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PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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Public Health Department,  
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To the Chairman and Members of the Port Health Authority.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report on the work of the Port Health Authority of Portsmouth during the year 1951.

#### JURISDICTION OF THE PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

The limits of the jurisdiction of the Port Health Authority remain unchanged and are as set out in previous reports.

#### I. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE A

	No.	Tonnage	No. Inspected		Number reported to be defective	Number of vessels on which defects were remedied	Number of vessels reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary Inspector			
FOREIGN							
Steamers	49	20,090)	-	195	18	18	-
Motor	386	78,428)	-	-	-	-	-
Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COASTWISE							
Steamers	411	226,050)	-	115	19	19	-
Motor	538	141,418)	-	-	-	-	-
Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL							
Foreign & Coastwise	1,384	465,986	-	310	37	37	-

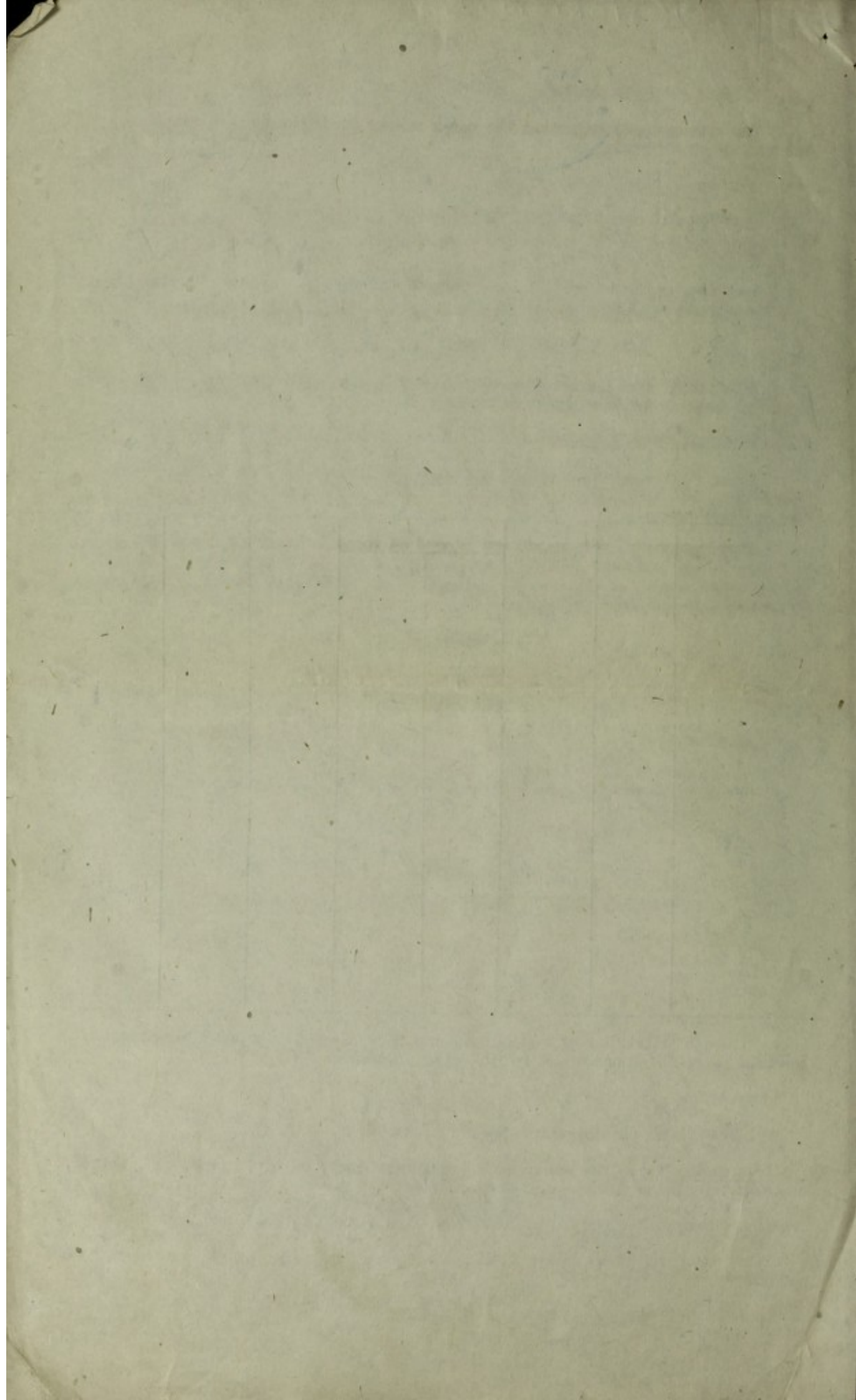
Although the number of vessels shows a decrease (84), as compared with the previous year, the tonnage has increased by 28,198.

#### II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT.

There was no passenger traffic during the year.

Cargo Traffic. The principal imports were coal, cement, stone, oil, timber, glassware, building materials, tomatoes, onions, potatoes, cauliflower, citrus fruits, apples, pears, peaches, nuts and general cargo traffic, from France, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Norway, North Africa, Spain and Channel Islands.

The principal exports were pitch, machinery, scrap iron, fertilizers and general cargo.





### III. SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY.

The arrangements regarding the water supply remain unchanged and are as set out in previous reports.

### IV. PORT HEALTH REGULATIONS, 1933.

The arrangements made under the Port Health Regulations, 1933, remain unchanged, and are as set out in previous reports.

TABLE C

There were no cases of infectious diseases landed from vessels.

TABLE D

There were no cases of infectious diseases occurring upon the voyage but disposed of prior to the vessel's arrival.

### V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS.

Vessels arriving from abroad are examined periodically by the Port Sanitary Inspector. Rat disinfection is carried out by the Rodent Control Section of the Health Department.

When necessary, rat guards are placed on ropes between ships and the quays. The Port is not approved for the deratisation of ships. During the year one deratisation exemption certificate was issued as a result of the agreement with the Southampton Port Health Authority.

TABLE E

RATS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR  
(in vessels)

<u>Number of Rats</u>						<u>Total</u>
Black .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Brown .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Species not recorded	..	..	..	..	..	-
Examined .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Infected with plague	..	..	..	..	..	-

TABLE F

RATS DESTROYED IN DOCKS, QUAYS, WHARVES, WAREHOUSES

<u>Number of Rats</u>						<u>Total</u>
Black .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Brown .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	29
Species not recorded	..	..	..	..	..	-
Examined .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Infected with plague	..	..	..	..	..	-

### VI. HYGIENE OF CREWS' SPACES

TABLE J

Nationality of vessels	No. Inspected during year	Defects of original construction	Structural defects through wear and tear	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health
British	115	-	-	19
Other Nations	195	-	-	18

The following table shows the results of the investigation conducted by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, in the year 1900, in relation to the land owned by the United States in the State of California.

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## VII. FOOD INSPECTION

During the year there was again substantial trade activity in the importation of foodstuffs, especially fruit.

Flathouse. Importation of Italian fruit was handled at Flathouse and despatched by road vehicles to various parts of the country. Some cargoes were shipped directly from Italy, while others arrived from French and Belgian ports. This trade creates employment of labour for sorting fruits and the resulting wastage is removed regularly. Imported Italian produce consisted of peaches, grapes, plums, pears, potatoes, lemons, cauliflowers and nuts.

A consignment of pears caused some trouble owing to their excessive contamination by a poisonous chemical substance, no doubt arising from pest control measures. The pears were released only after being very carefully picked over.

Camber. Most of the edible imports shipped to the Camber were of French and Channel Islands origin and comprised chiefly cauliflowers, tomatoes, onions and potatoes.

No adverse reports were made by the Veterinary Officer and Food Inspector during the year.

The number of livestock landed from the Isle of Wight was 227 (141 cattle, 10 calves, 60 horses and 16 sheep). No clinical evidence of the existence of any contagious or notifiable diseases was found and all animals were able to proceed to their destinations.

I desire to express my thanks to the King's Harbour Master and to H.M. Collector of Customs and staff for their cordial co-operation and valuable assistance during the year, and to record my appreciation of the excellent service willingly given me by the Port Sanitary Inspector.

INSPECTION DUTIES

As a result of a visit to the Port by a medical officer of the Ministry of Health, representations were again made to the Authority that arrangements should be made for the work of inspection to be performed by officers holding the necessary qualifications.

It was made clear that there was no criticism of the manner in which the Harbour Master and his deputy had carried out these duties in the past, but it was suggested by the Ministry that <sup>more</sup> suitable alternative arrangements should be considered at an early date.

After full consideration, it was decided that action should be taken on the lines suggested and from the end of the year the Chief Sanitary Inspector and his staff will undertake the responsibility for this work.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. R. Lamb*

Medical Officer of Health,  
City and Port of Portsmouth.

1st March, 1951.

