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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE PORT OF COWES FOR 1956.



Section I.- Staff  
Table A.

NO CHANGE

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 Sanitary Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	25	11,121	Nil.	25	Nil.
Coastwise	173	98,430	Nil.	173	Nil.
Total	198	109,551	Nil.	198	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 two car services a day in the four summer months and five passenger and one car service a day in the remaining months.

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

Table C.

Passenger Traffic -  
Number of passengers inwards - Nine sick foreign seamen were landed.

Number of passengers outwards - Nil.

The Southampton and Isle of Wight Steam Packet Company carried nearly 549,000 passengers and 29,000 motor vehicles to and from Southampton during the year.

Cargo Traffic -  
Principal imports - Coal, also shingle, sand, petrol, timber and cement.  
Principal exports - Dairy and agricultural produce.

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

There were also several hundred private yachts which visited the Port during the summer season.

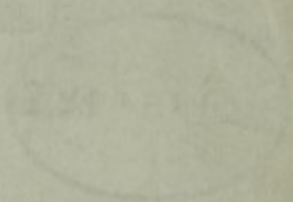
Section IV - Inland Barge Traffic.

There is considerable barge traffic between the River Medina and the Solent Ports on the mainland. The barges vary in tonnage between 30 and 150 tons.

Summary of Barge Traffic.

Barges loading and unloading at Cowes and Newport.

Number - 3,806      Net Tonnage - 262,178



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Section V - Water Supply

NO CHANGE

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

NO CHANGE

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 - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships.

No cases have arisen of malaria during the year.

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

No cases have arisen of 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 V - Water Supply

Section VI - Public Health Regulations

NO CHARGE

Section VII - Sanitation

- (1) Sanitation cases would be sent to the County Jail and Hospital at Water, Lake or West.
- (2) Sanitation cases would be by arrangement with the County Medical Officer at Water.
- (3) The Sanitation cases would be sent to Dr. J. Mills, County Jail, Newport, I.W.
- (4) Sanitation cases would be sent to the County Jail and Hospital at Water, Lake or West.

Section VIII - General Provisions

Section IX - Cases of Malaria and other infectious diseases

NO CHARGE

Category	Number	Number of cases	Number of deaths
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been diagnosed at Water.	211	211	211
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been diagnosed at other ports.	211	211	211

Section X - Malaria and other infectious diseases

No cases have arisen of malaria during the year.

Section XI - Malaria and other infectious diseases

No cases have arisen of malaria during the year.

Section XII - Malaria and other infectious diseases

- (1) All ships arriving at the port are inspected by the Sanitary Inspector.
- (2) Malaria cases would be sent to the County Jail and Hospital at Water, Lake or West. No cases have been sent during the year.
- (3) All ships for Water are referred to the Sanitary Inspector.

Section XIII - Malaria and other infectious diseases

No cases have arisen of malaria during the year.

Section XLV - Public Health (Shell-Fish)  
Regulations. 1934 and 1948.

NO CHANGE.

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