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MANCHESTER'S 109 KINEMAS

ONE FOR EVERY 7,000 PERSONS

Members of the Manchester City Council on Monday received the annual report and statistical returns of the Watch Committee.

The Chief Constable reported that there are 109 registered kinemas in the city, also 23 music halls and places of public entertainment. The police made 8,954 examinations of kinema exits and paid 9,009 visits to kinema operating-boxes. In addition, 869 examinations of theatre and music hall exits were made, as well as 923 visits to such places. One person was unsuccessfully prosecuted under the Cinematograph Act during the year.

Officers of the police attend all Trade shows of kinematograph films and reports are made on each. In the event of any film showing anything of an improper nature—or in the case of talking pictures, anything spoken which is not in good taste—a special report of all the circumstances is made immediately for the information of the Chief Constable. In such cases, either the necessary excision of the offending portion of the film is made by the film renters or a special show is arranged at which members of the Watch Committee attend.

With reference to the number of kinemas in Manchester, the density according to the population figures is noteworthy. The population at the present time is about 770,000, thus there is one kinema for every 7,000 of the population, the figure for the neighbouring city of Liverpool being one kinema for every 11,000 persons.

Adding the number of Manchester kinemas and music halls together, there is one place of entertainment for every 6,200 persons in the city.