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Hartlepool Port Health Authority

1953-54

Chairman : T. BREWARD

Elected by West Hartlepool Corporation :

T. BREWARD, 37, Wharton Terrace, West Hartlepool.
W. G. COWARD, 7, Eamont Gardens, West Hartlepool.
T. N. HORSMAN, 169, Grange Road, West Hartlepool.
J. ADDISON, 49, Marston Gardens, West Hartlepool.
J. BRATTON, 4, Westbrooke Grove, West Hartlepool.
E. HAND (Mayor), Crescent House, South Crescent, Hartlepool.
T. ANDREWS, 3, Southburn Terrace, West Hartlepool.
J. W. MILLER, 7, Southlands Avenue, West Hartlepool.
W. JONES, 36, Lansdowne Road, West Hartlepool.
G. KING, 44, Tunstall Avenue, West Hartlepool.

Elected by Hartlepool Corporation :

F. J. CARR, O.B.E., J.P., Piercliffe, 32, St. Hilda St., Hartlepool.
A. J. ORLEY, 202, Hart Road, Hartlepool.
W. C. POUNDER, (Mayor), 56, Howard Street, Hartlepool.
W. W. EMERSON, 25, Hart Street, Hartlepool.
J. WESTMORLAND, 72, Brougham Street, Hartlepool.

Fixed Days of Meetings :

At the Municipal Buildings, West Hartlepool.

18th June, 1953	10th December, 1953	15th, April 1954
17th September, 1953	18th February, 1954	17th June, 1954

Each day at 6-0 p.m.

Finance and Port Committees :

All the Members of the Authority are Members of these Committees.

The Committees meet on the same day as the Meeting is held.

Officers :

Clerk	C.	GILBERT BUNTING, Solicitor, Exchange Building, 66, Church Street, West Hartlepool. Telephone : 3132-3 (2 lines).
Medical Officer .. .	J.	CRABB, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.T.M. & H., D.R.C.O.G., 221, Stockton Rd., West Hartlepool. Telephone : 3035.
Deputy Medical Officer	JOHN T.	SMITH, M.B., Ch.B., Owton Manor, West Hartlepool. Telephone : 3044.
Inspector ...	R. J.	KNÖTT, Exchange Building, 66 Church Street, West Hartlepool. Telephone : 2015.
Deputy Inspector ..	G. A.	WARD, 12, Beaconsfield Street, Hartlepool. Telephone : 6112.
Rat Catcher ..	H.	MENHENNET, 19, Penrith Street, Hartlepool

Birmingham Port Health Authority

1953-54

Report of the Committee

Presented to the Council of the Authority

At a Meeting held on 11th November 1954

In the presence of the Mayor of Birmingham

and the Members of the Council

and the Members of the Committee

and the Members of the Sub-Committee

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Annual Report

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

**To the Chairman and Members of the
Hartlepool Port Health Authority.**

Gentlemen,

In compliance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1953.

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health those sections which were reported fully in the report for 1953, and in which there has been no change are simply marked "NO CHANGE."

There has been a decrease in the amount of timber imported and a slight decrease in the coal export but there has been a substantial increase in the export of Magnesite and Basic Slag.

There has been no infectious disease in the port during the year and the ordinary sickness incidence remains the same.

Work under the International Sanitary Regulations, 1951 has resulted in the issue of 62 Deratting and Deratting Exemption certificates compared with 63 in 1952.

The work carried out by your Inspector, his deputy and the ratcatcher has been to my entire satisfaction, and a record of the Inspector's work is included in the report.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks for the valuable assistance given to me by the Chief Preventive Officer of H.M. Customs and his staff, to Captain Stathers, M.B.E. and his assistant dockmasters, to the Ministry of Transport Surveyor, to H.M. Immigration Officers, and also to the Pilot Master and the Pilots for their hearty co-operation with the officials of the Authority.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN CRABB,

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.T.M. & H., D.R.C.O.G.

Port Medical Officer of Health.

Annual Report

WEST HARTFORD

To the Librarians and Members of the
Hartford Free Library Society

In compliance with the requirements of the Statute of the State
relating to the annual report of the Librarian of the Free Library

of the State of Connecticut, the Librarian of the Free Library
of the City of Hartford, for the year ending on the 31st day of
December, 1901, has the honor to submit to the Librarians and
Members of the Society the following report.

There has been a decrease in the number of books purchased and
added to the collection during the year, but the number of books
returned by borrowers has been increased.

There has been an increase in the number of books loaned during the
year and the number of books returned by borrowers has also been
increased.

During the year the 17 volumes of the 1901 Catalogue have been
added to the list of books and the number of books in the collection
has been increased.

The year ended on the 31st day of December, 1901, and the
number of books added to the collection has been increased.

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SECTION I—STAFF.

Table A.

“ NO CHANGE ”

SECTION II—Amount of Shipping Entering the District during the year 1953.

Table B.

Ships from	No.	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had, during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary inspector	
Foreign Ports	498	316,108	46	497	Nil
Coastwise	885	836,858	27	809	Nil
Total ..	1,383	1,152,966	73	1,306	Nil

SECTION III—Character of Shipping and Trade during the year.

Table C.

Passenger Traffic—

This is not an approved Passenger Port and there is therefore no regular passenger traffic. Certain passengers are allowed to land subject to certain restrictions imposed by H.M. Immigration Office. The following information has been supplied through the courtesy of Mr. Lumb, H.M. Immigration Officer, Middlesbrough and West Hartlepool.

Number of passengers INWARDS	55
Number of passengers OUTWARDS	71
Alien passengers embarked	33
Alien passengers landed	25

Cargo Traffic—Principal Imports :—

Pitprops	136,566	loads
Mining Timber	13,460	"
Sawn Wood	110,250	"
Logs	6,685	tons
Other wood goods	1,680	"
Scrap	36,062	"
Iron Ore	91,769	"
Wood pulp	12,816	"
Fuel Oil	6,820	"
Miscellaneous	5,251	"
Fish	4,035	"

Principal Exports :—

Coal and Coke	1,926,595	tons
Magnesite	7,499	"
Machinery	257	"
General	983	"
Basic Slag	111,342	"

The above particulars have been supplied through the courtesy of the Docks and Inland Waterways Executive.

Principal Ports from which Ships arrive—

<i>Cargo</i>	<i>Foreign Ports</i>
Props ..	Aalesund, Archangel, Arendal, Bahamas, Bergkvara, Christiansund, Frederikstad, Gothenburg, Gronoe, Gamleby, Gefle, Halmstad, Hamina, Haminka, Haukipudas, Holden, Jacobstad, Koping, Kemi, Kristiansand, Kalmar, Karlshamm, Karlstad, Lenin-grad, Lilliesand, Lidkoping, Lexioes, Mariastad, Mantylouto, Nyhamm, Newcastle N.B., Oscarshamm, Oslo, Porsgrund, Ronneby, Skien, Skeleftea, Udda- valla, Vestaras, Wasa, Yxpila.
Timber ..	Abo, Archangel, Blankaholm, Bordeaux, Bayonne, Christinehamm, Domsjo, Danzig, Dubrovnik, Gdynia, Gefle, Gothenburg, Halmstad, Hamina, Hango, Hamburg, Hudiksvall, Kalmar, Kemi, Karlshamm, Karlstad, Kasko, Karlskrona, Kotka, Norrkoping, New Westminster, Patiniema, Petchara, Raumo, Sodertalje, Skogsby, Skutskar, Sandvik, Sundsvall, Stockholm, Slite, Vasklot, Vancouver, Walkom.

Principal Ports from which Ships arrived—*continued*

<i>Cargo</i>	<i>Foreign Ports</i>
Mahogany Logs ..	West Africa.
Wood pulp	Gefle, Vestervik, Hango, Gothenburg, Kotka, Archangel, Burea.
Sleepers ..	Honfleur, Bordeaux, Bayonne, Halmstad.
Scrap Iron	Dordrecht, Rotterdam, Utrecht, Delfziel, Amsterdam, Brussels.
Bricks	Rumst.
Sago Flour	Delfziel, Groningen.

Ships arrived light from—

Christiansand, Copenhagen, Hamburg, Emden, Jonsdorp, Ghent, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Terneuse, Havre, Rouen, Genoa,

SECTION IV—Inland Barge Traffic.

There is no such traffic.

SECTION V—Water Supply.

“NO CHANGE.”

SECTION VI—Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1953.

“NO CHANGE.”

SECTION VII—Smallpox.

(1) Smallpox patients would be sent to Langley Park Hospital, Langley Park, County Durham.

(2) Arrangements have been made with the County Borough of West Hartlepool to remove any smallpox cases arriving, or occurring, in the port, and they are responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

(3) Smallpox consultants available are :—

Dr. J. B. Robinson, Brierton Hospital, West Hartlepool,
and Dr. E. Thorpe, 13, The Broadway, Grindon, Sunderland.

(4) Dr. R. T. Cooke, Pathologist at the General Hospital,
West Hartlepool has facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox.

SECTION VIII—Venereal Disease.

“NO CHANGE.”

SECTION IX—Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships.

Table D.

Category	Disease	No. of cases during year		No. of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports ..		Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival		Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships		Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X—Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in Ships.

There have been no cases of malaria on ships in or arriving at the port.

SECTION XI—Measures taken against Ships infected with or suspected for Plague.

There have been no such ships in the port.

SECTION XII—Measures against Rodents in Ships from Foreign Ports.

(1) *Procedure for Inspection of Ships for Rats—*

All ships arriving from foreign ports are searched as early as possible after arrival, to the extent that cargo will allow. After some of the cargo has been discharged from the holds further search is made.

(2) *Arrangements for the Examination of Rodents—*

All rodents recovered are examined superficially by the Inspector or the ratcatcher and any showing signs of not having been in good health are sent for pathological and bacteriological examination to Dr. T. Blower, Pathologist, General Hospital, West Lane, Middlesbrough.

(3) *Arrangements for Deratting of Ships—*

In case of a minor infestation on a ship holding a valid deratting or deratting exemption certificate the port ratcatcher carries out trapping or poisoning or both.

Deratting for the issue of a Deratting Certificate is done with cyanide by private contractors to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer.

The Contractor is not nominated by the Medical Officer. Firms who undertake fumigations are :—

Ben Wright & Co. Ltd.	Middlesbrough
Barber & Heron & Co.	South Shields
Milburn & Co. Ltd.	Sunderland.

(4) *Ratproofing of Ships—*

Ratproofing of new vessels is satisfactory. Old tonnage is improved as is necessary and practical.

Table E.
Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports—

<i>Category</i>	<i>Number</i>
Black rats	52
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known ..	Nil
Sent for examination ..	Nil
Infected with plague ..	Nil

Table F.

**Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates
issued during the year for ships from foreign ports—**

No. of Deratting Certificates issued				Total	No. of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumigation with H.C.N.	Other fumigant (state method)	After Trapping	After Poisoning			
2	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	31	33

In addition 29 Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued to coastwise vessels.

SECTION XIII—Inspection of Ships for Nuisances.

Table G.

Inspections and Notices—

Nature and No. of inspections	Notices served		Result of serving notices
	Statutory notices	Other notices	
1331	Nil	57 Verbal & informal	All complied with

The nuisances and sanitary defects consisted mainly of dirty and verminous quarters, defective and foul W.C.'s, leaking decks and defective ports and portlights.

**SECTION XIV—Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations
1934 and 1948.**

“NO CHANGE.”

SECTION XV—Medical Inspection of Aliens.

This is not an approved port for the landing of aliens.

SECTION XVI—Miscellaneous.

Dead bodies are removed immediately to the nearest mortuary and action taken to secure speedy interment of the same.





