

Steamship *Strathclyde*, Pearson, from Liverpool, July 16th, with a general cargo, and a crew of 41 was inspected July 31st; a seaman had died suddenly from disease of the heart.

Ship *Josephine*, Smith, from Laurvig, June 19th, in ballast, with three cabin and 221 steerage passengers and 18 crew, was inspected August 21st. One birth had occurred at sea; also two deaths from non-contagious diseases. On arrival there were found seven cases of varioloid amongst the passengers. All the passengers were landed, and performed five days quarantine. The vessel also underwent the usual process of cleansing and disinfection.

Steamship *Ouarta*, Haye, from Barrow, August 7th, with a cargo of rails, and a crew of 25, was inspected August 24th. The stewardess and two seamen were ill with small pox. They, with the steward who had been in attendance upon them, were landed at the island. The vessel underwent the usual quarantine.

The admissions to the hospitals this year have been 114. Of these, four have been cases of fever, 15 of small pox and varioloid, 36 of measles, three of dysentery and diarrhoea, and 56 of other non-contagious diseases. Some of these cases have been referred to in the details for each vessel given above. The remainder have been those who, although apparently well on arrival, had contracted disease on the voyage, which declared itself during their detention under quarantine observation. Four deaths occurred in the hospitals, all from measles and its sequela. One male child, of Norwegian parents, was born in hospital. Eighteen deaths occurred at sea, and five births.

This year has been altogether an unusually healthy one. The number of vessels reporting the occurrence of deaths, or cases of contagious diseases, has been exceptionally small. As stated above, the admissions to the hospitals have been only 114, and the deaths at the station only four, whilst during the seven previous years of my connection with this establishment, the average yearly number of admissions has been 362, and the average yearly number of deaths in hospital 22.

For further particulars as to the proceedings and expenditure of the station, I have the honor respectfully to refer you to the returns submitted herewith.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
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