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PADSTOW PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.ANNUAL REPORT, 1950.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health to the Padstow Port Health Authority for the year 1950. The duties came to me in September 1950 and at that time the port was without a sanitary inspector. No record is available of any work which may have been carried out during the period, and it is possible only to give information regarding the type of vessels which entered the port during the year. They were as follows:-

<u>Arrivals.</u>	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Tonnage.</u>	<u>Number inspected.</u>
Foreign Cargo.	1	111	-
Coastwise Cargo.	16	1932	-
Bristol Yachts (Coasting)	10	2113	-
French Crabbers (Harbour Cove)	8	106	-
British Trawlers	87	-	-
	<u>122</u>	<u>2360</u>	<u>-</u>

The number of trading vessels both foreign and coastwise shows a considerable decline as compared with the last pre-war figures of 1938, when 105 such vessels with a total tonnage of some 29,000 tons used the port.

Passengers. No passengers embarked or disembarked at the port during the year.

Rodent Control. The port is not an 'approved port' and no certificates of deratisation or exemption were issued. There is no record of complaint arising from rodents, and it is therefore assumed that control during the period was adequate.

Fish Market. The number of trawlers using the port exceeded the last pre-war figure considerably. Records of fish inspection and of the market are not available but it is believed that satisfactory conditions were maintained and no nuisances arose.

Infectious Diseases. No infectious diseases were recorded amongst crews.

Shell Fish. Consideration was given to the Order made by the Authority in 1937. It was observed that the prescribed area was ill-defined and for the most part the line of demarcation passed overland and excluded most of the river-bed from which shell fish were taken. Furthermore the order was limited to mussels and excluded other shell-fish which are present in large quantities. It was suggested and agreed that further information should be obtained regarding the bacterial quality of shell-fish from the numerous layings which are to be found over the Authorities area. The information was to be reported at the first meeting in 1951.

At the present time the shell-fish are not exhibited for sale to the public, but a certain number are collected for personal consumption. No illness has been recorded traceable to such use.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

John Reed

Medical Officer of Health.

