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Table A. Staff : No changes. Section 1.

Table B. Shipping entering the Port during the year.

Ships from	No.	Tonnage	M. O. H.	Inspected by
				Port Health Insp.
Foreign Ports	321	43,668	-	14
Coastwise	2038	157,238	-	112
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	2359	200,906	-	126

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 fertilizers.
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.

Table D. Section 9. Nil throughout.

Sections 10, 11 and 12. As in 1955 No change.

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

Table G. Section 13. Inspection of ships for nuisances.

Nature of inspection	No.	Notice served :		Result of Serving notice
		Statutory	Informal	
For sanitary defects	112	nil	9	Cleansing & repairs carried out
Rat infestation	126	nil	1	Vessel treated
Water Boats	3	nil	nil	

General remarks : New tanks were fitted to the water boats. Water samples were taken from storage tanks on ships and were submitted for bacteriological examination.

As in previous years the lack of satisfactory sanitary accommodation, particularly in the barge trade, appears to be the main defect observed.

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