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FOR 1952







## RIVER BLYTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1952

"WATERLOO HOUSE,"

WATERLOO ROAD,

BLYTH.

February, 1953.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
RIVER BLYTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Gentlemen,

Again it is my privilege to place before you the Annual Report of the health administration and statistics of the Port of Blyth, for the year 1952.

As required by the Ministry of Health this Report is in accordance with the instructions issued in Form Port 20, and the Tabular information is in the correct sequence.

The total number of vessels which arrived during the year, including fishing vessels, was 3,745. Foreign vessels (Foreign and Coastwise) numbered 607. There was a larger number direct from foreign ports, i.e., 399, compared with the previous year, namely, 149. For the whole year, there were 300 less arrivals than in 1951. This was due to a dispute between certain quayside workers and employers which lasted about six weeks.

The amount of Coal and Coke shipped from the Port during the year was 5,680,567 tons, compared with 6,326,312 tons for 1951. Imports discharged were Mining and other Timber 16,868 tons, Cement, 49,297 tons, roofing tiles and sundries amounted to 2,884 tons. Imports showed an increase compared with 1951.

#### Port Health Regulations, 1933-1945

These regulations are now revoked.

#### Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

These became operative from the 1st October, 1952 and deal with Infectious Diseases, now to be known as Quarantinable diseases, sanitary control of ships and persons, Deratting Certificates, etc.

#### Inspection of Vessels

The work of dealing with nuisances and defects on vessels will be found itemised in the appropriate tables attached to the Report.


I again record with pleasure the kind assistance received from time to time from the Blyth Harbour Commission, River Pilots, H.M. Customs Officers, Immigration Officer, and Ministry of Transport Surveyors, for their help and co-operation with the staff of the Port Health Authority.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. J. P. R. CAMPBELL,

Medical Officer of Health.



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# SECTION I.—STAFF

Table A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments held
R. J. P. R. Campbell ...	Medical Officer ...	1st Oct., 1949	M.B., Ch.B. ...	General Practice.
A. M. Tait ...	Deputy Medical Officer of Health	1st July, 1951	M.B., Ch.B. ...	General Practice.
John Dilks ...	Sanitary Inspector	15th June, 1928	Sanitary Insp. Certificate. R.S.I. Meat and Food Cert. R.S.I.	None.
Robert H. Cramp	Rodent Officer ...	11th Jan., 1952		None.
Michael F. Simmons ...	Office Clerk ...	12th Aug., 1952		
W. T. Harrison ...	Clerk to the Authority	1st Sept., 1944		Deputy Town Clerk, Borough of Blyth.
Miss L. Owen ...	Deputy Clerk to the Authority	1st Oct., 1947	A.C.I.S. ...	Town Clerk's Staff, Borough of Blyth.

Dr. R. J. P. R. Campbell's address—Waterloo House, Waterloo Road, Blyth, Northumberland. Telephone number, Blyth 226.

# SECTION II

Amount of Shipping entering the District during the year

Table B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer	By the Sanitary Inspector	
Foreign Ports ...	305	239,883	12	305	Nil
Coastwise ...	3,322	2,253,127	40	3,318	1
Totals ...	3,627	2,493,010	52	3,623	1

Fishing Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.
Foreign	94	8,923
Coastwise	24	2,214

**SECTION III**  
**Character of shipping and trade during the year**  
**Table C**

Passenger Traffic	...	{		Number of Passengers INWARDS.		
		{		Number of Passengers OUTWARDS.		
There is no regular passenger traffic at the Port. See Table for Aliens.						
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Cargo Traffic	{	Principal IMPORTS		Mining Timber	16,425 tons	
				Other Timber	443 "	
				Cement	49,297 "	
				Roofing Tiles	2,839 "	
				Sundry	45 "	
	{	Principal EXPORTS		Coal & Coke	5,680,567 tons	
				Fuel Oil	3,388 "	
				Sundry	28 "	
		<hr/>				
		Principal Ports from which ships arrive	{	Antwerp	Copenhagen	Bergen
Rotterdam	Stockholm			Helsingfors		
Dunkirk	Calais			Hamburg		
Amsterdam	Oslo			Rouen		

**SECTION IV**  
**Inland Barge Traffic**

There is no barge traffic at the Port.

**SECTION V**  
**Water Supply**

(1) (a) The Port is supplied by the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company on the South side and the Tynemouth Corporation on the North side of the river.

(b) **Shipping**

Water mains are laid along the loading and waiting berths. A plentiful supply of water is available throughout the harbour with the exception of several jetties at which ships are supplied with fresh water direct from the water boats.

Ships in dry dock for repair receive a supply of fresh water from the Blyth Dry Docks and Ship-building Co., Ltd.

(2) No samples were sent for examination during the past year. Previous examinations has proved that the supply is free from contamination.

(3) Hydrants and hosepipes are frequently examined, also the Harbour Commission employees take precautions against contamination by regular inspection and the careful storage in cabins provided for the purpose.

(4) One water boat is in regular service, this is the property of the Harbour Commission, and is frequently examined especially when in Dry Dock for overhaul. It is of iron construction, and is maintained in a hygienic condition.



## SECTION VI

### Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

The above regulations came into force 1st October, 1952, and supersede The Port Health Regulations, 1933 and 1945 which are now revoked.

(1) List of Infected Areas. This is compiled from the List of Seaports and Airports, Part 1, issued by the Ministry of Health each week, as the Weekly Record of Quarantinable Diseases. Special Forms are compiled, P.S. 10, from the information available, and issued from the Port Health Office each week, and sent to the H.M. Customs and Excise, and the River Pilots.

(2) Radio Messages.

(a) Radio Messages to ships can be sent through Cullercoats Radio Station, Northumberland.

(b) Notification to the Health Authority is now sent direct to the registered telegraphic address—"PORTELTH," Blyth, if any seamen or passengers on any vessel should require medical attention. Wireless messages are received at the Cullercoats Station which is situated about seven miles from Blyth. Flamborough is the nearest land signal station. On occasions Shipping Agents receive wireless messages and, if they concern the Authority are transmitted to the appropriate Officer.

(3) Messages are on occasions received through River Pilots or H.M. Customs, who will pass any information to the Port Health Authority.

(4) Mooring Stations. Should any ship on arrival be suspected of having infectious disease on board, such ship would be berthed at the inspection jetty, pending medical examination. If after medical examination the ship was found to be infected, it would be sent to the Quarantine Jetty. The Harbour Master has consented to make an emergency berth at any part of the river, should the circumstances demand such action, this to be known as a "Designated" mooring station under these regulations. There is no mooring berth outside the river.

(5) (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases is at the Moor Park Infectious Diseases Hospital, North Shields.

(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts are carried out according to Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

(c) The cleansing and disinfection of ships is carried out at their respective berths, or when they are in Dry Dock. In cases of Infectious Disease, disinfection of crews quarters, etc., is usually done with an approved insecticide.

Facilities for cleansing and disinfection of clothing and other articles exist at Moor Park Infectious Diseases Hospital, and the hospital has arranged to carry out any such work for the Authority.

## SECTION VII

### Smallpox

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district.

The Northern Regional Hospitals Board have made arrangements for the admittance of Smallpox cases to the Langley Park Isolation Hospital, Co. Durham. Arrangements to be made through the Matron of Chester-le-Street Isolation Hospital. Tel. No. Chester-le-Street 3207. The Doctor in charge of this hospital will be Dr. Gavin Miller of Sacriston, Co. Durham. Tel. No. Sacriston 232.

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

The Northumberland County Council are responsible for the Ambulance service, through Dr. A. Donaldson, the Medical Officer for the Blyth and Bedlington Local Authorities.



- (3) Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s) available.

Dr. J. R. Beal,

109, Great North Road, Gosforth 3,

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Tel. No. Gosforth 52240.

Dr. Wilson Minns,

16, Rectory Drive,

Gosforth 3.

Tel. No. 54282.

- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox.

Laboratory facilities are provided at the General Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne 4.

## SECTION VIII

### Venereal Disease

Information is given freely to seamen of all ranks during the normal inspection of ships. Facilities are offered at three clinics in the North of England.

Notices with the time and date for treatment at the local clinic are left in the crews' quarters when Officials of the Port Health Authority are on board during their times of inspection.

The following are the times for treatment at these clinics :—

Blyth. V.D. Clinic. 22, Stanley Street, Males and Females 3-6 p.m., Thursdays.

Preston Hospital, North Shields. Borough of Tynemouth. Males, Tuesdays and Fridays, 5-7 p.m. Females, Wednesday, 5-7 p.m., Fridays, 2-4 p.m.

General Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Males, daily 9-30-12 a.m., 2-7 p.m. Females, daily 9-30-12 a.m., 3-7 p.m. daily.

## SECTION IX

### Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships

Table D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports ... ..	—	—	—	—
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports, but have been disposed of before arrival ... ..	Tuberculosis	—	1	1
Cases landed from other ships ... ..	Scarlet Fever	—	1	1

No other infectious diseases occurred in the Port, nor have there been any suspected cases.

## SECTION X

### Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in Ships

The trade of the Port is principally with Scandinavia and the low countries. On very rare occasions there may be ships from South America and the Mediterranean or India. Over a period of years no case of Malaria has been reported.

## SECTION XI

### Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

As no ship has arrived in the Port infected with or suspected for plague, action under the above section has not been necessary.

## SECTION XII

### Measures against rodents in ships from Foreign Ports

(1) On arrival at the Port vessels are examined and if there is any evidence of rats notice is at once served on the Master. The Port Health Authority have their own official Rodent Officer who is engaged when the occasion arises. Particular attention is paid to vessels arriving directly or indirectly from infected or suspected ports.

(2) During the year rats have been sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Newcastle General Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, for evidence of Plague, but in no cases was the result positive.

(3) When a vessel is found infested with rats, notice is served on the Master, requesting fumigation. He, through his agent, gets in touch with an Authorised firm of fumigators who carry out the work. The chief and most popular method is by Hydrogen Cyanide. The standard required for International purposes is strictly adhered to. Sulphur Dioxide was originally used for deratting, but this is now rarely used.

When vessels are undergoing fumigation every precaution is taken, such as posting of notices on the ships, also the fencing off of the gangways to render the process as free as possible from accidents. The minimum period for exposure for this gas is two hours, generally four to six in practice and this effects a considerable saving of time compared with the older method of Sulphur Dioxide.

Contractors who carry out fumigations HCN at this Port are :—

Messrs. A. Milburn & Co., Ltd.,  
Mill Dam,  
South Shields.

Messrs. Barbour & Heron,  
Templetown,  
Tyne Dock,  
South Shields.

(4) In the construction of modern vessels considerable progress has been made in the provision of rat proof compartments. Bulkheads and partitions are usually steel, and, with a minimum of timber, it is difficult for rodents to find harbourage. Modern Naval Architecture is coping with the problem satisfactorily.

**Table E**  
**Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports**

Category	Number
Black Rats ... ..	143
Brown Rats ... ..	—
Species not known ... ..	—
Sent for examination ... ..	1
Infected with plague ... ..	—



Table F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports

No. of Deratting Certificates issued					Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumigation with HCN	Other fumigant (state method)	After trapping	After poisoning	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
—	—	—	—	—	79	Rod' Certs. 33

Trapping has been carried out during the year but the ships affected were not in commission, therefore no certificates were issued.

DERATISATION CERTIFICATES AND DERATISATION EXEMPTION  
CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR

Net Tonnage	No. of Ships	No. of Deratisation Certificates issued				No. of Deratisation Exemption Certificates issued	Total of Certificates issued
		After fumigation with			After trapping, Poison- ing, etc.		
		HCN	Sul- phur	HCN and Sul- phur			
Ships up to 300 tons ... ..	21	—	—	—	—	21	
„ from 301 tons to 1,000 tons ... ..	37	—	—	—	—	37	
„ from 1,001 tons to 3,000 tons ... ..	17	—	—	—	—	17	
„ from 3,001 tons to 10,000 tons ... ..	4	—	—	—	—	4	
„ over 10,000 tons ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	
TOTAL ... ..	79	—	—	—	—	79	33 R.C.C.

### SECTION XIII

#### Inspection of Ships for Nuisances

Table G

#### Inspection and Notices

Nature and number of Inspections		Notices served		Result of serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Routine Inspections	S/S 2,328		159	Work done and nuisances abated.
Do.	M.V. 1,295		25	do.
Do.	F.V. 118			
TOTAL ...	... 3,741		184	

### SECTION XIV

The Order made by the Authority under the Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948 came into operation on the 11th September, 1947

The area covered by the Order is :—

The area of the River Blyth lying between the High Water marks on either side of the River and extending from the mouth of the River to a point where the Railway Bridge of the British Railways crosses the river.

### SECTION XV

#### Medical Inspection of Aliens

This is not an approved Port for the landing or inspection of Aliens.

The number of Aliens who arrived at the Port was 67.

### SECTION XVI

#### Miscellaneous

During the year the mortuary which had become obsolete was demolished. The Authority will now use the new mortuary built by Blyth Borough Council.

Where death has been due to infectious disease the body would be removed to this mortuary and the necessary instructions issued to those responsible for burial. Where the relatives cannot undertake the burial arrangements the onus will rest on Blyth Borough Council or Bedlingtonshire U.D.C. in accordance with the National Assistance Act, 1948.



## FOOD INSPECTION

There has been no importation of food or grain at the Port, therefore no action was necessary under the following Acts or Regulations.

Food and Drugs Acts, 1938-1950.

Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food). Regulations, 1925 to 1948.

Public Health Regulations, 1924-1928.

The Salvaged Goods Order, 1948.

Food and Drugs (Whalemeat) Regulations, 1949-1950.

Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937-1948.

### Parrots (Prohibition of Import) Regulations, 1930

There were no Parrots, Love Birds, or any birds of such species found on any vessel during the year.

#### Nationalities of Ships

British	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,019
Dutch	...	...	...	...	...	...	222
German	...	...	...	...	...	...	146
Swedish	...	...	...	...	...	...	115
Norge	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Finnish	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Danish	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Panamanian	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Costa Rican	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
French	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Jugo Slavian	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Portugese	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Italian	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Israeli	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
							3,626
Total for the Year	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,626
Fishing Vessels	...	...	...	...	...	...	119
							3,745

## VESSELS BOARDED

The following table gives a list of vessels boarded during the Year by the Medical Officer of Health or the Sanitary Inspector on account of disease on board, during the voyage or whilst in Port.

Date	Name of Vessel	Nationality	Where from	Rating	Sickness	Remarks
5. 1.52	Falkvik	Swedish	Hull	Sailor	Dyspepsia	Receiving treatment.
8. 1.52	Tudor Queen	British	Dunkirk	Fireman	Pneumonia	Left at Dunkirk.
19. 1.52	Venern	Swedish	Hartlepool	Sailor	V.D.	Treatment at Hartlepool.
28. 1.52	Norman Queen	British	London	Fireman	V.D.	Treatment.

**Vessels Boarded—continued**

Date	Name of Vessel	Nationality	Where from	Rating	Sickness	Remarks
30. 1.52	Camroux I	British	London	Mate	Septic Foot	Receiving treatment.
"	"	"	"	Sailor	Scarlet Fever	Removed to Hospital, London, 28th Jan., 1952.
2. 2.52	Stellar	Swedish	London	Sailor	V.D.	Receiving treatment.
3. 2.52	Gudrun Torm	Danish	Bremen	Sailor	V.D.	Treatment.
6. 2.52	Actuality	British	Yarmouth	2nd Mate	Boils	See Doctor.
6. 2.52	Ayton	British	London	Sailor	Sprained Ankle	Received treatment.
13. 2.52	Ellen M.	British	London	Mate	Influenza	Received treatment.
18. 3.52	Henrik Ibsen	Norge	Middlesbrough	Sailor	V.D.	Receiving treatment.
20. 3.52	Hudson Bay	British	London	Sailor	Fractured Rib	Receiving treatment.
6. 4.52	Bowcombe	British	London	Fireman	Influenza	Paid off.
9. 4.52	Sherwood	British	London	Fireman	Stomach trouble	To see Dr.
17. 4.52	Camroux III	British	London	Seaman	Tonsilitis	To see Dr.
18. 4.52	Jorgen	Danish	Frazerbro	Seaman	Stomach Trouble	To see Dr.
24. 4.52	Eildon	British	Southampton	Mate	Boils	Receiving Treatment.
25. 4.52	Colonel Crompton	British	London	Seaman	Accident	Landed at Bridlington.
28. 4.52	Th. Malling	Danish	Drammen (Norway)	2nd Eng.	Accident to foot	To see Dr.
4. 5.52	Bore VI	Finnish	Calais (France)	Seaman	V.D.	Receiving Treatment.
10. 5.52	Monkwood	British	London	Donkeyman	Catarrh	
11. 5.52	Fritz S.	Finnish	Aarhus (Denmark)	Seaman	V.D.	Receiving Treatment.
14. 5.52	Sussex Oak	British	Grangemouth	Seaman	V.D.	Receiving Treatment.
14. 5.52	Firmity	British	Aberdeen	Seaman	Tonsilitis	To see Dr.
16. 5.52	Trondur I. Gotu	Faroes	Thorshaven	Woman Passenger		Saw Dr. Campbell.
21. 5.52	Spica	Swedish	London	Steward	Accident to hand	Receiving Treatment.



**Vessels Boarded—continued**

Date	Name of Vessel	Nationality	Where from	Rating	Sickness	Remarks
31. 5.52	Maartje	Dutch	Boness	Mate	Dyspepsia	Taken to Royal Hosp., Edinburgh.
2. 6.52	Hanna Skose	Danish	London	Seaman	Eye Trouble	Receiving Treatment.
11. 6.52	Corfield	British	London	Captain	Accident to foot	Receiving Treatment.
15. 6.52	Erna Oldendorff	German	Ghent (Belgium)	Fireman	Neuralgia	To see Dentist.
16. 6.52	Yewcroft	British	London	Fireman	Piles	Treatment at Hospital.
18. 6.52	Patria	Finnish	Helsingfors	Saloon Girl	Sprained Wrist	Receiving Treatment.
28. 6.52	Otto H.	Finnish	Rouen (France)	3 Seamen	V.D.	Gone to Hospital.
13. 7.52	Zeeand	Dutch	Hamburg	Mate	Accident	Received Treatment.
20. 7.52	Starstone	British	Rotterdam	Sailor	Boils	Received Treatment.
25. 7.52	Frode	Swedish	Calais	Fireman	Stomach Trouble	Received Treatment.
5. 8.52	Saturn	Polish	Sea	Deck Hand	Appendicitis	Removed to Hospital.
12. 8.52	Kastoria	Polish	Sea	Deck Hand	Appendicitis	Removed to Hospital.
16. 8.52	Cornelis Raleveld	Dutch	Sea	Deck Boy	Neuralgia	Treatment at Dentist.
19. 8.52	Funfjahr-plan	German	Sea	1 Deck Hand 1 Deck Hand	Fractured Ankle Suspected fractured Forearm	Received Treatment. Received Treatment.
20. 8.52	Norman Queen	British	Ipswich	Fireman	Fractured Ankle	Received Treatment.
22. 8.52	Skandia	German	Boness	Mate	V.D.	Attended Clinic.
25. 8.52	Granta	British	London	Galley Boy	Catarrh	Went home for Treatment
31. 8.52	Emsgatt	German	Rouen	Sailor	Fractured Rib	Received Treatment.
3. 9.52	Christofer	Swede	Hull	Captain	Abscess	Received Treatment.
12. 9.52	Ocean	Dutch	Amsterdam	Captain	Neuralgia	Received Treatment.
17. 9.52	Delphin Ivan	German	Hartlepool	Sailor	Catarrh	Received Treatment.
23. 9.52	Kondrop	Danish	Rouen	Sailor	V.D.	Received Treatment.
1.10.52	L. Citrine	British	London	Fireman	Dyspepsia	To see Dr.

**Vessels Boarded—continued**

Date	Name of Vessel	Nationality	Where from	Rating	Sickness	Remarks
13.10.52	Highland Queen	British	London	Bo'son	Injured hand	Receiving Treatment.
13.10.52	Clonmore	British	London	2nd Eng. 2nd Mate	Piles Bruised Ribs	Receiving Treatment.
15.10.52	Hamlet	Danish	Tyne	Captain	Appendicitis	In Hospital.
17.10.52	Prestatyn Rose	British	South-hampton	Seaman	Accident to head	Receiving Treatment.
17.10.52	Fylla	Danish	Tyne	Seaman	Pylitis	Receiving Treatment.
24.10.52	North Anglia	British	Antwerp	Seaman	Infection to Hip	To report to Seamen's Hosp., Cardiff.
29.10.52	Kablenberg	German	Tyne	Sailor	Accident to Foot	Receiving Treatment.
30.10.52	Archgrove	British	London	Sailor	Ankle Injury	At London
26.11.52	Brita	Finnish	Rochester	Chief Eng.	Rheumatism	Receiving Treatment.
11.12.52	Hermes	Finnish	Antwerp	Sailor	T.B.	Removed to Hospital at Antwerp.
14.12.52	Ocean Swell	Norge	Stavanger	1 Officer 2 Deck Hands	V.D.	Receiving Treatment.
20.12.52	Belgian Coast	British	Rotterdam	2nd Mate Sailor	Drowned V.D.	At Rotterdam. Receiving Treatment.
29.12.52	Olive	Dutch	Hartlepool	Captain	Accident to hand	Receiving Treatment



### VESSELS ARRIVING FROM INFECTED OR SUSPECTED PORTS

The following table gives the number of vessels boarded in Blyth by the Officers of the Port Health Authority, on account of them coming directly or indirectly from Foreign Ports, infected or suspected of being infected with CHOLERA, PLAGUE, YELLOW FEVER, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, or RELAPSING FEVER

1952	From Infected Ports to Blyth		From Suspected Ports to Blyth		Total
	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect	
January ...	—	3	—	—	3
February ...	—	—	—	—	—
March ...	—	—	—	1	1
April ...	—	1	—	2	3
May ...	—	1	—	2	3
June ...	—	2	—	3	5
July ...	—	—	—	4	4
August ...	—	1	—	1	2
September ...	—	—	—	1	1
October ...	—	—	—	1	1
November... ..	—	—	—	1	1
December ...	—	—	—	6	6
TOTAL ...	—	8	—	22	30

#### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

#### Prevention of Damage by Pests (Application to Shipping) Order, 1951

This Order came into force on the 1st October, 1951 and Port Health Authorities were advised to issue the new Certificates (Rodent Control Certificates) in accordance therewith.

They are valid for 4 months, the International Deratting Certificates are valid for 6 months.

At present there is no charge for the Rodent Control Certificates.

During the year, 33 Rodent Control Certificates were issued.

### NOTES ON SOME CASES REPORTED

30.1.52. M.V. Camroux 1 (British). On arrival from London, the Master reported that a Sailor had been removed to hospital at London with Scarlet Fever. The Port Medical Officer examined the crew on arrival but no further signs of sickness was found, and the ship was allowed to proceed to the loading berth.

13.2.52. M.V. Ellen M. (British). The Chief Officer was reported on arrival from London. On being examined he was found to be suffering from Influenza. He received Medical treatment during the vessel's stay in Port.

17.4.52. M.V. Camroux III. (British). A Sailor was reported sick on arrival from London. On being examined he was found to be suffering from Tonsillitis. He received appropriate treatment in the Port, and soon recovered.

14.5.52 M.V. Firmity (British). After arrival from Aberdeen, a sailor was reported unwell. He was later found to be affected with Tonsillitis. He received the necessary treatment before sailing.

16.5.52. S.T. Trondur I Gotu (Faroes). On arrival from Thorshaven a woman passenger was examined by the Port Medical Officer. After examination she was allowed to go to Edinburgh for Medical treatment.

5.8.52. S.T. Saturn (Polish). A deck hand from this vessel was taken ashore soon after arrival from the fishing grounds. He was removed to Hospital for an operation for Appendicitis, and made a good recovery.

12.8.52. S.T. Kastoria (Polish). A deck hand on arrival from the fishing grounds was found to be suffering from Appendicitis. He was removed to Hospital for an operation, and also made a good recovery.

16.8.52. M.D. Cornelis Raleveld (Dutch). A deck boy on arrival from the fishing grounds was examined by the Port Medical Officer. He was suffering from dental caries. He was taken to a dentist and had some extractions.

24.10.52. S.S. North Anglia (British). On arrival from Antwerp, a sailor was examined by the Port Medical Officer, and was found to be suffering from an infection of the Hip. He was allowed to go home to Cardiff for treatment.

11.12.52. S.S. Hermes (Finnish). The Master on arrival from Antwerp, reported that a sailor had been removed at the Port, and was later Diagnosed as being affected with Tuberculosis. The accommodation, bedding, etc., was fumigated before the vessel sailed after taking cargo.

#### VESSELS FOUND HAVING STRUCTURAL OR SANITARY DEFECTS

	Structural Defects		Sanitary Defects		Total
	Foreign	Coastwise	Foreign	Coastwise	
British Steam ...	—	76	—	83	159
British Motor ...	—	13	—	3	16
British Sail ...	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign Steam ...	—	5	—	3	8
Foreign Motor ...	—	1	—	—	1
Foreign Sail ...	—	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTALS</b> ...	—	95	—	89	184

5 Vessels had structural alterations during their overhaul when in dry dock. This relates to accommodation, bathrooms, storerooms, etc.

8 Vessels were found verminous in the crews quarters, Galleys, and Mess rooms. Fumigation and insecticides were the chief means of dealing with these pests. It should be pointed out that recommendations are made from time to time to Masters and other Officers as to the efficacy of DDT preparations, also the need to carry quantities of insecticides, so that they can be used when occasion arises.



**Defects (Continued)**

	Work in hand	Work completed	Total
Forecastles to clean and paint out ... ..	—	18	18
Forecastles to repair ... ..	—	11	11
Port Lights to renew and repair ... ..	—	40	40
Galleys to repair ... ..	—	10	10
Galleys to paint ... ..	—	1	1
Galley stoves to repair ... ..	—	4	4
Radiators to repair ... ..	—	13	13
F. W. Tanks cleaned and Cement Washed ... ..	—	15	15
F. W. Tanks to repair... ..	—	1	1
Bathrooms to paint ... ..	—	2	2
Bathrooms to repair ... ..	—	4	4
Pantrys to repair and paint out ... ..	—	3	3
Officers rooms to paint out ... ..	—	3	3
Officers rooms to repair ... ..	—	1	1
Lavatory Basins to renew ... ..	—	2	2
New Lavatory Basins to fix ... ..	—	3	3
Sanitary Tanks to repair ... ..	—	2	2
New Sanitary Tanks to fix ... ..	—	1	1
Shower-Bath Fittings to renew ... ..	—	2	2
Bogies to repair ... ..	—	4	4
W.C's flushed on to Quay ... ..	—	9	9
W.C's to repair ... ..	—	10	10
Scuppers to clean out ... ..	—	4	4
New bunks to fix ... ..	—	1	1
Refrigerator to clean out ... ..	—	1	1
Forecastle Decks to caulk ... ..	—	3	3
Mess rooms to paint out ... ..	—	2	2
Mess rooms to clean and repair ... ..	—	2	2
Stewards' rooms to repair ... ..	—	2	2
Donkey-man's rooms to repair ... ..	—	1	1
12 Mattresses to destroy ... ..	—	2	2
Waste-pipes to clean out ... ..	—	4	4
Sky-lights to repair ... ..	—	1	1
Store rooms to clean out ... ..	—	1	1
W.C's installed ... ..	—	1	1
	—	184	184





