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REPORTS

for the Year 1952

of the Medical Officer of Health

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS  
OF THE  
SKELTON AND BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my sixth Annual Report for the year 1952, the contents and arrangements of which are in accordance with Circular 2/53 of the Ministry of Health.

I have just returned from one of my tours of the moorland parts of my districts and have seen with my own eyes tangible evidence that the Scaling Dam project is actually being commenced; I hope that its completion will be more rapid than its inception. With the prospect of an adequate water supply within six years it will be possible for the Local Sanitary Authority to make a definite scheme to abolish pail closets throughout the built-up parts of its district. I remain sceptical about there being sufficient water from present sources for large conversions without making worse the recurrent scarcity in parts of my districts. This prospect of adequate water together with the systematic repairing of dwellings in disrepair makes brighter the future of the public health. Good sanitary circumstances are essential for healthy living, equal in importance only to a knowledge among the public how to live healthily.

On this occasion I would like to refer to one other matter that strikes me as being of particular importance at the present time, namely, the care of the aged, or to use the word recently coined from the Greek, Geriatrics—the care and support of the aged so that they are the least burden to the nation and retain the greatest happiness for themselves. Our population is ageing because the public health has extended the span of life and has, moreover, delayed the onset of senescence: men of 65 today are generally as vigorous as those a considerable number of years their junior a hundred years ago. Some may not be mentally or physically able to work: others, particularly in heavy work, may need transferring to lighter occupations: a large number, if not quite so agile as of yore, have that inestimable asset—experience. To let these rust in retirement—and they are an ever increasing number—trying to pursue hobbies or find odd jobs is to render null and void the greatest achievement of a hundred years of the public health. They are the elderly, but what about the aged—those past real work—and they, too, are an ever increasing number—who require care and support, in plain words—the infirm old people? It is both economical and humane to keep these out of the institutions for as long as possible even if there were sufficient beds; the domestic help service of the Local Health Authority in that respect serves a most useful purpose: such help is, or should be, complementary to that of friends or relatives whenever these are available.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their support, Mr. F. Wilkinson and Mr. F. Stringer for their co-operation

and Mr. J. Pattison, whose report follows mine, for his valuable help on all occasions. As in previous years, Miss M. Imeson and Miss J. Waite contributed materially to the smooth running of affairs.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. BUTCHER,

Medical Officer of Health.

BROTTON,

30th May, 1953

**TABLE 1**

**Public Health Officers**

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health also District Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C.	Dr. W. H. Butcher		
Sanitary Inspectors	Mr. J. A. Thompson*	Mr. J. Pattison	Mr. E. Hollis*
Additional Sanitary Inspectors	Mr. E. Ward		

\*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

**SECTION I**

**Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area**

**Population**

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1952 is 12,840, as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1951 of 12,940.

**General Statistics**

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:—

1. Area of the District in acres	....	....	15,309
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books			3,940
3. Rateable Value	....	....	£48,733
4. Sum represented by a penny rate		....	£190

## Social Conditions

The district consists of an industrial belt comprising Skelton, New Skelton, North Skelton, Brotton and parts of Carlin How with a "Y" shaped prolongation to the southwards composed of Skelton Green, Boosbeck, Margrove Park, Charltons and Lingdale. These are situated amidst agricultural lands studded with farms ascending with swelling slopes to the moors which attain a height of nearly 1,000 feet. On the border of these, beyond the wooded valley of the Hagg Beck, is the community of Moorsholm. To the north the district is bounded by Huntcliff, attaining a height of 300 feet above the sea in almost sheer descent.

Ironstone mining remains the general, but a decreasing, industry in the district itself. The ironstone mines are in number five, or six if Longacre be considered a separate mine. Factories for the light industries are coming into operation; apart, however, from keyworkers they employ at present mostly female labour. The Skinningrove Iron and Steel Works situated just outside the district employ from 600 to 700 of those resident in the district. During 1952 the industries have maintained full employment, a factor of great importance to the health both physical and mental of the population.

TABLE 2

### Vital Statistics

		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	....	97	102	199
Legitimate	....	93	96	189
Illegitimate	....	4	6	10
Still Births	....	4	2	6
Legitimate	....	4	2	6
Illegitimate	....	—	—	—

### Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

		MALE	FEMALE
Total	....	4	4
Legitimate	....	4	4
Illegitimate	....	—	—

The number of births registered being 199 gives a birth-rate of 15.5 per 1,000 of the population; corrected for comparability the birth-rate is 16.4 compared to 15.3 for England and Wales. Eight infants under the age of one year died giving an infant mortality rate of 40 per thousand births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 27.6.

**TABLE 3**

**Analysis of Infantile Mortality**

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 1 wk.	1-2 wks.	2-3 wks.	3-4 wks.	Total under 4 wks.	1-3 mths.	3-6 mths.	6-9 mths.	9-12 mths.	Total deaths under 1 year
Prematurity	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Broncho-pneumonia	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	2
Gastro-Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Congenital Hydrocephalus	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Sub-Arachnoid Haemorrhage	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Atelectasis	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Acute Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8</b>

**TABLE 4—Vital Statistics**

**CAUSES OF DEATH**

	MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	—
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningo-coccal infections	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—

**TABLE 4—Vital Statistics—continued**

<b>CAUSES OF DEATH</b>				MALE	FEMALE
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	....			3	3
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus				2	—
Malignant neoplasm of breast	....			—	2
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	....			—	—
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms				4	5
Leukaemia	....	....		—	1
Diabetes	....	....	....	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	....			10	12
Coronary disease, angina	....			16	6
Hypertension with heart disease	....			1	—
Other heart disease	....	....		12	22
Other circulatory diseases	....			6	2
Influenza	....	....	....	—	—
Pneumonia	....	....	....	2	1
Bronchitis	....	....	....	3	3
Other diseases of respiratory system				—	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	....			2	—
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea	....			1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	....			1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	....			3	—
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	....			—	—
Congenital malformations	....			—	1
Other defined or ill-defined diseases				4	5
Motor vehicle accidents	....			—	—
All other accidents	....	....	....	6	3
Suicide	....	....	....	2	1
Homicide and operations of war	....			—	—
<b>ALL CAUSES</b>	....	....		<b>80</b>	<b>72</b>

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death 1948. 152 deaths of residents gave a death-rate of 11.8 per thousand of population; allowing for different age and sex distribution the comparable death-rate is 12.5 compared to 11.3 for England and Wales. Table 4 shows clearly what killed people in Skelton and Brotton in 1952. The infantile mortality remains above that for England and Wales and is higher still than that for the 148 Smaller Towns, which is 25.8.



TABLE 5  
 NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, 1952  
 (other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 year	2	3	4	5—	10—	15—	25—	35—	45—	65—
Scarlet Fever	15	—	—	—	1	2	5	4	2	1	—	—	—
Dysentery	9	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—
Pneumonia	8	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	4	2	—
Poliomyelitis	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Erysipelas	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	102	3	10	15	13	20	41	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	51	5	8	9	10	8	11	—	—	—	—	—	—

**SECTION II**  
**Infectious Diseases**

Table 5 shows the incidence of notifiable infectious diseases except tuberculosis.

**Diphtheria**

No case was notified. Immunization was available to children either at the hands of the family doctor, or at the School Clinic of the North Riding of Yorkshire Education Authority at Carlin How, or at the Infant Welfare Centres of the Local Health Authority at Brotton, Skelton and Lingdale, while I and the assistant school medical officer, Dr. Noel Hay, gave at the schools reinforcing doses to children who had been immunized earlier in life.

**TABLE 6**  
**Immunization against Diphtheria**

<i>Age Groups</i>	....	....	
0 to 4 years	....	....	148
5 to 14 years	....	....	11
Reinforcing doses	....	....	405

**Smallpox**

Thirty-seven immunizations were performed during the year, all by the family doctors. This important preventive measure appears now almost disregarded.

**Tuberculosis**

Six new cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year and five of non-respiratory tuberculosis.

**TABLE 7**  
**Tuberculosis**

AGE GROUPS		RESPIRATORY FORM		NON-RESPIRATORY FORM	
Years		Male	Female	Male	Female
0 to 4	....	—	—	1	—
5 to 9	....	—	—	1	1
10 to 14	....	—	—	—	—
15 to 19	....	—	—	—	1
20 to 24	....	—	2	—	—
25 to 34	....	—	1	—	1
35 to 44	....	—	1	—	—
45 to 54	....	2	—	—	—
65 and over	....	—	—	—	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	....	2	4	2	3

### SECTION III. Water Supplies

**TABLE 8**  
**Bacteriological Results of the Treated Waters**  
**Cleveland Water Co.**

No.	Date 1952	No. of colonies developing on Agar per ml. at 37° C. in 2 days	Presumptive Coliform Reaction from 100 ml.	Bact. Coli Type 1 from 100 ml.
1	25th February	56	absent	absent
2	6th May	4	present	absent
3	27th May	2	absent	absent
4	14th October	2	absent	absent

**TABLE 9**  
**Chemical Results in parts per million**  
**Cleveland Water Co.**

No. of Sample	....	....	....	No. 4
Date of Sample	....	....	....	14.10.52
Reaction pH	....	....	....	6.7
Total Solids	....	....	....	100
Chlorine in Chlorides	....	....	....	17
Hardness: Carbonate	....	....	....	25
	Non-carbonate	....	....	25
Nitrate Nitrogen	....	....	....	0.60
Nitrite Nitrogen	....	....	....	less than 0.01
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	....	....	....	0.15
Albuminoid Nitrogen	....	....	....	0.063
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hrs. at 27° C.	....	....	....	3.3
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	....	....	....	25
Free Carbon Dioxide	....	....	....	7
Iron	....	....	....	0.16
Manganese	....	....	....	0.04
Other metals absent				

**TABLE 10**  
**Bacteriological Results of the Moorsholm Supply**

No.	Date 1952	No. of Colonies developing on Agar per ml. at 37° C. in 2 days	Presumptive Coliform Reaction from 100 ml.	Bact. Coli Type 1 from 100 ml.
1	23rd January	1	absent	absent
2	23rd September	less than 10	present	present

**TABLE 11**

**Chemical Results in parts per million**

**Moorsholm Supply**

Date of Sample	....	....	23rd June, 1952
Appearance:	bright and clear		
Colour	....	....	Nil
Reaction pH.	On the acid side of neutrality		.... 5.9
Electric Conductivity at 20° C.	....	....	95
Chlorine in Colonies	....	....	12
Hardness: Total	....	....	30
	Carbonate (Temporary)		.... 15
	Non-carbonate (permanent)		.... 15
Nitrate Nitrogen	....	....	0.0
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	....	....	.000
Albuminoid Nitrogen	....	....	0.000
Metals: Iron	....	....	less than 0.03
	Manganese		.... 0.06
	Zinc		.... 2.0
	Copper		.... 3.0
	Lead absent		
Turbidity (Silica Scale)	....	....	Nil
Odour	....	....	Nil
Free Carbon Dioxide	....	....	15
Total solids, dried at 180° C.	....	....	65
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	....	....	15
Nitrite Nitrogen	....	....	Absent
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hrs. at 27° C.	....	....	0.00

**Charltons Supply**

I took a sample on 23rd June that showed a polluted water. The cistern that supplied the stand-pipe was defective. I communicated with the owners, who replaced the defective cistern. I have commented in previous reports on the unsatisfactory nature of this supply.

**Moorsholm Supply**

The Moorsholm supply is of the highest standard of chemical purity. The amount of zinc and copper shows clearly its corrosive action on the pipes.

**Cleveland Water Co.**

The results show a water of a satisfactory degree of purity. At night in some parts the amount of chlorine in it on occasions is such as to render it unpalatable. On the higher levels of the locality the usual shortages have recurred from time to time.

**SECTION IV**  
**Inspection and Supervision of Food**

The following samples of milk were taken by me and submitted to the necessary tests.  
The results are shown below:—

**TABLE 12**

No. of Sample	Date of taking Sample	Name of Producer	Name of Dis-tributor	Type of Milk	Statutory Tests	Biological Test for Tubercle Bacilli	Test for Brucellus Abortus
1	20.10.52	Kitching	Shutt	Undesignated	Unsatisfactory	Positive	Negative
2	20.10.52	Northern Dairies	Tyerman	Pasteurised	Unsatisfactory	Positive	Negative
3	20.10.52	Tyerman	Tyerman	T.T.	Satisfactory	Negative	Negative
4	27.10.52	Northern Dairies	Shutt	T.T.	Satisfactory	Negative	Negative
5	27.10.52	Northern Dairies	Shutt	Pasteurised	Satisfactory	Negative	Negative
6	27.10.52	Ventriss	Wardell	Undesignated	Satisfactory	Negative	Negative
7	10.11.52	Norman	Norman	T.T.	Satisfactory	Negative	Negative
8	10.11.52	Elsigood	Elsigood	Undesignated	Satisfactory	Negative	Negative
9	10.11.52	Hudson	Hudson	Undesignated	Unsatisfactory	Negative	Negative
10	27.11.52	Hudson	Hudson	Undesignated	Satisfactory	Negative	Negative

**Section 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949**

No action was necessary under the above during the year.

**Byelaws**

Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act 1938 for securing the observance of Sanitary and Cleanly Practices and Conditions in connection with the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the open air.

**Food Poisoning Outbreaks**

No outbreaks of food poisoning were notified to me.

# SKELTON AND BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

COUNCIL OFFICES,

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

27th March, 1953.

*To the Chairman and Members of the*

*Skelton & Brotton Urban District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my fourth Annual Report to the Council, for the year 1952.

I express my thanks to the members of the Council for their help and courtesy during the year and I am indebted to my colleagues, especially to Dr. Butcher, for the support and co-operation given to me at all times.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. J. PATTISON,

Sanitary Inspector.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

### Generally

During 1952, as in the previous three years, most of my time was spent on housing repair work. Although some work was completed, many houses still need repair, a large number of dry closets still require conversion to water-closets and water supplies need great improvement. These are all major defects needing much time to remedy.

### Water Supply

Again it must be pointed out that, apart from the risk of water-borne diseases during periods of drought, necessary improvements to many dwellinghouses are held up by the lack of adequate water supplies to the whole of the district. It is vital that the Scaling Reservoir Scheme be commenced and completed with the least possible delay.

In twelve dwelling-houses water taps and sinks were provided in sculleries in place of standpipes or other supplies. The position in regard to dwelling-houses can be summarised as follows:—

TABLE 13

1. Number of houses supplied by standpipes	....	428
2. Number of houses supplied by wells and springs	....	80
3. Number of houses having direct supply	....	3427
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TOTAL	....	3935
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### Sewerage and Drainage

With the exception of outlying houses and farms the district is served by public sewers discharging to the sea. A sewage disposal works owned by the council receives the sewage from the village of Moorsholm.

Some lengths of sewer, damaged by mining subsidence, need relaying. Sewers laid and repaired during 1952 were:—

New sewers laid: 142 yards 12 inch, 108 yards 9 inch. In addition, 180 yards 21 inch, 257 yards 12 inch, 20 yards 9 inch and 80 yards of 6 inch sewers were relaid.

Most houses in the area have drains connected to the public sewers. Eighty-two additional connections were made to the sewers for closet conversions; 243 visits were made for the purpose of testing 124 drains totalling 429 yards of 4 inch pipe and 7 yards of 6 inch pipe. In addition, 25 gullies, 22 chambers and 9 intercepting traps were provided and 4 septic tanks and filters were installed.

## Closet Accommodation

In regard to water-closets, the water carriage system is not general in the urban area, nearly half of the sanitary accommodation consisting of pan closets; 90 of these closets were converted to water closets during the year, 34 of them being aided by grants from the Council. The remaining 56 will be considered for grants in the coming financial year.

Although the conversion of all dry closets in the area to water-closets is essential, no real progress can be made until there exists an adequate supply of water to all parts of the district.

Seven water-closets were added to existing premises and, including those associated with new houses, the number and description of sanitary conveniences at the end of the year was:—

TABLE 14

Water-closets	....	....	....	2183
Pan closets	....	....	....	1820
Middens	....	....	....	4
TOTAL	....	....	....	<u>4007</u>

## Refuse Collection and Disposal

The system of refuse collection and disposal remained the same as outlined in the 1949 report, except that salvage collections and sales were continued during the year. Very few complaints were received regarding irregular collections.

The time lost during the year in sickness was high, amounting to 824 man/hours. For the financial year ended 31st March, 1953, the cost of the service totalled £4,248. Other items relating to the department were:—

Total mileage of vehicles	....	....	12,633
Loads of refuse collected and tipped	....	....	3,733
Approximate weight of refuse	....	....	7,466 tons
Trade refuse collected—loads	....	....	4
bins	....	....	240
Visits of inspection to tips, etc.	....	....	279
Paper and cardboard sold	21 tons 19 cwts.	(£274/4/6)	
Metals sold	2 tons 15 cwts.	(£14/1/6)	
Textiles sold	12 cwts. 2 qrs.	(£9/19/0)	

## Factories

Eighty-three visits were made to factories and no defect was found. A certificate was supplied to the Board of Trade to assist one factory company to obtain a building licence to erect canteen and washing facilities and modern sanitary accommodation.



**TABLE 15**  
**1. Inspections**

Premises	No. on register	No. of Inspections	No. of written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1 to 6 are enforced ....	24	45	—	—
2. Factories in which Section 7 is enforced ....	31	32	—	—
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced ....	2	6	—	—
<b>TOTALS</b> ....	57	83	—	—

**2. Cases where defects were found**

Offence	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Nil ....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>TOTALS</b> ....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

**Workplaces**

Thirty visits were paid to workplaces (being places other than factories where persons are employed except in domestic service). No defect was found.

**Schools**

Four visits were made to schools. One nuisance was abated.

**Shops**

Fifty-six visits to shops, dealing in all classes of goods, resulted in two defects being found which were remedied during the year.

**Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by Bye-Laws or Regulations**

There is no Common Lodging House, House Let in Lodgings, or Offensive Trade in the district.

Two licences were issued by the Council for Moveable Dwellings.

The Knacker's Yard at Charltons was again licensed. Six visits were made.

There are eight privately owned slaughterhouses on the register and sixteen visits were made. The majority of these are not ideal but are used solely for the slaughter of "cottagers' pigs".

## Swimming Baths and Pools

In the district there are no (a) public or (b) privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public.

## Eradication of Bed Bugs, Cleansing, etc.

Three privately owned houses were found to be verminous and were disinfested by using "Gammescane" generators. The assistance of the department was also sought and given to destroy a swarm of bees which had settled in a closet.

## Rodent Control

The rodent operative, appointed jointly by the Loftus and the Skelton and Brotton Urban District Councils, continued his duties in the two areas. By the end of the year the Council's sewers and refuse tips had been treated twice, while three business premises and fourteen houses were treated at the request of the owners. Two allotments were also treated. The bodies of 207 rats and two mice were found but these represent, of course, only a small percentage of the actual number killed. The poisons used so far have been zinc phosphide, arsenious oxide and red squill. The technique recommended by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries was employed.

## Housing

Thirty-five new houses were erected during the year, 32 by the Council.

Most of my time for the twelve months was again spent on housing repair work, no fewer than 1,107 houses being visited in connection with repairs needed under the Housing or Public Health Acts, necessitating a total of 1,542 visits. Lingdale, Boosbeck and Margrove Park were the areas in which I tried to concentrate, but demands were made by other parts of the district, making it impossible to work systematically. A great deal of work has been done but much more remains to be commenced. It would seem that the Council must commence the carrying out of housing repairs in default on a large scale if appreciable progress is to be made.

**TABLE 16**  
**Housing Appendix—Statistics**

### *New houses erected in 1952*

(a) By Private Owners	....	....	....	....	3
(b) By the Council	....	....	....	....	32
1. <i>Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year</i>					
(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	....	....	....	....	1,107
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	....	....	1,542
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	....	....	....	....	0
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	....	....	0
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	....	....	....	....	0
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	....	....	....	....	2

**Table 16—Housing Appendix—Statistics—continued**

2.	<i>Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices</i>			
(1)	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers			74
3.	<i>Action under Statutory Powers during the year</i>			
A.	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936			
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	....	....	0
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit after service of formal notices			
(a)	By Owners	....	....	42
(b)	By local authority in default of owners	....	....	0
B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts			
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	....	....	6
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices			
(a)	By owners	....	....	6
(b)	By local authority in default of owners	....	....	0
C.	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936			
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	....	....	0
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	....	....	0
D.	Proceedings under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936			
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	....	....	0
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	....	....	0
4.	<i>Housing Act, 1936, Part 4, Overcrowding</i>			
(1)	(a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	....	....	65
	(b) Number of families dwelling therein	....	....	78
	(c) Number of persons dwelling therein	....	....	497
(2)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	....	....	0
(3)	(a) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	....	....	8
	(b) Number of persons concerned in such cases	....	....	55
(4)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	....	....	Nil
(5)	Of the total number of houses surveyed and recorded since overcrowding provisions were introduced in the Housing Acts, <i>i.e.</i> 3,144, sixty-five were overcrowded at the end of the year, giving a percentage of 2.07.			

**TABLE 17****Nuisances**

Total number of inspections made for nuisances only	....	1225	
Nuisances found	....	414	
Nuisances in hand, end of previous year	....	183	
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Total needing abatement	....	597	
Abated during the year	....	343	
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Outstanding at end of year	....	254	
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Notices served, informal	414	Complied with	337
Notices served, statutory	6	Complied with	6
Number of summonses or other legal proceedings	....		0

**FOOD****Milk**

At the end of the year there were 9 dairies and 10 retailers on the register; twenty-five visits were made and no defect was found. Thirteen visits were also made to cowsheds.

**Meat and Other Foods**

There are 33 licensed slaughtermen in the district.

All slaughtering for the area is done at the Middlesbrough Abattoir under the regional scheme of the Ministry of Food. Local food inspection, however, entailed 49 visits and resulted in the following foods being condemned:—

**TABLE 18**

FOOD	WEIGHT		FOOD	WEIGHT	
	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>ozs.</i>		<i>lbs.</i>	<i>ozs.</i>
Beef	83	12	2 cans Pork Butts	7	14
Pork	21	8	1 can Salmon	—	8
Mutton	15	0	Cod Fillets	28	0
Ham	13	4	1 can Tomatoes	—	15
Bacon	7	12	1 can Apples	12	0
1 can Danish Pork Brawn	—	12	1 can Plums	1	12
1 can Jellied Veal	6	0	1 can Sliced Oranges	1	4
6 cans Luncheon Meat	17	4	1 can Cooked Peas	1	0
11 cans Cooked Ham	146	0	1 Cheese & Cheese Trimminsg	21	0
4 cans Pork	9	8	2 cans Evaporated Milk	2	0
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TOTAL	....	....	....	397	1
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All the food material was surrendered voluntarily by the tradesmen concerned.

### **Bakehouses**

There are 5 bakehouses on the register, all of which are considered non-domestic in type; 14 visits were made and 1 nuisance was abated.

### **Fish and Chip Shops**

Twenty-four visits were paid to fried fish and chip shops, of which there are 19 on the register. No defect was found.

### **Ice Cream Shops**

The 31 registered retailers of ice cream received 31 visits. There is no manufacturer in the district.

### **Public Houses**

Three inspections were made of the 21 public houses.

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Summary supplied by the Sanitary Inspector to the Medical Officer of Health, in pursuance of Article 27 (18) of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935.

**TABLE 19**

**Sanitary Inspector's Summary for the Year ended 31st December, 1952**

#### **1. Housing Repair Works done during the year**

Roofs renewed or repaired	....	115	Water closets provided	....	....	7
Chimneys rebuilt or repaired		8	Water closets repaired	....	....	4
Walls rebuilt or repaired	....	38	Bathrooms provided	....	....	18
Walls pointed or rendered	....	17	Closet pans renewed	....	....	144
Wall dampness remedied	....	85	Pan closets repaired	....	....	5
Eaves gutters renewed	....	10	Pan closets converted to water closets			90
Rain-water pipes renewed	....	10	Dust bins renewed	....	....	21
Connections to sewers	....	82	Dust bins provided	....	....	90
Drains tested (number)	....	124	Wash-houses repaired	....	....	10
Drains tested (length, yards)		436	Wash-houses provided	....	....	4
Drains renewed	....	6	Washboilers renewed or repaired	....	....	14
Extra drains provided	....	25	Coalhouses provided or repaired	....	....	11
Choked drains cleared	....	11	Ceilings renewed or repaired	....	....	58
New gullies	....	....	25	Wall plaster renewed or repaired	....	96
New chambers	....	....	22	Floors renewed or repaired	....	64
New intercepting traps	....	9	Windows renewed or repaired	....	....	90
Waste pipes renewed or repaired	15		Windows re-corded	....	....	37
Yards paved	....	....	15	Ranges and ovens renewed or repaired		27
Yard paving renewed or repaired	9		9	Fireplaces renewed or repaired	....	6
Sinks renewed or provided	....	16	Doors renewed or repaired	....	....	100
Sculleries provided	....	10	Pantries or food stores provided or repaired			7
Water supply installed in houses	12		Handrails provided or renewed	....	....	5
Water pipes renewed or repaired	7		Stairs renewed or repaired	....	....	6

## 2. Visits, Notices, etc.

Total visits made during the year	....	....	....	....	2696
Complaints received and investigated	....	....	....	....	363
(a) Nuisances					
Houses inspected	....	....	836		
Number of inspections	....	....	1225		
Nuisances found	....	....	414		
Nuisances in hand	....	....	183		
			597		
Total needing abatement	....	....	597		
Number abated	....	....	343		
			254		
			254		
(b) Housing—					
Houses inspected	....	271	Representations	....	0
Number of inspections	....	317	Closing Orders made	....	0
Houses unfit	....	0	Closing Orders determined	....	0
Houses with defects	....	2	Demolition Orders made	....	0
Houses made fit informally	....	74	Houses demolished	....	0
Houses made fit formally	....	42			
(c) Premises visited, etc.—					
Water supply	....	39	Churches	....	2
Drainage	....	243	Closet Conversions	....	336
Stables and Piggeries	....	96	Overcrowding	....	0
Fish and Chip Shops	....	24	Verminous Premises	....	6
Moveable Dwellings	....	4	Infectious Diseases	....	27
Factories, mechanical	....	32	Disinfections	....	19
Factories, non-mechanical	....	45	Slaughterhouses	....	16
Building Sites	....	6	Shops & Stalls (Food Inspection)	....	33
Workplaces	....	30	Butchers	....	23
Bakehouses	....	14	Fishmongers	....	10
Cinemas, etc.	....	15	Grocers	....	20
Refuse Collection	....	219	Fruiterers	....	15
Refuse Disposal	....	279	Cowsheds	....	13
Rodent Control	....	474	Dairies	....	25
Schools	....	4	Ice Cream Shops	....	31
Shops	....	56	Restaurants	....	2
Public Houses	....	3	Miscellaneous	....	8
(d) Notices served—					
Informal Housing Acts	....	2	Statutory Housing Acts	....	0
Informal Public Health Acts	....	414	Statutory Public Health Acts	....	6
(e) Notices complied with—					
Informal Housing Acts	....	74	Statutory Housing Acts	....	42
Informal Public Health Acts	....	337	Statutory Public Health Acts	....	6

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