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# BOROUGH OF THORNABY-ON-TEES

# Mayor:

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# Deputy Mayor:

ALDERMAN JOSEPH LEO. FORSTER McGANN, J.P.

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Local Health Sub-Committee

for Thornaby Area ... Ald. E. E. Brennan, J.P., C.C.

\*Members of the Local Health Committee for the Thornaby Area.

The Sanitary Committee consists of the whole of the members of the Council.

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Town Clerk ... A. Stockwell.

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M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector ... C. Knox, Cert. R.San.I., etc.

to 30/6/52.

H. C. Slater, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

from 1/7/52.

Additional Sanitary

Inspector ... R. W. Dobson, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough of Thornaby-on-Tees for the year ended 31st December, 1952.

# Birth Rate.

The corrected birth rate of 19.6 per thousand of the population in common with the rest of the country declined slightly from last years figure of 21.8.

A total of 455 births were notified, of which 198 were attended by midwives as such, and 81 by midwives acting as maternity nurses. The remaining 176 occurred mostly in hospitals outside the boundaries of the town.

There are arguments both for and against such extensive hospitalisation but for my part, with housing still as it is, I am very grateful indeed to the hospitals concerned, particularly the Middlesbrough General for accepting so many of those cases whose homes are unsuitable for domiciliary midwifery.

If I may be allowed one criticism of the hospital services I would say that sufficient facilities are not made available for the retention and nursing of premature infants. Indeed the general policy would appear to be to have them returned to their homes as quickly as possible, and although in a general way I agree with this policy, I think the decision should rest on the home conditions and type of mother, a decision which could very well be influenced by a report from the nursing or sanitary staff of the local authority.

### Death Rate.

The corrected death rate for the area of 12.1 gives cause for little comment, and is similar to that obtained in the 160 great towns of England and Wales.

Of 228 deaths 97 were classified as belonging to diseases of the heart and blood vessels and 51 from malignancy.

# Maternal Mortality.

I regret to say there was one death due to child birth attributed to acute heart failure following labour.

# Infant Mortality.

I am pleased to announce that the infant mortality figure has declined to a new record low level. At 26.9 deaths per 1,000 live births we have improved on the national figure of 27.6, no mean achievement for a town where the majority of the houses are of the type once referred to as the working class.

I must qualify my pleasure, however, by recalling that too much reliance can not be given to the yearly figure covering a small area. Indeed a minor epidemic of infantile enteritis, barely noticible in the records of a large town could materially alter our good record. However, I am pleased to say that the general tendency shows a definite improvement, as anyone can see by referring to the infant mortality records shown in the body of the report.

# Infectious Diseases.

440 cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year as compared with 331 last year. The most noticible increase was in measles which advanced from 232 cases to 340, part of a national increase. The disease continues to be mild in character and there were no deaths.

A small increase was also recorded in the number of cases of Scarlatina. This disease was also mild, and indeed it becomes increasingly difficult to differentiate between this condition and other streptococcal throat infections.

# Tuberculosis.

The number of cases of tuberculosis has shown a welcome decline, the first since 1946. I feel hopeful that with the improvement in housing and the increasing use of more positive methods of treatment, both notifications and deaths will gradually decline.

My thanks are again offered to the Housing Committee of the Council for their co-operation in rehousing overcrowded tuber-culosis families. I trust that the time will not come when these unfortunate people will be prevented from obtaining Council houses because of high rentals.

# Housing.

I am pleased to note that the number of new dwellings built by the Council in 1952 has increased from 75 to 80 (64 houses and 16 flats). Houses built by private enterprise have also increased from 10 to 31.

Finally may I express my thanks to the Council, Staff and the Ladies Voluntary Committee for their continued co-operation and help throughout the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. A. RODGERS.

# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (Acres)	application of			TOUR			1,993
Population							23,630
Number of inhab	itated h	ouses (	end of	1952)	M		6,092
Rateable Value	andida n	44,000	4 (1.14)	1003.10	101,00	1 (1.1	£94,801
Sum represented	by a pe	nny ra	te				£360

The Town is situated on the southerly bank of the River Tees which forms the northern boundary of the Borough and separates it from the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees. On the easterly side it is contiguous with the County Borough of Middlesbrough, and on the southerly and westerly sides with the Rural District of Stokesley.

The surface of the ground is mainly flat, the sub-soil clay, and the industries carried on in the town are mainly connected with the iron and steel trades.

Many of the population work in the neighbouring areas of Middlesbrough, Stockton and Billingham.

# Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year 1952.

		Total	Males	Females
Live Births—Legitimate	1 21.15	429	215	214
Illegitimate	2	16	10	6
Total	H1	445	225	220

# Birth Rates.

Legitimate	19.20 pe	er 1,000	estimated	resident	population.
Illegitimate	.42	,,		.,	
Total	19.62	nue ,		1,000	

		Total	Males	Females
Still Births-Legitimate		9	6	3
Illegitimate		1	1	-
Total	thunds !	10	7	3

Still Birth Rate-21.97 per 1,000 live and still births.

		Total	Males	Females
Deaths	 	 228	115	113

Death Rate—12.09 per 1,000 estimated resident population.

# Deaths from Puerperal Causes-Nil.

(per 1,000 live births)

Deaths from Fuerperar Causes—IVII.				
	Deaths		Rate per 1	,000
		(live	and still bi	rths)
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	1		2.25	
Infant Mortality-26.96 per 1,000 liv	e births.			
Mortality of Legitimate Infants-26	.96 per	1,000	legitimate	live
births.				
Mortality of Illegitimate Infants-N	Vil per 1	,000 i	illegitimate	live
births.				
Death from Measles				-
" Whooping Cough				
" Diarrhoea (under two	years of	age)		1
The causes of the greatest morta	lity duri	ng 195	52 were :	
Heart disease		-		71
Cancer				51
Cerebral Haemorrhage				20
Pneumonia				
T	8			-
Bronchitis				11
There was no unusual or excess				
which requires any comment.				
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Comparison of Statistics for t	he Veer	1051	9. 1053	
Comparison of Statistics for t				
2 1 2 2 2 2 2	195		1952	
Population	23,3		23,630	
Birth Rate (per 1,000 population)	21.8		19.62	
Death Rate (per 1,000 population)	13.2	1	12.09	
Infant Mortality rate			26.06	

41.10

26.96

BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES and ANALYSIS of MORTALITY in the year 1952. England and Wales, 160 County Boroughs and Great Towns, and 160 Smaller Towns.

Rate per 1,000 live Births	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years)	7	1.3	0.5	0.7	0.04	383 4
Rate J	Total Deaths under 1 year	27.6	31.2	25.8	23.8	26.9	AND NO.
Linis	, Acute poliomye- litis (including polioence- phalitis)	0.01	10.01	0.00	10.0	0.04	adla adla
Z	Influenza	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.00	Rin
PULATIC	Diph- theria	0.00	000	0.00	00.00	00.00	
ANNUAL DEATH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION	Whoop- ing Cough	0.00	0.00	0.00	00.00	000	Dis
RATE PER	Tuber- culosis	0.24	0.28	0.22	0.31	0.29	
DEATH	Pneu- monia	0.47	0.52	0.43	0.58	0.59	idnie
ANNUAL	Small- pox	0.00	0.00	0.00	00.00	00.00	o to t
	Typhoid and Para- typhoid Fever	0.00	0.00	0.00	00.00	00.00	199
20	Ail	11.3	12.1	11.2	12.6	12.1	
Der 00	Still	0.35	0.43	0.36	0.34	0.45	5163
Rate per	Live Sirths Births	15.3	16.9	15.5	17.6	19.6	Mor
		England and Wales	160 County Boroughs and Great Towns, in- cluding London	(Estimated Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at Census 1951)	London	Thornaby-on-Tees	

2.25 The maternal mortality rate for England and Wales per 1,000 Total Births 0.73

" Thornaby

England and Wales, 160 County Boroughs and Great Towns, and 160 Smaller Towns. CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1952.

# RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION

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	02 0.03	1.53	2.61	0.01	0.14	00.00	8.86	0.72	90.0	0.03	0.13
160 County Boroughs and Great	92		P								
Towns including London 0.00 0.02	02 0.03	1.75	2.74	0.01	0.15	0.00	10.11	080	90.0	0.03	0.16
160 Smaller Towns (estimated	9,2		200								
Resident Population 25,000	9.0		58								
to 50,000 at Census, 1951) 0.00 0.03	03 0.03	1.58	2.57	0.03	0.12	0.00	8.49	0.62	90.0	0.02	0.11
London 0.00 0.01	01 0.02	1.56	1.66	0.01	0.14	0.00	9.23	0.57	90.0	0.03	0.18
Thornaby-on-Tees 0.00 0.00	00 0.04	76.0	1.31	0.00	0.29	0.00	14.38	1.18	0.16	0.00	0.04

52.	Infantile Mortality	81.0	78.2	9.99	55.2	66.1	82.0	39.0	62.9	75.2	The Paris and	7.97	58.4	65.5	9.07	55.5	82.0	51.6	53.4	55.0	33.4	56.6	41.1	26.9
VITAL STATISTICS, 1931-1952.	Death Rate	11.3	13.5	12.3	12.1	13.2	12.1	10.9	11.4	11.9	The state of the s	13.0	13.1	11.0	13.9	11.3	11.9	12.0	11.9	10.7	10.2	12.0	13.2	12.1
	Birth Rate	23.5	21.7	19.0	20.4	19.1	19.74	20.92	20.3	20.5	The state of the s	20.6	20.1	19.1	22.0	22.7	19.3	21.9	25.1	22.3	23.2	20.3	21.8	9.61
IVE TABLE OF	Population Estimated	21.510	21.200	21,320	21,270	21,330	21,630	21,740	21,740	1 21,950	, 21.730	20,870	20,870	20,810	20,600	20,560	20,780	22,030	22,400	22,850	23.210	23,490	23,380	23,630
COMPARATIVE	YEAR	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1030	6661	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952

# CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1952.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Males	Females
All Causes	115	113
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Tuberculosis, respiratory	3	3
Tuberculosis, other Syphilitic disease	1	1
Diphtheria	_	_
Whooping Cough	20 20 9/8	
Meningococcal infections	-	
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	_
Measles	3000-0000	1 10-01
Malianant naanlaam atamaah	4	7
" " lung, bronchus …	9	í
" " breast	- 40	3
" " uterus	- T-	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	17	9
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	_	-
Manufacture of severe servers	2 5	15
Coronary disease, angina	13	12
Hypertension with heart disease	1	3
Other heart disease	18	24
Other circulatory disease	2	4
Influenza	-	_
Pneumonia	8	6 5
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	_
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrheoa	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	_
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion Congenital malformations	Total Samuel	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	12	8
Motor vehicle accidents		1
All other accidents	2 3	3
Suicide	THE REAL PROPERTY.	2
Homicide and operations of war	_	-
SSISTANCE ACT, 1948.	K JAVO	

# GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE BOROUGH.

# PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

At the beginning of the Report a list is given showing the Officers connected with the Health Services in the Borough.

# 2. SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE AREA.

Laboratory Facilities. During the year the Borough Council continued the arrangements offered by the Public Health Laboratory, General Hospital, Middlesbrough, in respect of the diagnosis of pathological specimens.

# 3. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

With certain exceptions the Thornaby Area Health Sub-Committee exercises the functions of the Local Health Authority in supervising the services provided for under this Act. The Committee meets once a month in Thornaby and is comprised of members of the County Council, the Borough of Thornaby-on-Tees and the Rural District of Stokesley. Among the services for which they are responsible to the County Council are the following:—

Domestic Helps.

Prevention of illness; care and after care.

The Ambulance Service.

Vaccination and Immunisation.

Home Nursing.

Health Visiting.

Midwifery.

Care of mothers and young children.

In this connection, a very comprehensive programme of clinical work is carried out in the Health Centre, Thornaby.

# 4. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47. One case was dealt with during the year under the provisions of this section.

# SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

# Water.

There is an adequate piped supply to all households obtained from the Tees Valley Water Board. Co-ordination is established with the Board, whose chemists take samples regularly for chemical and bacteriological examination. All samples have been highly satisfactory and no complaints have been received during this year.

# Drainage and Sewerage.

With the exception of the Vale Cottages, situated on the Borough boundary and well outside the populated area, the town has a complete water carriage system. The whole of the sewerage is discharged in a crude state into the River Tees.

# Public Cleansing.

The work is under the immediate control of the Sanitary Inspector and is carried out by direct labour. All refuse collected is disposed of by "Controlled Tipping" on the one site at the Erimus.

# Camping Sites.

There are no camping sites in the Borough.

# Municipal Swimming Baths.

The whole capacity of the bath, amounting to 124,000 gallons, can be turned over, refiltered, sterilised, chlorinated and reoxidised in three and a half hours. The break-point system of Chlorination (or super-chlorination) is used, and all samples of bath water taken during the year for chemical and bacteriological examination were highly satisfactory.

### Closet Accomodation.

With few exceptions the town has a complete water carriage system.

# Schools.

The sanitary conditions of the Schools were satisfactory.

# INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Since the adoption of the Meat Distribution Scheme by the Ministry of Food, slaughtering has ceased within the area. All meat supplied to butchers in the Borough is drawn from the Distributing Centre at Middlesbrough.

A list of foodstuffs condemned as unfit for human consumption is given in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

# FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

For the report, as follows, on the sampling work done under the Act I am indebted to the Inspector of Weights and Measures.

I have to report that during the year ending 31st December, 1952, 47 samples of foodstuffs were taken in the Borough of Thornaby-on-Tees for analysis under the above Act.

These samples were all found to be genuine.

A detailed list of samples taken is appended :-

Beef Sausages	4	Malt Vinegar 1
Coffee	1	Non Brewed Condiment 2
Cooking Fat	1	Orange Squash 1
Custard Powder	1	Pork Sausages 1
Dessicated Coconut	1	Robinsons Patent Barley 1
Essence of Coffee		Sage 1
and Chicory	1	Strawberry Jam 1
Ground Rice	1	Table Jelly 1
Lemonade	2	Table Jelly Crystals 1
Lemon Curd	2	Tea 1
Marmalade	1	
Mincemeat	1	
Milk (including Milk		47
to Schools)	20	Class Accomodation

# Food Poisoning Outbreaks.

There have been no outbreaks of Food Poisoning during the year.

# CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1952.

	10		Total	7-	1	l	-	1	1	1	14	1	1	1	15
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			20 to 35	-	-	-	1	7	-	1	9	-	-	el me	=
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	OF CASES NOTIFIED.	- YE	10 to 15	1 8	1	T	T	9	1	1	1	1	7	Tall and	6
	CASE	AGES .	5 to 10		I	1	1	127	1	1	7	1	10	3	143
		AT,	4 to 5	1	1	1	1	39	1	1	1	1	3	2	47
	NUMBER		3 to 4	-	1	1	1	99	1	1	-	1	3	7	19
	Z		2 to 3	1	1	1	-	42	-	1	-	1	3		51
			1 to 2	2	1	.1	1	4	-	1	1	1	-	6	56
			Under 1	1	1	1	-	23	1	-	2	1	1	4	33
	11	s	Total Cases at all Ages	4	2	7	-	340	2	1	28	1	23	31	440
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The same of			Notifiable Diseases	Acute Poliomyelitis	Dysentery	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Measles	Meningococcal Infection	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Pneumonia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Totals
4	16.			4	L	H	H	-	-	0	H	4	0)		

# DIPHTHERIA PREVENTION.

Diphtheria anti-toxin is supplied free to any Medical Practitioner in the Town who applies for it. Swabs from suspected cases are examined at the Public Health Laboratory, General Hospital, Middlesbrough.

There were no cases of diphtheria during the year.

As regards diphtheria prevention, over 90% of Thornaby school children have been immunised against the disease since the inception of the Anti-Diphtheria Campaign in 1940.

Similarly, the figure for children under school age immunised against diphtheria is 59%.

In the course of medical inspections at schools and at the Welfare Centres parents are encouraged to have their children protected against Diphtheria either at the Clinic on Monday or Thursday or by a private medical practitioner by arrangement.

# TUBERCULOSIS.

The following table shows the new cases and deaths for the Borough of Thornaby-on-Tees during 1952:—

Mary Woodley	NEW CASES				TOTAL DEATHS				
AGE PERIODS	Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary		
	М	F	M	F	М	F	M	F	
Under 1 year 1—5 years 5—10 ,, 10—15 , 15—20 , 20—25 ,, 25—35 , 35—45 ,, 45—55 ,, 65 & upwards	- 2 1 2 1 7 - 2 4		111111111111111111111111111111111111111						
TOTALS	19	9	new le	vid o	3	3	i = i	1	

Classification of Non-Pulmonary cases of Tuberculosis : --

Tubercular Endometritis 1

# REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1952.

# SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

SANITART INSPECTION OF THE	AKE	^	
Description of Work carried out.			
Number of Inspections made			1141
Number of Re-Inspections made			4624
Number of Informal Notices served	-		465
Number of Statutory Notices served			143
	16.		-
RESULT OF SERVICE OF NOT	ICES.		
Drainage.			
Single private drains reconstructed or repaired	1		64
Waste pipes of sinks trapped or renewed			22
Gullies renewed			1
Grate tops renewed			3
	3	H. Davidson, St.	20-
Water Closets.			
Provided with sufficient supply of water			59
Cisterns repaired or renewed			24
Basins renewed			14
of Non-Palmetann come of Telegraphic			
Houses.			
Roofs repaired			150
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed			151
Fall pipes repaired or renewed			68
Yard pavements repaired or relayed	****		12
Floors repaired or relaid			53
Defective Walls			144
Defective Plasterwork			254
Defective ceilings			53
Defective fireplaces			45
Defective Staircases			5
Dilapidated set pots			9
Handrails fixed or repaired			12
Defective sash cords and windows			88
Defective chimneys			26
Defective yard doors			39
Dilapidated doors			34
Dilapidated doors (front and internal)			69

Diapidated dustoins 247
Dilapidated closet doors 26
Dilapidated closet seats 31
Defective closet roofs 69
Defective joints between flushpipe and W.C. basin 8
New windows provided to food stores 14
Defective flues 19
Miscellaneous minor defects 60
New food stores provided 3
Sinks provided or renewed 12
Houses provided with damp course 17
Water supply pipes repaired or renewed 13
Taps repaired or renewed 6
Sanitary Conveniences.
Number of privies, moveable receptacles 9
Number of fresh water closets 6467
Number of ashpits 1
Number of ashbins 7312
Offensive Trades.
There are no offensive trades carried on within the Borough.
There are no onensive trades earried on within the Bollough.
Common Lodging Houses.
There are no Common Lodging Houses in the Borough.
Slaughterhouses.
Number licensed
Ice Cream.
Number of registered premises 49
Dairies and Milkshops.
Number on Register 51
Number of Inspections 97

Milk (Specia	al Design	and the same of		steurised ns, 1949.		Sterilise	ed I	Milk)
Milk (Speci	al Desig	nation)	(R	aw Mil	k) R	egulation	is,	1949.
Number of Milk		Licen		granted	for 	Pasteuris	ed	16
Number of Milk					l for	Sterilis	ed	28
Number of D Milk	Dealer's L		gran 		Tubero		ed	2
Number of S Tested M				es grante			lin 	2
Number of S Milk	upplemen 	tary Li	icenc	es grante	d for	Pasteuris	ed	2
		FOC	DDST	TUFFS.				
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Tinned Tinned Confecti	Vegetable	s .			- Hom	2 8 1 — — 12	12 14 3	

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT.

Total :-

10

15

11

12

Swine Fever.

Tuberculosis Order, 1938.

Processed Cheese

Cereals ...

Foot and Mouth Disease.

Anthrax.

Parasitic Mange.

The Area remained free from these diseases.

Tinned Milk ... ...

# SHOPS ACT, 1950.

Number of Inspections made		 	277
Number of Informal Notices served		 	2
Number of Statutory Notices served		 	-
Number of Certificates of Exemption gr	ranted-		
Sanitary Conveniences		 	1 7

# ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Eleven houses were found to be verminous and were sprayed with insecticides containing D.D.T. The results obtained were very satisfactory. Inspections were made to check re-infestation and tenants were advised on precautions to be taken.

The houses of all prospective tenants for Council houses are inspected and the house and furniture must be certified as clear from vermin before removal takes place.

# RODENT CONTROL.

One trained Rodent Operative is employed part time on this work. Regular surveys were made and all complaints given prompt attention.

All sewers in the district received two treatments in accordance with the methods approved by the responsible Ministry, and routine inspections and treatments were made at other Council properties.

# FACTORIES ACT, 1937. INSPECTION OF FACTORIES.

	1000	Number of				
Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted		
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	esonsing	Tes			
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	55	71	2	inis inis		
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	4	11	1	ites (00)		
Total	62	90	3	-		

# DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES.

	No. of Defects					
Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector	No. of Prosecu- tions		
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	100	1/-		
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	_		
Unreasonable temperature		e spoints	a suffici	U 0000		
(S.3.)	OF THE OWNER	bran m	-	1 -		
Inadequate ventilation				· ·		
(S.4.)	_	_	_	_		
Ineffective drainage of						
floors (S.6.)		_	_			
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)						
Insufficient	2	2	1	-		
Unsuitable or defective	3	3	_	_		
Not separate for sexes			_	_		
Other offences	_	_	-	_		
Total	5	5	1	-		
	Commence of the last					

There are no Outworkers.

# HOUSING STATISTICS.

1.	Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:-	
	(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for Housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1141
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	4624
	(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1929 and 1932	182
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	536
	(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	_
	(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	351
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	316
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:-	
	(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	64

(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were	
		70
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	6
Proc	eedings under Public Health Acts :-	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	79
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—	
	(a) By Owners	48
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	11
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	_
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	-
(2)	ground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or	
	Proce (1) (2) Proce Hou (1) (2) Proce Act, (1)	rendered fit after service of formal notices:—  (a) By Owners  (b) By Local Authority in default of owners  Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—  (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied  (2) 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  Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—  (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made  (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders  Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—  (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made  (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made  (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made



