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ILFRACOMBE RIPARIAN AUTHORITY.

1. Amount of Shipping Entering the Harbour during 1946.

TABLE A.

	Number. Tonnage.	Number Inspected.		Number reported to be defective.	Number of vessels on which defects were remedied.	Number of vessels on which defects were found & reported to Min. of Transport Surveyors.	Number of vessels reported as having, or having had, during the voyage infectious disease on board.
		By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Sanitary Inspector.				
FOREIGN. { Steamers. * Motors. Sailing. Fishing.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Foreign.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COASTWISE. { Steamers. * Motors. Sailing. Fishing.	121	-	2	-	-	-	-
	104	21,706	6	-	-	-	-
	-	7,991	-	-	-	-	-
	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Total Coastwise.	227	29,732	10	-	-	-	-
Total Foreign & Coastwise.	227	29,732	10	-	-	-	-

* Includes mechanically propelled vessels other than steamers.

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Name	Address	City	State	Date of Birth	Sex	Color	Education	Occupation	Blindness		Cause	Remarks
									When	How		
John Doe	123 Main St	Springfield	Ill.	1880	M	White	High School	Teacher	1905	Gradual	Accident	Blind since 1905
Jane Smith	456 Elm St	Chicago	Ill.	1890	F	White	Elementary	Homemaker	1910	Sudden	Illness	Blind since 1910
Robert Johnson	789 Oak St	St. Louis	Mo.	1875	M	Black	College	Lawyer	1900	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1900
Mary White	321 Pine St	Philadelphia	Pa.	1885	F	White	High School	Secretary	1908	Sudden	Accident	Blind since 1908
William Brown	654 Cedar St	Baltimore	Md.	1895	M	White	College	Engineer	1912	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1912
Elizabeth Green	987 Birch St	Washington	D.C.	1888	F	White	High School	Teacher	1903	Sudden	Accident	Blind since 1903
James Black	101 Maple St	San Francisco	Cal.	1878	M	Black	College	Physician	1906	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1906
Anna Gray	202 Spruce St	New York	N.Y.	1892	F	White	High School	Homemaker	1911	Sudden	Illness	Blind since 1911
Charles King	303 Elm St	Los Angeles	Cal.	1882	M	White	College	Engineer	1904	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1904
Elizabeth Lee	404 Oak St	Portland	Me.	1898	F	White	High School	Teacher	1909	Sudden	Accident	Blind since 1909
George Hall	505 Pine St	San Diego	Cal.	1872	M	White	College	Physician	1907	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1907
Frances Adams	606 Cedar St	San Antonio	Texas	1887	F	White	High School	Homemaker	1913	Sudden	Illness	Blind since 1913
Henry Baker	707 Birch St	San Jose	Cal.	1877	M	White	College	Engineer	1905	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1905
Elizabeth Clark	808 Maple St	San Francisco	Cal.	1893	F	White	High School	Teacher	1910	Sudden	Accident	Blind since 1910
William Evans	909 Spruce St	San Francisco	Cal.	1883	M	White	College	Physician	1906	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1906
Anna Fisher	1010 Elm St	San Francisco	Cal.	1894	F	White	High School	Homemaker	1911	Sudden	Illness	Blind since 1911
Charles Grant	1111 Oak St	San Francisco	Cal.	1874	M	White	College	Physician	1908	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1908
Elizabeth Harris	1212 Pine St	San Francisco	Cal.	1896	F	White	High School	Teacher	1912	Sudden	Accident	Blind since 1912
George Hill	1313 Cedar St	San Francisco	Cal.	1876	M	White	College	Physician	1909	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1909
Frances King	1414 Birch St	San Francisco	Cal.	1897	F	White	High School	Homemaker	1913	Sudden	Illness	Blind since 1913
Henry Lee	1515 Maple St	San Francisco	Cal.	1878	M	White	College	Physician	1907	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1907
Elizabeth Miller	1616 Spruce St	San Francisco	Cal.	1899	F	White	High School	Teacher	1914	Sudden	Accident	Blind since 1914
William Moore	1717 Elm St	San Francisco	Cal.	1879	M	White	College	Physician	1910	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1910
Anna Nelson	1818 Oak St	San Francisco	Cal.	1900	F	White	High School	Homemaker	1915	Sudden	Illness	Blind since 1915
Charles Owen	1919 Pine St	San Francisco	Cal.	1880	M	White	College	Physician	1911	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1911
Elizabeth Parker	2020 Cedar St	San Francisco	Cal.	1901	F	White	High School	Teacher	1916	Sudden	Accident	Blind since 1916
George Quinn	2121 Birch St	San Francisco	Cal.	1881	M	White	College	Physician	1912	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1912
Frances Reed	2222 Maple St	San Francisco	Cal.	1902	F	White	High School	Homemaker	1917	Sudden	Illness	Blind since 1917
Henry Scott	2323 Spruce St	San Francisco	Cal.	1882	M	White	College	Physician	1913	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1913
Elizabeth Taylor	2424 Elm St	San Francisco	Cal.	1903	F	White	High School	Teacher	1918	Sudden	Accident	Blind since 1918
William Turner	2525 Oak St	San Francisco	Cal.	1883	M	White	College	Physician	1914	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1914
Anna Walker	2626 Pine St	San Francisco	Cal.	1904	F	White	High School	Homemaker	1919	Sudden	Illness	Blind since 1919
Charles Young	2727 Cedar St	San Francisco	Cal.	1884	M	White	College	Physician	1915	Gradual	Illness	Blind since 1915
Elizabeth Zeller	2828 Birch St	San Francisco	Cal.	1905	F	White	High School	Teacher	1920	Sudden	Accident	Blind since 1920

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2. Character of Trade of Port.

TABLE B.

(a). PASSENGER TRAFFIC DURING 1946.

No. of Passengers	1st. Class.	2nd. Class.	3rd. Class.	Transmigrants
Inwards		33,283		Nil.
Outwards		16,584		Nil.

(b). CARGO TRAFFIC.

The principal imports are coal and gravel.

(c). PORTS FROM WHICH VESSELS ARRIVE.

Mainly Irish Free State and Bristol Channel Ports.

3. Water Supply.

The Harbour Undertaking and shipping in the Harbour obtain their water supply from the public water mains. The hydrants and hoses are protected by screw caps and covers. There are no water boats.

4. Port Health Regulations, 1933 and 1945.

- (1). Enquiry is made of the master or officer in charge to ascertain if there has been any illness amongst the crew during the voyage.
- (2). Notification of any vessel requiring special attention is given to the Health Department by the Harbour Master or Customs Officer.
- (3). So far as is practicable vessels are boarded by the Sanitary Inspector on arrival in the Harbour. Arrangements are in operation for the use of a boat when necessary.
- (4). None.

Statement of Work for 1948

Table 1

(a) Estimated Work for 1948

No. of Personnel	Est. Days	Est. Doll.	Total	
			Personnel	Material
111	18,000	21,000	111	18,000
111	18,000	21,000	111	18,000

(b) Work to be Done

The principal projects are as follows:

(c) Work to be Done

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2. Water Supply

The water supply is being developed in the district. The water supply is being developed in the district. The water supply is being developed in the district.

3. Sanitation

(1) The principal project is the construction of a water supply system. The principal project is the construction of a water supply system.

(2) The principal project is the construction of a sewerage system. The principal project is the construction of a sewerage system.

(3) The principal project is the construction of a public health center. The principal project is the construction of a public health center.

(4) The principal project is the construction of a hospital. The principal project is the construction of a hospital.

- (5). As the possibility of the arrival from overseas of a vessel with one of the major diseases is very remote, the place of mooring-discharge or loading is appointed as a mooring station; standing exemption being granted.
- (6). None.
- (7). (a). Available on the Pier.
- (b). The facilities provided by the Urban District Council would be available for all disinfection and cleansing.
- (c). No accommodation is available.
- (d). Cases of ordinary Infectious Disease would be removed to the Local Authority's Isolation Hospital, and cases of Smallpox to the Devon County Council's Smallpox Hospital.
CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, PLAGUE. Owing to the extreme improbability of ships entering Ilfracombe from infected ports, no permanent arrangements have been made with respect to these conditions. Measures would have to be devised should occasion arise.
- (e). Ambulance transport - motor ambulance.
- (f). Arrangements would be made should occasion arise.
- (8) & (9). The Devon County Laboratory at Exeter carry out all bacteriological and pathological examinations.
- (10). Posters giving this information are shown in the Public Conveniences near to the Harbour.
- (11). The Council are the owners of a burial-ground in the district.
- (12). Nil.

TABLE C & TABLE D.

No cases of infectious sickness were landed from vessels nor did any cases of sickness occur on vessels during the voyage to Ilfracombe.

(8) As the possibility of the patient from exposure of a vessel with one of the major diseases is very remote, the place of working-dinner or lodging is regarded as a working station; working conditions being checked.

(9) None.
(10) Available on the river.
(11) The facilities provided by the Union Industrial Council would be available for all disinfection and cleaning.

(12) No accommodation is available.
(13) Cases of ordinary infectious diseases would be removed to the local authority's isolation hospital, and cases of diphtheria to the Devon County Council's Isolation Hospital. 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(14) Arrangements would be made should necessary arise.
(15) The Devon County Laboratory at Exeter carry out all bacteriological and pathological examinations.

(16) The Council are the owners of a burial-ground in the district.
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(18) None.

TABLE B

No cases of infectious diseases were traced from vessels nor did any cases of sickness occur on vessels during the voyage to Liverpool.

5. Measures against Rodents.

The officer in charge of each ship inspected is questioned as to the presence of rats on board, and systematic inspection is made of the ships, quays and warehouses in the vicinity.

The absence of confined spaces, the smallness of the boats, the short time which elapses between loading and unloading and the supervision at the port of embarkation are factors which assist towards preventing rat infestation, and it is very uncommon to be informed or find evidence of rats on boards

TABLE E.

No rats were destroyed on vessels in the Harbour.

TABLE F.

A total of 313 brown rats were destroyed during the year, 80 in February and 233 in June.

6. Hygiene of Crews' Spaces.

TABLE J.

CLASSIFICATION OF NUISANCES.

Nationality of Vessel.	Number inspected during the year.	Defects of original construction.	Structural defects through wear and tear.	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health.
British	10	-	-	-
Other Nations	-	-	-	-

5. Evidence against Japanese

The officer in charge of each ship inspected is questioned as to the presence of take on board, and systematic inspection is made of the ship, guns and motor room in the vicinity.

The absence of certain signs, the condition of the boat, the fact that the ship is in the process of unloading and the appearance of the port of unloading are factors which assist in determining the intention, and as in very numerous cases of find evidence of take on board.

TABLE 2.

No take was destroyed on vessels in the harbor.

TABLE 3.

A total of 215 brown rats were destroyed during the year, 80 in February and 135 in March.

6. History of Cases, 1944-1945

TABLE 4.

CLASSIFICATION BY NATIONALITY

Nationality of vessel.	Number reported during the year.	Number of rats destroyed.	Number of rats destroyed during the year.	Number of rats destroyed during the year.
British	10	-	-	-
Other Nationalities	-	-	-	-

7. Food Inspection.

It was not found necessary to take any action under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926, or the Public Health (Preservatives, &c., in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1940.

There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Riparian Authority.

No samples of food were taken from the port.

Food Inspection

It was not found necessary to take any action under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1938, or the Public Health (Proteins) Regulations, 1938 to 1940.

There are no shell-fish beds or regions within the jurisdiction of the Riparian Authority.

No copies of food were taken from the port.