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1922

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Report of the Local Health Inspector

by

T. J. WOOD, M.D., M.P.H., U.S.A.

MALDON PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

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

His Worship the Mayor - Aldermen D.T.K.Tonkin. J.P.

Alderman Mrs. E.F.M.Brewster, C.C., D.R. Cargill, E.C.Dines, J.P. D.C. Fenn.

Councillors F.W.Brewster, C.Dowsett, A.V.Edwards, Mrs. E.R.Flack, W.G.Ginn, S.Hardy-King, Rev. W.A.Harling, G.J.Hughes, W.S.Hutchinson, Mrs. W.R.Keeble, D.L.Lewsey, R.W.C.Marsh, A.G.Ralph, A. Richardson and A.E. Woodward.

SECTION I 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.

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

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my fifth annual report on the sanitary condition of the Port of Maldon covering the year ended 31st December, 1958.

During the year certain difficulties were experienced in the inspection of boats owing to the replacement of the Council's full time River Bailiff by a part time River Bailiff and by the fact that a number of boats have been laid up in the lower reaches of the Blackwater. Inspections have, however, been carried out and the general condition of boats inspected was found to be satisfactory. I attach great importance to these inspections in ensuring that safety standards are maintained.

I was appointed as your delegate to attend the Conference of the Association of Sea and Air Port Health Authorities at Edinburgh but unfortunately I was unable to attend owing to pressure of other work.

Following an exceptional storm coinciding with a period of high tides, information was received early in November that 7 cases of typhoid fever had occurred and that West Mersea oysters were suspected. A meeting of the West Mersea Fishermen was held immediately. I explained the situation to them and they decided unanimously to exercise a voluntary control pending permanent arrangements for the cleansing of oysters.

On the 18th November you accepted my recommendation that an Order should be made under the Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934/1948 requiring the cleansing of all oysters taken from the whole of the river Blackwater west of a line drawn from the easterly tip of Mersea Island to Bradwell Point. This Order received approval and will come into force on the 1st April, 1959, bringing to a close a long period of investigation and will I feel sure be of lasting benefit to the industry as well as a guarantee of safety to the public.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. D. BLOTT.,

Medical officer of Health.

To the Mayor, the Aldermen and the Councilors
of the Borough of Malden.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my 15th annual report on the sanitary
condition of the Port of Malden covering the year ended 31st December,
1928.

During the year certain difficulties were experienced in the
operation of boats owing to the replacement of the Council's 15th
yearly report, a part time River Patrol and by the fact that a
number of boats have been laid up in the lower reaches of the River.
Inspections have, however, been carried out and the general condition
of boats inspected was found to be satisfactory. I attach great impor-
tance to these inspections in ensuring that safety standards are
maintained.

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the Association of San and Air Port Health Authorities at Edinburgh
but unfortunately I was unable to attend owing to pressure of other
work.

Following an exceptional storm coinciding with a period of
high tides, information was received early in November that 7 cases
of typhoid fever had occurred and that West Marsee system were reported.
A meeting of the West Marsee Fishermen was held immediately. I
explained the situation to them and they decided unanimously to exercise
a voluntary control pending permanent arrangements for the cleaning of
systems.

On the 16th November you accepted my recommendation that an
Order should be made under the Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations
1924/1928 regarding the cleansing of all systems taken from the whole of
the River Marsee west of a line drawn from the eastern tip of Marsee
Island to Bradwell Point. This Order received approval and will come
into force on the 1st April, 1929, bringing to a close a long period of
investigation and will I feel sure be of lasting benefit to the industry
as well as a guarantee of safety to the public.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. D. HOLT.

Medical Officer of Health.

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.	51	12,528	4	9	Nil
Coastwise	101	4,526	7	21	Nil
Total	152	17,054	11	30	Nil

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

TABLE c

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

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

Nil

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

TABLE A

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected	Number of ships
			By the	Reported as having or
			Medical Public	having had during the
			Office of Health	voyage, infectious
			Health Inspector, disease on board.	
Foreign	51	12,523	4	9
Coastwise	101	4,523	7	21
Total	152	17,054	11	30
				Nil

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

TABLE B

Passenger Traffic	Number of Passengers	Inwards	Outwards
	(Number of Passengers)		
		Nil	Nil
		Nil	Nil
Cargo Traffic	(Principal Exports)	(Principal Imports)	
			Wheat, Wheat, Live Pigs,
			Wheat.
Principal Ports	London, Copenhagen, White Sea, Baltic and		
from which ships	Norwegian Ports and Rotterdam.		
arrive.			

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

Nil

SECTION V - Water Supply

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

NO CHANGE

SECTION VII - Venereal Disease.

NO CHANGE

SECTION VIII - Smallpox

NO CHANGE

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

TABLE D

NIL

NO CHANGE

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

NIL

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

NO CHANGE

SECTION V - Water Supply

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ship) Regulations, 1932

NO CHANGE

SECTION VII - Venereal Diseases

NO CHANGE

SECTION VIII - Scabies

NO CHANGE

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

TABLE D

Nil

NO CHANGE

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

Nil

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

NO CHANGE

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

NO CHANGE.

TABLE E

NIL

TABLE F

NIL

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	41	NIL	NIL	NIL
Galley and Food Store	41	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	82	NIL	NIL	NIL

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934 and 1948.

NO CHANGE.

WEST MERSEA OYSTER FISHERY The preamble to this report gives the full story of the events in 1958 which occurred in connection with the oyster fishery within the Port Area.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspections of Aliens (Not applicable).

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

NO CHANGE.

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

NO CHANGE

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TABLE G

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Statutory Notices Other Notices, Serving Notices.
Result of

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Uncommenced

41

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NIL

Wiley and
Good Store

41

NIL

NIL

NIL

TOTAL

82

NIL

NIL

NIL

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NO CHANGE.

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NO CHANGE.

