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boarding station is at Deer Island, about a mile and a half from quarantine, and the port physician resides at this station during the entire year. The quarantine steamer, Samuel Little, is also kept at the Deer Island station ready for boarding vessels, conveying the sick from vessels to the hospitals, etc. Since my inspection this vessel, built for the quarantine service thirteen years ago, has been ordered to be replaced by a new one with important improvements and better facilities for disinfection. The regulations require the port physician in quarantine to visit and inspect all vessels arriving in the harbor between June and November from any foreign port, except Canada and the Provinces, and from any domestic port south of Virginia. No vessel which has had on board, during her last voyage, any sickness of a contagious or doubtful character, shall pass quarantine without inspection and consent of the port physician. It is also provided by regulation that no vessel shall be allowed to bring any sickness of a doubtful or contagious character past quarantine during any season of the year. Every facility is provided for the speedy and comfortable transfer and the subsequent care of such persons as may arrive by vessels suffering from contagious or infectious diseases. The personnel of the quarantine establishment consists of two physicians and the necessary employés. The physicians are employed during the whole year. When quarantine duties do not demand their attention they are occupied in the city institutions on Deer Island.

In the large storehouse there is an apartment for disinfecting rugs and other articles by the sulphurous-acid process, and there is also a large amount of storage capacity. The disinfection of clothing, personal baggage, etc., is effected by the steam process. The superheated steam is supplied by the quarantine steamer. For my observation the steam was discharged into the apartment provided for this purpose, and in a few minutes the temperature was raised to 220° F., at which point it was evident it could be maintained as long as desired.

All immigrants are examined on arrival, and are vaccinated or revaccinated if not protected by decidedly recent vaccination or revaccination. Careful scrutiny is bestowed on all persons and goods arriving by vessel, and such cargoes, vessels and personal baggage as seem to require it are thoroughly disinfected as above indicated.

The administration of quarantine at Boston has received for the last nineteen years the direct supervision of the present Chairman of the City Board of Health, and the access of cholera through this port is hardly likely to occur. During this period I have been able to trace small-pox cases to Boston very rarely, and none for several years recently. The methods pursued at this port demonstrate that the disease may be excluded.

Rhode Island:

The quarantine regulations of the port of Providence are under control of the board of aldermen, who appoint annually a health officer of quarantine, to execute such orders as said board may, from time to time, prescribe relating to quarantine. Dr. Charles V. Chapin, Superintendent of the Health Department of Providence, writes "that all vessels subject to quarantine are stopped about one mile below the city. Vessels are inspected by the health officer before they are allowed to come to the wharf, or have any communication with the shore.

"Our foreign commerce is very small, mostly with St. John, N. B. and with the West Indies. The only European arrivals we have are a few Italian vessels with sulphur.

"If any vessel was found to be infected, I would have her thoroughly cleansed and disinfected with sulphur or chlorine or both. Baggage and clothing of crew could be treated on shore at the small-pox hospital grounds, which are situated near quarantine. Our channel is so narrow that it is impossible for vessels to anchor very far from the line of travel."

Connecticut:

The quarantine facilities of New Haven, the most important Connecticut port, are described by Dr. Lindsley, Secretary of the State Board of Health, as "not entirely satisfactory. No special preparation exists for the proper management of vessels subject to quarantine, excepting that the Board of Health of New Haven is clothed with full authority, to subject any such vessel to such regulations for the protection of New Haven, as said Board may deem necessary.