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REPORT
ON THE WORK OF
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FOR THE YEAR
1953.

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COUNCILLOR E.W.L. TYE

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A.M. NELSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (From 8.9.53)

Sanitary Inspector, also Inspector under Petroleum and Shops Acts:

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

Deputy Sanitary Inspector:

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MISS A.J. TONKS.

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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 made a good 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.

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SECTION A

Statistics and Social Conditions

					<u>Acres</u>
The Area of the Borough is	4,214
viz: Stourbridge	...	...	...	...	1,920
Iye and Wollescote	...	...	...	...	1,025
Pedmore	...	...	...	...	1,269
Total Population, estimated at middle of 1953	...	...	...	...	37,990
Number of inhabited houses, 1931	...	...	...	...	8,164
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1953	...	...	...	...	11,818
Number of families or separate occupiers, 1931	...	...	...	...	8,477
Number of families or separate occupiers, 1953	not available.				
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£212,526
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	£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

					M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	252	254	506
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	13	7	20
					<u>265</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>526</u>

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

					M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	7	12	19
Illegitimate	1	-	1
					<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>20</u>

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births	14.37
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DEATHS

Males	195
Females	159

354

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	...	9.3
Death Rate for England and Wales	...	11.4

Maternal Deaths

Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion One

The maternal Mortality Rates - per 1,000 total (live and still)

Births - for England and Wales were:-

Sepsis of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	...	...	0.10
Abortion with toxæmia	...	...	0.01
Other toxæmias of pregnancy and the puerperium	...	...	0.24
Haemorrhage of pregnancy and childbirth	...	...	0.13
Abortion without mention of sepsis or toxæmia	...	...	0.04
Abortion with sepsis	...	...	0.06
Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	...	...	0.18

Deaths of Infants under One year of Age

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	...	...	12
Illegitimate	...	...	-
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	...	...	7
Illegitimate	...	...	-
	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>

Death Rates of Infants under one year of age:-

All Infants per 1,000 live Births: 22.8

The Infant Mortality Rate for England

and Wales was 26.8 per 1,000 Live Births.

Causes of Death

	M.	F.
1. Respiratory Tuberculosis	7	3
2. Other Forms of Tuberculosis	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	1
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	1
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	1	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	9	3
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	6
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	4
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	19	11
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-
16. Diabetes	2	3
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	18	24
18. Coronary disease, angina	34	20
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	6
20. Other heart disease	27	33

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Causes of Death (continued)

			M.	F.
	b/f		124	117
21. Other circulatory disease	8	4
22. Influenza	7	3
23. Pneumonia	6	7
24. Bronchitis	12	4
25. Other diseases of respiratory system			1	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...			2	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea			-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	4	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...			-	1
31. Congenital malformations	1	4
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases			17	12
33. Motor vehicle accidents	3	1
34. All other accidents	1	2
35. Suicide	6	1
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
Totals			<u>195</u>	<u>159</u>

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

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SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers

Particulars of the Public 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.)

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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 Station 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.

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Drainage and Sewerage

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

The sewage is conveyed to the Whittington 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.

SECTION E.

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>	<u>Alum Precipitated</u> <u>Toxoid</u> <u>2 inj.</u>	<u>Toxoid Anti-toxin</u> <u>Mixture</u> <u>3 inj.</u>	<u>Total</u>
1935 ..	-	3	3
1936 ..	-	-	-
1937 ..	247	46	293
1938 ..	201	23	224
1939 ..	61	35	96
1940 ..	-	112	112
1941 ..	65	1397	1462
1942 ..	17	1806	1823
1943 ..	563	71	634
1944 ..	507	-	507
1945 ..	671	-	671
1946 ..	536	-	536
1947 ..	640	-	640
1948 ..	580	-	580
1949 ..	603	-	603
1950 ..	317	-	317
1951 ..	597	-	597
1952 ..	470	-	470
1953 ..	521	-	521
Totals	<u>6596</u>	<u>3493</u>	<u>10,089</u>

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.

Table showing the Incidence and Severity of Diphtheria

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Cases</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Case</u> <u>Mortality</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Immunised</u> <u>Cases</u>	<u>Children</u> <u>Deaths</u>
1935	110	18	16.3	3	-
1936	33	5	15.1	3	-
1937	81	3	3.7	6	-
1938	49	2	4.08	6	-
1939	40	7	17.5	111	-
1940	71	2	2.81	9	-
1941	87	5	5.74	8	-
1942	21	-	-	2	-
1943	18	1	5.5	5	-
1944	25	2	8.0	9	-
1945	47	3	6.38	11	-
1946	21	1	4.76	7	-
1947	30	2	6.66	11	1
1948	-	-	-	-	-
1949	-	-	-	-	-
1950	1	-	-	1	-
1951	-	-	-	-	-
1952	-	-	-	-	-
1953	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>634</u>	<u>51</u>		<u>92</u>	<u>1</u>

'CORRECTED' NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) FOR THE YEAR, 1953.

DISEASE	A G E S											Total No. of Cases	Cases admitted to Hospital	DEATHS
	Under 1 year	1 -	2 -	3 -	4 -	5 -	10 -	15 -	20 -	35 -	45 -	65 and upwards		
Scarlet Fever	-	2	5	7	10	66	10	1	3	-	-	-	55	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Polio-myelitis (Paralytic)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	3	3	-	-	1	2	1	2	2	10	17	6	13
Whooping Cough	4	5	13	17	8	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Measles	17	34	59	52	76	243	7	3	4	1	-	-	6	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	22	44	80	79	94	337	20	6	23	5	10	17	72	15

NOTE: 70 of the 72 hospital cases were admitted to Hayley Green Isolation Hospital, Halesowen. The original diagnoses of two other cases (1 Scarlet Fever and one Diphtheria) admitted to this hospital for observation were not subsequently confirmed.

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1953

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 ...	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-
25 ...	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-
35 ...	8	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
45 ...	7	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
55 ...	1	1	-	-	4	-	-	-
65 and upwards	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	17	8	-	-	7	3	-	-

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 OF TUBERCULOSIS ON THE REGISTER AT END OF 1953

	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
No. of cases on Register, 1st January, 1953	129	77	10	18
No. of cases notified for the first time during the year under the Regulations ...	17	8	-	-
No. of cases first heard of otherwise than by primary notification ...	3	-	-	-
No. of cases removed from Register in a previous Quarter which have 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

TABLE I

Summary of the results of the experiments

No. of experiments	No. of trials	No. of correct responses	No. of errors	No. of omissions	No. of commissions	No. of correct responses per cent	No. of errors per cent	No. of omissions per cent	No. of commissions per cent	Total per cent
1	10	8	2	0	0	80	20	0	0	100
2	10	7	3	0	0	70	30	0	0	100
3	10	6	4	0	0	60	40	0	0	100
4	10	5	5	0	0	50	50	0	0	100
5	10	4	6	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
6	10	3	7	0	0	30	70	0	0	100
7	10	2	8	0	0	20	80	0	0	100
8	10	1	9	0	0	10	90	0	0	100
9	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
10	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
11	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
12	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
13	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
14	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
15	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
16	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
17	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
18	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
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24	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
25	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
26	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
27	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
28	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
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30	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
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36	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
37	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
38	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
39	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
40	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
41	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
42	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
43	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
44	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
45	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
46	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
47	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
48	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
49	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
50	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
51	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
52	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
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67	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
68	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
69	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
70	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
71	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
72	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
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98	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
99	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
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The results of the experiments are given in the following table. The results are given in the form of a table, the columns of which are headed as follows: No. of experiments, No. of trials, No. of correct responses, No. of errors, No. of omissions, No. of commissions, No. of correct responses per cent, No. of errors per cent, No. of omissions per cent, No. of commissions per cent, Total per cent.

TABLE II

No. of experiments	No. of trials	No. of correct responses	No. of errors	No. of omissions	No. of commissions	No. of correct responses per cent	No. of errors per cent	No. of omissions per cent	No. of commissions per cent	Total per cent
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4	10	5	5	0	0	50	50	0	0	100
5	10	4	6	0	0	40	60	0	0	100
6	10	3	7	0	0	30	70	0	0	100
7	10	2	8	0	0	20	80	0	0	100
8	10	1	9	0	0	10	90	0	0	100
9	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
10	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
11	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
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35	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
36	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
37	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
38	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
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42	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
43	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
44	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
45	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100
46	10	0	10	0	0	0	100	0	0	100

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
Dairies and cowsheds	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
Rats and Mice Infestations	207
Water Supplies	22
Drainage	208
Tuberculosis After-Care	23
Waste Water Closets	6
Tents, Vans, Sheds &c	32
Refuse Tips	188
Pigsties	9
Pet Animals Act	6
Rag Flock Act	2
Licensed Premises	6
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.

	<u>No. of Notices</u>	<u>No. of Houses or premises affected</u>
General defects of houses	80	108
Defective sanitary conveniences	10	17
Defective drainage	16	45
Defective dustbins ..	4	7
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	<u>142</u>	<u>210</u>

Report of the Board of Directors of the
Company for the year ending December 31, 1917

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following table shows the assets and liabilities of the Company at the close of the year ending December 31, 1917:

The assets and liabilities of the Company were as follows:

Assets	Liabilities
Cash	Accounts payable
Accounts receivable	Notes payable
Inventory	Long-term debt
Fixed assets	Other liabilities
	Total

The assets of the Company were as follows:

Cash	Accounts receivable
Inventory	Fixed assets
Total	

Statement of Income

The following table shows the income of the Company for the year ending December 31, 1917:

Income Statement

Net sales	Cost of goods sold
Gross profit	Operating expenses
Operating income	Interest expense
Income before taxes	Income taxes
Net income	

STATUTORY NOTICES, 1953

	<u>No. of Notices</u>	<u>No. of Premises affected</u>
<u>Public Health Act, 1936</u>		
Abatement of Nuisances (S.93) ..	31	31
Requisition for Information (S.277)	1	1
Drainage (S.39)	10	12
Defective Closets (S.45)	4	4
Dustbins (S.75)	54	54
Paving (S.56)	1	1
<u>Housing Act, 1936</u>		
Notices to Appear before Council (S.12)	4	1
Notices to Appear before Council (S.11)	13	12
Demolition Orders (S.11)	14	10
Requisition for Information (S.168)	10	10
Repairs (S.9)	2	2
Notice re Clearance Area (S.25) ..	27	18
Undertaking (S.11)	1	1
<u>Regulation 68 AA. Defence General Regulations, 1939</u>		
Licences	2	1
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Totals	<u>174</u>	<u>158</u>

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)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	10
(iv)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) not found to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	.. ..	371
2.	Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal Notices:		
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	.. ..	85
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year:		
(A)	Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing 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	.. ..	2
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	.. ..	-
(B)	Proceedings 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	.. ..	72
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	.. ..	-
(C)	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing 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)	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:		
(i)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	.. ..	1
(ii)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	.. ..	-

One hundred and fifty seven houses were rendered fit after action under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936.

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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. 68A, 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.

<u>Type of Property</u>	<u>No of Premises Infested</u>	<u>No. of Treatments</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>	<u>Infested by</u>	
				<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>
Local Authority	9	14	40	8	1
Dwelling Houses	166	174	480	112	54
Business & Industrial					
Premises &c.	30	35	61	17	13
Agricultural Premises	2	2	16	2	-
	<u>207</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>597</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>68</u>

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.

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FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

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 sealed 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 14 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 (Pasteurised)	..	..		3
Milk (Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised)				2
Milk (Sterilised)	..	..		1
Ice Cream	13
Sausages	4
Meat Pies	2
Meat Paste	2
Ice Lollies, Mixture & Ingredients				32
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				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 result 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.

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BACTERIAL EXAMINATION OF MILK

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

<u>Type of Milk</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Tests Applied</u>	<u>Results of Tests</u>	
			<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	24	Methylene Blue Phosphatase	24 24	- -
Pasteurised ..	74	Methylene Blue Phosphatase	74 74	- -
Sterilised ..	15	Turbidity Test	15	-
Tuberculin Tested	3	Methylene Blue	3	-
Raw Milk ..	15	Methylene Blue	13	2
Jersey Tuberculin Tested	2	Methylene Blue	2	-
Accredited ..	1	Methylene 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 use of the special designation "tuberculin tested" (including four bottling establishments) .. 17
 Two of these discontinued during the year.

Supplementary licence authorising the use of the special designation "tuberculin tested" 4

Pasteurised Milk

Dealer's (Pasteuriser's) licence authorising the holder to pasteurise milk 3

Dealer's licence authorising the use of the special designation "pasteurised" 15

Supplementary licence authorising the use of the special designation "pasteurised" 6

Sterilised Milk

Dealer's licence authorising the use of the special designation "sterilised" 106

Supplementary licence authorising the use of the special designation "sterilised" 7

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

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, were voluntarily destroyed:-

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

There is no Government Centralised Slaughterhouse in the Borough.

TABLE 1. (Continued)

The following table shows the results of the analysis of variance for the different factors.

Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	D.F.	Mean Square	F-Value	Prob.
Between Groups	12.5	4	3.125	1.5	.20
Within Groups	16.0	16	1.0		
Total	28.5	20			
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Meat and Other Food Inspection (Continued)

Sixty 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:-

<u>Canned Foods</u>			<u>No. of Tins</u>
Vegetables	..	..	184
Meat	..	..	208 (approximately 1/4 cwt.)
Fish	..	..	40
Soup	..	..	7
Fruit	..	..	652
Fruit Juice	..	..	14
Milk	..	..	126
Cream	..	..	1
Tomatoes	..	..	4
Strained Baby Foods	..	..	3
Asparagus	..	..	3
Victoria Plums	..	..	336

Fruit Juice	..	..	12 bottles
Fruit	..	..	2 jars
Jelly	..	..	226 pkts.
Oatmeal	..	..	1 lb.
Barley	..	..	25 pkts.
Sauce	..	..	5 bottles
Coffee	..	..	1 bottle
Honey	..	..	2 jars
Vinegar	..	..	9 bottles
Pickled Cabbage	..	..	9 jars
Pickled Onions	..	..	3 jars
Pudding Mixture	..	..	1 pkt.
Raising Powder	..	..	23 pkts.
Veal and Poultry Stuffing	..	..	2 pkts.
Herring Sandwich Spread	..	..	2 jars.
Beef Paste	..	..	14 jars
Chicken Paste	..	..	1 jar
Piccalilli	..	..	2 jars
Lemon 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)	..	..	16 1/2 lbs.
Sausages	..	..	20 lbs.
Carrots	..	..	1 ton 11 cwt.
Seedless Raisins (1 box)	..	..	1 qtr. 2 lbs.
Prunes	..	..	12 1/2 lbs.
Kippers	..	..	2 qtrs. 19 1/2 lbs.
Cheese	..	..	3 1/4 lbs.
Cheese	..	..	29 pkts.
Cheese	..	..	39 boxes
Flour	..	..	30 lbs.
Bun Flour	..	..	15 pkts.
Chicken	..	..	8

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 plumbic 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 Water Supply taken during the year:-

	<u>LOW LEVEL</u>	<u>HIGH LEVEL</u>
	No. 1	No. 2
Physical Characters	14 Aug. 1953 Clear, odourless Deposit None pH 7.4	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	30	56
Chlorides calculated as Common Salt	5	11
Hardness - Permanent	7	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 bacilli, MacConkey two days, 37°C. (per 100 ml.)	Faecal Coli (per 100 ml.)
January 15th ..	Nil	Nil
February 12th ..	Nil	Nil
March 19th ..	Nil	Nil
April 16th ..	Nil	Nil
May 8th ..	Nil	Nil
June 4th ..	Nil	Nil
July 9th ..	Nil	Nil
August 20th ..	Nil	Nil
September 17th ..	Nil	Nil
October 22nd ..	Nil	Nil
November 12th ..	Nil	Nil
December 17th ..	Nil	Nil

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.

SMOKE 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.

A total of 100,000 copies of the report were distributed to the various departments of the Government and to the various States and Territories.

The report is now in the hands of the various departments and States and Territories.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

The report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the year ending June 30, 1890, is herewith submitted. It contains a full and complete statement of the work of the Department during the year, and of the condition of the public lands at the close of the year.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

The report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the year ending June 30, 1891, is herewith submitted. It contains a full and complete statement of the work of the Department during the year, and of the condition of the public lands at the close of the year.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

The report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the year ending June 30, 1892, is herewith submitted. It contains a full and complete statement of the work of the Department during the year, and of the condition of the public lands at the close of the year.

The report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the year ending June 30, 1893, is herewith submitted. It contains a full and complete statement of the work of the Department during the year, and of the condition of the public lands at the close of the year.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

The report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the year ending June 30, 1894, is herewith submitted.

The report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the year ending June 30, 1895, is herewith submitted. It contains a full and complete statement of the work of the Department during the year, and of the condition of the public lands at the close of the year.

The report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the year ending June 30, 1896, is herewith submitted. It contains a full and complete statement of the work of the Department during the year, and of the condition of the public lands at the close of the year.

The report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the year ending June 30, 1897, is herewith submitted. It contains a full and complete statement of the work of the Department during the year, and of the condition of the public lands at the close of the year.

VERMIN INFESTATION

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

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.

OUTWORKERS

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	" " petroleum spirit and cellulose
2	" " petroleum spirit and carbide of calcium
3	" " carbide of calcium only
3	" " cellulose only
1	" " cellulose and carbide of calcium
2	" " 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.

THE PROBLEM

It is a well-known fact that the problem of the day is the problem of the future. The future is not a distant land, but a land that is already before us. It is a land that is full of possibilities, but also full of dangers. We must therefore be prepared to face the future with courage and determination.

THE SOLUTION

The solution to the problem of the day is the solution of the future. It is a solution that is based on the principles of justice, equality, and peace. It is a solution that is based on the belief that every man has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is a solution that is based on the belief that we are all members of the same family, and that we must therefore treat each other with respect and kindness.

CONCLUSION

The problem of the day is the problem of the future. The solution to the problem of the day is the solution of the future. We must therefore be prepared to face the future with courage and determination. We must be prepared to fight for the principles of justice, equality, and peace. We must be prepared to stand up for the rights of every man, woman, and child.

APPENDIX

The following are the names of the persons who have been named in the foregoing report. They are listed in alphabetical order. The names are: [List of names]

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		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	231	20	8	-
(b) Other ...	-	-	-	-
(3) Other premises under the Act (Excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	273	32	8	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Insp-ector	By H.M. Insp-ector	
(1)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Want of Cleanlin- ess (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	2	-
(b) Unsuitable or 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	-

Date		Description		Amount	
1890	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	
1891	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	

Date		Description		Amount	
1892	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	
1893	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	