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ANNUAL REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health to the Port Sanitary Authority (Penzance Division) for the Year ending 31st December, 1925.

GENTLEMEN,

The amount of Shipping entering the ports within the jurisdiction of your Authority (viz. Penzance Harbour and Docks, Newlyn Harbour, Mousehole Harbour, and the Harbour of St. Michael's Mount) during the year 1925, was:—Foreign Steamers 95, with a tonnage of 27,968; Foreign Sailing Boats 56, with a tonnage of 3,653; Foreign Motor Boats 10, with a tonnage of 1,013; Foreign Fishing Boats 244, with a tonnage of 2,750. Of these 18 were inspected by the Medical Officer of Health of your Authority, and 20 by your Sanitary Inspector. The Foreign Vessels inspected were found to be in a satisfactory sanitary condition, and no orders had to be made.

The amount of Coastwise Shipping entering your ports during the year was:—Steamships 546, with a tonnage of 96,613; Motor Boats 18, with a tonnage of 1,891; Sailing Ships 42, with a tonnage of 4,696; and Fishing Craft 433, with a tonnage of 4,908. Of these 22 were inspected by your Medical Officer of Health, and 126 by your Sanitary Inspector. The sanitary condition of the vessels inspected was generally found to be satisfactory. In two cases informal notices were served to make good minor sanitary defects. These notices were complied with, and the vessels in question were put into good sanitary order before leaving your ports.

Trade.

Exports from Penzance are chiefly Coal (Bunker), China Clay to Runcorn, Newcastle, and Cardiff, and General Goods to Scilly Isles.

Exports from Newlyn are chiefly Pilchards to Italy, and Stone to Home and Foreign Ports.

Imports at Penzance are Coal, Cement, Manures, Grain, Petroleum, Potatoes, Flour, Fruit, etc., from Home and Foreign ports; also Flowers, Fruit, and Vegetables from the Scilly Isles.

Imports at Newlyn and Mousehole are chiefly Coal from Home ports, and Salt from Spain.

Sickness and Deaths.

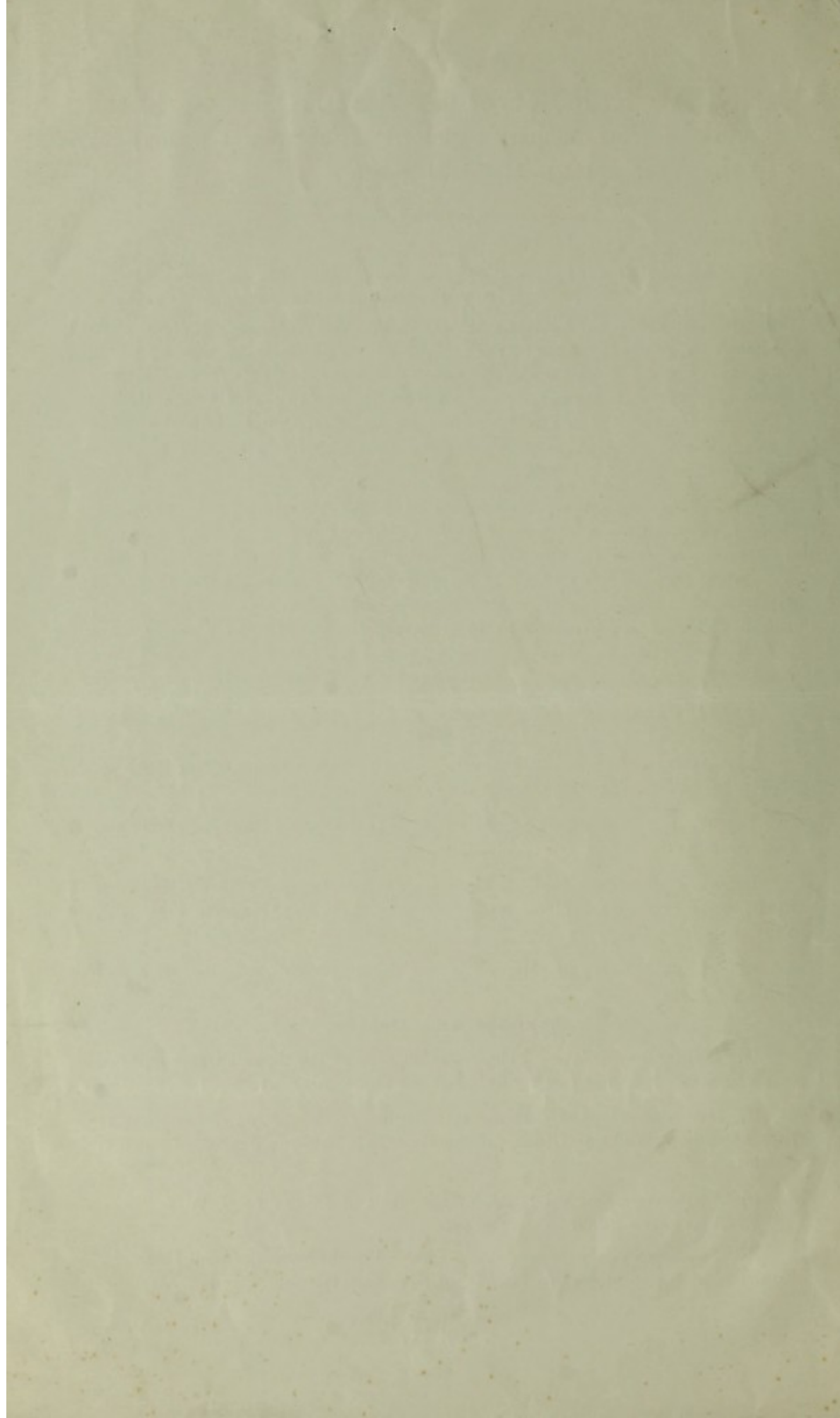
(a) INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—There was no case of Infectious Disease reported or ascertained on Shipping entering your ports in 1925.

(b) OTHER DISEASES.—Nephritis, 1; Influenza, 2; Pleurisy, 2; Rheumatism, 1; Lymphangitis, 1; Valvular Disease of the Heart, 1; Tonsillitis, 2; Appendicitis, 1. Total 11.

(c) ACCIDENTS.—Crushed Hand, 1; Contusion of Thighs, 1. Total 2.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—Cut Throat, 1.

All the above cases were landed and admitted to the West Cornwall Infirmary, Penzance, and were afterwards discharged from that Hospital, cured.



(d) DEATHS AT SEA.—On December 5th, the body of the Chief Officer of the S.S. "Chaldon" was landed at Newlyn, he having died suddenly while the ship was at sea. A post-mortem examination showed that death was due to rupture of an Aneurism of the Thoracic Aorta. An inquest was held, and a verdict of "Death from Natural Causes" was returned.

Isolation Hospital Accommodation.

Your Authority has made satisfactory provision for the accommodation of cases of Small-pox or other infectious diseases occurring on shipping in your ports at the Isolation Hospital of the Borough of Penzance.

Inspection of Foodstuffs.

Articles of Food—chiefly Flour, Grain, Potatoes, and Fruit, landed at your ports—have been periodically inspected, and found to be of a satisfactory character and fit for human consumption.

Rats.

The Docks and Sheds adjoining are practically free from rats, and there have been no complaints *re* rats from any ships using your ports. The freedom from rats is mainly attributable to the fact that the majority of ships using your ports do not carry cargoes likely to attract rats—*e.g.*, Coal, China Clay, Stone, and Salt. A Rat-catcher has been appointed.

I append Forms A, B, C, and D, as directed by the Ministry of Health.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. LESLIE, M.B., B.S.,

Medical Officer of Health.

FORM A.

Penzance (Penzance Division) Port Sanitary Authority.

Amount of Shipping entering the Port Sanitary District during the Year 1925.

	Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected.		Number reported to be Defective.	Number of Orders Issued.
			By the M.O.H.	By Sanitary Inspector.		
Foreign—						
Steamers	95	27968	5	3	—	—
Motor	10	1013	—	—	—	—
Sailing	56	3653	1	9	—	—
Fishing	244	2750	12	8	—	—
Total Foreign	405	35384	18	20	—	—
Coastwise—						
Steamers	546	96613	14	87	—	—
Motor	18	1891	—	—	—	—
Sailing	42	4696	3	18	2	2
Fishing	433	4908	5	21	—	—
Total Coastwise	1039	108108	22	126	2	2
Total Foreign and Coastwise	1444	143492	40	146	*2	2

* Informal Notice complied with.

FORM B.

There were no rats destroyed during 1925.

FORM C.

No infected or suspected vessel, or no vessel from a suspected port, entered the Port Sanitary District for 1925.

FORM D.

No vessels were subjected to measures for rat destruction.

