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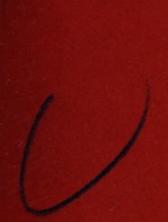
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

In this report, in order to comply with the Council's economy campaign with regard to annual reports, the brief summaries and comments on the reports and work of the various branches of the Department which were published hitherto in the Department's Annual Reports have had to be omitted. The various statistical tables which were previously published in the relevant sections of former reports are included as appendices to this report, and comments on the working of the Department have been confined to points of special

interest or importance.

When reading this report and appendices it must be borne in mind that the rates quoted are uncorrected for 'inward' or 'outward' transfers unless otherwise stated; that patients from outside the town entering hospitals and other institutions providing medical facilities in the town adversely affect our Death and Infectious Diseases rates; that the age and sex distribution of our population is still abnormal; and that the number of deaths shown as due to the various diseases must necessarily be inaccurate, as something like 25 per cent of the persons who die in Singapore have had no medical advice or treatment before death, and the causes of their deaths have had to be surmised by Inspecting Officers without the aid of clinical observations or autopsies.

MID-YEAR POPULATION

The Registrar of Statistics' figure for our estimated mid-year populations, on which the statistics in the appendices are based is shown by races in this table:—

ESTIMATED MID-YEAR POPULATION BY RACES 1952

		Total		771,360
Others				8,640
Eurasians				9,135
Europeans				9,857
Indians and	Pakistanis		***	57,095
Chinese			***	603,935
Malaysians				82,698

Details concerning notifiable infectious disease, vital statistics, etc. and the work carried out by the various sub-departments are set out in appendices as follows:—

Appendix A-Notifiable Infectious Diseases.

- B—General measures to combat spread of Infectious Diseases—Vaccination, etc.
- " C-Birth and Still-Birth Statistics.
- D—General Death Rate, Infant Mortality Rate, Neo-natal Rates, etc., Principal Causes of Death, Death by whom certified.
- , E—Markets, Food, Licences Issued, Abattoirs, Burial Grounds;

and in the following reports and returns which are appended: -

Anti-Mosquito Department.

Report of the Analyst.

Report of the Bacteriologist.

Report of the Infant Welfare Department.

Report of the Superintendent, Middleton Hospital.

Report of the Market Inspector.

Report of the Superintendent, Abattoirs.

Chief Sanitary Inspector's Returns.

Summary of Principal Statistics, 1952: -

BIRTHS AND DEATH RATE, ETC.—ALL RACES COMBINE	D
Total births registered (all races combined)	36,529
Total deaths registered (all races combined)	9,372
Excess of births over deaths	27,157
Birth Rate	47.36
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year population	12.15
Malaria Death Rate	0.049
Infantile Mortality Rate	75.34
Neo-natal Rate	34.56
Still-Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still-births	19.17
Maternal Mortality Rate per 10,000 live-births	18.6
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DEATHS BY WHOM CERTIFIED	1050
1951	1952
By Medical Practitioners 59.82%	63.30%
By Inspecting Officers 30.10%	25.90%
By Coroner 10.08%	10.80%
NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES	O STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR
No. No.	Deaths
Tuberculosis (all forms) 3,527 (including 537 non-reside	
Typhoid—cases notified 166 (including 30 non-residence)	
Diphtheria—cases notified 460 (including 108 non-residence)	
Leprosy—cases notified 138 (including 43 non-residence	
Poliomyelitis 59 (including 14 non-residence	
Small-pox, Cholera, Plague Nil. Nil.	Nil.
Chairpox, Chotera, Frague III	
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^{*} Special Re-vaccination Campaign carried out during the year.

Work performed by Maternity and Infant Welfare Department: -

HOME VISITS BY SISTERS AND HEALTH	VISITORS	
	1951	1952
Mothers visited by District Sisters within 10 days		
of confinement	20,992	21,520
Visits by Health Visitors to individual new babies	28,462	28,639
Subsequent visits by Health Visitors to new babies	55,158	57,317
Visits to expectant mothers Visits to homes of A.P.T. defaulters	3,391	2,129
Total visits paid by Sisters and Health Visitors	1,842	2,802
to homes	109,845	112,387
ATTENDANCES AT CLINICS		
ATTENDANCES AT CEINICS	1951	1952
Individual babies attending Clinics	16,065	17,720
Subsequent attendances of these babies	79,467	85,020
Attendances of Pre-school children	7,455	27,215
Attendances of individual expectant mothers	2,599	2,593
Subsequent Attendances of expectant mothers	5,431	4,993
DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION		
	1951	1952
Infants immunised (complete course)	3,691	5,777
Toddlers	2,263	22,720
B.C.C. INOCULATION		
B.C.G. INOCULATION	1951	1952
Number infants and toddlers tested	5,164	9,165
Number infants and toddlers positive	_	3,387
Number infants and toddlers negative	_	4,609
Number infants and toddlers given B.C.G	2,461	4,439
		7,777
COUNCIL FREE MIDWIFERY SERV	TCE	
	1951	1952
Number of confinements attended by Council Midwives	1,349	1,211
Number of visits paid to cases discharged from	1,017	1,211
Government Maternity Hospital three or so		
days after confinement	3,017	3,160
Number of visits subsequently paid to known cases of confinement not attended by Doctors		
or Midwives	231	244
CONFINEMENTS	1051	10.50
	1951	1952
In Government Maternity Hospital	13,923	15,059
In Private Maternity Homes and by Private	3,313	3,950
By Private Midwives	14,727	15,001
By Council Midwives	1,349	1,211
No Skilled Attention at Confinement	1,815	1,614
	35,127	36,835
	55,127	30,033

HEALTH OF STAFF

AVERAGE STRENGTH OF JUNIOR SUBORDINATE AND OPEN VOTES STAFF, 1952

(a) Approximate average number of Junior and Subordinate Staff employed excluding females ... 2,050

(b) Approximate average number of Open Vote employees exclud-

(Above figures supplied by Welfare Officer).

8,363

ing females and juveniles

	Staff (a)	Open Votes (b)	Total (a) and (b)
Number of new cases attended to at dispensaries	4,445	32,510	36,955
Total number of attendances including first visits, at dispensaries	8,762	87,262	96,024
Number examined for physical fitness	457	1,678	2,135
Number of visits paid to homes by M.O. i/c. Staff	32	21	53
Number of cases treated by Private Doctors	1,454	3,345	4,799
Number of days sick leave granted including special T.B. leave by:—			
(a) M.Os. i/c. Staff	8,937	91,604	100,541
(b) Private Practitioners	4,191	12,003	16,194
(c) Hospitals	2,963	10,256	13,219
Total	16,091	113,863	129,954
Number of days special T.B. leave granted	547	4,681	5,228
Average number of days sick leave including T.B. leave, granted per male person employed in Junior, Sub- ordinate and Open Votes Staff in 1952	7.84	13.6	12.4

The points of special interest or importance in connection with the workin of the Department during the year were as follows:—

TYPHOID

In last year's report reference was made to 30 persons who develope typhoid a short while after having partaken of a big dinner which was supplie by a food caterer. Early this year 20 persons who attended another big dinner contracted typhoid shortly afterwards. On investigation it was found that the caterer who supplied this dinner had also supplied the dinner previously referred to. The caterer was asked to furnish a list of all the persons who too part in the preparation and serving of the dinner this year and all of thes were examined. One of them proved to be a typhoid carrier. This carrier has been overlooked and not examined on the previous occasion when we examine the caterer's employees as for some reason or other his name was not the included on the list of employees furnished by the caterer.

Bacterial cultures from several of the typhoid cases who had attended the second dinner referred to and from the carrier were sent for Vi phage typing to the Central Enteric Reference Laboratory London. All of these cultures proved to be Vi phage Type A.

ANTI-DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION CAMPAIGN

Because of the prevalence of Diphtheria in infants and children an intensified Anti-Diphtheria Immunization Campaign was started in August. The response at first was fairly satisfactory but by the end of the year, the number being brought forward for immunization was most disappointing.

SPECIAL VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

During the year because there was a grave danger of small-pox being imported from surrounding countries where it was prevalent and as five or more years had elapsed since the bulk of the population in the City and Island had been vaccinated against this disease on any large scale, it was considered advisable to carry out a mass voluntary vaccination campaign in the City and Island. Between 20th August and the end of the year when the campaign came to a close at least 283,670 persons over 3 years of age had been revaccinated in the City Area alone. In addition to the revaccinations mentioned 29,045 primary vaccinations in young infants were also carried out.

B.C.G. VACCINATION

During the period January to August 9,165 infants and children were tested for suitability for B.C.G. vaccination. 4,439 of these were found suitable and were vaccinated. Because Prof. Heaf advised, when he visited the Colony in August, that the best results with B.C.G. work in Singapore were likely to be obtained by concentrating on contacts of cases and the immunization of the majority of persons in the higher age groups first and then working systematically down the various age groups to the youngest age group, work on B.C.G. immunization of infants and children in the clinics was discontinued in August.

ANTI-MALARIA WORK

The City Cleansing Department was requested by the Health Department to obliterate permanently the large low lying swampy area at Bendemeer by filling. This A. sundaicus breeding ground has always proved difficult and costly to control effectively by oiling, tide gates, etc. Towards the close of the year the City Cleansing Department started filling work in this area.

During the year because of the high market price for scrap metal a great deal of extra work, especially oiling, had to be undertaken by the Anti-Mosquito Department to control A. sundaicus breeding in numerous excavations made by unauthorized persons to extract the scrap metal disposed of by dumping immediately after the war in certain portions of the Kallang Basin with had subsequently been filled by the City Cleansing Department.

The rapid building development, which continued throughout the year in the City, cast a further heavy strain on the Anti-Mosquito Department because this necessitated the realignment of portions of certain A.M. drains to fit in with intended development, and also the control of the numerous mosquito breeding grounds created by building excavations. The conversion of still more of our anti-malaria drains into sullage drains as a result of building development also cast extra maintenance work on the Department.

KAMPONG SANITATION

The experimental work in connection with kampong sanitation was continued throughout the year but with the labour force available for the work it was not possible to extend the work to any further kampongs. Experience has shown that all of the labourers provided for this work must now be employed full time on the maintenance of the kampongs which have already been dealt with, i.e. in cleaning and removal of refuse from the numerous drains which perforce have poor gradients because of the long and tortuous corners through which they had to be taken between the various huts built in haphazard manner throughout these kampongs.

I take this opportunity of recording my grateful thanks to all members of the department both Senior and Junior for their continued loyal support.

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TABLE 1

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The number of cases notified in persons who were stated to be ordinarily resident within the city area in 1952 and in the previous five years are shown in the table which follows:—

Year	ar	12	1947	1948	1949	1950	1921	Average for 5 years	1952
Small-pox			. 42	ıo	:	:	:	9.4	:
Plague				:		:			:
Cholera			:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Typhoid Fever			. 70	10	19	129	85	83.0	130
Paratyphoid Fever			-	57	1		1	1.0	
Diphtheria			131	193	241	224	392	236.2	35
bro Spinal Fever			91	11	11	9	10	9.4	
Typhus Fever (1)			. 8	91	24	13	15	15.2	16
Scarlet Fever				:	:	:		:	:
Leprosy			. 81	121	158	180	142	136-4	96
Poliomyelitis			-	120	54	72	09	61.4	4
Anthrax			:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Puerperal Fever			. 20	38	53	82	69	52.4	7
Ervsipelas			3	13	20	10	8	10.8	1
Chicken-pox			317	329	402	466	594	421.6	41
Fuberculosis		:	3,412	4,078	4,247	3,684	3,219	3,728.0	2,99
		E	4.100	4 000	0 10	7 0 00	, 700		97.7
		Total	4,102	4,996	5,272	4,866	4,590		4,765.1

(1) Under the heading of Typhus are included Tsutsugamushi or Scrub Typhus of Malaya (Mite Borne) and Flea Borne, Urban Type Tropical Typhus Louse Borne Typhus has not been seen in Singapore.

TABLE 2

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES BY RACES FOR THE YEAR 1952

	Race		Europeans	Eurasians	Chinese	Malays	Indians	Others	Total
Typhoid Fever	:	:	61 (1	121	9	ıa (-:	136
Diphtheria	:	:	ۥ(_ e	316	(F)	(2)	(F) (F)	352
Chicken-pox	:		<u></u> 9 §	€55	(97) 150	⊝ි≋ ඉ	195	<u>_</u> 67 {	(108) 413
Puerperal Fever	:		ତା (ତି ((16) 23)	විආ ((oc)	310	78
Poliomyelitis	:] ® @	_67 <u></u>	353	P 6	3∘€		45 (2)
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	er	:	E 6		() m		507		(5)
Tuberculosis	:	:	E E]==	2,632	[] [] []	189	[2]	2,990
Paratyphoid Fever	:	:	11	113	62				2]
Small-pox	:	:				13			
Leprosy	:	:			(£ (£)-E	28		95)
Typhus Fever	:	:	1	1	9 ()	e3 <u> </u>	8 (4)	1	16.
Erysipelas	:	:	-1	1	6E)	4 ①	2 (I]	(1)
		Total	19 (12)	38 (5)	3,364 (633)	260 (62)	450 (116)	17 (2)	4,148 (830)

The figures not in brackets are of cases notified in persons ordinarily resident in the city area.

The figures in brackets are imported cases and cases from Rural Board treated in hospitals or institutions in the city area but not ordinarily resident in the city area.

^{*12} mite borne and 4 flea borne. † 3 mite borne and 2 flea borne.

TABLE 3

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES BY MONTHS FOR THE YEAR 1952

(Figures in brackets are cases in non-residence)

Month	Jan.	. Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Typhoid Fever	28		15	20	=	15	-	- ;	10 (7	10	10	136
Diphtheria	29		323	£	² 13	33	36	£	30	18	18	333	(30)
Chicken-pox	(13)		€2	(12)	@ g	(28)	(13)	37	(12)	(10)	E 9	(11)	(108)
			E ₂	(4)	92	\$:	961	(8)	80 %	E 4	(11)	(12)	(88)
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Cerebro Spinal rever	:		1 000			()	3	1]		1	(E)	1	6.00
Tuberculosis	(36)		(48)	(38)	(42)	(65)	(65)	(45)	(38)	(59)	(40)	(42)	(537)
Paratyphoid Fever	:		1	-ĵ	1	1]	ıĵ	1	1	1	1	1	67 [
Leprosy	90	-	3,	2 2	, 4 €	8 (2)	17	10	= €	-8	÷ 8	3 =	95,
Typhus Fever	33	2.5	4]	33	-1	1	- I	:-J	1	-8		18	16* (5)†
Small-pox	:					1]			1				
Erysipelas	4 Û	-I	1 1	1]	4 ①	- 🖹	-1	1]	- ①	1	4 ①	1]	9(1)
Total	348	319 (58)	406 (69)	365 (63)	342 (61)	424 (81)	410 (87)	353 (61)	312 (70)	292 (81)	294 (61)	284 (73)	4,148 (830)

* 12 mite borne and 4 flea borne. † 3 mite borne and 2 flea borne.

TABLE 4
POLIOMYELITIS

CONFIRMED CASES NOTIFIED IN 1952 BY RACE, SEX AND AGE GROUPS
Table includes imported cases as well as cases in City Resident.

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	TOTAL	F.	6	9	-	1	T	60	C1	1	21
		M.	25	2	60	1	1	-	63	1	38
-	92	T.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	OTHERS	F.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
		M.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	SN	T.	10	67	- 1	1	1	1	1	1	1-
1	INDIANS	F.	-	61	1	1	1	1	1	1	co.
		M.	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
-	Ys	T.	61	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	60
	MALAYS	F.	1	1	-1	1	1	-1	-	1	-
OAGBA		M.	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	6.1
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1	EUROPEANS	F.	-	1	1	1	1	60	63	1	9
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-			years	=	:	:	:	:	:	:	
			0- 5 years	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-35	35-45	45—55	

Fourteen of the fifty-nine confirmed cases of Poliomyclitis notified within the city area were non-residents.

TABLE 5
POLIOMYELITIS CASES NOTIFIED AND CONFIRMED IN 1952
UNDER 5 YEARS OF AGE BY RACE, SEX AND AGE CROUPS RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT

-				1		-		-		1		-	-	-	-	
	Race	9			0—1 year	7 11	1-2 years	81 8	2—3 years	es 2	3-4 years	4.5	4—5 years	10 E	Total	Total
					M.	E.	M.	Ŀ.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	5 years	5 years
Europeans	:	:		:	1	1	ī	ı	61	1	1	1	1	1	4	6
Eurasians	:	:		:	,1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1_	1
Chinese	:	:		:	4	67	ın	1	9	1	1	2	1	1	23	10
Malays	:	:		:	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	67	61
Indians	:	:		:	62	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	1
Others	:	:		:	1	1	i	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
			Total	:	7	3	1	61	6	1	1	4	-	-	36	23

TABLE 6

PERCENTAGE OF PARALYTIC AND NON-PARALYTIC POLIOMYELITIS CASES TREATED AT MIDDLETON HOSPITAL 1951 AND 1952

Total cases treated at M	iddleton H	Iospital	 1951 50	1952 78
Paralytic cases			 48	73
Non-Paralytic cases			 2	5
Paralytic cases			 96%	93.5%

TABLE 7

NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS (ALL TYPES) BY SEX AND AGE GROUPS 1952. (IN CITY RESIDENTS ONLY)

(Cases in Service Personnel and Families not included)

A	age Groups		0—5	5—10	10—15	15-20	20—45	Over 45	Age not stated	Total
Males			90	26	17	77	1,219	773	10	2,212
Females			75	20	5	35	436	205	2	778
	Tota	1	165	46	22	112	1,655	978	12	2,990

TABLE 8

INSTITUTIONS, ETC. FROM WHERE TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFICATIONS WERE RECEIVED

2,990 cases of Tuberculosis (all types) in City residents and 537 in non-residents that is 3,527 in all were notified during the year. 69 of these were not ordinarily resident in the Colony. Cases in service personnel and their families are not included in these figures.

Notified by	S.A.T.A.	T.T.S. Clinic	General Hospital	Total S.A.T.A. and Hospitals	Private Practi- tioners	Total
Number of cases notified	1,203	594	560	2,357	1,170	3,527

TABLE 1

GENERAL MEASURES TAKEN TO PREVENT IMPORTATION AND SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

PASSENGERS UNDER SURVEILLANCE DURING THE YEAR 1952

Number of Passenger Undertakings received	 347
Number of Persons under surveillance	 490
Number of Persons seen	 466
Number of Persons not seen and could not be traced	 24

TABLE 2

HOUSES QUARANTINED, DISINFECTED, AND INFECTIOUS CASES REMOVED TO INFECTIOUS HOSPITAL, TRAFALGAR HOSPITAL

Houses quarantined			**	Nil
Houses Disinfected				1,174
Infectious cases removed to	Infectious	Hospital		719
Leper cases removed Trafa	algar Hospi	tal		109

TABLE 3

VACCINATIONS BY CITY VACCINATORS, MEDICALMEN, PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT VACCINATORS 1952

(Excluding Special Revaccination Campaign)

	Successful	Modified	Failed	Not Seen	Total
City Vaccinators Medicalmen	17,097 12,247	237 17	357 45	999	18,690 12,309
Private and Government Vac- cinators	25	-	-	-	25
Total	29,369	254	402	999	31,024

TABLE 4 VACCINATION BY RACES 1952

Race	Under 6 months	6—12 months	1—5 years	Over 5 years	Total
Chinese	14,863	8,019	1,395	371	24,648
Malan	2,450	1,001	94	18	3,563
(1)		563	48	6	2,117
	1,500				
Eurasians	159	64	19	14	256
Europeans	29	9	1	4	43
Others	306	82	6	3	397
	19,307	9,738	1,563	416	31,024
Special Vaccination Cam- paign 20th August to 31st December (all races com-					
bined)			41,824	241,846	283,670
Total Vaccination	19,307	9,738	43,387	242,262	314,694

TABLE 1

BIRTHS AND STILL-BIRTHS

The following is the number of births for each month of the year, the 1951 figures being also shown.

	Month		1951	1952	М	onth		1951	1952
January February March April May June	::		 2,912 2,559 2,573 2,883 2,980 2,970	2,804 2,774 2,763 2,951 2,876 2,993	July August September October November December	::	::	2,917 2,975 2,767 3,199 3,188 2,853	3,225 3,054 3,276 3,377 3,185 3,251
	Т	otal	 16,877	17,161		Tot	al	17,899	19,368

TABLE 2

The Births Registered by Races were:-

	Race			1951		1952			
	Auto		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Europeans Eurasians Chinese Malays	::		116 185 14,208 1,819	114 156 13,478 1,723	230 341 27,686 3,542	125 167 14,780 1,978	127 162 14,073 1,864	252 329 28,853	
Indians Others	::	::	1,406 91	1,413 67	2,819 158	1,616 73	1,481	3,842 3,097 156	
	Tot	al	17,825	16,951	34,776	18,739	17,790	36,529	

TABLE 3

The birth rate for each race in 1952 and the corresponding rates for 1951 are shown in the table which follows:—

	Race		1951	1952
Europeans			25.87	25.57
Eurasians		 	38.64	36.02
Chinese	::	 	47.08	47.78
Malays		 	44.16	46.46
Indians		 	52.39	54.24
Others		 	19.29	18.06
All Races Combined		 	46.50	47.36

TABLE 4

The table which follows shows the number of live-births by race and sex that occurred at the Government Maternity Hospital in 1952 and also the percentage of the total registered births of each race born at this hospital:—

Race			1952		Percentage of total births regis tered by race born at the Govern ment Hospital		
			Males	Females	Both Sexes	1952	1951
Chinese			6,393	5,999	12,392	42.95	39.95
Indians			899	828	1,727	55.76	51.88
Malays			103	111	214	5.57	8.24
Europeans			112	109	221	87.70	88.26
Eurasians			81	79	160	48.63	48.97
Others			8	12	20	12.82	12.66
Total	All Races		7,596	7,138	14,734	40.34	37.54

TABLE 5

The percentage of the total births registered by races in the census year 1911, 1921, 1931, 1947 and in 1948—1952 is shown in the table which follows:—

	Total			Indians	Other Races	% of Total Births				
Year	Births	Chinese Ma	Malays			Chinese	Malays	Indians	Other Races	
1911	 5,560	3,750	1,051	406	353	67.4	18.8	7.3	7.52	
1921	 10,237	7,789	1,270	640	538	76.0	12.4	6.2	5.26	
1931	 16,488	13,229	1,758	917	584	80.23	10.66	5.56	3.54	
1936	 20,878	17,093	1,842	1,314	629	81.87	8.82	6.29	3.01	
1947	 30,548	24,247	3,233	2,323	745	79.3	10.5	7.6	2.44	
1948	 32,074	25,996	3,004	2,299	775	81.1	9.4	7.2	2.4	
1949	 33,101	26,602	3,294	2,461	744	80.4	10.0	7.4	2.2	
1950	 33,424	26,700	3,408	2,635	681	79.88	10.20	7.88	2.04	
1051	 34,776	27,686	3,542	2,819	729	79.61	10.19	8.11	2.10	
1050	 36,529	28,853	3,842	3,097	737	78.99	10.52	8.48	2.02	

TABLE 6

The Still-Births registered in 1952 and 1951 are shown in the table which follows:-

				1952		1951				
	Race			Females	Total	Males	Females	Total		
Europeans						1	2	3		
Eurasians			4	5	9	1	-	1		
Chinese			281	222	503	235	217	452		
Malays			54	38	92	60	39	99		
Indians			49	53	102	42	37	79		
Others			4	4	8	3	. 1	4		
	Total		392	322	714	342	296	638		

TABLE 1

DEATHS

The following return shows the number of deaths and the death rate for each month of the year.

Month		No. of Deaths	Death Rate	М	No. of Deaths	Death Rate		
January			719	10.98	July	 	765	11.68
February			748	12.21	August	 	788	12.04
March	.,		848	12.95	September	 	779	12.30
April			833	13.15	October	 	816	12.46
May			790	12.07	November	 	687	10.84
June			871	13.15	December	 	728	11.12

TABLE 2

The chief causes of death in 1951 and 1952 and the rate per 1,000 living are set out in the table which follows:—

		19	051	19	952
Disease	100	Cases	Rate per mille	Cases	Rate per mille
Bronchitis and Pneumonia		1,639	2.191	1,637	2.122
Tuberculosis		1,284	1.717	1.140	1.478
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		1,071	1.432	1.132	1.468
Diseases of early infancy		716	.957	759	.984
Infantile Convulsions (up to 5 y	ears)	467	.624	318	.412
Violence		482	.644	469	.608
Heart Disease		497	.664	498	.646
Old Age		368	.492	305	.395
Cancer		371	.496	420	.544
Nephritis		272	.364	310	.402
Beri Beri		255	.349	271	.351
Diphtheria		102	.136	86	.111
Malaria		54	.072	38	.049
Dysenteries	1.	45	.060	42	.054
Typhoid	2.1	19	.025	12	.016

TABLE 3

MORTALITY ACCORDING TO RACES AND AGES, 1952

		Eur	Europeans	Eura	sians	Chir	Chinese	Malays	Rys	Indians	surs	Others	2	Total	Total	Grand
	24	W.		W.	त	M.	Ε.	M.	F.	M.	ъ.	M.	F.	Males	Females	Total
Under 28 days 28 days to 3 months 3-12 months 1-2 years 2-3 years 3-4 years 4-5 years 5-10 years 10-15 years 10-25 years 25-35 years 35-45 years 55 Over Unknown		6 . 6 . 6	4 : . : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	9-9-:::-:9-69-6::	2-4::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::	511 193 336 201 132 88 41 72 71 70 198 395 664 1,149	511 191 182 182 107 148 110 35 48 61 198 198 198 198 198 198 198 198 198 19	88 111 121 111 111 112 113 114 115 115 115 115 115 115 115 115 115	0488332 048833 04880 04883 04880 04883 04880 04883 0488 0488	96 2 2 4 4 2 3 8 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	213 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	4::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::		674 293 478 265 176 103 51 122 86 83 96 298 517 856 1,355	643 241 423 244 132 96 67 128 42 68 95 195 338 951	1,317 534 901 509 308 118 250 118 151 191 493 771 1,194 2,306
T	Total .	50	15	35	36	4,223	3,132	648	493	481	215	18	26	5,455	3,917	9,372
Grand Total			65		11	7.	7,355	1,	1,141	969	9	44		9,372	72	

TABLE 4
INFANTILE MORTALITY BY RACES 1938—1951
(Occupation Period 1942—1945 omitted)

	Year	Europeans	Eurasians	Chinese	Malays	Indians	Others	All Races
1938		 16.3	58.5	178.9	235.6	128.9	98.9	177.4
1939		 39.4	79.6	150.3	188.4	91.6	96.9	147.7
1940		 31.9	77.9	162.6	209.9	111.8	104.2	160.7
1941		 21.6	48.6	152.5	211.6	102.8	143.6	152.4
1942-19	945		(Japa	nese Occi	pation P	eriod)		
1946		 28.2	65.5	91.6	140.4	94.9	126.6	96.39
1947		 52.0	84.3	93.4	144.1	81.8	109.9	97.6
1948		 28.0	45.3	83.9	163.1	80.0	67.0	90.10
1949		 19.3	38.7	74.3	122.7	82.1	109.5	79.18
1950		 18.9	53.0	87.4	145.8	71.3	65.9	91.22
1951		 21.7	41.1	73.7	130.4	68.5	158.2	78.79
1952		 35.7	45.6	71.0	120.8	64.9	102.6	75.34

TABLE 5

The main causes of death in infants and the rate per 1,000 live-births for each disease in 1952 and 1951 are set in the table which follows:—

			19	952	1	951
			Cases	Rate per mille	Cases	Rate per mille
Convulsions			220	6.023	338	9.719
Bronchitis and Pneumoni	a		656	17.958	620	17.828
Diseases of early infancy			759	20.778	715	20.560
Diarrhœa and Enteritis			749	20.504	699	20.100
Tetanus			18	.493	19	.546
Beri-Beri			20	.548	26	.748
Congenital Syphilis			27	.739	10	.288
	7	Total	2,449	67.043	2,427	69.790

TABLE 6

1952 INFANTILE MORTALITY ACCORDING TO AGE, SEX AND AGE GROUPS

	Races	91.	F	Age	0-1 Day	1-7 Days	1-4 Weeks	0-4 Weeks	4 Weeks 3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	0-12 Months
Europeans			:	M.	11	- 67	: 1	61 4	::	- :	:-	: 1	410
Eurasians	:	•	:	M.	:-	H 61	- 67	63 10	-1	: 60	c1 —	::	10
Chinese	740		:	M.	1119	155	237	511	193	132	115	89	1,040
Malays	:	;	:	M. F.	22 23	34	32	89	75	63	32	19 16	275 189
Indians	:	:	:	M.	19 8	24 12	23	99	23	9 .	6.9	8 15	115
Others	:	:	:	M.	61.0	;=	67 :	41-	- 63	- :	; 1	::	10
	Tota	Total Races	:	M.	166	215 159	293 354	674 643	293	206	155	117	1,445
	Combi	Combined Total	:		296	374	647	1,317	534	395	287	219	2,752
-	-		-		-	-	-	-	The second second second	-	-		-

TABLE 7

NEO-NATAL RATES BY RACE AND SEX (1950-1952)

				1952			1921			1950	
			Males	Females	Both Sexes	Males	Females	Both Sexes	Males	Females	Both Sexes
Europeans	i i	:	16.00	31.50	23.81	17.24	17.54	17.39	:	10.64	4.72
Eurasians	ting:	:	17.98	30.86	21.28	32.43	12.82	23.46	12.27	7.19	9.93
Chinese	:	:	34.57	36.31	35.42	31.60	28.05	29.87	30.17	36.99	33.45
Malays	:	:	44.99	37.55	41.38	52.23	35.40	44.04	44.98	40.62	42.84
Indians	:	:	40.84	31.06	36.16	37.70	26.89	32.28	35.55	25.89	30.74
Others	:	:	54.79	84.34	70.51	120.88	59.70	94.94	20.62	42.86	29.94
	Total	iw	36.02	36.09	36.05	34.56	28.61	31.66	31.64	36.08	33.78

TABLE 8

The chief causes of the neo-natal deaths in infants in 1952 and 1951 are shown in the table which follows:—

		1952		1951
ANTAREA SHITAFIA	No. of cases	% Total Neo- natal deaths	No. of cases	% Total Neo- natal deaths
1. Premature Birth	390	29.61	381	34,60
2. Congenital Debility	78	5.92	62	5,63
3. Infantile Convulsions	58	4.40	76	6.90
4. Atelectasis	78	5.92	69	6.27
5. Diarrhœa and Enteritis	248	18.83	133	12.08
6. Tetanus	16	1.22	18	1.63
7. Bronchitis and Pneumonia	178	13.52	133	12.08
8. Congenital Malformations	49	3.72	48	4.36
9. Icterus Neonatorum	81	6.15	58	5.27
0. Injury at Birth	75	5.70	73	6.63
1. Beri Beri	3	.23	4	0.36
2. Undefined or unstated causes	7	.53	9	0.82
3. Congenital Syphilis	14	1.06	4	0.36
4. Diseases of Umbilicus	8	.61	1	0.09
5. Septicæmia and Pyæmia				
6. Other Diseases included under 161 (c)	8	.61	6	.54
7. Other Diseases	26	1.97	26	2.36
Trans.	1 215	The T	1 101	THE STATE OF THE S
Total	1,317		1,101	

TABLE 9 CERTIFICATION OF DEATHS 1952

By whom certified	Euro- peans	Eora- sians	Chinese	Malays	Indians	Others	Total
Medical Practitioners City Council Inspecting Offi-		59	5,006	400	409	24	5,933
cers	1	4	1,585	682	145	10	2,427
Coroner	29	8	764	59	142	10	1,012
Total	65	71	7,355	1,141	696	44	9,372

TABLE 10

In the table which follows are shown the percentage number of deaths the causes of which were certified by Medical Practitioners, Inspecting Registrars and the Coroner in the pre-war years 1939—1941 and the post-war years 1946—1952.

- Sec. 1	1939	1940	1941	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
Medical Practitioners Registrars	69.0 25.0	68.7 25.2	68.9 25.0	57.16 33.82	58.48 33.14	60.22 31.92	59.81 31.85	58.89 31.55	59.82 30.10	63.30 25.90
Coroner	6.0	6.1	6.1	9.02	8.39	7.86	8.34	9.56	10.08	10.80

TABLE 1

FOOD AND MARKETS

Weight in Weight in katties katties

- A. Quantity of fresh fish landed and auctioned at the markets ... 9,339,759½ 8,716,150½
- B. Quantities of unsound foodstuffs at markets which were seized, surrendered and destroyed during the year:—

C. Samples taken for chemical analysis during the year = 556

Decayed and unsound foodstuffs at Godown in the Harbour Board and elsewhere and shops in the City which were seized or surrendered and destroyed during the year included 30,600 tins, 778 bottles, 2,048 cases, 34 boxes, 318 packets, 887 lb. of assorted provisions, 25 crates of potatoes and 255 katties of fish, vegetables and fruits.

TABLE 2

D. Licences Issued and Fees Collected

		LI	CENCES ISSUE	D	
	Year	Total	Food By-laws	Offensive Trades	Total
			1 700		\$ c.
1951		 2,102	1,709		76,260.00
		4		393	12,266.50
					88,526.50
1050		2,223 {	1,821		80,340.00
1952		 2,223		402	12,775.18
					93,115.18

TABLE 3

THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED AT THE ABATTOIRS IN 1951 AND 1952

			1952	1951
Pigs	 		 320,076	238,451
Sheep	 		 57,743	37,397
Goats	 		 2,282	3,159
Oxen	 		 4,248	4,246
Buffaloes	 		 2,314	2,140
Horses	 		 4	8
Deer	 	125	 1	1
		Total	 386,668	285,402

NUMBER OF PIGS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES SLAUGHTERED AT ABATTOIR AND APPROXIMATE WEIGHT OF PORK PRODUCED IN 1951 AND 1952

	19	52	19	951
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Local pigs—Average carcase weight, 55 katties	305,300	16,791,500	183,662	10,101,410
Federation pigs—Average carcase weight, 60 katties	6,576	394,560	28,675	1,720,500
Bali pigs—Average carcase weight, 90 katties	8,200	738,000	26,111	2,349,990
Saigon pigs—Average carcase weight, 80 katties			3	240
Total	320,076	17,924,060	238,451	14,172,140

CARCASES TOTALLY CONDEMNED AT THE ABATTOIR

1952

Swine	Sheep	Oxen	Buffaloes	Goats	Total Condemned
25	85	28	12	6	156

REVENUE

The total revenue (excluding rent received for use of chilling room) from the Abattoirs in 1952 was \$759,019.10. This is the highest revenue ever recorded for the Abattoirs, the previous highest being \$673,757.95 in 1949.

TABLE 4
BURIAL GROUNDS

	19	952	HEY',	Deaths regis- tered within the City Area	Burials and Cremations made in City Cemete- ries and licensed burial grounds in the City Area	Exhumations
Europeans				65	65 (2)	
Eurasians			27	71	88 (1)	
Chinese				7,355	4,599 (4)	17,277
Malays				1,141	1,229	
Indians				696	838 (193)	34
Others	** 411		00 150	44	55 (1)	- · ·
		Tot	al	9,372	6,874 (201)	17,311

Figures in brackets denote number cremated.

ANTI-MOSQUITO DEPARTMENT

INCIDENCE OF MALARIA

THE PRACTICE of basing the incidence of malaria within the City on the returns from hospitals and dispensaries has been continued and on the basis of these returns the figures suggest a marked decrease in malaria in Singapore. Seventy-four cases of malaria were reported, of which forty-seven gave addresses within the City. All these cases, with the exception of six who gave wrong addresses were fully investigated, and all were found to be either imported cases or relapses. This vigilance will be continued as malaria is known to be on the increase in territories close to the City.

TRAPPING OF ADULT MOSQUITOES

Three mosquito traps were set up in various parts of the City for the collection of adult mosquitoes for identification, and this provided a valuable check on our species sanitation of malaria control. For details see Appendix A.

LARVÆ SEARCHING

A continual search for mosquito larvæ was carried out. 7,239 collections of larvæ were brought to the department for identification by the oiling checkers.

At Appendix B is an analysis of 1,000 consecutive larval collections during

1952, showing the common types of breeding places within the City.

At Appendix C is shown the total number of collections in which vector species were found, with their common breeding places.

PERMANENT ANTI-MALARIAL WORKS

The areas under permanent control were extended by 4,796 yards of concrete anti-malarial type of drain and 298 yards of subsoil pipes. In addition to constructing new anti-malaria drains in concrete, several existing anti-malaria earth drains were consolidated in concrete. To assist housing development within the City, several of our anti-malaria drains running across lots were diverted along lot boundaries or along road reserves to suit approved layouts. For details of permanent A.M. Works please see Appendix D.

Minor repairs to existing permanent A.M. works were carried out as and

when required, and details of these are given in Appendix E.

PRAWN PONDS IN KALLANG BASIN

This dangerous area continues to demand a good deal of our attention, in view of the favourable conditions existing here for the breeding of A. sundaicus. Weekly inspections were carried out to ensure that sluice gates were opened and algal growths on ponds were removed. Numerous pits formed as a result of unauthorized persons digging for scrap metal on recent fillings at Kolam Ayer Lane added considerably to the difficulties in controlling this area. This matter is receiving attention. Fifty-two inspections were made during the year and A. sundaicus larvæ were found on three occasions (11th September, 14th and 27th October, 1952). Prompt and extensive anti-larval measures were undertaken. Sluice gates were found to be closed twice during ebb-tide and the owners were cautioned on both occasions to have the gates open at least once weekly.

KAMPONG SANITATION

The experiment of kampong sanitation was continued during the year, and results continue to show that it is an uneconomical proposition to sanitate unplanned slums because of the high cost of maintaining the completed drainage work. Daily cleansing of drains is necessary for which a permanent labour force is required. Drains in kampongs are generally used as open sewers and also for disposal of refuse so that constant vigilance is necessary if the channels are to be kept free from obstructions and functioning properly. It is not proposed to extend this kampong sanitation work and it is the intention to retain a minimum labour force for maintenance of drains already constructed.

682 yards of concrete channel drains were laid. For details of this work

please see Appendix F.

MAINTENANCE

(i) Maintenance work was carried out by ten gangs and four machine units. The intention has been to maintain all anti-malaria areas once in forty-five days, but this has rarely been possible because of the increased work in clearing A.M. drains that are now sullage drains. The question of transferring certain A.M. drains now serving mainly as outlets for sullage, to the City Cleansing Department for maintenance is under consideration.

Pig-rearers living on the floor of some ravines have created another problem. Slopes of these ravines have been damaged by pigs, with consequent

deturfing of slopes and silting of drains.

(ii) New seepages were trapped underground by subsoil pipes and extensions and repairs to existing subsoil pipes were carried out. In addition 1,906 subsoil pipes were taken up, cleared and relaid.

LARVICIAL WORKS

- (i) A.M. Mixture—83,779 gallons of this containing 1 per cent D.D.T. were expended compared with 71,485 gallons last year. The increased amount of A.M. Mixture used was due to increased building activities and excavations for scrap metal.
- (ii) Ditrene Dip—5,507 gallons of 3 per cent Ditrene Dip have been used mainly to control mosquito breeding in places where an oily larvicide would interfere with the proper setting of cement.
- (iii) Malariol H.S.—120³/₄ gallons of this was used to control mosquito breeding in fish and vegetable ponds in Sungei Whampoe and Kallang Basin areas.
- . (iv) Gammexane—952 pounds of this was used mainly in the temporary control of nuisance mosquito breeding in septic tanks, the increasing number of which has added to the number of mosquito complaints received.
- (v) Benzine with 10 per cent D.D.T.—488 gallons were used to control mosquito breeding along the margins of reservoirs.

Total cost of larvicides (including labour) \$146,394.81 and of this sum \$13,681.89 was recovered from owners and contractors.

FILLING IN OF LOW LYING AREAS

Reclamation of tidal swamps by 'filling' at Kolam Ayer Lane was carried out by the City Cleansing Department at the request of the Health Department and filling of extensive swamp in the Bendemeer area was started late in the year, under the same arrangements.

PATROL GANGS

Five patrol gangs in charge of the areas around the General Hospital, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Kallang Basin, Tanjong Rhu, Siglap and Geylang Serai continued to work in these places mainly to control the breeding of A. sundaicus. These gangs cleared and regraded 595,947 yards of earth drains and cleaned 165,681 yards of concrete drains. They also collected and disposed of an average of 471 large baskets of tins and other waterbearing receptacles every month.

NOTICES

210 Notices under the Destruction of Mosquitoes Ordinance were served during the year as compared with 247 last year.

TRAINING

The following Probationary Sanitary Inspectors began a three-months course in anti-malarial measures and in the bionomics and taxonomics of Malayan mosquitoes during the year:—Tock Peng Poey, Tan Chye Kee and Yeo Lye Watt.

One candidate was examined and passed. Two are still undergoing training. During the year films dealing with the various aspects of malaria control were shown to the staff and Probationary Sanitary Inspectors with the assistance of the U.S.I.S.

PLANS

457 plans were referred to the Department by the Planning Officer, Singapore Improvement Trust, for examination and comment regarding drainage.

STAFF

In June 1952 Dr. V. K. Thomas was transferred to the Lorong Lalat Dispensary. In October 1952 Dr. R. S. Corbitt was appointed Assistant Health Officer and was placed in charge of the Anti-Mosquito Department. Mr. Perry's post of Divisional Sanitary Inspector was downgraded when he retired on 20th December, 1952, and Mr. K. Muthukumaru was appointed as Superintendent, Anti-Mosquito Department, in a new appointment.

A close liaison was maintained with the Rural Health authorities and Army

Departments concerned with the control of mosquito breeding.

R. S. CORBITT,

Assistant Health Officer,
for Deputy Health Officer.

 ${\small \textbf{APPENDIX}} \ \ A$ Mosquito traps were set up in the following areas with the results indicated below:—

Locality	17	No. of Nights	A. macu- latus	A. sun- daicus	Other Anopheles	Others	Total
Goodman Road		302	Nil	1	126	7,147	7,274
Kolam Ayer Lane		300	Nil	13	389	13,766	14,168
St. Michaels Road		182	Nil		1,237	5,791	7,028
Bushy Park		29	Nil		2	328	330
Woodleigh Park		86	Nil		4	2,367	2,371
Total				14	1,758	29,399	31,171

^{1,768} Anopheline Female mosquitoes were trapped; of which 1,152 were dissected and none was found infected. In addition 29,399 adult mosquitoes were identified.

APPENDIX B

1.000	CONSECUTIVE	COLLECTIONS	FROM COMMON	DREEDING	
1.000	CONSECUTIVE	COLLECTIONS	FROM COMMON	BREEDING	PLACES

Stagnant pools		 	169
Grassy pools		 	43
Puddles		 	5
Blocked tidal creek		 	1
Cattle Hoof Marks		 	2
Seepages		 	14
Hill cutting		 	1
Stagnant water on concret	e floor	 	3
Trenches		 	2
Concrete pools		 	6
Concrete pit		 	8
Swimming pool		 	1
Inspection chambers		 	3
Septic tanks		 	28
Cess pit		 	1
Concrete ponds		 	3
Fish ponds		 	3
Vegetable ponds		 	44
Reservoir edges		-	15
Concrete drains		 	65
Sullage concrete drains		 n differ to	39
Roadside concrete drains			110
Earth drains			68
Sullage earth drains			1
Roadside earth drains			5
Sewage trenches			3
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Carried forward ...

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APPENDIX B-continued

			Brought forward		643
New building exca	vations				41
Lorry Tracks					13
Earth wells					40
Concrete wells					8
Brick wells					2
Storage tanks					6
Concrete tanks					11
Disused drums					42
Iron Boxes					4
Disused battery b	ox				1
Tins					114
Disused flower po	t				1
Shanghai Jars					24
Coconut shells					2
Broken bottles					3
Banana tree hole				**	1
Meatsafe cups		**			3
Disused tyres					7
Disused car parts	in salvag	e dump	· ·		4
Boats					30
			Total		1,000

APPENDIX C

7,239 collections of mosquito larvæ were brought to the laboratory for identification. Twenty nine of these contained larvæ of *Anopheline sundaicus* and ten contained larvæ of *Anopheline maculatus*. The other 7,200 collections did not contain larvæ of malaria vectors.

The types of breeding places in which the larvæ of malaria vectors were found were as follows:-

A. sundaicus		A. maculatus
Fish ponds	 2	Seepage pools 1
Vegetable ponds	 7	Reservoir creek 1
Duck ponds	 1	Roadside concrete drain 1
Concrete edged pond	 1	Earth wells 2
Swimming pool	 1	Lorry track 1
Tidal pools	 3	Seepages (G.P.W. Works) 1
Grassy pools	 3	Borders of Estate Reservoir (G.P.W. Works) 2
Excavation for scrap metal	 1	Puddles near Sand Stream (Pontian W.W.) 1
Edge of lake with algæ	 1	and the same and the
Concrete tanks	 3	10
Concrete (cable) Cylinder	 1	- Kert trial
Lorry tracks (sea front)	 1	
Boats	 4	

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APPENDIX D

NEW CONSTRUCTION WORKS CARRIED OUT IN 1952

				X	MATERIALS USED	8 USED								
Anti-Malarial Area			Inverts			Slabs		Subs	Subsoil Pipes		Misc.	Labour	Material	Remarks
	21,	18*	15"	12*	6	18,	15*	300	. %	3-				
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25 Morse Ravine	112	10	24	400	:	515	20	009	730	:	:	4,381 56	2,102 49	Extension of S.H.B. concrete drain to toe of hill and trapping of seepages. Work completed.
89 Silat Road	:		0	:	:	:	:	:	400	:	:	291 95	229 50	Outcropping scepages along toe of embankment near S.I.T. houses a12-a20 were trapped. Work completed and cost recovered from Singapore Improvement Trust.
109 Mount Pleasant	35 (new) 19 (old)	:	1	:	:	122 (new) 24 (old)		879	:	:	106 (12° old slabs)	13,760 14	1,900 57	Commenced cutting of earth ditches from the "Y" junction of the Anti-Malarial drains (MacRitchie/Mt. Pleasant) to the Thomson Road main streams to suit layout. Replacement of these new earth ditches with concrete inverts and slabs is continuing. Storm and sullage drains connected to the main drain and scepages trapped.
111 Thomson Road	:	:	:	:	:	:	: :	:	:	:	: 1	3,479 05	:	work in progress. General clearing of undergrowth on ravine floor on either side of Thomson Road main earth drain was carried out. Work in progress.
130 Mount Washington Ravine (Glass Factory)	30	:	:	-:	:	:	;	:		:	:	3,146 23	1,492 90	Works in connection with the realignment of the concrete channel due to the filling of the low area behind the Glass Factory were carried out. Work in progress.
131 Joo Chiat Terrace	41	:	61	550 (new) 13 (old)	60	1,020	1:	-:	3	150	:	4,712 17	60 60 61	Replacement of the existing earth ditch by concrete inverts and slabs was carried out. Levelling, sloping and turf- ing was also done. Work completed.
148 Serangoon Road Ravine	:	1	:	91	:		1	:	135	:		371 49	90 81	Replacement of earth ditches receiving sullage and storm water in the ravine floor with concrete inverts. One pond was filled and outcropping seepages trapped. General levelling, sloping and turfing was carried out. Work completed.

APPENDIX D-continued

NEW CONSTRUCTION WORKS CARRIED OUT IN 1952-continued

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	Remarks	Control of the building of the last of the	Construction of the new line of concrete drain was continued. General levelling of ravine floor and trapping of seepages were also carried out. Two large fish ponds were drained and backfilled. Work completed.	Diversion of part of the main drain along lot boundary at the request of the owner was commenced and completed. Cost of work recovered from owner.	Consolidation with inverts and slabs of existing main earth ditch was continued. Seepages were trapped, sullage and storm water drains were connected to main drain. Work completed.	A central earth ditch was cut and consolidated with inverts and slabs. Sloping, turfing and trapping of seepages and connecting up of sullage and storm water drains were carried out. 8 trees in the line of the drain were felled. One washing place for the use of squatters was con-	structed. Levelling of old fish pond by the calf dozer, backfilling of 5 ponds and general levelling of the ravine floor were also carried out. Realignment of existing concrete drain along the proposed road reserve commenced. Clearing of undergrowth and levelling off inequalities were carried out. Old line of drain backfilled for 242 feet. Sullage and storm water	drain in ravine floor were also connected to main drain. Dangerous outcropping seepages in floor of ravine were trapped by means of subsoil pipes.
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MATERIALS USED		*6	:	:	70	98	. :	
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- 10	Inverts	15*	84	:	800	276	174 (new) 89 (old)	
	1	18"	25	54 (old)	200	100	: :	
		21.	:	:	310	64	293 (new) 407 (old)	
The state of the s	Anti-Malarial Area	The Case Speed in	150 East Lynne No. II	152 Hokien Cemetary Ravine No. 2	170 Braddell Road Rav. No. 5	170 Braddell Road Ra- vine No. 6	172 Sommerville Ravine	187 Peirce Reservoir Ra- vine

DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION CARRIED OUT IN AREAS ALREADY PERMANENTLY DRAINED BY EXISTING ANTI-MALARIAL WORKS

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DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION CARRIED OUT IN AREAS ALREADY PERMANENTLY DRAINED BY EXISTING ANTI-MALARIAL WORKS—continued

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DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION CARRIED OUT IN AREAS ALREADY PERMANENTLY DRAINED BY EXISTING ANTI-MALARIAL WORKS—continued

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APPENDIX F

KAMPONG SANITATION

					MATA	MATERIALS USED	SED								Dis	Distribution
Kampong		-	Inverts			Slabs	*	Sub	Subsoil Pipes	8	Misc.	Labour	Material Cost	Remarks	Ma	Maintenance Gang
	21"	18*	15"	12"	6	18"	154	80	.9	5	25				1	
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North Geylang Serai	180	280	:	276	57	2,355	:	. :	:	9	:	20,761 70	7,227 95	New construction and maintenance. Length 2,046 ft. MK. XXIII (part)	16	Plus one
Kommone Amber			:	:	:		ro.	:	:	:		55 54	15 76	General maintenance. MK. XXV	01	
Roundare Road			20	45	:	:	:		:	:	:	119 95	127 39	Drainage connections MK. XVIII (part)	-	
	:	:	750 (new) 85 (old)	150 (new) 469 (old)	(new) 50 (old)	:	:	:	\$:	3-5'×18" Hume Pipe	10,150 13	4,876 93	Regrading and reconstructing the main drain to provide a permanent outlet for the adjoining low areas when fill- ing of S.I.T. Land by G.C.D. is carried out. Work completed. Stand pipe		
								Ī						age connected.		
Potong Pasir	:	1	:	14	:	;	;	:	:	60 01	:	59 63	26 92	Standpipe drainage connection MK.		
South															-	
Kampong Silat	80	:	:	150	105	370	30	:	:	:	:	14,959 08	1,631 67	General maintenance. MK. I	= '	
Kampong Silat (S.I.T.)	:	:	:	:				:		:		1,005 91		General maintenance. MK. 1		Plus one
Mount Washington		:	:	10	30	:	10	:	:		:	2,128 47	72 63	General maintenance. MK. I		mandore.
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Kampong Alexandra	:	:	252	:	:			;	:	:	:	3,137 59	49 98	General maintenance. MK. I		

CHEMICAL LABORATORY

THE TOTAL number of samples received and analysed during the year amounted to 22,049.

The samples were made up as follows: -

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836
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949
125
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There was a small reduction in the number of samples received during 1952 but the high average intake reached in 1950 has been maintained.

The details of samples received from City Department were as follows: -

WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Supply 1:	2,304	Sulphate of Alumina		20
Water for Alum Test	394	Lime		82
Tebrau River Water for Arsenic Test	13	Sod. Silicate Sod. Aluminate		1 2
Tebrau Raw Water for floc- culation	9	Sterilising tablets		2
River and Stream Water Drinking Water	184	Indicators, chemical tions, etc	solu-	311
Tap Water	1	Sand and granite dust		6
Well Water	1	Pipe coating and pipe	***	3
Boiler Water	310	Subsoil		1
Mt. Emily Pool Water	1,195	Residue		1
Experimental Tanks	200	Chemicals for toxicity		6

With the introduction of making charges for work done on behalf of Departments, the Water Department introduced economies by foregoing sampling from all points in the purification system. There was, therefore, a falling off in the number of samples submitted but this was off set by vastly increased investigational work on methods of water treatment.

Throughout 1952 fairly extensive experiments were carried out to examine the effectiveness for water purification of flocculating reagents other than Lime-Alum Sulphate; and to establish the conditions for their efficient use in purifying waters from varied sources.

This was undertaken to investigate the possibilities: -

- (a) of more effective chemical treatment in heavily loaded installations;
- (b) of greater elasticity in chemical methods and correspondingly less dependence on the availability of Alum Sulphate in any time of emergency; and
- (c) of emergency use (after purification) of Island stream waters.

Twenty-four reports were issued, covering the use of Sodium Aluminate; Alum Sulphate-Sodium Aluminate; acid (sulphuric)-activated Silica in conjunction with Lime-Alum Sulphate; alkali (Bicarbonate)-activated Silica with Alum Sulphate only and with Lime-Alum Sulphate; and Hydroxy-Ethyl Cellulose with Lime-Alum Sulphate.

The experiments were carried out on reservoir, river and stream waters. The results indicated, notably (i) that in very many contexts the use of Sodium Aluminate afforded considerably enhanced efficiency and (ii) that activated Silica (prepared most practically by alkali conditioning of Sodium Silicate), when used as an aid in Alum Sulphate or Alum Sulphate-Sodium Aluminate precipitations, produced remarkable improvement in speed and quality of flocculation. (The beneficial effects of the Hydroxy Ethyl Cellulose were not found to be comparable in this context.)

The possible emergency use of Chlorinated Copperas for preliminary purification of polluted stream sources was also investigated and the laboratory conditions for practical use established. In the course of this investigation the somewhat surprising fact emerged that copperas (Ferrous Sulphate) itself can be used with separate prior addition of chlorine and subsequent lime to obtain very satisfactory coagulation of water from such stream sources; leaving no

excessive residual iron.

The sources of supply of raw water remain unchanged viz. MacRitchie, Pierce, and Seletar Reservoirs in Singapore Island and Pontian and Gunong Pulai in Johore. The daily consumption has now reached 43 million gallons.

The ranges and averages of daily analysis of the various raw and treated waters are shown in Tables A and B attached. Table C gives monthly complete analysis of water from the clear water tanks. The satisfactory quality of the City supply is maintained.

SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT

The following samples were analysed: -

Sewage effluents, sludge top-water	and	2,579	Stream Water 1 Dried Humus for Alexandra
Small Installations		229	Road 1
Experimental Plants		5	Special Sample from Kim
Sea Water		1	Chuan Road 4
			Lead Acetate paper

Sewage Purification

The purification system remains unchanged. Water-borne sewage is purified either at Alexandra Road or Kim Chuan Road. The crude night-soil from unsewered areas, is collected at People's Park, Albert Street or Paya Lebar Road and from these places is pumped to special tanks at Kim Chuan Road and from there to Serangoon for final treatment. The solid matter from the waterborne sewage at Alexandra Road also received treatment in the night-soil tanks at Kim Chuan Road. The final purified effluents enter the Alexandra Road stream from Alexandra Road Works and the Serangoon River from the Kim Chuan Road Plant.

The average qualities and ranges of the final purified effluents are shown in the following tables (results expressed as parts per 100,000):—

		Into Ale Road S		Into Ser Riv	
		Range	Average	Range	Average
Free and Saline Ammonia	***	0.24/1.92	0.88	0.80/4.0	2.48
Albuminoid Ammonia		0.12/0.60	0.29	0.3/1.6	0.73
Oxygen absorbed in four hours		0.44/2.15	1.10	1.35/4.75	2.85
Bio-chemical oxygen demand		0.59/4.25	1.65	1.40/14.1	5.95
Total Solids		34.4/318.6	79.5	39.8/130.0	69.8
Suspended Solids		0.5/6.1	2.1	0.9/15.8	4.4
Nitrates (as N2)		abs/1.3	0.4	abs/abs	absent
Chlorides (as C1)		9/125	26	12/50	21
pH Value		7.3/7.9	7.5	7.1/7.9	7.4

The good quality of the final effluent into Alexandra Road stream was maintained. The results for Kim Chuan Road final effluent fluctuated considerably during the year but the average results cannot be considered satisfactory. The purification plant was greatly handicapped by the frequent black-outs during the year. With the improvement in electrical supply better quality effluents can be expected and present indications support this belief.

Sewage Effluents from Small Installations

The samples submitted represent the final effluents emptying into open drains. The annual averages and ranges of values, in parts per 100,000 of the 229 samples analysed were as follows:—

			Range	Average
Free ammonia	***		0.16/6.7	1.39
Albuminoid ammonia			0.08/1.2	0.35
Oxygen absorbed in four hours	100		0.14/3.95	1.24
Suspended Solids			0.5/12.4	2.6
Chlorides			0.8/12.4	3.3
Nitrates	***	***	abs./4.8	0.6

The overall average standard of the effluents showed improvement during the year—a result, probably, of more frequent sampling and prompt attention to poor installations.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The following samples were received: -

Soda Water			84	Coffee Mixtures and	Powder	UB	36
Well Water			43	Groundnut oil		***	5
Aerated Water	***	***	7	Cheese			2
Barley Water			3	Jam			3
Water	***		3	Cream	***		3
Pool Water			7	Honey			2
Milk		beer	174	Tea			7
Sweetened Condense	ed Milk		21	Pepper powder and	mixtures		6
Evaporated Milk	***		3	Sesame seeds			2
Frozen Milk		A	1	Coriander Powder			1
Sauce and Vinegar			18	Bread			2
Sugars			17	Castor oil	11		1
Dessicated Coconut			2	Whisky			2
Peppermint			1	Curry Powder			4
Cooking products			5	Turmeric Powder			1
Margarine			4	Zest			1
Ghee			2	Wheat flour			9
Lard	***		1	Spices	lann		3
Egg Powder			1	Seeds			6
Colouring matter			1	Anti-malarial oil			1
Cordials			15	Drugs		***	22
Gingelly oil			10	Canned Foodstuffs	***	***	40
				omnied I oodstuns	***	***	10

Samples submitted for analysis by the Health Department Inspectors increased considerably both in range and quantity. Special attention was paid to the more commonly adulterated foodstuffs e.g. milk, coffee, pepper, cooking fats, etc. Canned foodstuffs suspected of being unfit for human consumption continued to merit investigation and many large consignments were condemned.

The use of the secret component for the dye used in the City Abbatoirs chop was continued. 173 chops were examined by Sanitary Inspectors and positive

results obtained in all cases.

A summary of prosecutions resulting from breaches of the Food and Drugs Regulations during the year is shown in Table D attached.

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT

The following samples were received for analysis: -

Fuel oil	***		266	Purified Transformer oil	1
Boiler water	***		613	Paint :	2
Transformer oil	***		48	Cable	1
Deposits			6	T/N Ribbon Tin	1
Scale		***	1	Boiler Exterior Super-heater	1
Sludge			1	Water 8	8

There was an increase in the number of samples received from the Electrical Department due probably to the opening of the new power station at Pasir Panjang.

GAS DEPARTMENT

The following samples were received for analysis: -

Spent oil		***	24	Coke		3
Spent Oxide		***	16	Gas Coal	***	4
Boiler Water	***	***	8	Boiler Water Gauge Glass	***	2
Coal	***	***	07	Pig lead		- 1

New coal contracts were placed by the Gas Department and analysis, in many cases showed that the quality supplied was not up to specifications. The analytical work of the laboratory enabled the Gas Department to have costs re-adjusted thus saving quite appreciable sums of money for the City Council.

FIRE BRIGADE

Three samples	were	received	as	follows: —	
Thinner		***	2	Film	 1

These samples were received in connection with dangerous and inflammable material.

ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT (INCLUDING STORES AND WORKSHOPS)

Three samples were received as follows: -

Transformer oil 1 Glazed piping 2

ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT

Four samples were received as follows: -

Scrapping from paints ... 1 Building Slabs ... 2. Wood-wool ... 1.

BACTERIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

Two samples were received as follows: -

Ground Coffee

Both samples of coffee were found to be seriously adulterated with roasted maize.

TOWN CLEANSING DEPARTMENT

Three	samples	were	received	as	follows:		
Ash		***		1	Refuse	 	2

VETERINARY DEPARTMENT

Four samples	were	received	as	follows: —		
Buffer solutions			2	Stainer	 	2

REGISTRAR OF VEHICLES

Two samples were received as follows:—

Carborundum and gelatinous substance ...

COMMERCIAL FIRMS, ETC.

A total of 2,464 samples were reported on. These may be classified as follows: —

Damaged Goods Miscellaneous				131 338
Local Produce (other	than above)			780
Chemicals	al Inches			75
Food	a patrial state	***		193
Ores Alloys		***	***	98
Vegetable Oils				811
Essential Oils		4		29

The types of samples received under these main classifications are as follows: —

Essential Oils

Citronella, patchouli, gingelly.

Vegetable Oil

Coconut, palm, sludge, ghee, mustard oil, magarine, cooking-fat, cooking-oil, groundnut oil.

Ores

PbS, Silver, Si02, Fe203, Mn02, Wolfram, Bauxite, Copper, Iron, Galena, Slags, Metal, Clay, Graphite, Monazite sand, Copper Pyrites, Zinc, Mineral.

Alloy

Ingot, Cast-iron, Scrap metal, Eyelets, White Metal, Aluminium.

Food.

Canned food, sweetened condensed milk, reconstituted milk, white sugar, cooked ham and pork, pudding, mushrooms butter, milk powder, chocolate milk, cordials, flour, sweets, jaggery powder, sago-flour, coffee, tapioca flour, pepper mixture, soya-beans, fruit drink, orange drink, champagne.

Chemicals

Methyl chloride gas, calcium carbide, nitrate of soda, soda-ash and limestone, methyl violets, phenoxone, methyl salicylate, tonic, glycerine, Co2 gas, formic acid, solution, rubber coagulating acid, acetic acid, medicines, dimethyl phthalate, medicinal powder, sodium arsenite, combustion residue, caustic-potash, crystalline substance, hydrogen peroxide, marenodex fluid, normal sulphuric acid, acetic acid, squibs insulin and belamyl.

Local Produce

Jelutong, copra, derris root, pearl sago, tuba-root, sundried copra, tuba root powder, soap, patchouli leaves, cutch, gambier, centrifuged latex, gum damar, rubber, soap residue, tiger balm, sago-flour.

Damaged Goods

Packings, medicinal goods, chemicals and gunny cuttings, cement paper bag, cement, textile, cotton wrapping, rubber, yellow metal, crates, galvanized corrugated sheets, gunny bag and rice, sacking, mushrooms, table-cover, galvanized cast pipes, shoulder splits, film, lining of tea chests, eucalyptus oil, aluminium sheets, canned sardines, tea dust, carbon-black, milk and cardboard, newspaper, specimen, plated trays, wood-wool packing, basket, straw packing, milk, iron-sheets, blanket, rubber blankets, packings, buckles, hessian and long pepper, stethoscope, malt, stencil ink, rope sling, water steamer, sounding equipment, maize, galvanized wire, spring valves.

Miscellaneous

Pool water, water, washer water, brine water, coal, cable, grass and silage, whisky, steel and saw, ground wattle bark, fresh water, cooling water, sand, baby's (aublek) mixture, septic effluent, beer, cutch, gasoline and diesel oil detergens, bricks, anti-malaria oil, well water, snow white petrolatum, wood-oil, nicotine, pills, tung-oil, talcum powder, tung oil, vaseline, battery plates, bees-wax, distemper paste, paraffin wax, palm fruit pulp, marble panels, pipes, anti-opium, river water, sewage effluent, ballast, earth, cement, eye-drops, ash, coal tar, guano, tank encrustation, anthracite, cigars, deposit, coarse aggregates, crude cotton seed oil.

ACCOMMODATION

The appallingly overcrowded conditions of working continued and no additional accommodation has yet been allocated.

STAFF

The Senior Staff commenced weekly lectures to laboratory assistants. This is made necessary by the absence of any adequate evening classes for laboratory technicians.

The writer sat on a Food and Drugs Amendment Committee during the year. Dr. Jamieson, Supernumerary Analyst, was a member of a Committee enquiring into Industrial and Commercial Safety Controls.

Mr. Lim Chin Kuan, understudy Deputy Analyst, proceeded to United

Kingdom in February to undergo further training.

Pending the filling of the new post of Assistant Analyst, Mr. Swee Lian

Choo's services were further extended in a Supernumerary capacity.

It is with pleasure that I have to record my thanks to all members of the staff for their willing and helpful co-operation during the year.

RESERVOIR WATER

AVERAGES OF DAILY ANALYSIS FOR YEAR 1952

Done non million	million .			PO	PONTIAN	bd ba	PULAI	Масн	маскитсниЕ	PE	PEIRCE
od same				Average	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range
Nitrites	tite	:	:	a	a/trace	a	F :	a	a/trece	a	:
Carbon Dioxide	i :	:	:	2.0	1.0/5.4	5.0	1.5/8.0	2.0	0.5/5.5	2.0	1.0/4.0
Alkalinity (as CaCO3)	;	:	:	4.8	3,0/10,0	5.7	4.0/10.0	2.6	2.0/4.0	2.3	1.0/4.0
pH Value	:	:	:	6.3	6.0/7.5	0.9	5.9/6.3	0.9	5.6/6.3	5.9	5.3/6.3
Iron	:	:	:	.50	.30/1.2	89.	.30/1.6	.41	.20/1.0	.54	.20/1.2
Colour (Hazen Units)		:	:	27	17/65	37	16/100	29	18/55	35	19/60

TABLE B

PURIFIED WATERS

AVERAGES OF DAILY ANALYSIS FOR YEAR 1952

					Н	PULAI	BUKI	BUKIT TIMAH	woo	WOODLEIGH
P	Parts per million	lion			CLEAR	CLEAR WATER TANK	CLEAR W	CLEAR WATER TANK	CLEAR V	CLEAR WATER TANK
					Average	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range
						10.8				
Nitrites	:	:	:	:	B	a/trace	в	a/trace	æ	a/trace
Carbon Dioxide	:	:	:	:	æ	a/2.0	а	a/0.5	в	a/1.0
Alkalinity (as CaCO3)	:	:	:	:	12.8	8.0/18.0	11.0	8.0/14.0	17.0	14.0/28.0
pH Value	:	:	:	:	8.8	7.0/9.6	8.5	7.3/9.1	9.8	7.3/9.6
Free Chlorine		:	:	:	.46	.05/.70	111	.02/.35	.20	.04/.45
Soluble Aluminium	:	:	:	:	*80.	a/.25*	1.26	.10/3.5	:	:
Iron	:	:	:	:	.40	.20/.70	.30	.10/.50	.40	.10/.80
Colour (Hazen Units)	:		:	:	21	11/35	15	7/24	18	8/35

* These figures represent the last 5 months of the year.

CLEAR WATER TANKS

AVERAGES OF MONTHLY COMPLETE ANALYSIS 1952

			P	PULAI	BUKII	BUKIT TIMAH	WOO	WOODLEIGH
Parts per million	million		CLEAR W	CLEAR WATER TANK	PUMPI	PUMPING MAIN	CLEAR W	CLEAR WATER TANK
		Chunt English	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range
the state of the s								
Free ammonia	:	:	.10	.06/.20	70.	.02/.12	.14	.08/.20
Alb. ammonia		:	70.	.02/.12	70.	.02/.12	90.	.04/.08
Nitrites	:	:	8	a/trace	В	a/trace	trace	a/trac
Nitrates		:	.012	a/.03	3	a/.015	10.	a/.06
Carbon Dioxide	:	:	æ	:	а	a/0.5	83	
Alk. (as CaCO3)		:	11.8	0.0/16.0	10.4	8.0/12.0	17.2	16.0 /20.0
Free Chlorine		:	.43	.25/.60	.12	.05/.25	.20	.07/.35
Iron	:	:	.40	.30/.50	.26	.20/.30	.46	.20/.70
Soluble Aluminium*	:	:	90.	a/.15	1.30	.60/2.25	:	:
Chlorides	:	:	5.8	4.5/6.0	5.3	4.0/6.5	5.0	4.0/6.0
Но	:	:	8.7	8.3/9.1	8.1	7.3/8.6	9.8	8.2/9.0
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours	:	:	.63	.46/.84	.56	.31/1.31	.50	.23/.99
Temporary		:	11.7	9/16	10.3	8/12	17.0	16/20
Hardness: \ Permanent	:	:	2.6	1/8	19.5	15/24	7.6	5/10
Total		:	14.3	10/20	29.8	26/35	24.6	21/28
Organic			22.8	10.0/40.8	17.0	10.4/23.6	20.2	10.0/32.8
Solids: \ Inorganic	:	:	23.8	16.0/40.5	36.5	24.0/50.8	19.1	12.8/25.2
Total			46.6	31.6/65.6	53.5	42.0/65.2	39.3	28.8/54.0
Colour (Hazen Units)		:	20	16/24	16	11/20	20	12/28
B.O.D. in 5 days			.80	.53/1.27	.83	33/1.3	86	97/2.0

*These figures represent 5 samples only.

Fines	\$ 1,480 1,480 200 300 300 250 250 250 250 250 250 250 300 250 250 250 250
Conviction	22
Not Served	E ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
Prosecution	\$Z
SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ORDINANCE	Selling Adulterated Milk Selling Adulterated Coffee Mixture Selling Adulterated Coffee Powder Selling Adulterated Coffee Powder Selling Adulterated Coffee Selling Adulterated Coffee Selling Adulterated Coffee Selling Adulterated Gingelly Oil Selling Adulterated Grapelly Oil Selling Adulterated Grapelly Oil Selling Almond Syrup containing Saccharin Selling Almond Syrup containing Saccharin and without English label Selling Almond Syrup without English label Selling Adulterated Grapel In Selling Adulterated Groundnut Oil and without English label Selling Adulterated Groundnut Oil and without English label Selling Adulterated Groundnut Oil and containing mineral oil Selling Adulterated Gingelly Oil and containing mineral oil Selling Food bearing a label that the contents was Ghee which was false and not ghee and without an English label

TABLE D

BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIMENS

1.	PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIMEN	s		***		34,978
<i>B</i> .	WATER— (1) Routine					12.713
	(2) Mount Emily Swim	ming	Pool	***	***	1,085
	(3) Miscellaneous (4) Algae and Others					348 154
C.	Sewerage-					ul sala
	Wash Water	***		***	***	36
			Gran	d Total		49,314

A .- PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIMENS

The total number of specimens received were 34,978 and involving 41,928 examinations.

MALARIA

	S	pecies		Positive	Negative	Total
P. falciparum				 10		10
P. vivax				 25		25
Mixed infection				 1		1
Total Negatives				 	3,424	3,424
			Grand Total	 36	3,424	3,460

TUBERCULOSIS

	S	ource		Positive	Negative	Total
Sputum Others				 151 24	2,006 75	2,157 99
			Grand Total	 . 175	2,081	2,256

ENTERIC FEVER

	Blood for Widal Reaction								Positive	Negative	Total
Agglutinati	on with	h Sal	lmone	lla Ty	phi				103	279	382
**	.,	Sal	l. para	typh	i A.		E.			357	357
.,	11	.,		**	B.				3	354	357
**	**	.,		**	C.					357	357
- 11			I ant	igen					36	226	262
Blood clot	culture				ited				38	322	360
aeces	**	**	**						57	896	953
Jrine	**	**	**						15	892	907
ost-morte	m spec					isolat	tion o	f Sal.			
typhi										1	1
									استونعاد		
						Grane	d Tota	d	252	3,684	3,936

A mild outbreak of typhoid among the employees of a local firm occurred in early April. Bacteriological investigations on a number of employees from the food caterer, revealed the presence of a human carrier among one of the employees. His blood serum gave a Vi I agglutination titre of 1/320 and the typhoid bacillus was persistently isolated from his stool.

Through the courtesy of Dr. A. Felix, Central Enteric Reference Laboratory, Collindale, London, five cultures of typhoid bacillus isolated from the patients in this outbreak and that of the carrier were forwarded to him. He reported that

all the cultures belonged to Vi-phage Type A.

Besides, seven other cultures from typhoid patients not related to this outbreak were also typed and six cultures belonged to Type A and one Type E.1.

TROPICAL TYPHUS

Blood for Weil Felix Reaction:-

Numbe	r of	sera	POSITIVE	for	В.	proteus	OXK	 1
,,	,,	11	19	,,	**	**	OX19	 1
,,	11	**	investigated	1				 100

DYSENTERY

- 61					Positive	Negative	Total
				3			(Solut la
aeces examinat	ion for A	MOEBAE	:			77/6	
E. histolytica				٠	95		95
E. coli					14		14
Negative						2,392	2,392
PAGE			Total		109	2,392	2,501
aeces for culture	for BA	CILLARY	DYSENTER	Y:-			
Shigella flexner			**********		70		70
					9		
Shigella sonnei				30.0			9
Shigella sonnei Negative						836	9 836
				-		100	

PLAGUE

No human specimens were received.

^{4,949} rats were dissected and none showed any signs of plague infection.

^{4,043} ecto-parasites were examined.

The species and distribution of all the rats and ecto-parasites that were examined are given in the following table:-

Source	R. NORVIGICUS	GICUS	RAT	R. RATTUS	R. CONCOL	R. CONCOLOR	MUSC	R. MUSCULUS	Croci-		TOTALS		Pregnant
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		Fleas	Mites	Rats	
l. Town Area	1,048	2,004	1119	140	273	289	73	33	58	3,167	206	4,037	154
S.H.B	14	99	64	100	17	4	1	1	:	59	6	265	19
3. Health Officer (Port)	-	9	15	16	4	10	13	14	:	6.1		74	3
Health Officer (Rural)	63	35	51	06	130	175	32	26	61	483	111	573	41
Total	1,065	2,109	249	346	424	473	1119	104	09	3,711	332	4,949	217
	3,1	3,174		595	5 80	168	64	223		4	4,043		
Total Pregnant		126		23		53		15	:			:	217

A total of 156 dead rats were received from the following sources: -

77	63	74	60
:	:	:	:
Town Area	S.H.B	H.O. (Port)	H.O. (Rural)
-:	2.	3.	4.

Total .. 156

Of the 3,711 fleas caught and examined 12 were identified as C. felix and the rest were X. Cheopis. The flea index in the Town Area was 0.78.

CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER

Five specimens of cerebro-spinal fluid were examined and the meningo-coccus was not demonstrated in any of the specimens.

		LEPROSY			
Skin smears-	Positive	***		****	31
	Negative		***	***	155
		Total numb	per examined		186
		DIPHTHERI	Λ		
Throat swabs-	-Positive				494
	Negative			***	4,597
		Total numb	per examined	***	5,091
	MISCELLA	NEOUS EX	AMINATIONS		
Urine for Ger			AMINATIONS		1,858
Blood for Kal	neral examin	nation			1,858 1,934
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B.-WATER

12,713 routine samples of water from the City Water Engineer were tested bacteriologically.

Throughout the year, the condition of the tap water remained satisfactory. Results of examination on the various samples were summarized in the following table:—

Source		Year's average total colonies per m.l. at 37°C. in 24 hours	Year's average presumptive coliform count per 100 m.l.
MacRitchie Reservoir, Valve Tower	E	 297	18
Peirce Reservoir, Valve Tower		 342	10
Seletar Reservoir, Channel		 231	13
Pontian Reservoir, Valve Tower		 444	23
Bukit Timah Reservoir, C.W.T.		 18	0
Woodleigh Reservoir, C.W.T		 30	0
Gunong Pulai Reservoir, C.W.T.		 20	0 ,
Pontian Reservoir, Camp Supply		 69	Less than 1
Pearl's Hill Reservoir, Tank No. 1		 38	0
Pearl's Hill Reservoir, Tank No. 2		 38	0
Pearl's Hill Reservoir (Air Valve)		 47	0
Fort Canning Reservoir		 101	0
Halesworth		 35	0
Taps—Bacteriological Laboratory		 78	0
Lorong Lalat		 68	Less than 1
Joo Chiat Office		 59	0
Havelock Road		 76	Less than 1
Pasir Panjang		 82	Less than 1
Average of 5 taps		 73	Less than 1

MOUNT EMILY SWIMMING POOL

A total of 1,085 samples were tested from Mount Emily Public Swimming Pool and were found to be satisfactory throughout the year.

The following table gives the average results for the year: -

	S	ource		Year's average total colony counts per m.l. at 37°C, in 24 hours	Year's average presumptive coliform count per 100 m.l.
	7 3 6 6				
Shallow End		**	 **	28	Less than 1
Centre Deep			 	30	Less than 1
Filter Outlet	/		 	57	Less than 1

STAFF

Dr. Ling Ding Seng was appointed to the department on 14th December, 1951 as Assistant Bacteriologist. He was transferred to the Health Office on 22nd November, 1952.

NG SEE YOOK, L.M.S. (S'pore), D.P.H. (Lond.), City Bacteriologist.

MATERNITY AND INFANT WELFARE DEPARTMENT

				Tigs min	The follow
,	T			1952	1951
1.	Total Live and Still Births reported Of these—Still Births			37,243 714	35,414 638
2.	Visits paid by Health Visitors to Homes:-		***		000
	1st visits to new babies			28,639	28.462
	Subsequent visits to babies		***	57,317	55,158
		Total		85,956	83,620
					00,020
3.	Percentage of total Births visited by our H	ealth V	isitors	78.4%	85.85%
4.	Clinic Consultations A. INFANTS				
	New infants 1st attendances at	Clinica		17.790	16.065
	Subsequent attendances of all in			17,720 85,020	16,065 79,467
					19,307
	Total atten	dances		102,140	95,532
	Of these, attendances of sick ba	bies		66,364	58,991
	i.e			64.97%	61.75%
	B. TODDLERS		of all	baby attenda	ances at Clinics.
	B. TODDLERS Consultations held on sick todd	law.		97.015	
	C. SICK MOTHERS	iers		27,215	7,455
	Number of treatments given to	sick m	others		
	at Clinics and on Districts			8,944	6,499
	D. ANTE-NATAL CONSULTATIONS IN CLIN				
	(a) New Ante-Natal Mothers att			2,593	2,599
	(b) Subsequent attendances of Mothers	Ante	-Natal	4.993	5,431

	Total attend	dances	***	7,586	8,030
	(c) Ante-Natal Home visits to conditions of booked case	verify	social	2.129	3,391
	(d) Number of Blood W.R. tak		Ante-		0,007
				156	
	Of these, positive cases E. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA		***	18	773
	E. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA Under one year old—1st injection			6.066	4 100
	2nd injection		***	6,966 5,777	4,439
			***	5,777	3,691
	Total injections	given	***	12,743	8,130
	Over one year old-1st injection			26,197	2,478
	2nd injection		***	22,720	2,263
	Total injections	givon		49.017	-
		given	***	48,917	4,741
			***	226	394
	2nd injections .		***	211	252
	Total injections	given	***	437	646
	Febrile reactions to injections .			3,521	979
	Refused injections			38	878 54
	Visit to homes of defaulters		***	2,802	1,842
					1,014

	1952	1951
F. B.C.G. INNOCULATION (JANUARY-AUGUST)		
Number of children tested	9,165	5,164
Number of B.C.G. given	4,439	2,461
Number of positive cases	3,387	_
Number of negative cases	4,609	_
G. FREE MILK POWDER DISTRIBUTION		
Total number of New Babies issued with	1.607	1 901
Free Milk	1,627	1,201
Number of Nursing Mothers issued with Free Milk	263	53
Total number of Re-issues	21,558	18,612
Amount given to Salvation Army	480 lb.	400 lb.
Amount given to Convent Orphanage	600 lb.	400 lb.
Grand total number of lb. of Powdered Milk		
used	22,355 lb.	18,150 lb.
Total lb. received from Government	20,000 lb.	22,000 lb.
Total lb. received from Private Firms	1,440 lb.	_
H. FAMILY PLANNING		
Number of cases fitted at Clinics	882	1,356
Number of revisits to Clinics	1,187	1,485
Unsuitable cases	42	126
Cases referred to F.P.A. and K.K. Hospital	461	151
Cases fitted on account of ill health	239	73
N.B.—Family Planning Association gave us \$1,000 end of 1950 to buy stock—we have made use of this sum since to roll and no money from City Council is being used for this purpose.		
5. Free Midwifery Services from the Clinics		
(a) Free confinement conducted by eight City Council Midwives on districts	1,211	1,349
(b) Bathing of cases referred from K.K. Hospital	3,160	3,017
(c) Bathing cases from self-attended	244	231
(d) Abnormal cases sent to K.K. Hospital	16	30
(e) Total visits paid by City Midwives to patient's		
homes	16,011	15,648
6. Supervision of Midwives by Supervisor of Midwives		
(a) Number of inspections of Private Midwives		
Bags in three Clinics	2,161	2,440
(b) District visits to check on all Private Midwives'	altali skinje i o	
work	1,012	81.T. January
(c) Puerperal Fevers reported and investigated	78 + 2 from rui	69
(d) Tetanus Neonatorum reported and investigated	9	19
(e) Ophthalmia Neonatorum reported and investigated	,	19
gated reported and investi-	15	I opposite the
7. Nature of Confinements within City Area	15.050	12.002
In Hospital (Kandang Kerbau)	15,059	13,923
By Private Doctors and in Private Maternity Homes	3,950	3,313
By Private Midwives	16,212	16,076
With NO skilled attention	1,614	1,815
Total Confinements	36,835	35,127

8.	Of 36,835 Confinements:—		1952	1951
	(a) Mothers actually seen by District Sisters		21,520	20,992
	(b) Mothers died in Puerperium		9	16
	(c) Mothers removed and/or untraced	+++	221	204
	Home visits by Sisters to trace (a), (b) and	(c)	23,846	23,275
9.	Number of live Twins		285	280
	Number of Triplets		2	1
	Neonatal Deaths		1,317	1.101
	Still Births		714	638
10.	INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE		75.34%	78.79%
11.	BIRTH RATE	***	47.36%	46.50%
12.	MATERNAL DEATHS REPORTED		68	58
13.	Female City Council Employees examined for e ployment in the various Departments of City Coun	em- cil	83	no record

COMMENTARY

Health Visiting

In 1952, there was a slight increase of 1,829 births over 1951 figure for the City area.

Of the total births registered at the City Council, i.e. 37,243 our Health Nurses visited 78.4 per cent as against 85.85 per cent in 1951.

CLINIC ACTIVITIES

Infants

There were 102,140 clinic consultations held on infants—an increase of 6,608 over 1951 figure. Of these, 64.97 per cent of the attendances were for sick and ailing babies.

From these figures one can't help feeling that the public has come to regard our clinics as out-patient treatment centres rather than advising and preventive.

Toddlers

Even sick toddlers consultations have more than trebled 1951 figures (1952 = 27,215, 1951 = 7,455).

Until and unless Government has established a proper children hospital or even out-patient department, our preventive and advising Infant Welfare work has to give way to treatment for the sick babies and toddlers who have no place to go to seek help when ailing and sick.

B.C.G. Innoculation

B.C.G. innoculation were carried out only for a period of eight months, i.e. January to August.

Diphtheria Immunization

The public response to diphtheria immunization has been and will always be poor unless some measures are taken to shake them out of that lethargy. Why the public is willing to come forward and ask for B.C.G. innoculation is because the picture of a cachetic T.B. patient is too well known to them; whereas the public has still yet to see a child with laryngeal diphtheria struggling for breath, before it can really appreciate the value of our campaign. A great deal of man-power is being utilised to go out and get the mothers to bring their infants for immunization, but with very little result.

Ante-natal and City Midwives work

It is not surprise to see that our Ante-Natal work has gone down rather than up, because more and more patients are hospital-minded when it comes to confinement. This in turn has a repurcussion in the number of free confinement cases conducted by our City Midwives.

But our City Midwives are kept very busy by the enormous number of post-Natal cases referred from Kandang Kerbau Hospital for post-natal bathing

of infants at their homes.

SUPERVISION OF MIDWIVES BY SUPERVISOR OF MIDWIVES

Since the return of Sister Eu Moi from U.K. she has been given the job of checking Private Midwives while at work on district. In so doing she imparts to the private Midwives the knowledge she acquired in U.K. when taking her Central Midwives Board Examination. This actual supervision on district could not be carried out before because none of our Health Visitor had that training; while the European Sisters before her were handicapped by the lack of the knowledge of the various local dialects.

It is too early to produce spectacular results of her work but what little good she has done is shown by the figure for Tetanus Neonatorum which is halved.

District Sister's Work

As I have said before, there is an increasing tendency to have babies born in Hospitals, either Kandang Kerbau Hospital or private homes. It is very gratifying to find that the public has come to appreciate Hospitals rather than dread them.

Unfortunately we still have 1,614 cases of confinement with no skilled attendance inspite of the facilities of Hospital and our free Midwifery services. Lack of proper transport to link up the kampongs with the main roads plays a large part in keeping up this figure of 'no skilled attendances'. Many of these mothers are multipara and hard-working women who produce babies without much fuss, which there is always the old mother-in-law to stand by to give a hand.

In spite of it all-Tetanus Neonatorum are only 9 for the year, but Maternal

Morbidity must be high and unfortunately no figure is available.

Of the total 36,835 Mothers confined in the City area, the District Sisters visited and checked on 21,750 i.e. 59 per cent of all confinements.

FAMILY PLANNING

This branch of our work has decreased greatly owing to the fact that Government has established several Family Planning Association centres all over the City.

We therefore concentrate mainly on those cases where ill health is the

main indication for Family Planning advices.

MIDWIVES

Owing to the enormous number of quickly discharged post-natal mothers from Kandang Kerbau Hospital, our City midwives have a busy time following up those cases with post-natal washing. Babies are often discharged three or four days after birth—before their cords are off—our midwives are told to follow up with washings and bathing of these babies. The figure for this type of work equals 3,160 from Kandang Kerbau Hospital alone; while there were only 244 washings from self-attended cases.

Because of the preference for hospital delivery our case figures for our

midwives have dropped to below previous year.

FEMALE CITY EMPLOYEES

There seems to be an obvious tendency for a steady increase in the employment of female employees by the various Departments in the City Council. Last year there were eighty-three new recruits and the onus of examining these employees for employment and at various intervals for sickness and maternity fell on Dr. Maggie Lim at first and later on me. The question of being medically responsible for these eighty-three, together with those female employees of previous years, as well as future recruits is going to create a serious problem for the Senior Assistant Health Officer (Maternity and Infant Welfare) whose time-table is very full as it is. The Health Officer would be well advised to bring this matter up at a future date with the City Councillors.

MARY TAN, M.B.B.S.,

Senior Assistant Health Officer,

Maternity and Infant Welfare Department.

MIDDLETON HOSPITAL

Table I below shows the number of admissions, discharges, deaths, etc., during the year.

TABLE I

Diseases		Remaining 31-12-51	Admitted	Dis- charged	Died	Remaining 31-12-52
Small-pox	.4	 		33		
Cholera		 				
Plague		 				
Chicken-pox		 8	450	445		13
Measles and Rubella		 4	151	148	7	
Diphtheria		 17	427	343	80	21
Diphtheria Carrier		 1	55	55		1
Meningococcal Meningit	is	 	2	2		
Enteric Fever		 33	117	136	6	8
Para Typhoid "C"		 	3	3		If to blet
Tropical Typhus		 	4	4		
Ac. Ant. Poliomyelitis		 34	50	36	88	40
T.B. Meningitis		 1	6	4	3	
Amoebic Dysentery		 7	92	96	2	1
Bacillary Dysentery		 1	22	23		
Clinical Dysentery		 	9	8		1
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		 1	14	10	5	
Erysipelas		 1	3	4		
Whooping Cough		 	3	2	1	
Mumps		 	15	15		
Other Diseases		 3	158	150	8	3
Typhoid Carrier observa	tions	 9	24	33		
Observations		 1	191	190		2
	Total	 121	1,796	1,707	120	90

DANGEROUS INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There was no case of Small-pox, Cholera or Plague.

Enteric Fever

One hundred and seventeen cases of Typhoid fever were admitted during the year and with 33 cases remaining on 31st December, 1951, a total of 150 cases were treated. Six cases died, a case fatality rate of only 4 per cent, a good record. One case died within 24 hours of admission. The causes of death were as follows:—one intestinal hæmorrhage and the five toxemia and cardiac failure.

Table II shews the monthly number of admissions and deaths of Typhoid fever.

TABLE II

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
No. of Adm.	 21	14	14	11	10	14	2	2	9	6	6	8
No. of Deaths	 			1	2	1				2		

Typhoid fever broke out in a mild localised epidemic form in the second half of December 1951, with 27 admissions from 16th December, 1951 to 31st December, 1951 compared to 12 cases from 1st December, 1951 to 15th December, 1951. This was followed by 21 admissions in January, 14 in February, and 14 in March. This mild outbreak was, however, traced to a common source of infection as was reported in the 1951 Annual Report, to a wedding dinner held at Paya Lebar. Of the approximate 100 guests at this dinner, 30 contracted typhoid fever, and 22 were admitted to this hospital for treatment. The City Health Officer took prompt measures to contact the food caterer. Eight food handlers were immediately isolated in this hospital for investigations as possible typhoid carriers. After a period of investigations of their bloods, stools and urines, with negative results, they were released, although one of them showed a positive Vi I Agglutination titre of 1/320 in his blood serum but the typhoid bacillus was not found in his stools and urines.

About the 20th April, 1952, 5 cases of Typhoid Fever were admitted into the hospital, all employees of a local firm. The history was that they felt ill about the same time after attending the annual staff dinner of the firm on 8th March, 1952. Investigations by the City Health Department at the firm revealed another 15 employees reporting sick about the same time. Further investigations also showed that at this dinner, 2 separate caterers, a Cantonese and a Hokien supplied the food, and all those who became ill took the Hokien food which was prepared by the same caterer as reported above. Another round up of all the employees of this establishment was carried out and among the suspects, one was definitely proved to be a typhoid carrier, excreting typhoid bacillus in his stools persistently. This carrier was missed in the first round up as he was not living in the premises. He was detained in the hospital for more than two months, and given a full course of treatment. On discharge, he was influenced to change his profession.

It is interesting to record that seven bacterial cultures of typhoid bacillus, all isolated from the patients in the second outbreak and this typhoid carrier, were sent to Dr. A. Felix, F.R.S., Central Enteric Reference Laboratory, Colindale,

London, for Vi-phage typing and who reported that the cultures belonged to Vi-phage type A, thus proving conclusively that the carrier was the culprit of this outbreak.

Diphtheria

427 cases of clinical Diphtheria were admitted during 1952, 57 cases more than 1951 and with 17 cases remaining at the end of 1951, a total of 444 cases were treated during the year. Fifty-five cases of cultural (or contact-carriers) were also admitted during the year. This figure is not included in the clinical cases.

TABLE III

Types	of cases			Admissions	Deaths
Laryngeal and Tracheal				170	65
Nasopharyngeal				56	9
Faucial or Tensillar				192	6
Nasal				9	
		Tota	al	427	80

TABLE IV
ADMISSIONS AND DEATHS BY NATIONALITIES

		Race		The state of	Admissions	Deaths	
Europeans					1		
Eurasians					5		
Indians					16		
Chinese					392	75	
Malays					11	5	
Others	100		**		2		
			Tota	d	427	80	

TABLE V

ADMISSION AND DEATHS BY AGE GROUP

H G	Age		odw	Admissions	Deaths
			at I	Wil Disc	
year below	 		**	67	26)
- 2 years	 			97	18 >-74
2-5 ,,	 			161	30
-10 ,,	 			70	4
-15 ,,	 			19	2
-20 ,	 			5	
bove 20 years	 			8	
			İ		
		1	Total	427	80

TABLE VI

ADMISSIONS	AND DEATHS	RV MONTHS

-110777440	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Admissions	 40	27	31	48	28	34	47	45	39	30	23	35
Deaths	 8	6	13	11	5	3	11	3	5	5	5	5

Total Admissions = 427.

Total Deaths = 80.

A slight departure has been effected in calculating the mortality rate of Diphtheria cases this year. In previous years, the mortality rate was calculated on the total number of admissions which included contact-carrier cases as well. But this year clinical cases of Diphtheria have been separated from cases of contact-carriers and the mortality rate is based entirely on the clinical cases. If therefore, the mortality rate this year shows no improvement compared to previous years or even if it is slightly higher, the above fact will be borne in mind.

Of the 427 cases of clinical Diphtheria admitted 80 cases died, a crude case fatality rate of 19 per cent. Out of the 80 deaths, 49 died within 24 hours of admission and if these are excluded, the corrected death rate will be only 7 per cent. Tracheotomy was performed on 126 cases or 29.5 per cent of the admissions, almost one in every three cases admitted into the hospital. Of these 126 Tracheotomy cases, 51 died, equal to 40 per cent and of these 51 deaths, 28 cases died within 24 hours after Tracheotomy.

The figures will, naturally, speak for themselves. All the comments that the writer made in his previous years' annual reports still held good. The only answer is a very much intensified anti-Diphtheria campaign.

Dysenteries

	D	ysentery		Cases	Deaths
Amoebic				 92	2
Bacillary				 22	
Clinical				 9	
			Total	 123	2

Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis

ADMISSIONS BY MONTH

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Cases	 3	2	5	8	7	2	1	7	4	7	2	2	50
Deaths	 		2	1		1		**	2	1	1		8

AGE GROUP, SEX DISTRIBUTION, TYPES OF CASES OF POLIOMYELITIS

T	E.	91	61	-	:	11	01
Total	M.	32	4	-		33	4
	F	:	: -	:			
40-50 years							
4.0	W.	:	:	:	:	00	
30-40 years	E.	6.1	-	:	:	64	-
, xe	M.	-	-	:	:	-	-
30 urs	E.	-	:	1	:	6.1	:
20-30 years	M.	:	:	:	:	:	:
20 rs	F.	:	:	:	:	:	:
15-20 years	M.	:	:	:	:	:	:
15 urs	F.	-	:	:	:	-	:
10-15 years	M.	1	:	:	:	-	:
010 urs	F.	61	:	:	4	61	:
5-10 years	M.	23	60 []]	:	ini	10	65
S Irs	F.	4	-	:	:	4	1
2-5 years	M.	7	:	1	:	00	:
1-2 years	F.	65	:	:	:	63	:
J-	M.	10	:	:	:	10	:
1 2	F.	60	-:	:	:	10	:
0-1 year	M.	00	-:	:	:	00	:
	- 11	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Age	Sex	Davaletic	··· onder	Non-Paralytic		Total	TOTAL

Fifty cases of Poliomyelitis were admitted during the year inclusive of one re-admission for physiotherapy treatment. Of the fifty cases, six died and two cases admitted in 1951, also died making a total of eight deaths for the year. Of the eight deaths, five were Bulbar in type. Altogether seven Bulbar cases had to go into the mechanical respirator, five of them died and two recovered. Of these two survivors, one a pregnant woman, delivered a full term life baby. Two of the Bulbar cases were flown by air from Bangkok through the courtesy of the British Consulate there.

- (1) Thirty-six out of the fifty cases were in children under five years of age.
 - (2) The disease is more common in males.
 - (3) High percentage of the cases were paralytic in nature.

The British Red Cross Society provided an English school teacher to give some educational therapy to these children.

NATIONALITY AND DAYS IN HOSPITALS

				AINING 12-52		ITTED 952	TOTAL 1952		
	Race			No. of days of Hospital	No. of Patients	No. of days in Hospital	Total No. of Patients	Total No. of Hospital days	
Europeans			1	134	47	614	48	748	
Eurasians					46	657	46	657	
Indians			17	1,051	313	3,849	330	4,900	
Chinese			102	6,991	1,258	18,512	1,360	25,503	
Malays			1	273	125	1,636	126	1,909	
Others			٠.		7	61	7	61	
	Total		121	8,649	1,796	25,329	1,917	33,778	

STAFF

The staff position has been considerably eased with an increased number

of appointments during the year.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Professors Ransome, Monteiro, Mekie and Cameron for acting as consultants to this hospital and to members of the staff for their active co-operation and spirit of service.

NE SEE YOOK, L.M.S. (S'pore), D.P.H. (Lond.), Medical Superintendent, Middleton Hospital, Singapore.

CITY MARKETS

UNSOUND FOODSTUFFS

Poultry amounting to 3,865 heads, 18,600 eggs, 123 pounds of mutton and 217,303 katties (approximately 129.35 tons) of unsound foodstuffs were removed from the City markets and delivered to the City incinerator for destruction.

PUBLIC WEIGHING SCALES

Avery Spring Balances with a maximum capacity of 28 lb. were installed in all markets for public use.

REVENUE FROM FISH AUCTIONS

Revenue for the 5 per cent commission on Wet Fish Auction Sales shewed a slight increase over the previous year. This was due to the increased prices of fish.

TABLE 4

Ma	Market		Market Period			Period	Quantity landed and auctioned	Total auction value	Total of 5% commission collected	
					kattis	8 c.	8 c.			
Ellenborough				1952	$6,128,266\frac{1}{2}$	3,826,238 20	191,311 91			
Clyde Terrace				1952	2,587,884	1,524,838 00	76,241 90			
		Total			8,716,1501	5,351,176 20	267,553 81			

TABLE B

	Market	TOTAL REV	ENUE		1952	
					\$	c.
1.	Clyde Terrace*		***		144,272 9	10
2.	Kandang Kerbau				32,769 4	0
3.	Orchard Road		***		28,980 6	0
4,	Sims Avenue	. Made	***	***	10,964 0	00
5.	Grange Road		***	***	4,369 2	20
6.	Ellenborough*				257,848 9	11
7.	Telok Ayer	***	***	***	36,827 6	0
8.	Maxwell Road		***		22,146 0	00
9.	Peoples Park		***		12,292 0	00
			Total	***	550,470 6	51

^{* 5} per cent Commission on Fish Auction Sales included.

RETURNS

Daily and weekly returns were made to the Department of Fisheries, showing the weight, place of origin and prices of fish passing through the Clyde Terrace and Ellenborough Markets. Monthly returns of the average Market Prices were also made to the Department of Statistics, Singapore.

I attach the returns showing the quantity of unsound foodstuffs destroyed

and a summary of the vacant stalls as at 31st December, 1952.

KOH CHENG KHIANG, CERT. R.S.I., Acting Market Inspector.

SUMMARY OF UNSOUND FOODSTUFFS DESTROYED

For the year 1952

		FI	FISH			MEAT		VEC	VEGETABLES AND FRUITS	AND FRUI	22	POI	POULTRY	
Market	Fresh	Shell	Boiled	Salted	Beef	Mutton	Pork	Fresh Vege- tables	Dry Vege- tables	Salted Vege- tables	Fresh Fruits	Live- stock	Eggs	Mis- cellaneous
	Kattis	Kattis	Kattis	Kattis	Kattis	lbs.	Kattis	Kattis	Kattis	Kattis	Kattis	Heads	Tens	Kattis
Clyde Terrace .	8,054	09	:	30	:	:	:	26,300	:	:	2,875	964	253	:
Ellenborough .	14,470	8,335	:	:	:	:	:	7,100	069'6	:	1,745	537	536	855
Telok Ayer	18	268	:	:	:	:	:	45,420	31,070	:	9,350	259	152	2,550
Kandang Kerbau	. 1,069	2,272	:	577	:	:	:	3,522	:	:	3,179	545	302	:
Orchard Road .	334	7,293	:	:	246	:	:	4,080	:	:	9,355	151	:	1,589
People's Park	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	2,020	:	:	:	762	:	:
Maxwell .	1,500	8.42	:	:	229	123	181	4,753	:	:	:	086	197	:
Grange Road	302	:	:	:	:	:	:	1,048	:	:	735		:	396
Sims Avenue	430	439	:	:	:	:	:	1,827	25	:	135	135	420	735
Total	. 26,177	19,509	:	209	475	123	181	96,070	40,785	:	27,374	3,865	1,860	6,125

Remarks Sims : : : 2 91 SUMMARY OF VACANT SLABS AND STALLS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1952 Grange Road 6 Maxwell 31 8 Peoples Park 2 38 Orchard Kandang Kerbau Telok 00 Ellen-borough Clyde 25 Hawkers, Eating-Large Total (a) Fresh ...
(b) Salted ...
(c) Dry ...
(d) Dry and Salted POULTRY:... Description (a) Beef ... (b) Mutton ... (c) Pork ... Hawkers Dressed Duck ... Money-changer Eggs ... Dry-Goods ... MISCELLANEOUS:--Ice Block Soda Fountain Provision VEGETABLES: Curry Stuff Beancake Livestock Fish

MUNICIPAL ABATTOIRS

DURING THE year, 386,674 animals were slaughtered in the Municipal Abattoirs; 320,076 being swine, 4,248 oxen, 2,314 buffaloes, 4 horses, 57,743 sheep, 2,288 goats and 1 deer.

156 swine, 4 oxen, 10 buffaloes, 166 sheep and 30 goats died in the pens.

Ninety-one swine died in the depot.

Twenty-five swine, 28 oxen, 12 buflaloes, 85 sheep and 6 goats were totally condemned.

	Swine	Oxen	Buffa- loes	Horses	Sheep	Goats	Deer
Admitted for slaughter, 1952	320,192	4,269	2,313	4	57,968	2,319	1
Slaughtered, 1952	320,076	4,248	2,314	4	57,743	2,288	1
Died in pens	156	4	10		166	30	
Died in depot	91						
Carcases condemmed	25	28	12		85	6	
Diseased organs, etc. condem- ned and destroyed in tons	9.3	3.04	3.96		3.62	0.1	0.002

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE Y	EAR 1952		1000	
			\$	c.
Fees for slaughter at Cattle section	***	***	19,758	00
Fees for slaughter at Sheep section			60,288	00
Fees for slaughter at Pig section			640,384	00
Fees for storage at French Road Depot	***		11,104	10
Fees for inspection of wild boar carcases			26	00
Receipts as pen rents (all slaughter houses)		***	26,739	00
Receipts for sale of pigs' bristles	***	***	180	00
Receipts for sale of blood			540	00
Total Receipts for the	year 1952		759,019	10
Total Receipts for the	year 1951	***	573,361	45
Special slaughtering licences issued during (7 swine at \$10 each and 24 sheep and 29 ge			335	00

J. L. DA SILVA, Superintendent of Abattoirs.

SANITARY INSPECTORS SECTION

STAFF

At the beginning of the year the staff was comprised of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, two Divisional Sanitary Inspectors, four Senior Sanitary Inspectors, two Food and Drugs Inspectors, seventeen qualified Sanitary Inspectors and ten probationary Sanitary Inspectors.

The Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. J. B. McMorine who retired on 2nd September, 1952, went on leave prior to retirement in March 1952. For changes

in staff throughout the year see Appendix A.

SANITARY WORK

During the year there were 9,553 man-working days. Of these 489 days vacation leave were granted and 95 days sick leave taken. 366 days (including Sundays and Holidays) were spent in office and/or Middleton Hospital on standby duty. 732 days were spent for Meat Inspection at the Abattoir. The remaining 7,871 days were utilised as follows.

House to House Inspection

103 days were spent on house to house inspection of a routine nature. 1,196 houses were inspected. Notices were served on owners to carry out repairs to their premises where necessary and in addition to these, a total of 389 Limewash Notices were served.

Kampong Inspections

Kampong inspections were carried out in connection with Kampong Sanitation and the enforcement of the Swine By-laws. 200 man-working days were spent during which 2,835 huts were inspected.

Complaints Investigated

A total of 818 complaints were received from the general public during the year involving 8,415 visits. For summary see Appendix B.

Food and Drugs

556 samples were taken for chemical analysis during the year by the Sani-

tary staff. For list of samples, see Appendix C.

Routine inspection of premises in connection with unsound food was carried out by the Food and Drugs Inspectors involving 5,871 visits. 30,600 tins, 778 bottles, 2,048 cases, 34 boxes, 318 packets, 887 lbs. of assorted provisions, 25 crates of potatoes and 255 katties of fish, vegetables and fruits (unsound) were surrendered and destroyed.

The Singapore Harbour Board authorities were also requested to destroy food which was decayed or putrefied or unfit for human consumption which was found in their godowns. For list unsound food, see Appendix C 1.

Meat Inspection

Two Inspectors were sent daily (including Sundays and Holidays) to assist in the inspection of meat. A total of 732 man working days spent.

Offences and Prosecutions

607 summonses were applied for all types of infringements of the Ordinance and By-laws.

Court proceedings took up 287 man-working days. There were 696 prosecutions including 32 Police cases re illegal slaughter with 577 convictions. 111 summonses were not served and 28 summonses withdrawn. Total fines amounted to \$30.925.09.

Infectious Disease

Chickenpox	 	413	C.S.M.	 	5
Typhoid	 	136	Poliomyelitis	 	45
Diphtheria	 ***	352	Typhus	 	16

95 lepers were investigated and dealt with.

Throat swabs were taken from diphtheria contacts where necessary.

259 cases of Infectious Disease were removed to Middleton Hospital by Inspectors on standby duty.

121 passengers signing surveillance were cautioned to report to the Health

Officer for inspection.

44 premises in which cases of Poliomyelitis occurred and their vicinities were dealt with by barrier spraying of Detrene Dip and refuse disposed of after treatment.

In the investigation of Infectious Disease, a total of 1,675 visits and revisits were made.

Inspection of Premises

Inspections carried out on other classes of premises not included in the above, total 38,981 visits. For details, see Appendix D.

Notices

A total of 706 notices were served throughout the year. Of these 650 were complied with. For summary of notices, see Appendix E.

Reports to Other Departments

City Building Department			***	443
City Cleansing Department			***	104
City Sewerage Department	***	***		35
City Fire Brigade				25
Other Departments				15

GENERAL

Private Cemeteries

The Inspector of Burial Grounds went on leave prior to retirement on 12th May, 1952. The supervision of the private burial grounds within the City and the exhumation of remains was carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors whose districts included the various cemeteries.

Vaccination

Owing to the shortage of a vaccinator on the Clinic Staff, one qualified Sanitary Inspector carried out the duties of a relief vaccinator at one of the Welfare Clinics during the months of May and June.

With the start of the vaccination campaign against small-pox in August 1952, it was found necessary to engage 12 vaccinators on a temporary basis. Their services were terminated at the end of the campaign on 31st December, 1952.

For details of vaccination campaign, see Appendix F.

Towgay growing

In January, the experimental growth of towgay with tap water was carried out by the City Analyst on the premises of one of the growers. In this connection, the Sanitary Inspectors kept a 24 hour vigil during the period of the experiments from 16th January (noon) to 19th January (6 a.m.) in conjunction with the staff of the City Analyst Department.

Observations on standpipes

Observations on standpipes were carried out throughout the year by the Sanitary staff in connection with—

- (a) recommendations for additional standpipes in certain areas within the City or removal of redundant ones.
 - (b) obtaining data for the proposed erection of public bath and wash houses in the City.

Inspectors carried out standby duty in connection with Infectious Disease, at night throughout the year.

The total number of visits during the year covering all categories of sani-

tary work was 57,881.

L. A. MARCUS, Chief Sanitary Inspector.

APPENDIX A

CHANGES IN STAFF

Month	C.S.I.	D.S.I.	s.s.i.	Q.S.I.	P.S.I.	F. & D. I.	Total
January/February	 1	2	4	17	10	2	36
February/August	 	2	- 4	17	10	2	35
September	 1	1	4	17	10	2	35
October	 1	2	3	17	10	2	35
November/December	 1	2	3	17	12	2	37

APPENDIX B

COMPLAINTS

	Comp	laints	No. of Complaints	Primary Visits	Revisits	Total Visits
Mosquito			 536	4,215	} 2,427	
Other			 282	1,773	5 2,421	
		Total	 818-	5,988	2,427	8,415

FOOD AND DRUGS

SAMPLES TAKEN FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSIS 1952

Same and a	174.62.4	ron c	MESHCAL ANALISIS 1902		
Soda Water		86	Brought forward		198
Peppermints		1	Milk		168
Popsicle		6	Ice Cream		21
Egg Powder		1	Well Water		44
Rice Vinegar		4	Soya Bean Sauce		6
Full Cream Cond. Milk		3	Condensed Milk (Sweetened)		10
Tinned Pineapple		2	Orange Kist		3
Castor Sugar		12	Cooking Product	***	4
Icing Sugar		5	Descipated Cocenut	***	2
Lemon Crush		1	Colouring Matter	***	ī
Vinegar		2	Oranga Inica Cordial	***	3
Margarine		4	Black Vinegar	***	1
Gingelly Oil		9	Coffee Misture	***	27
Brussels Sprouts		í	Oranga Smach	***	2
Groundnut and Til Oil		1	Chee	***	2
Pork Sausages	***	5	Tea	***	2
Orange Crush Cordial		1	Too Dust	***	5
Rean Cord		1	Lemon and Barley Cordial	***	1
Mushroome	***	2	Sardings	***	1
Croundnut Oil	***	4	Cheese	***	2
Cooked Ham		3	Aerated Water	***	
Cream		2	Jam		3
Wheat Flour	***	2	Beef Dripping	***	3
Coffee Powder	***	7	Cooking Oil		1
Coca-Cola	***	i	Honey	***	1
Orange Crush	***	1	Pepper Powder	***	2
Cround Coriander		6		***	5 2
Luncheon Meat	***	2	Ground Tumeric	***	2
Rarley Water		1	Ground Chilly	***	1
Rooms		1	Almond Syrup	***	6
Coffee and Chicory Essence	***	1	Crab Meat	***	4
Tingture Indine	***	7	Lard	***	1
Pannar Mirtura		1	Camphorated Oil	***	8
Barley Syrup	***	1	Coriander Seeds	***	1
Abalone	***	-	Lemon Barley Water	***	1
Black Draught	***	1	Sesame Seed	***	2
Dalbys Carminative		1	Children Cough Remedy	***	1
Zina Ointmont	***	2	Cough Mixture	***	1
Assorted Sweets	***	1	Cough Cure	***	1
Assorted Sweets	111	1	Castor Oil and Zinc Ointment	***	1
Canned Assorted Vegetables White Bread	***	1	Curry Powder	***	4
Whisky	***	1	Brown Bread	***	1
Condensed Unsweetened Milk	***	2	Instant Coffee	***	1
Condensed Unsweetened Milk		1	Rose Syrup		1
Carried larmant		198	T . 1		
Carried forward	***	190	Total	***	556

APPENDIX CI

UNSOUND FOOD IN HARBOUR BOARD GODOWNS

57 bags and 9 crates—Potatoes 3 bags—Onions 1 case—Condensed Milk 871 bags—Flour 4 bags—Malt 2 tins—Milk Powder 1 tin—Indian Food	1 crate, 49 cases, 13 cartons—Assorted Provisions. 9 bags—Potato Sweepings 39 cases—Figs 2 cases—Raisins 11 bags—Rice Sweepings 9 bundles—Cuttlefish
3 bags—Salt Fish 4 bags—Red Beans	26 bags—Sugar Sweepings 48 bags—Dhall Beans
	14 bags—Peas, Maize Sweepings

APPENDIX D

INSPECTION OF PREMISES

Measuring Schools				 7
Smoke Observations				 20
Using Nightsoil as M	Ianure			 17
Foundries .				 3
Sauce Factories .				 238
Oil Mills .				 136
Saw Mills .				 86
Places of Entertainm	ent			 398
Coffee Roasting and	Grinding			 52
Printing Presses .				 395
Licensed Premises .				 24,067
Public Houses .				 1,014
Daily Fines .				 771
Serving Notices .				 822
Cautioning Cases .				 599
City Markets .				 1,051
Private Markets .				 351
Unlicensed Premises				 2,175
Native Passenger Loc	dging Hou	ses		 160
Inspecting Notices .				 1,083
Dry Cleaners				 55
Goldsmiths .				 84
Labour Ordinana				 7
Other Premises				 5,390
			Total	 38,981

APPENDIX E

SUMMARY OF NOTICES

Type of Notices	B/f	Served	Total	Complied	Cancelled	C/f
Intimation Notices	 45	285	330	254	23	53
Limewash Notices	 49	389	438	367		71
Nuisance Notices	 26	29	55	25	5	25
Abatement Orders	 4	3	7	4		3
Total	 124	706	830	650	28	152

VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

In connection with the general campaign of immunization against small-pox of the population in the Colony, voluntary vaccination of the population within the City Limits began on 20th August, 1952 with the opening of five Vaccination Centres at the City Welfare Clinics namely:-

- Prinsep Street Clinic.
- 2. Kreta Ayer Clinic.
- Tiong Bahru Clinic.
- Tiong Bahru Clinic.
 Balestier Road Clinic.
- 5. Joo Chiat Road Clinic.

Vaccinations were carried out by the existing staff of vaccinators, qualified Sanitary

Inspectors on the health staff and twelve temporary vaccinators.

In addition to the vaccinations that were carried out at the Clinics, vaccination teams made up entirely of qualified Sanitary Inspectors visited various offices and premises within the City to comply with the requests for vaccination. In this connection a total of 174 visits were made by these teams and 25,150 vaccinations were done.

Other additional facilities that were provided to the public included: -

- (a) visits to all the Kampongs in the City Area by vaccination teams;
- (b) establishing vaccination centres at both public and private markets and other public places;
- (c) visits by vaccination teams at night to the various amusement parks;
- (d) visits to the labourers lines of the City Council and artisan quarters in the City by vaccination teams;
- (e) visit by vaccination teams to the built up area within the City.

Throughout the whole campaign a total of 283,670 vaccinations, made up of 139,696 males and 143,974 females, were performed by the staff.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS FOR VACCINATIONS

		Total		174
Clubs and Associations			***	6
Army Establishments		***	***	6
Singapore Harbour Boar	d		***	10
Improvement Trust			***	2
City, Government Depar	tments		***	51
Community Centres			***	6
Business houses				93

SUMMARY OF VACCINATION BY THE STAFF QUALIFIED SANITARY INSPECTORS

Vaccinations Vaccinations					 98,399 25,150	123,549
Vaccinations	at	the Clinics	VAC	CINATORS	 116,161	
Vaccinations			public		 43,960	160,121
				Total		283,670

VACCINATION RETURNS FOR THE CITY AREA FROM 20TH AUGUST TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1952

		Males	Females	Total
Joo Chiat Clinic	 	15,032	22,955	37,987
Prinsep Street Clinic		28,313	38,986	67,299
Balestier Road Clinic		12,858	16,392	29,250
Kreta Ayer Clinic	 	23,876	26,700	50,576
Tiong Bahru Clinic	 	13,031	16,789	29,820
Kampongs	 	6,516	5,999	12,515
Miscellaneous	 	40,070	16,153	56,223
		139,696	143,974	283,670
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RETURN OF LICENCES ISSUED UNDER THE FOOD SHOP BY-LAWS

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RETURN OF LICENCES ISSUED UNDER THE OFFENSIVE TRADE BY-LAWS

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RETURN OF LICENCES ISSUED UNDER THE OFFENSIVE TRADE BY-LAWS-continued

DURING THE YEAR, 1952-continued.

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	Nature of Licence	Brought forward	Oil Mill Coffee Roasting and Grinding	Refining Precious Metals by the Acid Process	CATTLESHEDS, PONYSTABLES, COWSHEDS:	9 Animals and Under per head @		Over 50	Total

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

RETURN OF PROSECUTIONS FOR THE YEAR, 1952

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	Offences	MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE	Obstructions	Offensive matter flowing into Public Drain	Establishing a private market	Unlicensed Offensive Trades	Using nightsoil/or urine as manure	Latrine, etc. notice not complied with	Nightsoil kept for more than 48 hours	Filthy premises	Limewash notice not complied with	of rate and mice	Non-compliance of notice of demolition order of	insanitary dwelling	Allowing premises to be overcrowded	Non-compliance with Nuisance Notice	Order	Prohibition Order	Non-compliance of order for demolition of house	unfit for human habitation	Non-compliance with Well Notice	Opening Well without permission	License not exhibited	D 1 6 00 1 10 1

HEALTH DEPARTMENT—continued

RETURN OF PROSECUTIONS FOR THE YEAR, 1952-continued

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Offences	Prosecu-	With- drawn	Not	Convic- tions	Fines	Remarks
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Opening licensed premises during prohibited hours		: :	:	:	:	
Failing to have name and address marked upon the vehicle		:	:	:	:	
Can Keeping Swine in a prohibited area		: 61	21:	174	2,925 00	
Filthy Stables, Cowsheds, etc	15	: ::	:::	.: 15	315 00	
MARKETS AND SLAUGHTER HOUSES						
Selling vegetables within 50 yards of market Section 193	:	:	:	:	:	
Unsound Food	54 24	:::	:::	24 45:	2,255 00 475 00	
SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ORDINANCE						
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT—continued RETURN OF PROSECUTIONS FOR THE YEAR, 1952—continued

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						B.—Costs are not included in the amount of fines.