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BOROUGH OF STOURBRIDGE

Mayor:

COUNCILLOR J.A. GAUDEN, J.P.,C.C.

Deputy Mayor:

COUNCILLOR E.W.L. TYE

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE:

Chairman:

COUNCILLOR E.J. BROUGHFON, J.P., C.C.

Alderman G.H. Eveson.	Councillor W.B. Hinton.
Alderman E.A. Heynes, J.P.	Councillor D.C. Nutting, C.C.
Councillor J. Ashford.	Councillor R.G. Osborne, J.P.
Councillor F.H. Cox.	Councillor G.H. Parkes.
Coucillor Miss A. Davies.	Councillor J.H. Wooldridge, C.C.

Medical Officer of Health:

R.L. CORLETT, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

D.A. SMYTH, M.B., B.S., D.P.H. (Resigned 7.9.53) A.M. NELSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (From 8.9.53)

Sanitary Inspector, also Inspector under Petroleum and Shops Acts:

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A.E.K. KENT, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

Deputy Sanitary Inspector:

J.W. BILLINGHAM, M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspectors:

- G.H. STONE, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.
- D. SARTORIUS, M.S.I.A. (Resigned 11.4.53)
 - E.H. WAKEFIELD, A.R.San. I., M.S. I.A. (from 31.8.53)

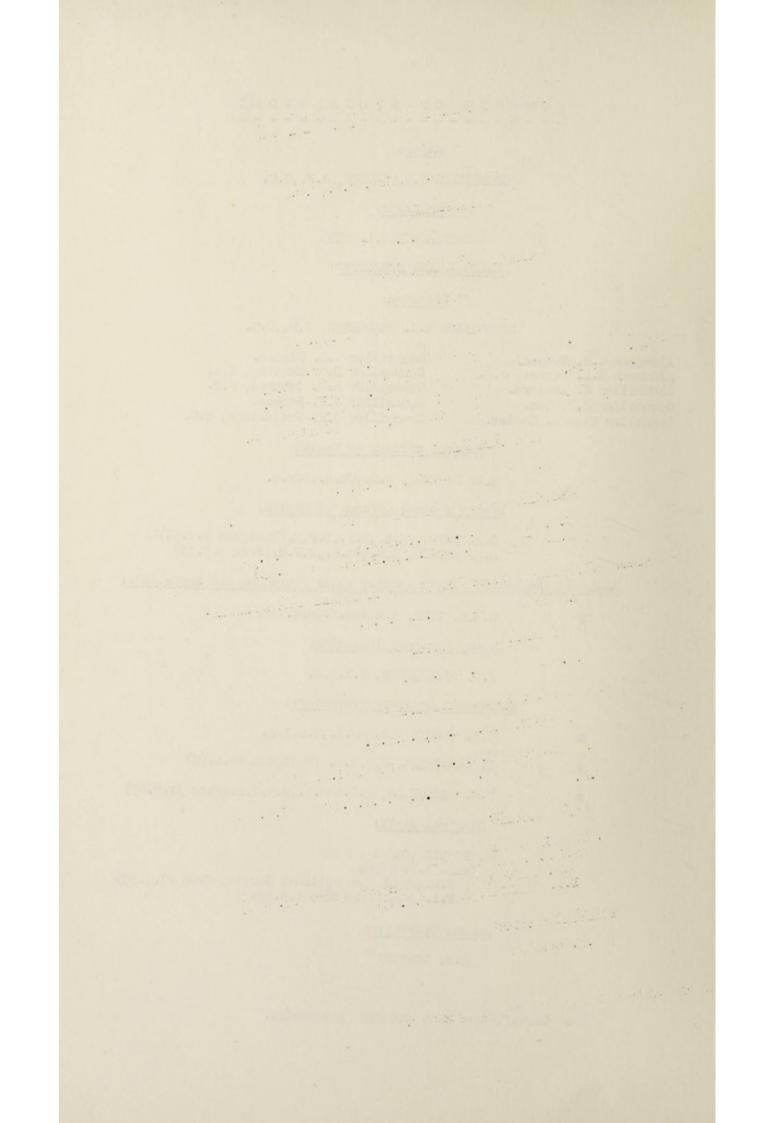
Clerical Staff:

 A. POWELL (Chief Clerk) MISS A.J. TONKS,
 E.N. JAMES (on National Service from 27.5.53)
 M.A. COBOURNE (from 1.6.53)

Rodent Operative:

G.H. CORBETT

Certificated Meat and Food Inspectors.



THE ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for 1953.

To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of The Borough of Stourbridge.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for 1953.

The general health of the Borough continued satisfactory during the year.

There was a decline in the number of deaths from 430 to 354, giving a death rate of 9.3 per thousand, as compared with 11.4 for England and Wales.

Cancer mortality was again less marked - from 69 cases to 58. Heart disease accounted for 122 deaths, a reduction of 16 compared with the previous year.

There were 39 deaths from respiratory diseases Influenza, Bronchitis and Pneumonia - one more than in 1952.

It is again gratifying to record a clean bill of health in the Borough in relation to Diphtheria incidence. It cannot, however, be too strongly impressed upon parents that unless their children are immunised, there is an ever-present risk of contracting this dread disease, with consequences which may be fatal.

Scarlet Fever cases rose from 73 to 104, but the incidence was of a mild type and there was no death. Measles notifications increased from 183 to 496, whilst Whooping Cough cases declined from 124 to 72. There was one death, due to complications, from Measles (a boy aged 7 years), but no fatal case of Whooping Cough. The only case of Meningitis notified related to a girl of 5 years of age, and unfortunately this ended fatally. There was one case of Poliomyelitis during the year, affecting a girl aged 3 years, but she madeagood recovery.

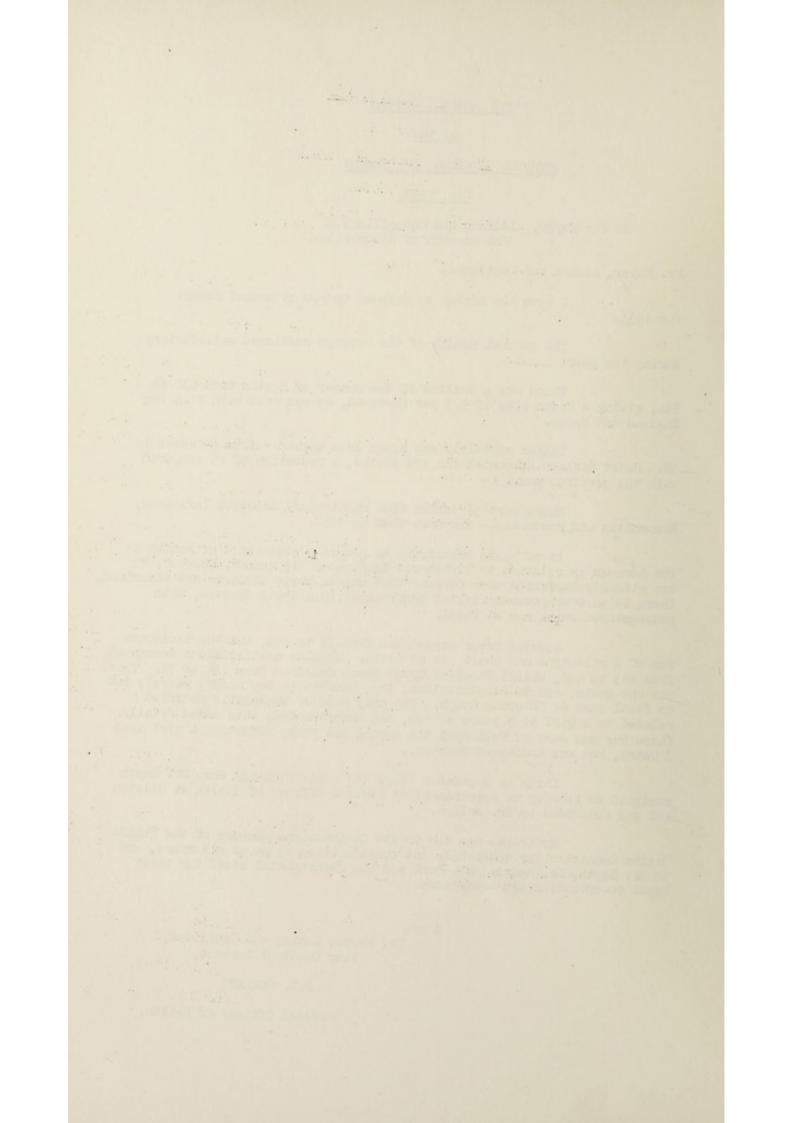
Early in September there was a staff change when Dr. Smyth resigned to take up an appointment as Medical Officer of Health at Bilston and was succeeded by Dr. Nelson.

My thanks are due to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their help and consideration to me at all times, and to Dr. Smyth, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Kent and the departmental staff for their loyal co-operation and assistance.

> I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your Obedient Servant,

> > R.L. CORLETT

Medical Officer of Health.



SECTION A

Statistics and Social Conditions

						Acres
The Area	of the Borough is					4,214
	viz: Stourbridge					1,920
	Lye and Volles	cote				1,025
	Pedmore					1,269
Number of Number of Number of	pulation, estimated f inhabited houses, f inhabited houses a f families or separa f families or separa	1931 t end o te occu	of 1953 piers,	1931	 avail	 37,990 8,164 11,818 8,477
Rateable						 £212,526 £776

Statistical Memorandum

Population estimated, mid-year 1953	 37,990
Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	 13.84
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	 9.3
Infantile Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births	 22.8
Death Rate from Respiratory Tuberculosis	 0.263
Death Rate from Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis	 -

The Town is partly residential and partly industrial, and the chief industries are hollow-ware and iron-founding, engineering, the manufacture of Forgings, Spades and Shovels, Chains, Vices, Fireclay products, Skin Rugs, Chamois Leather and Gloves.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year

BIRTHS

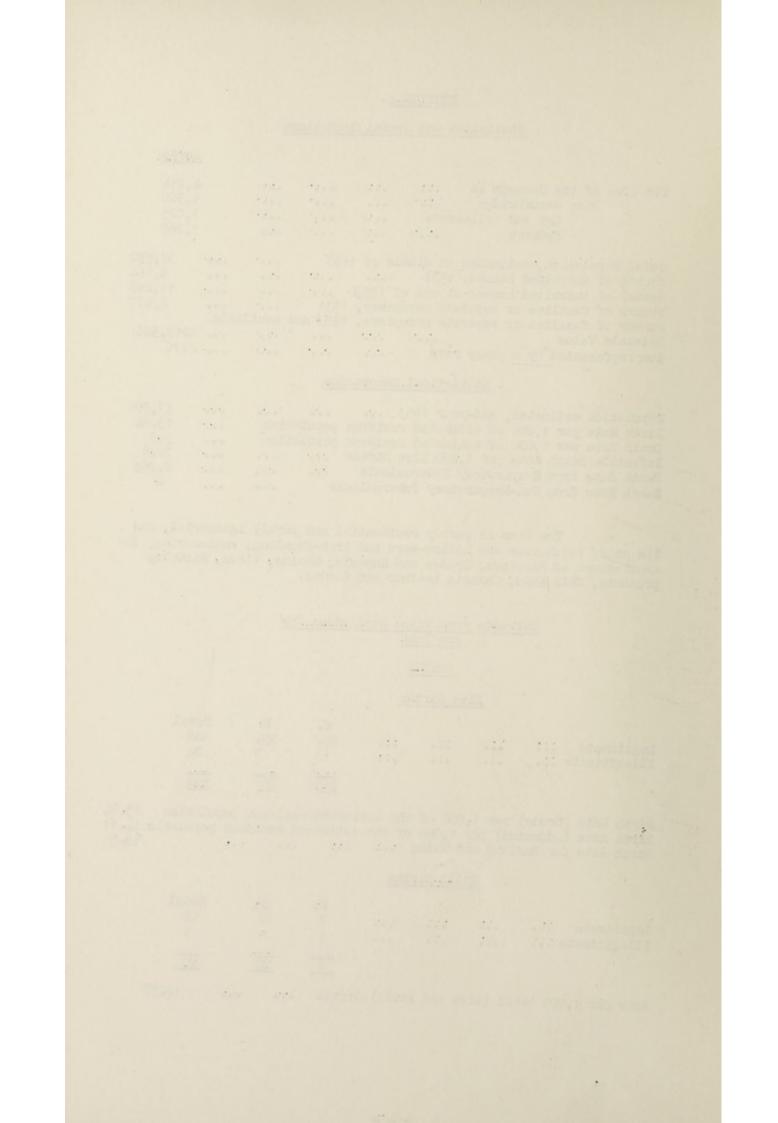
Live Births

Legitimate Illegitimate	 :::	 	М. 252 13	F. 254 7	Total 506 20
			265	261	526

Birth Rate (Crude) per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 13.84 Birth Rate (Adjusted) per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 14.11 Birth Rate for England and Wales 15.5

Still Births

Legitimate					M. 7	F. 12		otal 9
Illegitimate					i	-		1
					8	12	12	0
Rate per 1,00	00 tota	al (live	and	still)	Births			14.37



DEATHS

Thomas Taxa	:: :::		:::	:::	195 159						
					354						
Death Rate per 1,00			resider	nt popul	ation		9.3				
Death Rate for Engl	and and Wale	s					11.4				
	Maternal Des	athe									
	Inter of Heat 1850	10115									
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion One											
The maternal Mortality Rates - per 1,000 total (live and still)											
Sepsis of pregnancy	Births - fo						0.40				
Abortion with toxac			ue puerf	···			0.10				
Other toxaemias of							0.24				
Haemorrhage of preg							0.13				
Abortion without me						•••	0.04				
Abortion with sepsi Other complications	of preman	ev. chi	ldbirth	and the	puerpe	rium					
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Deaths	of Infants u	nder O	ne year	of Age							
Taultineta				M.	F. 6	Tot					
Legitimate Illegitimate				6	-	12					
Tame Drowner of											
				6	6	12					
Deaths	of Infants	under J	4 weeks	of Age							
		-		M.	F.	Tot	al				
Legitimate				4	3	7					
Illegitimate				-	-	-					
				4	3	7					
					-	_					
Death Rates of Infa	nts under or	ie year	of age:	-	Q						
All The	Infants per Infant Morta	lity R	ate for	England	•••						
	and Wales					hs.					
	Causes of 1	Death		м.	F.						
1. Respiratory Tub	erculosis			7	3						
2. Other Forms of		5		-	-						
3. Syphilitic Dise	ase			-	1						
4. Diphtheria		•••		-	-						
5. Whooping Cough 6. Meningococcal I				-	1						
7. Acute Poliomyel				-	-						
8. Measles				1	-						
9. Other infective	and parasi	tic dis	cases	- 4	2						
10. Malignant neopl 11. Malignant neopl	lasm, scomaci	bronchu	····	9	3						
12. Malignant neopl				-	36						
13. Malignant neopl	Lasm, uterus			-	4						
14. Other malignan				19 1	11						
15. Leukaemia, aleu 16. Diabetes	1Ka em 1 a			2	3						
17. Vascular lesion	s of nervou	s syste	m	18	24						
18. Coronary diseas	se, angina			34	20						
19. Hypertension w	ith heart di	sease		2 27	6 33						
20. Other heart dis	304 30										
			C/f	124	117						

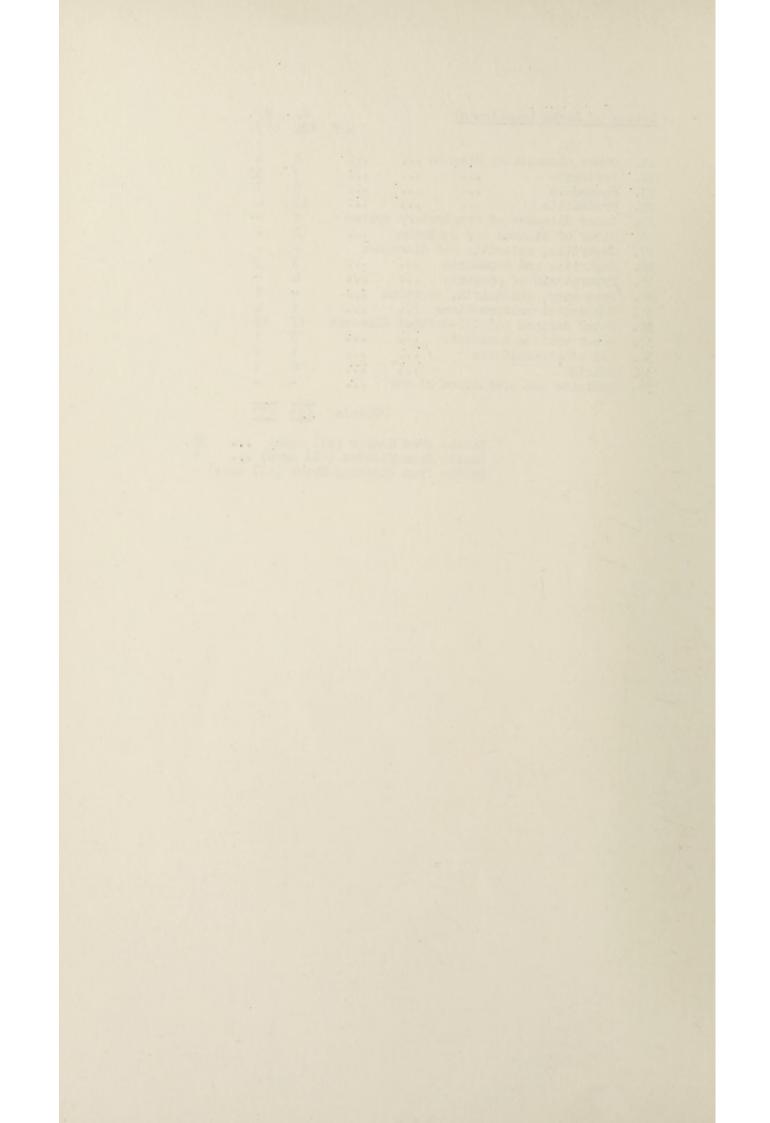
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Causes of Death (continued) M. F. b/f 124 117 21. Other circulatory disease ... 8 4 ... Influenza
 Pneumonia
 Bronchitis
 Other diseases of respiratory system •••• 76 37 12 4 1 -26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... 2 -27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea --28. Nephritis and Nephrosis 29. Hyperplasia of prostate 3 3 4 ... - Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion
 Congenital malformations
 Other defined and ill-defined diseases 1 -1 4 17 12 33. Motor vehicle accidents 3 1 34. All other accidents ... 1 2 ... 6 1 ... 36. Homicide and operations of war ... --

Totals 195 159

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ... 58 Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... 1 Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) -



SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers

Particulars of the Fublic Health Officers, together with information as to their qualifications, are set out on page 2.

Laboratory Facilities

Examination of clinical material (sputum, swabs etc.) is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Infirmary, Worcester, as are also consumer samples of milk, water and ice-cream. Producer samples of milk and water are examined bacteriologically by the County Laboratory, Worcester, in addition to all chemical samples of food, drugs and water.

Clinics and Treatment Centres

There are four Infant Welfare Centres in the Borough, as

under: -

40, New Road, Stourbridge; St. Michaels Church Hall, Glebe Lane, Norton; Community Centre, Wassell Road, Wollescote; Orchard Lane, Lye.

Prevention of Diphtheria

Diphtheria Immunisation Clinics were held monthly during the year at the Infant Welfare Centres, as follows:-

Stourbridge	••			Third	Friday in the month (10 a.m 12 noon)
Lye	••	••		Third	Thursday in the month (2 p.m 4 p.m.)
Wollescote	••		•••	First	Thursday in the month (2 p.m 4 p.m.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supplies

The water supply to the area of the Borough of Stourbridge is controlled by the Stourbridge & District Water Board. The Board was constituted by Act of Parliament in 1909 and is composed of twelve members nominated by the Borough of Stourbridge and the Urban District Councils of Amblecote and Brierley Hill. It operates three pumping stations, two of which are situated in the Urban District of Amblecote and the third in Brierley Hill Urban District.

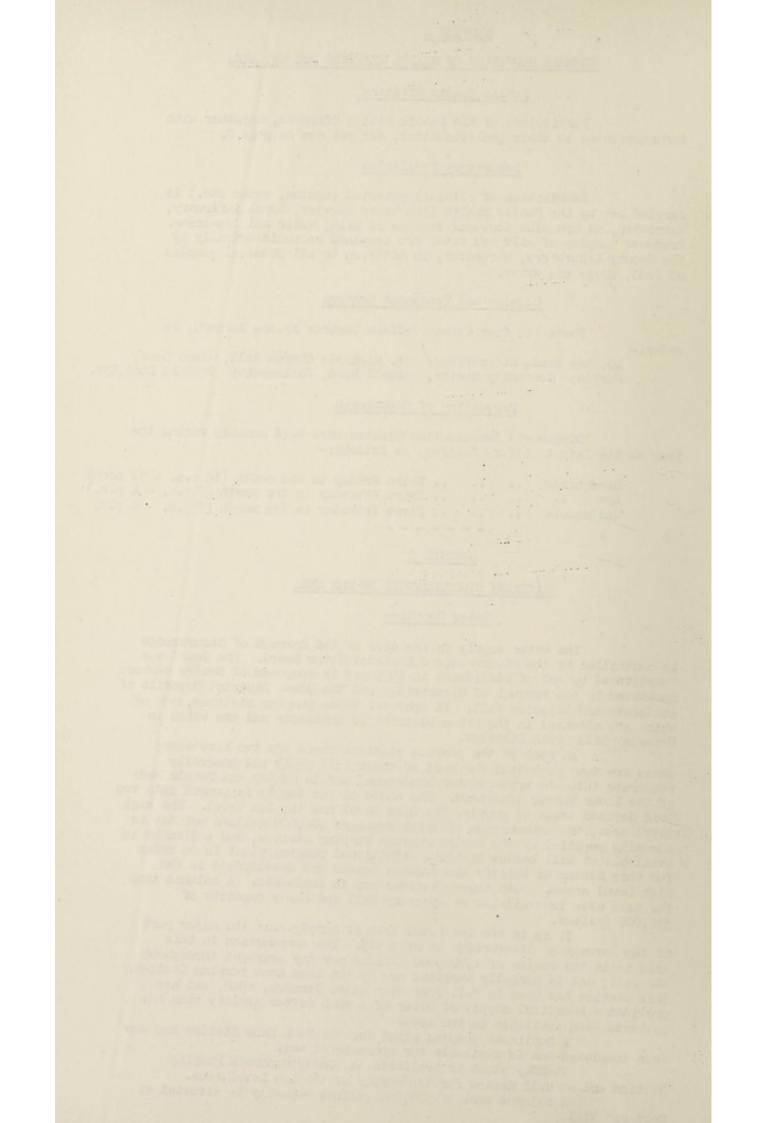
At each of the pumping stations there are two boreholes; these are tube protected for part of their full depth and generally penetrate into the upper Bunter Sandstone, middle Bunter and Pebble Beds of the Lower Bunter Sandstone. The whole of the supply is pumped into two well defined areas of supply, the high level and the low level. The high level area, the consumption of which averages 400,000 gallons per day is normally supplied by the Coalbournbrook Pumping Station, and a Standby is available at Mill Meadow Station. Additional pumping plant is on order for this Sation to satisfy the growing demand and development in the High Level areas. Both these Stations are in Amblecote. A balance tank for this area is available at Wychbury Hill and has a capacity of 350,000 gallons.

It is in the Low Level area of supply that the major part of the Borough of Stourbridge is situated. The consumption in this area is in the region of 1,700,000 gallons per day averaged throughout the year, and is normally supplied now by the Tack Lane Pumping Station. This Station has been in full operation since January, 1948, and has provided a bountiful supply of water of a much softer quality than has hitherto been available in the area.

A Duplicate pumping plant for the Tack Lane Station has now been completed and is available for operational use.

Standby plant is available at Coalbournbrook Pumping Station and at Mill Meadow for the supply of the Low Level area. A balance tank of 500,000 gallons capacity is situated at

Doctors' Hill.



Drainage and Sewerage

The main sewers in the Stourbridge area are under the control of Stourbridge Main Drainage Board. The sewers in Lye and Wollescote area are under the control of the Upper Stour Valley Sewerage Board.

The sewage is conveyed to the Mittington sewage farms belonging to these Boards and is treated on the Broad Irrigation principle.

SECTION D.

Housing work is referred to in the Report of the Sanitary Inspector.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Details of the inspections carried out during the year will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

SECTION F.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases

Small Pox

No case was reported during the year.

Typhoid Fever

There was no incidence.

Poliomyelitis

One case (in July) was notified during the year - a girl of 3 years, who was affected with pharyngeal paralysis. She made a complete recovery.

Scarlet Fever

One hundred and four cases were notified, compared with 73 in the previous year. Generally the incidence was of a mild type and there were no deaths.

Food Poisoning

Only one case was notified. The source of infection, however, could not be determined.

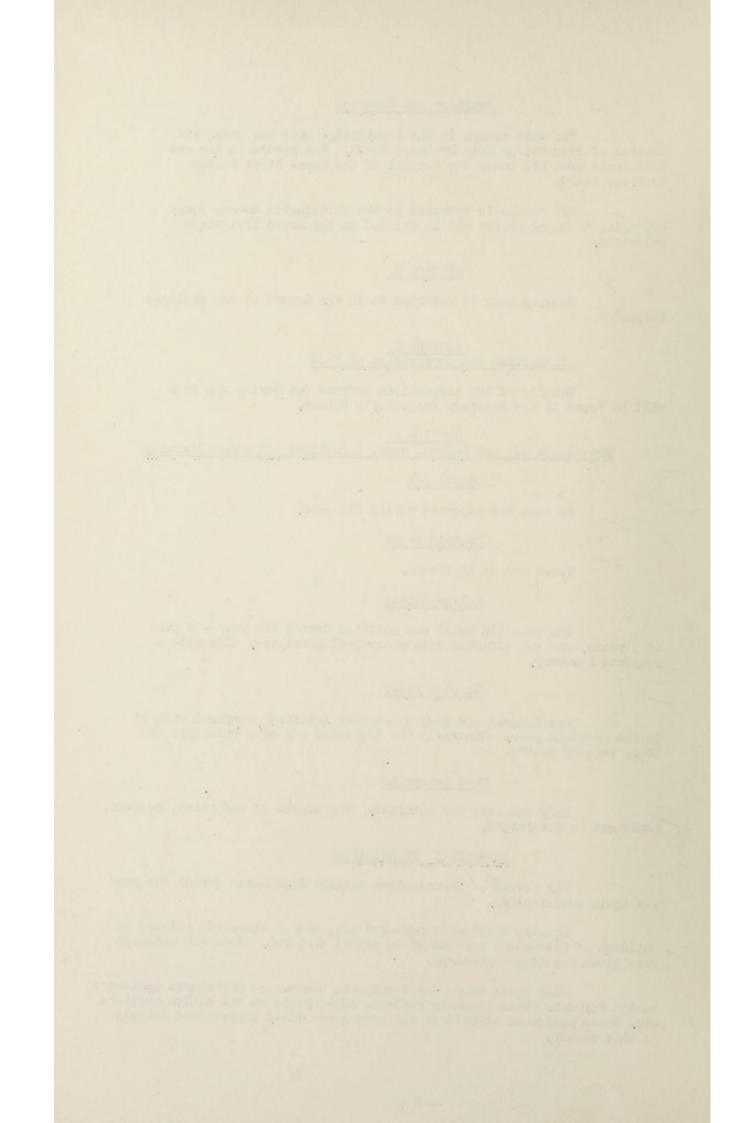
DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The record of immunisation against Diphtheria during the year was again satisfactory.

Primary treatments numbered 521, and of these 485 related to children of pre-school age and 36 to school children. Some 640 children were given boosting injections.

Once again there was a complete absence of Diphtheria incidence in the Borough. This immunity reflects much credit on the health visitors etc. whose assiduous efforts in the propaganda field contributed largely to this result.

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Diphtheria Immunisation (Continued)

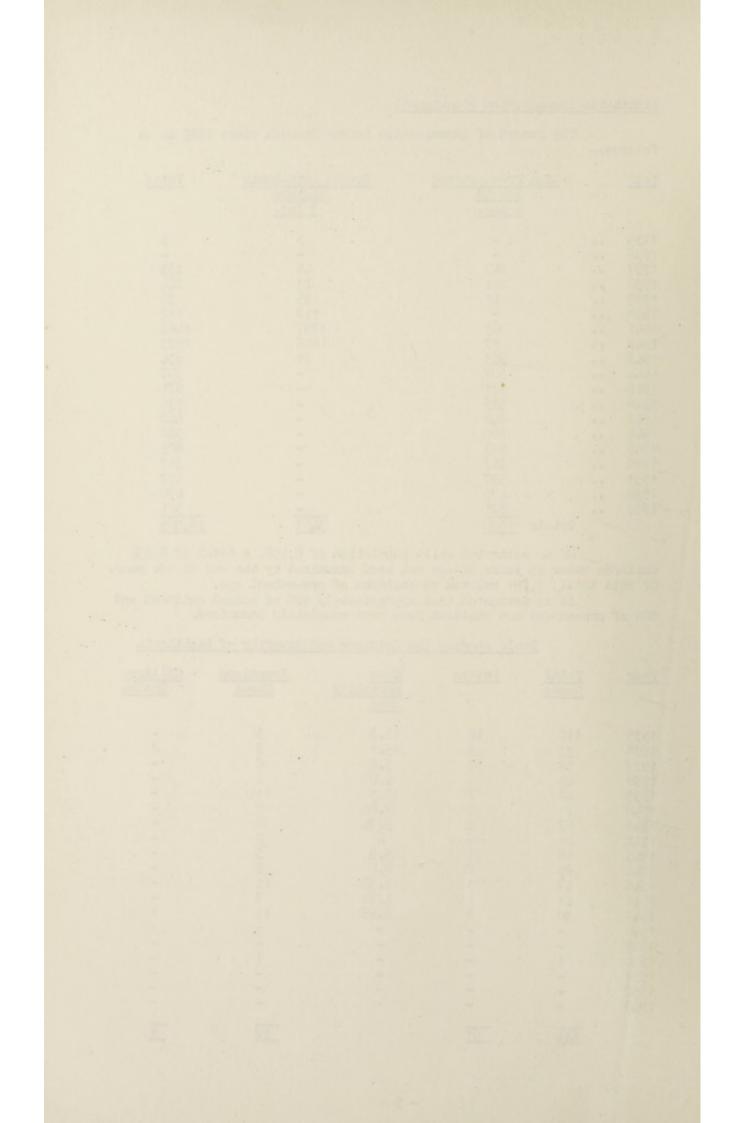
The record of immunisation in the Borough since 1935 is as follows: -

<u>Year</u>	Alum Precipitated Toxoid 2 inj.	Toxoid Anti-toxin Mixture <u>3 inj</u>	Total
1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953	- 247 201 61 - 65 17 563 507 671 536 640 580 603 317 597 470 521 Fotals 6596	3 46 23 35 112 1397 1806 71 - - - - - - - - - - - - -	3 293 224 96 112 1462 1823 634 507 671 536 640 580 603 317 597 470 521 10,089

Of an estimated child population of 8,150, a total of 6,854 children under 15 years of age had been immunised by the end of the year. Of this total, 1,791 related to children of pre-school age. It is estimated that approximately 92% of school children and 60% of pre-school age children have been completely immunised.

Year	Total Cases	Deaths	Case Mortality Rate	Immunised Cases	Children Deaths
1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 1941 1949 1944 1945 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953	110 33 81 49 40 71 87 21 18 25 47 21 30 - 1 - -	18 5 3 2 7 2 5 - 1 2 3 1 2	16.3 15.1 3.7 4.08 17.5 2.81 5.74 - 5.5 8.0 6.38 4.76 6.66 - -	3 3 6 6 111 9 8 2 5 9 11 7 11 - 1 - 1 - - - - -	
	634	51		. 92	_1

Table showing the Icidence and Severity of Diphtheria



"CORRECTED" NOTIFICATIONS OF DUFFCTIOUS DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIE) FOR THE YEAR, 1953.

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	DEATHS	1	4	1	1	13	'	1	1	'	1	15
Cases admitted	to Hospital	55	٣		1	9	63	9	1	4	1	72
Total No.	Cases	104	-	4	13	42	72	964	+	9	+	757
	65 and upwards	I	:	1	1	17	1	1	1	1	•	17
	45 -	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	10
	35 -	1	1	ı	1	2	•	-	-	1	-	5
	20 -	3	1	1	13	2	1	4	1	-	1	23
	15 -	-	ı	1	1	-	1	10	1	-	1	9
	10 -	10	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	-	i	20
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	3 -	7	1	-	1	1	17	52	1	07	•	79
	2 -	5	1	1	I	ю	13	59	ı	1	1	80
	1	5	1	1	1	5	5	쳤	ı	1	1	44
	Under 1 year	1	1	1.	I	-	4	17	1	1	ı	22
DISEASE		Scarlet Fever	Meningococcal Infection	Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	Fuerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Whooping Cough	licasles	Erysipelas	Dysentery	Food Foisoning	SIMOT

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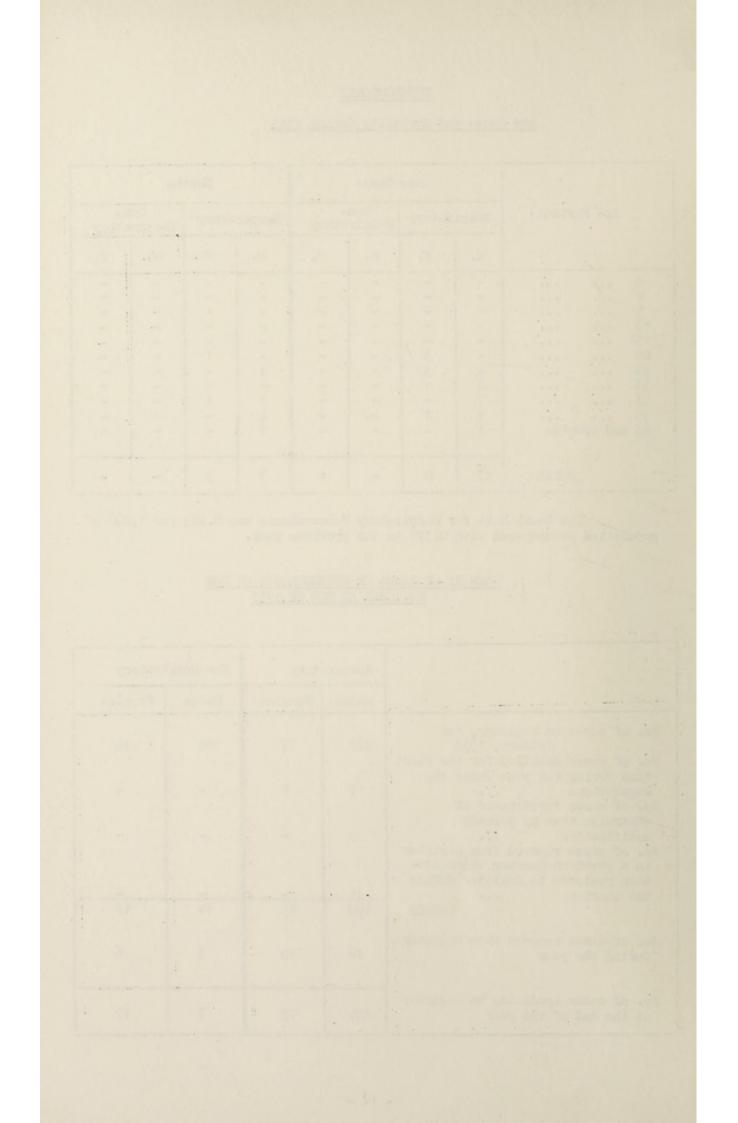
		New	Cases		Deaths			
Age Periods	Respiratory		Non- Respiratory		Respiratory		Non- Respiratory	
	м.	F.	м.	F.	H.	F.	м.	F.
0 1 5 10 15 20 25 35 45 55 65 and upwards					1 - 1 41			
TOTALS	17	8	-	-	7	3	-	-

New Cases and Mortality during 1953

The Death Rate for Respiratory Tuberculosis was 0.263 per 1,000 of population as compared with 0.397 in the previous year.

SUMMARY	OF CASES	OFT	UBERCU	LOSIS	ON THE
A PROPERTY AND IN	REGIST	ER AT	END C	F 195	3

	Respire	atory	Non-Respiratory		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
No. of cases on Register, 1st January, 1953 No. of cases notified for the first	129	77	10	18	
time during the year under the Regulations No. of cases first heard of	17	8	-	-	
otherwise than by primary notification No. of cases removed from Register in a previous Quarter which have	3	-	-	-	
been restored to Register during the Quarter	1			-	
TOTALS	150	85	10	18	
No. of cases removed from Register during the year	26	12	3	6	
No. of cases remaining on Register at the end of the year	124	73	7	12	



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SANITARY INSPECTOR

for

1953.

To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of The Borough of Stourbridge.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a Report on the work of your Public Health Department for 1953.

Mr. Sartorius, Assistant Sanitary Inspector, left in April to take up an appointment with a private firm and the vacancy was filled in August by Mr. E.H. Wakefield.

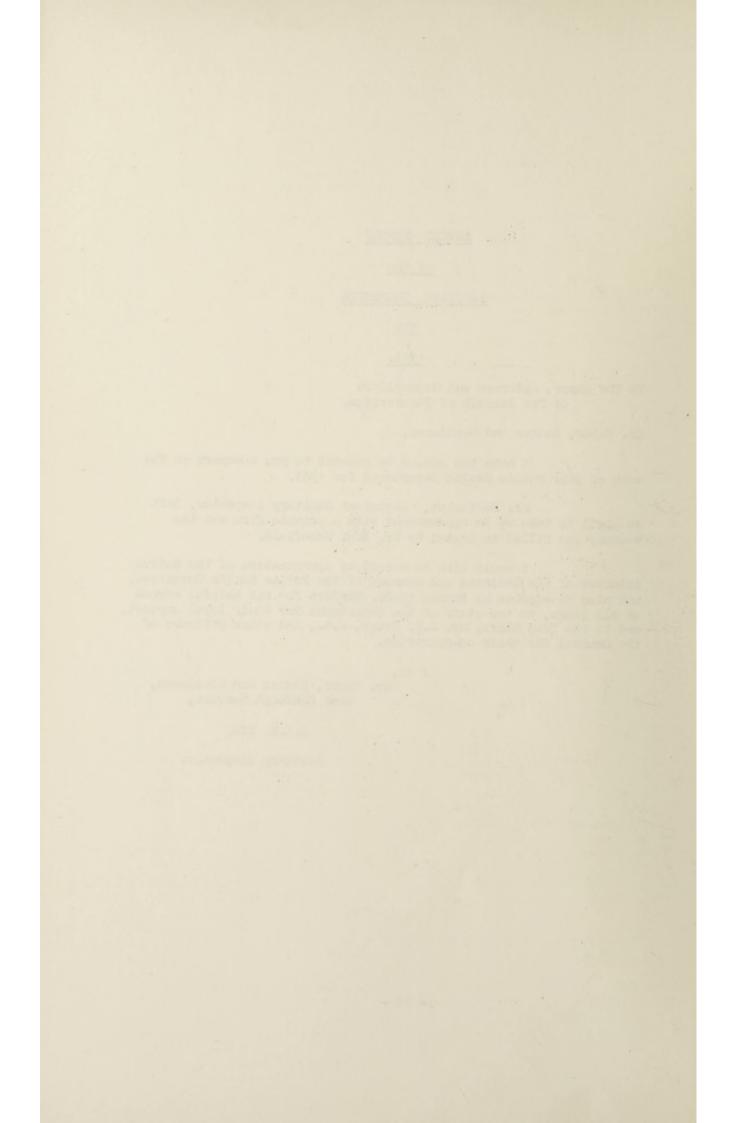
I would like to record my appreciation of the active interest of the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, and also to express my thanks to Dr. Corlett for his helpful advice at all times, to the staff of the Department for their loyal support, and to the Town Clerk, Mr. A.P. Drury, M.A., and other Officers of the Council for their co-operation.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your Obedient Servant,

A.E.K. KENT

Sanitary Inspector.

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COMPLAINTS

A total of 197 complaints, relating principally to housing defects, were received during the year.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following data is given in accordance with Article 27(18) of the Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations, 1935:-

The number and nature of Inspections made during the year:

Inspections of houses	338
Re-inspections and re-visits	1201
Inspections under Housing Regulations	77
Re-inspections under Housing Regulations	38
Inspections Town & Country Planning Act -	
Re-development	226
Visits re Notifiable Diseases	77
Slaughter of pigs on private premises	108
Meat inspection - Sheep	29
Defetter and and all all a	
	23
Factories	14
Smoke &c. Nuisances	238
Bakehouses	37
Food Stores and Food Preparation premises	86
Shops Act	4
Shops (re Unfit Food)	66
Vermin Infestation (excluding Rats and Mice)	16
	207
Water Supplies	22
Drainage	208
Tuberculosis After-Care	23
Waste Water Closets	6
Tents, Vans, Shods &c	32
Refuse Tips	188
Pigsties	9
	6
Rag Flock Act	26
Licensed Premises	
Miscellaneous	174

Number of Notices served during the year:

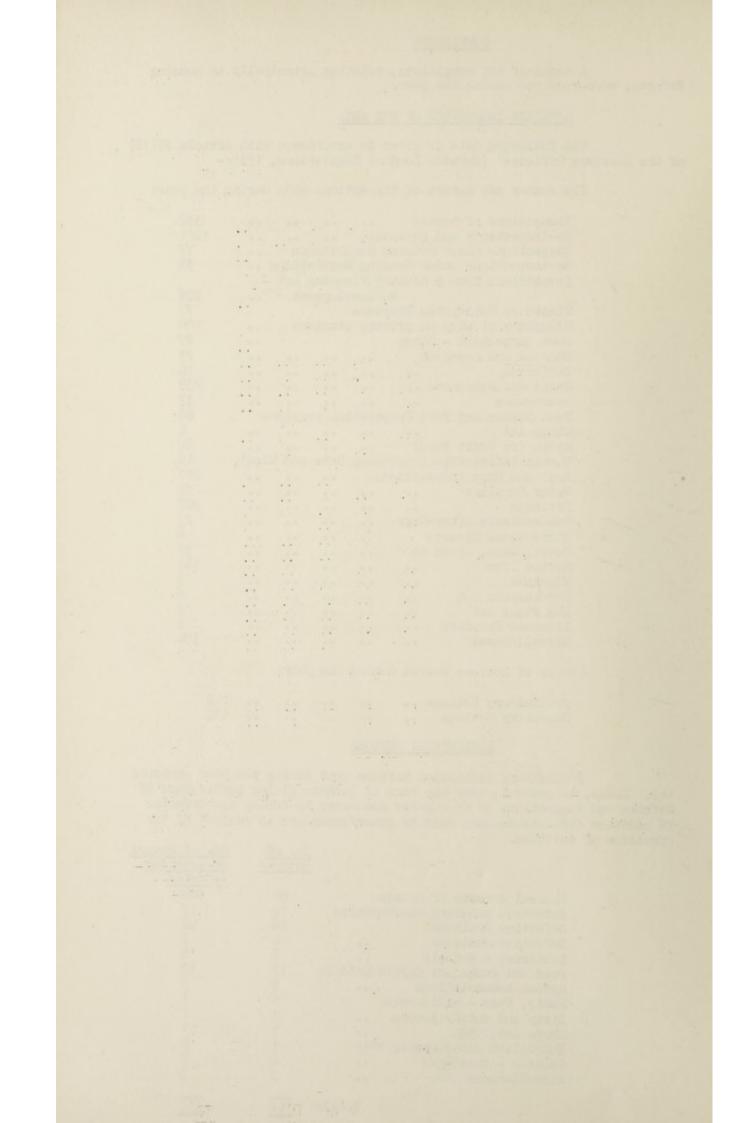
Preliminary Notices			 		142
Statutory Notices	•••	••	 •••	••	174

PRELIMINARY NOTICES

Preliminary Intimation Notices sent during the year numbered 142. These, in general, took the form of letters giving particulars of defects and suggestions as to repairs necessary to remedy the defects. In addition 118 letters were sent to owner/occupiers in respect of the provision of dustbins.

	No. of Notices	No. of Houses or premises affected
General defects of houses	80	108
Defective sanitary conveniences	10	17
Defective drainage	16	45
Defective dustbins	4	1
Factories - defects	6	6
Food and Drugs Act Contraventions	12	12
Refuse Accumulations	5	5
Tents, Vans - unlicensed	1	1
Dirty and untidy houses	1	1
Shops Act, 1950	1	1
Demolition and clearing site	1	2
Animals - nuisances	2	2
Miscellaneous	3	3
Totals	142	210

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STATUTORY NOTICES, 1953

	No. of Notices	No. of Premises affected
Public Health Act, 1936		
Abatement of Nuisances (S.93) Requisition for Information (S.277) Drainage (S.39) Defective Closets (S.45) Dustbins (S.75) Paving (S.56)	31 1 10 4 54 1	31 1 12 4 54 1
Housing Act, 1936		
Notices to Appear before Council (S.12 Notices to Appear before Council (S.14 Demolition Orders (S.11) Requisition for Information (S.168) Repairs (S.9) Notice ro Clearance Area (S.25) Undertaking (S.11) <u>Regulation 68 AA. Defence General</u> <u>Regulations, 1939</u>	1) 13 14	1 12 10 10 2 18 1
Licences	2	1
Totals	<u>174</u>	158
Result of the Service of Notices:		

Preliminary Notices complied with ...

.. 85 (including 34 Notices brought forward from 1952)

Statutory Notices complied with

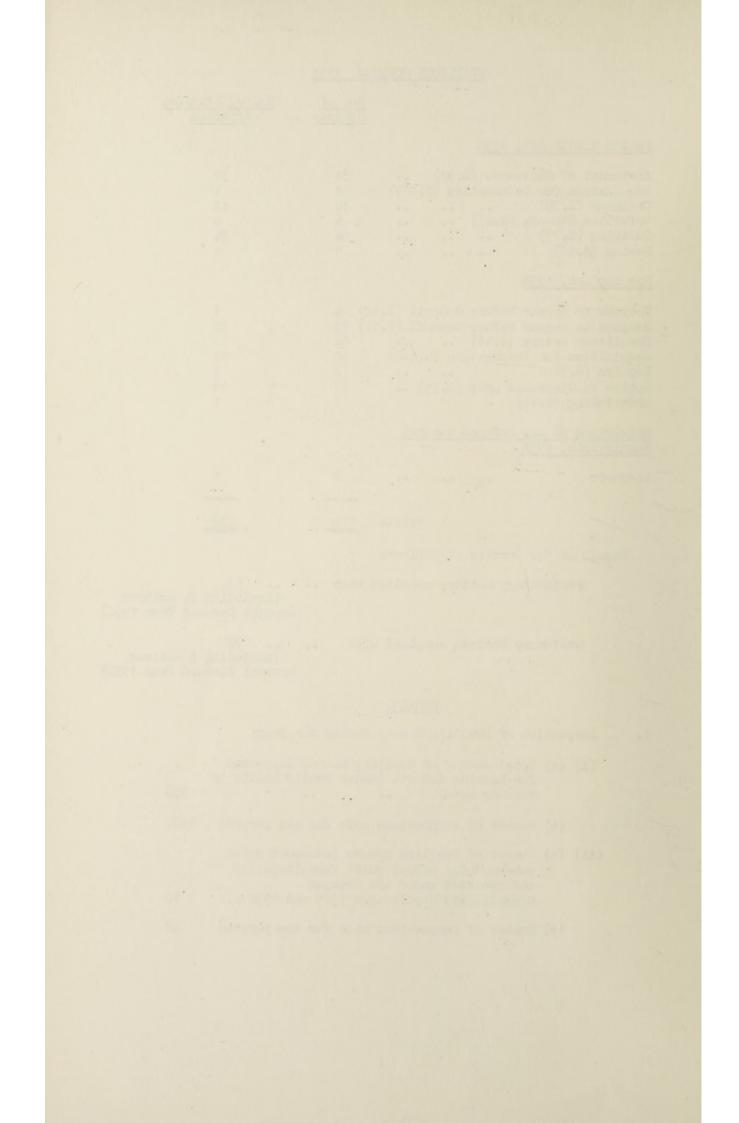
.. 72 (including 5 Notices brought forward from 1952)

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:

(i)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or	
		Housing Acts)	338
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	1201
(ii)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing	
		Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	10
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	48

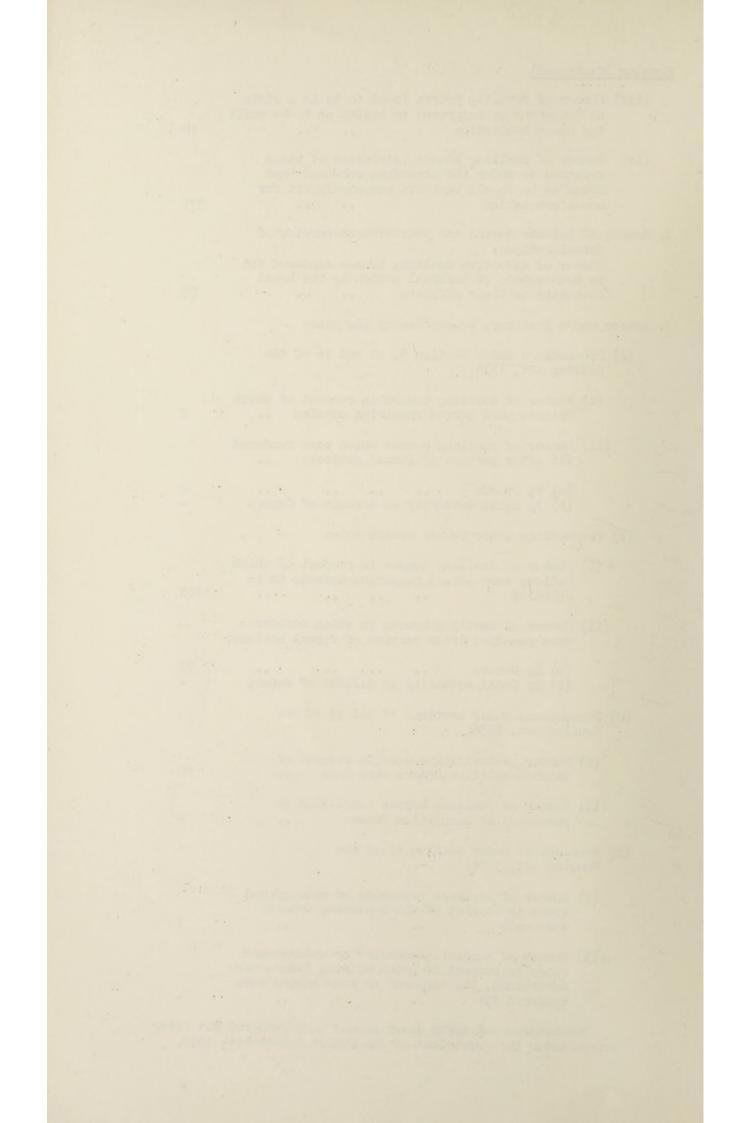
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Housing (Continued)

	(iii)	SO (ber of dwelling houses found to be in a state dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit human habitation	10
	(iv)	ref	ber of dwelling houses (exclusive of those erred to under the preceding sub-head) not nd to be in all respects reasonably fit for an habitation	371
2.	Remed	for	defects during the year without service of mal Notices:	
		in	ber of defective dwelling houses rendered fit consequence of informal action by the Local hority or their officers	85
3.	Action	n un	der Statutory Powers during the year:	
	(A)		ceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the sing Act, 1936:	
		(i)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	2
		(ii)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
			 (a) By Owners (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners 	2 -
	(B)	Pro	ceedings under Public Health Acts:	
		(i)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	103
		(ii)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
			 (a) By Owners (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners 	72
	(C)		ceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the sing Act, 1936:	
		(i)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	10
		(ii)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	-
	(D)		ceedings under Section 12 of the sing Act, 1936:	
		(i)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	1
		(22)		
		(11)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been	
			rendered fit	-
		0	a hundred and fifty seven houses were rendered	fit after

action under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936.



DEMOLITION ORDERS

Ten Demolition Orders were made during the year in respect of the following houses, all of which were in a state of disrepair bordering on the dangerous:-

No. 72, Birmingham Street, Stourbridge.
No. 74, Birmingham Street, Stourbridge.
No. 9, New Street, Stourbridge.
No. 1, Union Passage, Stourbridge.
No. 10, Queens Road, Stourbridge.
No. 55, Vicarage Road, Wollaston.
No. 5, Bell Street, Stourbridge.
No. 6, Bell Street, Stourbridge.
No. 16, Norton Road, Stourbridge.
No. 20, Norton Road, Stourbridge.

UNDERTAKING

Accepted Undertaking from Owner under Section 11(3) Housing Act, 1936 that he will not use No. 10, Talbot street, Stourbridge for human habitation.

CLEARANCE AREAS

Official Representations were made to the Council in respect of the following houses which were designated as the Borough of Stourbridge, Cross Walks Road, Lye, Clearance Order, 1953; Borough of Stourbridge, Green Street, Stourbridge, Clearance Order, 1953; Borough of Stourbridge, New Street, Stourbridge, Clearance Order, 1953:-

> Nos. 71, 72, 73, 74, Cross Walks Road, Lye, Stourbridge.
> Nos. 68, 70 and Lock-up Shop No. 681, Green Street, Stourbridge.
> Nos. 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 also Lock-up Shop between Nos. 30, 32, New Street, Stourbridge.
> No. 2, Rounds Court, New Street, Stourbridge.
> No. 9, Rounds Court, New Street, Stourbridge.
> No. 2, Hemplands Road, Stourbridge.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION

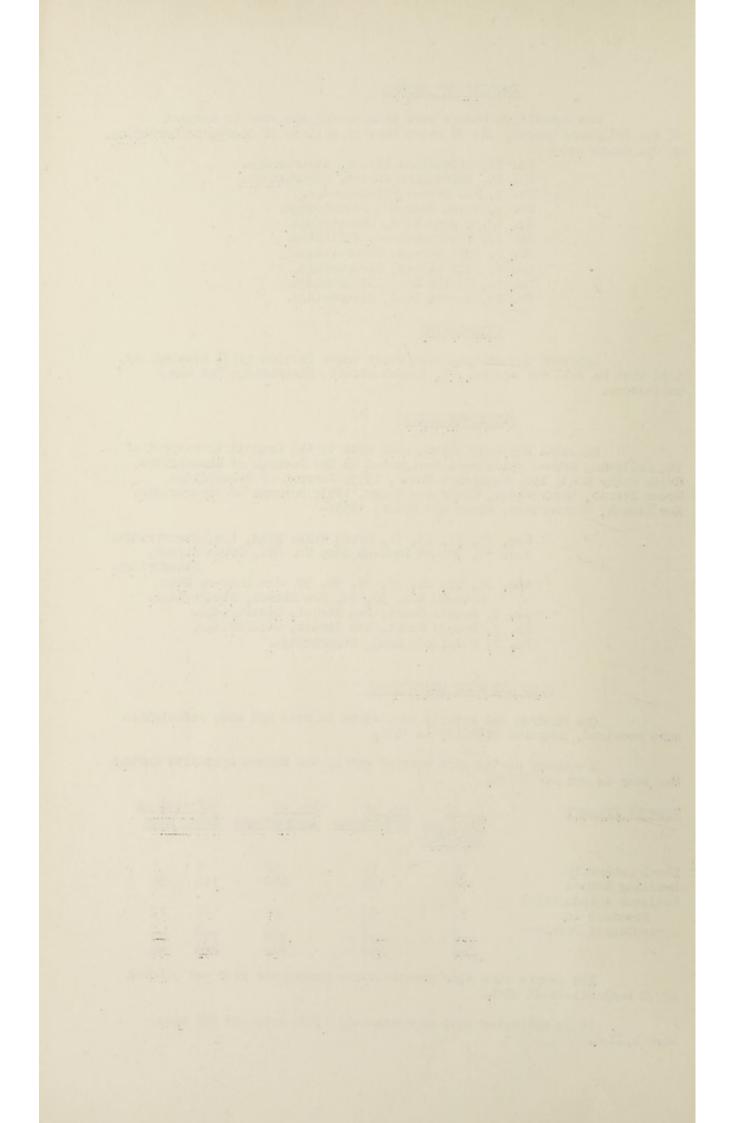
One hundred and seventy complaints of rats and mice infestation were received, compared with 129 in 1952.

A summary of the work carried out by the Rodent Operative during the year is set out below.

Type of Property	No of Premises Infested	<u>No. of</u> Treatments	No. of Inspections	Infes Rats	ted by Mice
Local Authority	9	14	40	8	1
Dwelling Houses	166	174	480	112	54
Business & Industrial	30	35	61	17	13
Premises &c.	2	2	16	2	
Agricultural Premises	207	225	<u>597</u>	139	

The sewers were also treated twice during the year and a total of 90 manholes dealt with.

It is estimated that approximately 1,060 rats and 860 mice were killed.



Premises used for:

(a) Sale and/or Manufacture of Ice Cream

Fifteen new premises were registered during the year for the sale of Ice Cream in scaled cartons. At the end of the year there were 129 premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream and four for its manufacture and sale.

Fifty seven samples were submitted for chemical and bacteriological examination. The fat content varied between 10.7% and 22.8% and in most of the samples the fat content exceeded 10%.

Of the 1/4 bacteriological samples, 40 were in provisional grade 1, two in provisional grade 2 and two in provisional grade 3.

(b) Preparation of Preserved Foods

One new shop was registered for the preparation or manufacture of Preserved Food, making a total of 15 premises on the Register at the end of the year.

All the premises were maintained in a satisfactory condition.

(c) Fish Frying

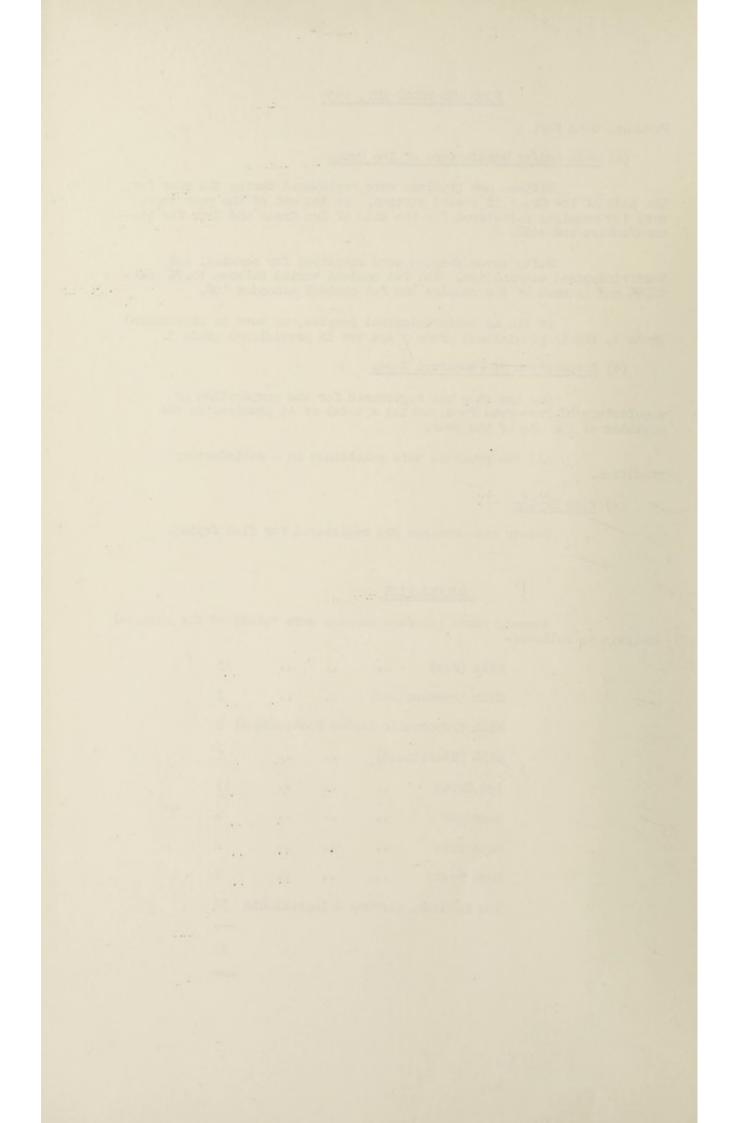
Twenty one premises are registered for fish frying.

ADULTERATION

Seventy three informal samples were submitted for chemical analysis as follows: -

Milk	(Raw)				35
Milk	(Pasteur	ised)			3
Milk	(Tubercu	lin Tes	ted Pa	steurised	1) 2
Milk	(Sterili	sed)			1
Ice (ream				13
Sausa	igos				4
Meat	Pies				2
Meat	Paste		••	••,	2
Ice I	Lollies,	Mixturo	& Ing	redients	32
					94

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Adulteration (Continued)

The Analyst's reports on Ice Lollies showed that lead was present in varying degrees ranging from 0.2 to 0.5 parts per million.

A very careful watch was kept on the manufacture, all the ingredients were sampled, and samples taken at various stages of the process.

It was eventually found that dregs left in the mould were the cause of the trouble. These dregs on examination showed a lead content of 2.5 parts per million.

Throughout the whole procedure the manufacturers were very co-operative and agreed to substitute a more suitable type of mould.

MILK SUPPLIES

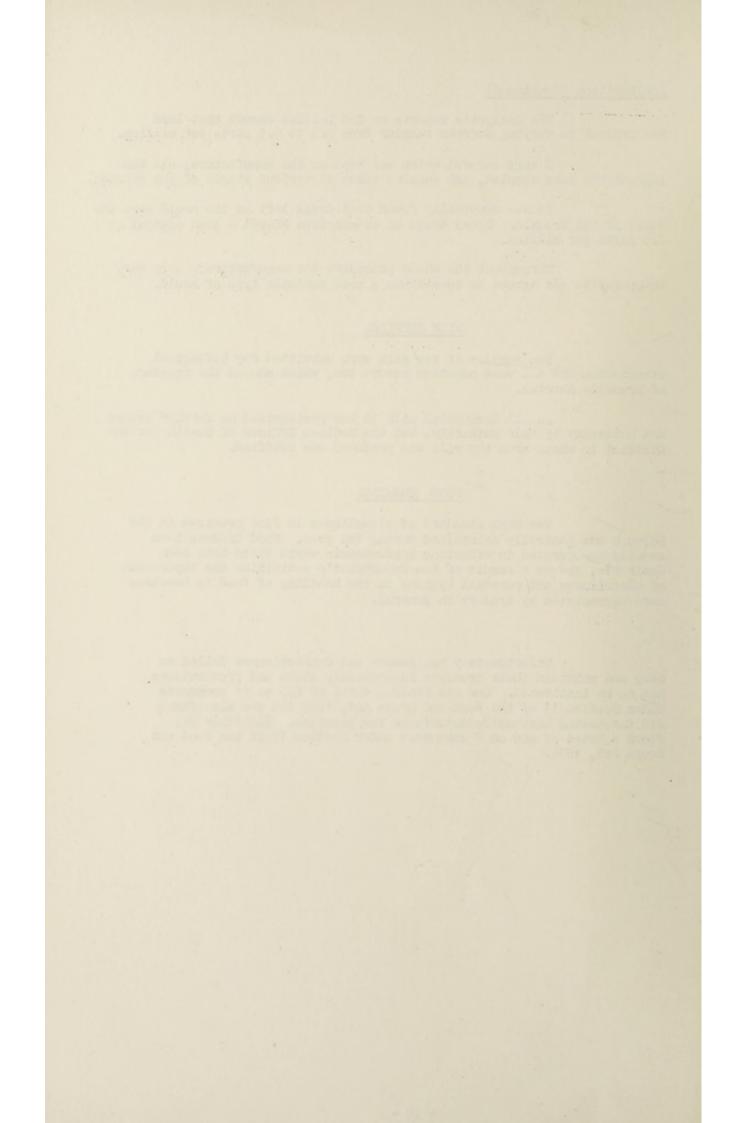
Ten samples of raw milk were submitted for biological examination and all were negative except two, which showed the presence of Brucella Abortus.

As all designated milk is now pasteurised no further action was necessary by this Authority, but the Medical Officer of Health for the District in whose area the milk was produced was notified.

FOOD PREMISES

The high standard of cleanliness in food premises in the Borough was generally maintained during the year. Food traders have readily co-operated in effecting improvements where these have been desirable, and as a regult of the Department's activities the importance of cleanliness and personal hygiene in the handling of food is becoming more appreciated by traders in general.

Unfortunately two Bakers and Confectioners failed to keep and maintain their premises in a cleanly state and prosecutions had to be instituted. One was fined a total of £55 on 11 summonses under Section 13 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 and was also fined £10 for having unsound foodstuffs on the premises. The other was fined a total of £49 on 7 summonses under Section 13 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.



BACTERIAL EXAMINATION OF MILK

One hundred and thirty four samples of milk were submitted for bacteriological examination as under:-

Type of Milk	No. of Samples	Tests Applied	Results Satis- factory	of Tests Unsatis- factory
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	24	Methylene Blue Phosphatase	24 24	Ξ
Pastourised	74	Methylene Blue Phosphatase	74 74	Ξ
Sterilised	15	Turbidity Test	15	-
Tuberculin Tested	3	Methylene Blue	3	-
Raw Milk	15	Methylene Blue	13	2
Jersey Tuberculin Teste	od 2	Methylene Blue	2	-
Accredited	1	Mothylene Blue	1	-

The Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949 The Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised & Sterilised Milk) Regs. 1949

The following licences were in operation at the end of 1952:-

Tuberculin Tested Milk

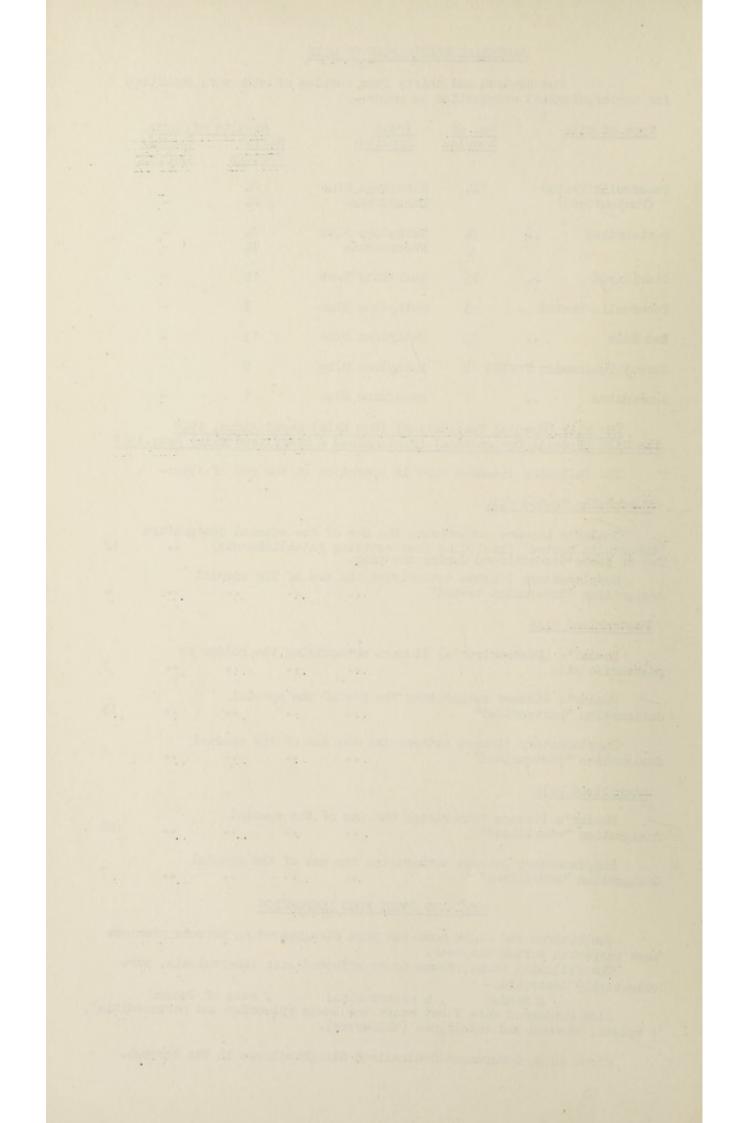
Dealer's Licence authorising the "tuberculin tested" (including four bot Two of these discontinued during the ye	use of t tling es	he speci tablish	ial desig ments)	nation ••	17
Supplementary licence authorising designation "tuberculin tested"	the use	of the	special		4
Pasteurised Milk					
Dealer's (Pasteuriser's) licence	authoris	ing the	holder t	0	
pasteurise milk					3
Dealer's licence authorising the	use of t	he spec	ial		
designation "pasteurised"	••	••	••		15
Supplementary licence authorising designation "pasteurised"	g the use	of the	special		6
Sterilised Milk					
Dealer's licence authorising the	use of t	he spec	ial		
designation "sterilised"					106
Supplementary licence authorising designation "sterilised"	g the use	of the	special		7
COST BUALTON DUOL LLEDOG					
MEAT AND OTHER I	FOOD INSP	ECTION			
One hundred and eight home-fed p	igs slaue	htered	on privat	e premi	ises

One hundred and eight home-fed pigs slaughtered on private premises were inspected during the year.

The following items, found to be affected with tuberculosis, wore voluntarily destroyed: -

2 heads; 4 mesenteries; 2 sets of lungs. Also condomned were 1 set heart and lungs (pleurisy and pericarditis), 1 spleen, stomach and intestines (abscesses).

There is no Government Centralised Slaughterhouse in the Borough.



Meat and Other Food Inspection (Continued)

Sirty six visits to shops etc. were made in connection with the inspection of foodstuffs, and the following items were condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Canned Foods			No. of Tins
Vegetables			401
Meat	••	••	184 208 (approximately
	••		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Fish			4 cwt.)
Soup			40
Fruit			652
Fruit Juice			
Milk			14 128
Cream			
Tomatoes			1
Strained Baby Foods			4
Asparagus			3
Victoria Plums		••	336
			500
Fruit Juice			40 hattalaa
Fruit			12 bottles
Jelly			2 jars
Oatmeal	••	••	226 pkts. 1 lb.
Barley	••		
Sauce	••		25 pkts.
Coffee	••		5 bottles
Honey	• •		1 bottle
Vinegar		••	2 jars
Pickled Cabbage			9 bottles
Pickled Onions	••	••	9 jars 3 jars
Pudding Mixture	••		1 pkt.
Raising Powder		••	23 pkts.
Veal and Poultry Stuf:	· ·	••	2 pkts.
Herring Sandwich Spre			2 jars.
Beef Paste			14 jars
Chicken Paste			1 jar
Piccalilli	••		2 jars
Lomm Squash			1 bottle
Lemon Curd			1 jar
Salad Cream			2 jars
Sponge Mixture			1 pkt.
Chutney			2 jars
Tomato Ketchup	••	••	1 jar
Baby Food	••		63 jars
Jam and Marmalade	••		81 jars
Pepper			2 jars
Crab Meat (1 box)			162 lbs.
	••		20 lbs.
Sausages Carrots	••		1 ton 11 cwt.
	ar)		1 gtr. 2 lbs.
Seedless Raisins (1 bo Prunes			121 122 105. 121 1bs.
	••		2 qtrs.192 lbs.
Kippers Cheese	••	••	Z quisty 105.
Cheese			29pkts.
Cheese			39 boxes
Flour			30 lbs.
			15 pkts.
Bun Flour	••		15 pres.
Chicken			0

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT

Under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933 eighteen licences were renewed during the year.



WATER SAMPLING

Public Supplies

The reports on the public supplies were again excellent. Bacteriological counts were very low, whilst chemical examinations have been constant.

The supplies were equally satisfactory as to quantity. They are not liable to plumbo solvency but samples are examined periodically for lead contamination.

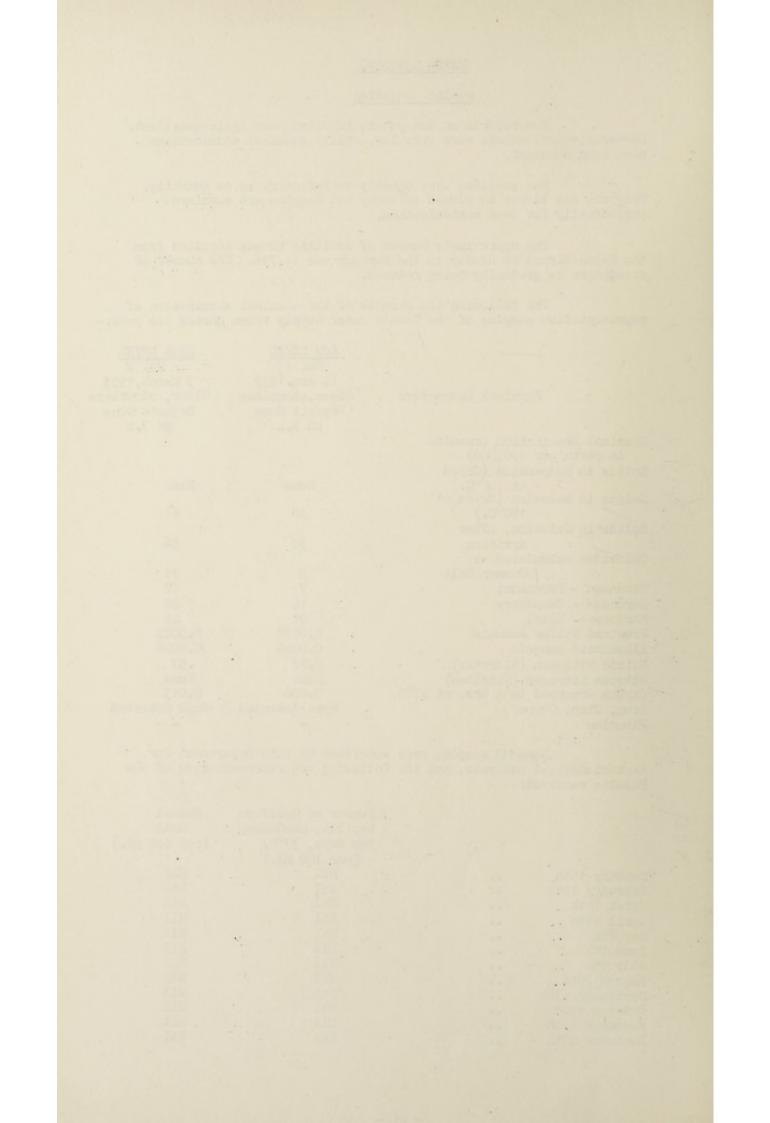
The approximate number of dwelling houses supplied from the Mains direct to houses in the Borough was 11,796. The number of standpipes is gradually being reduced.

The following are results of the chemical examination of representative samples of the Town's Mater Supply taken during the year:-

Physical Characters	LOW LEVEL No. 1 14 Aug.1953 Clear,odourless Deposit None pH 7.4	HIGH LEVEL No. 2 3 March,1953 Clear, odourless Deposit None pH 7.2
Chemical Examination (results in parts per 100,000)		
Solids in Suspension (dried at 100°C.)	None	None
Solids in Solution (dried at 180°C.)	32	61
Solids in Solution, after		
ignition Chlorides calculated as	30	56
Common Salt	5	11
Hardness - Permanent	1	27
Hardness - Temporary	14	22
Hardness - Total	21	49
Free and Saline Ammonia	0.0028	0.0002
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0046	0.0006
Nitric Nitrogen (Nitrates)	0.82	.97
Nitrous Nitrogen (Nitrites)	None	None
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hrs. at 27°C.	0.026	0.013
Iron, Zinc, Copper	None detected	None detected
Fluorine	-	-

Some 112 samples were submitted by this Department for bacteriological analysis, and the following are representative of the results received:-

		Number of Coliform	Faecal
		bacilli, MacConkey	Coli
		two days, 37°C.	(per 100 ml.)
		(per 100 ml.)	
January 15th		Nil	Nil
February 12th		Nil	Nil
March 19th		Nil	Nil
April 16th		Nil	Nil
May 8th		Nil	N11
June 4th		Nil	Nil
	••	Nil	Nil
July 9th	• ••	Nil	Nil
August 20th		Nil	Nil
September 17th		Nil	Nil
October 22nd		Nil	Nil
November 12th		Nil	Nil
December 17th		NIT	a t show



SWIMMING BATHS

A total of 102 (39 chemical and 63 bacteriological) samples of water from the Corporation Swimming Baths were submitted for examination and the results showed that a high standard was maintained throughout the season.

The supply is taken from the Baths own well and is filtered and chlorinated.

RIVERS POLLUTION

There was close liaison between the Department and the Rivers Board, to whom the powers under the Rivers (Prevention of Pollution) Act, 1951, were transferred. Since the Department may become aware of pollution, particularly of an industrial nature, before its effects have become apparent in the River (Stour), this liaison is of particular value in applying remedial measures.

SMCKE ABATEMENT

The apparatus for measuring atmospheric pollution is still in operation and records kept of the recordings.

A good standard has been achieved and continues to be maintained.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Public Cleansing is under the control of the Borough Surveyor.

There are four tips in the Borough, and refuse disposal is carried out by controlled tipping mainly at Wollaston and Lye, with a reserve Tip at Lye in case of emergency. Covering material is readily available at both these Tips and no fires have occurred. Systematic treatment with Gammexane Dust have kept cricket infestation down to practically nil.

Refuse is collected weekly. All vehicles used in the collection are "S.D." freighters, with the addition of a small Scammell used for market and shop collections.

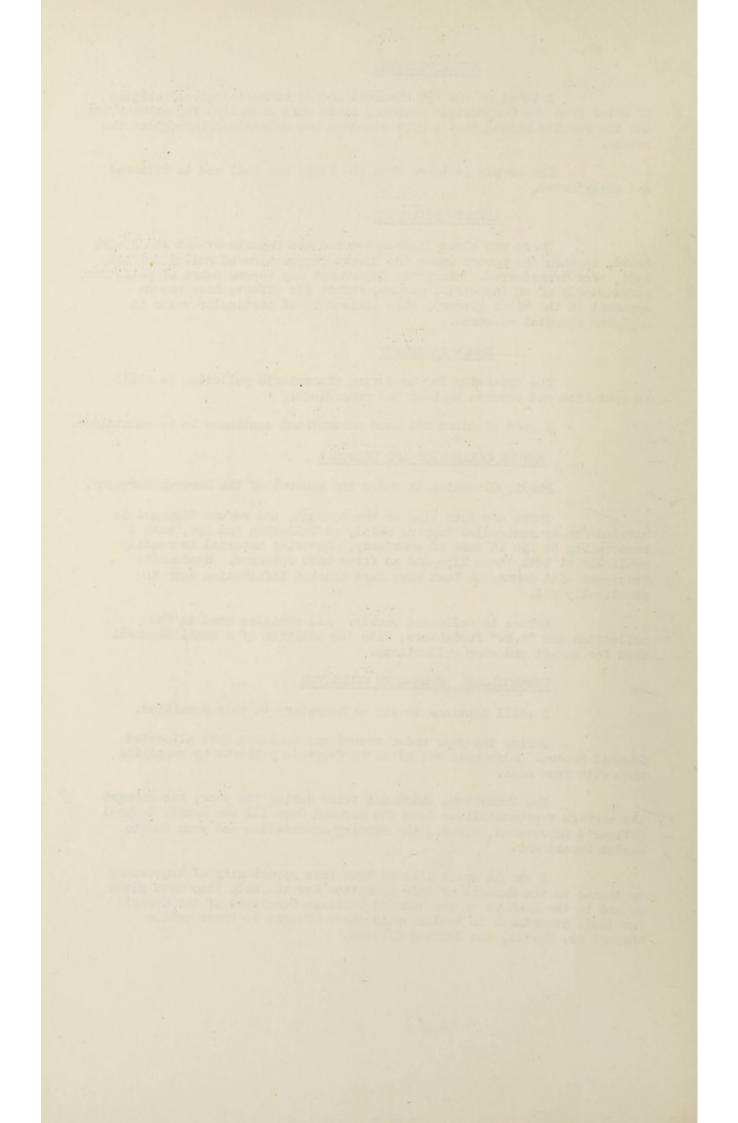
TUBERCULOSIS AFTER-CARE COMMITTEE

I still continue to act as Secretary to this Committee.

During the year under review six families were allocated Council Houses. Also help was given to fourteen patients by supplying them with free milk.

The Committee, which met twice during the year, has amongst its members representatives from the Borough Council, the County Medical Officer's Department, W.V.S., the Nursing Association and your Public Health Department.

I should again like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Members of this Committee for the help they have given me and to the Members of the Housing Lettings Committee of the Council for their promptness in dealing with cases brought to their notice through Mr. Baylis, the Housing Officer.



VERMIN INFESTATION

Effective disinfestations were carried out at 16 premises to eradicate bugs, fleas and other vormin.

In 15 other cases relating to insect pests insecticides were issued and advice given.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

No formal action was necessary under this heading.

Nine persons were granted licences to station and use moveable dwellings for short periods on various sites in the Borough. Where the sites remained satisfactory, the licences were renewed for further periods.

During the year, 32 inspections were made of caravans and sites, all of which were kept in excellent condition.

OUT VORKERS

Twenty one lists were received, containing the names of 23 outworkers, 10 of whom resided outside the Borough.

The premises of outworkers resident in the Borough are satisfactory.

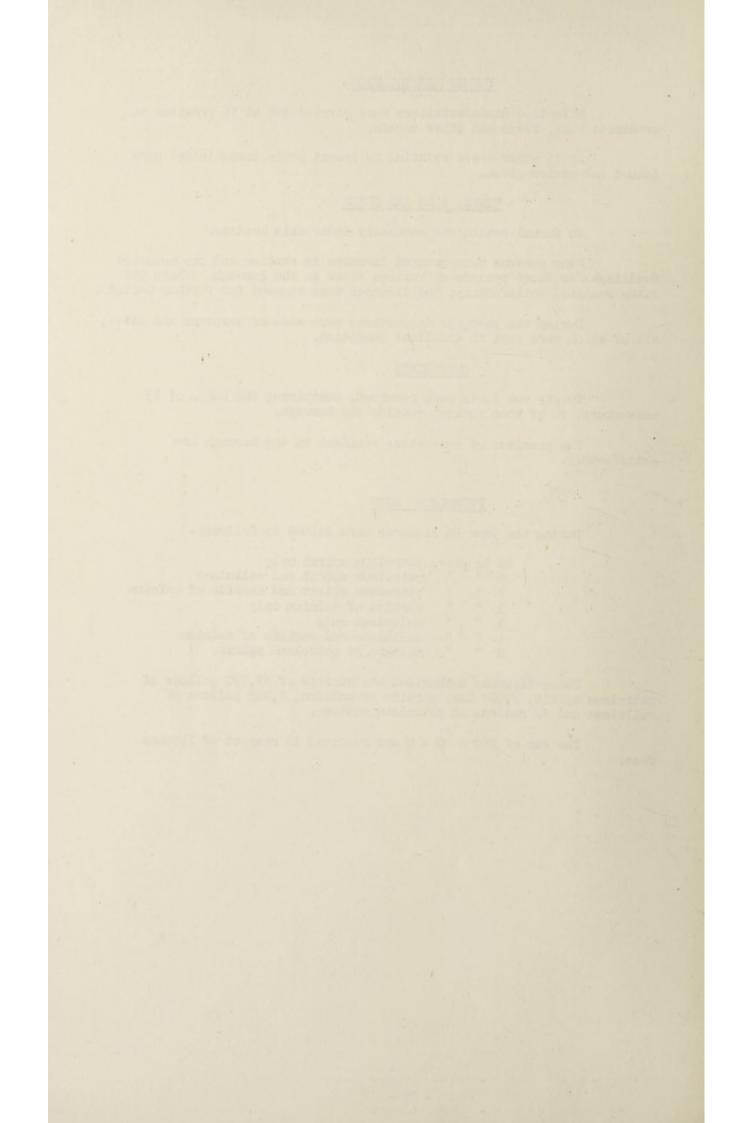
PETROLEUM ACTS

During the year 86 licences were issued as follows: -

66	to	store	petroleum spirit only
9	11		petroleum spirit and cellulose
2	11	11	petroleum spirit and carbide of calcium
3	=	17	carbide of calcium only
3	11	**	cellulose only
1	11	11	cellulose and carbide of calcium
2	11	11	mixture of petroleum spirit.

These licences authorised the storage of 69,770 gallons of petroleum spirit, 2,960 lbs. carbide of calcium, 1,023 gallons of cellulose and 12 gallons of petroleum mixture.

The sum of £60 - 8 - 0 was received in respect of licence fees.



		Number	r of	
Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	42	12	-	-
 (2) Factories not included in: (1) to which Section 7 applies (a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) 				
Order, 1938 (b) Other	231	20	8	-
 (3) Other premises under the Act (Excluding outworkers premises) 	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	273	32	8	-

FACTORIES ACT, 19	937 and 1	948
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CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

	No. of cases in which defects were found					
Particulars			Refer To	By	Number of cases in	
			H.M.	H.M.	which prosecutions	
	Found	Remedied	Contraction and the provide state	Insp-	were instituted.	
	round	100000000	ector	ector		
(1)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
Want of Cleanlin-						
ess (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-	
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-		
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)						
Inadequate (5.)		-		-	_	
ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-	
Ineffective						
drainage of						
floors (S.6)	-		-	-	-	
Sanitary						
conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient		0		2		
(b) Unsuitable or	2	2	-	6		
defective	8	8	-	2	_	
(c) Not separate		-				
for sexes	1	1	-	1	-	
Other offences						
against the Act						
(not including offences relating						
to Outwork)		-	-	-	-	
TOTAL	11	11	-	5	-	

