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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF  
HEALTH FOR THE PORT OF COWES FOR 1958.

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Section 1 - Staff

Table A

NO CHANGE



Section 11 - 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	20	4,298	nil.	20	nil.
Coastwise	349	191,352	nil.	349	nil.
Total	369	195,650	nil.	369	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 111 - Character of shipping and trade during  
the year.

Table C

Passenger Traffic -

Number of passengers inwards - Fourteen sick foreign  
seamen were landed.

Number of passengers outwards - nil.

The Southampton and Isle of Wight Steam Packet  
Company carried nearly 558,000 passengers and  
38,000 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 1V - 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 - 3,262      Net Tonnage - 290,474



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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 - 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.

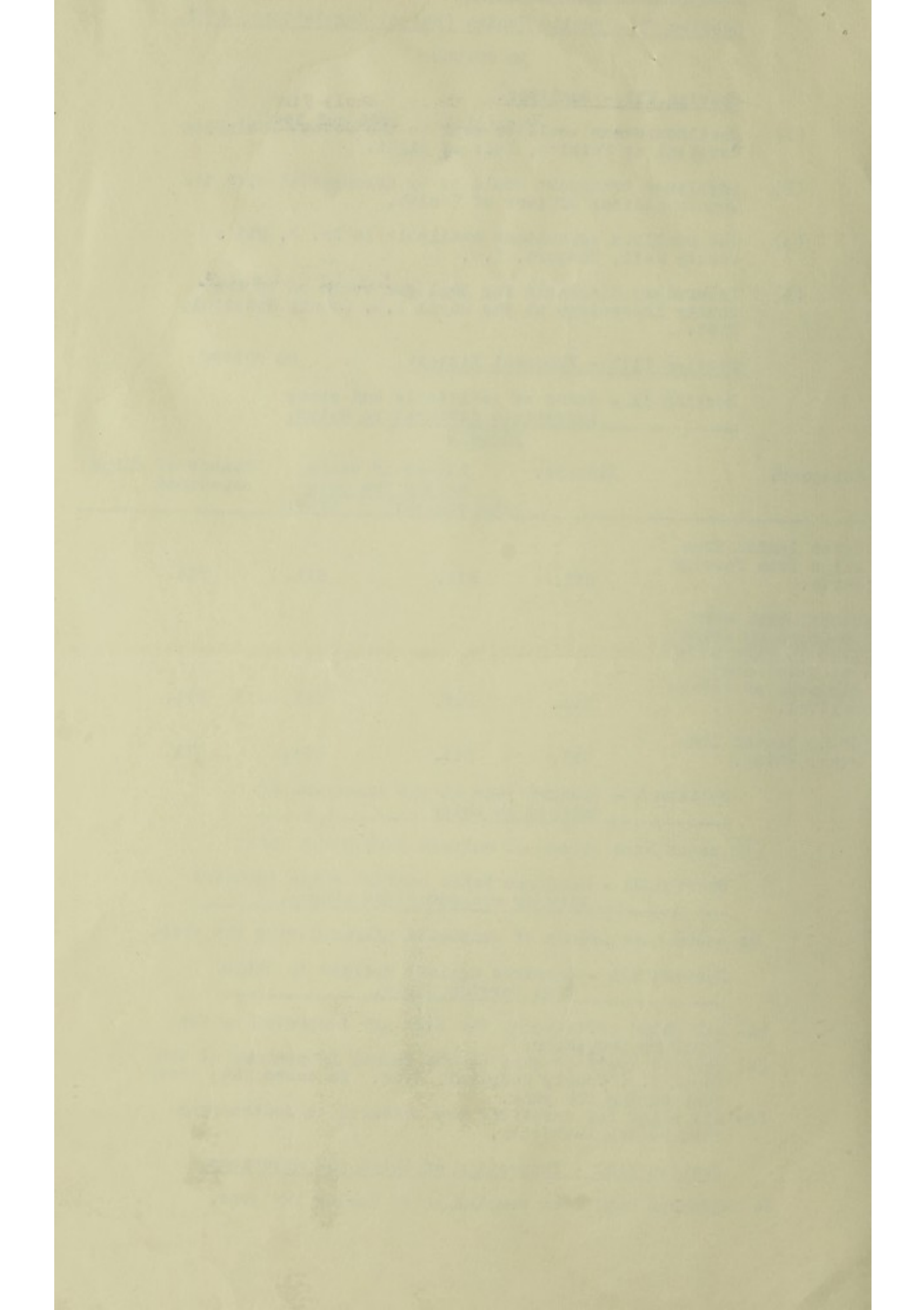
No cases have arisen of suspected plague during the year.

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

NO CHANGE.

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