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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Pistrict Council Offices Alexandra Road, Misbech. M. Ioreen C. Martin, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H.



WISBECH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The Chairman (Mr. R.C. Reeve), the Vice-Chairman (Mr. C.W. Andrews) and the Full Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH (Part-time) -

M. Doreen C. Martin, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H.

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR -

Alan P. Grant, M.A.P.H .I.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND ASSISTANT SURVEYOR -

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

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District	49,841 acres.
Estimate mid-year population for 1972	13,110
Estimate mid-year population for 1971	13,060
	£289,984
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1971	£280,322
Product of a Penny Rate (at 31.3.72)	£2,700
Number of inhabited houses	4,604

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WISBECH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL. REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH. For the year ending 31st December, 1972.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present for your consideration, the Annual Report on the Public Health of the Rural District of Wisbech for the year ending 31st December, 1972.

With the end of the present Local Authorities in sight, it is perhaps appropriate to pinpoint some of the problems, typical of a truly Rural District, which have arisen this year.

The public conveniences in the Guyhirn Lay-by, on a trunk road, have been part of a pilot scheme for such conveniences in Rural Districts. Throughout 1972 there have been difficulties in maintenance of a satisfactory standard in these toilets due to failure of the public to make considerate use of a service provided for them. Despite twice daily cleaning the conveniences are sometimes the subject of complaints, and vandalism is a constant source of annoyance. This vandalism and the unclean habits of some members of the public make it increasingly difficult to find employees willing to maintain this necessary service.

The Department of the Environment approved Phase I of the Council's Sewerage Scheme and tenders now could be invited for the work. It is hoped that no further delays will occur.

The position of the new caravan site has still not been finally settled, despite efforts all this year, to find an area of land far enough from residential property to prevent complaints, and near enough to a shopping area to satisfy caravan dwellers.

This year the Council have contributed to the Mid-Anglia General Practitioner Accident Service (MAGPAS) which has been set up by Family Doctors throughout the area, to provide facilities for more efficient medical care at the site of accidents, on the road, in agriculture, in factories etc. The Doctors give their services, but a considerable amount of equipment has to be provided. One may question why this particular need has to be met by public subscription, and is not provided as part of the National Health Service.

I would like to record my gratitude to Mr. Grant and the whole staff of the Public Health Department for their help. The interest, guidance and support of the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee have once more been a great encouragement to me.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

M. Doreen Comentin

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, Council's Severage Scheme and tenders now could be invited for the work. It is hoped that no further delays will occur. to me.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births - 182

M F Area Comparability factor: 1.07

Total 97 85 Legitimate 90 81 Illegitimate 7 4

Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted) - 14.9
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births) - 6

Still Births - 6

Total 2 4
Legitimate 2 4
Illegitimate - -

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births - 32

Total Live and Still Births - 188

Deaths (all causes) - 141

M F Area Comparability factor: 1.07

Total 78 63

Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident mid-1972 population - 11.6

Infant Deaths (under one year) - 3

Total 3 - Legitimate 3 - Illegitimate - -

Rate per 1,000 total live births - 16
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births - 18
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live
births - 0

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) - 11

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) - 5

Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths) - 37

Maternal Mortality (including abortion) - number of deaths - Nil

Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths - Nil.

Vital Statistics cont'd

Causes of Deaths of Children under 1 year -

Enteritis									. 1
Neo-natal									
Respirator	y fa	ail	ure						. 1

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) - 30

Live Birth, Still Birth, Death and Infant Mortality Rates during past six years.

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	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Live Birth Rate Wisbech Rural District Cambs. & Isle of Ely England and Wales	17.49	17.16	14.6	14.4	15.9	14.9
	15.7	14.9	14.5	14.5	14.7	14.3
	17.2	16.9	16.3	16	16	14.8
Still Birth Rate Wisbech Rural District Cambs. & Isle of Ely England and Wales	4	9	5	5	5	3.2
	14	13	9	11	10.1	12
	14•8	14	13	13	12	12
Death Rate Wisbech Rural District Cambs. & Isle of Ely England and Wales	10.15	12.1	11.8	9.5	11.6	11.6
	10.2	11	11	10.5	10.7	11.2
	11.2	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6	12.1
Infant Mortality Rate Wisbech Rural District Cambs. & Isle of Ely England and Wales	9	22	26	5	20	16
	14	14	16	16	11.4	13
	18.3	18	18	18	18	17

GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Executive Council -

Vinery Road, Cambridge.

Clerk

F. G. Lloyd. Esq.

East Anglian Regional Hospital Board - Union Lane, Chesterton, Cambridge.

Senior Administrative Medical Officer - Dr. G.D. Duncan.

(a) GENERAL -

North Cambridgeshire Hospital, Wisbech.

Clarkson Hospital, Wisbech.

(2) Memorial Hospital, Wisbech.

Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

Doddington Hospital. Doddington (4) Doddington Hospital, Doddington.

West Norfolk and King's Lynn General Hospital, King's Lynn.

(b) MATERNITY -

Bowthorpe Maternity Home, Wisbech.

All primiparous mothers may be confined in the obstetric unit and other mothers may be admitted for obstetric abnormality. Since the General Practitioner Unit was opened the number of home confinements has fallen markedly as every mother may now be confined in hospital.

(c) INFECTIOUS DISEASES -

Isolation Hospital, Peterborough. Hardwick Isolation Hospital, King's Lynn.

(d) TUBERCULOSIS -

The area chest physician holds a weekly clinic at North Cambridgeshire Hospital, Wisbech.

In-patient accommodation is provided through the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

(e) MENTAL ILLNESS -

Accommodation is provided (through the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board) usually in Fulbourne Hospital. This is arranged directly by the local General Practitioners. The area Psychiatrist holds a weekly clinic at North Cambridgeshire Hospital.

(f) VENEREAL DISEASE -

Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.
Peterborough Memorial Hospital, Peterborough. (2) West Norfolk and King's Lynn General Hospital.

(g) MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SERVICE -

Medical equipment is provided on loan by the St. Johns Ambulance Division and the Red Cross Medical Loan Depot by arrangement with the County Council.

COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES.

(A) Midwifery, General Sick and Public Health Nursing.

The domiciliary nursing staff is employed by the Cambridge-shire and Isle of Ely County Council. There are 9 district nurses, 1 midwife, 1 district midwife and 4 health visitors who use part of their time in the Rural District. The midwife is qualified to administer gas/air analgesia, pethedine and trilene and the necessary machines approved by the Central Midwives Board are available for her use.

There has been a gradual change in the policy of administering the County Nursing Services. The district nurses and health visitors are attached to general medical practices in order to facilitate the professional relationship of nurses and doctors for the benefit of the population.

(B) Ambulance and Hospital Car Service.

There is one ambulance control centre at March which directs ambulances and hospital cars with speed and economy to the points where they are required. As part of the overall scheme, 2 ambulances and 1 wheelchair vehicle are stationed at Wisbech and there are 11 other ambulances throughout the Northern Area of the County.

(C) Infant Welfare Centres.

(D) School Dental Clinic.

County Clinic, The Horsefair, Wisbech.

(E) Home Help Service.

Available for confinements, cases of illness and for social reasons in the aged.

LABORATORY SERVICES.

Public Health Laboratory Service, Peterborough District Hospital, Midland Road, PETERBOROUGH.

(Director: Dr. J. Glencross).

Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, CAMBRIDGE.

(Director: Dr. Fry).

Public Analyst, The Laboratory, Tenison Road, CAMBRIDGE.

(S. Greenburgh, P.H.D., B.Sc., F.R.I.C.)

OTHER SERVICES.

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Health Education -

All primiparous women are given the opportunity of attending relaxation and Mother and Baby Care Classes during their pregnancy. Recognised Women's Meetings e.g. Church groups and Women's Rural Institute Meetings, occasionally ask for a speaker on Health Education, and such requests are readily complied with by the Public Health Department.

Disinfection and Disinfestation -

Premises - By the Senior Public Health Inspector's Staff.

Bedding and Clothing - Which cannot be dealt with by this department are sent to Clarkson Hospital, Wisbech.

Meals on Wheels -

For some years now, the Women's Voluntary Service has provided 'Meals on Wheels' service for the aged on two days each week in five villages - Upwell, Outwell, Leverington, Gorefield and Newton. This plays an important part in helping to prevent deterioration of health in the very old who live by themselves. The food is cooked at the school canteens and a very small charge is made to the recipients.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES - 1972.

Notifications.

Dysentary 0 Typhoid Fever 0 Paratyphoid Fever 0 Meningococcal Infections 0 Scarlet Fever 4 Whooping Cough 1 Diphtheria 0 Erysipelas 0 Smallpox 0 Measles 62 Pneumonia 0 Acute Poliomyelitis 0 Food Poisoning 2 Puerperal Pyrexia 0 Tuberculosis (All forms) 4 Malaria 0 Infective Jaundice 0			
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CAUSES OF DEATH YEAR 1972.

	M	F	TOTAL
Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc. Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate Leukaemia Other Malignant Neoplasms Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1 1 1 4 1 3 0 1 1 2 1	- 2 1 3 4 2 1 0 0 3 0	1 3 2 7 5 5 1 1 5
Diabetes Mellitus	2 1 2 28 3 7	2 0 0 17 2 5	4 1 2 45 5 12
Cerebrovascular Disease	7 1 4 4 0	0 8 4 2	1 12 8 2
Peptic Ulcer Other Diseases of Digestive System Other Diseases of Genito-Urinary System Congenital Anomalies Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc. Other causes of Perinatal Mortality Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	1 0 1 2 1 1 1 1 1	0 2 0 0 0 0 1	1 2 1 2 1 1 2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	78	63	141

Deaths from selected causes during the years 1967 - 1972.

The state of the s	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	19
Lung Cancer	5(4)	5(3)	7(1)	5(2)	6(3)	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3(3)	0	4(4)	2	3(3)	
All Other Accidents	2(1)	0	2(1)	4(3)	2(1)	(
Suicide	0	3(2)	2(1)	1(1)	4(3)	(
Totals	10(8)	8(5)	15(9)	12(6)	15(10)	12

Numbers in brackets are under 65 years old.

I draw your attention to these causes of deaths as being essentially preventable. The number of deaths from lung cancer of course, gives no indication of the number of cases diagnosed and successfully treated.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

HOUSING.

I am indebted to the Senior Public Health Inspector for the following report.

Number of Dwellings completed during 1972 -

Council - 7

Private - 47

Number of Dwellings under Construction at the end of 1972 -

Council - 26

Private - 56

UNFIT HOUSES -

The following number of unfit houses were dealt with during the year as follows:

	Demolition Orders	Closing Orders.	Demolished in Anticipation.
Elm Leverington Newton Outwell Parson Drove Tydd St. Giles Upwell	1 - 4 - 4 1	1 - 2 1	molfania and and and and and and and and and an
Wisbech St.Mary	8	5	rities Lowever, and an actic below work to below under

It must be appreciated that the figures of dwellings previously given as to the number of unfit houses has been largely based upon a survey made some considerable time ago. It would be true to say that the back of the real slum property problem has been broken and we are now left with problem houses which are substandard and which often are not capable of being improved. Many of the occupiers are elderly owner/occupiers and are very reluctant, understandably so, to spend money on such properties. There are many of this type of house in the district. In order to bring the whole matter up to date a detailed housing survey, involving structural housing conditions and information to be used possibly for future improvement areas, would have to be carried out and this would, I submit entail extra temporary staff in the department.

RENT ACT, 1957 -

During the year there were no applications for Certificates of Disrepair, and no applications for the revocation of Certificates of Disrepair by owners of property.

HOUSING ACT, 1969 - QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES -

During the year there were no applications.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS -

Applications for grants for the improvement of private dwellings are dealt with jointly by the Public Health and Architect's departments, following the pattern set up several years ago. During the year Discretionary Grants were approved for eleven houses to a total of £7,336. Standard Grants were approved for twenty-nine houses to a total of £8,867.

The number of grants decreased compared with the previous year. Increasingly property previously written off as substandard is now being improved and so the housing stock is not depleted.

BUILDING REGULATIONS AND PLANNING -

The examination of all plans submitted under the Building Regulations, the preparation of reports to the Planning Committee and subsequent inspection of work in progress, is carried out by the Public Health Department, the department itself fulfilling a dual role and acting also as the Surveyor's department. Our activities however, relate only to private development and do not include any development carried out on the Council's behalf. This work being under the control of the Architect's department.

During the year the department dealt with 308 plans an increase on last years number. In addition planning applications were dealt with and processed so that the Council's observations could be known to the planning authority. There has been an increase in requests for information and advice and I would again stress that the possibility of increasing the staff be considered to deal on a specialist basis with the complex problems brought up by the regulations. With the possibility of new legislation being passed in the not too far future and more exacting inspection techniques more staff will be essential.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING AND COUNCIL'S SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANTS -

The Council operate four cesspool emptiers, a Ford vehicle with a capacity of 1,000 gallons, a Bedford vehicle with a capacity of 1,000 gallons, a Bedford vehicle with a capacity of 1,500 gallons and a Shelvoke and Drewry vehicle with a capacity of 1,500 gallons. The vehicles are each crewed by two men. The cost to occupiers for the emptying service is £1 for each domestic property and £1 per load for commercial premises.

The work carried out by these vehicles consisted of 4,019 jobs, an increase over the previous year. The Council's twenty-seven sewage disposal plants are also de-sludged and during the year 714 loads of sludge were removed from all the plants.

Following on from this it can be said that a happy state of co-operation exists between the Public Health department and the Housing department, whose job it is to maintain the sewage plants. A great deal of help is, and has been received from the Pollution Officer of the Drainage Board, who is constantly checking effluent standards. These standards are usually consistently high but are maintained only by constant supervision and maintenance, the cesspool emptier acts as a vital link in this process. The orthodox plants give little trouble. The absence of problems with these plants is directly attributable to splendid work by the maintenance engineer in charge of the plants.

The main disposal outlet for the contents of the cesspool emptiers is still catered for by direct discharge into the Wisbech Borough Council's Sewerage system, thick loads being diverted to the sewage farm belonging to the Wisbech Borough Council and situated at Walpole Marsh. Other disposal is by utilising straw pans and stubble for which owners are paid at the rate of 25p per load.

The burden of cesspool emptying continues to increase and weather conditions affecting sub-soil water levels continues to plague certain parts of the district. Progress towards the implementation of the Council's new sewerage scheme has been slow but it is hoped that at least within a year tender stage for Phase I of the scheme will have been reached.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL -

The Council now operate a weekly kerbside collection of the district together with a twice weekly collection for about six or seven months of the year from the Fridaybridge Agricultural Camp. The service is now operated with a fifty cubic yard capacity Eagle Crushload refuse collection vehicle and a Shelvoke and Drewry 'Revopak' type collection vehicle. The old 50 cubic yard Eagle Crushload vehicle has been retained as a spare vehicle, its use as such being essential for an efficient service.

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Bulky refuse is being dealt with as and when requested, it is collected from premises free of charge.

Refuse disposal facilities are shared with Marshland Rural District Council and the Borough Council of Wisbech. Refuse disposed of in the old Wisbech Canal. Soil is excavated and then used to cover over the refuse deposited. Mechanical plant is essential for this kind of operation an International Harvester B.85 with Drott bucket together with a 10 R.B. excavator is provided. Both vehicles are operated by one man. Insect and rodent control measures are carried out over the whole length of the canal.

The volume of refuse is still increasing and its character is changing; weight decreasing, bulk increasing. It is stressed that with this 'Throw away' type of society, previously estimated figures for the tipping 'life' of the canal might have to be re-assessed and forward planning put in hand as to future sites in the area. These measures might mean a consortium of districts to include pulverising or incinerating methods prior to tipping.

A salvage system is in operation and all types of materials are utilised. These are sold through a local firm. The revenue for the year was £61. after deduction of the collectors' bonuses.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958 -MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS, 1963 -

The district is served by one slaughterhouse owned and operated by Mr. N.V. Gagen. All animals slaughtered at the slaughterhouse at Wolf Lane, Gorefield are inspected and stamped in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations but it has again been found impracticable for an inspector to be present at the dressing of all carcases, however inspections are carried out as quickly as possible. There are fixed days for slaughtering and emergency slaughter animals are immediately notified to the department so that inspection can be carried out. The income from inspection fees during the year was £70.

During the year the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Veterinary Officers visited and inspected the slaughterhouse and I would like to record my appreciation of their co-operation in the past year and also the co-operation of the slaughterhouse operator, who is constantly improving his premises and equipment therein.

LICENCES TO SLAUGHTER AND STUN ANIMALS -

Six persons were licensed to slaughter and stun animals. One provisional licence was issued.

FOOD -

All food premises are regularly inspected and occasionally it is necessary to request occupiers to give attention to contraventions of the Food Hygiene Regulations. Particular attention is paid to the proper use of freezing equipment, this is most important as the demand for 'convenience foods'; continues to increase at a great rate.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960 -

There were no site licences issued for the stationing of caravans during the year. The permanent residential site in the area was maintained satisfactorily, and again whole hearted co-operation was received from the site operator. No further progress was made in respect of the proposed gypsy caravan site.

RODENT CONTROL -

There is no full time operator employed by the Council. Work to Council property and sewage plants is carried out by members of the Housing department staff. The same men also carry out control on a part-time basis for the length of the Wisbech canal which is used for refuse disposal. The normal level of infestation remains high and advice and instruction were given to the public. The problem is a national one and should be treated as one, so that anti-rodent measures can be carried out over all districts uniformly according to a single master plan.

PETROLEUM ACTS -

When underground petroleum tanks are installed in the district the necessary inspections are carried out prior to installation.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963 -

There are two premises used for boarding in the district. One has accommodation for twelve animals, the other for twelve cats only. Satisfactory conditions were maintained.

SWIMMING POOLS -

There is no large public swimming pool in the area. Most of swimming is done in small swimming pools attached to most schools in the area. Advice is given to head teachers by the department if required.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967 -

The Council have been active in the implementation of the Act. The existing refuse tip at Outwell is utilised for dumping by the public. A system of bulk collection of domestic refuse is in force and advantage is being taken of this. During the year two abandoned cars were removed to a collection depot which has been set up and is shared with Marshland Rural District Council and Wisbech Borough Council.

The practice of dumping rubbish in isolated places in the district continues to increase and once an accumulation remains in one spot for any length of time people assume it is a dumping spot and the pile gradually increases, legislation exists for the prevention of such practices, but the practical aspect of control is a very difficult one. Education and propaganda seem the most likely weapons to be used in the battle against indiscriminate dumping.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION - LAY-BYES -

I have to report that the conveniences at the Guyhirn lay-by continue to work satisfactorily. These have now been in operation since August, 1967. These are chemical type conveniences and so far no real trouble has been experienced. It is obvious that they have filled a long standing need and the public and area generally have benefited. Vandalism is increasing and especially to the sanitary fittings themselves, cupboards have been torn out and damage to locks and partitions has continued.

WATER SUPPLY -

This service is provided by the Wisbech and District Water Board. Monthly summaries of bacteriological and chemical examinations are sent through to this department by the Board's Chemist, Mr. Collins, whom I wish to thank for his ready help with problems regarding water supply. Results have been of a very high standard and there was no contamination calling for special action by this department. A short table of examination results are set out below -

, ben	Samples submitted	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory		
Bacteriological	671	671	Nil		
Chemical	98	98	Nil		

The district as a whole is well supplied and there are very few houses now which do not have a mains water supply available.

Fluoride Content -

Class of workplace

A sample of mixed Marham and Beecham Well water taken at the Water Board's Offices on 29th December, 1972, showed no fluoride content. A sample of Marham water at Marham pumping station (mixed treated water) fluoride content nil was taken on 8th November, 1972.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES, ACT, 1963 -

At the end of the year 53 premises, employing 109 persons were registered, as detailed below -

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

	Premises Registered During year	Total Premises Registered end of year.	Registered Premises Inspected.
Offices Retail Shops	Nil Nil	19 25	8
Wholesale Shops Warehouses Catering establish-	Nil	4	4
ments open to public Fuel Storage Depots	c Nil	3 2	3 00 01
Totals	Nil	53	32

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE -

Number of Persons

Portions President): .	Employed.			
Offices Retail Shops Wholesale departments, warehouses Catering establishments open to public Fuel Storage depots	38 30 7 24 10			
TOTAL	109			
TOTAL MALES	46 houmoba			
TOTAL FEMALES	63			

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in part.

	1972						
0		Cattle cludir Cows		Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horse
	Number Killed:	181	_	- Wale	297	681	-
	Number Inspected:	181	HE YAME	AND RAD	297	681	-
,	All Diseases except Tuber- culosis and Cysticerci:	5 prems					
	Whole carcases condemned	GD CHA	EMOTIVE	HEIGH	- 6	1	-
	Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	14	mises bergin ing year	Pro Luci		87	-
	Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuber-culosis and cysticerci:	7.7	Tru Tru		1.0	12.6	-
	Tuberculosis only:						
	Whole carcases condemened	-	Est	public	open_to	ments Fuel 3	-
	Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	THE	-	_e.Le't	2	-
	Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.5	- CENTRAL STREET	Epil-ce	SIS OF FOR	0.3	-
	Cysticercoses:						
	Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned				agone ago - o Le		-
	Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	ond or	mado a		torage d		-
	Generalised and totally						
	condemned	_	-		California	-UNIZOT	

FACTORIES ACT, 1947 and 1948.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

Prem.		M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)		Number of Written Notices (5)		M/c line No. (7)
	Factories in which Sects.1,23,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1 es:	17	21	-	-	1
	Factories not included in (i) in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority:	2	21	27	-	_	2
	Other premises which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding Out-workers Premises	3	-	-	_	-	3
	TOTAL	-	38	48	-	-	-

^{2.} No defects were discovered during the year.

PACTORIES ACT, 1947 and 1948.

Pert t of the Act.

t. INDERCTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (troluding inspections made by the Dublic Health Inspectors)

		Register (3)	
		77	(1) Factories in which Sects.1, 2 3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authoriti
			(iii) Other premises which Sect.7 is shown by the Local Authority Cut-workers Fremise
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2. - No defects were discovered during the years



