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PLYMOUTH FORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

REPORT OF THE FORT MEDICAL OFFICER

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GENERAL

This report is in the form and sequence prescribed for Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Port Health Authorities by the Ministry of Health, Form Port 20, dated October, 1952.

A detailed report was made in 1960 and where there has been no change in arrangements in 1964 this is indicated under the appropriate section.

SECTION I - STAFF

No change.

SECTION II

Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B

| Ships from | Number | Tonnage | No. inspected | | Number of ships reporting as having or having had during the voyage, infectious diseases on board. |
|---------------|--------|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | | | By the Medical Officer of Health | By the Port Health Inspector | |
| Foreign Ports | 642 | 465,673 | 19 | 556 | NONE |
| Coastwise | 1,297 | 854,654 | 4 | 936 | NONE |
| Totals | 1,939 | 1,320,327 | 23 | 1,492 | NONE |

There was a decrease of 127 ships and tonnage of 442,299 entering the port compared with 1963.

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ...

...

Whereas the Board of Commissioners of the County of ...

has caused to be laid out and platted ...

ARTICLE I

Section 1

ARTICLE II

Section 1

ARTICLE III

| Description of Property | Acres | Value | Assessment | Tax |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|------------|-----|
| ... | 10 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| ... | 5 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| ... | 15 | 150 | 150 | 150 |

...

SECTION III

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

No. of Passengers inwards - 2,355
No. of Passengers outwards - 2,527

The total number of passengers remaining on board passenger carrying vessels entering the Port of Plymouth (exclusive of the figure shown above) was 16.

There was a decrease of 3,447 passengers inwards and 1,608 outwards during 1964. The reduction in passenger traffic and of tonnage entering the port compared with 1963 is due to the cessation of regular calls by passenger-carrying vessels following the withdrawal of the British Railways passenger tender in October, 1963.

PORT HEALTH

CARGO TRAFFIC

PRINCIPAL IMPORTS

FOREIGN

Preserved meat and cheese from Holland.
Fresh fruit and vegetables from Holland and France.
Timber from Canada, Sweden, Poland, Russia and Finland.
Grain from Canada, Holland, France and Roumania.
Fuel oil from West Indies.
Agricultural machinery and paper pulp from Sweden.
Fertilizers from Antwerp, Rotterdam and Wismar.
Matches, wines and spirits from Holland and Sweden.
Tinned milk from Holland.
Peanuts from West Africa.
Grapes from Cyprus.
Potatoes from Spain.
Asphalt from West Indies.

COASTAL

Coal from South Wales and north east ports.
Petrol, oil and paraffin from Fawley, Hamble and Swansea.
Fertilizers from London and Immingham.
Cement from London.
Potatoes from Northern Ireland.
Cooking fats, tinned fruit and vegetables, confectionery, sugar, nuts and molasses from Liverpool.
Grain from Isle of White.
Sand from Southampton.

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS

China clay.
Granite chippings.
Scrap metals.
Stores for Germany.
Fertilizers.
Broken glass.

LIST OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

TABLE 1

EXPORTS

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|-------|
| No. of passenger liners | .. | 2,338 |
| No. of passenger steamers | .. | 2,287 |

The total number of passenger liners and steamers sailing on 1st January 1938 was 4,625 (exclusive of the 12,000 above) and 1,000.

There was a decrease of 2,147 passenger liners and 1,000 steamers during 1938. The reduction in passenger liners and of tonnage capacity was 100,000 tons (100,000) in the case of passenger liners and 100,000 tons (100,000) in the case of passenger steamers. The total tonnage capacity of passenger liners and steamers was 1,000,000 tons (1,000,000) in 1937 and 1,000,000 tons (1,000,000) in 1938.

EXPORTS

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Exported most and value from Holland.
 Fresh fruits and vegetables from Holland and France.
 Wheat from Canada, Sweden, Poland, Russia and Finland.
 Grain from Canada, Ireland, France and Germany.
 Wool all from New Zealand.
 Agricultural machinery and paper pulp from Sweden.
 Petroleum from America, Australia and India.
 Hides, skins and skins from Holland and Sweden.
 Thread and yarn from Holland.
 Lenses from East Africa.
 Gypsum from France.
 Potatoes from Spain.
 Apples from East Africa.

EXPORTS

Coal from South Wales and North East Coast.
 Potatoes, oil and gasolene from Norway, Sweden and Denmark.
 Petroleum from America and Australia.
 Gypsum from France.
 Hides from Northern Ireland.
 Cotton yarn, thread and vegetable, cottonseed, sugar, rice and various from Java, India, Ceylon, East Africa, etc.
 Grain from East Africa.
 Sand from South Africa.

EXPORTS

Other oils.
 Granite chippings.
 Heavy metals.
 Hides for Germany.
 Petroleum.
 Broken glass.

PRINCIPAL PORTS FROM WHICH SHIPS ARRIVE

| ASIA & AUSTRALASIA | EUROPE | AMERICA | AFRICA |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--------------------|
| Singapore Aden Abadan | Morlaix Gibraltar Rouen Antwerp Caen Rotterdam Brest Hamburg Malta Le Havre Gothenburg Bremen Nantes Ymuiden Ghent Azores Cherbourg St. Malo Gdansk Dunkirk Wismar Kaliningrad Amsterdam Le Treguier Leningrad Lisbon Vigo Calais | Curacao New Brunswick Rio de Janeiro Trinidad Baltimore Havana British Columbia New York Brasil Vancouver | Sfax Casablanca |

(4) Facilities for the Laboratory Diagnosis of Shellfish.

Materials for the collection of specimens from suspected cases are always available at the Port Health Laboratory.

SECTION IV

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no inland barge traffic at the Port.

SECTION V

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY

Location of facilities for the collection of specimens from suspected cases and treatment of venereal disease and dysentery and other diseases.

No change.

No change.

During the year 72 British and 25 Foreign vessels (total 97 compared with 106 in 1953) were treated at the Venereal Disease Clinic.

The nationalities were as follows:

SECTION VI

Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

| | |
|---------|------------|
| British | |
| Dutch | No change. |
| French | |
| German | |
| Swedish | |
| Belgian | |
| Spanish | |
| Danish | |

SECTION III - LIST OF COUNTRIES

| AFRICA | AMERICA | EUROPE | ASIA & AUSTRALIA |
|-----------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Sudan Gambia | Cuba New Brunswick St. Vincent Trinidad Belize Guyana British Columbia New York Texas Vermont | Mexico Gibraltar Spain Italy Greece Portugal France Netherlands Belgium Luxembourg Denmark Ireland Sweden Finland Austria Switzerland Germany Poland Czechoslovakia Slovakia Czech Republic Yugoslavia Slovenia Hungary Croatia Slovenia Albania Bulgaria Romania Moldova Ukraine Belarus Lithuania Latvia Estonia | Singapore Japan India |

SECTION IV

LIST OF COUNTRIES

There is no change in the list.

SECTION V

LIST OF COUNTRIES

No change.

SECTION VI

Table 1 (a) - Population, 1981

No change.

SECTION VII

SMALLPOX

(1) Isolation Hospitals Available.

The first case or cases would be admitted to the Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard, Cornwall (Telephone: Liskeard 2385) staffed from the Scott Isolation Hospital, Beacon Park Road, Plymouth (Telephone: Plymouth 51437); Physician Superintendent:- Dr. D. F. Johnstone.

Should it appear likely that more extensive accommodation would be required, arrangements would be made for Lee Mill Smallpox Hospital, at present used for geriatric cases, to be re-opened as a Smallpox Hospital.

(2) Arrangements for the transport of cases to hospital.

The launch "Argus" of the Plymouth Port Health Authority based at Millbay Docks, Plymouth (Telephone: Plymouth 68000, Ext. 2229 by day and Plymouth 68000, Ext. 2129 at night and weekends) is available to transport cases from ship to shore. The launch is equipped with a radio transmitter and receiver linked to the Plymouth Ambulance Headquarters.

Ambulances of the Plymouth City Council's Ambulance Service (Telephone: Plymouth 6401) are available to transport cases to hospital.

(3) Smallpox Consultants:

Dr. W. H. St. John-Brooks,
West Cornwall Hospital,
Penzance, Cornwall.

Office Telephone: Penzance 2382
Home Telephone: Cocksells 356

Dr. J. Macrae,
Ham Green Isolation Hospital,
Ham Green, Bristol.

Office Telephone: Bristol 3165

(4) Facilities for the Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox.

Materials for the collection of specimens from suspected cases are always available at the Port Health Office, Plymouth.

Specimens are forwarded to the Virus Reference Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9.

SECTION VIII

VENEREAL DISEASES

Location of facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease and days and hours of attendance:

No change.

During the year 72 British and 25 Foreign seamen (total 97 compared with 106 in 1963) were treated at the Venereal Disease Clinic.

The nationalities were as follows:-

| | |
|----------|----|
| American | 1 |
| British | 72 |
| Danish | 1 |
| Dutch | 3 |
| German | 8 |
| Ghanaian | 1 |
| Maltese | 4 |
| Pakistan | 1 |
| Spanish | 5 |
| Swedish | 1 |
| Total: | 97 |

CITY OF PLYMOUTH.

PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Section IX - Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships - 1964.

TABLE - D.

| Category | Disease | No. of cases during the year | | No of ships concerned. |
|---|---------|------------------------------|------|------------------------|
| | | Passengers | Crew | |
| Cases landed from ships from foreign ports. | None | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival. | None | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Cases landed from other ships | None | Nil | Nil | Nil |

SECTION X

Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in Ships.

There were no cases of malaria brought to notice in ships arriving at Plymouth during the year.

SECTION XI

Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No plague infected or suspected ships entered the Port during the year.

SECTION XII

Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

(1) All ships arriving at the various wharves from foreign ports are boarded by the Port Health Inspector or Rodent Operator. Enquiries are made of officers and crews and searches are carried out for evidence of rat infestation. Dock-sides, wharves and warehouses in dock areas are under constant surveillance for evidence of rodent infestation and Foreman Stevedors are also questioned as to the presence of rats. Where evidence is found immediate treatment is initiated by the Rodent Operator.

(2) All rats caught are destroyed and some specimens found are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Greenbank, Plymouth.

(3) If found necessary, deratting of ships is carried out by fumigation of ships with hydrocyanic acid gas. These fumigations are carried out by private firms under the supervision of the Port Health Authority.

The names of Commercial Contractors who have carried out the fumigation of vessels at this Port are:-

1. Fumigation Services Ltd., Barking, Essex.
2. London Fumigation Co., London, E.C.3.

Small infestations are dealt with by the Port Health Authority's Rodent Operator using "Warfarin".

Observations confirm that rat-proofing principles are adopted in the construction of all modern vessels inspected.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports - NIL.

Rodents destroyed in docks, quays, wharves and warehouses:-

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Black rats | Nil |
| Brown rats | 25 |
| Sent for examination | 2 |
| Infected with Plague | Nil |

No. of rats presumed killed, based on the amount of poison bait consumed: 284

No. of mice presumed killed: 146.

SECTION I

Inspection of the crew of ships in 1917.

There was no case of malaria brought to notice in ships arriving at Plymouth during the year.

SECTION II

Inspection of ships arriving at Plymouth during the year.

No ships infected or suspected ships entered the Port during the year.

SECTION III

Inspection of ships in 1917.

(1) All ships arriving at the wharves where the health cards are forwarded by the Health Inspector or Health Officer, Plymouth and also of others and cases and names are handed out for evidence of the infection. Book-keeping and verification in both cases are under constant surveillance for evidence of recent infection and persons suspected are also questioned as to the presence of malarial fever. Where evidence is found immediate treatment is initiated by the Health Officer.

(2) All ships caught are detained and crew specimens taken and submitted to the Health Laboratory, South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth.

(3) If found necessary, detaching of ships is carried out by the Health Officer with hydrographic and gas. These detachments are carried out by the Health Officer under the supervision of the Health Officer.

The names of Governmental Contractors who have carried out the detaching of vessels at this Port are:-

- 1. Richardson Brothers Ltd., Brixton, Devon.
- 2. Tanton Navigation Co., London, E.C.2.

Small detachments are dealt with by the Health Officer's Robert Graham using "Lantana".

Operations carried out that are pending detachments are also in the possession of all other vessels reported.

SECTION IV

Ships detained during the year in ships from foreign ports - 102.
Ships detained in dock, quay, wharves and warehouses -

| Ships | Ships |
|-------|-------|
| 121 | 121 |
| 25 | 25 |
| 5 | 5 |
| 121 | 121 |

No. of ships returned blank, based on the count of blank health cards 102
No. of ships returned blank 102

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Number of Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year ending 31st December, 1964, for ships from foreign ports.

TABLE F.

| | | Number of Deratting Certificates issued | | | | Total | Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued | Total Certificates issued |
|----|--|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|---|---------------------------|
| | | After fumigation with HCH | After fumigation with other fumigant | After trapping | After poisoning | | | |
| 1. | | | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. |
| - | | - | - | - | - | - | 36 | 36 |

[Faint header text, possibly a title or reference number]

| Date | Particulars | Debit | | | | Credit | |
|------|----------------|-------|----|-----|-----|--------|--|
| | | Rs. | P. | As. | Rs. | P. | |
| 1917 | Balance b/d | | | | | | |
| | By Cash | | | | | | |
| | To Cash | | | | | | |
| | By Balance c/d | | | | | | |
| | To Balance b/d | | | | | | |

STATE

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

[Faint text, possibly a date or reference]

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949,
(APPLICATION TO SHIPPING) ORDER, 1951.

- (1) No Rodent Control Certificates were issued to coastal vessels during the year.
- (2) All vessels entering the Port carried a Deratting Exemption Certificate.

SECTION XIII

INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G.

INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES

| <u>Nature and No. of inspections</u> | <u>Notices Served</u> | | <u>Result of serving notices complied with</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | <u>Statutory Notices</u> | <u>Other Notices</u> | |
| 1,492 | - | 1 | 1 |

SECTION XIV

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS, 1934-1948.

No change.

SECTION XV

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

- (1), (2) and (3) no change.
- (4) During the year, the number of incoming aliens was - 852
 The number of outgoing aliens was - 858
- (5) No change.

REPORTS AND CERTIFICATES IN RESPECT OF ALIENS MEDICALLY EXAMINED.

No occasion arose to issue a formal certificate in respect of aliens medically examined.

REVISIONS TO THE 1954 FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN
(INSTRUCTIONS TO TAXPAYERS)

No Federal Income Tax Return was filed for 1954 and no Federal Income Tax Return was filed for 1955.

All amounts entered on the Form should be checked against the original.

SECTION I
REVISIONS TO THE 1954 FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN
PART I
GENERAL INFORMATION

| Amounts to which the tax is applied | Federal Income Tax | State Income Tax | Total Tax |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1 | 1 | - | 1 |

SECTION II
REVISIONS TO THE 1954 FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN
PART II
GENERAL INFORMATION

No change.

SECTION III
REVISIONS TO THE 1954 FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN
PART III
GENERAL INFORMATION

(1) and (2) - No change.

- (3) - During the year, the number of Federal income tax returns was 100.
- (4) - The number of Federal income tax returns was 100.

(5) - No change.

SECTION IV
REVISIONS TO THE 1954 FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN
PART IV
GENERAL INFORMATION

No Federal Income Tax Return was filed for 1954 and no Federal Income Tax Return was filed for 1955.

GENERAL INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION BY COUNTRY

- (1) No change in staff.
- (2) Total number of existing Government officials subject to control under the law - 12.
- (3) Total number of Government officials actually employed - 12.

DETAILS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

No officials in respect of Government officials actually employed were listed.

- (A) Total number of Government officials employed - 12.

SECTION VII

REGISTRATION

Arrangements for the control of persons who have had or have also from infectious disease.

No change.

SECTION VIII

During the year 1933 women were dealt with under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1925 and 1928.

There were 21 from foreign ports and 65 contacts.

The total amount of hospitalization voluntary contracted and contracted as reported, infectious disease and total for human consumption consisted of - (see list over).

CONDEMNED FOOD.

| | Tons. | Cwts. | Qtrs. | Lbs. | Ozs. |
|--|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Tinned fruit and fruit juices, various | - | 17 | 3 | 14 | 3 |
| Tinned vegetables, mixed | - | 4 | 2 | 16 | 4 |
| Carrots | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - |
| Yellow corn | 1 | 10 | - | - | - |
| Chestnuts | - | 4 | 1 | 8 | - |
| Tomatoes | - | 2 | 2 | 20 | - |
| Pineapples | - | 6 | - | 18 | - |
| Pears | 1 | 3 | 3 | 20 | - |
| Satsumas | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Milk | - | 4 | 1 | 7 | - |
| Bacon | - | 12 | - | 15 | 14 |
| Ham | - | 3 | 1 | 6 | - |
| Lard | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | - |
| Lunch tongue | - | - | - | 24 | - |
| Sausages | - | 3 | 1 | 21 | - |
| Tongue and ham | - | 1 | 3 | 25 | 8 |
| Brawn | - | 1 | 1 | 25 | 8 |
| Bacon fry | - | 1 | - | 12 | 4 |
| Savoury meat and onions | - | - | 1 | 11 | 12 |
| Pork and ham | - | - | - | 21 | 12 |
| Pork chops | - | - | - | 6 | 8 |
| Pork | - | - | 1 | 19 | 6 |
| Liver | - | - | - | 26 | - |
| Polonies | - | - | 3 | 12 | - |
| Tinned Exeter meat loaf | - | - | - | 12 | - |
| Tinned Nor meat | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| Tinned stewed steak | - | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Tinned salmon | - | - | - | 3 | 12 |
| Tinned pilchards | - | - | - | 21 | 11 |
| Tinned lobster | - | - | - | 3 | 8 |
| Chicken fillets | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| TOTAL: | 7 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 10 |

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| Page | Year | Date | Loc. | Dist. | Notes |
|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 10 | 1910 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 11 | 1911 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 12 | 1912 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 13 | 1913 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 14 | 1914 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 15 | 1915 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 16 | 1916 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 17 | 1917 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 18 | 1918 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 19 | 1919 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 20 | 1920 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 21 | 1921 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 22 | 1922 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 23 | 1923 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 24 | 1924 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 25 | 1925 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 26 | 1926 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 27 | 1927 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 28 | 1928 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 29 | 1929 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 30 | 1930 | 7 | 4 | 7 | ... |

No action was taken under the following Regulations:-

Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926.

Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) Regulations, 1925 and 1958.

Food Hygiene (Docks, Carriers, etc.,) Regulations, 1960.

One non-statutory notice was served under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960; this was complied with.

Three non-statutory notices were served on Masters of Vessels under the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) (Vessels) Regulations, 1958. No further action was necessary in each case.

The following specimens were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Greenbank, Plymouth for bacteriological examinations:-

| Date | Specimen | Source | Examination Required | Result |
|---------|-------------|--|----------------------|--|
| 24.3.64 | 1 brown rat | Trinity Pier, Millbay Docks. | Bacillus Pestis | No evidence of infection with Plague. |
| 22.4.64 | 1 brown rat | Site at junction of Union Street/Western Approach, Plymouth. | Bacillus Pestis | No evidence of infection with Plague. |
| 15.4.64 | mussels | Stonehouse Creek | B. coli | No. of B. coli type 1 per ml. - 18. Salmonella - negative. This sample is <u>not</u> satisfactory. |

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

No major infectious disease occurred within the area of the Authority during 1964.

CASES LANDED AT THE PORT.

Twenty cases of non-infectious disease or injury were landed. Admission to hospital was required in eighteen of these cases.

No action was taken under the following regulations -

Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations, 1920.

Public Health (Preventive, etc., in Food) Regulations, 1925 and 1926.

Food Hygiene (Dishes, Containers, etc.), Regulations, 1920.

One non-statutory notice was served under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1920; this was complied with.

Three non-statutory notices were served on Messrs. of Vessels under the Public Health (Vessels) Regulations, 1926. No further action was necessary in each case.

The following specimens were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Government, for bacteriological examination -

| No. | Specimen | Source | Microscopic Examination | Result |
|-------|------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| 1. 2. | 1 from lot | Woolly Milk, Milled Milk. | Bacillus Lactis | No evidence of infection with B. coli. |
| 1. 3. | 1 from lot | Site at Junction of Main Street, Western Approach, Hyderabad. | Bacillus Lactis | No evidence of infection with B. coli. |
| 1. 4. | Amoeba | Chikmagalur Creek | B. coli | No. of B. coli type 1 per ml - 18. Balamoeba - negative. This sample is not satisfactory. |

REPORT ON THE CASES.

No other infectious diseases occurred within the area of the Authority during 1926.

DEATHS DURING THE YEAR.

Twenty cases of non-infectious diseases or injury were recorded. Infection was reported in sixteen of these cases.