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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH

AND

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

1953

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E. M. RIMMINGTON & CO., FINKLE STREET

1954



SELBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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

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Senior Sanitary Inspector:

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

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Additional Sanitary Inspector:

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

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Clerk:

HILARY THOMPSON.

To the  
Chairman and Members of the Selby Rural District Council.  
Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my seventh Annual Report on the health of the Selby Rural District and the work of the Public Health Department during 1953.

88 live births were notified, giving a Birth Rate of 13.1 per thousand population—the lowest figure for twenty years. The Aggregate Rate for W.R. Rural Districts was 16.6, and the Rate for England and Wales 15.5.

The Infantile Mortality Rate of 22.7 (two deaths) remains satisfactory and compares favourably with the County Rural Rate of 33.3 and the National Rate of 26.8, which is a new low record.

The Crude Death Rate of 8.5 is the lowest ever recorded in the district. Of the 57 deaths, 21 (37%) occurred at the age of 75 years or over. Of these 7 were over 85 years and 3 over 90 years of age. The excess of births over deaths was 21.

Notifiable infectious diseases totalled 34 only, which was very light. One case of acute poliomyelitis occurred. No case of diphtheria has occurred in the District for seven years and, provided parents continue to regard immunisation as an essential routine for their babies and a refresher immunisation for their school children as normal procedure, the disease can be kept at bay.

The steady increase in the number of new houses is pleasing from a housing point of view, but each additional residence further complicates the problem of the foul dykes in many parts of the District. Certain localised attempts are being made to solve the problem, as mentioned by the Senior Sanitary Inspector, but every effort should now be made to implement the Sewerage Scheme, previously prepared, to the fullest extent for which approval can be obtained.

Finally, I wish to record my thanks to the Members and Officials of the Council for their support and co-operation during 1953.

I remain, Your obedient servant,

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1954.



**GENERAL STATISTICS, 1953.**

Area of Rural District ....	33,304 acres
Population (mid 1953) ....	6,697
Number of Inhabited Houses ....	1,855
Rateable Value ....	£28,265
Product of Penny Rate (March 1954)	£113/17/10

**VITAL STATISTICS.**

	<b>SELBY R.D.</b>	<b>Aggre- gate West Riding R.D.s</b>	<b>West Riding Admin. County</b>	<b>England and Wales (Provi- sional)</b>
<b>BIRTH RATE</b> (per 1,000 population)	13.1	16.6	15.7	15.5
<b>CRUDE DEATH RATES</b> (per 1,000 population)				
All causes ....	8.5	9.3	11.6	11.4
Infective & Parasitic Diseases	0	0.07	0.08	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis ....	0.15	0.13	0.16	0.18
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	0.15	0.02	0.02	0.02
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis) ....	0.90	1.16	1.30	—
Cancer ....	1.49	1.57	1.88	1.99
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	2.99	3.27	4.26	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ....	0.90	1.14	1.76	—
<b>INFANT MORTALITY</b> (Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births)	22.7	33.3	29.3	26.8
<b>STILLBIRTHS</b>	22.2	23.8	24.7	22.4
<b>INFANT DIARRHOEA</b> (Deaths under 2 years of age per 1,000 live births)	0	—	—	1.1
<b>MATERNAL MORTALITY</b> (Deaths of mothers in child- birth per 1,000 total births)	0	0.81	0.51	0.76

**Comparability Factors:**

For Births, 1.04.	Adjusted Birth Rate, 13.6
For Deaths, 0.92.	Adjusted Death Rate, 7.8

# BIRTH AND DEATH RATES FOR TEN YEARS.

## BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 population)

1953	....	13.1			
1952	....	14.6	1949	....	18.9
1951	....	15.2	1948	....	17.2
1950	....	15.3	1947	....	19.3
			1946	....	20.8
			1945	....	17.7
			1944	....	17.3

## STILLBIRTHS (per 1,000 total births)

1953	....	22.2			
1952	....	20.2	1949	....	41.7
1951	....	38.8	1948	....	28.0
1950	....	20.6	1947	....	26.1
			1946	....	32.3
			1945	....	19.8
			1944	....	45.9

## ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS (per 1,000 total births)

1953	....	66.6			
1952	....	40.4	1949	....	75.0
1951	....	58.3	1948	....	64.4
1950	....	82.5	1947	....	104.4
			1946	....	—
			1945	....	158.4
			1944	....	64.2

## TOTAL DEATH RATE (per 1,000 population)

1953	....	8.5			
1952	....	10.3	1949	....	10.0
1951	....	13.4	1948	....	11.2
1950	....	14.1	1947	....	11.5
			1946	....	11.8
			1945	....	12.7
			1944	....	14.1

## INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES

1953	....	0			
1952	....	0.15	1949	....	0
1951	....	0	1948	....	0
1950	....	0	1947	....	0.17
			1946	....	0
			1945	....	0
			1944	....	0

## PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

1953	....	0.15			
1952	....	0	1949	....	0.16
1951	....	0.15	1948	....	0.33
1950	....	0.16	1947	....	1.03
			1946	....	0.35
			1945	....	0.36
			1944	....	0.16

## NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

1953	....	0.15						
1952	....	0	1949	....	0.16	1946	....	0
1951	....	0.15	1948	....	0.17	1945	....	0.36
1950	....	0	1947	....	0.34	1944	....	0

## RESPIRATORY DISEASES

1953	....	0.90						
1952	....	1.06	1949	....	1.64	1946	....	1.04
1951	....	2.00	1948	....	0.83	1945	....	1.79
1950	....	1.13	1947	....	1.20	1944	....	0.83

## CANCER

1953	....	1.49						
1952	....	1.81	1949	....	1.64	1946	....	1.64
1951	....	1.39	1948	....	1.65	1945	....	2.15
1950	....	2.09	1947	....	1.75	1944	....	2.49

## HEART AND CIRCULATORY DISEASES

1953	....	2.99						
1952	....	3.02	1949	....	2.95	1946	....	2.61
1951	....	5.39	1948	....	3.64	1945	....	3.40
1950	....	5.95	1947	....	2.06	1944	....	3.99

## INFANTILE MORTALITY

(per 1,000 live births)

(per 1,000 live births)					
1953	....	22.7			
1952	....	10.3	1949	....	8.8
1951	....	10.1	1948	....	28.8
1950	....	73.7	1947	....	26.8
				1946	.... 33.3
				1945	.... 30.0
				1944	.... 38.5

## MATERNAL MORTALITY

(per 1,000 total births)

(per 1,000 total births)									
1953	....	0							
1952	....	0	1949	....	0	1946	....	0	
1951	....	0	1948	....	0	1945	....	0	
1950	....	10.3	1947	....	0	1944	....	0	



**BIRTHS, 1953.**

			Male	Female	Total
Live Births.—	Legitimate	....	43	40	83
	Illegitimate	....	5	0	5
			—	—	—
	Total	....	48	40	88
Stillbirths	....	....	2	0	2

**CAUSES OF DEATH, 1953.**

			Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	....	....	1	0	1
Tuberculosis (Other forms)	....	....	0	1	1
Cancer	....	....	3	7	10
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System			2	4	6
Heart Diseases	....	....	9	10	19
Other diseases of circulatory system	....		0	1	1
Bronchitis	....	....	4	0	4
Influenza	....	....	2	0	2
Pneumonia	....	....	0	0	0
Leukæmia	....	....	0	1	1
Gastro-Enteritis	....	....	1	0	1
Suicide	....	....	1	0	1
Congenital	....	....	0	0	0
Motor Accidents	....	....	1	0	1
Other Accidents	....	....	0	1	1
All other causes	....	....	5	3	8
			—	—	—
Total	....		29	28	57

**TUBERCULOSIS.****New cases in 1953.**

			Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	....	....	1	0	1
Non-Pulmonary	....	....	0	2	2
			—	—	—
Total	....		1	2	3

**Total cases on Register.**

Pulmonary	....	....	6	6	12
Non-Pulmonary	....	....	1	5	6
			—	—	—
Total	....		7	11	18

**INFANTILE MORTALITY.**

One death from Inanition —under 1 week old.

One death from T.B. Meningitis—at 7 months.



# **CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE** notified during the year 1953.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED								CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS
	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 (including Membranous Croup) ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ... ..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Scarlet Fever ... ..	12	...	1	11	...	...	...	...	9	...
Typhus Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis, paralytic ... ..	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
"                    non-paralytic ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Encephalitis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... ..	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis ... ..	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Measles ... ..	14	...	2	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
Primary Pneumonia ... ..	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Influenzal Pneumonia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ... ..	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ... ..	34	3	4	26	...	...	...	1	10	2

## **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.**

### **Section 47.**

No action was required under this section of the Act during 1953.

## WEST RIDING COUNTY DIVISIONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SELBY RURAL DISTRICT, 1953.

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	....	....	....	....	....	88
Stillbirths	....	....	....	....	....	2
Illegitimate	....	....	....	....	....	6
Males	....	....	....	....	....	50
Females	....	....	....	....	....	40

### 2. PREMATURE BABIES. Babies weighing 5½ lbs. or less at birth.

(i) Born at home	....	....	....	....	Alive	1
					Stillborn	1
(ii) Born in an institution	....	....	....	....	Alive	0
					Stillborn	0

Total      ....      2

### 3. HEALTH VISITING (Selby R.D. and U.D.)

	First Visits	Other Visits	Total
Expectant Mothers	49	84	133
Children under 1	246	2078	2324
Children between 1 and 5	989	1304	2293
Other cases	—	824	824
Ineffective	—	—	—
Total	1284	4290	5574

### 4. CHILD WELFARE CLINIC (WEST BANK).

- (a) Total number of children under 5 yrs. of age who first attended the Clinic during the year, and who at the date of their first attendance were:

under 1 year      ....      ....      ....      ....      6

- (b) Total number of children under 5 years of age who attended the Clinic during the year and who at the end of the year were:



(i) under 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	4
(ii) over 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	17

Number of Sessions held:

West Bank	....	....	....	....	....	11
Total attendance	....	....	....	....	....	111
Average per session	....	....	....	....	....	10.1

In addition 25 children made 99 visits to other Child Welfare Centres in the Division.

5. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

Total number attending Paediatric Consultant	....	....	....	....	....	4
Total number attending Orthopaedic Surgeon	....	....	....	....	....	11
Total number attending County Occulist	....	....	....	....	....	123
Number ordered Spectacles	....	....	....	....	....	42
Number attending Speech Therapy	....	....	....	....	....	4
Total number inspected in School by School M.O.	....	....	....	....	....	372
Total number inspected in School by School Nurse	....	....	....	....	....	1529
Total number of verminous heads	....	....	....	....	....	94
Tests for mental defect, primary	....	....	....	....	....	5
Re-examinations	....	....	....	....	....	1
Reported to M.D. Authority as ineducable	....	....	....	....	....	0
Reported to M.D.A. for supervision	....	....	....	....	....	0
Recommended for special schools	....	....	....	....	....	1
Attending special schools	....	....	....	....	....	1
Recommended for Child Guidance	....	....	....	....	....	0

The following defects were found at medical inspections:

					Requiring treatment	For ob- servation
Verminous heads	....	....	....	....	94	0
Skin	....	....	....	....	3	0
Vision	....	....	....	....	20	11
Other eye conditions	....	....	....	....	5	3
Hearing	....	....	....	....	1	1
Other ear defects	....	....	....	....	1	3
Nose and throat	....	....	....	....	11	16
Speech	....	....	....	....	1	5
Cervical glands	....	....	....	....	5	13
Heart and circulation	....	....	....	....	1	2
Lungs	....	....	....	....	2	2
Developmental	....	....	....	....	0	1
Orthopaedic	....	....	....	....	6	7
Nervous System	....	....	....	....	0	4
Psychological	....	....	....	....	5	4
Other conditions	....	....	....	....	1	0



## 6. MATERNITY SERVICES.

**Ante-natal Clinics:**

			First Visits	Total Visits	Mothers attending
West Bank	....		2	6	2
Goole	....	....	1	1	11
Selby	....	....	31	111	32
Snaith	....	....	7	7	18

**Mothers Confined in Hospital:**

Leeds Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	6
York Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	12
Hazlewood Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	6
Goole Borough Maternity Home	....	....	....	....	2
Others	....	....	....	....	2
Total					28

**County Midwives.**

There were 58 domiciliary confinements in Selby Rural District in 1953.

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

Number of Cases	....	....	422
Number of Visits	....	....	5279
Gas and air analgesia	....	....	314
Number of midwives	....	....	11

## 7. HOME NURSING.

Number of cases	....	....	66
Number of visits	....	....	2447

## 8. HOME HELPS.

There was one part-time Home Help employed during the year and she attended the following cases:

Lying-in and Expectant Mothers	22
Illness	7
Aged	0
Total	29

## 9. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA during 1953

Children under 5 years	....	....	....	....	53
Children over 5 years	....	....	....	....	21
					<hr/> 74
Booster doses	....	....	....	....	136
					<hr/> Total 210

Total number of children under 15 years of age who have been immunised up to the 31st December, 1953:

Age—Years	0—1	1—4	4—9	10—14	Under 15 Total
Number	2	190	496	432	1120
Percentage	41.2		99.5		80.1

## 10. IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH 1953

Under 6 months	....	....	....	....	0
6 to 12 months	....	....	....	....	11
1 to 2 years	....	....	....	....	5
2 to 3 years	....	....	....	....	7
3 to 4 years	....	....	....	....	2
					<hr/> 25

## 11. MENTAL HEALTH.

The number of mentally defective persons under supervision at the end of 1953 was as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Under Guardianship	0	0	0
Under Statutory Supervision	4	4	8
Under Voluntary Supervision	0	0	0
On Licence from Institutions	0	1	1

## 12. COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The following are the details of patients from Division No. 10 carried by the W.R.C.C. ambulances during 1953:

	Selby	Goole
Maternity cases	117	169
Accident cases	150	203
Other cases	5040	12508
Journeys made	2031	3383
Total patients carried	5307	12880
Mileage travelled	72911	96351



## PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION No. 10.

The County Districts forming Division No. 10 are:—

Goole Borough	Selby Urban
Goole Rural	Selby Rural
Area of the Division (in acres)	.... 76,692
Population (estimated mid-1953)	.... 45,317

### Divisional Staff:

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:

Miss M. BRIGGS, Miss D. M. BUTLER, Miss J. DAVIS, Mrs. M. HARGREAVES, Mrs. M. KELLY, Mrs. L. PRATT, Miss A. RIDSDALE, Miss F. WELFORD.

Home Nurses:

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

Domiciliary Midwives:

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

Mental Health:

Miss E. T. SIMONS (Social Worker, Divisions 10 and 12)

Miss C. N. LENG (Home Teacher, Divisions 10 and 9)

Physiotherapy:

Miss E. ALDERSON (Part-time).

Speech Therapy:

Mrs. N. HEPWORTH (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. DOD-  
SON, Mr. G. N. NOWILL, Miss B. REED, Miss J. E. SMAJE,  
Miss M. E. WORMALD.



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR 1953.

### Water Supply.

The Rural District Council is the water undertaker for the whole of their district, and with the exception of a very small number of dwellings there is a public supply throughout the District.

Water is purchased in bulk from the Selby Urban District Council, whose boreholes are situated within the Rural District at Brayton Barff. Chlorination is carried out by the U.D.C. and routine samples collected at various parts of the district have all been reported as satisfactory, both chemically and bacteriologically. A summary of the chemical analysis is given herewith.

### Chemical Analysis of the Water Supply, 1953.

10th December, 1953						
Colour	....	....	....	....	....	Colourless
Appearance	....	....	....	....	....	Clear
Taste	....	....	....	....	....	Normal
Smell	....	....	....	....	....	None
Reaction pH	....	....	....	....	....	7.9
Parts per million						
Free Carbon Dioxide as CO <sub>2</sub>	....	....	....	....	....	None
Ammoniacal Nitrogen as N	....	....	....	....	....	0.016
Albuminoid Nitrogen as N	....	....	....	....	....	0.006
Nitrous Nitrogen as N	....	....	....	....	....	None
Poisonous Metals (Lead, etc.)	....	....	....	....	....	None
Hardness (Soap test) as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	....	....	....	....	....	220
	Temporary	....	....	....	....	96
	Permanent	....	....	....	....	124
Permanganate figure as O	....	....	....	....	....	0.146
Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	....	....	....	....	....	130
Plumbo Solvency	....	....	....	....	....	None
Chloride as Cl	....	....	....	....	....	21

With the exception of short extensions to mains at the Burn and Brayton Council housing sites, no new mains were laid during 1953.

Following an inadequacy of supply during the summer months in the Cawood and Wistow areas, a scheme for an additional main to supply these districts is in preparation and will be submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government early in 1954.

### **Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.**

With the exception of five small disposal works dealing with Council housing sites, and three Service Establishment works, there are no sewage disposal plants in the District.

The existing disposal arrangements consist of septic tank treatment and discharge into open ditches, and as there is an increasing tendency for more water to be used for domestic purposes, the pollution in the dikes has become a serious problem.

The provision of adequate and satisfactory means of sewage disposal remains an urgent necessity in certain parishes, and it is satisfactory to note that in the parish of Barlow an arrangement with the military authorities to treat the sewage from the village at the disposal works at the Command Returned Stores Depot is likely to be concluded at an early date.

In the Parish of Carlton a scheme to deal with part of the village is likely to reach maturity during 1954; the partial scheme will of course ultimately form part of a comprehensive system which will deal with sewage from Camblesforth and Carlton.

### **Refuse Collection and Disposal.**

The collection of house refuse is carried out throughout the District, with the exception of a small number of isolated farms, by direct labour, with two 7 cubic yard Karrier motor collectors.

There are a large number of ashpits in the District which are obsolete and unsatisfactory, and these are being abolished and replaced with bins and earth closets as circumstances permit. Replacement is proceeding steadily, if somewhat slowly; the main factor contributing to the lack of enthusiasm on the part of the owners is undoubtedly the high cost of building repairs.

Disposal is effected by means of tipping on five tips, which have been maintained in reasonably satisfactory condition. There is no permanent attendant on any tip, and trouble is experienced by local farmers and others indiscriminately dumping vegetable refuse during the absence of the Council's workmen.



### **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 with 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.

### **Food Inspection.**

There are three dairies in the District supervised by the Council and in all cases maintenance has been satisfactory.

Food preparing and storage premises have been found to be in a satisfactory condition, and no statutory action has been necessary. Byelaws are in force relating to the Handling and Distribution of Food under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

There are no premises manufacturing ice cream in the District, and those premises licenced for the sale of pre-packed ice cream have been well maintained.

Milk samples obtained throughout the year have been satisfactory.

Meat for consumption in the District is obtained from the Ministry of Food Abattoir at Goole, but with the decontrol of meat marketing, which is forecast during 1954, it is likely that a number of private slaughterhouses, unused since control was initiated in 1940, will be again brought into use.

### **Inspection of Premises under Public Health & Housing Acts.**

Complaints relating to unsatisfactory dwellings have been remedied by informal action, but owing to the low rent yield owners are becoming increasingly reluctant to spend money on repairs, and in consequence property which would have a number of years useful life is rapidly deteriorating.

Owners of property take little or no advantage of the improvement grants available under the Housing Act, 1949, and in no case has an application for a grant been made in respect of property not in the occupation of the owner.

The following table gives a summary of inspections carried out during the year:



**Housing 68.**

No. of houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	....	....	....	....	35
Sanitary Inspections	....	....	....	....	21
Nuisances	....	....	....	....	57
Closet Conversion	....	....	....	....	82
Ice Cream	....	....	....	....	14
Shops Act	....	....	....	....	5
Prevention of Damage by Pests	....	....	....	....	39

**New Housing.**

New houses have been erected, or are in course of erection, within the District during the year as follows:—

<b>By Council</b>		<b>By Private Developers</b>	
Completed	Course of Erection	Completed	Course of Erection
20	16	11	7

**Factories Act, 1947.**

No. of factories with mechanical power	....	....	8
No. of factories without mechanical power	....	....	Nil
No. of inspections	....	....	3
Contraventions found	....	....	Nil

Housing 68

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New houses have been erected in a number of sections  
within the District during the year as follows:  
By Council  
Completed

30	16	11
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Population, April 1914.

Noted factories with mechanical power  
No. of houses within mechanical power  
No. of inhabitants  
Contractions found