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*Middlesbrough.*

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# RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

## LIST OF MEMBERS, 1954-1955.

### *Middlesbrough :*

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*Chairman 1954-1955.*

C. Anderton, Esq.

*Clerk :*

G. W. W. Barnley, Esq.

*Deputy Clerk :*

H. L. Cartwright, Esq.

## SECTION I.—STAFF.

TABLE A.

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
Eric C. Downer	Port Medical Officer	19. 6. 1950	M.A., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health, County Borough of Middlesbrough. Principal School Medical Officer.
R. Taylor	Deputy Port Medical Officer	1. 6. 1952	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Deputy Medical Officer of Health.
R. Short	Assistant Port Medical Officer	1. 7. 1953	L.R.C.P. & S.E., L.R.F.P.S.G., D.P.H.	Assistant Medical Officer of Health.
A. Nielson Jones	Chief Port Health Inspector	12. 4. 1937	Master Mariner, C.R.S.I., Certificate Meat and Food	Food Inspector and Rodent Officer.
G. Richards	Assistant Port Health Inspector	15. 4. 1946	Master Mariner, C.R.S.I.	Assistant Food Inspector and Rodent Officer.
C. R. English	Assistant Port Health Inspector	1. 11. 1949	Master Mariner, C.R.S.I.	Assistant Food Inspector and Rodent Officer.
T. Warwick	Rat Searcher	October, 1933		
J. Glazebrook	Rat Searcher	29. 6. 1953		
J. Buckton	Launch Coxswain	August, 1927		

A deck boy is also employed on the Launch.

TYPING: Part-time clerk/typist by arrangement with Middlesbrough Corporation Health Department.

Address and telephone number of Medical Officer of Health:

Health Department, 26, Southfield Road,  
Middlesbrough.

Telephone: 3201.

**RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.**

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
26, SOUTHFIELD ROAD,  
MIDDLESBROUGH.

28th March, 1955.

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report for the year ended 31st  
December, 1954.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ERIC C. DOWNER,

*Port Medical Officer.*



## SECTION II.—AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number	Tonnage (Net)	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By a Medical Officer of Health	By a Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports ...	1,854	3,156,836	472	1,850	5
Coastwise ...	2,036	936,025	4	1,992	—
Total ...	3,890	4,092,861	476	3,842	5

## SECTION III.—CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic ...	{	Number of passengers inwards	436
	{	Number of passengers outwards	1,009

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Cargo Traffic ...	{	Principal IMPORTS—Iron ore, manganese and chrome ores, scrap iron, potash, petrol, phosphate, wheat, sugar and sundry goods.
	{	Principal EXPORTS—Steel, sulphate of ammonia, coal, pitch, creosote, slag, chemicals, salt, machinery and manufactured goods.

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Principal Ports from which ships arrive—Oxelosund, Narvik, Luleo, Gothenburg, Oslo, Copenhagen, Aarhus, Kotka, Bougie, Casablanca, Bona, Pepel, Freetown, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg, India, China, Australia and New Zealand.



COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE IMPORTS IN TONS INTO THE RIVER TEES DURING THE  
YEARS ENDED 31st OCTOBER 1953 and 1954.

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the General Manager of the Tees Conservancy Commission).

Commodity	1953 Tons	1954 Tons	Increase Tons	Decrease Tons
<b>ORES</b>				
Iron, etc. ... ..	2,785,866	2,736,687	...	49,179
Manganese ... ..	161,159	188,128	26,969	...
Chrome ... ..	25,534	22,832	...	2,702
Total Ores ... ..	2,972,559	2,947,647	26,969	51,881
<b>IRON &amp; STEEL</b>				
Pig Iron ... ..	69,183	45,305	...	23,878
Billets, etc. ... ..	18,033	1,000	...	17,033
Manufactures ... ..	5,748	2,486	...	3,262
Scrap ... ..	285,008	324,144	39,136	...
Machinery ... ..	2,374	1,544	...	830
Total Iron & Steel	380,346	374,479	39,136	45,003
Coal ... ..	424,821	635,986	211,165	...
Coke ... ..	373	...	...	373
Loam, etc. ... ..	20,007	14,883	...	5,124
Chemical Manures ... ..	77,565	67,586	...	9,979
Oils, Fuels, etc. ... ..	45,723	47,057	1,334	...
Oils Creosote ... ..	52,389	50,293	...	2,096
Oils Feedstock, etc. ... ..	134,950	184,447	49,497	...
Petrol, etc. ... ..	53,883	44,190	...	9,693
Corn, Wheat, etc. ... ..	18,456	1,688	...	16,768
Provisions ... ..	4,244	3,915	...	329
Sugar ... ..	7,821	2,762	...	5,059
Paper ... ..	...	...	...	...
Wood ... ..	10,510	5,898	...	4,612
Magnesite ... ..	...	...	...	...
Chemicals ... ..	4,506	11,429	6,923	...
Glass ... ..	17	12	...	5
Bags ... ..	6,451	6,151	...	300
Phosphate Rock ... ..	100,037	112,679	12,642	...
Spelter ... ..	1,051	2,287	1,236	...
Sulphur ... ..	10,114	17,505	7,391	...
Sundry Goods ... ..	11,751	12,475	724	...
Totals ... ..	4,337,574	4,543,369	357,017	151,222

1954: Increase over the tonnage imported in 1953 ... 205,795 tons.

**COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE EXPORTS IN TONS FROM THE RIVER TEES DURING THE  
YEARS ENDED 31st OCTOBER 1953 and 1954.**

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the General Manager of the Tees Conservancy Commission).

Commodity	1953 Tons	1954 Tons	Increase Tons	Decrease Tons
<b>IRON &amp; STEEL</b>				
Pig Iron ... ..	2,159	9,134	6,975	...
Rails & Fishplates ...	96,124	69,912	...	26,212
Castings ... ..	52,439	63,352	10,913	...
Angles, Bars & Plates	252,146	250,617	...	1,529
Bridgework ... ..	255	901	646	...
Joists, etc. ... ..	10,489	13,702	3,213	...
Scrap ... ..	1,031	1,348	317	...
Galvanised Sheets ...	8,807	7,081	...	1,726
Machinery ... ..	18,071	20,873	2,802	...
Carriage & Wagonwork	2,950	585	...	2,365
Wire (of all kinds) ...	4,093	4,804	711	...
Manufactured (other than the above) ...	5,744	11,617	5,873	...
<b>Total Iron &amp; Steel</b>	<b>454,308</b>	<b>453,926</b>	<b>31,450</b>	<b>31,832</b>
Coal—Cargo ... ..	261,312	357,367	96,055	...
Coal—Excess Bunkers ...	18,201	10,724	...	7,477
Coke ... ..	41,571	13,449	...	28,122
Salt ... ..	1,300	875	...	425
Sulphate of Ammonia ...	387,404	322,446	...	64,958
Chemical (other than Sulphate of Ammonia)	56,215	69,912	13,697	...
Pitch and Tar ... ..	63,848	67,531	3,683	...
Oil—Creosote ... ..	30,425	27,590	...	2,835
Oil—Benzole, etc. ...	13,324	8,912	...	4,412
Oil—Petrol, etc. ...	88,600	54,215	...	34,385
Slag Rough ... ..	158,052	174,431	16,379	...
Slag—Wool ... ..	498	572	74	...
Glass & Earthenware ...	1,087	531	...	556
Paint, etc. ... ..	1,421	1,814	393	...
Paper ... ..	167	108	...	59
Cement ... ..	5	75	70	...
Corn ... ..	2,739	142	...	2,597
Sundry Goods ... ..	18,943	23,080	4,137	...
<b>Totals ... ..</b>	<b>1,599,420</b>	<b>1,587,700</b>	<b>165,938</b>	<b>177,658</b>

Net decrease on 1953 ... 11,720 Tons (excluding allowed bunker coal).  
Allowed Bunker Coal 1953 ... 75,157 tons. 1954 ... 60,013 tons.



#### SECTION IV.—INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

There is no barge traffic in the River Tees.

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#### SECTION V.—WATER SUPPLY.

NO CHANGE.

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#### SECTION VI.—PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

NO CHANGE.

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#### SECTION VII.—SMALLPOX.

NO CHANGE.

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#### SECTION VIII.—VENEREAL DISEASE.

NO CHANGE.



**MERCHANT SEAMEN TREATED AT THE SPECIAL TREATMENT  
CENTRE, MIDDLESBROUGH GENERAL HOSPITAL DURING THE  
YEAR 1954.**

During the year 1954, the total number of merchant seamen receiving treatment was 254, these were sub-divided as follows:—

British Seamen	...	...	88
British Commonwealth	...	...	41
Foreign Seamen	...	...	125

Of the above number, 221 cases were of recent infection, were diagnosed and commenced treatment at this clinic. The total number of cases have been classified by country, and in fresh cases by disease as follows:—

	Total No. Cases	Fresh Infections:		
		Syphilis	Gonorrhoea	Others
British Seamen ... ..	88	3	7	66
British Commonwealth ... ..	41	6	5	22
sub-divided:				
India & Pakistan ... ..	24	3	3	14
Jamaica ... ..	1	—	—	—
Malaya ... ..	1	—	—	—
Malta G.C. ... ..	3	—	—	1
West Africa ... ..	3	—	1	2
West Indies ... ..	2	2	—	—
South Africa ... ..	1	—	—	1
Somaliland ... ..	6	1	1	4
Foreign Seaman ... ..	125	5	27	80
sub-divided:				
Brazil ... ..	1	—	—	—
Denmark ... ..	10	—	3	6
Estonia ... ..	3	—	1	2
Finland ... ..	29	3	6	18
Germany ... ..	12	1	1	10
Greece ... ..	4	—	1	3
Holland ... ..	12	1	1	7
Israel ... ..	1	—	—	1
Italy ... ..	4	—	1	3
Norway ... ..	16	—	8	7
Poland ... ..	1	—	—	1
Spain ... ..	1	—	—	1
Sweden ... ..	27	—	5	18
Turkey ... ..	1	—	—	1
Yugoslavia ... ..	3	—	—	2

## 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 ...	Mumps	—	1	1
	Influenza	—	2	2
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival ...	Tuberculosis	—	2	2
	Dysentery	—	1	1
	Pneumonia	—	2	2
	Chickenpox	—	1	1
	Malaria	—	1	1
	Influenza	—	22	2
Cases landed from other ships ...	—	—	—	—

## SECTION X.—OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA ON SHIPS.

The occurrence of malarial fever continues to decline, only one case being reported during the year.

## SECTION XI.—MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE.

There have not been any vessels arriving in the Port infected with or suspected for plague during the year.



## SECTION XII.—MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

At a Meeting of the Authority on the 14th December, 1953, it was ordered that the Medical Officer shall issue instructions to the Masters of all vessels entering the River Tees to fix rat guards to their mooring ropes.

As this was later found to be impracticable when put into operation, a large number of vessels failing to comply, the order was rescinded at a Meeting held on the 8th February, 1954.

TABLE E.

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

Category	Number
Black rats ... ..	132
Brown rats ... ..	Nil
Sent for examination ...	16
Infected with plague ...	Nil

In addition 22 black and 204 brown rats were caught and destroyed on wharves. Eight of these were sent for bacteriological examination.

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 Certifi- cates issued.
After fumigation with		After trap- ping	After poison- ing	Total		
HCN	Other fumigant (state method)					
7	Nil	Nil	Nil	7	235	242



## SECTION XIII.—INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G.  
Inspections and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections	Notices served		Result of serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Inspections of ships, including crews' accommodation, storerooms, etc.  3,842	Nil	42	Of 33 of the notices served the defects were remedied, the remainder were being dealt with at other ports.

## GENERAL SANITARY SUPERVISION.

During the year 42 informal or verbal notices dealing with 48 nuisances were served.

Verminous quarters (mainly cockroaches)	...	...	17
Defective overhead decks	...	...	5
Quarters requiring painting	...	...	2
Defective W.C. seats	...	...	2
Defective W.C. water seal	...	...	2
Defective W.C. flush pipe	...	...	1
Defective W.C. flush valves	...	...	2
Defective W.C. pan	...	...	1
No flush water to W.C.	...	...	1
Defective skylight	...	...	1
Inadequate heating	...	...	1
Defective stove	...	...	1
Defective central heating boiler	...	...	1
Defective radiator	...	...	1
Defective port glass	...	...	1
Defective port glass joint	...	...	1
Defective sink waste pipe	...	...	1
Defective galley pump	...	...	1
Defective galley bench	...	...	1
Defective hot water geyser pipe	...	...	1
Defective mess table	...	...	1
Dirty quarters	...	...	1
Defective washbasin	...	...	1
Defective draining board	...	...	1
Total	...	...	48

**SECTION XIV.—PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1924 AND 1948.**

NO CHANGE.

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**SECTION XV.—MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.**

- (1) List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of Appointment:

Dr. Eric C. Downer, Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. R. Taylor, Deputy Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. R. Short, Assistant Medical Officer of Health.

- (2) List of other staff engaged on the work:

NONE.

- (3) Organisation of work:

The Port Medical Officer is notified of all alien passengers, including stowaways arriving in the Port and arrangements are made for the Medical Officer to examine them on board before they are allowed to disembark.

- (4) Nature and amount of Aliens traffic:

The majority of alien passengers arriving in the Port are pleasure visitors to this country, chiefly from the Scandinavian countries. A number also arrive regularly from Denmark bound for the Far East. These passengers are granted temporary shore leave during the vessel's stay in Middlesbrough. Stowaways occasionally arrive from West African ports.

The total number of aliens arriving in the Port during the year was 555, excluding alien passengers arriving but not landing at the Port.

- (5) Accommodation for medical inspection and examination:

Aliens are generally examined on board, but accommodation is available at the Health Department, 26, Southfield Road, if it should be required. 186 landed at Middlesbrough during the year. In addition 369 alien passengers not landing at Middlesbrough were granted temporary shore leave.

**SECTION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.**

NO CHANGE.

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## RETURN OF CASES OF SICKNESS OR INJURY FOUND ON VESSELS ENTERING THE PORT.

Venereal Disease	...	...	...	...	4
Stomach Trouble	...	...	...	...	4
Broken ribs	...	...	...	...	3
Crushed foot	...	...	...	...	3
Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	2
Broken finger	...	...	...	...	2
Influenza	...	...	...	...	2
Mumps	...	...	...	...	1
Ear trouble	...	...	...	...	1
Bladder trouble	...	...	...	...	1
Throat trouble	...	...	...	...	1
Fractured skull	...	...	...	...	1
Scabies	...	...	...	...	1
Cancer of liver	...	...	...	...	1
Pyelitis	...	...	...	...	1
Rheumatic fever	...	...	...	...	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	1
Dental Abscess	...	...	...	...	1
Blood poisoning	...	...	...	...	1
Tonsilitis	...	...	...	...	1
Eye infection	...	...	...	...	1
Scalded arm	...	...	...	...	1
Twisted ankle	...	...	...	...	1
Injured hand	...	...	...	...	1
Poisoned hand	...	...	...	...	1
Lumbago	...	...	...	...	1
Laryngitis	...	...	...	...	1
Gastritis	...	...	...	...	1
Boils	...	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	...	42

Of the above 21 were treated at hospital or at the clinic, the remainder being treated on board.



## CASES OF ILLNESS OR INJURY ON BOARD VESSELS.

Reported or dealt with during the year 1954.

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of illness	Remarks.
January 8	Skottland ...	Oxelosund ...	Venereal disease ...	Referred to clinic.
8	Siredal ...	Wabana ...	Mumps ... Appendicitis ...	Landed to West Lane Hospital. Landed to Hemlington Hospital. Attended by Asst. M.O.H.
12	Indian Merchant	Calcutta v. London & Tyne	Ear trouble ... Stomach trouble ...	Medical attention arranged Medical attention arranged
16	Slaney ...	Coastwise ...	Susp. Appendicitis	Landed to hospital at Yarmouth.
19	Brittgol ...	Canada ...	Stomach trouble ...	Medical attention arranged
21	City of Manchester ...	Beira v. London & Hull	Pneumonia ...	Landed at Hull.
February 1	Avala ...	Antwerp ...	Broken finger ...	Sent to General Hospital.
5	City of Pretoria	South Africa v. London	Bladder trouble ... Infected throat ...	Sent to North Ormesby Hospital. Sent to West Lane Hospital.
23	Laila Nurminen	Poti ...	Broken rib ...	Medical attention arranged
March 1	Kallada ...	Cuba v. Greenock	Fractured skull ... Scabies ...	Removed to General Hospital—died. Medical attention arranged
6	Severitas ...	Bona v. Dover	Appendicitis ...	Landed to hospital at Dover.
April 15	Laila Nurminen	La Goulette ...	Influenza ...	Examined by M.O.H.
May 3	Tulse Hill ...	Hamburg ...	Chicken Pox ... Susp. Cancer of Liver ...	Landed at Madras. Medical attention arranged

CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—*continued.*

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of illness	Remarks.
May 5	Merwehaven ...	Casablanca ...	Pyelitis ...	Seen by M.O.H. Medical attention arranged.
8	Katia ...	Pepel ...	Haemorrhage ...	Died at sea.
18	Corp Diem ...	Defzyl ...	Scherman's disease	Visited by M.O.H. Removed to West Lane Hospital.
21	Hughli ...	Liverpool ...	Susp. Amoebic Dysentery ...	M.O.H. in attendance.
21	Hektor ...	Narvik ...	Crushed foot ...	Sent to General Hospital.
June 8	Hogmarso ...	Lulea ...	Injured ribs ...	Sent to General Hospital.
28	Sallust ...	Buenos Aires v. Hull	Tuberculosis ...	Landed to hospital at Hull.
30	Sacramento ...	Hull ...	Pneumonia ...	Landed to hospital at Hull.
30	Ageina ...	Rotterdam ...	Dental Abscess ...	Attended by Dep. M.O.H. and medical attention arranged.
July 7	Daniel Borchard	Morphou Bay	Susp. Influenza (13 cases)	Attended by M.O.H. Blood samples taken by Deputy M.O.H.
19	Tejo ...	Grimsby ...	Crushed foot ...	Landed to General Hospital.
31	Corvus ...	London ...	Susp. Jaundice ...	Landed to hospital, London.
August 7	Carl Mathies ...	Boston ...	Venereal disease ...	Referred to clinic.
9	Karmas ...	Narvik ...	Susp. rupture ...	Attended by Doctor in Narvik.
21	Durham Trader	Wabana ...	Susp. Appendicitis	Seen by Dep. M.O.H. and landed to Hemlington Hospital.



CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—*continued.*

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of illness	Remarks.
August 23	Parima ...	West Indies v. London	Injured finger ...	Medical attention arranged
23	Cabourne ...	Peterhead ...	Blood poisoning ...	Seen by Asst. M.O.H.
Sept. 3	Tejo ...	Dakar ...	Dysentery ...	Occurred on voyage.
6	Yamaska ...	Pepel v. London	Susp. Malaria ...	Landed to Hospital, Romford.
October 10	Monte Incharta	Casablanca ...	Stomach trouble ...	Seen by Asst. M.O.H. and removed to hospital
14	City of York	Rotterdam ...	Venereal disease ...	Referred to clinic.
23	Neuwira ...	Hamburg ...	Tonsillitis ...	Seen by Asst. M.O.H. and medical attention arranged
Nov. 11	Laidaure ...	Narvik ...	Injured ribs ...	Medical attention arranged and removed to General Hospital.
12	Belos ...	Hull ...	Venereal disease ...	Referred to clinic.
15	Inhamo ...	Grangemouth	Bronchitis ...	Landed at Grangemouth.
15	Superiority ...	Odense ...	Accident ...	Died from injuries.
Dec. 6	City of Manchester ...	Hull ...	Tuberculosis ...	Landed at Hull.
9	Martje ...	Gothenburg	Injuries (2) ...	Landed to hospital for treatment and returned to ship.
Dec. 14	Avistone ...	La Goulette ...	Eye infection Scalded arm ...	Medical attention arranged Medical attention arranged
14	Hektor ...	Lulea ...	Influenza (9) ...	Medical attention arranged
14	Lauting ...	Hull ...	Influenza ...	Medical attention arranged



CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—*continued.*

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of Illness	Remarks
Dec. 18	Corvus ...	Yarmouth ...	Fractured skull ...	Landed to hospital at London.
28	Polyana ...	Oxelosund ...	Broken foot ... Twisted ankle ... Hand injury ...	Removed to hospital. Medical attention arranged Medical attention arranged
28	Tantallon Castle	Tyne ...	Poisoned hand ...	Medical attention arranged
28	Umaria ...	Rotterdam ...	Lumbago ... Laryngitis ... Gastritis ...	Medical attention arranged Medical attention arranged Medical attention arranged
28	Capacity ...	London ...	Boils ...	Medical attention arranged

## MUMPS.

S/S "Siredal" arrived at the Port on January 2nd from Wabana. One of the crew was found to be suffering from mumps and was removed to the isolation hospital.

## INFLUENZA.

S/S "Lauting" arrived at the Port on December 14th from Malmo via Hull. One of the crew was found to be suffering from influenza and was medically attended on board.

S/S "Daniel Borchard" arrived at the Port on July 7th from Morphou Bay and reported that 13 cases of influenza had occurred on the voyage. One man was still ill on arrival and was given medical attention on board.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF SICKNESS OR INJURY  
dealt with before arrival at the Port.**

Influenza	...	...	...	14
Appendicitis	...	...	...	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	2
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	2
Chickenpox	...	...	...	1
Jaundice	...	...	...	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	1
Malarial fever	...	...	...	1
Haemorrhage	...	...	...	1
Rupture	...	...	...	1
Bronchitis	...	...	...	1
Fractured skull	...	...	...	1

**VESSELS TREATED FOR VERMIN INFESTATION.**

January	7th.	S/S "Dorington Court".	Pantry and storerooms sprayed with insecticide.
	8th.	S/S "Mount Park".	Crews' quarters sprayed with insecticide.
	11th.	S/S "City of Canberra".	All accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
February	22nd.	S/S "Dorington Court".	All accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
March	7th.	S/S "Tricape".	Crews' quarters, galley, pantry and storerooms sprayed with insecticide.
	24th.	S/S "Southwick".	Crews' quarters sprayed with insecticide.
May	25th.	S/S "Benvannoch".	All accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
June	22nd.	S/S "Umtali".	Crews' quarters sprayed with insecticide.
July	23rd.	S/S "Durham Trader".	Pantry and storerooms sprayed with insecticide.
August	23rd.	S/S "Avismere".	Crews' quarters and galley sprayed with insecticide.
September	2nd.	S/S "Loch Ranza".	Crews' quarters sprayed with insecticide.
	6th.	S/S "Yamaska".	Crews' quarters sprayed with insecticide.
	14th.	S/S "Maidan".	All accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	24th.	S/S "Umtata".	Crews' quarters sprayed with insecticide.
	25th.	M/V "Fosdyke Trader".	Crews' quarters sprayed with insecticide.
October	8th.	S/S "Generton".	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	9th.	S/S "Bennevis".	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	16th.	S/S "Bedford Queen".	Crews' quarters sprayed with insecticide.
	19th.	M/V "Trevose".	Crews' quarters sprayed with insecticide.
November	1st.	S/S "Harperley".	Crews' quarters sprayed with insecticide.
December	29th.	S/S "Loch Maddy".	Crews' quarters sprayed with insecticide.



### NATIONALITY OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

Dutch	...	...	802	Liberian	...	...	10
Swedish	...	...	235	Greek	...	...	7
German	...	...	162	French	...	...	4
Norwegian	...	...	118	Costa Rican	...	...	4
Danish	...	...	87	Indian	...	...	3
Finnish	...	...	26	Swiss	...	...	3
Italian	...	...	22	Turkish	...	...	3
Yugoslav	...	...	20	South African	...	...	2
Spanish	...	...	18	New Zealand	...	...	1
Portuguese	...	...	11	Israelian	...	...	1
Panamanian	...	...	10	Honduran	...	...	1

### LAUNCH "MERCIE II".

The motor launch "Mercie II" continues to give satisfactory service and is invaluable to the medical and inspectorial staff, particularly for visiting vessels moored at the buoys in the river, and for landing sick persons.

### FOOD INSPECTION.

Consignments of foodstuffs have been systematically examined during the year. These consisted of:—Canned meats, canned fruit, meat paste, fruit pulp, cheese, margarine, lard, onions, apples, pears, dates, rice, currants, syrup, confectionery, biscuits, tea, prunes, chocolate, sardines, figs, coffee, cucumbers, lettuce, cabbages, cooking fat, nuts, butter, desiccated coconut, tomatoes, grapefruit, sausages, eggs, cauliflowers, icecream, canned fish, sugar, and general groceries.

They were all in good condition at the time of inspection.

It was not found necessary to take any action under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations 1937, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations 1926, and the Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) Regulations 1925-1940.

A sample of imported strawberry pulp was obtained and submitted for analysis. The analyst's report stated that the sulphur dioxide preservative contained was within the prescribed limits.

Twenty-two samples of water were obtained from ships and water boats supplying water to ships. Most of these were satisfactory. When otherwise, the waterboat or ship was instructed to clean the tank out and a fresh sample was then taken.

Eleven samples of crushed bones from India were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for analysis. In none of these samples was any trace of Anthrax found.

### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PEST ACT, 1949.

16 Rodent Control Certificates were issued to coasting vessels under this Act.





