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BOROUGH OF WEDNESBURY



Annual Report

of

Medical Officer of Health

and

Chief Public Health Inspector



1959

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

(at 31st December, 1959)

Chairman : Alderman Mrs. E. Price.

Vice-Chairman : Councillor E. Brunskill.

Alderman G. W. Price.

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Councillor H. Ashby.

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„ J. E. James.

„ J. Stokes.

„ L. V. Waldron.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

(at 31st December, 1959)

Medical Officer of Health :

H. A. H. Summers, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., 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 Public Health Inspector :

F. J. Turner, M.R.S.I., M.A.P.H.I.

Senior Additional Public Health Inspector :

R. H. Mann, A.R.S.I., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector :

J. McKechnie, M.A.P.H.I.

W. Cunningham.

Veterinary Surgeon :

A. J. McVinnie, M.R.C.V.S.

Clerical Staff :

Mrs. D. Whitehouse (formerly Chambers)

Miss J. Elwell

Mrs. S. Anson (formerly Bevan)

Mr. R. J. Deeley.

Miss E. M. Stokes.

Mr. Mayor, Madam, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1959, with which is incorporated that of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Vital Statistics of the Borough shew that a total of 594 Live Births was recorded during the year, compared with the corresponding figure of 571 for the year before. The resultant Live Birth Rate thus rose to 17.0 per thousand total population. The Adjusted Birth Rate (applying the Registrar General's comparability factor for this district) was 15.6, slightly below the national figure of 16.5. Still births fell from 16 to 10 giving a rate of 15.6 per thousand live and stillbirths, compared with the national figure of 20.7. The number of infants dying under one year of age was 14, compared with 19 in the previous year, the mortality rate being 23.5 per thousand live births, compared with 33.2 in 1958. Of these children 11 died under one month, the mortality rate being 18.5, compared with 24.5 the previous year.

The number of deaths recorded during 1959 was 358, compared with 364 for the previous twelve months. The calculated Crude Death Rate was thus 10.3 per thousand total population, compared with 10.4, and the Adjusted Death Rate for the Borough was 14.2, compared with 14.3 for the year before. The rate for England and Wales for the same period was 11.6. The principal cause of death was once again Heart Disease in its various forms, accounting for 30.1% of all deaths, followed by Respiratory Conditions (Pneumonia, etc.), 16.7% with Cancer (all forms) accounting for 16.4%. It is observed that for the first time for many years Cancer has been deposed from its position as the second commonest cause of death. The Natural Increase of the population (excess of births over deaths) was 236, an increase of 29 on last year's figures.

Concerning Notifiable Infectious Diseases, the year in question showed a sharp rise as compared with 1958, there being 412 cases as against 98. Measles proved to be by far the most common with 341 cases, followed by Pneumonia with 22 cases. Notifications of

Whooping Cough remained very low at only 16 cases. The fact that the year reached its end without any cases of Food Poisoning or Dysentery being reported was a matter of great satisfaction.

In pursuance of the programme of slum clearance which was agreed by the Council some years ago, a Public Inquiry was held during 1959 into the third group of unfit properties, namely, those comprising Wellcroft Street and Ladbury's Lane Clearance Areas, and the proposed Compulsory Purchase Orders for the purpose of ultimate redevelopment. Of the 98 properties involved, 91 were confirmed as being unfit for human habitation and Compulsory Purchase Orders were granted. Whilst the district was described as being in general sordid, in parts squalid, and in its entirety ripe for redevelopment, the fact that 28 recommendations for payments for well-maintained properties were made indicates the extent of the efforts made by many occupiers in combating the inevitable effects of age, decay, and bad planning. As a result of this action the total number of properties so dealt with was 329 by the end of the year.

In accordance with the provisions of the Clean Air Act of 1956, the Council duly considered, towards the end of the year, the declaration of the first Smoke Control Area in the Borough. It was resolved that such an Order be approved in principle for the Millfields District of the town, which included 458 private dwellings, and that it should come into force on the 1st August, 1960. A further phased programme for declaration of similar areas to cover the entire Borough was also agreed, the whole to be completed over a period of ten years.

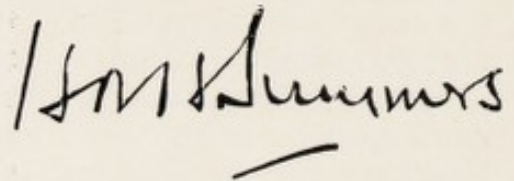
Regarding the provision of new living accommodation, I am advised by the Borough Surveyor that 84 Local Authority and 14 Private Enterprise houses were erected during the year, bringing the grand total built in the town since the end of the war to 2,263 by the 31st December, 1959. The Housing Manager informs me that two families were re-housed during the year on medical grounds (tuberculosis).

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the Council in general, and to the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee in particular, for their continuing interest and encouragement throughout the year, also to all members of the staff of the Public Health Department and all other officers and members of

other departments who have contributed in any way towards the compilation of this report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. M. Summers'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent horizontal stroke at the end.

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department,
21, Victoria Street,
Wednesbury.

September, 1960.

SECTION A.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1959.

Area (in acres)	.. .. .	2,025
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population, Mid 1959	..	34,750
Population Census 1951	.. . . .	34,758
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1959, according to the Rate Books :—		
(i) Council Houses	.. .. .	4,961
(ii) Other Houses	.. .. .	5,312
		<hr/> 10,273 <hr/>
Rateable Value	.. .. .	£403,407
Sum represented by a penny rate for year 1959/60		£1,666 6s. 2d.

Live Births. (Rate per 1,000 total population).

	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Rate.</i>	<i>Rate for Borough England & Wales</i>	<i>Rate for 1958.</i>
Legitimate	299	275	574			
Illegitimate	9	11	20			
	<hr/> 308 <hr/>	<hr/> 286 <hr/>	<hr/> 594 <hr/>	17.0	16.5	16.4

Still Births. (Rate per 1,000 live and still births).

	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Rate.</i>	<i>Rate for Borough England & Wales.</i>	<i>Rate for 1958.</i>
Legitimate	4	6	10			
Illegitimate	—	—	—			
	<hr/> 4 <hr/>	<hr/> 6 <hr/>	<hr/> 10 <hr/>	15.6	20.7	22.3
Total Births	<hr/> 312 <hr/>	<hr/> 292 <hr/>	<hr/> 604 <hr/>			

Deaths of Infants under one year of age.

				<i>Rate per 1,000 Live Births</i>	<i>Rate per 1,000 Live Births (Legit.)</i>	<i>Rate per 1,000 Live Births (Illegit.)</i>	<i>Rate per 1,000 Live Births England & Wales.</i>
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>				
Legitimate	11	3	14				
Illegitimate	—	—	—				
Total	11	3	14	23.5	23.5	—	22.0

Neo-Natal Mortality. (Deaths under four weeks). (Rate per 1,000 live births).

					<i>Rate for England & Wales.</i>
		<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Rate.</i>
Legitimate ..	..	9	2	11	
Illegitimate	..	—	—	—	
Total ..	..	9	2	11	18.5
					15.8

Illegitimate Live Births as percentage of Total Live Births.

<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total.</i>
2.9	3.8	3.3

Maternal Mortality. (Rate per 1,000 live and still births).

	<i>Rate.</i>	<i>Rate for England & Wales</i>	<i>Rate for Borough 1958.</i>
Number of Women dying during in, or in consequence of Pregnancy, Childbirth or Abortion	Nil	0.0	0.38
			0.0

Deaths. (Rate per 1,000 total population).

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Rate.</i>	<i>Rate for England & Wales</i>	<i>Rate for Borough 1958.</i>
All Causes	201	157	358	10.3	11.6	10.4

Death Rate from Specified Causes.

	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Rate per 1,000 Population.</i>
From Cancer (all ages)	59	1.6
From Measles (all ages)	1	0.02
From Whooping Cough (all ages) ..	—	—
From Diarrhoea (under two years) ..	1	0.02

Social Conditions.

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

Mr. H. Dodgson, Manager of the Wednesbury Employment Exchange, has kindly given me the following figures, as an approximate indication of the numbers employed in the industries quoted, from information available at the exchange of National Insurance Cards in the quarter beginning June, 1959 :—

	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Iron and Steel Manufacture, including Rolling and Casting	3,292	285	3,577
Iron and Steel Tubes	892	345	1,237
Iron Foundries	397	98	495
Light Metal Manufacture	636	134	770
Engineering and Electrical Goods ..	639	293	932
Railway Carriage Wagons and Motor Vehicle Building and Accessories ..	872	26	898
Tools and Implements Manufacture ..	455	157	612
Bolts, Nuts, Screws, Rivets, etc., Manu- facture	747	925	1,672
Metal Industries not specified above	1,367	589	1,956
Food, Drink Manufacturing	384	105	489
Artificial Stone, Bricks and Plastic Manufacture	323	108	431

Sawmilling, Woodwork	..	..	327	75	402
Building and Civil Engineering	..		567	14	581
Distributive Trades	..	..	378	265	643
Total	..	..	11,276	3,419	14,695

Approximate working population 19,000

			<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Wholly Unemployed	..	..	37 (255)	25 (90)	62 (345)
Temporarily stopped	..	..	1 (211)	1 (27)	2 (238)
			38 (466)	26 (117)	64 (583)

(N.B.—Bracketed figures are those for previous year, for comparison).

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1959.

Causes of Death.	Males	Fe- males	Total	Totals for Previous Years.				
				1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Tuberculosis—								
Respiratory ..	2	—	2	13	2	8	4	8
Other	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—
Syphilis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Diphtheria ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
Meningococcal Infec- tions	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—
Acute Poliomyelitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ..	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	3
Malignant Neoplasm—								
stomach	3	6	9	14	10	11	15	9
lung and bronchus ..	14	2	16	9	13	18	13	15
breast	—	4	4	4	4	3	8	2
uterus	—	1	1	1	—	3	2	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	15	14	29	33	25	32	25	29
Leukaemia, aleukaemia ..	1	2	3	—	2	1	3	2
Diabetes	1	1	2	1	4	1	4	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	28	27	55	49	49	44	34	45
Coronary disease, angina	39	16	55	34	34	38	38	53
Hypertension with heart disease ..	3	1	4	8	8	16	8	7
Other heart disease ..	21	28	49	48	66	62	52	59
Other circulatory disease	6	5	11	9	13	5	12	13
Influenza	3	10	13	2	2	4	3	—
Pneumonia	8	10	18	13	11	12	20	17
Bronchitis	17	8	25	21	27	39	30	27
Other diseases of res- piratory system ..	4	—	4	7	5	5	4	5
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	5	1	6	5	4	2	5	9
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	—	1	2	1	—	2	2
Nephritis & Nephrosis ..	2	1	3	1	6	7	4	3
Hyperplasia of prostate ..	2	—	2	3	4	4	2	4
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Congenital malforma- tions	1	3	4	1	3	7	4	8
Other defined and ill- defined diseases ..	18	8	26	27	24	28	28	24
Motor vehicle accidents ..	1	2	3	2	6	3	—	3
All other accidents ..	3	4	7	6	9	10	5	9
Suicide	2	2	4	3	6	7	6	4
Homicide and opera- tions of war ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
TOTALS	201	157	358	321	340	372	337	364

CAUSES OF DEATH UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE, YEAR 1959.

Age.	Diseases of Respiratory System	Prematurity	Congenital Malformations	Cerebral Haemorrhage	Atelectasis	TOTAL
Under 24 hours ..	—	1	1	3	3	8
24 hours to 1 week ..	—	1	1	—	1	3
1 week to 1 month ..	1	—	1	—	—	2
5 months	1	—	—	—	—	1
TOTALS	2	2	3	3	4	14

SECTION B.**GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES**

(as at 31st December, 1959)

A number of environmental Health Services are provided by Staffordshire County Council under the National Health Service Act, 1946. For the purpose of administering these services, the County has been subdivided into nine areas, the Borough of Wednesbury forming part of, and giving its name to, Area No. 9. Included in this, the largest Area, is the Borough of Bilston, and the Urban Districts of Willenhall, Darlaston and Wednesfield, the total population involved now standing at just over 152,000. A specific Area Health Committee has been convened to supervise the environmental services which are listed below, and the Borough is represented by three members. Your Medical Officer also serves in the capacity of Medical Officer to the Area Committee.

Ambulance Service. (Section 27).

A 24-hour service is based on Richard Street Station, Darlaston (Tel. James Bridge 2591/2), and Ambulance movements are now controlled by radio from the station at Tipton.

Ante-Natal Clinics. (Section 22).

King's Hill (School Street) 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 2-15 p.m.

Mesty Croft (Alma Street) 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 2-15 p.m.

Health Visiting Services. (Section 24).

Health Visitors are employed in the District by Staffordshire County Council for advice and instruction both in the home and at Infant Welfare Clinics.

Home Help Service. (Section 29).

A number of women are employed for the purpose of assistance in the home during certain adverse conditions and a scale of charges for the service is applied according to financial circumstances. This service is operated from 20, Hydes Road, Wednesbury (Tel. WED 0961).

Home Nursing Service. (Section 25).

Several fully-qualified District Nurses are employed by the County Council for general nursing duties in the home, as required by General Practitioners, or following discharge from hospital.

Immunisation and Vaccination. (Section 26).

Protective treatment against Smallpox, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis is available at Infant Welfare Centres and from General Practitioners.

Infant Welfare Centres. (Section 22).

Three Infant Welfare Centres are maintained within the Borough by Staffordshire County Council, these being :

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

Midwifery. (Section 23).

Confinements in hospital arranged by Clinic and private doctors if on medical grounds ; through Ante-Natal Clinics, if on social grounds. Domiciliary births, and care during the latter part of the puerperium, if discharged from hospital at an early date, are the duty of fully qualified midwives provided by Staffordshire County Council.

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care. (Section 28).

This is mainly carried out by a Social Worker for the district provided by Staffordshire County Council who deals with convalescent treatment, assistance with clothing, extra food, and so on. Care of the aged and infirm is more the concern of the Area Welfare Officer.

Other Health Services provided include :

Public Health Laboratory Service, Martin Street, Stafford.
Director : E. M. Mackay-Scollay, M.B., B.S. (Tel. Stafford 377).

Chemical Analysis.

County Analyst : A. Houlbrook, Esq., M.Sc., F.R.I.C.
Chemical Laboratory, County Buildings, Stafford. (Tel.
Stafford 1181).

Tuberculosis.

Chest Clinic : Church Street, Wednesbury. (Tel. WED
0322).

Chest Physician : Doctor Elizabeth Frew.

Venereal Diseases.

Special Clinics at Manor Hospital, Walsall and Guest
Hospital, Dudley.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

Water Supply.

Mr. R. H. Taylor, B.Sc., M.I.C.E., Engineer-in-Chief, the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company, within whose statutory area the Borough of Wednesbury falls, has given me the following report in respect of the year 1959 :—

- (i) The water supply of the area has been satisfactory in
(a) quality, and (b) quantity.
- (ii) The supply to the Borough of Wednesbury is derived from the Barr Beacon and Hednesford systems. The Barr Beacon system consists of 5 pumping stations and the Hednesford system of 9 pumping stations. These pumping stations are examined regularly and frequently both bacteriologically and chemically, and where treatment is installed, both before and after treatment. Regular samples are taken within the Borough boundaries at Wednesbury Reservoir, the Waterman's house, Wednesbury, and Wood Green Repumping Station.

During 1959, 19 out of 23 samples from Wednesbury Reservoir were free from coliform bacteria. 17 out of 19 samples from the Waterman's house were free from coli. bact. All 35 samples from Wood Green Repumping Station were free from coli. bact.

The samples were also examined chemically, the average results of the samples from the Waterman's house being :—

pH	.. .. .	7.2			
Alkalinity (CaCO ₃)	.. .. .	104	parts	per	million
Chlorides (Cl)	.. .. .	32.1	"	"	"
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (N)	.. .. .	Trace	"	"	"
Albuminoid Nitrogen (N)	.. .. .	.080	"	"	"
Oxydised Nitrogen (N)	.. .. .	2.5	"	"	"
Oxygen absorbed (3 hrs. at 27 deg. C.)	.. .. .	.85	"	"	"
Temporary Hardness	.. .. .	100.00	"	"	"
Permanent Hardness	.. .. .	91.00	"	"	"
Total Hardness	.. .. .	191.00	"	"	"
Iron (Fe)	.. .. .	.08	"	"	"
Manganese (Mn)	.. .. .	.01	"	"	"
Poisonous Metals (Cu & Pb)	.. .. .	Nil	"	"	"
Free Cl	.. .. .	Nil	"	"	"

- (iii) The waters are not liable to plumbo solvency, 19 samples from the Waterman's house being free from lead.
- (iv) Chlorination is practised at most of the pumping stations as a precautionary measure.

In cases of possible contamination and in the event of burst or damaged mains, emptying reservoirs, etc., emergency chlorination is performed. Special apparatus and staff are available for this work. New mains, etc., are not brought into use until the water has been examined and pronounced satisfactory.

- (v) The following are particulars of the number of houses supplied and the approximate population :—

(a)	10,287 houses supplied	
	direct at 3.4 persons	
	per house	= approx. 34,976 persons
(b)	105 houses from outside	
	taps at 3.4 persons per	
	house	= approx. 357 persons
	<hr/> 10,392 houses	<hr/> = approx. 35,333 persons

Drainage and Sewerage.

Mr. A. W. Ewart, A.M.I.C.E., Borough Engineer, reports :—

“The sewerage system functioned satisfactorily during the year ended 31st December, 1959, and no stoppages occurred.

The treatment of sewage at the Sewage Disposal Works was performed as satisfactorily as possible with the existing plant.

The rainfall for the year was 24.45 inches.”

(N.B.—The rainfall for the year 1958 was 29.83 inches.)

SECTION D.

**SAMPLES TAKEN DURING THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955,
DURING THE YEAR 1959.**

Details of inspections and actions taken will be found in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The County Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Ramage) informs me that during 1959 the following samples were taken in Wednesday :—

Milk.

Milk Pasteurised	3
Milk T.T. (Pasteurised)	..	..	..	2
Milk Sterilised	..	..	..	3
				<hr/>
				8 All Genuine
				<hr/>

General Foods.

Number of samples taken	..	..	45
Number of samples genuine	..	..	45

Classification of General Foods.

Corned Pork Roll.
 Lemon Curd.
 Natural Crab.
 Dressed Crab.
 Cream of Tomato Soup.
 Cheddar Cheese.
 Marmalade.
 Cocoa.
 Mixed Fruit Jam.
 Full Cream Evaporated Milk.
 Sterilised Cream.
 Salad Cream.
 Eastons Syrup B.P.C.
 Puffed Wheat coated with Sugar and Honey.
 High Protein Cereal.
 Tea (four samples).
 Ginger Cordial.
 Pork Sausage containing preservative (three samples).
 Dripping.

Ground Almonds (two samples).
Marzipan.
Washed Currants.
Extra Large California Prunes.
Skinless Beef Sausage with preservative.
Pork Pies.
Aislet.
Tomato Soup.
Bilberries in Water.
Prunes in Syrup.
Soft Herring Roes.
Fancy Red Cohoe Salmon.
Juniper Backache Pills.
Chopped Pork.
Orangeade.
Marrowfat Processed Peas.
Bartlett Pear Halves in heavy syrup.
Sweet Ground Almonds.
Effervescent Water.

Milk and Dairies Acts and Orders.

The Summary of Retail Milks sampled by the County Public Health Department during 1959 is set out in the Table which follows.

MILK AND DAIRIES ACTS AND ORDERS.
SUMMARY OF RETAIL MILKS SAMPLED BY THE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
DURING THE YEAR 1959.

	No. of Samples Taken	Cleanliness Test (Methylene Blue)		Test Incomplete	Phosphatase Test (for Pasteurisation)		Turbidity Test (for Sterilisation)	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory		Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	20	15	4	1	20	—	—	—
Pasteurised	19	14	4	—	19	—	—	—
Sterilised	18	—	—	—	—	—	18	—
C.I. Pasteurised	5	4	—	—	5	—	—	—
C.I. Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Jersey Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	2	2	—	—	2	—	—	—
TOTAL	65	36	8	1	47	—	18	—

SECTION E.**PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.****Scarlet Fever.**

26 cases were reported, compared with 8 in 1958.

Whooping Cough.

The number of cases reported during the year was 16, compared with 7 in 1958.

Measles.

341 cases were notified, compared with 55 in 1958.

Diphtheria.

There were no cases of this disease notified for the sixth year in succession.

Poliomyelitis.

4 cases were reported during 1959, compared with none in the previous year. Of these, three were paralytic and one non-paralytic, all four cases receiving hospital treatment.

Pneumonia.

22 cases were reported against 13 in 1958.

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

	No.	Rate per 1,000 Population.	Provisional Rate—England and Wales.
All Forms	2	.. .05	.. .085
Pulmonary	2	.. .05	.. .077
Non-pulmonary ..	—	.. .00	.. .008

Sputum Examinations.

Sender.	No.	Positive.	Negative.
Chest Clinic ..	411	.. 16	.. 395
General Practitioners	10	.. —	.. 10

Tuberculosis Cases.

Number on Public Health Department Register (at 31/12/59) :

<i>Year.</i>	<i>No. on Register (all forms).</i>		<i>New Cases.</i>				<i>Deaths.</i>			
			<i>Pul- monary.</i>	<i>Non- Pul- monary.</i>	<i>Pul- monary.</i>	<i>Non- Pul- monary.</i>	<i>Pul- monary.</i>	<i>Non- Pul- monary.</i>	<i>Pul- monary.</i>	<i>Non- Pul- monary.</i>
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
1955	..	323	..	39	..	3	..	3	..	—
1956	..	360	..	25	..	2	..	7	..	—
1957	..	359	..	30	..	4	..	3	..	—
1958	..	346	..	27	..	2	..	8	..	—
1959	..	346	..	18	..	2	..	2	..	—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (excluding Tuberculosis) IN AGE GROUPS AND WARD DISTRIBUTION, 1959.

DISEASES.	Numbers originally notified	Final Numbers after Correction.										Wards				Deaths	Cases admitted to Hospital			
		Under 1 year	1+ year	2+ years	3+ years	4+ years	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 and over	Total All Ages	Town	King's Hill			Mesty Croft	Wood Green	Manor
Scarlet Fever :	11	—	—	—	4	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	11)	4	6	4	7	6	—	4
Males ...	16	—	1	—	2	2	8	2	—	—	—	—	15)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough:	5	—	1	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	5)	3	7	2	1	3	—	1
Males ...	11	1	2	1	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	11)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Females ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ac. Poliomyelitis :	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1)	1	—	—	2	—	—	3
(Paralytic)	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Males ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1)	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Females ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(Non-Paralytic)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Males ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Females ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles :	175	7	17	18	21	23	88	1	—	—	—	—	175)	35	73	54	93	85	1	1
Males ...	166	8	21	24	31	18	63	1	—	—	—	—	166)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Females ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery :	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Males ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Females ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection :	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2)	—	—	2	—	—	—	1
Males ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Females ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Pneumonia:	11	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	2	2	3	11)	4	5	3	2	8	18	—
Males ...	11	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	2	5	11)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Females ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas :	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2)	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Males ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Females ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS...	415	16	44	45	61	49	173	6	1	6	4	8	413	47	92	66	106	102	19	11

TUBERCULOSIS — NEW CASES AND MORTALITY, 1959.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 1 year ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1—4 years ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5—14 years ..	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
15—24 years ..	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
25—44 years ..	5	4	-	-	1	-	-	-
45—64 years ..	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 years and over ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS ..	11	7	1	1	2	-	-	-

MISCELLANEA.**Factories Act, 1937 and 1948.**

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

Medical Examinations, 1959.**Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1937.**

<i>Examined.</i>		<i>Males.</i>		<i>Females.</i>		<i>Admitted.</i>
7	..	6	..	1	..	7

Corporation Sick Pay Scheme.

<i>Examined.</i>		<i>Males.</i>		<i>Females.</i>		<i>Admitted.</i>
17	..	16	..	1	..	16

National Assistance Act, 1948 (Amendment Act, 1951).

It was found necessary for action to be taken under the above Act in two instances during the year, both concerning elderly men.

In one case a Court Order was applied for and obtained for detention in a place of safety for a period not exceeding three months. In the other, a three-week Detention Order was obtained from a local Magistrate for removal to hospital, but the man's condition was such that the Order did not run its course.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Mr. Mayor, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the report of the work carried out by my department for the year 1st January, 1959, to the 31st December, 1959. The Cleansing Section covers the financial year 1st April, 1959 to the 31st March, 1960.

The Inspectorial and Clerical Staff remained unchanged.

Public Health Act, 1936.

The following tables show the results of Formal and Informal Notices served by the Department during the year :—

Number of complaints received	292
Number of Informal Notices served	82
Number of premises affected	97
Number of Informal Notices complied with	43
Number of premises affected by compliance	66
Number of Formal Notices served	16
Number of premises affected	17
Number of Formal Notices complied with	6
Number of premises affected by compliance	19

General House Defects—Main Buildings.

	<i>Remedied.</i>
Roofs	6
House Brickwork	1
House Brickwork pointing	1
Rainwater Spouting and Eaves Gutter	4
Chimneys	1
Wall Plaster	4
Ceiling Plaster	5
Door Casement	3
Window Frames	9
Window Glazing	1
Window Sashcords	9
Floors—Living Room	2

Remedied.

Damp Proof Courses	..	..	..	..	..	1
Window Fastners	..	..	..	..	..	1
Attic Window Sill	..	..	..	..	..	1
Defective Roof Slates	..	..	..	..	..	1

Wash-house and Sculleries.

Ceiling Plaster	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wall Plaster	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rainwater Spouting and Eaves Gutter	..	..	..	..	..	1
Window Sashcords	..	..	..	..	..	1
Window Frames	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sinks	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sink Wastes	..	..	..	..	..	2
Washing Boilers	..	..	..	..	..	2
Washing Boiler Firebox	..	..	..	..	..	1
Brickwork to Wash Boiler	..	..	..	..	..	1

Water Closet and Coal Houses.

Roofs	..	..	..	..	..	1
Flushing Cisterns	..	..	..	..	..	4
Cone Connection	..	..	..	..	..	1
Flush Pipes	..	..	..	..	..	1
Pedestal Seats	..	..	..	..	..	1
Absence of Water Supply	1

Verandahs and Covered Passages.

Entry Doors (Ill-fitting)	1
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Refuse Accommodation.

Dustbins provided	256
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Drainage.

Obstructed drains cleansed	215
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Disinfection and Disinfestation.

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	24
Number of Council houses disinfested for bugs ..	3
Number of Council houses disinfested for other pests	72
Number of other houses disinfested for bugs	3
Number of other houses disinfested for other pests ..	56

Housing Act, 1957.

Under the provisions of the above act, the following were dealt with as stated.

Demolition Orders made during the year.

38, 39, 40, Elwell Street, Wednesbury.

Application for Determination of a Closing Order.

90, Albert Street, Wednesbury—Not Determined.

The following were rehoused during the year.

One family rehoused after undertaking had been accepted.

40 families affected by demolition orders.

34 families rehoused from clearance areas.

The following were demolished during the year.

15, 17, 19, Church Hill, Wednesbury.

25, 33, 34, Church Street, Wednesbury.

15, 16, Dudley Street, Wednesbury.

Back of 30, Upper High Street, Wednesbury.

Premises demolished in Clearance Areas.

7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 34, 35, 36, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, Cross Street, Wednesbury.

152, 164, 165, Holyhead Road, Wednesbury.

2, 3, 4, 5, 28, 78, 79, 80, King Street, Wednesbury.

17, 18, 19, 29, 30, Queen Street, Wednesbury.

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

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

During 1958 a considerable advance on the Slum Clearance programme was made, and the tempo was maintained this year under review.

A Public Enquiry into the Ladburies Lane/Wellcroft Street Compulsory Purchase Orders was held on the 8th July, 1959.

The Minister of Housing and Local Government had confirmed the Darlaston Road, Clearance Orders and the Darlaston Road Compulsory Purchase Orders which in the absence of any objectors to the High Court became operative on the 4th July, 1959.

In December, 1959 the Minister of Housing and Local Government had confirmed with certain modifications the Ladburies Lane and Wellcroft Street Compulsory Purchase Orders.

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	219
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,484
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Act, 1957	105
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	636
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	102

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	66
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a)	Proceedings under section 9 and 10 of the Housing Act, 1957.	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were requiring repairs	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notice	Nil

(1)	By Owners	Nil
(2)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
(b)	Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	16
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices	
(1)	By Owners	6
(2)	By Local Authority in default of owner	Nil
(c)	Proceedings under Section 17 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957.	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	3
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	9
(d)	Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957.	
(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	Nil

Land Charges Act, 1925.

On 303 occasions during the year under review, my department was called upon to answer search requisitions questions affecting property in the Borough.

Rent Act, 1957.

Given hereunder are the details of the action taken during the year.

(1)	Number of applications received for Certificates of Disrepair	17
(2)	Number of Forms "J" served on Landlords (Notice by Local Authority of proposal to issue Certificate of Disrepair	15

(3) Number of Forms " K " received (Undertaking by Landlord to remedy defects to be included in Certificate of Disrepair)	8
(4) Number of Forms " L " issued (Certificates of Disrepair)	7

Meat and other Foods.

(Food and Drugs 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	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Horses	Pigs
Number killed ..	—	—	—	—	—	40,373
Number inspected ..	—	—	—	—	—	40,373
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci—						
Whole carcasses con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	58
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—	4,519
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	—	—	—	—	—	11.3
Tuberculosis only—						
Whole carcasses con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	9
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—	1,195
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	—	—	2.9
Cysticercosis—						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	—	—	—	—	—	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	Nil

The amount of meat recorded as condemned in connection with the above table was 17 tons 6 cwts. 1 qr. 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

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

					<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qrs.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>ozs.</i>
196 tins and 2 portions of meat	..				7	2	8	7
63 tins of fish	..	..	..	..	—	1	13	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
96 tins of evaporated milk	..	..			—	2	25	8
270 tins of fruit	..	..	..	..	3	0	18	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
24 tins of soup	..	..	..	..	—	—	23	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
39 tins of vegetables	..	..	..		—	1	12	11
8 tins of jam	..	..	..	..	—	—	8	0
2 jars of fish paste	..	..	..		—	—	—	3
4 tins of coffee	..	..	..	..	—	—	1	2
1 case of dates	..	..	..	..	—	1	15	0
5 tins of rice	..	..	..	..	—	—	4	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 tins of steak and kidney	..	..			—	—	1	0
1 tin of fruit juice	..	..	..		—	—	—	13
Cheese	..	..	..	..	—	1	10	0
The total weight of other foods condemned is therefore					13	1	2	6 $\frac{1}{4}$

Condemned food is disposed of by steam digester.

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 Canteens	..	..	..	..	..	27
School Canteens	..	..	..	..	..	15
Restaurants and Snack Bars	..	..	..	..	..	20
Butchers' Shops	..	..	..	..	..	32
Grocers' Shops	..	..	..	..	..	79
Fried Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	33
Confectioners	..	..	..	..	..	24
Bakeries	..	..	..	..	..	13
Dairies	..	..	..	..	..	8
Licensed Premises (Inns and Hotels)	..	..	..	..	..	85

Ice Cream.

During the year there were six new registrations for the sale of ice cream. There is now a total of 113 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, 1949/1954.

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

<i>Dealer's Licences.</i>		<i>Supplementary Licences.</i>	
Pasteurised ..	8	Pasteurised	5
Sterilised	49	Sterilised	6
Tuberculin Tested	2	Tuberculin Tested ..	4
		T.T. (Pasteurised) ..	2

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

- 18 samples of Swimming Bath Water for Bacteriological Examinations.
- 18 samples of Swimming Bath Water for Chemical Analysis.
- 12 samples of Sewage and Effluent for Chemical Analysis.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933 to 1954.

10 persons were licensed during the year to Slaughter animals in the Borough.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Under the term Rodent Control 337 complaints of Rat Infestation affected 298 dwelling houses and 39 business premises and 96 complaints of Mice Infestation affected 89 dwelling houses and seven business premises.

These infestations required 1,524 visits.

In connection with Rat Infestation at five cases the sewers nearby were treated and in each case clearance was completed.

Pet Animals, 1951.

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

Atmospheric Pollution.

Samples were again taken from 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, until in August, young folk gained access to the Convent school premises whilst they were vacated and destroyed our No. 1 Station. Discussions then took place with owners of the land with a view to the revival of the Station.

The despoit 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.

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 Lead Peroxide
			tons per square mile			
January ..	1	3.03	6.44	10.64	17.08	3.61
	2	2.92	6.97	7.17	14.14	4.34
February ..	1	0.25	6.84	4.64	11.48	2.95
	2	0.20	7.83	4.25	12.08	3.07
March	1	2.17	10.67	7.00	17.67	2.19
	2	2.17	11.35	8.36	19.71	2.26
April	1	3.31	11.12	8.97	20.09	1.74
	2	3.11	9.19	7.70	16.89	1.53
May	1	0.99	5.37	4.81	10.18	0.86
	2	0.87	6.64	3.95	10.59	1.24
June	1	1.14	13.41	6.91	20.32	0.76
	2	1.18	11.88	3.82	15.70	0.67
July	1	1.69	8.44	6.17	14.61	0.77
	2	1.89	8.53	6.87	15.40	0.62
August ..	1	—	—	—	—	—
	2	2.84	3.85	3.65	7.23	0.67
September ..	1	—	—	—	—	—
	2	0.16	5.24	2.86	8.10	1.00
October ..	1	—	—	—	—	—
	2	2.56	7.27	6.97	14.24	1.73
November ..	1	—	—	—	—	—
	2	3.74	8.39	8.23	16.62	2.34
December ..	1	—	—	—	—	—
	2	4.10	7.13	9.56	16.69	2.52

Factories Act, 1937, and 1948.

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

						<i>No. on Register.</i>
Mechanical Factories.						
Aerated Waters	..	..	..	..	..	3
Aluminium Castings	..	..	..	..	..	4
Axle Manufacturers	..	..	..	..	..	3
Bacon Curing	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bakeries	..	..	..	..	..	10
Bed Fitting	..	..	..	..	..	1
Beer Bottling	..	..	..	..	..	2
Bolts and Nuts	..	..	..	..	..	11
Boot Repairs	..	..	..	..	..	8
Brass Castings	..	..	..	..	..	3
Brickworks	..	..	..	..	..	1
Buckle Covering	..	..	..	..	..	1
Car Frame Repairs	..	..	..	..	..	1
Carpentry and Joinery	..	..	..	..	..	11
Carriage Works	..	..	..	..	..	1
Chain Works	..	..	..	..	..	1
Chemical Preparatations	..	..	..	..	..	1
Coffin Makers	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cooperage	..	..	..	..	..	2
Cycle Repairs	..	..	..	..	..	3
Die Sinkers	..	..	..	..	..	1
Drop Forgings	..	..	..	..	..	7
Edge Tool Makers	..	..	..	..	..	1
Electrical Accessories	..	..	..	..	..	4
Electricians	..	..	..	..	..	3
Electricity Depot	..	..	..	..	..	1
Enamelling	..	..	..	..	..	2
Engineers	..	..	..	..	..	13
Firewood Cutters	..	..	..	..	..	1
Galvanisers	..	..	..	..	..	2
Garage Motor Vehicle Repairs	..	..	..	..	..	11
Gas Cookers	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hay Merchants	..	..	..	..	..	2
Holloware	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ice Cream Storage	..	..	..	..	..	1
Iron Castings	..	..	..	..	..	7
Laundry	..	..	..	..	..	2
Leather Working	..	..	..	..	..	1
Metal Pressing	..	..	..	..	..	1
Metal Stampers	..	..	..	..	..	3
Motor Body Works	..	..	..	..	..	1

*No. on
Register.*

Oil Storage	1
Optical Ware	2
Pattern Makers	4
Plastic Products	4
Plating (Chrome)	1
Pre-Cast Housing	1
Printers	3
Radiator Repairs	1
Sack Makers	2
Sausage Making	6
Saw Milling	3
Scale Repairs	1
Sheet Metal Works	1
Spring Making	3
Steel Milling	2
Steel Producing	3
Stockists (Iron and Steel)	2
Tailoring	3
Tool Making	1
Tube Fittings	3
Tube Making	4
Wagon Repairs	1
Washer Stamping	1
Water Works Depot	1
Window Maker (Metal)	1
Welding	2

Non-Mechanical Factories.

Blacksmiths	3
Boot repairing	4
Builders	19
Carpentry and Joinery	1
Electricians	1
Glaziers	1
Painters	8
Paper Ornaments	1
Photographers	3
Plumbers	3
Radio Repairs	3
Sculptors	1
Upholsters	1
Hairdressers	27
Building Operations	6

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948.**1.—Inspections.**

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	5	—	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	210	53	—	—
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers) ..	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	217	58	—	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.			
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred. To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.
Sanitary Convenience (S.7)—				
(a) Insufficient ..	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	—	—	—	—

Electrical Stations (Section 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.

The method of disposal by tipping continues. Land is still being recovered at the Site at the end of Moor Street. This land will become useful on the verge at each side of the proposed Ring-road from Hydes Road to Crankhall Lane. The portion where the road will be, is being filled by heavy spoil.

It was June, 1959, before the collection work had been overcome after the absence through Sickness in February and March and a steady control was maintained until the end of December. Owing to a shortage of man-power at the Labour Exchange it is difficult to keep to the Establishment permitted. I am satisfied that the Bonus Scheme is a fair incentive and am also satisfied that we have a good overall system of accomplishing the task, but both these matters depend entirely on the good attendance of the men. Without diminishing the intense importance of maintaining Household Refuse Collection, a good establishment of men in good health allows for the Salvage and other duties to receive regular attention also.

HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE ACCOUNT.

1959	Year ended 31st March	1960	Per ton Collected	Per 1,000 Houses	Per 1,000 Population	Equivalent Rate in £
£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
20,268	Collection and Salvage—					
2,910	Total Expenditure ..	21,605 10 8	2 2 4	2,090 2 4	621 14 10	1 0.97
	Total Income ..	2,811 14 4	5 6	272 0 1	80 18 3	1.69
17,358	NET COST ..	18,793 16 4	1 16 10	1,818 2 3	540 16 7	11.28
1,128	Disposal of Refuse—					
215	Total Expenditure ..	1,610 10 3	3 2	155 16 0	46 6 11	.97
	Total income ..	162 5 0	4	15 13 11	4 13 5	.10
913	NET COST ..	1,448 5 3	2 10	140 2 1	41 13 6	.87
18,271	TOTAL COST OF COLLECTION and DISPOSAL OF REFUSE ..	20,242 1 7	1 19 8	1,958 4 4	582 10 1	1 0.15
(1)	Number of tons of refuse collected and salvage collected during the year 1959/60 ..	10,200	(4) Rateable Value at 31st March, 1960 ..	£416,738		
(2)	Number of houses at 31st March, 1960 ..	10,337	(5) Product of a penny rate for 1959/60 ..	£1666 4s. 3d.		
(3)	Population at 31st December, 1959 ..	34,750	(6) Weight of refuse collected per 1,000 population per day ..	16.084 cwts.		

Statement of Sanitary Inspections and Visits.

<i>Nature.</i>	<i>Number.</i>
Accumulation	42
Dwellings (P.H.A. 36)	798
Drainage	278
Dirty Conditions	12
Infectious Diseases	60
Offensive Trades	3
Place of entertainment	2
Collection and Disposal of refuse	252
Accommodation for storage of refuse	196
Smoke Abatement Observations	13
Smoke Abatement Visits	13
Vermin.. .. .	22
Interviews	460
Tents, Vans and Sheds	35
Dwellings (H.A. 57)	636
Overcrowding	5
House-let-in-lodgings.. .. .	1
Bakehouses	12
Butchers	30
Food Preparing Premises	27
Fried Fish Shops	5
Ice Cream Shops	29
Milk Shops	14
Other Food Shops	93
Slaughterhouses	466
Sampling	49
Food Hygiene Regulation Visits	145
Mechanical Factories	53
Non-Mechanical Factories	5
Outworkers	1
Rats	1,203
Mice	162
Other Pests	17
Markets	159

Atmospheric Pollution	..	..	..	..	128
Pet Shop	..	..	..	..	8
Food Poisoning	..	..	..	..	6
Rent Act, 1957	..	..	..	..	141
Swabs	..	..	..	..	4
Clean Air Act Visits	..	..	..	..	239

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.

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I am,

Mr. Mayor, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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