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BOROUGH OF TOTNES

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR 1972

PRESENTED BY

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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REPORT ON THE

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF THE DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR 1917

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Municipal Borough of Totnes

Annual Report of the Health of the District during 1972

P r e f a c e

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Members of the Borough Council:-

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith the Annual Report on the Health of the District, drawn up in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 1/73 dated January, 1973. Included in the Report is the Report of your Chief Public Health Inspector.

Vital Statistics

The Registrar General estimated that the population increased by 80 persons to a total of 5,800 persons. Deaths exceeded births by 41 so that to get this increased population a total of 121 people must have moved into the town. The 77 births that occurred give a standardised Birth Rate of 15.8 per thousand population which is above the National Rate of 14.8. The 118 deaths resulted in a Standardised Death Rate of 11.2 which is below the National Average of 12.1, so on the whole these statistics are encouraging. There were no infant deaths.

Infectious Diseases

In June a resident of the Borough returned from a World Cruise where he had been a contact of typhoid fever. Stool tests carried out on him were negative.

In August a small number of persons employed at two local food factories were found to have Sonne Dysentery. Routine tests were carried out on all the contacts and as a result two more persons were found to be infected, though symptomless, and were excluded from work. Certificates under the National Insurance Regulations were issued to some workers and other workers were excluded from work under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1968. These latter workers were compensated for loss of earnings by the Borough Council. The outbreak cleared up by early September.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Chairman Environmental Health E. Keat, and the
Vice-Chairman and Council members of the Committee were
the Mayor I draw attention to the Report of your Chief Public
Health Inspector which appears further on in the Report.

I wish to thank members of the Council and staff for
their support during the year.

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John Wilman

National Officer of Health

August, 1973

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The Chairman was Councillor Miss E.E. Keat, and the Vice-Chairman was Councillor A. Craven. Also on the Committee were the Mayor and six other members of the Council.

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SECTION 'A'

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1972

Table 1

Figures for 1971 are shown in brackets

POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year Population of Totnes Municipal Borough

Total	5,800	(5,720)
Natural increase or decrease	- 41	(-25)
Migration in or out	+ 121	(+45)
Total increase or decrease	+ 80	(+20)

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Totnes Municipal Borough in Acres 1,421 (9.3)

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books on 1.4.72

2,190 (2,172)

Number of houses per acre	1.541	(1.529)
Number of persons per acre	4.082	(4.025)
Number of persons per house	2.649	(2.633)
Number of dwellings owned by the Council	605	

Rateable Value of District £242,359 (£234,183)

Sum represented by a new penny rate £2,321 (£2,277)

COMPARISON OF TOWN OF TOTNES WITH ENGLAND AND WALES

<u>Birth Rate</u>	12.7	(12.0)	<u>Death Rate</u>	12.1	(11.5)
<u>Infantile Mortality Rate</u>					
(Infants under 1 year of age)			17.0	(18.0)	

CAUSES OF DEATH 1972

Table 2

Figures for 1971 are shown in brackets

BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
<u>Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population</u>	15.8		(15.4)
Area Comparability Factor for births	1.19		(1.19)
<u>Number of Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	45	32	77
Legitimate	42	30	72
Illegitimate	3	2	5
<u>Number of Still Births</u>	2	0	2

DEATHS

<u>Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population</u>	11.2		(9.3)
Area Comparability Factor for Deaths	0.55		(0.54)
<u>Number of Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
All Ages Total	45	73	118
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year</u>	0	0	0
Number under 4 weeks of age	0	0	0
Number under 1 week of age	0	0	0
<u>Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births</u>	0.00		(0.00)

COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

<u>Birth Rate</u>	14.8	(16.0)	<u>Death Rate</u>	12.1	(11.6)
<u>Infantile Mortality Rate</u>					
(Infants under 1 year of age)			17.0		(18.0)

CAUSES OF DEATH 1972

<u>Cause of Death</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
B6(2)	Other Tuberculosis	0	1	1
B19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	1	0	1
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	1	2
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	0	2	2
B19(5)	Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	1	0	1
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	0	1
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	0	3	3
B19(9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	-	1
B19(10)	Leukaemia	1	0	1
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	4	5
B46(1)	Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	0	1	1
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	13	7	20
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	3	11	14
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	8	14	22
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory system	4	1	5
B32	Pneumonia	2	2	4
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	0	1
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	0	1
B34	Peptic Ulcer	1	2	3
B36	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	0	1
B46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	0	1	1
B46(9)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	0	1	1
B45	Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	3	18	21
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2
BE48	All Other Accidents	0	2	2
BE50	All Other External Causes	0	1	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES		45	73	118

SECTION 'B'

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE

1. Hospitals

There are two hospitals in the town, The Totnes and District Hospital is a general practitioner hospital and has 24 beds. Broomborough Hospital has 135 beds for chronic cases. It has a maternity wing with 13 beds and cots; this unit serves a wide area outside the town.

2. Laboratory Facilities

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory services at Exeter and Plymouth. The chemical analysis of water is undertaken by Public Analysts at Exeter, and also by the South West Devon Water Board.

3. Mass Miniature Radiography

The Unit visited Totnes once a fortnight throughout the year.

4. County Health Services

Under the National Health Services Act, 1946, the County Council provides the following services:-

Domiciliary midwives, home nurses, health visitors, supervisory care of expectant and nursing mothers and children under five, ambulance services, vaccination and immunisation procedures.

Two District nurse/midwives work in the district together with a health visitor and a clinic nurse. A Child Welfare clinic is held at regular intervals at The Borough Park Clinic.

A chiropody clinic is held for the handicapped, the aged and expectant mothers at the Family Welfare Centre, Pomeroy House, Bridgetown, Totnes. Telephone: Totnes 3665

5. Social Services

The Area Director of Social Services at The Family Welfare Centre, Pomeroy House, Bridgetown, Totnes, Telephone 3665, is responsible for providing a Social Work Service under the Children's Act, the Mental Health Act 1959, and the National Assistance Act, to the elderly, the mentally ill, the physically handicapped and homeless persons and families. The Social Services Department also administers the Home Help Service, the Social Work Service to Schools, the Occupational Therapy Services and residential homes and centres.

SECTION 'C'

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: Cases Notified During 1972

Table I

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Age Group in Years</u>					
		<u>Under</u>	<u>1 - 5 - 15 -</u>			<u>25 -</u>	<u>Over</u>
		1	1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	65
Measles	73	2	37	34	0	0	0
Infective Jaundice	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sonné Dysentery	2	0	0	0	0	2	0

Table II

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Incidence by Quarters</u>			
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Measles	73	0	71	2	0
Infective Jaundice	1	1	0	0	0
Sonné Dysentery	2	0	0	1	1

INTERNATIONAL VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

International certificates of vaccination were authenticated by the Public Health Department during the year of 1972 as follows:-

Smallpox	153	Cholera	72
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CHEST RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

I am indebted to the Director of the Mass Radiography Service at Bristol for the following summary of information concerning visits of the Mass X-Ray Unit to Totnes during 1972:-

(A) Coronation Road Car Park, Totnes (Fortnightly)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Numbers examined (includes 59 G.P. cases)	140	119	259

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

ABNORMALITIES DETECTED:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Healed Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0	1	1
Goitre	0	1	1
Acquired Cardiac Lesion	1	0	1
Bacterial and Virus infection of the lungs	1	0	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	2	0	2
Pleural thickening	1	1	2
Pulmonary fibrosis	1	0	1

(B) Broomborough Hospital, Totnes - May 12th 1972

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Numbers examined	16	64	80

ABNORMALITIES DETECTED:-

Healed Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0	1	1
Bacterial and Virus infection of the lungs	0	1	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 AND 1951

No action was necessary under these Acts for the compulsory removal of persons in need of care and attention. No burials took place under Section 50 of the 1948 Act.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1972 was overshadowed by the fast approaching reality of Local Government Reorganisation. The effects were felt not only in the sense that any forward planning was inhibited, but also in that increasing time had to be devoted to the subject.

The professional public health officers of No. 9 District got away to an early start in a spirit of good will and co-operation. They studied the likely work in the new District, the quality of performance and the concept of total environmental health in an idealistic as well as practical manner. In those early days, especially in view of the Bains Report recommendations, the prospect of proper recognition for the work and worth of the Environmental Health Officer seemed very real. Time has tempered these aspirations and whilst the hope remains, expectancy has receded in the face of old reactionary ideas of others who, in strange contrast with the spirit of co-operate management, think "Inspector of Nuisances", pronounce on matters outside their own professional competence but, by reason of their status, are heeded more readily.

There is little on which to pass comment in the report itself.

The main work of inspecting the District continued at a level somewhat lower than in the previous year. The main reason for this, apart from reorganisation, was the increased interest shown in Improvement Grants. Forty-two applications were approved compared with fourteen in the previous year. Whilst this may not appear many, the time spent by Officers from first enquiry to final completion is very considerable. In addition, almost as much work is spent in dealing with enquiries which, for various reasons, do not result in formal applications.

Especially in older houses, a number of cases are coming to light where applications made some years ago were approved on very inadequate specifications; where the "new work", for example, a bathroom was grant aided but where the damp and decaying condition of the original house was almost ignored. These houses are now coming forward for further grants. But not only is that the case; the situation sometimes arises where action is needed to require the remedy of unfit conditions in a house which has been "improved".

Cases of this kind highlight the need for greater depth in the quality of our work and closer attention to detail. Time to inspect, to research, to reflect are essential ingredients of Public Health work and which can only be provided through proper recognition of the value to be placed upon the function. The old empirical standards are passing but, like the Inspector of Nuisances, will linger on in the minds of those who see pale mediocrity as an acceptable standard for environmental control.

2. REFUSE COLLECTION

SECTION 'D'

Weekly household SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. WATER SUPPLIES

- (a) (i) Satisfactory in quality.
 (ii) Satisfactory in quantity.
 (iii) Bacteriological Analyses - The following information has been kindly supplied by the Director of Water Services of the South West Devon Water Board, and covers the areas of Totnes Municipal Borough, Totnes Rural District, Dartmouth Municipal Borough, Kingsbridge Urban District, Kingsbridge Rural District and Salcombe Urban District for 1972.

	<u>P.H. Labs.</u>	<u>S.W.D.W.B. Lab.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Dec. 71 - Jan. 72	157	-	157	4
Jan. - Feb.	112	-	112	2
Feb. - Mar.	152	-	152	nil
Mar. - Apl.	88	-	88	nil
Apl. - May	148	-	148	nil
May - June	181	44	225	1
June - July	168	17	185	2
July - Sept.	293	51	344	3
Sept. - Oct.	209	20	229	2
Oct. - Nov.	134	12	146	1
Nov. - Dec.	117	8	125	2
	<u>1759</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>1911</u>	<u>17</u>

(b) Private supply to seven dwellings - Satisfactory

(c) No. of dwellings served: (i) direct 2,183
 (ii) standpipes nil

Population served: (i) direct 5,700

(d) Fluoride content: negligible

4. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

2. REFUSE COLLECTION

Weekly kerbside collection

"Ramillies 25" vehicle
Driver and three men

Bulk Collection

Free on request of householder
(approx. 300 collections p.a.)

Trade Refuse

Collection weekly or twice weekly
charged at £1.00 per bin (or equivalent)
per six months

Private Collections

By arrangement - £2.75 per hour
Lorry hire for private loading -
£1.75 per load

Disposal

Crude tipping. Daily levelling and
covering with available material.
Private disposal facilities for
householders. Trade and industry
£1.00 per load.

3. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Report of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor

In view of the real urgency to provide adequate sewerage and sewage disposal facilities for Totnes, the Corporation's consultants, Messrs. C.D.C. Braine & Partners, are taking all possible steps to meet the timetable which has been accepted by the Corporation. It is hoped that work on the sewerage contract will commence in March 1974, and will be of some 18 months to 2 years in duration. The contract for sewage treatment and disposal is programmed for the Spring of 1975. Whilst it is appreciated that sewage treatment is of greater importance than improving the sewerage system, various factors make it impossible to implement a scheme before this date.

The method of treatment proposed is surface aeration, and a pilot plant is shortly to be set up by St. Peter's Quay Pumping Station in order to accurately determine the effectiveness of this form of treatment.

No. of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises - 101

4. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

Properties Other than Sewers

Type of Property

	<u>Non-Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. No. of properties in district	2916	9
2. (a) Total No. properties (inc. nearby premises) inspected following notification	96	-
(b) No. infested by (i) rats (ii) mice	24 3	- -
3. (a) Total No. properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	132	-
(b) No. infested by (i) rats (ii) mice	36 nil	- -

4. Treatment for Rats in Sewers

No. manholes in systems	No. manholes treated	No. manholes showing takes
582	81	3

Baiting of sewers continued until takes ceased.

5. COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There is no common lodging house in the town.

6. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>Premises newly Regd. during 1972</u>	<u>Total No. of Regd. premises at end of 1972</u>	<u>No. of premises receiving a general inspection in 1972</u>
Offices	-	31	18
Retail Shops	1	73	36
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	2	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	2	11	11
Fuel storage depots	-	2	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	3	119	66

No. of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises - 101

7. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Analysis of Contraventions

Cleanliness	7	Floors, passage and stairs	2
Sanitary conveniences	1	Failure to Register	6
Washing facilities	2	Failure to display Abstract	11
Absence of thermometer	2	of Act	1
Safety	1	First Aid Equipment	

8. PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Housing Acts

Housing - Standard of fitness and living conditions				71
Repairs and improvements, Improvement Grant enquiries, work in progress	..	..	..	580
Local Authority housing management	..	..	..	248
Qualification certificates	..	..	..	9

Public Health Acts

Complaints and nuisances - including dirty and defective premises, defective and obstructed drainage, offensive accumulations, inadequate refuse accommodation, noise abatement and insect pests	..	..	..	64
Refuse collection and disposal	..	..	..	190
Bacteriological sampling	..	..	..	29
Infectious disease	..	..	..	73

Food and Drugs Act

Unsound food, food complaints and sampling	..	..	..	30
Meat Inspection	..	..	..	240
Food premises	..	..	..	139
Street traders and market stalls	..	..	..	3

Inspections under the:

Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act	..	..	..	1
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	..	..	..	58
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	..	..	..	26
Petroleum Regulations	..	..	..	14
Civic Amenities Act	..	..	..	45
Pet Animals Act	..	..	..	1
Factories Act				-

9. INFORMAL NOTICES OF CONTRAVENTION

Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles Regulations 1960			13
Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970			246
Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations 1958			1
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963			33
Civic Amenities Act 1967			10
Public Health Act 1936			10
Noise Abatement Act	18	17	1

10. FORMAL NOTICES

Civic Amenities Act 1967	2	2	1
Public Health Act 1936	10	5	3
Housing Act 1957	31	10	2
Public Health Act 1961	14	14	1

11. LICENCES AND REGISTRATIONS

Slaughtermen	5	5	11
Slaughterhouse	1	1	1
Petroleum storage			9

12. AMENDMENTS

Pet Animals			1
Animal Boarding Establishments			1
Scrap metal dealers or equipment	32		2
Storage and sale of Ice Cream	18		36
Manufacture of sausages etc.	39		9

Water supply (hot or cold)	6		
Wash hand basins (provision or maintenance)	28		
First aid materials	5		
Accommodation for clothing	3		
Facilities for washing food and equipment	29		
Cleanliness and repair of food rooms	85		
Accumulations of refuse	1		

Stalls and delivery vehicles

Water supply (hot or cold)	1		
Wash hand basins (provision or maintenance)	1		
Facilities for washing food and equipment	1		
Storing overclothing	2		
Protection of food from risk of contamination	2		
Name and address not displayed	5		
Waste bins	1		
Cleanliness	2		

SECTION 'E'

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. TYPE OF FOOD PREMISES

	<u>Total No. premises</u>	<u>No. premises receiving general inspection</u>	<u>Total No. inspections</u>
Grocery and general provisions	18	17	26
Butchers	7	7	19
Greengrocers	5	-	-
Fishmongers	1	1	2
Fried Fish	2	2	2
Confectioners	10	3	3
Public Houses & guest houses	31	10	43
Restaurants	14	14	34
Bakehouses	3	2	3
School & industrial canteens	3	1	1
Food factories	5	5	5
Slaughterhouses	1	1	4

2. ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Cleanliness of articles or equipment	32
Protection of food from risk of contamination	18
Sanitary conveniences	39
Water supply (hot or cold)	6
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<u>Stalls and delivery vehicles</u>	

Water supply (hot or cold)	1
Wash hand basins (provision or maintenance)	1
Facilities for washing food and equipment	1
Wearing overclothing	2
Protection of food from risk of contamination	2
Name and address not displayed	3
Waste bins	1
Cleanliness	2

7. DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

Condemned meat is disposed of in accordance with the Meat (Sterilization) Regulations 1969 to processors of animal by-products. Tinned goods are disposed of by burial.

3. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS INSPECTED

	<u>Cattle excluding Cows</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Killed and inspected	-	-	83,673
No. whole carcasses condemned (except T.B. and Cysticercosis)	-	-	408
Weight of offal condemned (lbs)	-	-	88,701
Weight of carcass meat condemned (lbs)	-	-	81,399
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	12,856
% affected with disease	-	-	15.36
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>			
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	-	-	838
% affected with disease	-	-	1.00
<u>Cysticercosis</u>			
No. of whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-
% affected with disease	-	-	-

4. OTHER FOODS

During the year of 1972 the following food stuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption and voluntarily surrendered:-

134 lbs carcass meat & poultry	338 lbs other canned foods
176 lbs canned meat & fish	35 lbs miscellaneous foodstuffs

5. MILK SUPPLIES - BRUCELLA ABORTUS

No work was undertaken in this connection.

6. POULTRY INSPECTION

No work of this kind was undertaken.

Number of poultry processing premises within the district - Nil

7. DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

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SECTION 'F'

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

HOUSING

IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1972, FOR THE

1. UNFIT HOUSES

Action taken in respect of Unfit Houses

No. of dwellings closed or in respect of which undertakings were given	5
No. of persons displaced from unfit houses	1
Dwelling houses made fit as a result of formal or informal action	13
No. properties unfit and requiring action	31 (approx)

2. HOUSING ACT 1969

Improvement Grants

(a) No. of dwellings in respect of which grants were approved	42	<u>Occupiers prosecuted</u>
(b) Amount of grant approved	£31,128.00	<u>Inspections Written Notice</u>
(c) Amount of grant paid	£8,982.00	

Standard Grants

(a) No. of dwellings in respect of which grants were approved	3
(b) Amount of grant approved	£387.00
(c) Amount of grant paid	£752.00

3. QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

No. applications received	8
Certificates issued	6
Certificates refused	2

TOTAL

52

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APPENDIX 'A'

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1972, FOR THE

BOROUGH OF TOTNES IN

THE COUNTY OF DEVON

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the

Factories Act 1961 Part I of the Act

Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>NUMBER OF</u>		<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
		<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7, is enforced by the Local Authority	52	4	-	-
Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	52	4	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:- Nil

No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted:- Nil

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Section 133)

<u>Nature of work</u>	<u>No. of out-workers in August list</u>	<u>No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council</u>	<u>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</u>
nil	nil	nil	nil

(Section 134)

<u>No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises</u>	<u>Notices served</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
nil	nil	nil

