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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.



YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

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To : The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses
of the Borough of Boston,

being the Boston Port Health Authority, as constituted
by the Boston Port Orders, 1933 and 1939.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report of the Port Medical Officer of the Boston Port Health Authority as required by Regulation 12(4) of the Public Health Officers (Port Health District) Regulations, 1959 for the year ended 31st December, 1962. It has been prepared in accordance with Form Port 20 of the Ministry of Health.

There was a decrease in the total number of ships entering the Port during the year, 1,294 as against 1,389 in 1961. There were 1,033 ships from foreign ports, 124 less than in the previous year but there were 261 coastwise ships, an increase of 29. The total tonnage was 288,706, a fall of 4,171 compared with 292,877 in 1961. There was little change in the character of the cargo traffic or the foreign ports of origin.

No cases of notifiable infectious disease were reported on any of the ships arriving in the Port during 1962.

During the year, 28 Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued. 3 notices in respect of Structural Defects and 3 in respect of Nuisances were issued and all 6 were complied with.

I should like to express my thanks to H. M. Customs, the Port Manager and all others concerned for their co-operation and assistance during the year and also to the Inspectors of the Health Department for their loyal and conscientious work.

I am,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. HIRD.

Port Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department,
8 Bridge Street,
BOSTON, Lincs.

MARCH, 1963.



SECTION I - Staff.

TABLE A.

Name of officer.	Nature of appointment.	Date of appointment.	Qualifications.	Any other appointments held.
HIRD, G.	Port Medical Officer of Health.	1-5-58.	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Assistant C.M.O.- Holland County Council. Medical Officer of Health- Borough of Boston. Medical Officer of Health-Boston R.D.C.
CHAMBERLAIN, G.E.	Chief Port Health Insp- ector.	15-10-45.	Cert.S.I.B., Cert.Meat & Food Insp- ector.	Chief Public Health Inspector-Borough of Boston.
MILSOM, D.H.	Deputy Chief Port Health Inspector.	1-10-59.	Cert.S.I.B., Cert.Meat & Food Insp- ector.	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector- Borough of Boston.
SAUNDERS, B.J.	Additional Port Health Inspector.	26-6-61.	Cert P.H.I.E.B. Dip.Meat & Food Insp- ection.	Additional Public Health Inspector- Borough of Boston.

Address and telephone) Public Health Department,
number of the Medical) 8 Bridge Street, BOSTON, Lincs.
Officer of Health.) BOSTON 4601 (six lines).

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B.

Ships from.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number inspected.		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Port Health Inspectors.	
Foreign Ports	1,033.	235,517.	Nil.	83.	Nil.
Coastwise.	261.	53,189.	Nil.	15.	Nil.
Total.	1,294.	288,706.	Nil.	98.	Nil.

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC ...	Number of passengers INWARDS : 162. Number of passengers OUTWARDS : 82.
CARGO TRAFFIC ...	Principal IMPORTS : Aluminium Ingots, Battens and Boards, Bulbs, Clay, Deals, Fertilisers, Fruit and Vegetables, Glucose, Grain, Perlite, Petroleum, Potatoes, Salt, Sleepers, Starch, Steel, Telegraph Poles and General. Principal EXPORTS : Cattle, Coal, Grain, Pig Iron, Sand, Sheep, Steel and General.
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive ...	BELGIUM : Antwerp, Nieuport, Rieme, Terneuzen. FINLAND : Haukipudas, Mantyluoto, Pateniemi, Sornas. FRANCE : Bordeaux, Gravelines. GERMANY : Bremen, Hamburg, Stralsund, Wismar. HOLLAND : Koog Aan De Zaan, Maassluis, Rotterdam, Ymuiden. NORWAY : Aheim, Sundalsora. POLAND : Gdansk, Stettin. RUSSIA : Archangel, Kem, Leningrad. SARDINIA : Cagliari. SWEDEN : Burea, Gefle, Halmstad, Ronneby, Stugsund. CYPRUS : Famagusta.

SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic.

No inland barge traffic entered the port during the year.

SECTION V - Water supply.

1. Source of supply for

(a) The District

- NO CHANGE -

(b) Shipping

2. Reports of tests for contamination.

- NO CHANGE -

3. Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes.

- NO CHANGE -

4. Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the Authority.

There are no water boats in the Port.

- NO CHANGE -

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

1. List of Infected Areas. (Regulation 6).

Arrangements for the preparation and amendment of the list, the form of the list, the persons to whom it is supplied, and the procedure for supplying it to those persons.

- NO CHANGE -

2. Radio Messages.

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district. (Regulation 13).

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon. (Regulation 14 (1) (a) and (2)).

Boston is not a radio transmitting or receiving port.

- NO CHANGE -

3. Notifications otherwise than by radio. (Regulation 14 (1) (b)).
Arrangements for receiving notifications otherwise than by radio and for acting thereon.

- NO CHANGE -

4. Mooring Stations. (Regulations 22 to 30).

Situation of stations, and any standing directions issued under these Regulations.

- NO CHANGE -

5. Arrangements for :-

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (other than smallpox - see Section VII).

- NO CHANGE -

(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts :

- NO CHANGE -

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles :

- NO CHANGE -

SECTION VII - Smallpox.

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district.

All cases of smallpox are sent to the Laceby Smallpox Hospital.

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

The transport of all cases of smallpox is the responsibility of the Holland County Council who will provide ambulances together with specially trained and vaccinated crews.

3. Names of smallpox consultants available.

Dr. G. Nisbet,
Bridge Street,
Peterborough.

Dr. J. Glen,
Springfield Hospital,
Scarthoe,
Grimsby.

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox.

Where laboratory diagnosis is required specimens are sent to Professor A. W. Downie, Bacteriology Department, Medical School, Ashton Street, Liverpool, 3.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease.

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements, including in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

- NO CHANGE -

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

TABLE D.

Category.	Disease.	Number of cases during the year.		Number of ships concerned.
		Passengers.	Crew.	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

No cases of Smallpox, Cholera, Plague, Yellow Fever, Typhus or Relapsing Fever occurred during the year 1962.

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships.

There have been no cases of Malaria occurring on any arriving ship.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No "infected" or "suspected" ships entered the port during 1962.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

All ships from "infected ports" are searched for evidence of rats (excreta, gnawings, runs, etc.) and traps are set for confirmation of findings. Similar precautions are taken if the crew or stevedores report indications of rats on other ships or if routine inspections reveal suspicious circumstances.

2. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Bodies of rodents are sent for routine examination for plague to the Public Health Laboratory, St. Anne's Road, Lincoln.

During the year no ships were found to be infested with rats.

3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Boston is not a designated approved port and there are no standing arrangements for the deratting of ships.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Any work found to be necessary is carried out under the supervision of the Chief Port Health Inspector.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category.	Number.
Black rats	Nil.
Brown rats	Nil.
Species not known	Nil.
Sent for examination	Nil.
Infected with plague	Nil.

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

Boston is not a designated approved port and therefore no Deratting Certificates have been issued.

Net tonnage.	No. of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued.
Ships up to 300 tons.	15.
Ships from 301 - 1,000 tons.	13.
Ships from 1,001 - 3,000 tons.	Nil.
Total.	28.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

TABLE G.

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and number of inspections : - General inspections : 98.

Nature and number of nuisances found.		Notices served		Result of serving Notices.
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Defects of Original Construction.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	-
Structural Defects through wear and tear.	3.	Nil.	3.	3 notices complied with.
Dirt, Vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health.	3.	Nil.	3.	3 notices complied with.
Total	6.	Nil.	6.	6 notices complied with.

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations,
1934 and 1948.

- NO CHANGE -

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens.

- NO CHANGE -

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on
board ship from infectious disease.

- NO CHANGE -

Food Inspection.

A list of the principal food imports appears in Table C on
page 4. The main items of food were as follows :

	<u>Tons.</u>
Grain (in)	10,617.
Grain (out)	51,741.
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables.	24,769.
Potatoes.	30,452.
Onions.	13,299.
Starch.	12,220.
Glucose.	3,240.
Frozen Foods.	1,362.
Tinned Fruit and Vegetables.	869.
Honey in Drums.	492.
Dehydrated Fruit and Vegetables.	261.
Confectionery.	310.
Rice.	100.
Beer.	545.
Cockles and Mussels.	61.
Miscellaneous.	133.

During the year the following amounts of foodstuffs were
found to be unfit and were destroyed :-

Apples.	5 boxes.
Carrots.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ nets.
Lettuce.	2 crates.
Onions.	7 cases and 1,832 $\frac{1}{2}$ bags.
Peaches.	40 trays.
Potatoes.	27 $\frac{1}{2}$ bags.

Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937-1948.

Five samples were submitted for chemical examination and were
reported on as follows :-

<u>Sample.</u>	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Result of examination.</u>	
		<u>Arsenic.</u>	<u>Lead.</u>
Apples.	5.	(1) Less than .1 pts. per million.	Less than .1 pts. per million.
		(2) 0.3 pts. per million.	0.2 pts. per million.
		(3) Less than .1 pts. per million.	Less than .1 pts. per million.
		(4) Less than .1 pts. per million.	Less than .1 pts. per million.
		(5) Less than .1 pts. per million.	Less than .1 pts. per million.

