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ANNUAL PORT HEALTH REPORT

WHITSTABLE URBAN DISTRICT

1955



STAFF

Port Medical Officer - M.S. Harvey, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,
Appointed 1/11/51 - Medical Officer of Health.

Port Sanitary Inspector - F.W.I. Whitehouse, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
Appointed 14/1/46 - Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Address and Telephone Number of M.O.H.:-

Office: 14, Dane John, Canterbury. Canterbury 4412
Home: "The Gables", Stodmarsh Road,
Canterbury. Canterbury 3391

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING 1955

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	No. Inspected		No. of ships reported as having had infectious disease on board during voyage
			By M.O.H.	By S.I.	
Foreign Ports	3	391	-	-	-
Coastwise	214	19,795	-	45	-
Total	217	20,186	-	45	-

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING

The character of the shipping and trade during the year was
small tonnage coastwise transport.

Passenger traffic: Number of passengers inward - Nil
Number of passengers outward - Nil

ANNUAL REPORT

WINDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT

1925

STAFF

Port Medical Officer - J. S. Harvey, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.
 Assistant M.O. - Medical Officer of Health
 Port Sanitary Officer - T. J. Williams, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.
 Assistant M.O. - Port Sanitary Officer
 Fisheries and Forestry Officer of M.O.H.

Contracting M.O. - J. S. Harvey, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.
 Contracting M.O. - J. S. Harvey, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.
 Contracting M.O. - J. S. Harvey, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING 1925

No. of ships reported as having the infectious disease on board during	Uninspected		Inspected	Total
	By M.O.H. or R.I.	By M.O.H. or R.I.		
			154	154
			12,702	12,702
			10,184	10,184
			217	217

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING

The character of the shipping and trade during the year was
 still largely composed of
 Passenger traffic: number of passengers 10,184 - 1925
 Number of passengers 217 - 1925

Cargo traffic: Principal Imports - Wheat, stone, potatoes, sand, slag, meal, oats, flour and maize.

Principal Exports - Stone and durite.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive: London, Middlesborough, Colchester and Perth, with foreign vessels from France and Germany.

There is no inland barge traffic.

WATER SUPPLY

The Harbour receives the town mains supply which is a good chalk water received from the Canterbury Water Company, softened by a lime process and chlorinated.

The supply to shipping is from hydrants on the quay which are protected and have been found on inspection to be satisfactory.

A water sample taken for chemical and bacteriological examination was of a satisfactory nature.

The Authority has no water boats.

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

A list of infected areas is maintained by the Medical Officer of Health, and is kept up to date by reference to the information supplied to him as M.O.H., Sandwich, by the Minister. H.M. Customs receive such information from the port of Faversham in whose area they are situated.

Notice of the arrival of ships from foreign ports is received from the Harbourmaster and the Shipping Agent.

The standing direction for the mooring of an infected or unhealthy ship is "off the East Quay, shored off", as agreed with H.M. Customs in June 1934, but it is quite impracticable, in view of the direction of the channel, to have shipping moored off the East Quay. However, an arrangement is understood to be still applicable that any ship in which there is suspicion of infection or the presence of infectious disease shall anchor off Shellness, Isle of Sheppey, to allow clearance before entry. No record is available of such a direction having been issued under Regulations, but it has the standing of war time practice for this district.

Cases of infectious disease go to Haine Isolation Hospital, Ramsgate.

There is no standing arrangement for surveillance and follow up of contacts of cases of infectious disease as there is no regular passenger

Large traffic: Principal imports - Wheat, stone, potatoes, coal, sugar, meat, cereals, flour and other.

Principal exports - Stone and timber.

Principal ports from which ships arrive: London, Middlesbrough, Colchester and Felix, with foreign vessels from France and Germany.

There is no inland barge traffic.

WATER SUPPLY

The Harbour receives the town main supply which is a good chalk water received from the Canterbury Water Company, softened by a lime process and chlorinated.

The supply to shipping is from hydrants on the quay which are protected and have been found on inspection to be satisfactory.

A water sample taken for chemical and bacteriological examination was of a satisfactory nature.

The authority has no water boats.

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIP) REGULATIONS, 1922

*List of infected areas is maintained by the Medical Officer of Health and is kept up to date by reference to the information supplied to him as M.O.H., Bournemouth, by the Minister. H.M. Customs receive such information from the port of Bournemouth in whose area they are situated.

Notice of the arrival of ships from foreign ports is received from the Harbourmaster and the Shipping Agent.

The standing direction for the working of an infected or unhealthy ship is "off the East Quay, shored off", as agreed with H.M. Customs in June 1914, but it is quite impracticable, in view of the direction of the channel, to have shipping moored off the East Quay. However, an arrangement is understood to be still applicable that any ship in which there is suspicion of infection or the presence of infectious disease shall anchor off Bournemouth, Isle of Wight, to allow clearance before entry. No record is available of such a direction having been issued under Regulations, but it has the standing of very long practice for this district.

Cases of infectious disease go to Marine Isolation Hospital, Bournemouth.

There is no standing arrangement for surveillance and follow up of contacts of cases of infectious disease as there is no regular passenger

traffic. Such action would be carried out through Medical Officers of Health at destinations, and local surveillance would be carried out by the Medical Officer of Health or his Deputy, and Dr. Etheridge, the retired Medical Officer of Health.

A steam disinfecter is situated within easy access of the Harbour. Cleansing facilities for infested persons can be provided readily at the disinfecting station. Disinfection on board ship would be done by gaseous disinfection followed by cleaning down.

SMALLPOX

Cases go to the Rivers Hospital, Long Reach, Dartford.

Such cases are transported by the Canterbury Joint Ambulance Service for whose vaccinal state the Medical Officer of Health, as M.O.H. of Canterbury, is responsible.

Dr. Rex Fletcher, of 30, Cheriton Gardens, Folkestone, is the nearest smallpox consultant. Telephone No. Folkestone 3688.

The facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox are centred on the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London. N.W.9. Telephone No. Colindale 7041. Supplies of the necessary equipment for collecting specimens are held at the Kent & Canterbury Hospital Laboratory and the Canterbury Health Department.

VENEREAL DISEASE

The nearest treatment centre is the Kent & Canterbury Hospital, at which out-patient and in-patient facilities are available.

Males - Tuesday and Friday 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Females - Tuesday and Friday 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

This information is available at the Council Offices which are close to the Harbour.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

No cases of notifiable or other infectious disease are known to have occurred in the port health area during 1955.

No cases of malaria were identified.

No cases of plague were suspected or occurred.

Such action would be carried out through Medical Officers of Health at destinations, and local surveillance would be carried out by the Medical Officer of Health or his Deputy, and Dr. Stenhouse, the retired Medical Officer of Health.

A steam disinfectant is situated within easy access of the Harbour. Disinfecting facilities for infected persons can be provided readily at the disinfecting station. Disinfection on board ship would be done by means of disinfection followed by cleaning down.

SHIPPING

Cases go to the River Hospital, Long Beach, Portland.

Such cases are transported by the Canterbury Joint Ambulance Service for those vaccinated state the Medical Officer of Health, as M.O.H. of Canterbury is responsible.

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VENEREAL DISEASE

The nearest treatment centre is the Kent & Canterbury Hospital, at which out-patient and in-patient facilities are available.

Hours - Tuesday and Friday 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
 Tuesday and Friday 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

This information is available at the Council Office which are close to the Harbour.

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RODENT CONTROL

The port is not approved for the purpose of granting deratisation or exemption certificates. Ships in the harbour and the harbour precincts are inspected for rats.

Two rats were sent for pathological examination. The appropriate laboratory is the County Laboratory. Leptospirosis was found in one. No salmonella was isolated.

INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

Inspections and Notices

Nature and No. of Inspections	Notices Served		Result of serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Public Health and Rodent Control 45	Nil	Nil	-

SHELLFISH LAYINGS

The collection of molluscs takes place on the Seasalter flats and the Whitstable Oyster beds are in the sea off the port. These collecting areas have never been suspect as sources of danger to health, but the authority has taken informal action from time to time to examine the fish after cleansing or processing, and has found them acceptable for human consumption.

The two local oyster fisheries cleanse the oysters by the ozone and settled sea water process, and an excellent oyster is marketed.

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Bodies can be accommodated in the public mortuary. Subsequent burial can be supervised by the Port Sanitary Inspector who, as Officer for the burial of the unclaimed dead, is in touch with the undertakers of such burial.

REPORT

The port is not approved for the purpose of handling passengers or cargo. Ship in the harbor and the harbor precincts are inspected for rats.

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INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR RATS

Inspection and Notices		
Name and No. of Ship	Notices Served	
	Stationary	Other
Public Health	MI	MI
Public Health	MI	MI

SHIPPING MATTERS

The collection of molluscs taken place on the passenger flats and the Wharfable Quay side in the case of the port. These molluscs are never been subject to human consumption, but the authority has taken information from time to time to examine the fish after cleaning or processing, and has found them acceptable for human consumption.

The two local oyster fisheries clean the oysters by the steam and bottled sea water process, and an excellent oyster is raised.

BURIAL MATTERS

Burial can be arranged in the public mortuary. Subsequent burial can be arranged by the local authority. Burial can be arranged for the burial of the deceased dead, as in town with the undertakers of such burial.