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Chester Port Health Authority.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1951

To the Chairman and Members of the Chester Port
Health Authority.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my **Annual Report for 1951.**

Board.

The composition of your Board and the extent of its jurisdiction are the same as previous years.

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 cases of serious illness were detected, and no cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year.

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

HAWARDEN,

APRIL 4th, 1952.



I. Amount of Shipping entered the Port during the year 1951:—

	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	25	15459.35	23	25	8	8	Nil
Eire Republic	98	18463.00	15	30	10	10	Nil
Coastwise	294	45475.	31	60	12	12	Nil
Total Foreign and Coastwise & Eire Republic	417	79397.35	69	115	30	30	Nil

II. Character of Trade Port:—

Passenger Traffic during the year 1951—Nil.

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

Principal Exports—Bricks, Tiles, Sanitary Ware, Cement, Coal, Phosphate, Machinery and Rubber.

Foreign Ports from which Vessels arrived—Skogall, Ethenborg, Kotka, Hamburg, Gefle, Svartuik, Helsingford, Sousse, Hango, Sundsval, Karlstad, Domsjo, Arsew and Oran.

Foreign Ports to which Vessels sailed—Hamburg, Frederiksvaerk (Denmark), Channel Isles, Eire and Northern Island.

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 Health 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 Fever.	Measles.
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	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 Clatterbridge Isolation Hospital.

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

No case of Infectious Disease occurred on vessels during the voyage or was landed from vessels at the port.

V. Measures against Rodents. Number of Rats destroyed during the year were: On Vessels—Nil.

Deratisation Certificates and Deratisation Exemption Certificates issued during the year—Nil.

VI. Hygiene of Crews' Spaces—Number inspected during the year: British Vessels 60; Foreign 25; Eire 30. Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health: British Vessels 12; Eire 10; Foreign 8.

VII. Food Inspection. Shell Fish—There are Shell Fish beds in the estuary of the Dee within the jurisdiction of the Port Health Authority. These are liable to pollution by sewage in certain areas. Samples of Cockles have been submitted for bacteriological examination. Advice has been given by the Senior Naturalist on the staff of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries on "Safe Shell Fish." The Ministry officials at the Conway Laboratory have been most helpful in my efforts to control the Shell Fish beds.

