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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for

1956

including

Report of the Port Health Inspector

by

T.D. Blobb, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

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## MALDON PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Comprising the Borough of Maldon, Maldon Rural District, West Mersea Urban District and Lexden and Winstree Rural District.

Her Worhsip the Mayor - Alderman Mrs. E.F.M. Brewster, J.P., C.C.  
Aldermen W. Binder, D.R. Cargill, E.C. Dines, J.P., and D.C. Fenn.  
Councillors F.W. Brewster, C. Dowsett, A.V. Edwards, Mrs. E.R. Flack,  
W.G. Ginn, S. Hardy-King, G.J. Hughes, W.S. Hutchinson, Mrs. W.R. Keeble,  
D.E. Lewsey, N.J. Mitchell, A.F. Mullis, A.G. Ralph, D.T.K. Tonkin  
and A.E. Woodward.

## SECTION 1 STAFF.

TABLE A.

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.	Any other Appointments Held.
K.C. Robertson.	Clerk.	1st August 1947.	Solicitor and Town Clerk.	Town Clerk Borough of Maldon.
Dr. T.D. Blott.	Medical Officer of Health.	1st March 1954.	B.Sc., M.B., B.S., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health Borough of Maldon.
R.A. Hallett.	Port Health Inspector.	25th September 1950.	Cert.S.I.J.B. M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.	Public Health Inspector Borough of Maldon.
C.F. Hunt.	Treasurer.	1st January 1944.	Borough Treasurer.	Treasurer Borough of Maldon.

MALDEN PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Comprising the Borough of Malden, Malden Rural District, West Hampton  
Urban District and Hampton and Hampton Rural District.  
Honorary Mayor - Alderman Mrs. E. W. Brewster, J.P., C.O.  
Aldermen W. Baker, D.R. Cargill, E.C. Dineen, J.P., and D.C. Tenn.  
Councillors E. W. Brewster, C. Dowsett, A.V. Edwards, Mrs. E.R. Flock,  
Mrs. G. King, G.L. Hughes, W.S. Hutchinson, Mrs. W.R. Keen,  
G.E. Lewis, W.J. Mitchell, A.F. Phillips, D.T.H. Tomlin  
and A.E. Woodward.

SECTION I STAFF.

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Name of Officer.		Nature of Appointment.		Date of Appointment.		Qualifications. Any of Appointments Held.	
W.O. Robertson.		Clerk.		1st August 1927.		Sanitary and Town Clerk. Borough of Malden.	
Dr. E.D. Abbott.		Medical Officer of Health.		1st March 1924.		B.Sc. M.B., B.S., D.P.H. Medical Officer of Health. Borough of Malden.	
J.A. Bell.		Port Health Inspector.		25th April 1926.		Cert. S.I.T.S. Public Health Inspector. Borough of Malden.	
G.F. Hunt.		Treasurer.		1st Jan. 1924.		Boro. Treasurer. Malden.	



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To the Mayor, the Aldermen and the Councillors  
of the Borough of Maldon.

Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my third annual report on the sanitary condition of the Port of Maldon. This covers the year ending 31st December 1956.

During the year there were no notifications of infectious diseases although I was called upon to examine one case of industrial dermatitis, thought to be associated with the unloading of timber. I formed the opinion that this was in no way due to any infection or unhygienic condition of work.

Conditions of boats inspected were found to be satisfactory although once again the amount of examinations carried out fell below what I regard as a satisfactory minimum.

In June I attended a meeting of the Association of Sea & Air Port Health Authorities where the question of the Control of Smallpox was dealt with by Professor A.W. Downie of Liverpool University. Subsequently I had copies of this paper circulated to General Practitioners residing in the area.

The Conditions under which oysters are stored at West Mersea have again required considerable attention and I have arranged for full investigations to be carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Research Station at Burnham-on-Crouch, in co-operation with the Public Health Laboratory Service. Unless they are able to assure us of a reasonable degree of safety in the future I think the question of some positive measures will have to be considered during 1957.

I am much indebted to your Port Health Inspector, Mr. Hallett, for his vigilance, and to your River Bailiff, Mr. Huckle, for his willingness at all times to assist me in my duties.

I am, Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

T.D. Blott.

B.Sc., M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

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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 Public Health Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	45	9,397	4	7	nil
Coastwise	93	7,183	6	26	nil
TOTAL.	138	16,580	10	33	nil

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

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC.	(Number of Passengers	INWARDS	Nil
	(Number of Passengers	OUTWARDS	Nil
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CARGO TRAFFIC.	(PRINCIPAL IMPORTS	Timber, Wheat, Live Eels.	
	(PRINCIPAL EXPORTS	Wheat.	
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PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive.	London, Colchester, White Sea, Baltic and Norwegian Ports and Rotterdam.		

SECTION 1V - Inland Barge Traffic.

Nil.



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

TABLE B

Ship from.	Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected by the Medical Officer of Health.	Number Inspected or having had during the voyage, latest disease on board.
Foreign Ports	45	2,307	4	Nil
Coastwise	93	7,183	6	Nil
TOTAL.	138	10,880	10	Nil

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

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC.	(Number of Passengers INWARDS)	(Number of Passengers OUTWARDS)
Nil	Nil	Nil
CARGO TRAFFIC.	(PRINCIPAL IMPORTS Timber, Wheat, Live Pigs.)	(PRINCIPAL EXPORTS Timber, Wheat, Live Pigs.)
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive.	London, Colchester, White Sea, Baltic and Norwegian Ports and Rotterdam.	

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic.

Nil.

SECTION V - Water Supply.

NO CHANGE.

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

NO CHANGE.

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SECTION VII - Venereal Disease.

NO CHANGE.

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SECTION VIII - Smallpox. Arrangements have been made for all specimens from suspected cases of Smallpox to be sent to the Virus Reference Laboratory at Colindale whenever necessary.

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SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on ships.

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NIL  
NO CHANGE.

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SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in ships.

NIL

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

NO CHANGE.

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

NO CHANGE.

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SECTION V - Water Supply.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ship) Regulations, 1933.

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## SECTION XII - continued.

## TABLE E

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## TABLE F

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## SECTION XIII - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances

## TABLE G

## Inspections and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections.	Notices Served.		Result of Serving Notices.
	Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	
Crew accommodation. 43	NIL	NIL	NIL
Galley and Food Store. 43	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total. 86	NIL	NIL	NIL

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934 and 1948.  
WEST MERSEA OYSTER FISHERIES.

NO CHANGE.

WEST MERSEA SEWER OUTFALL AND POSSIBLE COCKLE POLLUTION.

NO CHANGE.

## SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens (Not Applicable).

## SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

NO CHANGE.

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Nil.

TABLE 7

Nil.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of Ships for Warnings

TABLE 6

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Nature and Number of Inspections.	Statutory Notices. Other Notices.		Notice Served.	Result Served Notice
Crew accommodation.	43	Nil	Nil	Nil
Galley and Food Stores.	43	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total.	86	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION XIV - Public Health (English) Regulations 1934 and 1945.  
WEST KENYA OYSTER FISHERIES.  
NO CHANGE.

WEST KENYA SEWER OUTFALL AND POSSIBLE COOKING POLLUTION.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens (Not Applicable).

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

NO CHANGE.





