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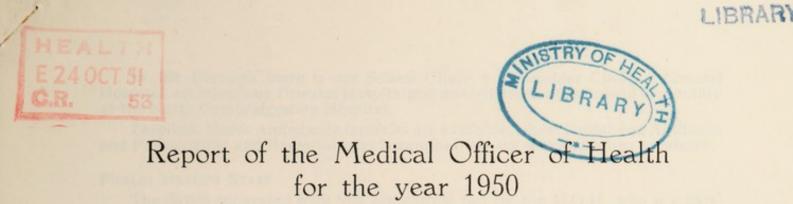
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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Wisbech.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of submitting to you my report on the general health of the Borough for the past year, ending 31st December, 1950.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

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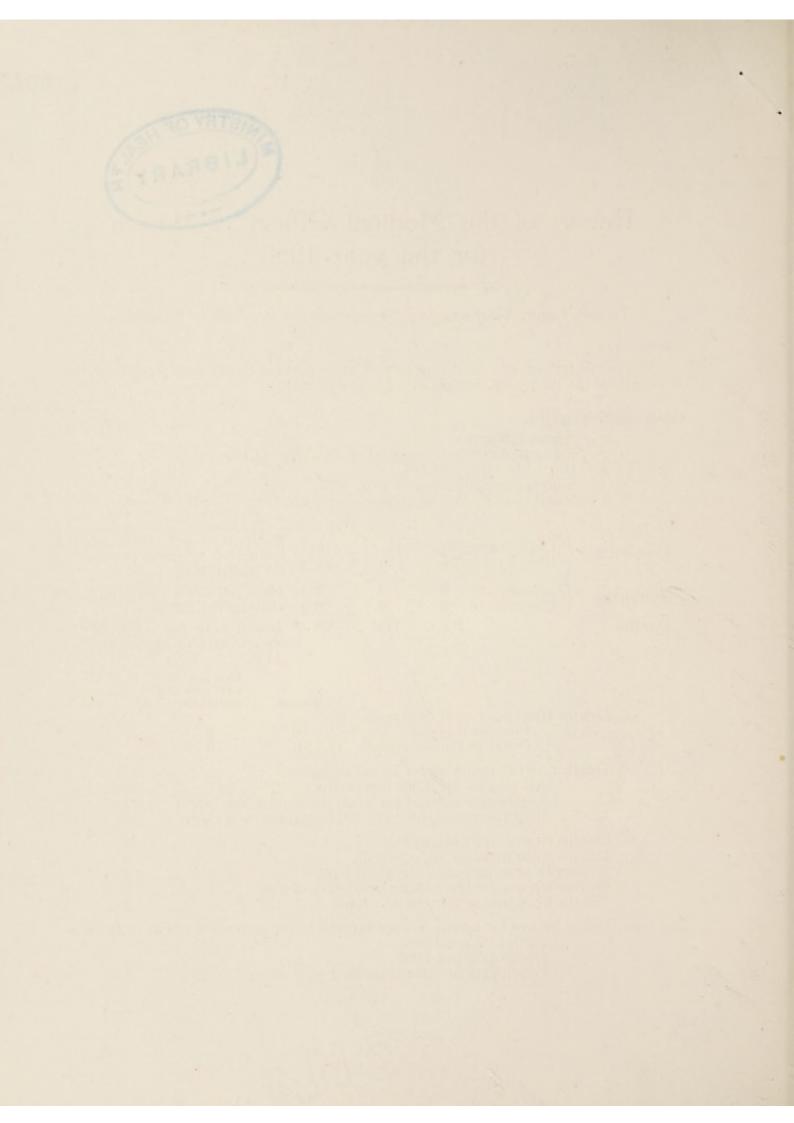
Area 4,666 acres. Estimated resident population mid-1950, 17,410 Rateable value £85,369. Sum realised by a penny rate, £333.

Number of inhabited houses, about 4,822.

Live Births	Total Legitimate 266 Illegitimate 27	м. 151 13	F. 115 14	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population mid-1950, 16.8.
Stillbirths	{ Legitimate 6 Illegitimate 0	$\begin{array}{c} 4\\ 0\end{array}$	$\left\{\begin{array}{c}2\\0\end{array}\right\}$	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 20.06.
Deaths	208	110	98	Death rate per 1,000 of the

)	98	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated average population, 11.9.
	Dest	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) bitthe

Deaths from puerperal causes— Deaths still) births	
Puerperal sepsis 0 0 Other puerperal causes 0 0	
Death rate of infants under 1 year of age— All infants per 1,000 live births Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	20.4 22.5 0
Deaths from cancer (all ages)	42
Deaths from measles (all ages)	0
Deaths from whooping cough (all ages)	1
Deaths from diarrhœa (under two years of age)	0
Deaths from motor vehicle accidents	2
The comparable figures for towns of approximately the same size are asBirth rate per 1,00017.08Death rate per 1,00011.6Death rate of infants under 1 year of age29.4	follows :—



In the Borough there is one School Clinic, a Tubercular Clinic, a General Hospital, an Infectious Diseases Hospital and an Orthopædic Clinic held bi-monthly at the North Cambridgeshire Hospital.

Excellent Motor Ambulance facilities are available, whilst Diphtheria Antitoxin and Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are provided when necessary.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

The duties connected with this are carried out by the M.O.H. who is a parttime officer, the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, the Borough Senior and Additional Sanitary Inspectors, all full time Officers, together with those of the Council's employees who are specially needed for sanitary work.

INFANT AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Infant and Child Welfare Clinic is held weekly, on Friday afternoons on Norwich Road, and is well attended.

Welfare attendances for 1950-

	Children	Attendances
No. of Children attending for the 1st time and who at their 1st attendance were under 1 year	161	
Total number of attendances for same		2337
No. of children attending for the 1st time and who at		
their 1st attendance were between 1 and 5 years	37	
Total number of attendances for same		1057
Total	198	3394
No. of children attending at the end of the year under 1 year		127
No. of children attending at the end of the year between1 an	d 5 years	262
	Total	389

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Number of children under the age of five years who have completed a full course of immunisation against Diphtheria during the year, 133.

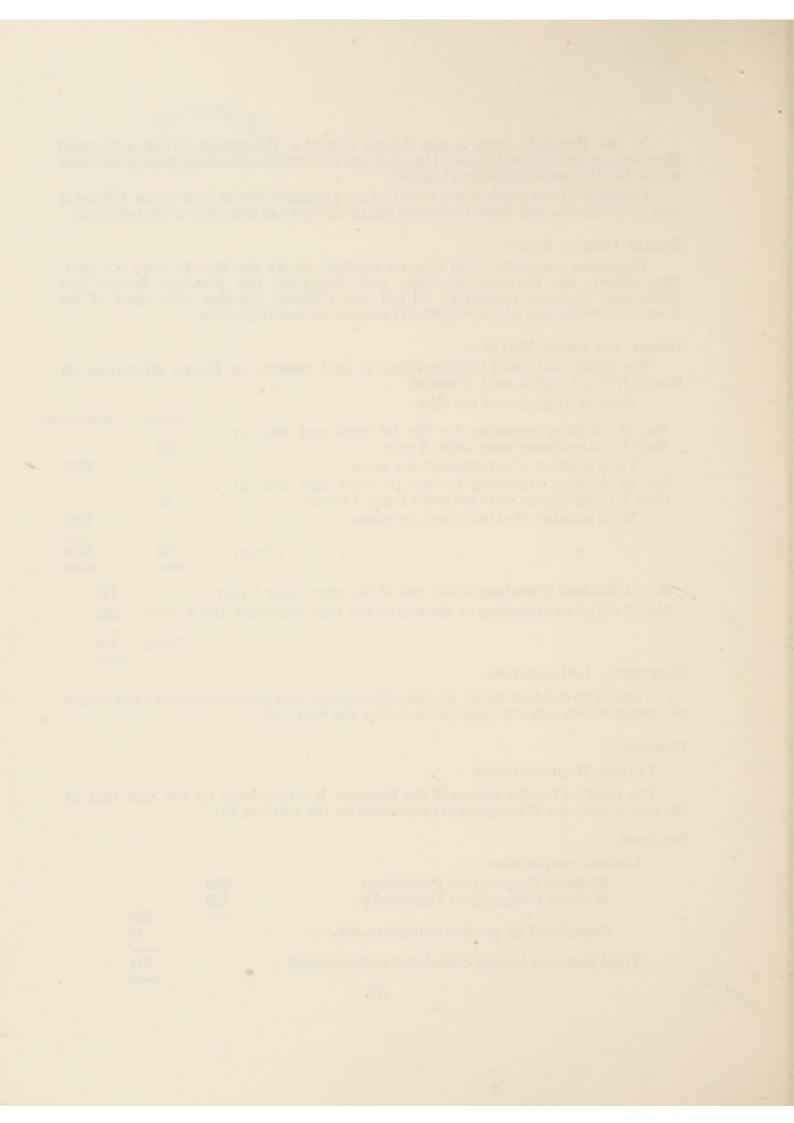
HOUSING.

FUTURE REQUIREMENTS.

The need for further houses in the Borough is emphasised by the fact that at the end of the year 651 applicants remained on the waiting list.

BUILDING.

Houses completed-			
Wisbech Corporation Permanent		 200	
Wisbech Corporation Temporary .		 125	
Completed by private enterprise, etc		 	$325 \\ 46$
Total post war houses completed and occup	pied		371



Work in hand Corporation	. 86
Licences approved Corporation, work not started	37
Waiting list Corporation	651
Work in hand Private Enterprise	7
Licences issued Private Enterprise, work not started	1 7
Waiting list Private Enterprise	39

WATER.

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS.

Physical Characters-

Reaction	 	 	Alkaline
Colour in 2tt. stratum	 	 	Clear Pale Blue
Suspended matters	 	 	Nil

Chemical Characters-

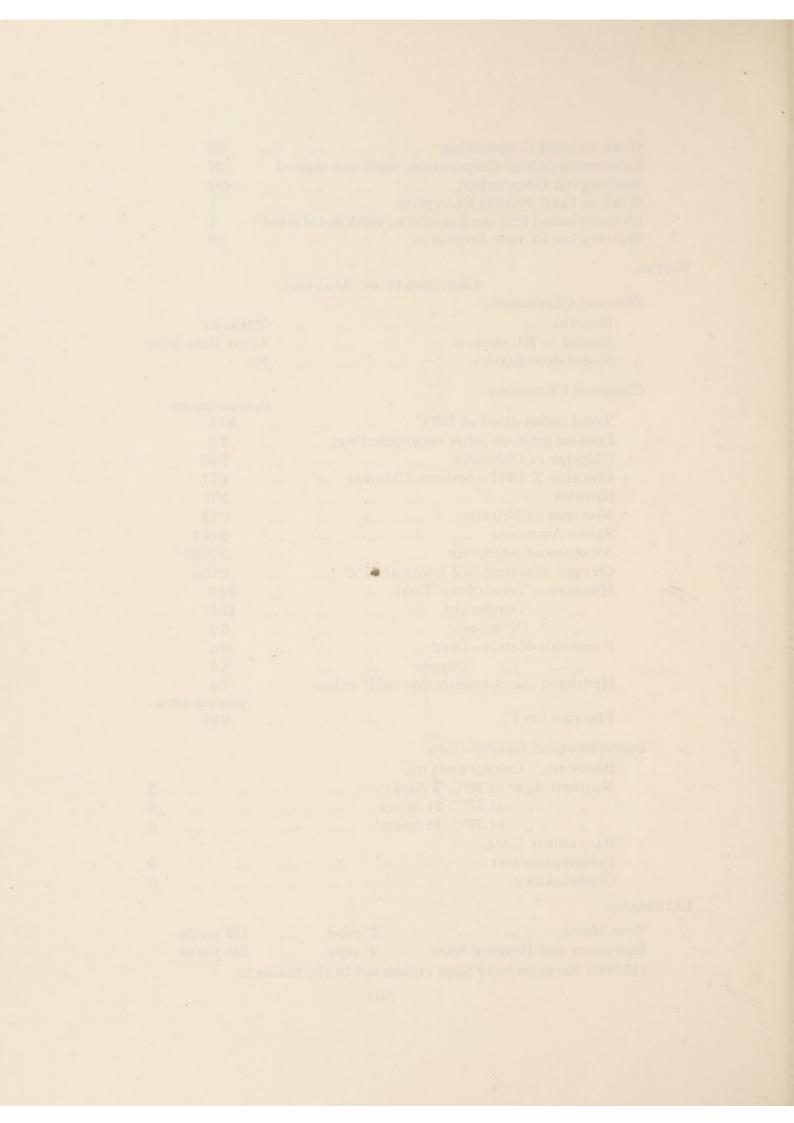
п	einical Characters—		
		Pa	rts per 100,000
	Total solids dried at 100°C		30.8
	Loss on ignition (after recarbonating)		3.0
	Chlorine in Chlorides		2.90
	Chlorine X 1.647=Sodium Chloride		4.77
	Nitrates		Nil
	Nitrogen as Nitrates		0.73
	Saline Ammonia		0.001
	Albuminoid Ammonia		0.0065
	Oxygen absorbed in 3 hours at 37°C		0.058
	Hardness-Total (Soap Test)		21.0
	" Temporary		15.0
	" Permanent		6.0
	Poisonous Metals-Lead		Nil
	", ", Copper		Nıl
	Hydrogen ion concentration (pH) value		7.4
			parts per millon
	Fluorine (as F)		0.02

Bacteriological Examination.

BACTERIA. Colo	onies	per ml				
Nutrient Agar a	t 20°0	C. 3 da	ys	 	 	2
,, ,, a	t 37°C	C. 24 ho	ours	 	 	0
" " a	t 37°C	C. 48 h	ours	 	 	0
BACTERIUM COL	Ι.					
Presumptive test	t			 	 	0
Confirmatory				 	 	0

EXTENSIONS.

New Mains......3" pipe...434 yardsExtension and Housing Sites...4" pipe...240 yards113 New Services have been connected to the mains.



FACTORIES ACTS 1937 AND 1948.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as the health (including inpections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

1.	Premises Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4,	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
	and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	36	7	0	0
2.	Factories not included in 1 in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities		72	0	0
3.	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)		0	0	0
	Total	125	79	0	0

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Number of cases in which defects were found.

And a state of the	Found	Remedied	Refe To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Want of cleanliness	_	<u>e</u> _	_		_
Overcrowding		-	- 11	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	_	_	-	-	_
Inadequate ventilation		-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors			-	-	_
Sanitary Conveniences (a) insufficient (b) unsuitable or	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for	1	1	-	-	-
sexes	—	-			-
Other offences again- st the Act (Not in- cluding offences relating to Out- work)		_	_	_	_
Total	4	4	-	_	_

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ISOLATION HOSPITAL,

A total of 142 cases were treated in the Wisbech and District Isolation Hospital, the main admissions being from the following areas :--

Diphtheria-					
	1	Admissio	ns	1	Deaths
Wisbech Borough		2 cted case onfirmed			0
Wisbech Rural District		1			0
Whittlesey District		2			0
Scarlet Fever-					
Wisbech Borough		9			0
Marshland Rural District		35			0
Wisbech Rural District		15			0
Whittlesey Rural District		3			0
North Witchford Rural Dist	trict	2			0
Peterborough District		3			0
Bourne District		2			0
Erysipelas-					
Wisbech Borough		4			0
Marshland Rural District		1			0
Measles-					
Wisbech Borough		19			0
Wisbech Rural District		11			0
Whooping Cough—					
Wisbech Rural District		7			0
Notifiable Diseases during the	year :	_			
	Total cas notifie			Death	s
Small Pox	0			0	
Scarlet Fever	13			0	
Diphtheria	0			0	
Pneumonia	2			1	
Erysipelas	4			0	
Puerperal Pyrexia	0			0	

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Enteric Fever ...

Measles

Whooping Cough

Paratyphoid Fever

Cerebral Spinal Fever ...

Anterior Polio Myelitis

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Notifiable Diseases during the year .

				Ne	w Case	s				1	Deaths		
Age Peri	ods		Pulm	onary		Non-Pul	lmonary	,	Pulm	onary	N	on-Pulr	nonary
			Μ.	F.		М.	F.		М.	F.		Μ.	F.
1		·	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
5			0	0		1	0		0	0		1	0
15			1	0		0	0		0	1		0	0
25			2	2		0	0		0	1		0	0
35			0	2		0	0		0	1		0	0
45			0	0		0	0		1	0		0	0
55			0	0		0	0		1	0		0	0
65 &	over		0	1		0	0		0	1		0	0
			-	-			-		-	-		-	
			3	5		1	0		2	4		1	0
			-	=								_	_

NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS.

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I remain, Gentlemen,

Very faithfully yours,

H. LESLIE GROOM, MR.C.S., L.R.C.P.. Medical Officer of Health.

NOTIFICATIONS OF TRUEROULOSIS.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Very faithfully your, H. LESLIE GROOM. WR.C.F. L.W.C.F.

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Sanitary Inspector's Report for the Year 1950

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, Albion Place, Nene Quay, Wisbech.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Wisbech.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I have the honour to present to you my report for the year 1950, being my thirty-first Annual Report.

This report, as usual, is mainly in summary form and covers the work carried out by my department in the interests of the general health of the Borough.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

The inspections made for nuisances and matters coming generally within the Public Health Acts numbered 609. This figure is still above the average and is accounted for by inspections made for the provision of dust-bins. In this respect 64 bins were provided after service of notices and completes the action taken once throughout the Borough, bringing the grand total of bins provided under notice to over 500.

A survey of the sanitary conditions in the Sandyland district was undertaken towards the end of the year and a special report submitted. The properties were afterwards inspected by a sub-committee of the Public Health Committee, who made recommendations for considerable improvements there.

The sanitary accommodation at two of the licensed houses in the Borough has been re-built by arrangement with the owners.

HOUSING.

Housing conditions are still providing a problem which does not yet show a solution and my part of this problem is an endeavour to encourage owners to maintain a reasonable standard of fitness in the existing properties in the town. Housing repairs still produce many difficulties owing chiefly to the lack of materials and it is pleasing to note that owners have shown a willingness to get repairs done without the necessity of taking statutory action and out of 116 cases dealt with, statutory measures had only to be applied in 23 cases. At the same time the high cost of repairs compared with the rent in many cases charged, does not give much encouragement to a landlord to spend money on these old properties, which after all are only having their lives prolonged until the supply is nearer equal to the demand.

Seven houses were demolished during the year, but of these four were houses condemned in previous years.

Four houses were repaired by the Council where the owners had failed to comply with statutory notices served and the cost of this work was charged against the owners.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The number of cases of Infectious Diseases has again been remarkably low as will be seen from the report of the Medical Officer of Health. The cases were all investigated as they occurred and the usual precautionary measures were taken.

Sanitary Inspector's Report for the Year 1950

PUBLIC HEATTH INPARTMENT, ALBERT PLACE, NENE DUAT WORSTON

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CAMPS

The Fruit Pickers Camps were again given attention. The Camp in Weasenham Lane accommodated 380 campers and was carried on in a satisfactory manner.

Individual caravanners however, who make their way into the district during the summer, cause much trouble. In these cases there is usually no proper sanitation provided and no wholesome water supply and as there is no camping site for caravans in the district, they camp along the by-lanes and when they move, leave a trail of litter and destruction behind them.

Legal proceedings were taken in three instances where no camping licence had been issued.

The Borough is badly in need of an organized camp for caravanners, supplied with water and sanitation, so as to have this type of moveable dwelling under reasonable control.

ICE CREAM.

There are three premises in the Borough registered to manufacture Ice Cream, and at these premises the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations are being carried out in a satisfactory manner. There are fifty-nine premises registered for the sale and storage of Ice Cream and at the majority of these premises wrapped Ice Cream only is sold.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

One certificate has been issued with respect to the provision of adequate means of escape in case of fire.

RODENT CONTROL.

Rodent control is operated systematically in the Borough and the necessary bi-annual treatment of sewers is carried out so as to qualify for grant. In addition to the sewer treatment, the following operations have taken place at various properties :--

Pre-baits laid	 	 	2,546
Poison baits laid	 	 	1,004
Gassing operations	 	 	27
Bodies recovered	 	 	253
Estimated kill	 	 	825
Estimated kill	 	 	825

LICENCES.

The following licences have been issued during the year :--

Licences to slaughter or stun animals		 24
Knackers Licences		 1
Offensive trades registered		 1
Dealers Licences to sell T.T. Milk		 5
Dealers Licence to sell pasteurised Mill	ĸ	 1
Camping Licences	•••	 10
Gangmasters Licences		 29

FOOD.

Food supplies have again been given regular attention. The Central Slaughterhouses have been given one or more visits daily and the premises have been found to be carried on in a satisfactory manner.

. . Pote-baits laid

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The following particulars of condemnations are submitted :--

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1,545	416	350	2,560	749
Number Inspected	1,545	416	350	2,560	749
All diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcases condemned	11		6	2	22
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	698		1	13	114
Percentage of the number inspected affected by Dis- ease other than Tuberculosis	36.12%		2.00%	0.29%	18.16%
Tuberculosis only : Whole carcases condemned	18		-	_	7
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	117		_	_	10
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	6	87%			2.27%

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

Total weight of Fresh Meat Condemned : 18 tons 0 cwts. 2 qrs. 23 lbs.

FRESH MEAT CONDEMNED :---

Whole carcases of Beef		 	29
Part carcases of Beef		 	87
Whole carcases of Veal		 	6
Part carcases of Veal		 	1
Whole carcases of Pork		 	29
Part carcases of Pork		 	41
Whole carcases of Mutte	on	 	2
Part carcases of Mutton		 	2
Ox Offals (complete)		 	59
Ox Livers		 	317
Part Ox Livers		 	212

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			Nutuber killed

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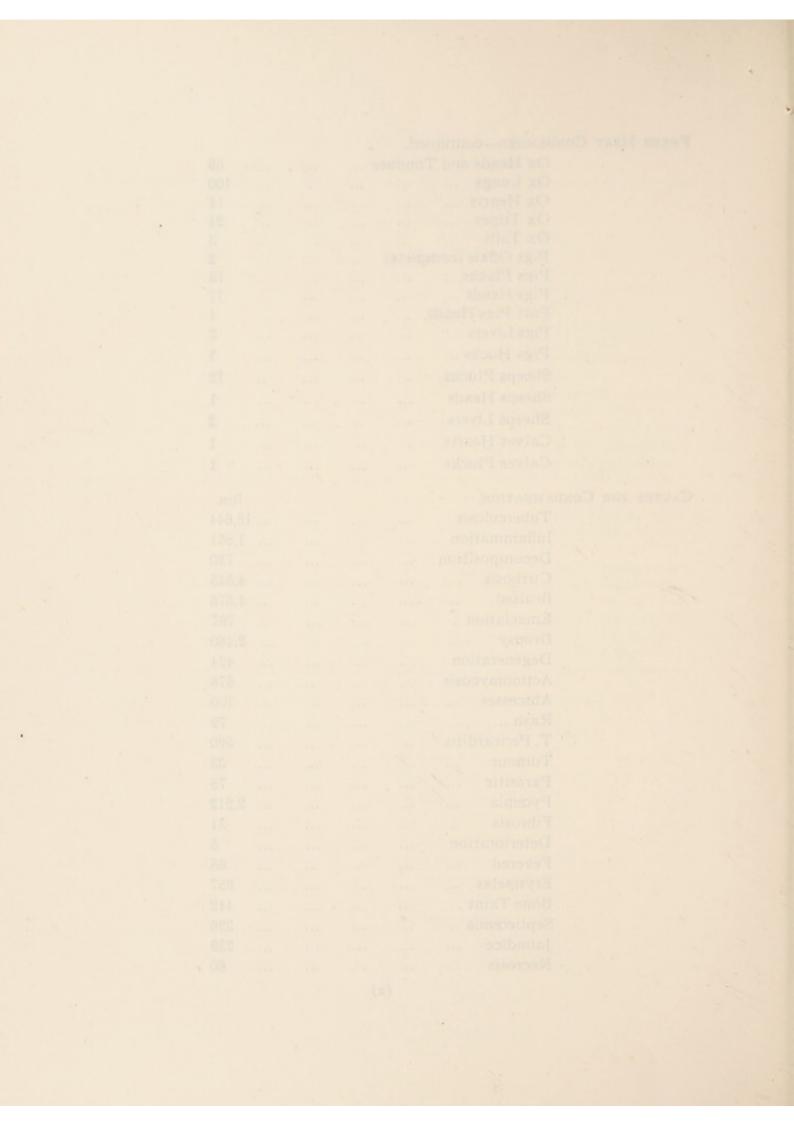
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FRESH MEAT CONDEMNED-continued.

	Canting Contin					
	Ox Heads and	Tongues				69
	Ox Lungs					100
	Ox Hearts					14
	Ox Tripes					24
	Ox Tails					3
	Pigs Offals (co	mplete)				2
	Pigs Plucks					75
	Pigs Heads					11
	Part Pigs Head	ds				1
	Pigs Livers					2
	Pigs Hocks					3
	Sheeps Plucks					12
	Sheeps Heads		,	*		1
	Sheeps Livers					2
	Calves Hearts					1
	Calves Plucks					1
CAUSES FOR COND	EMNATION.					lbs.
	Tuberculosis				1	8,644
	Inflammation					1,861
	Decomposition	1				720

Tuberculosis		 	18	,644
Inflammation		 	1	,861
Decomposition		 		720
Cirrhosis		 	4	,845
Bruised		 	1	,676
Emaciation		 		797
Dropsy		 	2	,460
Degeneration		 		424
Actinomycosis		 		676
Abscesses		 		100
Rash		 		79
T. Pericarditis		 		520
Tumour		 		33
Parasitic	·	 		78
Pyœmia		 	2	,212
Fibrosis		 		31
Deterioration		 		5
Fevered		 		68
Erysipelas		 		657
Bone Taint		 		442
Septicœmia		 		326
Jaundice		 		239
Necrosis		 		60

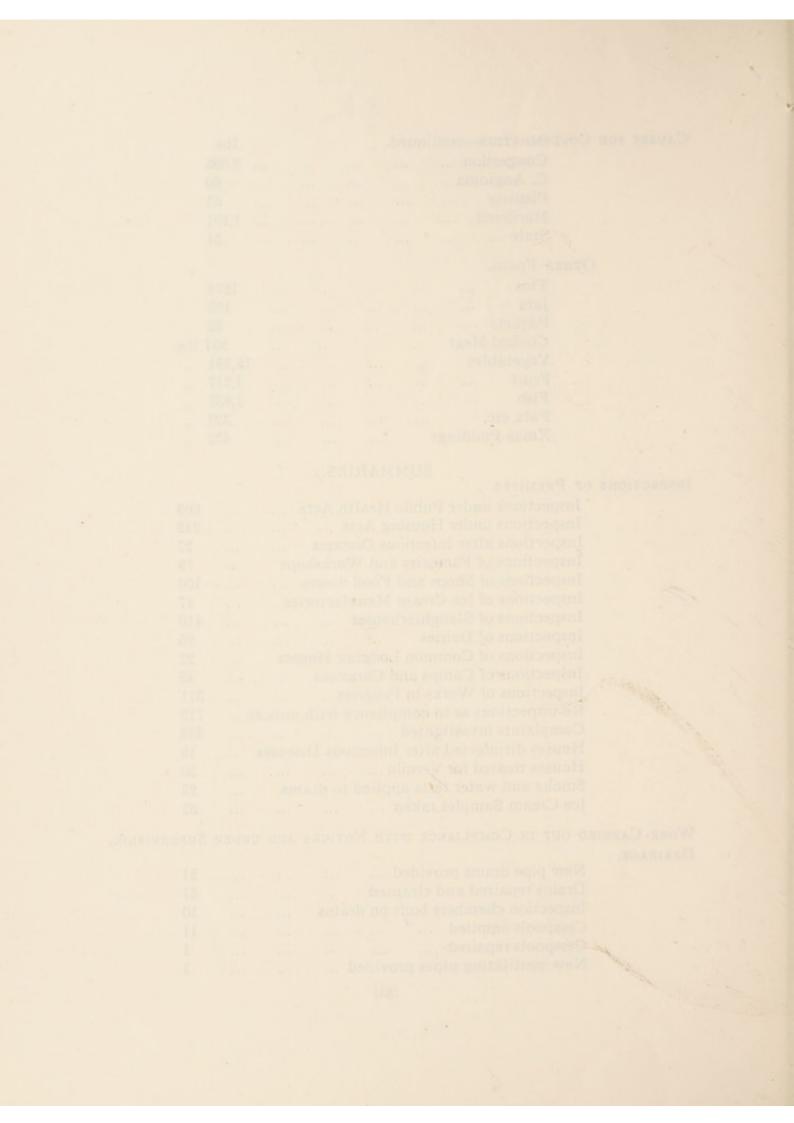


CAUSES FOR CONDEMNAT	ion-con	tinued.			lbs.	
Cong	estion				 2,098	
C. An	gioma				 60	
Pleur	isy				 63	
Morib	und				 1,191	
Stale		·			 34	
Other Foo	DS.					
Tins					 1274	
Jars					 163	
Packe	ets				 55	
Cook	ed Meat				 957	lbs.
Veget	ables				 16,384	,,
Fruit					 1,217	,,
Fish					 1,835	"
Fats,	etc.				 321	,,
Xmas	Pudding	S			 432	,,
		SUM	MARII	ES.		
INSPECTIONS OF PREMIS	ES.					

609 Inspections under Public Health Acts Inspections under Housing Acts 242 Inspections after Infectious Diseases 27 79 Inspections of Factories and Workshops Inspections of Shops and Food Stores ... 100 ... Inspections of Ice Cream Manufactories 47 Inspections of Slaughterhouses 410 ... 25 Inspections of Dairies Inspections of Common Lodging Houses 22 ... Inspections of Camps and Caravans ... 45 ... Inspections of Works in Progress... 311 ... Re-inspections as to compliance with notices ... 712 359 Complaints investigated Houses disinfected after Infectious Diseases ... 18 Houses treated for Vermin 30 ... Smoke and water tests applied to drains 23 ... Ice Cream Samples taken 52 ...

WORK CARRIED OUT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICES AND UNDER SUPERVISION. DRAINAGE.

New pipe drains provid	ded		 	21
Drains repaired and cl	eansed		 	57
Inspection chambers b	uilt on	drains	 	10
Cesspools emptied			 	11
Cesspools repaired			 	1
New ventilating pipes	provid	ed	 	1



SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

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New water-closets provided			5
Closets repaired			6
Flushing cisterns provided to W.C's.			2
Privies converted into water-closets			1
New sanitary pails provided			5
FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.			
Factories provided with sufficient	Sanita	arv	
Accommodation			3
Factories provided with suitable	Sanitary		
Accommodation			1
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Houses repaired			116
Houses demolished			7
Houses provided with sufficient water		y	3
Dust-bins provided			64
Drinking water cisterns cleansed			2
Houses provided with new sinks			6
Yards paved			2
Accumulations of refuse removed			5
	1000	1999	

GENERAL.

The foregoing will show the endeavours that have been made to maintain the general health of the Borough. Generally speaking the health of the Borough has been good and I would again respectfully offer my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their valued consideration of the various matters brought especially to their notice.

I have the honour to be,

Your Obedient Servant,

E. J. SUTCLIFFE, F.S.I.A.,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

