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BOROUGH OF WEDNESBURY



Annual Report

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Chief Sanitary Inspector

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

(at 31st December, 1954)

Chairman : Alderman Mrs. E. Price, C.C. Vice-Chairman : Councillor E. Brunskill.

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor W. F. Taylor, J.P., C.C.) Alderman G. W. Price, J.P. ,, G. W. Stokes, C.C.

Councillor R. Hammond.

- " S. Rogers.
- " N. L. Small.
- " L. V. Waldron.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

(at 31st December, 1954)

Medical Officer of Health : A. H. Kynaston, M.R.C.S.(Eng.), L.R.C.P.(Lond.), D.P.H. (Six-elevenths of whose time is allotted to the Staffordshire County Council as Medical Officer to their No. 9 Area Health Committee.)

> Chief Sanitary Inspector : F. J. Turner, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Senior Additional Sanitary Inspector : R. H. Mann, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspectors : (Two vacancies)

Veterinary Surgeon : A. J. McVinnie, M.R.C.V.S.

Mr. F. Hickman.

Clerical Staff : Miss A. I. M. James. Miss J. Gaden.

Mr. R. J. Deeley.

Mr. Mayor, Madam and Gentlemen,

The Annual Report for 1954 has been drawn up on lines indicated in Circular 28/54 of the Ministry of Health of the 15th December, 1954.

The Live Birth Rate 15.4 shews a fall from 17.3 in 1953, the Infantile Mortality Rate 22.4 as in 1953 is below the provisional Rate for England and Wales 25.5, of the twelve deaths of infants under one year of age—six died within the first month a Neonatal Mortality Rate of 11.2. The Death Rate 9.2 shews an increase over 1953 when the rate was 8.4.

Despite an unduly wet summer with lack of sunshine the year was free of any epidemic of infectious disease—it was moreover the first year in which there was no confirmed case of Diphtheria.

If the hardly won freedom from this dread disease is to be maintained—the facilities for preventive treatment which science has placed at our disposal must continue to be unfailingly used.

336, the number of Council Houses built during the year, was a record since post-war building was resumed.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government (in Circular 30/54 of the 22nd March, 1954) asked the Council to resume the full exercise of their powers under Part II and Part III (Clearance Areas) of the Housing Act, 1936.

The Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 which came into force on the 30th August, 1954, required the submission for the Minister's approval within the next twelve months of proposals for dealing in one way or another with houses which appear to be unfit for human habitation and liable to demolition.

The survey required is being undertaken and lists prepared of unfit houses and clearance areas in order that proposals may be formulated for dealing with them.

The Outbreak of War in 1939 resulted in the suspension of these activities except that in extreme cases individual demolition orders have been secured.

Re-housing has been concentrated on the grave overcrowding existing which is still a problem of considerable magnitude.

That so many married couples with their young families have to reside with relatives or in rented rooms has been a cause of stress and unhappiness—unhappiness is one form and by no means a minor one of ill-health. I have been loathe until the number of cases of overcrowding have been markedly reduced to recommend for demolition any house capable of affording accommodation for a single family; although it may be sub-standard and fall short of the ideal.

I am grateful for the consideration and help given by the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee during the year and for assistance received from the Chief Officers of other departments.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

a. St. Lynash

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department, Town Hall, Wednesbury. June 1st, 1955.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

STATISTICS AND	SUUIAL U	MDITIONS.	
Area (in acres)			2,025
Area (in acres)	f Population	Mid 1954	34,710
The state of the s			34,758
Number of Inhabited Houses	(end of 1954	according	
to the Rate Books) :			
(i) Council Houses			4,568
(<i>ii</i>) Other Houses			5,472
	Total		10,040
Rateable Value			£172,384
			£670
Sum represented by a penny ra	te	•• ••	£010
Vital Statistics :-			
Live Births	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	259	259	518
Illegitimate	11	6	17
	270	265	535
Live Birth Rate per 1,000	population		15.4
Still Births.		Female.	
Legitimate	7	7	14
Illegitimate		—	_
	7	7	14
Still Birth Rate per 1,000) total live	and stillbirt	ths 25.5
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths	167	. 154	321
Death Rate per 1,000 popu			9.2
Standardised Death Rate 1			11.7
(<i>i.e.</i> —the Death Rate whic			
and sex distribution been the	he same as th	ne country as	s a whole.)
Maternal Mortality.			
Number of women dying i	n or in cons	equence of	
Pregnancy, Childbirth or		······	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate p			
stillbirths			Nil

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Deaths of Infants under one year of age.

		Male.	Fe	male	2.	Total.
All Infants		 7		5		12
Legitimate Infants		 7		5		12
Illegitimate Infants		 				1
Rate per 1,000 Live	Births	 				22.4
Rate per 1,000 Legit						23.1
Rate per 1,000 Illegi						Nil

Deaths.			Ν	umber.	te per 1,000 Population.)
From Cancer (all ages)				61	 1.7	
From Measles (all ages)					 _	
From Whooping Cough (U /		1	 0.02	
From Diarrhoea (under t	two y	vears)		—	 -	

Vital Statistics-1954.

	Live Birth Rate.	Still Birth Rate.	Death Rate.	Info	eath Rate ants under ne year.
Borough of Wednes- bury	15.4	 25.5	 9.2		22.4
England and Wales (Provisional)	15.2	 23.4	 11.3		25.5

The respective rates for the Borough in 1953 were 17.3, 30.7, 8.4 and 25.0.

Social Conditions.

The chief industries are iron and steel manufacture, tube manufacture, engineering, hot drop stamping, constructional steelwork, railway carriage building, edge tool manufacture, electrical engineering, iron foundering and kindred trades.

Mr. D. Ward, Manager of the Wednesbury Employment Exchange has given me the following particulars :---

Numbers employed in the	Princi	pal Ir	ndustries	of the To	wn :—
			Males.	Females.	Total.
Metal Manufacture including	Iron	and			
Steel Rolling and Casting			3196	288	3484
Iron Foundries			601	237	838
Iron and Steel Tubes			739	277	1016
Non-ferrous Metals			275	57	332
Engineering			795	277	1072

Railway Carriages, Wagons and Motor

 914	43	957
 2786	1835	4621
 351	140	491
 295	92	387
 277	54	331
 539	16	555
10768	3316	14084
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Numbers Registered as Unemployed on 31/12/1954 :---

Ten	olly Unemploy porarily Stopp -Claimants	 	 Males. 8 3 43	Females. 4 2 9	Total. 12 5 52
			54	15	69

CAUSES OF DEATH IN AGE GROUPS, YEAR 1954.

CAUSES OF DEATH.		Under 1	5 1 1	5 15 5	15 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	65 to 75	75 and over.	Totals.	Males.	Female.
Tuberculosis-Respiratory	::	11	11	11	01	3	2	-	11	13 2	10 2	00
ase		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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tions		-	11	11		11	11		11	- 1	- 1	11
Acute Poliomyelitis		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1
Measles		1	1	1		1	1	1.	1,	*	1.	1.
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach		11	11	11		11	1 00	- 10	- 9	14	- 10	- 6
lung and bronchus		1	1	1	l	1	1	1	1	6	8	1
		1	1	1	1	-1-	00	1	1	-	1	4 -
Othermalignant and lymphatic neoplasms		11	11	11	11	- 01	13	12	9	1 222	21	12
			1	1	1	1	1	U.	1	-	1	1
Diabetes		1	1	1	1	1	1	1:	1	1	1:	1 -
		1	1	1	1	.1	10	10	13	49	00	54
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:		1	1	1	1	1	12	12	33	48	12	36
Other circulatory disease		-	1	1	1	1	4	0	1.	6 0	4	•
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		. 1	1	1	1	1	2	9	-	21	17	4
		[]	11	11	1.1	L	1-	010	10.0	t- 1	4 4	
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea		1	1	1	1	1	1	• [0 01	67	1
Nephritis and nephrosis		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate		1	1	1	1	I	1	1	\$3		•••	1
			1		1	1	1	L	1	1-	-	1.7
Other defined or ill-defined diseases		- 10	1	1	1	1	1		22	27	8	19
ents		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	01	01	1
All other accidents		c1	1	1	1		1	1	1	9 0	2	
Suicide			1	1	1	1	21	1	1	20	1	20
TOTALS		. 12	1	01	4	16	92	11	117	321	167	154

CAUSES OF DEATH UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE, YEAR 1954.

her Total.	4	. 1	1	1	-		1		-	. 1	53	-	1	1	1	I	·		1	-	-	12
All other Accidents.		1			1				-		1		1	-			1	1		1	1	-
Other defined or ill defined diseases.	~	1	1			1	1	1	1	. 1	1	-	1	1]	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Congenital Malforma- tions.	I	-	-	1	-		1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-		-	1	-	-	1
Bronchitis.	1	I	1	1	1	1	!	1	. 1	1	1		1			1	1	1	1	1		1
Pneumonia.	ļ	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	I	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	67
Whooping Cough.	.	1	1	1	1	1,	.1	1	1	I	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
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Age.	hours				••• •••			:		21 to 28 days	0 2 months									·· ·	nonths	:
	Under 24 hours	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	7 days	14 days	21 to 28 d	28 days to	2 months	3 months	4 months	5 months		7 months	8 months	9 months	- 10 months	11 to 12 months	Totals

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

(as at 31st December, 1954).

Ambulance Service (Staffordshire County Council).

24 hour Station .. Richards Street, Darlaston.

Tel. Nos.: Darlaston 591 and 592.

Ante-Natal Clinics (Staffordshire County Council).

King's Hill (School

Street) 1st and 3rd Wednesday, at 2-15 p.m. Mesty Croft (Alma

Street) 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 2-15 p.m.

Chemical Analysis.

County Analyst : A. Houlbrooke, Esq., M.Sc., F.R.I.C. Chemical Laboratory, County Buildings, Stafford. Tel. No. : Stafford 1181.

Home Help Service (Staffordshire County Council).

20, Hydes Road, Wednesbury. Tel. No.: WEDnesbury 0961.

Immunisation (Staffordshire County Council).

At Infant Welfare Centres and School Clinics or by Family Doctor.

Infant Welfare Centres (Staffordshire County Council).

Albert Street...Mondays and Thursdays, at 2-15 p.m.King's Hill (School
Street)Tuesdays and Fridays at 2-15 p.m.Mesty Croft (Alma
Street)...Mondays and Thursdays at 2-15 p.m.

Maternity.

Hospital Confinement on Medical Grounds arranged by patient's doctor; on Social Grounds by Ante-natal Clinic.

Public Health Laboratory Service.

(Directed by the Medical Research Council for the Ministry of Health).

Public Health Laboratory, Martin Street, Stafford.

Director: Lt. Col. R. N. Phease. Tel. No.: Stafford 377.

Tuberculosis.

Chest Clinic : Church Street ,Wednesbury. Tel. No. : WEDnesbury 0322. Chest Physician : Dr. Elizabeth S. Frew.

Venereal Diseases.

Special Clinics: Manor Hospital, Walsall; Guest Hospital, Dudley.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

Water Supply.

Mr. R. A. Robertson, B.Sc., M.I.C.E., Engineer in Chief, the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company within whose statutory area the Borough of Wednesbury lies reports for 1954 :—

- (i) (a) The water supply has been satisfactory in quality.
 - (b) The water supply has been satisfactory in quantity.
- (ii) The supply to the Borough of Wednesbury is derived from boreholes and surface sources outside the Borough.
 - Water from all sources is examined regularly both bacteriologically and chemically and, where treatment is practised, both before and after treatment.
 - The water is sampled regularly from points within the Borough at Wednesbury Reservoir, the Waterman's house, and Wednesbury Wood Green Repumping Station.
 - During 1954, 24 samples were examined from Wednesbury Reservoir and all were satisfactory.
 - 21 samples were examined from the Waterman's house, one of which contained intermediate bacteria.
 - 16 samples from Wood Green Repumping Station were all free from coliform bacteria.
 - The samples were also examined chemically, and the average results of the samples examined from the Waterman's house during 1954 were :---

рН			7.3			
Alkalinity (CaC03)			109.0	parts	per	million
Chlorides (C1)			29.4	,,	,,	,,
Ammoniacal Nitrog			.00		,,	,,
Albuminoid Nitrog			.06	9 ,,	,,	,,
Oxidised Nitrogen	A		4.0	,,	,,	',,
Oxygen absorbed		at				
27°C)			.75	,,	,,	,,
Temporary Hardne			103	,,	,,	,,
Permanent Hardne	SS	•••	86	,,	,,	,,
Total Hardness	• •		189	,,	,,	,,
Iron (Fe)			.04	. ,,	,,	,,
Manganese (Mn)			.01	,,	,,	,,
Poisonous Metals (0	Cu & Pl))	Nil			
Free Cl			Trace			

- (*iii*) The waters are not liable to plumbo solvency. The 21 tap samples examined from the Waterman's house were all free from lead.
- (*iv*) Chlorination is practised at most of the pumping stations, largely as a precautionary measure.
 - Emergency chlorination is performed in cases of emergency such as burst mains, etc., and special staff and apparatus are available for this purpose. New mains are chlorinated and not brought into use until a sample of water from them is proved satisfactory.
- (v) My Company do not take an actual census of the population but assume a figure of 3.75 persons per house in order to arrive at the population supplied.

<i>(a)</i>	10,094	houses,	approx	 	37,852	persons,
(b)	179	houses	from rox.		671	persons.
	10,273	houses			38,523	persons.

The difference in the number of houses supplied from outside taps has risen from a re-survey."

Independent samplings have always resulted in satisfactory chemical and bacteriological reports.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The Borough Engineer, Mr. C. G. Morrish, M.I.Mun.E., M.R.S.I. reports :—

"The sewerage system functioned satisfactorily during the year ended 31st December, 1954, and no stoppage occurred.

The treatment of sewage at the Outfall Works was performed satisfactorily. The washing of media, repairs to filters and overhauling of sewage pumps were continued.

The total rainfall for the year was 35.41 inches."

SECTION D. HOUSING.

The Borough Surveyor and Engineer, Mr. C. G. Morrish, M.I.Mun.E., M.R.S.I. states :--

"During the year ended 31st December, 1954, 336 houses were completed by the Local Authority and 25 by private enterprise, making a total of 361 during the year.

The grand total of completed post-war houses at 31st December was 1,754, comprising 1,484 by the Local Authority and 270 by private enterprise."

Mr. R. L. Highfield, A.I.Hsg., Housing Manager in his report for 1954 states that applications on his register at 31st December numbered 1,657, that during the year in addition to the 336 new houses—135 other houses which had become vacant were allotted. In 59 instances families had been placed in new houses from privately owned overcrowded or underoccupied houses, and in 21 instances similar families had been accommodated in relet council houses. In 70 of these 80 cases the owners of the private houses co-operated with the Council by allowing their vacated houses to be tenanted by families from the Council's register of Applicants this co-operation was most helpful and greatly appreciated."

Mr. Highfield informs me that during the year 12 families were rehoused as the result of representation from the Chest Physician and this Department.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

In the report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector will be found details of inspections and action taken under the various Acts, Orders and Regulations.

The County Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Ramage) informs me that during 1954 the following samples were taken in Wednesbury :—

Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Milk.

Milk Pasteurised	 19
Milk Sterilised	 32
Milk T.T. Pasteurised	 21
Milk Pasteurised Jersey	 2
	-
Total	 74
Number of Samples taken	 74
Number of Samples Genuine	 72
Number of Samples Adulterated	 2

Particulars of Adulterated Samples :

Sterilised Milk-4.7% added water, 6.4% deficient in solidsnot-fat. £3 0s. 0d. Fine, £9 12s. 0d. Costs.

Sterilised Milk—4.3% added water, 5.1% deficient in solidsnot-fat. £3 0s. 0d. Fine.

General Foods.

Number of	of Samples	taken	 46
Number of	of Samples	Genuine	 45
Number of	of Samples	Adulterated	 1

Classification of General Foods.

Sweetened Sponge Pudding Mix.	Strawberries in Syrup.
Mushroom Ketchup.	Glycerine and Honey.
Tomato Piquant.	Cheese.
Cooking Fat.	Cheese Spread (2 samples).
Plain Flour.	Margarine (2 samples).
Sweetened Scotch Shortbread Mix.	Orange Squash.
Pepper flavoured Compound.	Swiss roll (Chocolate flavour)
Pineapple Juice Unsweetened.	Ground Rice.
Orange Marmalade.	Desiccated Coconut.
Flaked Beef Suet.	Pearl Tapioca.
Coffee & Chicory Essence.	Pickled Onions.
Cake Flour.	Minced Beef Loaf.

Custard Powder. Chocolate Coconut Ice. Pork Sausage (2 samples). Lard. Beef Dripping. Dried Mint. Empire Butter. Grapefruit Sections in Syrup. Pork Luncheon Meat (2 samples). Genuine Ground Almonds. Shortex. Pure Leaf Lard. Danish Butter. Pickled Beetroot. Calves Feet Jelly. Luncheon Meat. Christmas Pudding. Fish Paste.

Particulars of Adulterated Samples.

Pork Sausage (Formal)—Contains 450 parts per million by weight of Sulphur Dioxide not declared.

Milk and Dairies Acts and Orders.

The Summary of Retail Milks sampled by the County Health Department during 1954 is given on page 17.

Food Poisoning.

One case was notified, a Salmonella typhi-murium infection in an adult. SUMMARY OF RETAIL MILKS SAMPLED BY THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DURING THE YEAR 1954.

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dity T erilisa	Ë			-		
Turbidity Test (for Sterilisation).	Pass.	1	1	26	1	26
al Test ſ.B.)	Pos.	1	1	1	1	1
Biological Test (for T.B.)	Neg.	1	ŝ	1	~	9
ase Test teurisa- 1).	Fail.		1		1	1
Phosphatase (for Pasteu tion).	Pass.	22	29	1		51
Cleanliness Test (Methylene Blue). (for Pasteurisa- tion).	Satis. Unsatis.	4	0		1	x
Cleanline (Methyle	Satis.	18	26	1	7	51
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		Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	Pasteurised	Sterilised	Tuberculin Tested	TOTALS

Of the 85 Samples taken 6 were submitted to the Biological Test and all were Negative.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

At the end of the section the incidence of Notifiable Diseases will be found tabulated in Age Groups and Ward Distribution.

Influenza.

During the first five months of the year there was an incidence of influenza—mild in type which never reached epidemic proportion, only two deaths associated with it were recorded.

Diphtheria.

No confirmed cases—the first year which has been completely free. Prevention Pays !

Measles.

5 cases, once again playing true to form, epidemic incidence in alternate years. (1953-481 cases).

Scarlet Fever.

18 cases. (1953-55).

Whooping Cough.

133 cases (194 in 1953), one death being associated with this disease.

Poliomyelitis.

There were three cases of the paralytic type, a baby aged fifteen months, a boy aged five and a man aged thirty-one. The baby made a complete recovery, the boy aged five still has a disability of the left foot and ankle and the man owing to impairment of function of both legs has to use a wheeled chair and crutches.

Tuberculosis.

New cases 33, Pulmonary 32, Non-Pulmonary 1, 23 cases were notified from the Chest Clinic, 8 by Hospital and 2 by General Practitioners.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

	1	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Population.		Provisional Cate—England and Wales.
All Forms		15			
Pulmonary		13			
Non-Pulmonary		2	 0.05		0.02
Sputum Examin	ation	s.			
Sender.	1	Number.	Positive.		Negative.
Chest Clinic			 45		419
General Practiti	oners	21	 	• • •	21

Tuberculosis Cases.

Nu	mbe	r on Publ	lic H	Health D	epa	rtmen	t Re	egister :-	-	
		No. on		New	Ĉa:	ses.		De	ath.	s.
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		(all forms).	monary.		Pul-		monary.		Pul-
					1	nonary	1.		1	monary.
1938		173		26		5		18		2
1946		183		39		4		25		1
1947	·	208		46		5		20		2
1948		235		70		3		25		6
1949		257		51		5		27		3
1950		271		63		2		25		6
1951		310		71		8		22		4
1952		322		58		3		13		2
1953		360		71		4		8		1
1954		307		32		1		13		2

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) IN AGE GROUPS AND WARD DISTRIBUTION, 1954.

							final N	umbers	after	Final Numbers after Correction.	on.						-	Cases
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TOTALS		207	16	36	48	55	10	60	36	1	204	11	43	63	40	14	H	17

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY, 1954.

			NEW CASES.	ASES.			DEATHS.	CHS.	
Age Periods.		Respir	Respiratory.	Non-Res	Non-Respiratory.	Respir	Respiratory.	Non-Respiratory.	piratory.
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Under 1 year	:	I	I	1	1	1		1	1
1- 4 years	:	I	1	I	1	1	I	I	1
5—14 " …	÷	1	I	1	1	1	1	1	I
15-24	:	9	61	1	I	1	1	1	1
25—34 "	:	10	4	1	I	1	1	1	1
35—44 " …	:	1	1	1	1	1	1	. 1	1
45-65 ,,	:	7	1	1	I	9	1	1	I
65 and over	:	1	I	1	I	ŝ	1	1	I
TOTALS	:	24	×	1	1	10	m	62	1

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Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948.

Particulars of Inspections and Defects found and remedied are recorded in the report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Medical Examinations, 1954. Corporation Sick Pay Scheme.

Examined.	Admitted.	Males.	Females.
42	35	33	 2

Local Government and Other Officer's Superannuation Act, 1937. Examined. Admitted. Males. Females. 7 .. 7 .. 5 .. 2

The Public Library and Health Education.

In November the Library Committee in conjunction with the Public Health Committee instituted a special section for books on Health, Hygiene and Child Care and Welfare. The basis was a gift of 27 suitable books, these are being added to from time to time. Mr. A. S. Nuttall, F.L.A., Borough Librarian tells me the section is much appreciated and that the books are in constant demand.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Mr. Mayor, Madam and Gentlemen,

I present a report on the work carried out by my Department for the year 1st January, 1954 to 31st December, 1954. The Cleansing Section covers and financial year ended 31st March, 1955.

Mr. G. O. Wright, Additional Sanitary Inspector, resigned his appointment on 31st January, 1954, to take up a similar appointment with the County Borough of Smethwick. Mr. Wright had been with the Department for 10 years and we all feel that we have lost a good friend and colleague.

To fill the vacancy Mr. B. M. G. Roger was appointed and commenced on 11th March, 1954, but left to take up another appointment at Willenhall in August. At the end of the year the position was still vacant and it became more and more apparent that additional assistance must be obtained.

The Clerical Staff remained unchanged.

Public Health Act, 1936.

The following table shows the results of Formal and Informal

Notices served by the Department during the year :--

Number of complaints received	 	186
Number of Informal Notices served	 	184
Number of Premises affected	 	234
Number of Informal Notices complied with	 	129
Number of Premises affected by compliance	 	171
Number of Formal Notices served	 	41
Number of Premises affected	 	46
Number of Formal Notices complied with	 	32
Number of Premises affected by compliance	 	38
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Court Proceedings under the Public Health Act, 1936.

It was necessary during the year to issue a summons for the non-compliance with an Abatement Notice. The propoerty concerned was 49, 50 and 51, Addison Street and the Stipendiary Magistrate's decisions were as follows :—

49&50—Case adjourned for 14 days by which time the work required had been completed—case withdrawn.

51-Work completed before case heard-case withdrawn.

An appeal by the owner of 5, Windmill Street and 35, Albert Street against a Statutory Notice requiring him to provide dustbins was not allowed by the Magistrate.

General House defects-Main Buildings.

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en	eral mouse detects-main r	501	nuings.			
				Found.		Remedied.
	Roofs			47		28
	House Brickwork			26		11
	House Brickwork Pointing	g		9		4
	Cement Rendering Gables			6		4
	Rainwater Spouting and	d	Eaves			
	Gutter			35		25
	Chimneys			11		6
	C1			2		2
	Wall plaster			51		26
	Ceiling plaster			29		7
	T:			11		10
	Firegrate Flues			2		2
	Firegrate surround			1		3
	Doors			6		2
	Door Casements			8		-
	Window Frames			31		18
	Window Glazing			6		2
	Window sashcords			32		- 20
	Windows			6		3
	Floors-Living Room			3		1
	Floors-Bedroom			5		2
	Stair treads and risers			11		12
	Cellar Grating			1		1
	Damp Proof Courses			-		2
1-	ab barres and Carllanias					
ra	sh-house and Sculleries.			F J		D 1' 1
	Deefe			Found.		Remedied.
	Roofs	• •	• •	27	• •	0
	Rainwater Spouting	• •		17	• •	8 2
	Chimneys	• •	• •	3	• •	2
	Window Frames	• •		$\frac{2}{3}$	• •	$\frac{2}{1}$
	Door Casements	• •	••	0		
	Sinks :	• •		2	• •	3
	Sink Wastes	• •		12	• •	12
	Washing Boilers	• •		6	• •	3
	Washing Boiler Firebox	• •		4	• •	4
	Washing Boiler Flues	• •		2	• •	1
	Water Service Pipes Brickwork to Wash Boile			4	• •	3
			••	$\frac{2}{4}$	• • •	$\frac{1}{3}$
	Brickwork Pointing	•••	••	4	• •	9
Va	ter Closet and Coal-Houses.					
				Found.		Remedied.
	Deef			10		

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 Rainwater Spouting
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	Doors					2		1
	Water Serv	vice Pip	es			13		15
	Flushing Ci					15.		10
	Flush Pipes					4		4
	Pedestals					13		7
	Pedestal Se		•••	••	• •		• •	
			••	• •	••	6	• •	4
	Leaking joi	nts	••	• •		5	• •	2
Yar	ds.					Found.		Remedied.
	Paving					1		1
	1 arms					-		-
Ver	andahs and (Covered	Pass	ages.	1			
						Found.		Remedied.
	Roofs					3		2
	Brickwork					2		2
	Dilekwork				••	-		-
Dra	inage.							
						Found.		Remedied.
	Drains obst	ructed				226		219
	Gullies defe					4		4
					•••	3	•••	3
	Inspection			••	••		• •	
	Inspection				••	5	• •	5
	Waste Wate		et Cor	iversio	ns	2		2
	Vent Pipes					2		2
Def								
Ket	use Accomm	odation	•					200
	Dustbins					261		283

Disinfection.

Doors

Disinfection is carried out after Infectious Disease cases have either been removed to hospital or otherwise terminated. Disinfestation refers to Bugs, Beetles, Crickets, Ants, etc.

Number of houses disinfected	 52
Number of Council Houses disinfested for Bugs	 9
Number of Council Houses disinfested for other pests	15
Number of other houses disinfested for Bugs	 3
Number of other house disinfected for other mosts	 4

Housing Act, 1936.

Under the provisions of this Act the following premises were dealt with as stated :—

Demolition Orders made during the year :

7 and 8, Queen Street, Wednesbury.
117, 118, 119, 120, 121 and 122, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury.
16 and 17, Meeting Street, Wednesbury.
7, Spring Head, Wednesbury.
33, Potters Lane, Wednesbury.

33, Potters Lane, Wednesbury.

78, 79, 80 and 81, Portway Road, Wednesbury.

Closing Order.

90, Albert Street, Wednesbury.

The following were rehoused during the year :

28 families affected by Demolition Orders.

The following were demolished during the year :

41 premises were demolished following Demolition Orders.

5 premises were demolished in the Portway Road (Compulsory Purchase Order) Area.

Action taken under Housing and Public Health Acts with respect to Unfit Houses.

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :

. (1)	(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	280
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1425
(2)	 (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consoli- dated Regulations 1925 and 1932 (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 	17 46
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	17
Remedy Noti	of Defects during the year without service or Fo ices.	rmal
СС	mber of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in onsequence of informal action by the Local Authority r their Officers	Nil
Action u	inder Statutory Powers during the year.	
<i>(a)</i>	Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Hou Act, 1936 :	ising
	 Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs Number of dwelling houses which were ren- dered fit after service of Formal Notices : 	Nil
	(<i>i</i>) By Owners	Nil

(ii) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil

	(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :	(b
	(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 : 	
38	(<i>i</i>) By Owners	
Nil	(ii) By Local Authority in default of owners	
lousing	c) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the H Act, 1936:	(c)
16	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolitions Orders were made	
41	(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pur- suance of Demolition Orders	
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1936 :	d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act,	(d)
1	(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	
Nil	(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	

Meat and Other Foods. (Food and Drugs Act and Milk and Dairies Acts and Orders).

The table of inspections under this heading is shown later. The only slaughterhouse in the Borough is at the Bacon Factory. The columns in the following table shown blank are due to the fact that only Pigs are killed and inspected.

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows.	Çows.	Calves.	Pigs.
Number killed	-	-	-	36,787
Number inspected	-	_	_	36,787
All diseases except Tuberculosis : Whole carcases condemned	_	_	·	41
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	_	_	_	4,348
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis	_	_	_	11.9
Tuberculosis only :Whole carcases condemned	_	_		57
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned		_		2,041
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	6.7

The amount of meat recorded as condemned in connection with the above table was 25 tons 9 cwts. 1 qr. $20\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Other foods inspected and found unfit for human food included the following :—

Cwts. Qrs. lbs. ozs.

157	tins of meat			 5	0	25	8
13	tins of soup		*			9	13
320	tins of fruit			 3	2	3	14
43	tins of fish				1	16	$14\frac{3}{4}$
242	tins of vegetables			 2	-	14	131
67	tins of milk				1	24	8
5	tins of cream					1	10
3	tins of jam					3	0
9	packets of baby foo	d				2	4
	packets of cereal				2	4	41
	packet of blancman	ge					12
	packets of tea					1	12
1	packet of biscuits					18	0

4 boxes of sausages					1	16	0
1 crate of poultry cheese	•••	•••	••		2 9	$ \frac{10}{19} $	0
1 tin of apple sauce					4	19	$15\frac{1}{2}$
The total weight of other is therefore	r foods	conder	nned	14	1	5	11

Food Preparing and Storage Premises.

Under the general term Food Preparing and Storage Premises work has been carried out in the supervision of the following :—

Industrial Canteer	1		·			 27
School Canteens						 15
Restaurant and Si	nack]	Bars				 20
Butcher's Shops						 32
Grocers Shops						 79
Fried Fish Shops						 33
Confectioners						 24
Bakeries						 13
Dairies						 9
Licensed Premises	(Inns	and]	Hotels)			 87
Condemned food	is disp	bosed (of by st	eam d	igester.	

Ice Cream.

During the year there were four new registrations for the sale of ice-cream making a total on the register of 123 vendors who purchase ice-cream from manufacturers outside the Borough whose premises and products are satisfactory to the respective Authority concerned.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

These regulations require the issue of licences to those who wish to retail milk in the Borough. Consequently you authorised the following :—

Dealer's Licences.		Supplementary Licences.	
Pasteurised	8	Pasteurised	8
Sterilised	87	Sterilised	9
Tuberculin Tested	2	Tuberculin Tested	6
		T.T. (Pasteurised)	2

The Public Health Laboratory Service of the Staffordshire County, situated at Stafford, carry out any Bacteriological Analysis and Chemical Examinations required and during the year the following were submitted and found to be satisfactory :—

- 2 Samples of Water for Bacteriological Examination.
- 2 Samples of Water for Chemical Analysis.
- 6 Samples of Swimming Bath Water for Bacteriological Examination.

6 Samples of Swimming Bath Water for Chemical Analysis. The Water samples were as supplied for Domestic Water Supply.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

Eight persons are licensed to slaughter animals in the Borough.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Under the term **Rodent Control** 88 complaints referring to rats affected 85 dwelling houses and 22 business premises and 60 complaints referring to mice affected 52 dwelling houses and 12 business premises.

These infestations required 833 visits.

In connection with rat infestation at 12 cases the sewers around were treated and in each case complete clearance was affected.

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

As the authorised officer I visited the premises of four persons who applied for licences under this Act. The premises were satisfactory and were consequently licensed until the end of the year.

Atmospheric Pollution.

We have continued with the two observation stations first set up in the Borough in January, 1952. One station is in the garden of the Convent School, Church Hill and the second at the Cemetery Lodge, Beebee Road—the highest and lowest points in the town respectively.

The Deposit Gauges and Sulphur Candles installed at the Stations are changed monthly and forwarded to the County Laboratory at Stafford for the required analysis. These results are then passed to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Fuel Research Station at Greenwich.

All neighbouring authorities have set up similar stations and thus the extent of air pollution over a large area can be readily ascertained.

The following table shows the results for the period under review.

Month.	Station.	Rainfall in inches.	Insoluble Deposit	Soluble Deposit	Total Solids	SO3 mg/day/100 cm2 of Batch
montan	Station.	inches.	tons p	er square	mile.	Lead Peroxide.
January .	 1. 2.	$\begin{array}{c} 0.79\\ 1.06\end{array}$	$5.80 \\ 7.17$	$\begin{array}{c} 4.44\\ 4.05\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 10.24\\11.22 \end{array}$	$2.48 \\ 3.11$
February	 $\frac{1}{2}$.	$\begin{array}{c} 1.55\\ 1.85\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6.04 \\ 10.72 \end{array}$	5.60 7.17	$\begin{array}{c} 11.64\\ 17.89 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.74\\ 3.09\end{array}$
March	 1. 2.	0.47 0.39	$3.57 \\ 2.95$	$\begin{array}{c} 3.04\\ 2.36\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6.61 \\ 5.31 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1.92\\ 2.10\end{array}$
April	 1. 2.	$\begin{array}{c} 0.52\\ 0.31\end{array}$	5.47 4.98	4.20 3.75	9.67 8.73	1.49 1.74
May	 1. 2.	$\begin{array}{r} 2.84 \\ 2.76 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c}10.24\\11.62\end{array}$	7.34 8.23	$\begin{array}{c} 17.58\\ 19.85\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1.56 \\ 1.80 \end{array}$
June	 1. 2.	$\begin{array}{c} 3.43 \\ 2.95 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 6.34 \\ 6.24 \end{array}$	4.87 2.29	$\begin{array}{c} 11.21\\ 8.53\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.94 \\ 1.49 \end{array}$
July	 1. 2.	$3.70 \\ 3.27$	$\begin{array}{c} 7.74 \\ 6.60 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6.24\\ 3.39\end{array}$	13.98 9.99	0.94 0.80
August	 1. 2.	5.11 4.72	$5.51 \\ 5.44$	19.84 9.16	$\begin{array}{c} 25.35\\ 14.60\end{array}$	0.89 1.02
September	 1. 2.	2.11 1.80	$\begin{array}{c}10.20\\6.67\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 6.61 \\ 5.38 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 16.81\\ 12.05\end{array}$	1.15 1.14
October	 1. 2.	3.23 3.03	9.67 7.13	$\begin{array}{c}10.07\\8.63\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 19.74 \\ 15.76 \end{array}$	1.31 1.69
November	 1. 2.	$5.04 \\ 5.04$	$\begin{array}{r} 8.44 \\ 6.60 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c}13.00\\11.04\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 21.44\\ 17.64 \end{array}$	2.48 3.93
December	 1. 2.	$2.18 \\ 1.39$	$\begin{array}{r} 6.91 \\ 4.22 \end{array}$	$5.64 \\ 4.15$	$12.55 \\ 8.37$	$\begin{array}{r} 2.14\\ 2.10\end{array}$

Factories Act, 1937.

The following List of Factories shows the types of trades being carried on in the Borough during the period under review.

Mechanical Factories	i.			No. on Register.
Aerated Waters		 	 	3
Aluminium Castings		 	 	4
Axle Manufacturers		 	 	3
Bacon Curing		 	 	1
Bakeries		 	 	10
Bed fitting		 	 	1
Beer Bottling		 	 	3

		0-				
Bolts and Nuts						12
Boot Repairs						7
Brass Castings						3
Brickworks						1
Buckle Covering						1
Car Frame Repairs						1
Carpentry and Joiner	v					11
Carriage Works						1
Chain Works						1
Chemical Preparation			1			1
Coffin Makers						î
Cooperage						2
Cycle Repairs						3
Die Sinkers						1
Drop Forging	•••					7
Edge Tool Maker	•••					1
Electrical Accessories	••	•••	••			3
TT4		•••	•••			3
Electricians	••		•••	•••	•••	-1
Electricity Depot	••		••	•••	••	
Enamelling	• •		• •	• •	• •	2
Engineers	• •	• •	• •	• •		12
Firewood Cutters	• •					1
Galvanisers	••		• •		• •	2
Garage Motor Vehicle	e Re	pairs		• •		14
Gas Cookers						1
Hay Merchants						2
Holloware						1
Iron Castings						6
Laundry						2
Leather Working						1
Metal Pressing						1
Metal Stampers						3
Motor Body Works						1
Oil Storage						1
Optical Ware						2
Pattern Makers						3
Plastic Products						2
Plating (Chrome)	•••					ĩ
Pre-cast Housing						1
DI				•••		4
Sack Making			•••			2
	••	• •				6
Sausage Making	•••			• •	•••	2
Saw-milling	• •	• •	• •	• •	••	1
Scale Repairs	•••	••• '	• •	• •	•••	
Sheet Metal Works	••	• •	• •	• •	•••	1
Spring Making	• •	• •	• •	** *	• •	3
Steel Milling	• •	• •	• •	•••	• •	2
Steel Producing	• •		• •	• •	• •	3

			No. on Register.
Stockists (Iron and Steel)	 	 	2
Tailoring	 	 	3
Tool Making	 	 	1
Tube Fitting	 	 	5
Tube Making	 	 	4
Wagon Repairs	 	 	1
Washer Stamping	 	 	1
Water Works Depot	 	 	1
Window Maker (Metal)	 	 	1
Welding	 	 	1
Non-Mechanical Factories.			
Blacksmiths	 	 	3
Boot Repairing	 	 	4
Builders	 	 	20
Carpentry and Joinery	 	 	1
Electricians	 	 	1
Glaziers	 	 	1
Malster	 	 	1 .
Painters	 	 	8
Paper Ornaments	 	 	1
Photographers	 	 	1
Plumbers	 	 	3
Radio Repairs	 	 	3
Sculptors	 	 	1
Upholsterers	 	 	1
Watch Repairs	 	 	3
Hairdressers	 	 	27

The following two tables are those required of the Medical Officer of Health in his annual report to the Ministry of Labour and show the number of inspections and the cases where Defects were Found and Remedied.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948.

1.—Inspections.

PREMISES.	Number	Number of					
FREMISES.	on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.			
(1) Factories in which 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	6	Nil	Nil			
(2) Factories net in- cluded in (1) in which Section 7 is		Jaconstan	ne netranical	-net			
enforced by the Local Authority (3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is	212	62	7	Nil			
enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil			
TOTAL	218	68	7	Nil			

2.-Cases in which defects were found.

		Number of cases in which defects were found.					
PARTICULARS.		Found.	Remedied.	Referred To H.M. By H.M. Inspector. Inspector.			
Sanitary Convenience (S.7)—		Mar Intellig			and and a second se		
(a) In	sufficient	4	3	_	1		
	nsuitable or fective	25	14	_	9		
	ot separate for xes	2	1	_	1		
T	DTAL	31	18	-	11		

Electrical Stations (Sections 103 (1) Institutions. (Section 104) and site of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Section 107 and 108).

> PART VIII. SECTION 110 and 111—Nil.

Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

At the beginning of the year under review disposal was by means of tipping being continued at a very deep disused marl-hole along Dangerfield Lane. Two layers had already been completed and a third and final layer commenced.

Labour to maintain the refuse collection service fluctuated again and during the year 19 men commenced employment and 21 men ceased employment. In two cases the men only remained one day.

Considering all the difficulties I feel that the public were very patient and although at one period a gap of four weeks was experienced before the bins were emptied the collection service did note entirely break down and the general average time of collection was very near once every two weeks.

In accordance with the policy of the Council a new vehicle was received from the makers and commenced work in August, 1954.

The total weight of salvage collected was 450 tons which realised an income of $f_{2,483}$.

The details of tonnage and cost of collection and disposal are shown in the table overleaf. HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE COST ACCOUNTS.

Equivalent Rate in ξ .	. d. 11.83 3.64	8.19	1.78	1.63	9.82	.014 2d. wts.
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Per 1,000 population	s. 11	9	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	0	6	
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000 S.	d. 11	4	8 10	10	5	rch, 1 r 195 ed p
Per 1,000 houses.	s. 5 14 5 12	67	1 3	3	9 1	Ma e fo llect
Per hc	ξ 1,566 239	1,327	111 9	107	1,434 6	Rateable Value at 31st March, 1955 Product of a penny rate for 1953-54 Weight of refuse collected per population per day
on ted	d.	II	- 61	1 11	5 10	/alue a per f refu on pe
Per ton Collected	°. ∞ 4	3	61	-	5	ole V et of t ol ilati
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Price 4	d. 4	0	30	67	53	
1955.	s. 6 15	I	10	1	12	(4)(5)(6)
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r en	Ilection and Sa Total Expend Total Income	ISO	sposal of Ref Total Expend Total Income	NET COST	SPC SPC	of re duri s at st D
Yea	tion tal E	TO	sal e al E al I	I C	IDI	ted ouse t 31:
	Collection and Salvage. Total Expenditure Total Income	NE	Disposal of Refuse. Total Expenditur Total Income	NE	TOTAL COST OF COLLECTION and DISPOSAL OF REFUSE	 Number of tons of refuse collected and salvage collected during the year 1954-55 Number of houses at 31st March, 1955 Population at 31st December, 1954
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Statement of Sanitary Inspections and Visits.

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Nature.			Number.
Dwelling Houses (H.A. 1936)			156
Dwelling Houses (P.H.A. 1936)			1,267
Overcrowding (H.A. 1936)			2
Dirty Conditions			17
Verminous Premises			6
Infectious Disease			90
Fried Fish Shops			12
Butcher's Shops			61
Ice Cream Shops			28
Food Preparing and Storage Premises			27
Other Food Shops			74
Markets			78
Claughtenhouses	•••		448
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Offensive Trades	•••	•••	
Piggeries	•••	• •	8
House Drainage	• •	• •	372
Smoke Abatement—Observations	• •	• •	29
Smoke Abatement—Visits to Plant			55
Prevention of Damage by Pests	• •	• •	833
Accommodation for Storage of Refuse			118
Collection and Disposal of Refuse			128
Accumulations			42
Interviews			211
Milk Shops			84
Outworkers			6
Tents, Vans and Sheds			10
Atmospheric Pollution			58
Pet Shops			33
Food Poisoning			12

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My thanks are due to the whole of the Public Health and Depot Staff for their hard work and close and careful attention to all matters.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, the Members of the Council, Chief Officers and their Staffs my sincere thanks for their continued confidence, help and goodwill at all times.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Madam and Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

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