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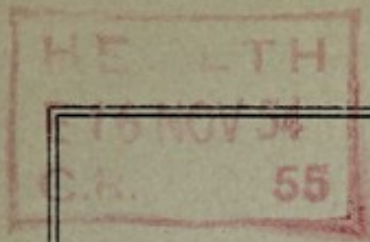
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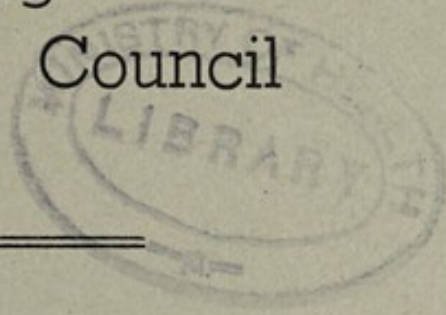


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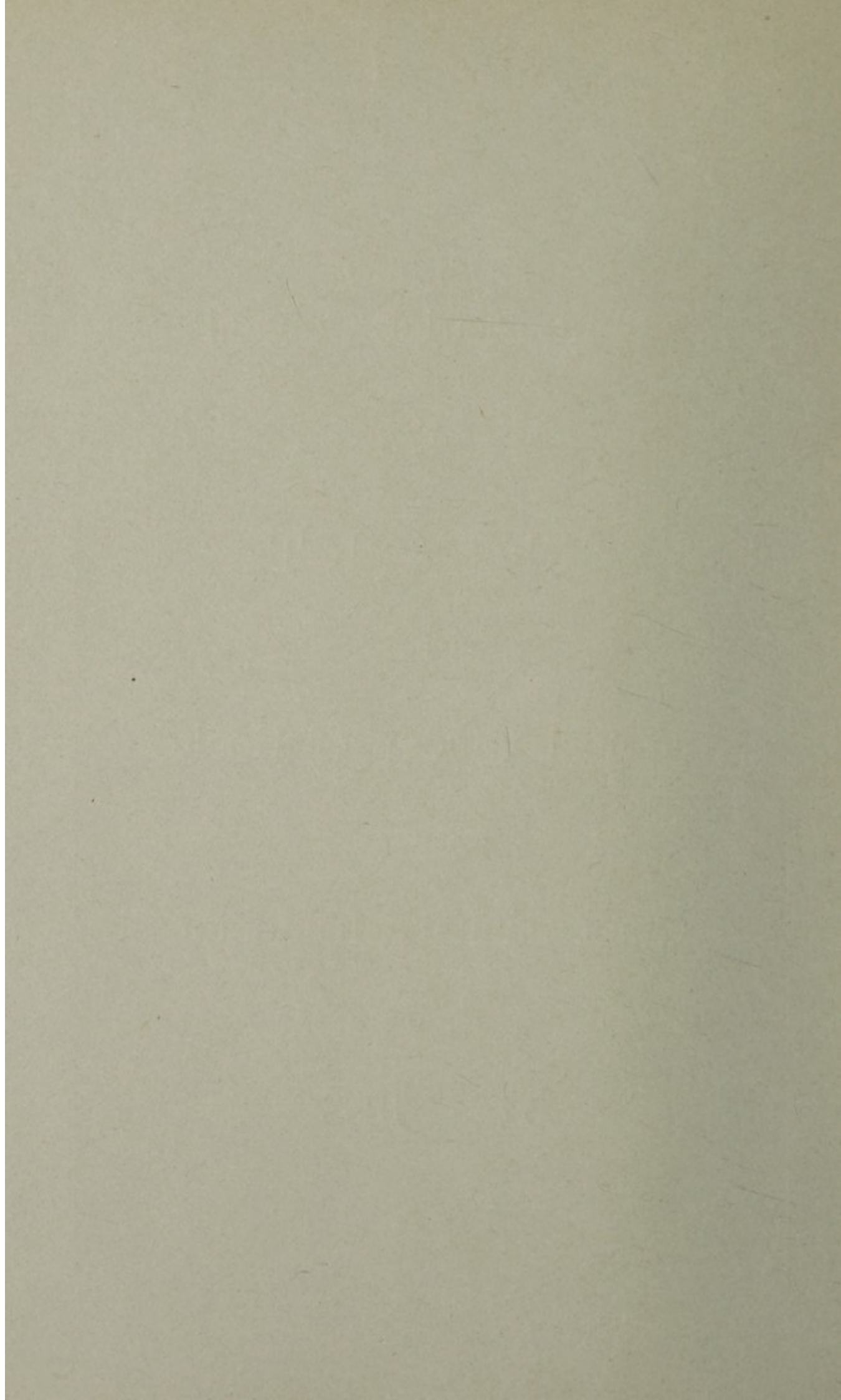
Medical Officer of Health

and the

Chief Sanitary Inspector

for the

Year 1953



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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1953.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Spalding Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for 1953.

Apart from an increase in the incidence of Measles, there has been no serious increase in the number of cases of infectious disease.

It is pleasing to note that the energetic building programme undertaken by this Council since the war, is showing signs of having overcome the most serious and distressing aspects of the housing problem. Houses are still needed, but it is felt that the time has arrived when serious thought must be given to the provision of houses at lower rents. Tenants of old houses, which are often incapable of being rendered fit for human habitation, are unwilling, and often unable, to accept new houses at existing post war rents.

Members of the Council are aware of this problem, and I am sure that further building programmes will be planned so that tenants, still in urgent need of rehousing, will be able to afford an economic rent.

My thanks are due to the Chairman of the Council, and of the Public Health Committee, and to all Members, for their courtesy at all times, and to Mr. Luker, the Chief Sanitary Inspector and the staff of the Health Department for their excellent work throughout the year, and to all other officials of the Council for their co-operation.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. MILLER,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

The area of the district is 87,758 acres.

The resident population (1951 census) is 18,723.

The average population given by the Registrar General for the calculation of death rates is 18,760.

The number of inhabited houses according to the rate books is distributed as follows :

Cowbit	...	...	...	...	197
Crowland	...	...	...	...	939
Deeping St. Nicholas	...	...	...	...	517
Donington	...	...	...	...	651
Gosberton	732
Moulton	825
Pinchbeck	1136
Quadring	320
Surfleet	360
Weston	443
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The rateable value of the district is £49,632 and the sum represented by a penny rate is £189.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Births.

		M		F		Total
Live Births (Legitimate)	...	158	...	163	...	321
(Illegitimate)	...	4	...	9	...	13
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		162		172		334
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Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population — 18·33.

This figure is the corrected figure allowing for the age and sex composition of the population to secure comparability between local birth rates, the comparability factor for this district being 1·03.

		M		F		Total
Still Births (Legitimate)	...	4	...	1	...	5
(Illegitimate)	...	1	...	—	...	1
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		5		1		6
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Still Birth rate per 1,000 (live and still) births — 18·18.

Deaths.

		M		F		Total
Deaths from all causes	...	91	...	86	...	177

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population — 9·34.

This figure has been adjusted for transfers in and out of the district and, using the comparability factor of 0·99 supplied by the Registrar General, has been corrected to allow for the age and sex composition of the population in order to secure comparability between local death rates.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)—25 (males 15 ; females 10)

Deaths from Measles (all ages) nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) nil.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion — 1.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Death of infants under 1 year of age.

		M		F		Total
Legitimate	...	1	...	6	...	7
Illegitimate	...	—	...	—	...	—

Death rates of infants under one year of age.

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	20.96
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	21.81
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	nil.

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age.

		M		F		Total
Legitimate	...	1	...	5	...	6
Illegitimate	...	—	...	—	...	—

Death rates of infants under 4 weeks of age.

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	17.96
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	18.69
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	nil.

COMMENTS ON VITAL STATISTICS

		Spalding Rural District		England and Wales
Live Birth Rate	...	18.33	...	15.5
Death Rate	...	9.34	...	11.4
Death Rate of In- fants under 1 year		20.96	...	26.8

The Vital Statistics for the year under review present a reasonably satisfactory picture of the maintenance of health in this District.

The Death Rate of Infants under 1 year is usually relatively high for this District, as compared with the rest of England and Wales. It is satisfactory to note that this tendency has been reversed for 1953.

Prevalence of and control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Number of cases of Infectious Disease :

Excluding cases of Tuberculosis, 439 cases of infectious disease were notified during the year.

Disease	Cases Notified		
	Total	M.	F.
Scarlet fever	19	11	8
Whooping Cough	65	30	35
Measles	347	175	172
Pneumonia	7	2	5
Erysipelas	1	1	—
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—
Para-Typhoid Fevers	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Total	439	219	220
	—	—	—

Comments :

Measles, of which there was a fairly high incidence, proved to be of the less severe type, and it was not considered necessary to recommend the closure of any of the affected schools.

It is too soon to look for a reduction in the number of cases of Whooping Cough following the introduction of immunisation, but it is to be hoped that the campaign, like that against Diphtheria, will soon begin to show some results.

There were no cases of Diphtheria in 1953, the sixth successive year of its absence.

Analysis of Cases of Infectious Disease under Age Groups.

Age Groups	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Para- typhoid Fever	Measles	Acute Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Mening- ococcal Infection
Under 1 year	2	7	—	5	—	—	—
1 to 2 years	—	10	—	39	1	—	—
3 to 4 „	—	18	—	76	3	—	—
5 to 9 „	14	29	—	191	1	—	—
10 to 14 „	2	1	—	21	—	—	—
15 to 24 „	—	—	—	7	—	—	—
25 to 44 „	1	—	—	7	—	—	—
45 to 64 „	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Total	19	65	—	347	6	1	—

Incidence of Infectious Disease in recent years

Disease		Year					
		1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Scarlet Fever	{ Cases	20	42	24	18	5	19
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	{ Cases	—	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	{ Cases	90	15	415	195	53	347
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	{ Cases	6	27	6	89	49	65
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Polio- Myelitis	{ Cases	4	5	2	1	—	1
	{ Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

During the year 210 children under 5 years of age and 8 children between the ages of 5 and 14 were immunised against Diphtheria.

A further 223 children were given a "booster" or secondary injection.

The work is carried out by the staff of the Holland County Council Health Department and by medical practitioners.

The figures provided by the County Medical Officer of Health show that :—

59.7% of children under 5 years
and 76.3% of children aged 5—14 years,
had been immunised by the end of the year.

Immunisation in relation to child population—position at 31/12/53.

		Under 5 Population % Immunised	5-14 Population % Immunised
Boston Borough	... ..	63.2	85.4
Spalding Urban	... ..	80.2	80.8
Boston Rural	... ..	48.4	72.3
East Elloe Rural	... ..	56.3	76.2
Spalding Rural	... ..	59.7	76.3

FOOD POISONING

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS

		M.	F.	Total
Cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at 31/12/53.	Pulmonary	31	23	54
	Non-pulmonary	3	11	14
Cases removed from Register as cured during 1953	Pulmonary	—	2	2
	Non-pulmonary	1	1	2
Cases removed from the Register due to diagnosis not being confirmed during 1953	Pulmonary	—	—	—
	Non-pulmonary	—	—	—
Cases removed from Register due to removal from the District during 1953	Pulmonary	6	—	6
	Non-pulmonary	1	1	2

Analysis of new cases and deaths during 1953

Age group	New cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pul.		Pulmonary		Non-pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—10 years	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
10—15 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—20 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—25 years	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
25—35 years	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45 years	2	—	—	1	1	1	—	—
45—55 years	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
55—65 years	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Over 65 years	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Totals	7	5	1	1	2	3	—	—

DETAILS OF CASES ON TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER 1947-1953

Year	Cases at 31st December				Deaths during year			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
1947	...	52	...	34	...	4	...	4
1948	...	60	...	31	...	5	...	2
1949	...	61	...	32	...	3	...	0
1950	...	62	...	29	...	3	...	0
1951	...	51	...	16	...	6	...	0
1952	...	54	...	21	...	0	...	1
1953	...	54	...	14	...	5	...	0

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1953.

Causes					M.	F.	Total
1.	Respiratory Tuberculosis	...	...	...	1	1	2
2.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	0	0	0
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	1	1	2
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	0	0	0
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	0	0	0
6.	Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	0	0	0
7.	Acute Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	0	0	0
8.	Measles	...	...	...	0	0	0
9.	Other Infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	0	0	0
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, Lungs Bronchus	...	...	...	3	1	4
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	4	5	9
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	0	0	0
13.	Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	0	0	0
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	8	4	12
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	...	...	...	1	0	1
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	0	0	0
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	6	18	24
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	14	5	19
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	0	1	1
20.	Other heart diseases	...	...	...	18	17	35
21.	Other circulatory diseases	...	...	...	4	4	8
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	2	1	3
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	4	1	5
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	2	4	6
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	0	0	0
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	0	2	2
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	0	0	0
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	1	2	3
29.	Hyperplasia and prostrate	...	...	...	1	0	1
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	...	...	...	0	1	1
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	2	2	4
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	10	15	25
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	3	0	3
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	4	0	4
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	2	1	3
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	0	0	0
All cases					91	86	177

The following sections of the annual report refer particularly to the work of the Sanitary Inspectors. It has been compiled by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Visits.

The following table shows the number of visits made during the year by the Sanitary Inspectors.

Subject of Visits					Initial Visits	Routine or revisits
Housing Defects	...	...	...	...	115	187
Water supplies, water samples	...	...	...	...	23	18
Drainage nuisances	...	...	...	...	43	36
Refuse nuisances	...	...	...	...	7	5
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	5	2
Moveable dwellings, camps	...	...	...	...	14	25
Fried fish shops	...	...	...	...	2	27
Ice cream premises, ice cream samples	...	...	...	...	—	29
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	—	37
Food preparing premises, foodshops	...	...	...	...	6	191
Factories and workplaces	...	...	...	...	25	52
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	—	65
Scabies and vermin	...	...	...	...	1	2
Infectious diseases and food poisoning	...	...	...	...	33	8
Disinfection after infectious disease	...	...	...	...	5	9
Rats and mice	...	...	...	...	9	27
Disinfestation	...	...	...	...	2	—
Drain tests	...	...	...	...	99	59
Sewerage schemes (Housing Sites)	...	...	...	...	13	41
Crowland sewerage scheme	...	...	...	...	—	234
Refuse schemes	...	...	...	...	17	19
Night soil and Cesspool emptying service	...	...	...	...	9	11
Slaughterhouses ; meat inspection	...	...	...	...	—	164
Building licenses	...	...	...	...	13	3
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	198	123
Housing Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	70	32
Totals					709	1406

BUILDING CONTROL

During the year building licences were issued as follows :—

New houses	...	...	...	...	...	14
Work of conversion resulting in additional dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	—
Repairs and alterations to houses	...	...	...	...	...	6
						20

HOUSING

Nuisances.

Seventy-five complaints of inadequate water supplies, housing defects, drainage and refuse nuisances were investigated during the year and informal notices served in each case. No statutory notices were served under the Public Health Act, 1936.

Slum Clearance. Housing Act, 1936.

During the year a total of 40 individual unfit houses were reported to the Council under the provisions of Section 11 and 45 notices of "time and place" served.

22 Demolition orders were made, 12 undertakings were accepted from owners (9 undertakings not to re-let and 3 undertakings to repair).

Improvement Grants. Housing Act, 1949.

Work in connection with improvement grants has increased during the year and will no doubt continue to do so as the property owners become familiar with the provisions of the Act and the benefits to be gained.

Liaison between the Council staff and officers of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government has been excellent and the officials of the Ministry have been most helpful.

Operation of the Act has caused an increase in the work of the Department, a considerable amount of time being spent of necessity in explaining to each prospective applicant the various provisions of the Act as applicable to his particular case.

33 informal inspections were made ; 16 houses were inspected in full detail ; 12 formal applications for improvement grants were received and 7 were approved by the Council up to the 31st December.

The Council's decision to ask applicants to submit alternative prices for the works involved resulted in the final consideration of several applications being deferred until the beginning of 1954.

Overcrowding.

Two new cases of overcrowding were reported and four overcrowded families were re-housed by the Council during the year.

New Houses.

A total of 134 houses were completed on the Council's estates during the year and a further 170 were commenced, of which 132 had reached roof level at the end of the year.

29 dwellings were erected by private developers and a further 23 were commenced.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply.

There has been no change in the source of supply which is from 4 artesian bores.

The following table shows the number of dwelling houses and the approximate population supplied from the Council's mains in each parish :—

Parish	Dwellings in Valuation List		Dwellings Supplied		Population Supplied
Cowbit	197	...	186	...	600
Crowland	939	...	833	...	2652
Deeping St. Nicholas ...	517	...	407	...	1296
Donington	651	...	584	...	1853
Gosberton	732	...	594	...	1838
Moulton	825	...	601	...	1904
Pinchbeck	1136	...	990	...	3150
Quadrang	320	...	258	...	812
Surfleet	360	...	307	...	971
Weston	443	...	395	...	1247
	6120		5155		16323

The percentage of dwellings supplied is 84.2%.

WATER SAMPLES

Private Supplies.

Eight samples of water from private wells and cisterns were submitted for bacteriological analysis. Seven of the samples were reported as unsatisfactory and appropriate action was taken in each case to ensure that a satisfactory supply was made available to the property.

Public Supplies.

203 samples of water were taken by the staff of the Water Department and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological analysis with the following results :—

Remarks of Analyst	BORE			
	Deeping St. James	Deeping St. N'las	Don- ington	Pinch- beck
Highly Satisfactory	42	50	40	64
Satisfactory	2	—	—	—
Suspicious	—	2	—	—
Unsatisfactory	1	—	1	1

With regard to the unsatisfactory samples where an immediate retest did not give a satisfactory result the cause has been traceable to some contamination of the taps or individual service pipes.

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL

As in past years there has been a steady increase in the number of houses provided with proper drainage arrangements but there is still a vast amount of work to be done in this field.

The major portion of the new sewerage scheme at Crowland came into operation during the year and the Millfield Gardens Housing Estate was connected to the system on the 16th October. It is hoped that the fullest use of the sewerage system will be made by all property owners in the village and so gradually abate the nuisances caused by the numerous sewage polluted dykes and water courses. The ultimate disappearance of the abominable pail closets, from the properties within the sewered area, is eagerly awaited by the public and Health Department Staff alike.

The supervision and maintenance of the new sewerage works in Crowland and on the various housing estates is being carried out by Mr. F. Daubney, the Health Department Foreman. This work is, however, taking up practically all his time and it is noted with approval that the Council has recognised the need for additional staff here and agreed to the appointment of a full-time Pump and Plant Attendant.

The Council's cesspool emptying machines have been fully employed during the year and emptied :

1,628 cesspools, 460 vault closets, 6 cisterns, tanks, etc.

On 91 occasions the machines were used to remove the sludge from the settlement and humus tanks at the sewage disposal works on the housing estates.

In addition to the above work, all sewage from the Millfield Gardens estate Crowland, (until the 16th October when the estate was connected to the public sewer) was pumped and transported by the cesspool emptiers to a disposal point approximately 1 mile from the village.

The pail closet emptying service has been maintained without change throughout the year.

In all the main villages and built-up areas a weekly collection of household refuse has been maintained throughout the year but in August the Council adopted a scheme of fortnightly collection in the more remote parts of the district. This change necessitated a complete survey of the scavenged area and a great amount of work was involved in this and the task of notifying house-holders of the new arrangements.

The change in the service has resulted in several complaints from residents who had become accustomed to the regular weekly collection but these were few in number and on the whole the change has caused little dislocation and effected a considerable saving in travelling costs.

Salvage collections have been maintained during the year and the sale of materials realised £885. This is a reduction on last year's figure of £1,009 but still forms a useful source of income. It is hoped that collections and market prices will improve during the coming year.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk Distributors.

There are only three retail distributors of loose milk operating in the area ; two being producer-retailers. In all other cases milk sold by retail is designated milk in bottles.

Designated Milk.

The following annual licences to use special designations in relation to milk sold in the district were issued :—

Pasteurised Milk—5 Dealers' licences and 2 Supplementary licences.

Sterilised Milk—9 Dealers' licences and 2 Supplementary licences.

Tuberculin Tested Milk—2 Dealers' licences and 1 Supplementary licence.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

All animals slaughtered at the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse, Mill Green, (up to the time of its closure by the Ministry in June) have been inspected and those showing evidence of disease, examined in detail.

The total weight of meat and offals condemned as unfit for human consumption was approximately 16 tons 1 cwt. 62 lbs., and this was disposed of for other purposes under the Ministry of Food waste utilisation scheme.

The following table gives the number of animals slaughtered and condemned :—

Class of animal	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	785	354	107	4074	1142
Number inspected	785	354	107	4074	1142
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	10	3	11	6	24
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	261	118	3	39	162
Percentage of carcasses affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	34.5%	34.1%	13.0%	1.1%	16.2%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	7	7	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	69	98	—	—	24
Percentage of carcasses affected with Tuberculosis	9.6%	29.6%	—	—	2.1%

Details of the meat and offals condemned are contained in the following list :—

Article Condemned	Disease or condition found
5 Cow carcasses and offals	Generalised tuberculosis
2 Cow carcasses and offals	Tuberculosis with emaciation
1 Cow carcase and offals	Septic pericarditis
1 Cow carcase and offals	Distocia with metritis
1 Cow carcase and offals	Unwholesome, oedematous carcase
6 Beasts carcasses and offals	Generalised tuberculosis
1 Beast carcase and offals	Tuberculosis with emaciation
2 Beast carcasses and offals	Pyæmia
2 Beast carcasses and offals	Johnes disease with emaciation
3 Beast carcasses and offals	Oedema and emaciation
1 Beast carcase and offals	Generalised actinomycosis
2 Beasts carcasses and offals	Septicaemia
11 Pigs carcasses and offals	Unwholesome, moribund and oedematous carcasses
6 Pigs carcasses and offals	Septicaemia
3 Pigs carcasses and offals	Swine erysipelas
1 Pig carcase and offals	Multiple abscesses
1 Pig carcase and offals	Acute fever
1 Pig carcase and offals	Jaundice
1 Sow carcase and offals	Septic metritis
1 Sheep carcase and offals	Septic pneumonia and dropsy
1 Sheep carcase and offals	Moribund
4 Sheep carcasses and offals	General oedema
10 Calves carcasses and offals	Immaturity
1 Calf carcase and offals	Jaundice
3 Part beast carcasses	Localised dropsy
1 Part beast carcase	Contaminated with dirt
8 Part beast carcasses	Injury and extensive bruising
1 Part beast carcase	Peritonitis
1 Part forequarter	Tuberculosis
2 Hindquarters	Actinobacillosis
1 Part forequarter	Commencing putrefaction
1 Part forequarter	Abscesses
1 Part hindquarter	Arthritis
10 Part pig carcasses	Injury and broken legs
1 Part sow carcase	Tumours
3 Part pig carcasses	Local abscesses
1 Part sow carcase	Tuberculosis
3 Part sheep carcasses	Pleurisy
557 lbs. Beef trimmings	Bruising, etc.
102 lbs. Beef trimmings	Peritonitis, etc.
59 lbs. Pork trimmings	Bruising, etc.
140 lbs. Pork trimmings	Urticaria, etc.
79 lbs. Mutton trimmings	Putrefaction

The following offals were condemned for various reasons, too numerous to be set out in detail :—

162 Beasts livers	54 Pigs livers
40 Part beasts livers	63 Pigs kidneys
13 Beasts kidneys	169 Intestines and fat
88 Beasts lungs	23 Pigs fats
62 Beasts heads and tongues	5 Pigs spleens
4 Beasts hearts	5 Pigs feet and hocks
22 Sets beasts intestines	13 Pigs udders
21 Beasts thin skirts	8 Sheeps livers
2 Beasts thick skirts	2 Sheeps hearts
3 Beasts spleens	2 Sheeps kidneys
2 Beasts tripes	8 Sheeps lungs
1 Beasts tail	1 Sheeps head
57 Pigs heads	3 Sheeps plucks
33 Pigs hearts	4 Sheeps intestines
29 Pigs plucks	1 Calf head
171 Pigs lungs	

CYSTICERCUS BOVIS

The number of beasts found to be affected with cysts of the tapeworm *Taenia Saginata* was 4.

The sites were as follows :—

					Jaw Muscles	Heart
Cows	...	...	...	...	1	0
Heifers	...	...	...	...	0	0
Steers	...	...	...	...	1	2

In all cases the carcasses were consigned to " deep freeze " for a period of not less than three weeks.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council's Rodent Operator maintained this service at a very satisfactory standard throughout the year, and his work is summarised in the following table.

		Type of Property				
		Local Authority	Dwelling-Houses	Agricultural	Other Properties	Total
Total No. of properties in the District		22	5849	1430	549	7850
No. of properties inspected.	Following Complaints	3	126	—	8	137
	Otherwise	14	242	7	21	284
No. of properties found to be infested with rats	Major	2	106	1	12	121
	Minor	7	1757	4	76	1844
No. of properties found to be infested with mice		—	4	—	2	6
No. of infested properties treated		9	1867	3	80	1959
No. of notices served under Sec. 4 of the Act	Requiring treatment	—	—	—	—	—
	Requiring structural works	—	—	—	—	—
No. of cases in which work was carried out in default		—	—	—	—	—
Legal proceedings		—	—	—	—	—
No. of " Block " control schemes carried out		16				

