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The Mayor (*ex-officio*)
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Senior Sanitary Inspector :

L. J. Roll, A.R. San. I., Cert S.I.B.

Additional Sanitary Inspector :

A. R. Burt, A.R. San. I., Cert S.I.B.

BOROUGH OF STAMFORD

ANNUAL REPORT

Town Hall,
Stamford.
June, 1953.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Stamford.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report of the health, sanitary conditions and vital statistics on the Borough for the year 1952.

The health of the Borough has been very satisfactory during the year. There has been some decrease in the birth rate and the death rate has remained the same as in 1951. Three infants died under 1 year of age, two of whom were under 4 weeks of age. The average infantile deaths for the last 5 year period is 3.4 as compared with the previous corresponding figure of 5.8.

No cases of diphtheria have been reported and with the exception of a measles epidemic, the incidence of infectious diseases was again low.

10 new cases of tuberculosis were reported, one fewer than last year. It is the Council's policy to give a high priority for council houses for active cases of tuberculosis with unsatisfactory living accommodation.

The water supplies have been adequate in quality and quantity. Samples are taken by the Chief Sanitary Inspector for bacteriological analysis in the Public Health Laboratory, Peterborough.

A very successful method of distributing Central Council for Health Education leaflets was provided by the co-operation of the Borough Librarian and two private lending libraries, the leaflets on diphtheria immunisation being placed in the books.

During the year 94 traditional brick houses have been completed, 2 brick huts converted and 50 houses were in the course of erection.

A very considerable stride has now been made in remedying the housing shortage but the closing of substandard houses and the provision of alternative accommodation has still to be dealt with, this now is I think, the Council's major problem.

No legal action has been necessary under the National Assistance Act, persuasive methods were successful in two cases.

Details of other sanitary conditions, food inspection and housing will be found in the Chief Sanitary Inspector's report in the following pages.

I should like to thank the Council for their interest and help in health matters and the staff of the Public Health department for their ready co-operation.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. ANLEY HAWES.

BOROUGH OF STAMFORD

STATISTICS

Area	...	...	...	...	1918 acres
Population (Census 1951)	...	...	...	...	10899
Population (Registrar General's estimate 1952)	...	...	...	...	11050
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£72,186
Product of penny rate	...	...	...	...	£285
Number of inhabited houses from rate book	...	...	...	...	3380

VITAL STATISTICS

	M	F.	Total
LIVE BIRTHS	66	63	129
Legitimate	61	60	121
Illegitimate	5	3	8
Rate per 1000 estimated population	...	...	11.9
Comparable figure for England and Wales	...	...	15.3

	M	F.	Total
STILL BIRTHS	0	0	0
Legitimate	0	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Rate per 1000 estimated population	...	...	0
Comparable figure for England and Wales	...	...	0.35

	M.	F.	Total
DEATHS	76	66	142
Number of Deaths	...	...	...
Death Rate per 1000 estimated population	...	...	11.6
Comparable figure for England and Wales	11.3

INFANTILE MORTALITY

No of deaths of infants under 1 year of age	...	3	0	3
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Year No. of deaths
under 1 year of age

1943	4
1944	12
1945	3
1946	4
1947	6
1948	2
1949	4
1950	...	...	5
1951	...	...	3

MATERNAL DEATHS

From Puerperal and/or abortion sepsis	...	...	0
Other Maternal causes	...	...	0
Rate per 1000 total live and still births	...	...	0
Total deaths per 1000 total live and still births from all causes of pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium for England and Wales	...	...	0.72

INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES, INJURIES AND CAUSES OF DEATHS

Causes of Deaths	Male	Female
Tuberculosis Respiratory	1	0
Tuberculosis (other forms)	0	0
Syphilitic Disease	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0
Meningococcal Infections	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0
Measles	0	0
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	0	0
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus	2	0
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	0	3
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	0	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	16	7
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	0	0
Diabetes	0	0
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	11	11
Coronary Disease, Angina	9	7
Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	0
Other Heart Diseases	11	18
Other Circulatory Diseases	3	5
Influenza	0	0
Pneumonia	1	3
Bronchitis	3	1
Other Diseases Respiratory System	2	0
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	0
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	0	0
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	0
Pregnancy : Childbirth and Abortion	0	0
Congenital Malformation	2	0
Other defined and ill defined Diseases	6	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	0
All other accidents	0	0
Suicide	2	1
Total 142	76	66

DEATHS FROM CANCER

Cancer of :						Rate per 1,000 population
	Stomach and duodenum	Lung and Bronch.	Prostate Uterus Breast	Other Malignant & lymphatic neoplasm	Total	
Male	1	2	0	16	19	
Female	2	0	5	7	14	
Total	3	2	5	23	33	2.9

NET DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

Causes of Death	Under 1 Week.	1—2 Weeks.	2—3 Weeks.	3—4 Weeks.	Total under 1 month.	1—3 Months.	3—6 Months.	6—9 Months.	9—12 Months.	Total under 1 Year.
Premature Birth, Malformation etc	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia and Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteritis and Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DEATHS THEREFROM.

Notifications received during the year.

Diseases	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	10	3	—
Pneumonia	15	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	—
Typhoid Fever	2	2	—
Paratyphoid Fever	1	1	—
Measles	330	—	—
Whooping Cough	97	1	—
Total	456	8	—

Age distribution of the Notified Infectious Diseases.

	Not Known.	Under 1 year	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10—	15—	20—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65 and Over	Total.
Scarlet Fever					1		4	1	1		1		1			10
Pneumonia	2	1		1			2		1	1		3		2	2	15
Puerperal Pyrexia											1					1
Typhoid Fever							1							1		2
Paratyphoid Fever								1								1
Measles		2	23	31	27	46	184	15	1		1					330
Whooping Cough		5	16	11	13	14	35	3								97
Total	2	8	39	44	41	60	226	20	3	1	3	3	1	3	2	456

TUBERCULOSIS

	Deaths during 1952				New cases during 1952.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmon		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmon	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
5—15 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
15—25 „	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
25—35 „	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
35—45 „	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
45—55 „	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
55—65 „	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Over 65 years	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Total	1	—	—	—	3	5	1	1

11 new cases of tuberculosis were reported during 1951.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

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1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health, (including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector.)

Premises	Number on Register	No. of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	19	25	—	—
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	70	89	—	—
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers Premises)	1	1	—	—
Total	90	115	—	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

No. of cases in which defects were found.

	Found	Remedied	Referred		No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	1	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	4	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	5	—

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

NURSING IN THE HOME

Under the County Council Scheme the Borough has two District Nurse Midwives. Their services have been of great value.

Residence : 9, Adelaide Street, Stamford.

HOME HELPS

Home Helps are provided for the town of Stamford and neighbouring villages in South Kesteven by the County Council with Headquarters at the Barn Hill Clinic, Stamford.

Application should be made to Barn Hill Stamford :—

Monday and Wednesday afternoons 2—5 p.m.

Friday mornings 9.30—12.30 p.m.

GENERAL HOSPITALS

Acute and Maternity admissions to :

Stamford and Rutland Hospital, Stamford.

under No. 12 Area Peterborough Hospital Management Committee of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

Chronic and Long Term illness to :

St. George's Hospital, Stamford.

There has been a shortage of beds for female patients suffering from chronic or long term illnesses, these patients must rely on the Home Help and District Nursing Services.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital under the Peterborough Management Committee. I would like to express my thanks for the ready co-operation of the Medical and Nursing staff during the year.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

(a) PROVIDED BY KESTEVEN COUNTY COUNCIL

Child Welfare :

Weekly clinic—Fridays 2—4 p.m.

Barn Hill House, Stamford.

Diphtheria Immunisation :

1st Thursday in the month 2—4 p.m. and other times by appointment with the Medical Officer of Health, Town Hall, Stamford.

Free immunisation is provided by General Practitioners under the County Council Scheme.

No. of completed immunisations performed during the year by the Medical Officer of Health at Barn Hill Clinic :—

Pre-school age—42	
School age—20	Total 168
Re-inforcing Doses—106	

In addition a further 15 children from neighbouring Rural Districts were immunised.

The staffing at the Barn Hill Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic is undertaken by members of the Lincs 10. Detachment of the British Red Cross Society to whom I would like to express my sincere thanks.

School Clinic :

Barn Hill House, Stamford, providing Dental, Eye and Physiotherapy clinics.

(b) PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Tuberculosis :

Weekly clinic—Tuesdays from 9.30 a.m.

Stamford Hospital.

Under Dr. G. Bernard Royce, Consulting Chest Physician, Peterborough Group of Hospitals.

Laboratory Facilities :

Bacteriological investigations are provided by the Public Health Laboratory, Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, under Dr. D. H. Fulton.

This valuable service includes examination of milk and water samples and general bacterial investigations for both the General Practitioners and Public Health Service.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water :

The water supply of the Borough is provided by the Stamford Waterworks, owner The Marquess of Exeter, K.G., C.M.G.

Piped supplies are obtained from the following sources :—

Bone Mill (Well) and Leicester Road Springs Whitewater (Springs) Wothorpe (Springs)	Situated in the Soke of Peterborough on the high ground South of Stamford.
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Northfields (Bore) Ryhall Road (Bore)	Situated in the Borough.
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Water is derived from the Lincolnshire Limestone.

All supplies are chlorinated at source.

52 samples of raw water and 40 samples of chlorinated water were taken during the year. The supply of water has been adequate in quantity and satisfactory in quality.

Details are shown in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

Estimated number of dwelling houses supplied from public mains :—

(a)	Direct to house	...	...	3182
(b)	By stand pipes	...	...	198

Other items of sanitary circumstances including inspection of foodstuffs are dealt with in the Senior Sanitary Inspector's report.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

No chemical analysis of water have been made during the year.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

No deaths occurred from any infectious disease. As in most of the country measles notifications reached epidemic rates during the year, cases commencing during July and first became prevalent in late October and reached their peak during December. No measles cases were admitted to hospital and no deaths occurred.

Whooping Cough was more prevalent but only one case was admitted to hospital.

No cases of Diphtheria were reported and there have been no reported cases since 1942.

It is still evident that the mistaken policy of postponing primary immunisation until the child first attends school is still far too prevalent. The response to the reinforcing dose amongst those already immunised is very satisfactory.

Other infectious diseases notifications remain about the average.

A decrease of one case of tuberculosis compared with 1951 was reported.

FOOD POISONING

No cases of food poisoning have been notified.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Diphtheria immunisation leaflets produced by the Central Council for Health Education were distributed by placing in books obtained both from the Public Library and two private libraries. The response was very satisfactory and the Borough Librarian reported that there was a keen public interest in this subject and no difficulty was experienced in the distribution of leaflets. Health Education leaflets are also distributed from Barn Hill Clinic.

The Model Food Byelaws of the Ministry of Food are in operation

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT.

No action was necessary under the National Assistance Act.

HOUSING STATISTICS

PROVISION OF NEW HOUSES

Statistics of new houses erected in the Borough during 1952 as supplied by the Housing Department :—

1. BUILT BY LOCAL AUTHORITY :—

(a) Traditional Brick Houses	...	...	...	94
(b) Converted brick huts	...	...	...	2
Houses in course of erection at end of year	50

2. BUILT BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

Traditional Brick Houses	16
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Applicants for Council Houses as supplied by the Housing Department at December 1952 as compared with December 1951.

	31st Dec., 1951.	31st Dec., 1952
Eligible applicants (with basic points)	151	132
Applicants not eligible (without basic points)	218	218
Bungalow applicants	40	56
	<hr/> 409 <hr/>	<hr/> 406 <hr/>

For other housing details see the Senior Sanitary Inspector's report.

BOROUGH OF STAMFORD

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1952.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF INSPECTIONS

Meat and Foods	...	...	...	...	400
Housing and Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	118
Milk and Dairies	...	...	...	...	121
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	31
Shops and Factories	...	...	...	...	108
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	110
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	...	56
					944

NOTICES SERVED

	Issued	Complied with
Informal	17	16
Statutory	2	2

TABLE I. MEAT INSPECTION

No. of animals inspected	CATTLE		CALVES 269	SHEEP 4516	PIGS 1079
	exclg. Cows 947	Cows 330			
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY					
No. of whole carcasses and offals condemned	8	14	1	—	5
No. of carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	173	84	—	—	158
Percentage of carcasses affected with tuberculosis	19.11%	29.69%	0.37%	—	15.10%
DISEASES OTHER THAN T.B.					
No. of whole carcasses and offals condemned	4	8	6	48	30
No. of carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	171	63	3	305	66
Percentage of carcasses with diseases other than T.B.	18.48%	21.51%	3.34%	7.82%	8.89%

TABLE 2. DETAILS OF CONDEMNED MEAT SHOWN IN TABLE I

Meat Condemned	Beef	Mutton	Pork	Veal
Whole Carcases and Offals	34	48	35	7
Heads	88	5	102	1
Tongues	88	5	102	1
Pairs of Lungs	196	95	14	—
Livers	198	147	1	1
Plucks (complete)	—	16	35	—
Fats (Mesenteric)	64	—	85	—
Spleens	6	—	7	—
Hearts	2	8	—	—
Kidneys	12	—	21	—
Udders	—	—	—	—
Forequarters (whole)	17	1	4	—
Hindquarters (whole)	—	7	1	—
Other parts of Carcases	71	79	28	1

The following imported meat has also been condemned :—

1 Carcase Mutton

4lbs. Lambs' Livers

The problem of maintaining 100% inspection has been eased by the appointment of an Additional Sanitary Inspector but the total kill has again increased by over 1200 carcasses as compared with 1951, the number of animals slaughtered being 7141, and the pig kill having almost doubled. The total weight of all meat condemned was 46,396lbs.

OTHER FOODSTUFFS

The following foodstuffs other than butchers' meat have also been condemned as unfit for human consumption :

COOKED MEATS

Beef	29 tins	Kidneys	1 tin
Bacon	9 sides	Luncheon Meat	41 tins
Brawn	3 tins	Sausages	10lbs. & 13 „
Ham	23 „	Faggots	14 dozen
Pork	7 „	Meat Paste	2 jars
Veal	2½ lbs. and 9 „		

FISH

Prawns	9 lbs.	Sardines	1 tin
Pilchards	2 tins	Fish Cakes	66 tins
Mackerel	1 tin	Fish Paste	2 jars

FRUIT AND PRESERVES

Apples	4 tins	Jam	2 jars
Apricots	3 „	Marmalade	2 „
Bananas	3 „	Peaches	18 tins
Bilberries	5 „	Pears	16 „
Blackcurrants	1 „	Oranges	17 „
Cherries	86 „	Pineapple	19 „
Damsons	2 „	Plums	68 „
Grapes	4 „	Prunes	53 lbs.
Grape Fruit	15 „	Raspberries	1 tin
Greengages	2 „	Strawberries	19 tins
Guavas	1 „	Tomatoes	220 „
Fruit Juices	2 „		

VEGETABLES

Beans	32 tins	Potatoes	1 tin
Beetroot	22 „	Red Cabbage	1 „
Gherkins	1 tin	Spinach	4 tins
Peas	18 tins		

MISCELLANEOUS

Biscuits	130 lbs.	Cheese	20 lbs.
Butter	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	Milk evap. and condensed	28 tins
Cake Mixtures	12 pkts.	Pickles	3 jars
Cereals	1 pkt.	Salad Cream	1 jar
Cooking Fat	2 tins	Salt	3 pkts.
Coffee	1 tin	Sweets	86 lbs.
Soup	64 tins	Spaghetti	1 pkt.
Margarine	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.		

ICE CREAM

There were 8 additions to the registered premises where ice cream is sold making a total of 43 such premises. The vast majority of ice cream now sold in the Borough is prepacked by firms of repute.

MILK AND DAIRIES

There were two additions to the Register of Dairies and two additions to the Register of Distributors during the year. The regular sampling of all milks was continued with the following very gratifying results :—

10 samples of Tuberculin Tested Milk, 2 samples of T.T. Pasteurised Milk and 17 samples of Pasteurised or Heat Treated Milk all passed the prescribed tests.

Of the 71 samples of undesignated milk taken and submitted to the Resazurin Test, 17 results were rejected by reason of unsuitable temperature conditions and the remaining 54 results were classified as under :—

No. of Samples	Category A Marketable	Category B Salvage	Category C Reject
54	50 (92.6%)	2 (3.7%)	2 (3.7%)

There has recently been a considerable increase in the sale of bottled designated milk and a corresponding reduction of the sale of raw undesignated milk. The following licences in respect of the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations were issued during 1952 :—

Dealers' Licences for the Sale of T.T. Milk	...	4
Dealers' Licences for the sale of Pasteurised Milk	...	4
Supplementary Licences for sale of T.T. Milk	...	1
Supplementary Licences for sale of Sterilised Milk	...	1

WATER SUPPLIES

The systematic sampling of all sources supplying the Borough has been continued and the results of the bacteriological examination of the samples are summarised below :—

Type of Water	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Suspicious	Unsatisfactory
Chlorinated	40	39	—	1
Unchlorinated	52	37	11	4

One sample from a private well in the Borough was reported unsatisfactory.

HOUSING INSPECTION

No. of Visits	...	...	...	...	118
No. of houses inspected	...	...	...	...	85
No. of houses inspected and recorded	...	...	...	...	49
No. of visits made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	82
No. of houses found unfit for habitation	...	...	...	...	9
No. of houses not in all respects fit	...	...	...	...	26

REMEDY OF DEFECTS

No. of houses in respect of which notices were served under Sect. 11 of the Housing Act. 1936	...	...	...	...	2
No. of Houses demolished as a result of such action	...	...	...	...	1
No. of Houses closed by accepting undertakings from Owners	...	...	...	...	2
No. of Houses repaired as a result of informal action	...	...	...	...	16
No. of new cases of statutory overcrowding discovered	...	...	...	...	3
No. of cases of statutory overcrowding abated	...	...	...	...	3
No. of cases of statutory overcrowding remaining at end of year	...	...	...	...	3
Proceedings under Public Health Acts—	...	...	...	...	Nil

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Six licences for moveable dwellings in the Borough were issued during the year under Sec. 269 of the Public Health Act 1936, and one application was refused.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Enquiries were made in respect of 10 cases of Scarlet Fever notified in the Borough and appropriate measures of disinfection taken in all cases. Disinfection was also carried out in 3 cases following the removal of cases of Tuberculosis from the premises.

No case of infestation by bugs was discovered during the year but work of cleansing and disinfestation was carried out at three infested by fleas.

PET ANIMALS 1951.

One shop was licensed as a pet shop under the above Act during the year.

RAG FLOCK ACT 1951.

There were no additions to the single registration already in force.

L. J. ROLL,

June 1953.

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

No case of infestation by bugs was discovered during the year but work of cleaning and disinfection was carried out at three instigated by first.

PET ANIMALS 1921

One shop was licensed as a pet shop under the above Act during the year.

PAG BLOCK ACT 1921

There were no additions to the single registration already in force.

L.I. ROLL

Senior Sanitary Inspector.	June 1923.
No. of houses in possession of L.I. Roll	10
No. of houses not in possession of L.I. Roll	10
No. of houses in possession of L.I. Roll	10
No. of houses not in possession of L.I. Roll	10

REMEDY OF DEFECTS

No. of houses in respect of which notices were served under Sec. 11 of the Housing Act 1921	1
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MOVABLE DWELLINGS

The list of movable dwellings in the Borough was revised during the year under Sec. 26 of the Public Health Act 1926 and the list was revised.

NOTIFICATION OF DISEASES, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Notices were served in respect of 10 cases of Scarlet Fever notified to the Borough and all cases of Disinfection and Disinfestation were carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

