
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	4.26	3.78	4.48	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	1.46	1.52	1.87	—
INFANT MORTALITY (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	0	19.0	19.8	19.0
STILLBIRTHS	0	13.0	14.4	15.4
PERINATAL MORTALITY	0	23.2	25.1	26.3
MATERNAL MORTALITY (Deaths of mothers in child- birth per 1,000 total births)	0	0.10	0.25	0.26

Comparability Factors:

For Births, 1.11.	Adjusted Birth Rate, 23.5
For Deaths, 1.11.	Adjusted Death Rate, 11.8,

BIRTH AND DEATH RATES, 1966 AND MEAN RATES FOR DICENNIAL PERIODS

BIRTH RATE = 21.2

(per 1,000 population)

1901-1910	....	....	26.0	1931-1940	....	....	14.5
1911-1920	....	....	22.9	1941-1950	....	....	17.6
1921-1930	....	....	19.6	1951-1960	....	....	14.3
				1961-1965	....	....	16.8

STILLBIRTHS = 0

(per 1,000 total births)

1901-1910	....	....	—	1931-1940	....	....	34.5
1911-1920	....	....	—	1941-1950	....	....	30.0
1921-1930	....	....	—	1951-1960	....	....	32.2
				1961-1965	....	....	11.9

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS = 81.8

(per 1,000 total births)

1901-1910	....	....	—	1931-1940	....	....	54.7
1911-1920	....	....	65.0	1941-1950	....	....	82.9
1921-1930	....	....	69.8	1951-1960	....	....	61.4
				1961-1965	....	....	55.8

INFANTILE MORALITY = 0

(per 1,000 live births)

1901-1910	....	....	98.3	1931-1940	....	....	41.8
1911-1920	....	....	83.3	1941-1950	....	....	34.5
1921-1930	....	....	68.9	1951-1960	....	....	20.1
				1961-1965	....	....	15.7

NEONATAL MORTALITY = 0

(Deaths in first month per 1,000 live births)

1901-1910	....	....	—	1931-1940	....	....	22.0
1911-1920	....	....	44.7	1941-1950	....	....	18.2
1921-1930	....	....	42.7	1951-1960	....	....	13.8
				1961-1965	....	....	12.0

PERINATAL MORTALITY = 0

(Stillbirths and first week deaths per 1,000 total births)

1921-1930	....	....	—	1941-1950	....	....	44.0
1931-1940	....	....	51.2	1951-1960	....	....	43.5
				1961-1965	....	....	23.8

TOTAL DEATH RATE = 10.7

(per 1,000 population)

1901-1910	....	....	15.6	1931-1940	....	....	12.2
1911-1920	....	....	13.2	1941-1950	....	....	12.0
1921-1930	....	....	12.4	1951-1960	....	....	10.8
				1961-1965	....	....	10.5

DISEASE OF HEART AND CIRCULATION = 4.26					
1901-1910	....	....	1.36	1931-1940	.... 2.95
1911-1920	....	....	1.51	1941-1950	.... 3.18
1921-1930	....	....	1.96	1951-1960	.... 3.37
				1961-1965	.... 3.20
VASCULAR DISEASES OF CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM = 1.46					
1901-1910	....	....	—	1931-1940	.... 0.91
1911-1920	....	....	—	1941-1950	.... 1.95
1921-1930	....	....	1.25	1951-1960	.... 1.68
				1961-1965	.... 1.50
MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS = 1.86					
1901-1910	....	....	1.16	1931-1940	.... 1.73
1911-1920	....	....	1.04	1941-1950	.... 1.91
1921-1930	....	....	1.77	1951-1960	.... 1.78
				1961-1965	.... 2.34
RESPIRATORY DISEASES = 1.20					
1901-1910	....	....	1.86	1931-1940	.... 1.28
1911-1920	....	....	1.66	1941-1950	.... 1.32
1921-1930	....	....	1.60	1951-1960	.... 1.17
				1961-1965	.... 1.22
INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES = 0					
1901-1910	....	....	1.17	1931-1940	.... 0.19
1911-1920	....	....	0.51	1941-1950	.... 0.05
1921-1930	....	....	0.28	1951-1960	.... 0.03
				1961-1965	.... 0.03
RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS = 0					
1901-1910	....	....	0.91	1931-1940	.... 0.36
1911-1920	....	....	0.68	1941-1950	.... 0.34
1921-1930	....	....	0.36	1951-1960	.... 0.06
				1961-1965	.... 0.06
NON-RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS = 0					
1901-1910	....	....	0.72	1931-1940	.... 0.12
1911-1920	....	....	0.21	1941-1950	.... 0.14
1921-1930	....	....	0.16	1951-1960	.... 0.05
				1961-1965	.... 0
MATERNAL MORTALITY = 0					
(per 1,000 total births)					
1901-1910	....	....	1.39	1931-1940	.... 2.28
1911-1920	....	....	2.17	1941-1950	.... 1.03
1921-1930	....	....	2.56	1951-1960	.... 1.85
				1961-1965	.... 0

BIRTHS, 1966

			Male	Female	Total
Live Births.—Legitimate	....	....	71	75	146
Illegitimate	....	....	8	5	13
			—	—	—
		Total	79	80	159
Stillbirths	....	....	0	0	0

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1966

			Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	....	....	0	0	0
Infective and parasitic diseases	....	....	0	0	0
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	....	....	0	0	0
Malignant neoplasm, lungs, bronchus			1	0	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	....	....	0	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	....	....	—	1	1
Other malignant neoplasms	....	....	6	4	10
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	....	....	0	0	0
Diabetes	....	....	0	1	1
Vascular lesions, nervous system	....	....	4	7	11
Coronary disease, angina	....	....	12	8	20
Hypertension with heart disease	....	....	1	1	2
Other heart disease	....	....	1	6	7
Other circulatory disease	....	....	1	2	3
Influenza	....	....	2	0	2
Pneumonia	....	....	2	3	5
Bronchitis	....	....	1	1	2
Other respiratory diseases	....	....	0	0	0
Ulcer of stomach, duodenum	....	....	1	0	1
Gastritis, enteritis	....	....	0	0	0
Nephritis	....	....	0	0	0
Hyperplasia of prostate	....	....	0	—	0
Pregnancy, childbirth	....	....	—	0	0
Congenital malformations	....	....	0	0	0
Motor vehicle accidents	....	....	1	0	1
All other accidents	....	....	1	3	4
Suicide	....	....	1	0	1
All other causes	....	....	3	3	6
			—	—	—
		Total	38	42	80

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases in 1966

					Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	....	....	....	....	0	1	1
Non-Pulmonary	....	....	....	....	0	0	0
				Total	0	1	1

Total cases on Register

					Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	....	....	....	....	8	5	13
Non-Pulmonary	....	....	....	....	1	2	3
				Total	9	7	16

INFANTILE MORTALITY

No infants died in the first year of life.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

notified during the year 1966

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED							
	At all Ages.	According to Age						
		Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	Over 65
Small-pox ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Food Poisoning ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Scarlet Fever	4	...	1	3	...	...	...	...
Paratyphoid Fever B ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis, paralytic ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" non-paralytic ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Encephalitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Other forms of Tuberculosis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles	48	2	22	24	...	...	...	...
Primary Pneumonia	6	1	1	...	...	1	1	2
Influenzal Pneumonia	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Whooping Cough	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	64	3	25	28	...	3	2	3

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948-51

An aged woman found to be gravely ill was removed to St. John's Hospital, Goole, but died before an Order under the 1948 Act was obtained.

WEST RIDING COUNTY DIVISIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SELBY RURAL DISTRICT, 1966

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.

1. BIRTHS.

Live Births	....	....	....	....	....	159
Stillbirths	....	....	....	....	....	1
Illegitimate	....	....	....	....	....	13
Males	....	....	....	....	....	79
Females	....	....	....	....	....	80

2. PREMATURE BABIES. Babies weighing 5½ lbs. or less at Birth.

(i) Born at home	....	....	....	....	Alive	1
					Stillborn	0
(ii) Born in hospital	....	....	....	....	Alive	7
					Stillborn	0
					Total	8

3. HEALTH VISITING (Division No. 10 as a whole).

	First Visits	Other Visits	Total
Expectant Mothers	237	144	381
Children under 1	870	3403	4273
Children between 1 and 5	2872	3622	6494
Other cases	—	6076	6076
Ineffective visits	651	1591	2242
Total	4630	14836	19466

5. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

Total number attending Paediatric Consultant	2
Total number attending County Oculist	145
Number ordered Spectacles	58
Number attending Speech Therapy	7
Total number inspected in School by School M.O.	286
Total number inspected in School by School Nurse	1730
Total number of verminous heads	24
Tests for subnormality	2
Re-examinations	2
Reported to M.D. Authority as ineducable	0
Reported to M.D.A. for care and guidance	0
Recommended for special schools	2
Attending special schools	2
Audiometry tests by School Nurse	63
Audiometry tests by School M.O.	23

The following defects were found at medical inspections:

	Requiring treatment	For ob- servation
Verminous heads	24	—
Skin	5	6
Vision	27	14
Other eye conditions	—	—
Hearing	2	4
Other ear defects	4	1
Nose and throat	2	12
Speech	1	9
Cervical glands	—	8
Heart and circulation	—	1
Lungs	4	2
Developmental	—	—
Orthopaedic	3	5
Nervous system	—	2
Psychological	2	—
Enuresis	3	2
Other conditions	1	1

6. MATERNITY SERVICES.

Confined in Hospital:

Leeds Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	6
York Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	67
Goole Borough Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	9
Others	....	....	....	....	9
Total					91

County Midwives.

There were 57 domiciliary confinements in Selby Rural District.

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

Number of Midwives	....	....	8
Number of cases	....	....	371
Number of visits	....	....	8738
Gas and air analgesia	....	....	0
Trilene analgesia	....	....	246

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

Number of Nurses	....	....	6
Number of cases completed	....	....	397
Number of visits	....	....	10788

8. HOME HELPS.

Home Helps were employed for 81,497 hours attending cases in the Division.

The following Selby Rural cases were attended:—

Maternity	....	....	....	4
Chronic Sick (Over 65)	....	....	....	16
Chronic Sick (Under 65)	....	....	....	1
Others	....	....	....	2
Total				23

9. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA during 1966

Children under 5 years	....	....	....	....	112
Children over 5 years	....	....	....	....	4
					<hr/> 116
Booster doses	....	....	....	....	60
					<hr/> Total 176

Total number of children under 15 years of age who have been immunised up to the 31st December, 1966

Age—Years	0—1	1—4	5—9	10—14	Total Under 15
Number	63	265	344	413	1085
Percentage	66.9		76.7		73.5

10. IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH during 1966.

Under 6 months	....	....	....	....	....	28
6 to 12 months	....	....	....	....	....	35
1 to 2 years	....	....	....	....	....	41
2 to 3 years	....	....	....	....	....	2
3 to 4 years	....	....	....	....	....	4
						<hr/> Total 110

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

Number of acceptances in 1966	....	29
Pre-vaccination Tuberculin Tests:		
Positive (not requiring vaccination)		13 (32.5%)
Negative (requiring vaccination)	....	27 (67.5%)
		<hr/> 40
		<hr/>
Number vaccinated with B.C.G.	....	27

12. VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS.

Total registered to 31st December, 1966	....	3426
Vaccinated	....	3369

13. MENTAL HEALTH.

Mental Health Act, 1959.

The number of persons under care and guidance at the end of 1966 was as follows:—

	Male	Female	Total
Psychopathic	0	0	0
Mentally ill	3	7	10
Subnormal	5	5	10
Severely Subnormal	1	3	4

Admissions to Mental Hospitals by the Mental Welfare Officers during 1966 were as follows:—

	Male	Female	Total
Emergency Admissions	2	3	5
Admission for Observation	1	0	1
Admission for Treatment	0	1	1
Informal Admission	7	8	15

14. MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY 1966.

The Unit visited Brayton and Drax and 647 persons were X-rayed.

PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION No. 10

The County Districts forming Division No. 10 are:—

Goole Borough (1,267 acres)	Selby Urban (3,882 acres)
Goole Rural (38,238 acres)	Selby Rural (33,304 acres)
Area of the Division	.... 76,692 acres
Population (Estimated mid-1966)	45,840
(Census 1961)	.... 44,533

DIVISIONAL HEALTH OFFICE AND STAFF

6/7 Belgravia, Goole. Telephone Goole 936 & 123.

Divisional Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer:

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

Senior Assistant County Medical Officer and School Medical Officer:

MURIEL J. LOWE, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.

Assistant County Medical Officer and School Medical Officer:

EILEEN M. R. BELL-SYER, M.B., B.S.

School Dental Officer:

M. R. HOLLINGS, B.Sc.D., F.D.S.R.C.S.(Eng.)

Divisional Nursing Officer:

Miss D. M. E. GOLDTHORPE.

Health Visitors and School Nurses:

Mrs. B. BEAL, Miss D. M. BUTLER, Miss M. M. CHOONG, Mrs. M. DODSON, Mrs. M. HARGREAVES, Miss A. RIDSDALE, Miss D. M. ROBINSON, Mrs. A. SUTHERLAND (part-time).

Assistants: Mrs. F. JARY, Mrs. E. A. ZAPH.

Home Nurses:

Mrs. H. B. BEAUMONT, Mrs. S. CLAYBOURN, Mrs. M. LUND, Mrs. W. E. DUFFIN, Mrs. V. HARRIS, Mrs. S. E. HERRON, Mrs. J. SAWDON.

Domiciliary Midwives:

Mrs. M. M. APPLEBY, Miss E. CLAYTON, Miss I. CAMPBELL, Miss H. ELLIS, Mrs. D. FRANKLIN, Mrs. M. E. HORNSHAW, Mrs. A. G. HORSFIELD, Miss E. D. LAKING.

Mental Health Officers:

Mr. T. G. FOSTER, Miss M. J. HURLEY.

Rawcliffe Training Centre:

Supervisor: Miss C. S. LOGAN. Staff: Mrs. A. ALVEY, Mrs. E. GOODALL, Mr. R. C. HUNT, Mrs. J. ELLIS, Mrs. E. ROSE, Miss D. STOCKTON.

Speech Therapy:

Vacant.

Welfare Officer:

Mr. N. SUTCLIFFE.

Clerical:

Senior Clerk: Mr. R. TOWELL. Deputy Senior Clerk: Mr. G. N. NOWILL. Mrs. N. ALMOND, Miss K. D. AVIS, Miss S. L. BRAMHAM, Mrs. M. E. BRYARS (part-time), Miss K. KISTELL, Mr. J. LAWTON, Mrs. M. READSHAW (part-time), Miss J. E. SMAJE.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR 1966.

Water Supply.

The Pontefact, Goole and Selby Water Board is now the water undertaker for the whole district.

Water is obtained from boreholes in the red sandstone at Brayton Barff, and is chlorinated at the source, but is not otherwise treated.

No complaints have been received during the year regarding either the quality or the adequacy of water, although it is becoming apparent that the growing number of dwelling-houses in certain parts of the district will necessitate an increased supply.

It is understood, however, that the Board are well aware of this problem and have proposals in hand to meet it.

Sewerage.

Main sewerage systems are now serving the parishes of Thorpe Willoughby, Carlton, Camblesforth, Barlow and Brayton, while a scheme for Hambleton and minor improvements to the plant at Thorpe Willoughby are awaiting approval by the Ministry.

A scheme is in the process of being worked out for the parish of Drax, and it is hoped this will be completed in the near future.

Sewage treatment plants are maintained at Thorpe Willoughby, Carlton and Burn.

It is the Council's policy to lay the branch drains to private property from the sewer to the boundary of the property, but not to carry out any drainage work on private land. This, unfortunately, has resulted in comparatively few connections being made to the new sewers, with the inevitable continuation of pollution of dikes and watercourses. With the absence of any legal amendments to the Public Health Acts, serious consideration will have to be given to the whole of the drainage work, including connections on private property, being done at the cost of the Council.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

House refuse is collected weekly throughout the district by motor vehicles and is disposed of by tipping on three

Council owned tips. Every effort is made to adhere to the recommendations of the Ministry of Health on controlled tipping, but owing to the remote situations of the tips, and their indiscriminate use by members of the public, control is extremely difficult.

Housing and Public Health Inspections.

The routine inspection of house property is carried out whenever possible and complaints are investigated without delay.

Generally it has been possible to effect a remedy by a personal visit to the owners or agents of property, or on a few occasions by an informal notice. It was not necessary to issue any statutory notices during the year.

The Council have granted Standard Grants to basically sound houses with a life expectancy of at least 15 years. The grant is for the purpose of providing the dwelling with five basic amenities, i.e. bath or shower, w.c., wash hand basin, hot water supply, and a food store. The majority of applications were from owner occupiers.

Some other owners have taken advantage of providing a w.c. in place of an existing pail or earth closet with the £20 Public Health Act Grant.

No houses have been demolished during the year, but three houses which were to have been demolished have had their life extended, but can now only be used as farm storage buildings.

Food Inspection.

Food traders have maintained the standard of cleanliness in their shops at a satisfactory level, and it has not been necessary for any action to be taken except for verbal advice.

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

There are also a number of fried fish shops and manufacturers of preserved foods registered under the Food and Drugs Act in the district.

The four slaughterhouses in the district have all been maintained in a satisfactory manner, and all the food animals slaughtered for human consumption have been inspected.

The following number of carcasses have been inspected:

Bullocks and Heifers	....	255
Cows	....	40
Calves	....	1
Sheep and Lambs	....	608
Pigs	....	211

One sheep carcase was condemned during the year and also small amounts of liver affected by liver fluke and abscesses. Small amounts of lungs and hearts were affected by pneumonia and pericarditis respectively. All the condemned meat was satisfactorily incinerated in the furnace at Selby Baths.

The very small amount of meat it was been found necessary to condemn indicates the healthy, high-quality animals the butchers in the Rural area are buying for slaughter. For the fifth year in succession no tuberculosis was discovered in the slaughterhouses.

It was necessary during the year to condemn a number of badly bulged and burst tins of food, as well as some tins of foreign food due to decomposition.

Rodent Control.

The Council now have 89 contracts with farmers in the district. Treatment is given free to private dwellings, but a charge is made for any work done on business premises. Refuse tips are treated regularly, and no infestation of even medium proportions has been discovered during the year.

New Housing.

The rate of development in some of the parishes is still progressing at an enormous rate, and has the appearance of continuing for some time to come.

New houses that have been erected or are in course of erection are as follows:—

By Council		By Private Developers	
Completed	In course of erection	Completed	In course of erection
6	Nil	177	112

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

40 premises have been inspected and registered under the above Act. Minor infringements were found in a small number of cases, and compliance has been effected by informal

action. No notice of any accidents have been reported during the year.

Factories Acts, 1937 to 1959.

There has been an increase of mechanical factory activity in the district compared with previous years, due to the increase in Civil Engineering works and building, notably at the Power Station in Drax parish. This comparatively high figure will no doubt stay with us until this type of activity begins to dwindle or until one firm takes the responsibility of completing the work.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959**Part I.—Inspections.**

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories in which Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.s	2	10	0	0
Factories not included above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by L.A.s	44	51	0	0
Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by L.A.s	0	0	0	0
Total	46	61	0	0

Part I.—Defects.

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to HMI	Referred by HMI	Prosecutions instituted
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences insufficient, unsuitable or defective (S.7)	1	1	0	0	0
Other offences	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	0	0	0

Part VIII Outworkers.—Nil.**J. R. BLACKLEDGE.**

