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**BOROUGH OF TORQUAY**

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Torquay Riparian Authority

REPORT, 1939

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## BOROUGH OF TORQUAY

### PORT HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, 1939

The following report is the record of Port Health Administration for the year 1939, detailed in form and sequence in accordance with the instructions of the Minister of Health contained in Memorandum 208/S.A. as modified by Circular 1937.

The modifications during the present emergency are designed to reduce the number of records and to avoid the disclosure of information relating to the movement of ships; and this report is not being published, a minimum number of copies being reproduced for submission to the Local Authority and to the Ministry of Health.

#### **I. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR.**

**TABLE A.**

*Number of Ships Inspected—*

By the Medical Officer of Health	..	..	9
By the Sanitary Inspector	..	..	122

#### **II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT.**

Table B is omitted.

#### **III. WATER SUPPLY.**

There is nothing new to report.

#### **IV. PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1933.**

The arrangements under headings (1) to (11), detailed in previous reports, are unaltered.

**TABLE C.**

Cases of Infectious Sickness landed from Vessels.

Disease	No. of Cases during the year		No. of Vessels concerned
	Passengers	Crew	
—	—	—	—



**TABLE D.**

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	
—	—	—	—

No cases of plague, cholera, yellow fever, smallpox or typhus fever occurred on any vessel using the Port, and no plague-infested rats were discovered.

## V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS.

There is no alteration in the arrangements previously described under headings 1 to 5.

*Tables E and F.* There was no trace of rat infestation, and no rats were destroyed during the year. *Table G and Table H* are not applicable.

## VI. HYGIENE OF CREWS' SPACES.

**TABLE J.**

Classification of Nuisances.

Number Inspected during the year	Defects of original construction	Structural defects through wear and tear	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health
122	—	—	—

*A brief statement of the action taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, the Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1939, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926, and the Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations, 1934.*

No samples were taken, and no food (including fish) was condemned or surrendered. There is no importation of food, except for a few cargoes of vegetables.

There are no shellfish beds within the jurisdiction of the Authority.