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NEWHAVAN PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PORT MEDICAL OFFICER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31st December, 1947.

Public Health Department, Lewes House, Lewes, Sussex. 8th March, 1948.



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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEWHAVEN PORT HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report, as Port Medical Officer of Newhaven, for the year 1947.

Newhaven, chiefly a passenger port, has shown a remarkable increase in both inward and outward passenger traffic during the year under review, when compared with the previous year, 1946. The figures were - inward passengers 108,583 and outward passengers 111,096. For the previous year the figures were, inward passengers 60,585, and outward passengers 65,821.

The total number of aliens who arrived at the Port in 1947 was 31,636, as against 25,480 in 1946. On examination of records it is found that the average annual number of inward aliens for the ten-year period 1929 to 1938 was 33,553. In the years 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932 the numbers of aliens entering Newhaven were 25,734, 26,833, 26,191 and 21,508 respectively.

One of the chief duties of a Port Health Authority is that of prevention of the importation of infectious disease. During 1947 no vessel entering the Port reported having, or having had, during the verage any infectious disease aboard, and no cases of infectious diseases were found amongst the inward passengers or in crews by the Port Medical Officer, or by Dr. a'Brook during the medical inspection of aliens.

The prevention of the importation of rat plague is another of the chief duties of the Authority. The usual preventive measures in this direction were carried out during the year and no signs of rat plague were observed.

Sanitary conditions in connection with the hygiene of crews and passengers on vessels which entered the Port in 1947 were good generally. During inspection of 252 vessels concerning the hygiene of crews' spaces, three structural defects through wear and tear, and nine nuisances relating to dirt, vermin and other conditions projudicial to health, were found.

Six samples of water taken from the Denton Well which supplies the east side of the Port were submitted to chemical and bacteriological examinations during the year. All showed that this water supply was of a high degree of purity, with one exception. Regular samples from the Newhaven and Scaford Water Company's supply to the west side of the Port and to shipping revealed that this water was uniformly of excellent quality and purity.

Bosides having regained a good deal of the passenger traffic during the year, the Port witnessed some increase in both imports and experts. The principal imports during the year were, coal, coke, patient fuel; building and read-making materials other than timber; fruit and vegetables; iron and steel manufactures; oil and spirit (mineral and meter); timber, and other commodities, in all totalling 189,427 tens, as against a total of 114,550 tens of imports during 1946.

The principal foreign port from which vessels arrived in 1947 was Dieppe. Other foreign ports were Antwerp, Boulegne, Casablanea, Emden, Ostend and Rotterdom.

Exports totalled 8,484 tons in 1947 and comprised iron and steel ore; iron and steel manufactures thereof; oil and spirit (mineral and meter), and also other commodities. The number of meter vehicles experted during the year was 8,888. In the previous year a total of 1,334 tons was experted, comprising iron and steel; grain and seed; as well as other commodities. The number of meter vehicles experted during 1946 was 2,500.

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Duties under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, were carried out during the year under review, in which 19,547 tens of fruit and vegetables were imported ex-Dioppe. Coastwise imported potatoes amounted to 19,350 tens; North African potatoes to 225 tens, and North African fruit and vegetables to 570 tens.

The difficulty experienced at some ports in preventing persons from boarding vessels before they are cleared has not been encountered at Newhaven.

My thanks are due to Dr. a'Brook, the officials of the Southern Railway Company, of the Home Office and of the C.I.D. for their courtesy and ready help during the year. I am particularly indebted to Mr. Harrison for his support, and I am grateful to you for the help and encouragement I have received during the year.

I am, Madam and Gontlomon, Yours obodiently,

G.M.D.S.B. LOBBAN.
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1. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE "A"

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	Number Tons		No. Inspected by the by th Medic- Sanit al ary Offi- Inspe- cer tor.	e Number Reported to	Reported to vessels be defected which		Number of vessels reported as having or having had during veyage infectious disease on board
Foreign Steamors Motor Sailing Fishing	355 225 - 7	310, 405 70, 480 - 80	20 44 - 45 2	2 -	N41	Nil "	Nil "
Total Foreign	587	380,965	20 91	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
Coast- Wisc Stoamers Motor Sailing Fishing	575 186 3 2,379	88,097 25,929 223 19,063	2 86 - 59 18	10	7 -	Nil n	Nil "
Total Coast- Wiso *	3,143	133,312	2 163	10	7	Nil.	Nil
Total Forcign & Coast- Wiso	3,730	514,277	22 254	12	7	Nil	Mil

^{*} Includes local fishing vessels and small craft.

Additional

Ycchts	Mumbor	Tons
Motor) Stoam) Sail	2,765 70	13, 862 395

A AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

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11. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT.

TABLE "B"

(a) PASSENGER TRAFFIC DURING THE YEAR.

Number of Passengers	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class	Trans- migrants
Inwards	* 13,061	19,882	* 75,640	Nil
Outwards	* 14,785	21,307	* 75,004	Nil

* Includes Service Personnel.

(b) Cargo Traffic.

	Imports	Exporta
Motor Vehicles	2,586	8,888
Principal Imports	Tong -	
Coal, Coke and Patent Fuel Building and road-making material, other	111,553	
than timbor	15,091	
Fruit and Vogotables Iron and steel, and manufactures thereof Oil and Spirit (Mineral and Motor)	39,565 1,056 7,481	
Other Commodities	2,729	
Principal Exports		Tona.
Iron and other Ores Iron and Steel and manufactures thereof Oil and Spirit (Mineral and Motor) Other Commodities		2 385 2,000 6,097

(c) Forcian Ports from which Vossels Arrivo

Antwerp; Boulogne; Casablanea; Dioppe; Emden; Ostend; and Rottordam

The principal foreign port from which vessels arrive is Dioppe; 298 passenger arrivals from that port alone, in addition to a number of general cargo vessels.

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MADICAL INSPECTION OF ALLENS

Annual Roturn by the Modical Inspector of Aliens for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

		S GNOVE OF					2002.0		
	Total	Number inspected by the Medical Inspector.	Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector	Lunatio, Idiot or M.D.	Undesirable for modical reasons	Physically incapacitated	Suffering from acuto infectious discuse	Land Necessary for adequate medical examination	Transmigrants
(a) Total number of Aliens landing at the Port	31,551	31,551	436	-	1	1	1	-	-
(b) Aliens refused permission to land by Immigration Officer	85	1	1	_		-		-	-
(c) Transmigrants	- 1-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Aliens arriving at the Port	31,636	31,552	419	-	1	4	-	-	-

Total number	or of vo	ossols	carrying	Alion	passongers		 	 303
Number of	vessels	donlt	with by	the Med	ical Inspec	tor	 	 298

111. WATER SUPPLY

(1) Source of Supply:

(a) The Port East Side - Southern Railway Well at Denton. West Side - Newhaven & Seaford Water Company.

(b) Shipping Ditto. Ditto. Ditto.

12) Hydrants and Hosopipes:

These are under the care of an employee of the Southern Railway Company. Before any tanks are filled a certain quantity of water is run to waste. The water itself is subject to chlorination.

Six samples of water from the Southern Railway Well at Donton, and from the mains, were submitted to the Public Analyst during 1947, for bacteriological and chemical analysis. These proved to be, with one exception, of the highest quality.

The water supply of the Newhaven & Scaford later Company is subjected to regular tests and is uniformly good.

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1V. FORT HEALTH REGULATIONS, 1933 & 1945.

(I) Arrangements for dealing with Declarations of Health:

Declarations of Health are collected and examined immediately on arrival of a vessel. If by H.M. Customs Officer they are forwarded to the Public Health Department.

(2) Boarding of Vossels on rival:

All vessels from outside Homo Trade limits are bourded as soon as they are moored. Any vessel which has come from an infected port receives special attention, and is boarded by the Medical Officer of Health.

(3) Notification to the Authority of Inward Vessels requiring special Stantion (wireless messages, land sispal stations, information from pilots, Customs Officers, etc.).

In regard to vessels arriving from infected ports, notification is sent immediately to the Public Health Department at Heahaven; or if the vessels arrive outside normal working hours, the infermation is sent direct to the Sanitary Inspector for his attention. Any matter on which information is required is transmitted to the Sanitary Inspector.

- (4) Mooring Stations designated under Article 10:
- (a) within the docks) There are no specified mooring stations at -(b) outside the docks) Nowhever Port.
- (5) Particulars of any Standing Examptions from the Projectors of Article 14:

There are no standing exceptions from the previsions of Article 14.

(6) Experience of Working of Article 16:

No cases of impreper boarding of vessels previously to granting of pratique have occurred.

- (7) What, if any, arrengements have been made for:-
 - (a) promises and waiting rooms for medical examination: The Southern Railway Company have put at the disposal of the Port Health Officer part of the shed used for customs examination. It is hoped that other arrangements will be made when labour and materials become available.
 - (b) Cleensing and dicinfortion of ships, parsons, and clothing, and other articles: There are disinfection stations on the Mast Quay. Steam disinfection can also be undertaken at the Novhawen Isolation Hospital, where a supply of spare clothing for both males and females is kept. D.D.T. and blowers are also available.
 - (c) Provises for the temporary accommodation of persons for whom such accommodation is required for the purpose of the Regulations: Accommodation is available at the Lewes, Newhaven and Scaford Isolation Hospital, Newhaven, whenever such is required.
 - (d) Hospital Accommodation available for Placue; Cholora; Yollow Fever; Smallpo , and other infectious diseases: In the case of Smallpox, patients can be admitted to the East Sussex Western Joint Hospital at Chailey. Any other infectious diseases are admitted to the Lewes, Normaren and Scaford Isolation Hospital at Normaren.
 - (c) Ambulance Transport: The Brighten County Berough Ambulance is used in the case of Smallpox, and the embulance from the Lewes, Newhaven and Scaford Isolation Respital in the case of any other infectious disease.
 - (f) Supervision of Contacts: Contacts can be dealt with by sending them to the Lewes, Newhaven and Scaford Isolation Mospital in Newhaven. Each

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person landing in Newhaven by sea voyage is handed a printed card giving instructions to notify the local Medical Officer of Health if the holder of the card begins to develop an infectious disease, or suspects development. In special circumstances, immigrants may be instructed by the Medical Officer to report on arrival in the district of a local authority to the Medical Officer of Health of the local authority.

(8) Arrangements for the bacteriological and pathological examination of rats for plasue.

Those arrangements can be carried out by the Clinical Research Association, Hilton's Annexe, South Road, Haywards Heath.

(9) Arrangements for other bacteriological and pathological exeminations.

Those can also be carried out by the Clinical Research Association, Hilton's Annexe, South Road, Haywards Heath.

(10) Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the disposis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements, including in-patient treatment; also as to the steps taken to make facilities known to seamen.

The Masters of all vessels are requested to report any case of venereal disease occurring amongst their erows, when instructions can then be given as to treatment at the Brighton Clinic.

(11) Arrangements for the Interment of the Dead:

When death occurs on board a ship at Newhaven Port, the body can be removed to the mortuary at Newhaven Cometery, and arrangements made for internment.

(12) Other matters, if any, requiring or receiving attention:

Should any other matters requiring attention be brought to the notice of the Sanitary Inspector, they are dealt with immediately.

TABLE "C"

Cases of Infectious Sickness landed from Vessels.

Discaso	Number of Case the year Passengers		Number of Vessels concerned	Average number of cases for provious 5 years
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.0

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TABLE "D"

C sos of Infectious Sickness occirring on Vossels during the voyage but disposed of prior to arrival.

/ Discaso	Number of Cases the year Passengers	during	Number of Vessels Concerned	Average number of case for previous 5 years.
Nil	Nal	Nal	N5.3	. Nal

If any cases of Plagua; Cholora; Yollow Pover; Smallpex or Typhus occurred, or if plague-infected rats were discovered, or if any severe outbrook of Malaria occurred on an arriving ship during the year, a short account should be given of the steps taken:

There is nothing to report under this heading for the year 1947.

V. MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST RODANTS:

(I) Steps taken for Detection of Rodent Plague:

(a) in ships in the Part: Vessels are examined for rats.

(b) on quays, wharves, warehouses, etc., in the vicinity of the Port:

Any mortality, other than poison, would be suspect.

(2) Measures taken to provent the passage of rate between ships and the shore:

Rat guards are required to be fitted to all foreign trade vessels, and any vessel found to be rat infested, is required to withdraw gangways at night.

(3) Mothods of doratisation of:

(a) Ships: If search reveals any infestation, trapping and poisoning are available. Southern Railway vessels are serviced by a firm of contractors.

(b) Promises in the vicinity of the docks or cueys: The dock undertaking employ a Servicing Firm (Mossrs. Ratsouris) who inspect, bait and poison. A Company's Rat Catcher is also employed.

(4) Moreuros toben for the detection of rat provalence in ships and on shore:

(a) on ships: The Sanitary Inspector examines where possible.

(b) on shoro: The same remarks apply as under heading 3 (b) in regard to the Servicing Firm.

(5) Rot-Proofing:

(a) To what extent are dooks, whereas, warehouses etc., rat proof? The docks and warehouses, owing to their construction, being mainly of wood, are not in any degree rat-proof.

(b) Action taken to extend rat-proofing:

(i) in ships: Snips using the port are mainly cross channel packets and colliers and have a fairly high degree of rat proofing. If any excessive harbourage is discovered, the lister of the ship is required to about the same.

(ii) on shore: As in 5 (a) the wood decking, wood buildings, open platforms are almost impossible to proof.

RATS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR

TABLE "E"

(I) ON VASSELS

Number of Rats	JAN:	FEB:	MAR:	APR:	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG:	SIP:	OCT:	Nov:	DEC:
Black Brown Species)		1 1	-	-	1 1		-		1 -	-	-	-
not re-) corded) Examined Infected with Plague	-	1 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-

Total in the year - species not recorded - 4 (figure supplied by Messrs. Ratsouris)

TABLE "F"

(2) IN DOCKS, QUAYS, VHARVES AND WARRHOUSES *

Number of Rats	JAN:	FEB:	MAR:	APR:	16/2	JUME	JULY	AUG:	SAP:	OCT:	NOV:	DEC:
Black Brown Species not ro- corded Examined	1111	- 60		1.1.1.	78	11 1		- - 70	1 1 1	1 1 1	- - 45	-
Infocted with plague		-		-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-

Total in the year - species not recorded - 253 (figures supplied by Mossrs. Ratsouris)

* Under the Control of the Southern Railway Company .

TABLES "G"

Moasures of Rat Destruction on Plague "infected" or "suspected" Vessels, or Vessels from Plague infected ports arriving in the Port during the year.

Total number 00 such Vessels Arriving.	Number of such	Number of	Number of such
	Vessels fumig-	Rats	Vessels funig-
	ated by SO2.	Killed	ated by HCN.
	2.	3.	4.
Mil	13.1	Nil	Wil

Number of Rats Killed.	ats on which trapping,		No. of such Vossols on which measures of rat destruction were not carried out 8.	
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	

TABLE "H" @

Deratisation Cortificates and Deratisation Exemption Cortificates issued during the Year.

* Newhavon Port has not been approved by the Minister of Health for the issue of these certificates.

VI. HYGIEWS OF CREWS' SPACES

TABLES "J"

CLASSIFICATION OF NUISANCES.

Nationality of Vossel.	Number Inspected during the Year.	Defects of original construction	Structural Do- focts through wear and tear.	Dirt, Vor- min & other conditions projudicial to health.
British	182	Nil	1	9
Othor Nations	72	Nil	2	Wil

VII. FOOD INSPECTION.

1. Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937:

These Regulations have been carried out and the following foods have been landed at Nowhaven:-

Ex-Dioppo	Commodity				Tons
	Onions Poars Poars Poachos Plums Citrus Fruit Cauliflowers Nuts Tomatoes Cherries Cabbage Grapes Dates Carrets Peas Blackeurrants Various Salads Molens Lettuce Asparagus Turnips Cueumbers Spinach Red Currants Apricets Pomogranates Potatoes	(C)roton)			8,480 2,812 2,241 1,366 913 529 452 438 339 334 335 313 196 163 157 112 76 76 70 47 37 32 21 14 8 6
	Potatoos (Coastwi Potatoos (North A Fruit and Vogotal	African)	 African)	:::	19,547 19,350 225 570
			TOTA	L	39,692

11. Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926 and Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) Regulations, 1925 - 1940.

It has not been necessary to take any action under these Regulations.

111. Shell-fish. Information respecting any shell-fish bods or layings within the jurisdiction of the P.S.A. stating whether they are in the opinion of the Medical Officer liable to pollution. Report of any action taken under the Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations, 1934, or the Food and Drugs Act. 1938:

There are no shell-fish bods or layings within the jurisdiction of the Port Sanitary Authority.

IV. Number of samples of food examined by:-

(a)	Bactoriologist	 	 Mil
(0)	Analyst	 • • •	 Mil

G.M.D.S.B. LOBBAN.

