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CHESTER PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1938.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CHESTER PORT
SANITARY AUTHORITY.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for 1938.

Board.

Holywell Urban District is now a member of the Board, otherwise the composition of your Board and the extent of its jurisdiction are the same as in previous years.

Foreign
Trade.

During the last year there has been little alteration in Foreign Trade. Vessels arrived at Rhyl laden with Timber, and at Mostyn with Wood Pulp, Esparto Grass, Iron Ore, Scrap Iron and Timber.

Coastwise.

This traffic has shown little change during the year.

No Passengers entered the Ports.

Inspection.

The usual systematic inspection of both Foreign and Coastwise Vessels has been carried out with regard to Sickness, Water Supply, Ventilation, Sanitary conditions of the Crews' quarters and the presence of Rats. No Rats were found in any of the Vessels. A number of Rats were taken, and destroyed on the quays.

Several minor defects were found on inspection in certain of the Vessels, to which the attention of the Master was drawn with subsequent improvement.

No cases of Infectious Diseases occurred in the Port during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. LLEWELLYN JONES,

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., M.O.H.

HAWARDEN,

April 12th, 1939.

i. Amount of Shipping entered the Port during the Year 1938 :—

	Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected.		Number reported to be Defective.	Number of Vessels on which defects were remedied.	No. of Vessels reported as having, or having had, during voyage Inf. Disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Sanitary Inspector.			
Foreign...VesselsTotal...	17	10906	16	17	Nil	Nil	Nil
Coastwise...Including Schooners and Motor Vessels							
Total...	1113	117043	52	200	18	18	Nil
Total Foreign and Coastwise ...	1130	127949	68	217	18	18	Nil

II. Character of Trade of Port:—

Passenger Traffic during 1938—Nil.

Cargo Traffic. Principal Imports—Timber, Wood Pulp, Iron Ore, Esparto Grass and Scrap Iron.

Principal Exports—Galvanized Steel Sheeting.

Foreign Ports from which Vessels arrived—Stocka, Sundsvall, Bongie, Oslo, Memel, Bona, Pugwash.

III. Source of Water Supply:—

Rhyl—Supply of the Rhyl Urban District Council.

Connah's Quay—Supply of the Connah's Urban District Council.

Mostyn—Supply of the Holywell Rural District Council.

IV Port Sanitary Regulations, 1933:—

On arrival at the Port of Foreign Vessels, the Customs Officer, along with the Officer of the Sanitary Authority, board the ship. The Declaration of Health form is filled in and signed by the Master.

Moorings Stations designated under Article 10.

(a) Within the Docks—None.

(b) Outside the Docks:—

(1) Mostyn Deep.

(2) The Rhyl Roadstead off the Parade between the Pier and the East Bank of the River Clwyd.

Standing Exemptions.

Authority for Officers to allow certain unclean Vessels to proceed to their usual place of mooring, discharge, or loading, where a death or case of the following diseases has occurred on such vessels:—

Acute Polio-Encephalitis.	German Measles (Rubella).
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	Measles.
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	Membranous Croup.
Chicken Pox.	Malaria.
Continued Fever.	Pneumonia (either Primary or Influenzal).
Diphtheria.	Relapsing Fever.
Dysentery.	Scarlatina (Scarlet Fever).
Epidemic Infantile Paralysis.	Trench Fever.
Encephalitis Lethargica.	Tuberculosis (all Forms).
Erysipelas.	Typhoid Fever (Enteric Fever).

Hospital Accommodation.

Arrangements have been made by which cases of plague, cholera and yellow fever, occurring at the Port, will be transferred by Ambulance and treated at the Port of Liverpool Hospital. Cases of Smallpox and other Infectious Diseases will be removed by Ambulance and treated at the Chester Isolation Hospital.

Arrangements for the diagnosis and treatment of Venereal Disease among sailors have been made with the Royal Infirmary, Chester.

V. Measures against Rodents—None of the rats destroyed were examined for plague.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Rat Abatement.

I beg to report a considerable reduction in number of rats on Deeside.

After enquiries made from Dockmasters, Stevedores and others at various points, I am satisfied that this is due almost entirely to the fact that no foodstuffs whatever have been handled within the port during the past two years. During Rat Week (Nov. 5th—12th) approximately 50 were accounted for on riverside wharves, but all by poison supplied by the Authority.

I have had approximately two dozen traps baited and suitably placed, for approx. two months without any result.

Furthermore, all ships visited have likewise been remarkably free from rats, or traces of such, but this again may be due to the non-carriage of foodstuffs or other perishable goods.

THOS. COPPACK, Inspector.

VI. Hygiene of Ships' Crews—Forecastles, 13 dirty; Water closets, 17 defective; Decklights, 3 defective; Verminous 2.

VII. Food Inspection—No action required to be taken.

Shell Fish.—There are Shell Fish beds at Parkgate, within the jurisdiction of the Port Sanitary Authority. These beds are not liable to pollution by sewage.

During the year several samples of Shell Fish were submitted for bacteriological examination. The bacteriologist reported that the results complied with a lenient but not with a strict standard of purity.

