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Chief Port Health Inspector: H. Cormack
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CHARACTER OF PORT

The outer harbour consisting of three mooring docks, continued to be used for landing deep sea and longshore fish, and the fuelling, icing and provisioning, servicing etc., of the fishing fleet.

The inner harbour as far as Mutford Lock is used for shipbuilding and ship repairing and general commercial shipping use.

Tonnage of incoming and outgoing general cargo and fish landed during the year increased and the increase in fish landings maintained the standing of Lowestoft as a major prime fish port. The move to introduce larger trawlers of advanced design brought with it decided benefits for the men who go to sea, the living conditions on the latest ships being excellent. More palletised cargoes of timber were landed than in previous years which enabled ships to achieve a very rapid discharge of cargo and turnround.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The Port Medical Officer is frequently asked for medical advice regarding injured or sick seamen aboard vessels making for the port. Details of these cases come to the shipping agents concerned, by radio telephone.

Foreign seamen are seen by the Port Medical Officer and either sent to hospital or the master of the vessel is given instructions regarding suitable treatment. Seamen on local boats, who live in the district are referred to their own family doctors.

The Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen has a modern hostel for fishermen in the town, to which a local general practitioner is attached for any medical services that may be required.

WATER SUPPLY

Mains water is supplied throughout the docks, metered supplies are provided to every office and to fish merchants stands. Additional supply points are provided for the watering of trawlers and for the cleansing of the fish market.

MARKET CLEANSING

The fish markets are hosed down daily using mains water and this work has been efficiently carried out all through the year by employees of the Docks Board.

INSPECTIONS

1,367 inspections of trawlers were made during the year in connection with the sanitary conditions aboard ship, water supply, and the cleanliness of fish rooms.

The attention of the owners was drawn to the following matters:-

Unsatisfactory cleanliness of fish holds	83
Galleys and cabins in need of cleansing and painting ..	12
Water tanks in need of cleansing	15
Dirty Bedding	9
Food lockers requiring cleansing and painting	30

As in previous years the owners gave instructions for these conditions to be remedied immediately after notification.

FISH INSPECTION

All white fish landed was inspected daily before the commencement of the fish auction sales. The general quality of fish was excellent and the amount of fish which had to be condemned before or after sale in relation to the total landings was negligible.

IMPORTED FOOD

Weekly importations of frozen meat and offal and canned meat products from Denmark ceased, but there continued to be a steady flow of imported containerised food into the local food factories from Liverpool and Manchester. Close liaison with factory quality control staff was maintained in order to check up on the condition of this food.

RODENT CONTROL

231 inspections were made in connection with the issue of certificates under the Prevention of Damage by Pests (Application to Shipping) (Amendment No.2) Order, 1956.

FISH LANDINGS FOR THE YEAR

1,895 landings were made by Trawlers during the year. Four new stern-trawlers and three trawlers from other ports joined the fleet. One trawler transferred to Hartlepool and two trawlers were sold, one going to Aberdeen and the other abroad. At the end of the year the active fleet was 77 and in addition 25 vessels were employed in connection with oil rigs.

The quantities and value of fish landed during 1972 are as follows:-

	Cwts.	Value (£s.)
Brill	258	4,236
Catfish	2,952	14,755
Cod	144,252	1,013,408
Dabs	3,083	17,917
Dogfish	9,379	45,818
Gurnards	1,789	5,974
Haddock	28,748	158,273
Hake	335	4,082
Halibut	112	1,938
Lemon Soles	4,774	86,039
Ling	718	2,856
Mackerel (Trawl)	37	231
Monkfish	1,311	19,938
Plaice	379,980	3,649,315
Pollock	256	1,244
Roes	201	1,134
Saithe	5,286	17,476
Skates/Rays	6,990	38,395
Soles	3,138	142,311
Turbot	12,137	394,147
Whiting	1,450	6,001
Witches	432	2,412
All others	773	5,761
	608,391	5,633,661

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Crew accommodation disinfested:- 4

CONCLUSION

It is once again our pleasure to place on record our appreciation of the ready and willing co-operation which has at all times been accorded to the Public Health Department by the Docks Manager and his staff, the District Fisheries Officer, H.M. Customs and Excise Officers, and the various sections of the fishing industry.

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
Arthur C. Gee	Port Medical Officer of Health	1.1.49	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Area Medical Officer of Health, E.S.C.C.
H. Cormack	Chief Port Health Inspector	6.9.52	Cert. S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.	Chief Public Health Inspector
F.G.S. Hill	Deputy Port Health Inspector	3.1.55	Cert. S.I.B.	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health - Public Health Department, Clapham Road, Lowestoft.
Telephone No. - Lowestoft 2171.

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TABLE B

SECTION II - Amount of Shipping Entering the District during the Year

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 Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	994	175,799	NIL	33	NIL
Coastwise	377	78,886	NIL	10	NIL
TOTAL	1,371	254,685	NIL	43	NIL

TABLE B

SECTION II BRITISH FISHING VESSELS - Number of Landings by British Fishing Vessels Made in the Port during the Year

	Landings	Approx. Tonnage	Inspections
TRAWLERS	1,895	30,419	1,367
DRIFTERS	-	-	-
TOTAL	1,895	30,419	1,367

TABLE C

SECTION III Character of Shipping and Trade during the Year

PASSENGER TRAFFIC:	Number of Passengers INWARDS - NIL Number of Passengers OUTWARDS - NIL
	Principal IMPORTS - CEREALS INCLUDING MAIZE & WHEAT, ANIMAL FEED, TIMBER, FERTILISERS, ASBESTOS, COAL, ROADSTONE, OIL, MOTOR SPIRIT, GENERAL CARGO Principal EXPORTS - BARLEY, MISC. CHEMICALS, STEEL PIPES & TUBES, MACHINERY, LIVE CATTLE & SHEEP, GENERAL CARGO
Principal Ports from which Ships arrive:	DENMARK - ESJBERG HOLLAND - ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM BELGIUM - OSTEND, ANTWERP, GHENT CYPRUS - LIMASSOL SWEDEN - MALMO, GOTHENBURG, TUNADAL, STUTSKAR, RINGHALS, ALA EIRE - FENIT FINLAND - ROYTTA

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Numbers and Tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic

Nil.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE

Reports of tests for contamination for shipping:-

	Number of ships involved	Number of samples taken	Number satisfactory	Number unsatisfactory	Total
Distribution aboard ship	92	92	77	15	92

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1952-1961

NO CHANGE

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

NO CHANGE

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

NO CHANGE

TABLE D SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

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 OF THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No occurrence of this disease.

SECTION XI MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

No occurrence of this disease.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS No Change.
TABLE E RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS Nil - Not an approved Port.
TABLE F DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS Nil - Not an approved Port.

TABLE 8 SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCE INSPECTION AND NOTICES

Nature of Inspections	Number Inspected	Notices served		Result of Serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Foreign Shipping	33	NIL	3	These concerned: Dirty food room (1) (Room subsequently cleansed) Cockroach infestation (2) (Ships fumigated)
Coastwise Shipping	10	NIL	2	These concerned: Deratisation certificate out of date (1) (Instructions given re. renewal) Dirty galley and foodrooms (1) (Galley and foodrooms cleansed and redecorated)
British Fishing Vessels	1,367	NIL	66	These concerned: Dirty Galleys (12) Dirty Bedding (9) Water tanks in need of cleansing (15) Food lockers requiring cleansing and painting (30) All these notices were complied with.

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL FISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 and 1948. NIL
SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS (APPLICABLE TO PORTS APPROVED FOR LANDING ALIENS). Not an approved Port
SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS (ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BURIAL ON SHORE OF PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED ON BOARD FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASE). No change