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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY (PENZANCE DIVISION) FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st., 1937

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the Year 1937, as follows:-

Schedule I. Amount of Shipping entering your Ports for the year 1937

The amount of Shipping entering the Ports within the jurisdiction of your Authority, which comprises Penzance Harbour and Docks, Newlyn Harbour, Mousehole Harbour, and the Harbour of St. Michael's Mount, during the year 1937, was as follows:—Foreign Steamers 124, with a tonnage of 33,884; Foreign Motor-vessels 259, with a tonnage of 14,750; Foreign Sailing Ships 18, with a tonnage of 357. Of these, 41 were inspected by your Medical Officer of Health, and 20 by your Sanitary Inspector. The Foreign Shipping Inspected was found to be in a satisfactory clean and sanitary condition and no orders had to be made in respect of it.

The amount of Coastwise Shipping entering your Ports was as follows:—British Steamers 529, with a tonnage of 127,474; British Motor Vessels 101, with a tonnage of 17,978; British Sailing Ships 3, with a tonnage of 480; British Fishing Craft 98, with a tonnage of 1,960. Of these 44 were inspected by your Medical Officer of Health, and 56 by your Sanitary Inspector.

Schedule II. Character of the Trade of the Port.

- (a) PASSENGER TRAFFIC.—This is composed of Passenger Traffic to and from the Isles of Scilly. During the year 1937, the number of Passengers carried was as follows:—Inwards 9,400: Outwards 9,500.
- (b) CARGO TRAFFIC.—This comprises mainly Coastwise Traffic of general cargoes and the shipment of general cargoes to and from the Isles of Scilly.

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

Exports from Newlyn are chiefly Shell Fish to Brittany and Ostend, Pilchards to Italy and Stone to home and foreign ports.



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Imports at Penzance are chiefly Coal, Cement, Timber, Artificial Manures and General Goods from home and foreign ports, Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables from the Isles of Scilly.

Imports at Newlyn and Mousehole are chiefly Coal from home and foreign ports.

There is an active fishing industry carried on in the ports of Penzance, Newlyn and Mousehole.

Schedule III. Source of Water Supply.

The source of water supply for the port of Penzance is the main water supply of the town. At Newlyn water is obtained from the source belonging to the Newlyn Harbour Commissioners. The supply for the Harbour of St. Michael's Mount is obtained from the West Penwith Rural District Council. There are no Water Boats kept in any of your ports.

Schedule IV. Port Sanitary Regulations, 1933.

- 1. Declaration of Health are collected from the Masters of foreign-going ships arriving from foreign ports by the Officers of H.M. Customs and Excise, and forwarded by them via the Office of the Port Sanitary Authority to the Port Medical Officer of Health.
- All vessels are boarded on arrival in Mounts Bay by the Officers of H.M. Customs and Excise.
- 3. Arrangements for the notification to the Port Medical Officer of Health of inward vessels requiring special Medical attention have been made with the Wireless Station at Land's End, the Customs Authorities at Penzance, Newlyn and Mousehole, and the various Shipping Agents in Penzance and Newlyn. Such Vessels are boarded by the Medical Officer of Health in Mount's Bay.
- 4. (a) Special anchorages for ships in Quarantine for minor infections have been allocated in Penzance and Newlyn Harbours.
- (b) There is a special anchorage in Gwavas Pool, off Newlyn, for ships in Quarantine for major infectious diseases.
- 5. Standing exemptions from the provisions of Article 14-Nil.
- 6. Experience of working Article 16-Nil.
- 7. (a) Nil. (b) Nil. (c) Nil.
- (d) The Authority has made satisfactory arrangements for the accommodation of Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Small-pox and other Infectious Diseases at the Isolation Hospital of the Borough of Penzance.
 - (e) Special Motor Ambulance Transport is available for such cases.
 - (f) There is no special accommodation available for the supervision of contacts.

- 8. The Bacteriological or Pathological Examintion of Rats for Plague would be carried out by the Pathologist to the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.
- 9. Any other Bacteriological or Pathological Examination required would be carried out by the Pathologist at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro
- Any suspected case of Venereal Disease among sailors is seen and treated by the Port Medical Officer of Health. The nearest V.D. Clinic is at Tuckingmill—17 miles away.
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- 12. Cases of dillness of non-infectious nature, or of accident are removed by Motor Ambulance Transport to the West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance.

Schedule V. Measures against Rats

The docks and Sheds adjoining are remarkably free from rats and there have been no complaints about rats from any ships using your ports during the past year. This freedom from rats is mainly attributable to the fact that comparatively little food-stuff is landed here and that such as is landed is removed from the docks at once and is not stored in sheds on the docks. The greater part of the shipping using your ports carries cargo not likely to attract rats, is, Coal, Cement, China Clay and Stone. An Official Rat-catcher has been appointed by your Authority.

Schedule VI. Hygiene of Crews' Spaces

Owing to the fact that the greater part of the shipping using your ports is Coastwise, and therefore liable to frequent inspections, the number of nuisances in connection
with the Hygiene of Craws' Quarters has been found to be very small. The shipping
inspected has been found to be generally in a satisfactorily clean and sanitary condition
and no orders have had to be made in connection with either cleanliness or structural defects
of Craws' Quarters.

Schedule VII. Food Inspection

- Articles of food chiefly Flour, Fruit and Fish have been periodically inspected and found to be of satisfactory quality. No action has had to be taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations 1925, the Public Health (Imported Food) Amendment Regulations 1933, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations 1926, or the Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) Regulations 1925 to 1927.
- 2. There are no Oyster Beds or Shell-fish Layings within the jurisdiction of your Ports. Shell-fish (Crabs, Lobsters and Crayfish) landed from British and Foreign fishing craft in your ports are kept alive in store pots in Newlyn Harbour and marketed. The length of time that these fish are kept in the store pots never exceeds 48 hours. The greater part of the Shell-fish caught is marketed in France. A negligable quantity is marketed locally.
- 3. No samples of Food examined in 1937 were sent away for Bacteriological or for Analytical Examination.

I append Tables A to J as required 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.

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APPENDIX

				Registered Townsige	Number Inspected		Number	Number of	Number of vessels report as baving ha
	*		Number		By the M.O.	By the Sanitary Inspector	reported to be defective	vessels on which defects were remedied	during the voyage, infectious disease on board
FOREIGN-	19								
Steamers			124	33884	2	7	****	1	
Motor		•••	259	1475	7	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sailing			18	3+7	Nil 32	Nil 9			
Fishing		***	203	2300					
Tot	al Foreign		604	51281	41	20	Nil	Nil	Nil
COASTWISE-						3			
Steamers			529	127474	15	39	2000	1	0.000
Motor		***	101	17978	3	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sailing		***	3	480	2	3			
Fishing		***	98	1960	24	9			
Total	Coastwise		731	147892	44	56	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Foreign	gn and Coastv	vise	1335	199173	85	76	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Passengers—		(all one C	class)	r Traine	during 193			9400 9500
Number of Number of	Passengers-	Transmi	grants						Nil
Number of	Table C.	Cas		ectious Disc					Nil
Number of	Table C.	Cas						1937.	Nil
Number of	Table C. Cases in 193	Cas 7—				ed from Si	hipping in	1 1937.	
Number of	Table C. Cases in 193 Disease	Cas 7—	ses of Info			ed from S	hipping in	1937.	Nil Nil
Number of	Table C. Cases in 193 Disease Passenger	Cas	ses of Info	ectious Disc	ease land	ed from S	hipping in	1937.	Nil

Number of Cases during 1937-				
Passengers	****	 1000	 	Nil
Crew		 *****	 	Nil
Number of Vessels concerned		 ****	 	Nil
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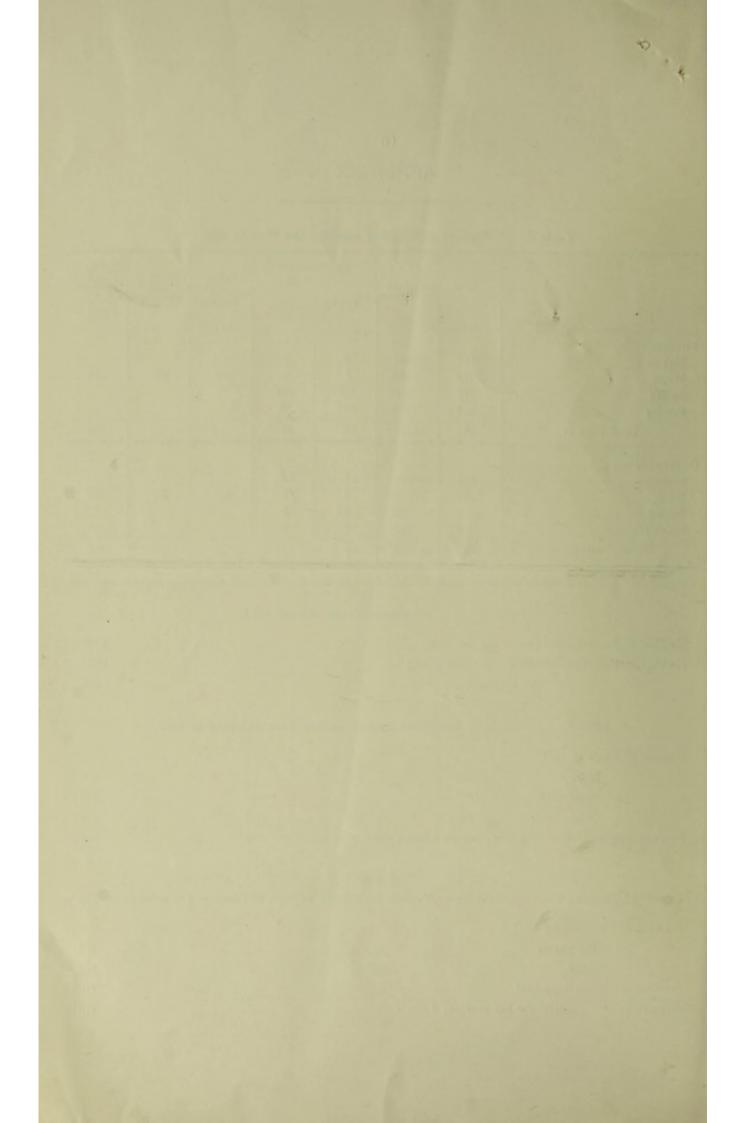


Table E. Rats destroyed on Vessels during 1937.

Nil

Table F. Rats destroyed in Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses.

Nil

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No Plague-infected, or suspected Vessel arrived in the Port during 1937

Table H. and I.

Nil returns

Table J. Classification of Nuisances

Nationality of Vessel				Number inspected during the year	Defects of Original Construction	Structural defects through wear and tear	Dirt. Vermin and other conditions prejudicial to Health	
British				100		-		
Other Nations				61	_	-	_	

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