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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1956

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

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my **Annual Report for 1956.**

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 was drawn with subsequent improvement.

This Report is compiled in accordance with instructions received from this Ministry of Health.

Yours faithfully,

J. LLEWELLYN-JONES,

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

HAWARDEN,

April 3rd, 1957.

Section I.—Staff.

LLEWELLYN JONES Medical Officer of Health Appointed 14th January, 1931
M.B., Ch. B., D.P.H.

THOMAS COPPACK Sanitary Inspector Appointed 1st October, 1938

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Section II.—Amount of Shipping entering the District during the year:

Ships from	Number.	Tonnage	Number Inspected.		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 Ports	55	33469	32	55	Nil
Coastwise	348	39407	10	41	Nil
Total Foreign and Coastwise ...	403	72516	42	96	Nil

Section III.—Character of Shipping and Trade during the year:

Passenger Traffic—Nil.

Cargo Traffic—Principal Imports: Wood Pulp, Pig Iron, Timber, Steel Sheets, Potash, Scrap Iron, Potatoes, Oyster Shells.

Principal Exports: Coal, Steel Sheets, Residuals, Machinery, Bricks, Tiles, Sanitary Ware, Slag, Phosphate, Pyrites.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive are: Hamburg, Bremen, Gefle, Skogall, Sarpsborg, Hamina, Bone, Kolka, Karlstad, Dornogo, Soussee, Sundsval, Uddevalla, Rysekil, Asbo, Svaritik, Antwerp, Soderlage, Lulea.

Section IV.—Inland Barge Traffic: Nil.

Section V.—Water Supply. Source of Supply: Holywell R.D.C. and Connah's Quay U.D.C.

Precautions were taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes.

There are no Water Boats in the area of this Authority.

Section VI.—Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952. The following arrangements have been made:—

The Declaration of Health is filled in and signed by the Master;

Mooring Stations—(1) Outside Mostyn Deep;

(2) Rhyl roadstead off the parade between the Pier and the east bank of River Clwyd;

(a) Hospital accommodation for Infectious Diseases other than Smallpox: Arrangements are made with the Clwyd & Deeside Hospital Management Board;

(b) Follow up of contacts would be dealt with by Medical Officer of Health;

(c) The Sanitary Inspector would be responsible for disinfection of ship on which a case of Infectious Disease occurs.

Section VII.—Smallpox: Cases of Smallpox from the Port of Chester will be treated at the Isolation Hospital, New Ferry, Cheshire.

Ambulance: Cases of Smallpox will be transferred to hospital by the Cheshire County Ambulance Service. Steps will be taken to ensure that the ambulance crews have been recently vaccinated.

Names of Consultants Available: Dr. Semple, Deputy M.O.H., City of Liverpool; Dr. E. R. Pierce, Senior Assistant Port Medical Officer.

Facilities for Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox: Prof. Downie, Liverpool School of Hygiene.

Section VIII.—Venereal Diseases: Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Diseases amongst Merchant Seamen would be carried out at Chester Royal Infirmary.

Section IX.—No cases of Notifiable or other Infectious Diseases occurred on any of the ships entering the Port during the year.

Section X.—No cases of Malaria occurred on board any of the ships entering the Port during the year.



Section XI.—No ship entered the Port with suspected Plague on board.

Section XII.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that no Rats were found on any ships, foreign or coastwise. All ships inspected carried current deratization certificates.

Bacteriological and pathological examination of Rats would be carried out at the Liverpool School of Hygiene.

Section XIII.—During the year the Sanitary Inspector examined 96 ships for nuisances. 18 were found to have minor sanitary defects and these were remedied after they had been brought to the attention of the Master.

No Statutory Notices were served during the year.

Section XIV.—Shell Fish: Certain of the beds within the jurisdiction of the Authority are liable to pollution. Inspections are made to prevent the sale of Cockles from these beds to the public.

Section XV.—Does not apply.

Section XVI.—Arrangements would be made with the local Health Authority in whose area the ship is to berth for the burial on shore of person who have died on board ship from infectious disease.