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(6) *Meteorological observations.*

Month.	Average.							
	Atmospheric pressure.	Temperature.	Pressure of dampness.	Comparative dampness.	Fog-ness.	Evaporation.	Ozone.	Rain-fall in mm.
January.....	754.85	25.70	18.9	77.7	.6	85.6	131	46.8
February.....	753.96	26.25	18.5	74.8	.5	84.8	122	140.6
March.....	754.83	24.85	18.18	78.16	.45	75.1	138	27.1
April.....	757.02	24	17.3	78.3	.55	68.6	141	23
May.....	758.55	20.9	14	77.2	1.62	74.7	100	46
June.....	760.41	21.15	14.34	77.6	.35	60.6	65	28.1
July.....	760.12	20.3	13.5	76.7	.4	66.5	102	29.2
August.....	759.79	20.67	13.4	74.4	.6	74.8	160	28.8
September.....	759.58	19.5	13.3	79.7	.8	56.1	160	131.6
October.....	758.79	20.45	13.9	78.1	.7	63.3	129	65.8
November.....	754.91	22.22	16.2	81.9	.8	63.6	149	100
December.....	755.31	24.58	14.5	77.9	.6	83.4	102	47.4

Ships inspected in the harbor of Rio de Janeiro by the medical authorities during the year 1898, 1,268 steamers and 285 sailing vessels, total, 1,553.

Movements at the quarantine station of Ilha Grande—Semester I, 49 steamers and 24 sailing vessels; Semester II, 31 steamers and 8 sailing vessels; total, 80 steamers and 32 sailing vessels.

COLOMBIA.

Sanitary report from Bocas del Toro.

BOCAS DEL TORO, April 5, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report my arrival for duty at Bocas del Toro on the 3d instant per steamer *Barocoa*.

There are 3 steamers in this port at present loading fruit for Mobile and Galveston, all of which will comply with the rules for the government of vessels while at fruit ports.

I find the health conditions here very good, and I have reason to hope for the earnest cooperation of all parties here engaged in the fruit trade.

Very respectfully,

H. B. MOHR,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Copy of certificate issued steamship Colombia.

BOCAS DEL TORO, UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA, April 5, 1899.

This is to certify, that I have examined the steamship *Colombia* — O. Berg, master, which arrived at Bocas del Toro April 3, 1899, from Mobile, Ala. The crew consists of 16 men, and are now in good health. Captain's wife and child on board and in good health. Said steamship *Colombia* is now in good sanitary condition. She took no passengers on board for the voyage from Mobile, and has none on board now for the return voyage. She has now on board for transportation to Mobile a cargo consisting of bananas.

After careful observation and inquiry, I believe, and so certify, that said steamship *Colombia*, her officers and crew, have complied with all the rules for the government of vessels while at fruit ports as required by the United State Marine-Hospital Service.

I further certify that the health of Bocas del Toro and the adjacent country is good, and that no infectious or contagious disease prevails here.

H. B. MOHR,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector.