

ANNUAL REPORT -- 1940

PORT HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Name of Authority  
not stated but it  
is, apparently,

PRESTON

The Port Health Administrative District has been described in previous Reports.

1. Amount of shipping entering the Port during the year.

	number inspected by the Medical Officer of Health	number inspected by the Sanitary Inspector			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.	
		Visited	Inspected	Examined				re-visits
Total foreign and coastwise	79	717	291	163	273	123	98	nil

II. Character of trade of Port. - - - - -

III. Water Supply There is no change in the character of or arrangements for the supply of water, which is derived from the town supply and is an upland surface water of good quality.

IV. Port Sanitary Regulations 1933 The arrangements in force to carry out the provisions of these Regulations have been described fully in a previous Report.

There were no cases of infectious sickness landed from vessels during the year.

V. Measures against Rodents Measures have been taken under each of the following headings on the lines detailed in previous Reports :-

- (i) for the detection of rodent plague (a) in ships in the Port and (b) on quays, wharves and in warehouses in the vicinity of the Port.
- (ii) to prevent the passage of rats between ships and shore,
- (iii) for the de-ratisation of (a) ships and (b) premises in the vicinity of docks and quays,
- (iv) for the detection of rat prevalence in ships and on the shore,
- (v) (a) for the maintenance of rat-proofing of docks, wharves, warehouses and other premises and (b) for the extension of rat-proof measures.

In this latter connection active co-operation with the Ribble Engineer's Department and with private companies has resulted in extensive works of rat-proofing being carried out to Dock premises and wharves and the private premises adjoining the Dock estate; the work is still proceeding.

During the year six rats were submitted for bacteriological examination but no case of rat plague was discovered; 1102 rats were found killed by poison, 930 were caught by traps and 263 were caught by dogs and ferrets on Dock premises and 256 rats were caught on board ship.

One "infected" or "suspected" vessels and vessels from plague-infected ports arrived during the year but the vessels were found to be clean and free from rats.

#### VI. Hygiene of Crews' Spaces

Classification of Nuisances

Nationality of vessel	number inspected during the year.	defects of original construction	structural defects through wear & tear	dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health.
British and other nations	717	4	125	94

VII. Food Inspection No appreciable amount of food to which the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations 1937, Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations 1926, Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations 1925 - 39 or the Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934 apply enters the Port; during the year two consignments of hog casings were dealt with.

In the period under review 2725 cattle, 1575 sheep and 275 lambs were landed; one sheep was slaughtered at the lairage.

No action was taken under the Preston (Shellfish) Regs. 1923; 15 visits were made to the Cleansing Station beds.

#### VIII. Parrots (Prohibition of Import) Regulations 1930

Eleven parrots came under observation during the past year; in all cases written undertakings were received from the owners that the birds would not be landed unless for bacteriological purposes.

IX. Canal Boats No cases of infectious disease occurred during the year; 40 visits were made to these dwellings.