



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Members of the Council

MAYOR

Ackland, Cllr. F. J., J.P.

ALDERMEN

Downing, A.M.

Goodwin, R. E., C.B.E., D.L., L.C.C.

Greenwood, E. F. (Miss) J.P.

Jones, L. (Mrs.), M.B.E.

Kidd, A. V.

Mahoney, Ald. Jer.

Snowdon, E., J.P.

COUNCILLORS

Brent, A. E. J.	Dockyard
Brett, L. (Mrs.)	Neckinger
Bristow, G.	Abbey
Brown, L. M. (Mrs.)	Tunnel
Brown, W. R. E.	Dockyard
Coyle, E. V. (Mrs.)	
J.P.	Neckinger
Creswick, F. A.	Park
Creswick, S. L. (Mrs.)	South
Curtis, E. (Mrs.)	Thorburn
Florance, F. W.	Central
Foot, J. V.	Saints
Freestone, A. E.	
(Mrs.)	Abbey
Freestone, G. A.	Leathermarket
Garnett, N.	Willow Walk
George, L. H.	South West

COUNCILLORS—*continued*

Hatcher, A. M. (Mrs.)	South-West
Hendy, T.	Leathermarket
Henley, L. A. J.	Central
Henley, M. A. (Mrs.)	Raymouth
Henley, P. G.	Raymouth
Kemp, A. J., L.C.C.	Leathermarket
Lacey, J.	Abbey
Mackay, W. A.	Dockyard
Mahoney, J. A.	Central
Mahoney, Jos.	Park
Martin, A. E. (Mrs.)	Raymouth
McKay, T.	South
McLeod, F. W.	Thorburn
Melvin, F. J. (Mrs.)	Thorburn
Millichope, J.	Saints
Nicklin, G. (Mrs.)	Willow Walk
Nicklin, W. E.	South-West
O'Grady, J. H.	Tunnel
Osborn, T. J.	Leathermarket
Pinchbeck, G. S.	Tunnel
Roll, M. A. (Miss)	South
Rowe, E. A.	Park
Shaw, M. (Miss)	Neckinger
Thomas, I. B. (Mrs.)	Saints
Thurkle, G.	Leathermarket
Tindall, G. H.	Tunnel
Torrison, A. E.	Tunnel
Wardell, W. H.	Central
Whitnall, F. (Mrs.)	Willow Walk

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

Town Clerk	J. S. Lambert
Deputy Town Clerk	F. Chapman
Borough Treasurer	C. W. Virgo
Deputy Borough Treasurer	J. H. T. Turner
Borough Engineer and Surveyor	H. C. Coss, M.I.MUN.E., F.R.I.C.S.
Deputy Borough Engineer and Surveyor	F. Roberts, F.R.I.C.S., M.R.S.H.
Medical Officer of Health	J. Epsom, M.R.C.S., D.P.H., D.I.H.
Building Manager	A. Ayres, A.R.I.C.S.
Chief Librarian	P. Clare, M.B.E., A.L.A.
Deputy Chief Librarian	C. Tuffin, A.L.A.
Housing Director	H. C. Mercer, F.A.L.P.A., F.I.HSG., M.R.S.H.
Deputy Housing Director	A. Archer, A.I.HSG., A.R.S.H.
Baths Superintendent	C. T. Smith, M.N.A.B.S.
Civil Defence Officer	S. Shutt
Entertainments Officer	J. Brooker
Safety Officer	V. E. Golds
Superintendent Registrar (Births, Deaths and Marriages)	F. Bailey

The Council Chamber



Town Clerk's Department

The Town Clerk, as Clerk to the Council and as the Chief Administrative and Executive Officer, co-ordinates the work of the Council and is custodian of the Council's Deeds and Official Records. He is also Registrar of Local Land Charges. As Electoral Registration Officer it is his duty to prepare each year the Register of Electors and Jury List, and he is also responsible for the organisation of all Parliamentary and Local Government elections held in the Borough.

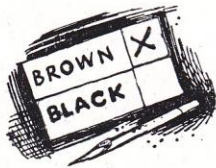
The Town Clerk is also responsible for ceremonial matters, and the care and management of the Town Hall, the Assembly Hall and Municipal Offices; also certain town planning matters, particularly in relation to enquiries from the public as to the L.C.C. Development Plan for Bermondsey. The Town Clerk is Honorary Secretary to the Local Savings Committee, and he prepares and publishes the Council's Public Relations Bulletin, a publication designed to maintain the link between the people of Bermondsey and the Council.

The Civil Defence Officer is responsible for the operation of the Council's duties under the Civil Defence Acts, the Town Clerk being Controller-Designate for Civil Defence.

The Entertainments Officer, who is also on the Town Clerk's establishment, carries out all forms of municipal entertainment.

The function of the Registration of births, marriages and deaths section of the Department are regulated by the Registrar-General, Somerset House.

The Mayor's Secretary is also a member of the Town Clerk's staff.



Battle Bridge House, Tooley Street

Borough Treasurer's Department

The Office of Borough Treasurer is a statutory one with many responsibilities and duties attaching to it. The Borough Treasurer is responsible for the collection of the Council's income and for the making of all payments. He is the officer charged with the preparation of rate estimates upon which the Council determines the general rate to be levied in the Borough. He is also responsible for raising money on loan as required to finance the Council's capital programme of housing construction, street improvements, public lighting and other projects.

He is the Council's adviser on all financial matters including investment of funds, valuation of property for rating purposes, and methods of financing expenditure.

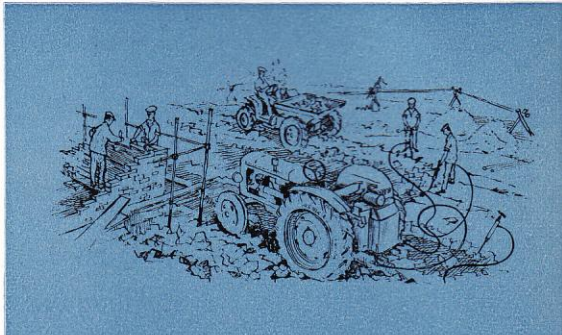
During the course of a year the Borough Treasurer's Department, which is organised into five main sections, collects approximately £2,000,000 in rates, Government Grants and other forms of income, raises approximately £500,000 in loans and makes payment of approximately £2,500,000 for goods and services supplied, salaries and wages, precepts, interest on loans, repayment of loans and other items of expenditure. The Department maintains the accounts of all these financial transactions and these accounts when finalised in the statutory form reflect the expenditure and income of the Council in respect of all its functions and services.



Borough Engineer's Department

The Borough Engineer, with his total staff of approximately 400, is responsible for a variety of important functions within the Council's jurisdiction, including roads, sewers, bridges, street lighting, traffic signs, transport, refuse collection and disposal, street cleansing and workshops. He is also responsible for the Council's architectural work, and has separate sections both for this and for engineering.

The annual cost of maintaining the Borough's services in good working order is approximately £300,000, and a fair proportion of this is spent on maintaining the 46 miles of roads which in such a highly industrialised area, with its constant traffic to the Docks, carry an immense volume of all classes of commercial vehicles.



GARDENS SECTION



The Council's Gardens Section is under the control of the Housing Director. The Section is responsible for the maintenance of the Council's public open spaces, children's playgrounds, the street trees and the lawns and gardens surrounding the housing estates. Extensions to existing open spaces are now being provided at the King George V Playing Field in Lower Road and the Bermondsey playground in Tanner Street.

The Council have their own horticultural nursery at Hartley, Longfield, Kent.



Relaxation in the
Church Grounds
St. Mary Magdalen
(Bermondsey Parish
Church)



Shuttleworth
Playground,
Southwark Park
Road