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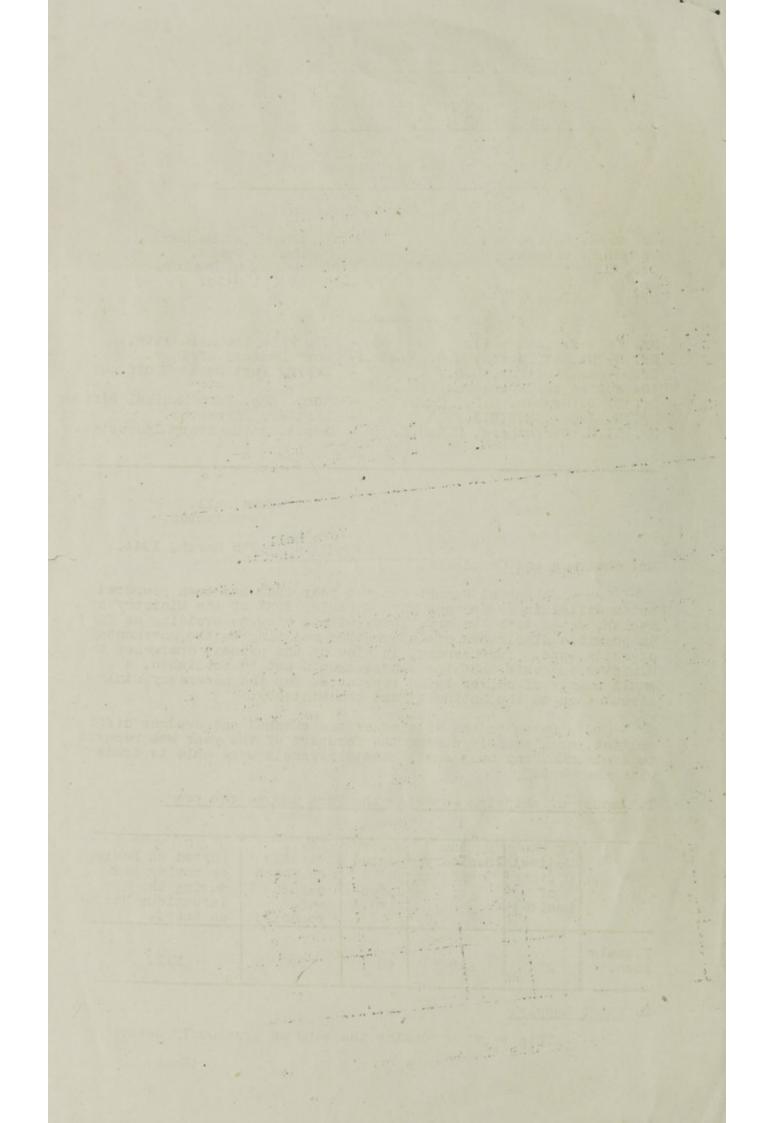
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3. Port Sanitary Regulations, 1932.

The existing arrangements have continued to work satisfactorily. No infectious diseases were reported during the year. On one vessel the crew had suffered from gastric trouble during the voyage, no doubt to improperly cooked food. All had practically recovered when the vessel docked. Medical attention was also given to eight seamen on seven vessels for various complaints, viz., one pneumonia, one pleurisy, one abscess, and five veneroal disease.

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One notice was served under the Psittacosis Order, in respect of a bird in the possession of a seaman. The bird was destroyed.

Notices giving advice and information relative to venereal diseases were posted in conspicuous places about the Dock. The Cumberland County Council have arranged an additional session for men suffering from venereal disease at Whitehaven. This means that treatment can now be received twice a week at Whitehaven - Mondays and Fridays. Negotiations are pending for the treatment of such cases by a Local Practitioner at his surgery.

4. Measures against rodents.

Strict vigilance has been maintained. All vessels are examined for evidence of rats, and when necessary precautionary measures are adopted. On eleven foreign going vessels the deratisation exemption certificates were found to have expired, and in six instances renewal exemption certificates were issued by this Authority. The remaining five vessels were proceeding to other Ports for dry docking and overhauling, and no action was taken by this Authority.

The Harbour and Dock promises are periodically examined and rat baits laid. I am pleased to report that the Harbour and Dock are reasonably free from redents.

5. Hygiene of crew's apaces.

Classification of Nuisances.

Nationality of Vessel.	Number inspected during the year.	Defects of original construc- tion.	Structural defects through wear and tear.	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health.
British Other Nations.	385 34	=	40 2	11

During the year four vessels were found to be verminous, and disinfestation work was carried out by this Authority on three occasions. In the other case the remediable measures were carried out by the crew under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector.

6. The carcases of two porpoises, one bullock and one heifer were washed ashore during the year, and were disposed of.

I must record my appreciation to H.M. Customs, Harbour Officials and Sanitary Inspectors for their co-operation during the year.

> I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

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