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RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

To the Chairman (Alderman S.A. Sadler, J.P.) and Members of the River Tees Port Health Authority.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting the FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT on the work of the River Tees Port Health Authority for the year ended December 31st, 1941.

The Ministry of Health has indicated that having regard to the desirability of reducing the number of records to be kept and to avoid, as far as possible, the disclosure of information relating to the movements of ships, it is desired that some modification of Annual Reports should be made during the period of the Emergency. Furthermore, it is indicated that the Report should not be published. In accordance with these instructions this Report has been modified considerably.

TABLE A.

Amount of Shipping entering the port during the Year.

Number 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.			
223	1,136	89	89	29

PARROTS (PROHIBITION OF IMPORT) REGULATIONS.

There were 3 instances of parrots found on board vessels and in every case written undertakings were given that the birds would either be destroyed or not landed.

TABLE C.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS LANDED FROM VESSELS.

DISEASE.	No. of cases during the year.		No. of Vessels concerned.
	Passengers.	Crew.	
Tuberculosis	-	1	1
Typhoid Fever	-	1	1
Malaria Fever	-	8	3
Influenza	-	1	1
Total	-	11	6

CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS OCCURRING ON VESSELS DURING THE VOYAGE BUT DISPOSED OF PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

DISEASE	No. of cases during the year.		No. of Vessels concerned.
	Passengers.	Crew.	
Tuberculosis	-	1	1
Chickenpox	-	1	1
Malaria	-	48	20
Pneumonia	-	1	1
Diphtheria	-	2	2
Anthrax	-	1	1
Total	-	54	26

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

Anaemia	2
Boils	1
Chickenpox	1
Dermatitis	2
Gastritis	1
Influenza	1
Injury to leg ...	1
Lunacy	1
Malaria	8
Pott's disease ...	1
Scabies	9
Tonsillitis	2
Tuberculosis	1
Typhoid	1
Venereal disease ..	64

Of the above 16 were treated at hospital, 63 were sent to the Clinic, 4 were sent to their homes and 13 were treated on board.

RETURN OF CASES OF SICKNESS OR INJURY DEALT WITH

BEFORE ARRIVAL AT THIS PORT.

Abdominal abscess	1
Anthrax	1
Appendicitis	2
Bronchitis	1
Debility	1
Diphtheria	2
Epilepsy	1
Gastritis	2
Injuries due to enemy action	6
Heart disease	2
Malaria	48
Pneumonia	1
Observation	1
Rheumatism	2
Venereal disease	20

RATS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE E.

(1) On Vessels.

(a)	Destroyed	728
(b)	Bacteriologically examined ..	11
(c)	Infected with Plague	-
(d)	Mice	46

TABLE F.

(2) In Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses.

(a)	Destroyed	290
(b)	Bacteriologically examined ..	11
(c)	Infected with Plague	-

TABLE H.

Deratisation Certificates and Deratisation Exemption Certificates issued during the year.

No. of Ships.	Number of Deratisation Certificates issued.					No. of Deratisation Exemption Certificates Issued.	Total Certificates Issued.
	After fumigation with			After Trapping, Poisoning, etc.	Total.		
	HCN.	Sulphur.	HCN. and Sulphur.				
104	9	14	-	1	24	80	104

HYGIENE OF CREW'S SPACES.

TABLE J.

Classification of Nuisances.

Defects of original Construction	Structural defects through wear and tear.	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health.
4	89	62

GENERAL SANITARY SUPERVISION.

During the year, 89 informed or verbal notices dealing with 155 nuisances were served, all of which were complied with.

These related to:-

Defective ports	14
Defective overhead decks	11
Defective W.C. flushing apparatus	9
Vermin	25
Defective heating arrangements	9
Forecastle requiring painting	24
Defective floors	1
Dampness	4
Coal stored in forecastle ...	1
Defective or broken W.C. pan ..	3
Defective or choked scuppers ..	4
Defective stove funnels	7
Choked W.C's	7
Defective bunk fittings	5
Defective tank top	2
Leaking stern post in crews' quarters ..	1
Defective Sanitary tank	1
Defective W.C. seat	3
Defective or choked soil pipe	2
Dirty forecastles	14
Leaking hawse pipe	1
Defective bulkhead between forecastle and W.C. ...	1
Defective ventilation	2
Dirty mattresses	1
Defective seats in forecastle	1
Defective door locks and hinges	1
Defective waste pipe	1

FOOD INSPECTION.

Consignments of foodstuffs have been systematically examined during the year.

These consisted of:- Wheat, syrup, oranges, dates, rice, tinned ham and tongue, onions, flour, sugar, eggs and dried apples. All were found to be in good condition, with the exception of eleven dozen eggs which were found to be unsound and were destroyed.

Finally, I again thank the Chairman, Members and Staff of the Port Health Authority for their co-operation, loyalty and guidance during the year.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,

C. Metcalfe Brown

Medical Officer of Health.

Health Department,
Municipal Buildings.

January, 1942.