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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
HEALTH FOR THE PORT OF COWES FOR 1954.

SECTION 1 - Staff. No change.

SECTION 11 - Amount of shipping entering the  
district during the year.

Table B.

| Ships from     | Number. | Tonnage.<br>(net) | Number inspected.                          |                                  | Number of ships reported<br>as having, or having had<br>during the voyage,<br>infectious disease on<br>board. |
|----------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                |         |                   | By the<br>Medical<br>Officer<br>of Health. | By the<br>Sanitary<br>Inspector. |                                                                                                               |
| Foreign Ports. | 31.     | 15318.            | Nil.                                       | 31.                              | Nil.                                                                                                          |
| Coastwise.     | 189.    | 60870.            | Nil.                                       | 189.                             | Nil.                                                                                                          |
| Total.         | 220.    | 76188.            | Nil.                                       | 220.                             | Nil.                                                                                                          |

The Southampton and Isle of Wight Steam Packet Company run a regular service of steamers from Southampton to the Port, not included in the above figures. Eight passenger and 2 car services a day in the four summer months and 5 passenger and 1 car service a day in the remaining months.

SECTION 111 - Character of shipping and trade  
during the year.

Passenger traffic -

Number of passengers inwards - 6 sick foreign seamen have been landed.

Number of passengers outwards - Nil.

The Southampton and Isle of Wight Steam Packet Company carry 500,000 passengers to and from Southampton a year.

Cargo Traffic -

Principal imports - Coal, Timber, Petrol, Sand, Cement.

Principal exports - Dairy and Agricultural produce.

Principal ports from which ships arrive - Blythe, Port Talbot and Dutch Ports.

There are also several hundred private yachts which visit the Port during the summer season.

SECTION 1V - Inland Barge Traffic.

There is considerable barge traffic between the River Medina and the Solent Ports on the mainland. About 4000 barges arrive in the River annually of between 30 and 150 tons unloading at Cowes and Newport.

Summary of barge traffic.

Barges loading and unloading at Cowes and Newport -

Number - 4128. Net Tonnage - 296577.

SECTION V - Water Supply. No change.

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

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SECTION VII - Smallpox.

- (1) Smallpox cases would be sent to the County Isolation Hospital at Fairlee, Isle of Wight.
- (2) Ambulance transport would be by arrangement with the County Medical Officer of Health.
- (3) The smallpox Consultant available is Dr. J. Mills, County Hall, Newport, I.W.
- (4) Laboratory diagnosis for smallpox would be by the County Laboratory at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, Ryde.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease. 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.                       |

SECTION X and XI.

No cases have arisen of malaria, or suspected plague, during the year.

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

- (1) All ships arriving at the Port are inspected by the Sanitary Inspector.
- (2) Rodents would be sent to the County Laboratory at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, Ryde. No cases have been sent during the year.
- (3) All ships for deratting are referred to Southampton Port Health Authority.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

No nuisances have been complained of during the year.

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

There are no shell-fish beds within the jurisdiction of this Port Health Authority.

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SECTION VII - Summary

- (1) Samples were sent to the County Hospital at Albany, New York.
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SECTION VIII - General Remarks

SECTION IX - Cases of rabies and other infectious diseases in this county.

Table I

| Category | Disease | Number of cases during the year | Number of deaths |
|----------|---------|---------------------------------|------------------|
|----------|---------|---------------------------------|------------------|

Cases listed from other sources.

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SECTION X and XI

At other times cases of rabies, or suspected cases, during the year.

SECTION XII - Rabies against rodents in this county.

- (1) All mice arriving at the port are inspected by the County Inspector.
- (2) Rabies would be sent to the County Hospital at Albany, New York.
- (3) All mice for domestic purposes are inspected by the County Inspector.

SECTION XIII - Rabies of other animals.

At other times cases of rabies, or suspected cases, during the year.

SECTION XIV - Rabies of other animals.

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