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COLCHESTER (COLCHESTER DIVISION) PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1958.

Table A Dr. P. S. Morris, Port Medical Inspector resigned :
Replaced by Dr. John Middleton

Table B Shipping entering the Port during the year

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Insp. by M. O. H.	Port Health Inspector.
Foreign Ports	297	42,635	-	15
Coastwise	1803	140,571	-	125
	2100	183,206	-	140

No. having had infectious disease on board = nil

Table C Passenger traffic inward and outward = nil

Cargo traffic : Principal imports : Clay, coal, timber, petrol,
corn, vegetables and
fertilisers.

Principal exports : Gravel, sand, flour, and
scrap iron.

Principal ports from which ships arrive : London, Newcastle,
Fur (Denmark) Miscellaneous ports in Holland, Finland, Sweden,
Norway and Belgium.

Sections 4 to 8 incl. As previously.

Section 9 Table D. Nil throughout.

Sections 10, 11 and 12 As for 1955.

Table E. Nil throughout. Table F. As for 1955

Section 13. Inspection of ships for nuisances Table G.

Nature of Inspection	No.	Notice served		Result of Serving notice
		Statutory	Informal	
For sanitary defects	140	nil	10	Cleansing and repairs carried out.
For rat infestation	140	nil	1	Treatment and verbal advice given.
Water Boats	1	nil	nil	

General remarks : Lack of cleanliness is usually limited to
vessels in the barge trade. Older barges are without satisfactory
sanitary accommodation and progress in their provision is slow.
Water samples were taken from a number of storage
tanks and whilst there appeared to be a risk of contamination in
view of the site of the tanks, results on the whole were satis-
factory.

The foreign trade into the Port is increasing
and if maintained it may be desirable to seek authority to issue
de-ratification exemption certificates for the convenience of
these vessels.

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