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OF THE

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BY

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To the Mayor, The Aldermen and the Burgesses
OF THE
Borough of Maldon.

GENTLEMEN

I beg to present the following Report on the condition of the Maldon Port Sanitary District during 1920.

The Maldon Port Sanitary District includes the estuary of the Blackwater, and its creeks, from the Town of Maldon eastward to a line drawn southward from the east end of Mersea Island, and southward, to a line drawn eastward from the northern border of Tillingham parish. It includes the Borough of Maldon and various riparian parishes in the Rural Districts of Maldon and of Lexden and Winstree.

The extreme points of land are 20 miles by road on the northern shore, and 18 on the southern shore, from Maldon.

The vessels entering this port are chiefly trading barges from the Port of London, and local fishing vessels. A few deep sea vessels arrive from Antwerp and the Baltic Ports with chemical manure, road metal and timber.

No passengers, immigrants, transmigrants, cattle, meat or rags, enter the port.

The Inspector of Nuisances (who is also the Borough Surveyor and Inspector of Nuisances) resides in Maldon. Owing to the great distances involved, and the scanty traffic, he deposes a part of his inspection duties to the Coast Guard Petty Officers at Bradwell, Goldhanger, West Mersea and Tollesbury, by permission of the Admiralty.

The Coast Guard Boarding Station is at Bradwell, where any vessel with suspicious illness on board would be detained, pending the visit of the Medical Officer.

The Quarantine Station is at Stone Hole, about 4 miles below Maldon by water.

By arrangement with the Maldon Joint Hospital Board, infectious cases can be received at the Heybridge Isolation Hospital, or Small Pox, Cholera or Plague cases at Little Totham Isolation Hospital. Such cases would be landed at Mill Beach and conveyed to the Hospital by Motor Ambulance.

Disinfection of verminous persons, infected clothes or, bedding can be carried out at Heybridge Isolation Hospital.

Rats. Vessels in the Port appear to be remarkably free from rats, although they abound on shore.

Both my Inspectors and I have made extensive enquiries and investigations, and have failed to find any infested vessels.

Plague. No vessels have arrived in the district from Plague Infected Ports, or under suspicion of being Plague Infected, and no vessels have been subjected to measures of Rat destruction.

The amount of Shipping entering the Port during the year was as follows:—

		Number.	Tonnage.	No. Inspected by the M.O.H.	No. Inspected by the Inspector of Nuisances.	No. reported to be defective.	No. of orders issued.
Foreign	Steamers	1	61	—	1	none	none
	Sailing	11	2095	3	11	—	—
	Fishing	Nil.	—	—	—	—	—
Total Foreign		12	2156	3	12	—	—
Coastwise.	Steamers	1	591	—	1	none	none
	Sailing	526	19153	7	526	—	—
	Fishing	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Coastwise		527	19774	7	527	—	—
Total Foreign & Coastwise		539	21900	10	539	—	—

Local fishing boats which come and go in the river have not been included in this table.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

H. REYNOLDS BROWN.

