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COWES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITYREPORT OF THE PORT HEALTH MEDICAL OFFICER FOR 1941.**I Amount of Shipping entering the Port during the year :**

Foreign - 51.  
 English - 128 and numerous small craft.  
 Number inspected by Medical Officer - Nil  
 Number inspected by Sanitary Inspector - 51 Foreign 128 English  
 Number reported defective - NONE  
 Number reporting Infectious diseases - None.

**II Character of Trade -----****III Water Supply :**

- (i) Source of supply :- as for the town of Cowes.  
 There is a pipe line from the Pier Head.  
 Sources of private supply are at the Pontoon (Isle of Wight  
 Steam Packet Co.,) Messrs. Marvins' Shipyard and the  
 Gas Works.

**IV Port Sanitary Regulations 1933.**

- (i) Declaration of Health ---- Received by the Customs Officers  
 and sent to Port Medical Officer.  
 (ii) Boarding of vessels - Medical Officer works in close co-  
 operation with Custom's Officers and Naval Control who  
 will take him off to any suspected ship. The Ministry  
 of Health's weekly circular relating to infected Ports  
 and infection abroad are always placed available for  
 Customs Officers.  
 (iii) Mooring Stations for detention of Ships.  
 (a) The Roadstead of Cowes within Local area of jurisdiction  
 (b) Medham Buoys in River Medina.  
 (iv) Infectious cases can be landed to and isolated in the Isolation  
 Hospital in the Island by arrangement with the Joint  
 Hospital Board and the County Medical Officer of Health.  
 The Port Medical Officer continues to pay occasional visits  
 to Transports at temporary anchorage off Cowes if requested  
 to do so by Naval control.  
 Non-infectious cases requiring treatment on shore have  
 been landed at Cowes. Care is taken not to land  
 infectious cases from ships anchored outside the area of  
 jurisdiction.  
 (v) Bacteriological and Pathological Examinations are carried out  
 by arrangement with the County Laboratory at Newport I.W.  
 (vi) Cases of Venereal Disease are reported to the County Clinic  
 at Newport.  
 Cases which cannot attend the Clinic owing to lack of  
 time or opportunity have been treated by the Port  
 Medical Officer.  
 No cases of Infectious disease were landed at the Port  
 during 1941.

**V. Measures against Rodents.**

No special measures were taken against Rodents.

**VI. Hygiene of Crews Spaces.**

Nothing to report.

**VII. Food Inspection.**

This is done by the Town Sanitary Inspector.





Sheelfish

Oysters, matured at Newtown Creek and still brought to the Distributor's business premises in Cowes prior to despatch to Markets. Conditions at these premises in Cowes are satisfactory.

Copies of Order prohibiting the distribution for sale for human consumption of sheelfish from the River Medina unless the same have been relaid in approved waters for three months were circulated this year.

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Port Medical Officer.

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System, located at Newtown Creek and will transport  
to the District, a business premises in cases  
prior to migration to New York. Conditions as those  
prevailing in New York are satisfactory.

Copies of Order prohibiting the distribution for sale  
for human consumption of shellfish from the River  
Hudson system, the same have been referred to appropriate  
authorities for their action and were circulated this year.

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Port Medical Officer.