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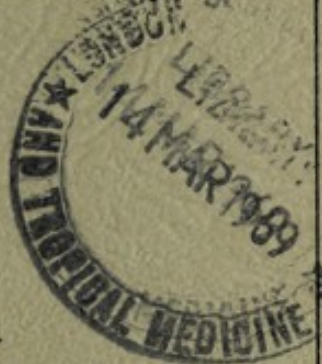
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Chairman - - T. BREWARD

Elected by West Hartlepool Corporation :

- T. BREWARD, B.E.M., 14, Powlett Road, West Hartlepool.
H. L. HOGG, C.B.E., J.P., 7, The Grove, West Hartlepool.
G. P. K. GALLIMORE, Ambleside Manor, Elwick Road, West Hartlepool.
N. S. BROUGH, 17, Caledonian Road, West Hartlepool.
A. L. ADAMSON, 51, Grange Road, West Hartlepool.
W. O. MANN, 24, Weldeck Gardens, West Hartlepool.
D. CHAFFEY, 21, Alness Grove, West Hartlepool.
B. HANSON, 4, Grantham Avenue, West Hartlepool.
C. R. WARNES, 10, Staincliffe Road, Seaton Carew, West Hartlepool.
R. T. WATKINS, 52, Thornville Road, West Hartlepool.

Elected by Hartlepool Corporation :

- T. T. AIRD, Park Hotel, Park Road, West Hartlepool.
W. HUNTER, 13, Wilster Terrace, Hartlepool.
T. MARINE, 333, West View Road, Hartlepool.
T. I. BOAGEY (Mayor), 149, Annandale Crescent, Hartlepool.
W. PERCIVAL, 38, Stephenson Street, Hartlepool.

Fixed Days of Meetings

At the Municipal Buildings, West Hartlepool.

20th June, 1963	12th December, 1963	16th April, 1964
19th September, 1963	20th February, 1964	18th June, 1964
<i>Each day at 6-0 p.m.</i>		

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. KNOTT, M.B.E. Exchange Building, 66 Church St., West Hartlepool. Telephone: 2015.
Deputy Inspector		G. A. WARD, 12, Beaconsfield Street, Hartlepool, Telephone : 6112.
Rat-Catcher		H. MENHENNET, 19, Penrith Street, Hartlepool.

ANNUAL REPORT

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

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

Gentlemen,

In accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1963.

In accordance with the instructions received from the Ministry of Health, certain sections which were fully reported for the year 1960 and in which there has been no change, are simply marked "NO CHANGE."

There has been a slight increase in the number and tonnage of vessels entering the port. There has been a slight increase in the export of coal and a decided increase in the import of iron ore.

There has been no case of infectious disease in the port during the year.

Work under the International Sanitary Regulations, 1951, has resulted in the issue of thirty-two deratting exemption certificates. No rats have been recovered from vessels during the year.

The standard of cleanliness maintained in crews' accommodation continues to be very good and the nuisances which have had to be dealt with were of a minor character.

The work carried out by your Inspector, his deputy and the rat-catcher 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 me by the Chief Preventive Officer of H.M. Customs and his staff, to Captain D. M. Maclean and his assistant dock-masters, to the Ministry of Transport Surveyor, to H.M. Immigration Officers, and also to the Pilot Master and 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.

SECTION I—STAFF

Table A.

"NO CHANGE."

SECTION II—Amount of Shipping Entering the District during the year 1963.

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 Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	288	503,992	43	287	Nil
Coastwise ..	766	787,407	40	677	Nil
Total ..	1,054	1,291,399	83	964	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 H.M. Immigration Officer, Middlesbrough and West Hartlepool.

No. of passengers INWARDS	134
No. of passengers OUTWARDS	110
Alien passengers embarked	79
Alien passengers landed	117

Cargo Traffic—Principal Imports :—

Pitwood	66,546 tons
Mining Timber	1,878 „
Sawn Wood	127,833 „
Sleepers	3,782 „
Other wood goods	1,126 „
Iron and Steel	1,578 „
Iron Ore	726,336 „
Wood Pulp	7,659 „
Oil and Spirit	13,355 „
Miscellaneous	41 „
Fish	1,785 „

Principal Exports :—

Coal and Coke	2,011,196 tons
Magnesite	36,791 „
Machinery	219 „
Iron and Steel	25,957 „
Limestone	33,459 „
Other Commodities	745 „
Petroleum	681 „
Other Chemicals	5,061 „

The above particulars have been supplied through the courtesy of the British Transport Commission, Mainsforth Terrace, West Hartlepool.

Principal Ports from which Ships Arrive—

Cargo	Foreign Ports
Props ..	Archangel, Hamina, Himanka, Jacobstad, Kotka, Lapalouto, Leningrad, Mantylouto, Setabol, Toppila, Ventspil, Wasklot.
Timber ..	Archangel, B.C. Ports, Bleket, Bremen, Byxelkrok, Danzig, Halmstad, Hamina, Haukipudas, Jacobstad, Kalmar, Karlshamm, Kotka, Kem, Kemi, Karlstad, Kopmanholman, Kristinehamn, Kristinestad, Leningrad, Mantylouto, Mesane, Onega, Port Alegre, Patiniema, Rundsvik, Skogby, S. American Ports, Umba, Vasklot, Ygarka.
Sleepers ..	Bordeaux.
Wood pulp	Archangel, Hamina, Husum, Kaliningrad, Kotka, Sundsvall, Umea.
Iron Ore ..	Corunna, Helsingborg, Heulva, Leghorn, Lulea, Narvik, Oxelosund, Port Etienne, Port Ordaz, Vigo, Wabana.
Steel plates	Ymuiden.
General ..	Gothenburg, Danzig, Sundsvall.

Ships arrived light from—

Antwerp, Brake, Brussels, Calais, Copenhagen, Dordrecht, Dunkirk, Flushing, Ghent, Hamburg, Havre, Herora, Holbeck, Marinki, Odda, Ostende, Rotterdam, Rouen, Terneuzen.

SECTION IV—Inland Barge Traffic.

There is no such traffic.

SECTION V—Water Supply.

"NO CHANGE."

SECTION VI—Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

"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 in accordance with the Ministry of Health Regional Panel of consultants.

(4) Facilities for the laboratory diagnosis of smallpox are provided at the area Public Health Laboratory.

SECTION VIII—Venereal Disease.

Merchant seamen are able to have treatment for Venereal Disease at the following places at the times stated.

General Hospital, West Hartlepool.	Males—Mondays to Friday, 5—6 p.m.
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General Hospital, West Lane, Middlesbrough.	Monday to Friday, 8—12 a.m. 2—5 p.m.
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Stockton & Thornaby Hospital, Bowesfield Lane, Stockton-on-Tees.	Tuesday—4-30 p.m. to 6-30 p.m. Saturday—9-0 a.m. to 10-30 a.m.
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Any requiring in-patient treatment would be accommodated at the General Hospital, West Lane, Middlesbrough.

Cards giving information of the places and times at which treatment for Venereal Disease can be had are delivered on board ships by the Inspector.

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 the 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
Scientex Ltd.	South Shields
Milburn & Co. Ltd.	Sunderland
D. P. Servicing Co.	South Shields

(4) *Rat-proofing of Ships—*

Rat-proofing 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—

Category	Number
Black rats	Nil
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				No. of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumigation with		After Trapping	After Poisoning		
H.C.N.	Other fumigant (state method)			Total	
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	15
					15

In addition, 17 Deratting Exemption Certificates and 4 Rodent Control 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	
964	Nil	30 Verbal & informal	30 Complied with

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

SECTION XIV—Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations, 1943 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.



