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## RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

## LIST OF MEMBERS, 1956-1957.

*Middlesbrough Corporation :*

Alderman F. J. Longstaff, J.P.  
 Councillor W. Breckon.  
 Councillor G. A. Cockerline.  
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 Councillor R. S. Young.

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Councillor C. Anderton.  
 Councillor J. White.

*Redcar Corporation :*

Alderman S. G. Shillito.  
 Alderman J. W. Coles, C.C.

*Chairman 1955-1956 :*

F. J. Longstaff, Esq., J.P.

*Chairman 1956-1957 :*

S. G. Shillito, 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.
A. Neilson Jones	Chief Port Health Health Inspector	12. 4. 1937	Master Mariner, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Food.	Food Inspector and Rodent Officer.
G. Richards	Deputy Chief Port Health Inspector	1. 4. 1956	Master Mariner, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Food.	Deputy Food Inspector and Rodent Officer.
W. B. Curry	Assistant Port Health Inspector	24. 11. 1955	Ministry of Transport 2nd Mate Certificate.	
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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26, SOUTHFIELD ROAD,  
MIDDLESBROUGH.  
February, 1957.

To THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY :

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1956.

I would like to draw attention to the co-operation and help that we have had from the officers of H.M. Customs and Water Guard, from the Harbourmaster and his staff, the Dock Master and his staff, the Tees Conservancy Commission, the Pilots and others. Also, the way we have been helped by the Masters of the ships and the Agents. Without this warm and friendly co-operation the work would have been much more difficult.

I draw the attention of the Authority to the good work of their staff.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Madam 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 ...	1,737	3,202,973	493	1,734	7
Coastwise ...	2,267	1,078,899	—	2,104	1
Total ...	4,004	4,281,872	493	3,838	8

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

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic ...	{	Number of passengers inwards ...	771
		Number of passengers outwards ...	819
Cargo Traffic ...	{	Principal IMPORTS—Iron ore, manganese and chrome ores, scrap iron, pig iron, coal, chemical manures, feedstock, petrol, phosphate rock, sulphur and sundry goods.	
		Principal EXPORTS—Steel plates, angles, bars, rails and fish plates, castings and pipes, pig iron, machinery, sulphate of ammonia, chemicals, coal and coke, pitch and tar, creosote, petrol, slag and sundry goods.	

Principal Ports from which ships arrive—Oxelosund, Narvik, Luleo, Gothenburg, Oslo, Copenhagen, Aarhus, Kotka, Helsinki, Pepel, La Goulette, Bougie, Bona, Freetown, Casablanca, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg Rouen, Ghent, Ymuiden, Takoradi, Gefle, Wismar, Wabana and ports in India, South Africa, China, Australia and New Zealand and eastern Mediterranean ports.



COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE IMPORTS IN TONS INTO THE RIVER TEES DURING THE  
YEARS ENDED 31st OCTOBER 1955 and 1956.

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

Commodity	1956 Tons	1955 Tons	Increase Tons	Decrease Tons
<b>ORES :</b>				
Iron etc. ... ..	2,968,704	2,813,215	155,489	...
Manganese ... ..	121,802	128,737	...	6,935
Chrome ... ..	21,525	28,665	...	7,140
<b>Total Ores ... ..</b>	<b>3,112,031</b>	<b>2,970,617</b>	<b>155,489</b>	<b>14,075</b>
<b>IRON &amp; STEEL :</b>				
Pig Iron ... ..	123,011	58,311	64,700	...
Billets etc. ... ..	16,372	999	15,373	...
Manufactures ... ..	7,361	4,526	2,835	...
Scrap ... ..	279,647	308,647	...	29,000
Machinery ... ..	4,006	2,328	1,678	...
<b>Total Iron &amp; Steel</b>	<b>430,396</b>	<b>374,811</b>	<b>84,586</b>	<b>29,000</b>
Coal ... ..	672,379	680,263	...	7,884
Coke ... ..	...	4,225	...	4,225
Loam, etc. ... ..	13,319	11,470	1,849	...
Chemical Manures ... ..	94,192	72,332	21,860	...
Creosote ... ..	38,514	50,876	...	12,362
Feedstock, etc. ... ..	236,441	178,030	58,411	...
Petrol Oils, etc. ... ..	159,957	100,884	59,073	...
Corn, Wheat, etc. ... ..	1,228	...	1,228	...
Provisions ... ..	2,421	2,882	...	461
Sugar ... ..	1,511	3,701	...	2,190
Wood ... ..	7,046	5,803	1,243	...
Magnesite ... ..	1,692	...	1,692	...
Chemicals ... ..	19,124	16,390	2,734	...
Glass ... ..	26	23	3	...
Bags ... ..	1,844	7,124	...	5,280
Phosphate Rock ... ..	123,663	108,091	15,572	...
Spelter ... ..	1,180	1,081	99	...
Sulphur ... ..	13,536	17,338	...	3,802
Sundry Goods ... ..	20,898	19,199	1,699	...
<b>TOTALS ... ..</b>	<b>4,951,399</b>	<b>4,625,140</b>	<b>405,538</b>	<b>79,279</b>

1956 : Increase on 1955 of 326,259 tons.

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE EXPORTS IN TONS FROM THE RIVER TEES DURING  
THE YEARS ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 1955 and 1956.

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

Commodity	1956 Tons	1955 Tons	Increase Tons	Decrease Tons
<b>IRON &amp; STEEL :</b>				
Pig Iron ... ..	25,334	11,532	13,802	...
Rails and Fishplates ... ..	89,312	88,602	710	...
Castings, Pipes etc. ... ..	104,343	66,750	37,593	...
Angles, Bars & Plates ... ..	270,181	301,109	...	30,928
Bridgework ... ..	6,746	6,623	123	...
Joists, etc. ... ..	9,715	18,403	...	8,688
Scrap ... ..	7,620	4,270	3,350	...
Galvanized Sheets ... ..	5,417	7,030	...	1,613
Machinery ... ..	27,511	29,523	...	2,012
Carriage and Wagonwork	962	602	360	...
Wire (of all kinds) ... ..	9,032	11,000	...	1,968
Manufactured (other than the above) ... ..	22,782	20,996	1,786	...
<b>Total Iron &amp; Steel ... ..</b>	<b>578,955</b>	<b>566,440</b>	<b>57,724</b>	<b>45,209</b>
Coal Cargo ... ..	281,934	268,602	13,332	...
Coal Excess Bunkers ... ..	3,648	9,787	...	6,139
Coke ... ..	25,678	20,418	5,260	...
Salt ... ..	1,473	845	628	...
Sulphate of Ammonia ... ..	225,971	292,812	...	66,841
Chemicals (other than Sulphate of Ammonia)	52,011	75,136	...	23,125
Pitch and Tar ... ..	91,738	66,419	25,319	...
Oil—Creosote ... ..	22,308	21,234	1,074	...
Oil—Benzole, etc. ... ..	4,071	8,797	...	4,626
Oil—Petrol, etc. ... ..	64,991	66,913	...	1,922
Slag Rough ... ..	185,738	184,973	765	...
Slag Wool ... ..	372	810	...	438
Glass & Earthenware ... ..	317	868	...	551
Paint ... ..	1,397	1,576	...	179
Paper ... ..	198	208	...	10
Cement ... ..	693	...	693	...
Corn ... ..	...	...	...	...
Sundry Goods ... ..	25,410	32,415	...	7,005
<b>TOTALS ... ..</b>	<b>1,566,903</b>	<b>1,618,253</b>	<b>104,795</b>	<b>156,145</b>

1956—Decrease on 1955 of 51,350 tons (excluding "allowed" bunker coal).

"Allowed" bunker coal 1955 ... 49,302 tons.

"Allowed" bunker coal 1956 ... 34,637 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).

Twenty water samples were taken from the water boats, vessels and hydrants during the year.

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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).

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**MERCHANT SEAMEN TREATED AT THE SPECIAL TREATMENT  
CENTRE, MIDDLESBROUGH GENERAL HOSPITAL, DURING THE  
YEAR 1956.**

(Kindly supplied by the Consultants in charge).

A fall occurred in the number of seamen attending the Special Treatment Centre of this hospital during the year 1956. This decrease (77 cases) was found to be evenly spread over previously treated cases, fresh cases of syphilis and gonorrhoea and those seamen who attended with other conditions or request for examination to exclude possible venereal infection.

During the year 1956, the total number of merchant seamen receiving treatment or investigation for venereal diseases at this clinic was 196, these were subdivided as follows:—

British Seamen	...	...	73
British Commonwealth	...	...	26
Foreign Seamen	...	...	97

Of the above number 165 cases of recent infection were diagnosed and commenced treatment at this clinic. The total number of seamen attending have been classified by country and in fresh infections by disease as follows:—

	Total No. attending	Fresh Infections :		
		Syphilis	Gonorrhoea	Others
British Seamen ... ..	73	2	14	45
British Commonwealth ... ..	26	1	2	17
subdivided :				
Aden ... ..	1	—	—	—
India & Pakistan ... ..	18	1	1	12
Jamaica ... ..	1	—	—	1
Malta G.C. ... ..	1	—	—	1
Somaliland ... ..	1	—	—	1
South Africa ... ..	1	—	—	1
West Africa ... ..	3	—	1	1
Foreign Seamen ... ..	97	1	34	49
subdivided :				
Arabia ... ..	1	—	—	—
China ... ..	1	—	—	1
Denmark ... ..	10	—	7	3
Estonia ... ..	2	—	1	1
Finland ... ..	16	—	7	7
Germany ... ..	16	—	4	8
Greece ... ..	2	—	—	2
Holland ... ..	13	—	5	5
Norway ... ..	20	—	7	12
Poland ... ..	1	—	—	—
Spain ... ..	3	—	—	2
Sweden ... ..	11	1	3	7
Yugo-Slavia ... ..	1	—	—	1

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 ...	Pneumonia	—	1	1
	Mumps	—	2	2
	Measles	1	—	1
	Malarial fever	—	2	2
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival ... ..	Scarlet fever	—	1	1
Cases landed from other ships ... ..	...	—	—	—

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

The occurrence of malarial fever on vessels arriving in the Port has again been negligible during the year.

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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.

(No change).

TABLE E.

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

Category	Number
Black Rats ... ..	193
Brown Rats ... ..	Nil
Sent for examination ...	16
Infected with plague ...	Nil

In addition 14 black and 108 brown rats were caught and destroyed on wharves. Five of these were sent for bacteriological examination.

211 mice were destroyed on ships.

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		After trapping	After poisoning	Total		
HCN	Other fumigants (state method)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	Nil	Nil	2	10	218	228

## 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	
Foreign going vessels	... 1737	—	19	19
Coastwise	... 2267	—	5	2
TOTAL	... 4004	—	24	21 Remedied. The remainder were either in hand or dealt with at other Ports.

## GENERAL SANITARY SUPERVISION.

During the year 24 informal or verbal notices dealing with 33 nuisances were served.

Cockroach and other vermin infestation	...	...	5
Defective overhead decks	...	...	3
Defective or broken port lights	...	...	2
Excessive condensation in crew accommodation	...	...	2
Defective washbasins	...	...	2
Defective W.C. Seats	...	...	2
Defective heating	...	...	2
Choked soil pipes	...	...	2
Dirty fresh water tanks	...	...	2
Defective flush valves	...	...	2
Bathroom to paint	...	...	1
Choked W.C's.	...	...	1
Defective ventilator	...	...	1
Baffle to fit to ventilator over bunk	...	...	1
Defective hawse pipe	...	...	1
Leaking water service pipe	...	...	1
Defective damper in galley stove	...	...	1
Defective galley hot press door	...	...	1
Defective sanitary tank	...	...	1
		TOTAL	... 33

**SECTION XIV.—PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS  
1934 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.

- (2) List of other staff engaged in 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 alien passengers arriving in the Port during the year was 601 (including temporary shore leave passengers).

- (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. 211 alien passengers landed at the Port during the year. In addition 390 alien passengers not landing at Middlesbrough were granted temporary shore leave.



## SECTION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

No change.

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

Venereal Disease	...	...	...	5
Appendicitis	...	...	...	5
Mumps	...	...	...	2
Malarial fever	...	...	...	2
Diarrhoea	...	...	...	2
Liver complaint	...	...	...	1
Swollen hands	...	...	...	1
Chest pains	...	...	...	1
Poisoned leg	...	...	...	1
Rupture	...	...	...	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	1
Sore throat	...	...	...	1
Rheumatism	...	...	...	1
Chill on kidneys	...	...	...	1
Nervous debility	...	...	...	1
Leg wound	...	...	...	1
Sores on leg and foot	...	...	...	1
Measles	...	...	...	1
Psoriasis	...	...	...	1
Dermatosis	...	...	...	1
Abdominal pains	...	...	...	1
Suspected stomach ulcer	...	...	...	1
Lung haemorrhage	...	...	...	1
Severe vomiting	...	...	...	1
			TOTAL	35

Of the above, 16 were treated at hospital or at the clinic ; the remainder were medically attended on board or proceeded home for treatment.

## CASES OF ILLNESS OR INJURY ON BOARD VESSELS.

Reported or dealt with during the year 1956.

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of illness	Remarks.
January 14	Idkerberg ...	Oxelosund ...	Liver complaint ...	Medically attended on board.
19	Luossa ...	Oxelosund ...	Swollen hands ... Chest pains ...	Medically attended on board. Medically attended on board.
	Ringfjell ...	Konakri ...	Poisoned leg ... Rupture ...	Medically attended on board. Removed to General Hospital.
March 14	Divina ...	Rotterdam ...	Susp. Pneumonia...	Seen by M.O.H.
26	Berbice ...	London ...	Sore throat ...	Medically attended on board.
April 12	Clan Brodie ...	Antwerp ...	Rheumatism ...	Attended on board.
16	Defender ...	Antwerp ...	Venereal disease ...	Referred to Clinic.
17	Clan McIntosh	Manchester ...	Venereal disease ...	Referred to Clinic.
18	Chinkoa ...	Far East v. Continent ...	Mumps ...	Seen by Dep. M.O.H.
19	Tajuna ...	La Calera ...	Chill on kidneys ...	Medically attended on board.
20	Grief ...	Bremen ...	Veneral disease ...	Referred to Clinic.
May 2	Grit ...	Odense ...	Nervous debility	Seen by Deputy M.O.H. Sent home for treatment.
4	Portaria ...	Puerto Ordaz	Susp. appendicitis (2)	Sent to General Hospital. Returned to ship.
22	Luossa ...	Oxelosund ...	Wound on leg ... Sore on left leg and foot ...	Seen by M.O.H. Medically attended on board.

CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—*continued.*

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of Illness	Remarks
25	Aren ...	Casablanca ...	Accident ...	Drowned at Stockton.
June 14	Aggersborg ...	Philadelphia	Measles ...	Removed to West Lane Hospital.
21	Katia ...	Pepel ...	Susp. Malarial Fever ...	Removed to West Lane Hospital.
22	Wave Emperor	Swansea ...	Colitis ...	Landed hospital at Swansea.
July 9	Ivan Kondrup	Amsterdam ...	Heart failure ...	Body removed to mortuary.
13	Tempo ...	Casablanca ...	Diarrhoea (2) ...	Specimens taken and medically attended on board.
16	Manaar ...	London ...	Susp. Diphtheria	Removed to West Lane Hospital for observation—diagnosed as tonsillitis
August 8	Chantala ...	Antwerp ...	Mumps ...	Treated on board by ship's doctor.
13	Gapern ...	Otterbaken	Psoriasis ...	Seen by M.O.H.
21	African Prince	Amsterdam ...	Fractured ribs ...	Landed to hospital—Amsterdam.
24	Coral River ...	Seven Isles ...	Dermatosis ...	Sent to General Hospital for treatment.
28	Mahseer ...	Antwerp ...	Heart failure ...	Body landed at Antwerp.
Sept. 14	Neretja ...	Casablanca ...	Abdominal pains...	Landed by lifeboat to Bridlington Hospital.

CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—*continued.*

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of illness	Remarks.
October 5	Clan Kenneth ...	Hamburg ...	Susp. stomach ulcer	Medically attended on board.
12	Pass of Balmaha	Stornoway ...	Brain tumour ...	Landed to hospital at Stornoway.
13	Biesbosch ...	Amsterdam ...	Venereal disease ...	Referred to Clinic.
October 19	Harbricht ...	Bremen ...	Appendicitis ...	Landed to Hemlington Hospital.
22	Dongola ...	Rotterdam ...	Susp. Dysentery ...	Landed to hospital at Rotterdam.
Nov. 13	Svano ...	Helsingborg ...	Lung Haemorrhage	Removed to General Hospital.
14	Concordia ...	Oxelosund ...	Appendicitis ...	Medically attended on board.
16	Arabert ...	Lulea ...	Susp. Venereal disease ...	Referred to Clinic.
20	Selectivity ...	Coastwise ...	Severe vomiting ...	Sent to Stead Memorial Hospital, Redcar.

**PNEUMONIA.**

M/V "Divina" arrived at the Port on March 14th from Rotterdam. One of the crew was found to be suffering from suspected pneumonia.

**MUMPS.**

M/V "Chinkoa" arrived at the Port on April 18th. One of the crew was found to be suffering from mumps. He was isolated and medically attended on board.

M/V "Chantala" arrived at the Port on August 8th. One of the crew was found to be suffering from mumps. He was isolated on board and medically attended by ship's doctor.

**MEASLES.**

S/S "Aggersborg" arrived at the Port on June 14th from Philadelphia. A child passenger was found to be suffering from measles and was removed to the isolation hospital for treatment.

**MALARIAL FEVER.**

S/S "Katia" arrived at the Port on June 21st from Pepel. One of the crew found to be suffering from malarial fever was removed to the isolation hospital for treatment.

S/S "Ringfjell" arrived at the Port on February 28th from Konakri. One of the crew was found to be suffering from malarial fever and was medically attended on board.

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

Colitis	...	...	...	...	1
Fractured ribs	...	...	...	...	1
Abdominal pains	...	...	...	...	1
Brain tumour	...	...	...	...	1
Suspected dysentery	...	...	...	...	1

## VESSELS TREATED FOR VERMIN INFESTATION.

January	27th.	S/S "Southwick".	Crews' accommodation sprayed with insecticide.
April	1st.	S/S "City of Durham".	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
May	7th.	S/S "Umtata".	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
August	9th.	S/S "Clan MacKinnon".	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
September	5th.	S/S "Elstead".	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
October	5th.	S/S "Stratidore".	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	16th.	S/S "Benlawers".	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
	22nd.	S/S "Umtata".	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
November	10th.	S/S "Ben MacDhui".	Accommodation fumigated with H.C.N.
December	1st.	M/V "City of Johannesburg".	Crews' accommodation treated with insecticide.
	3rd.	S/S "Macharda".	Crews' accommodation treated with insecticide.

## NATIONALITY OF FOREIGN VESSELS.

Dutch	...	...	...	727	Russian	...	...	...	13
German	...	...	...	236	South African	...	...	...	5
Swedish	...	...	...	207	French	...	...	...	3
Danish	...	...	...	146	Italian	...	...	...	3
Norwegian	...	...	...	125	Portuguese	...	...	...	3
Finnish	...	...	...	45	Belgian	...	...	...	2
Liberian	...	...	...	36	Polish	...	...	...	2
Spanish	...	...	...	26	Indian	...	...	...	1
Jugoslavian	...	...	...	21	Greek	...	...	...	1
Costa Rican	...	...	...	20	Maltese	...	...	...	1
Panamanian	...	...	...	14	Eirean	...	...	...	1

## LAUNCH "MERCIE II".

The motor launch "Mercie II" continues to give satisfactory service. Owing to extensive leaks in the control cabin due to poor quality of wood when the launch was built shortly after the war it was decided to rebuild completely this compartment, the work to be carried out in the New Year.

## FOOD INSPECTION.

Consignments of imported foodstuffs have been systematically examined during the year. These consisted of : Canned meats, sugar, desiccated coconut, potatoes, dates, grapefruit, prunes, sardines, tea, onions, canned fruit, cheese, fresh vegetables, dried peas, melons, canned chicken, apples, pears, oranges, syrup and general groceries.

With the exception of one tin of luncheon meat which was condemned, all the foodstuffs examined were in good condition.

One tin of canned beef was submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for biological test and was reported to be satisfactory.

It was not found necessary to take any action under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations 1937 and 1948, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations 1926, and the Public Health (Preservatives, etc. in Food) Regulations 1925-1940.

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

Samples of crushed bones have been obtained from a number of cargoes and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for analysis. In none of these samples was any trace of anthrax found.

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## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PEST ACT 1949.

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

The amount of shipping entering the Port again shows an increase over last year of nearly 100 vessels. Comparisons with 1938 are given below:

	Arrivals.	Net Tons
1938 ...	3,174	3,029,761
1956 ...	4,004	4,281,872
<i>Increase</i>	830 ships.	1,252,111





