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CHANTRY HOUSE,

SHOREHAM-by-SEA.

26th January, 1949.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report as Acting Medical Officer of Health for the year 1948, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

During the past year 89 vessels, with a tonnage of 16,497 have arrived from foreign ports and 901 coastwise vessels, with a tonnage of 280,323, have entered the Port. These figures compare with 124 foreign arrivals (18,308 tons) and 830 coastwise arrivals (292,543 tons) for the previous year. The foreign arrivals show a decrease of 35 vessels (1,811 tons), and coastwise arrivals show an increase of 71 vessels (12,220 tons decrease), the combined totals being an increase of 36 vessels with a tonnage decrease of 14,031 tons. Passenger vessels and fishing vessels are not included in these totals.

The following tables give details of the above arrivals :-

I. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR

Table A.

	Number	Tonnage	<u>Number inspected</u> By the Medical Officer of Health	<u>Number inspected</u> By the Sanitary Inspector	Number reported to be defective	Number of vessels on which defects were remedied	Number of vessels reported as having, or having had, during the voyage infectious disease on board	
Foreign	Steam	22	5,891	0	14	2	0	0
	Motor	67	10,606	1	38	0	0	0
	Sail	Nil	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Fishing	Nil	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Total Foreign	89	16,497	1	52	2	0	0
Coastwise	Steam	332	160,367	0	64	2	3	0
	Motor	569	119,956	0	65	0	0	0
	Sail	Nil	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Fishing	No record	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Total Coastwise	901	280,323	0	129	2	3	0
Total Foreign & Coastwise		990	296,820	1	181	4	3	0

NATIONALITY OF VESSELS

British	868
Dutch	109
German	5
Swedish	2
Belgian	2
French	2
Norwegian	1
Danish	1
Total	<u>990</u>

PLACES OF DISCHARGE

The Basin	Hove	56
Anglo-American Wharf	"	50
Shell-Mex	"	104
Halls	"	35
Baltic	Portslade	7
Bakers	"	2
Wimpeys	"	18
Gas	"	167
Preston	"	65
Regent	"	55
R.O.P.	Southwick	8
Cleveland	"	13
Electricity	"	125
Canal	"	2
Penneys	"	18
Turberville	"	93
Beves	Shoreham	8
Kingston	"	24
Chemical	"	4
New	"	68
Free	"	62
Tarmac	"	6
Total		<u>990</u>

II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT

(a) Passenger Traffic.

Passenger steamers have called at Brighton Pier from Coastwise ports during the summer months.

(b) Cargo Traffic

Imports of foreign goods have included 43 cargoes of timber from Germany, Holland and Sweden, 23 cargoes of fertilizer from Hamburg, Antwerp, Ghent and Rotterdam, and 9 cargoes of potatoes from Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Harlingen.

Coastwise cargoes have been principally coal (414 cargoes), from Queenborough, Goole, Hartlepool, Seaham, Sunderland, Tyne Ports, Blyth, Port Talbot and Cardiff, and oil (329 cargoes) from Southampton and Thames Ports.

Other coastwise arrivals include 69 cargoes of slag and stone from Middlesbrough, Newlyn, Porthoustock, Berry Head, Plymouth and Llandulais, 11 cargoes of potatoes from Kings Lynn, Boston, Grimsby and Hull, and 32 cargoes of beach from Southampton.

Exports during the year have included 56 cargoes of scrap iron to Middlesbrough, Grangemouth and Stockton-on-Tees, pitch to Rouen, and flax to Ghent.

(c) Foreign Ports from which vessels have arrived

CHANNEL ISLANDS :- Jersey, Guernsey.

FRANCE :- Le Havre, Dieppe, Honfleur, Calais.

BELGIUM :- Antwerp, Ghent

HOLLAND :- Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Harlingen.

GERMANY :- Hamburg, Bremen, Emden.

SWEDEN :- Kristinehamn, Gothenburg, Gruvon, Skoghall.

III. WATER SUPPLY

The water supply for the Port and for shipping is from the Brighton Corporation Waterworks. There are no water boats used at the Port.

IV. PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1933 & 1945

Table C.

<u>Cases of Infectious Disease landed from Vessels</u>		
<u>Disease</u>	<u>No. of cases during the year</u>	<u>Average No. of cases for previous 5 years</u>
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

No cases of infectious disease have been reported as occurring on vessels during the voyage and disposed of prior to arrival.

V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS

Inspections and enquiries have been made in respect of rat infestation and evidence of slight rat infestation has been found on one vessel for which arrangements had been made for fumigation at the next port of call.

No "infected" or "suspected" vessel from plague infected ports has arrived during the year.

VI. HYGIENE OF CREWS SPACES

Table J.

<u>Classification of Nuisances</u>				
<u>Nationality of vessel</u>	<u>Number inspected during the year</u>	<u>Defects of original construction</u>	<u>Structural defects through wear and tear</u>	<u>Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health</u>
British	114	0	2	2
Other Nations	67	0	0	0

Four notices have been served in respect of the defects or nuisances found. Two of these have been found remedied and also one notice served during the previous year.

VII. FOOD INSPECTION

Nine cargoes of potatoes have arrived from Holland and eleven cargoes of potatoes have arrived from coastal ports. These have all arrived in sound condition.

VIII. HARBOUR WATER

Samples of water have been taken from the semi-tidal waters of the Basin and the tidal water of the Canal to the West of the locks, and submitted to the Public Analyst for Chemical and Bacteriological examinations. The Analyst's reports on these samples show the water in the Basin to compare favourably with the tidal water and is considered reasonably satisfactory for canal water. The Local Authorities whose districts are adjacent to the Basin have been requested to erect notices warning the public against bathing in the Basin, and no further action in respect thereto was deemed to be necessary,

IX. STAFF

The Staff of the Authority are part-time officers. I have acted as Medical Officer of Health since the retirement of Dr. A. G. K. Ledger. The Sanitary Inspector, Mr. J. W. Thurman, is also the Sanitary Inspector to the Shoreham-by-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. A. H. Holt, Housing Manager of the County Borough of Brighton, acts as Assistant Sanitary Inspector for the Port Health Authority duties at Brighton, and Mr. T. A. Eardley, Sanitary Inspector to the Southwick Urban District Council, is the Deputy Sanitary Inspector.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks to the Officer in charge of Customs for his valued co-operation at all times.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

ANTHONY J. PARTRIDGE,

Acting Medical Officer
of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
New Shoreham Port Health Authority.

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Source	Quantity	Quality
Well	100,000	Good
Spring	50,000	Good
Reservoir	200,000	Good
Stream	10,000	Good
City	350,000	Good