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WEYMOUTH PORT
HEALTH AUTHORITY



Annual Report

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for Year ending

31st December, 1950

E. J. GORDON WALLACE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Port Medical Officer



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WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

HEALTH CENTRE,
WESTHAM ROAD,
WEYMOUTH

February, 1951

**To the Chairman and Members of the Weymouth Port
Health Authority**

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. JOLLY AND GENTLEMEN,

In accordance with Article 17(5) of the Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations 1935, I have to submit for your information and consideration my Annual Report as your Medical Officer of Health for the year 1950.

As requested in Ministry of Health Circular 103/50, this Report has been prepared on the lines indicated in Memorandum 302/S.A. and any permanent arrangements which have been fully described in the Annual Reports for 1946-49 and have not since been altered, have been omitted from this Report.

No unusual occurrences took place and it was not necessary to make any special report to the Ministry of Health during the year.

On one occasion when it was necessary to board a vessel at sea, the Captain-in-Charge, H.M. Dockyard, Portland, put an M.F.V. at my disposal and this co-operation was very much appreciated.

Once more it is a pleasure to have this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Authority for their kindness and consideration, the Clerk for his ready co-operation and Mr. E. V. Abbey, Port Health Inspector, for his willing assistance at all times. I am also most grateful to the Divisional Marine Manager, British Railways, and to the Officers of H.M. Customs for their continued help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

E. J. GORDON WALLACE,
Port Medical Officer

TABLE A

I.—Amount of Shipping entering the Port during the Year

	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected By the Medical Officer of Health	Number inspected By the Port Health Inspector	Number reported to be defective	No. of vessels on which defects were remedied	No. of vessels on which defects were found and reported to Ministry of Transport Surveyors	No. of vessels reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
FOREIGN :—								
Steamers	465	330,459	4	428	5	4	—	—
*Motor	134	44,532	—	102	6	5	—	—
Sailing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fishing	1	23	—	1	—	—	—	—
Total Foreign	600	375,014	4	531	11	9	Nil.	Nil.
COASTWISE :—								
Steamers	136	51,289	1	30	4	3	—	1
*Motor	120	14,540	2	49	3	3	—	—
Sailing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fishing	8	302	—	6	2	2	—	—
Total Coastwise	264	66,131	3	85	9	8	Nil.	1
Total Foreign and Coastwise	864	441,145	7	616	20	17	Nil.	1

*Includes mechanically propelled vessels other than steamers.

TABLE B

II.—CHARACTER OF THE TRADE OF THE PORT

(a) Passenger Traffic during the year

No. of Passengers	1st Class	3rd Class	Transmigrants
Inwards ...	17,799	40,546	Nil
Outwards ...	17,918	44,463	Nil

These figures represent the passenger traffic between Weymouth and the Channel Islands.

No passengers were landed from foreign ports during the year.

(b) Cargo Traffic

There has been no alteration in the character of the imports and exports to and from the Port.

(c) Foreign Ports from which vessels arrived during 1950

Abadan, Bologne, Caen, Casablanca, Dortemunde, Dunkerque, Emden, Gamleby, Gothenburg, Lisbon, Nieuport, Randers, Roscoff, Rotterdam and Trinidad.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

The Port is not approved for the landing of aliens.

III.—WATER SUPPLY

Chlorinated water from the Weymouth and Portland supplies continued to be used at the docks concerned.

Five samples from the water tanks of two vessels regularly using Weymouth Quay were submitted for bacteriological examination and were all reported to be highly satisfactory.

IV.—PORT HEALTH REGULATIONS, 1933 & 1945

There is no change to report in local arrangements.

TABLE C

Cases of Infectious Sickness landed from Vessels

Disease	No. of Cases during the year		No. of Vessels concerned	Average No. of cases for previous 5 years
	Passengers	Crew		
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Nil	I	I	I

TABLE D

Cases of Infectious Disease occurring on Vessels during the voyage, but disposed of prior to arrival

Disease	No. of Cases during the year		No. of Vessels concerned	Average No. of cases for previous 5 years
	Passengers	Crew		
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

No cases of Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Smallpox or Typhus occurred, and no Plague-infected rats were discovered. No severe outbreak of Malaria occurred on any arriving vessel during the year.

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TABLE G

Measures of Rat Destruction on Plague "infected" or "suspected" Vessels or Vessels from Plague infected Ports arriving in the Port during the year

No Vessels, to be included in Table G, arrived in the Port during the year.

TABLE H*

Deratisation Certificates and Deratisation Exemption Certificate issued during the year

Net Tonnage	No. of Ships	H.C.N. After Fumigation with Sulphur	No. of Deratisation Certificates Issued After Trapping, Poisoning, etc.	Total	No. of Deratisation Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
I.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
Ships up to 300 tons ...	1	—	—	—	—	1
„ from 301 tons to 1,000 tons ...	3	—	—	—	—	3
„ from 1,001 tons to 3,000 tons ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ from 3,001 tons to 10,000 tons ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ over 10,000 tons ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4

*Applicable only to those Ports approved by the Minister of Health for the issue of Deratisation Certificates and Deratisation Exemption Certificates in accordance with the provisions of Article 28 of the International Sanitary Convention, 1926. (Form Port II).

VI.—HYGIENE OF CREWS' SPACES

TABLE J

Classification of Nuisances

Nationality of Vessel	Number inspected during the year	Defects of original construction	Structural defects through wear & tear	Dirt, Vermin & other conditions prejudicial to health
British	594	Nil	9	4
Other Nations	22	Nil	5	2

VII.—FOOD INSPECTION

(1) Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937.

The following table supplied by the Inspector shows the quantities of Foods detained as unsound, and the action taken, during the year :—

Foods	Quantities	Dates Detained	Action Taken
1. Tomatoes	732 lbs.	3-6-50	Surrendered and Destroyed, 5-6-50
2. Cheese	53½ lbs.	21-9-50	Surrendered and Destroyed, 27-9-50

Total weight of foodstuffs destroyed 785½ lbs.

(2) Shellfish.

The Port Health Inspector paid periodic visits to the fore-shore at low-water but no contraventions of the Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934 were observed.

WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
CASTLETOWN,
PORTLAND

February, 1951

TO DR. E. J. GORDON WALLACE,
Port Medical Officer.

SIR,

In accordance with the requirements of Article 27(8) of the Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations 1935, I herewith submit particulars of my work during the year 1950, as Port Health Inspector and Assistant Food Inspector to the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Particulars of Ships Inspected in the Port during 1950

NATIONALITY	WHERE INSPECTED	
	WEYMOUTH	PORTLAND
British	540	54
Belgium	2	—
Dutch	2	9
German	1	—
Greek	1	2
Israelian	—	1
French	2	1
Spanish	—	1
TOTALS	548	68

CLASSIFICATION :—

			WEYMOUTH	PORTLAND
Foreign Steamships	418	10
„ Motor Vessels	94	8
„ Sailing Vessels	—	—
„ Fishing Vessels	—	1
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Total Foreign	512	19
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Coastwise Steamships	5	25
„ Motor Vessels	25	24
„ Sailing Vessels	—	—
„ Fishing Vessels	6	—
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Total Coastwise	36	49
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Total Foreign and Coastwise	548	68
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Number of Inspections made during the Year

Total Number of Vessels Inspected	616
Re-inspections after the giving of Notices	...	...	...	32
Re-visits to Ships discharging Food Cargoes	...	...	...	108
Visits under the Port Sanitary Regulations, 1933,				
Deratisation of Ships	62
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			Total	818
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Number and Result of Notices Served

The following table shows the number of Notices served during the year and the number which were satisfactorily complied with.

			NOTICES SERVED	NOTICES COMPLIED WITH
Informal	...	...	14	12
Statutory	...	...	Nil	Nil

Food Inspection

Five hundred and seven visits and one hundred and eight re-visits were made to vessels discharging food cargoes during the year. Two items of foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption, details of which are included in your Report under Table VII.

The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1950 was :—

				WEIGHT	
				TONS	CWTS.
Tomatoes	5,053,663	...	31,492 4
Potatoes	84,577	...	2,284 12
Broccoli	22,422	...	551 14
Other Produce	74,553	...	377 18
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Total	5,235,215	...	34,706 8
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I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Port Health Authority and to yourself as Port Medical Officer for the support and consideration afforded me during the year. Also to the Officers of H.M. Customs Waterguard and Excise, the Naval Stores Officer and Staff, the Managers and Staffs of the Shipping Agents in Portland and Weymouth, and various members of the British Railways Executive and Pier Staff, for the assistance which has been so willingly accorded to me.

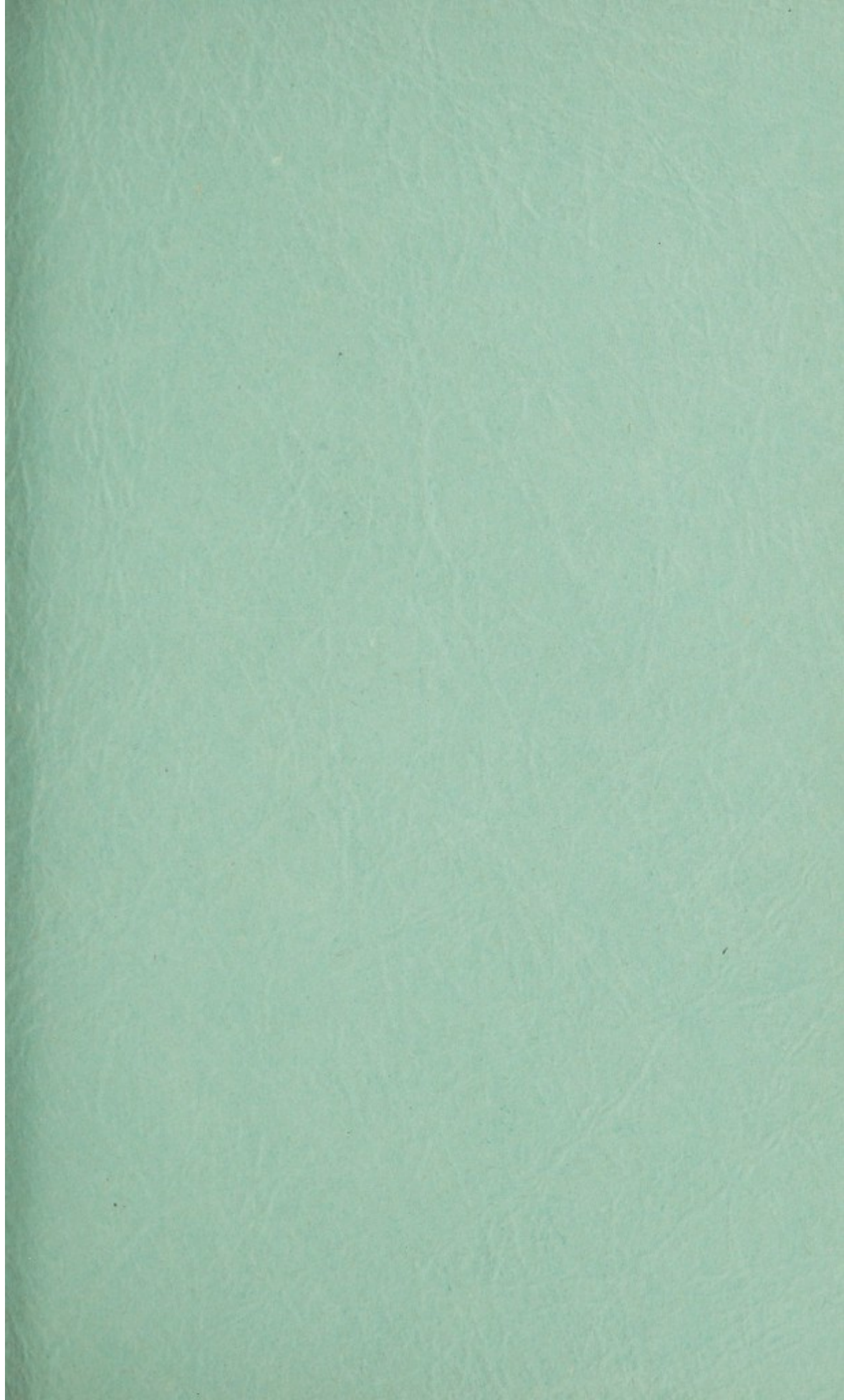
I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD V. ABBEY,

Port Health and Assistant Food Inspector





JEFFERY BROS.
OF WEYMOUTH