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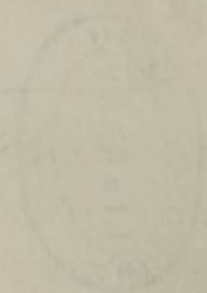
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CHARACTER OF THE PORT

The Port area of Lowestoft is divided into three separate areas, consisting of the Hamilton, Waveney and Trawl Dock used by Trawlers and Drifters for the landing of White Fish and Herring (during the season), and the North and South Quays situated on the banks of Lake Lothing, west of the swing bridge. The North and South Quays are used by the merchant ships carrying timber, salt, stone, coal, etc. The west end of the North Quay is used for coaling and general repair work including dry docking whilst the South bank of Lake Lothing is extensively used by the ship building firms.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The medical services as outlined in the Report for 1955 have been maintained.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply to the Port consists of fresh and salt water mains and the fishing port comprising Hamilton, Waveney and Trawl Docks is served by 5,160 ft. of fresh water main and 4,290 ft. of salt water mains. The discrepancy is occasioned by the absence of salt water supply to East, West and South wharves of the Trawl Market, these wharves are used only for docking purposes. There is no water supply to the South Quay but fresh water points are provided on the North Quay.

MARKET CLEANSING

As in previous years the daily cleansing of the fish market was carried out in a most efficient manner. Slight difficulty was experienced due to the improper stacking of fish boxes on the market.

The fish merchants concerned were approached and immediately re-stacked their boxes thus allowing thorough cleansing of the whole of the market area.

FISH LANDINGS FOR THE YEAR

The average monthly strength of the trawler fleet during the year was 60 vessels. The highest number of vessels at sea was 76 during January, and the lowest 53 during April. The latter half of the year was constant with 59 vessels. The total number of landings made during the year was 1,678.

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Set out below are the quantities and values of fish landed during 1956.

	Cwts	Value (£'s)
Brill	2,049	19,864
Catfish	510	1,285
Cod	39,897	122,399
Conger Eels	315	545
Dabs	6,350	19,338
Dogfish	842	2,299
Flukes/Flounders	974	941
Gurnards/Latches	2,593	4,241
Haddocks	24,375	65,834
Halibut	111	1,592
Hake	155	1,101
Herring (Trawled)	324	504
Lemon Soles	1,496	13,449
Ling	548	648
Monkfish	716	1,425
Negrima	23	46
Mackerel	325	1,057
Mullet (Red)	6	70
Norway Lobsters	43	265
Plaice	100,778	562,498
Pollack	27	57
Roes	374	1,826
Skates and Rays	15,786	65,376
Saithe	747	1,286
Soles	11,171	168,898
Turbot	11,293	80,533
Tusk	2	2
Whiting	15,607	39,778
Witches	492	2,629
All others	1,270	2,601
Totals:	239,199	1,182,387

HERRING FISHING

Landings and Values for 1956.

No. of Landings	Quantity of Crans	Value
1,497	51,599	£265,423

There were 376 landings less than in 1954 although the total number of crans landed was 26 more than in 1955 with an increased value of £1,020 over 1955.

1956 was again a very disappointing season and following upon the poor fishing of 1955 particularly affected the owners who received only 1,349 crans. Less than half the number of curing crews were employed as in the previous year, and it is becoming more and more evident that we shall soon have seen the last of Scotch Herring Curers so far as East Anglia is concerned.

The following table shows the disposal of the herrings during the season.

	Crans
Pickle Cure	1,349
Klondyked	1,848
Redded	4,924
Kipperd	5,036
Marinated	3,832
Canned	2,873
Dog Food	365
Bait	74
Frozen	8,916
Meal and Oil	1,293
Freshed	21,088

Total: 51,599

THE FLEET

Four new vessels were added to the fleet during 1956 but 7 vessels were sold for breaking up. Two vessels were converted from coal to oil burning. Three vessels also left to work from other ports.

During the East Anglian Herring Season the fleet consisted of 16 steam and 52 motor drifters. Of the 52 motor drifters, 33 came down from Scotland. This shows a reduction of 19 drifters as compared with 1955.

INSPECTIONS

The systematic inspection of trawlers and fish holds was maintained throughout the year and 899 inspections were made for the purpose of ensuring cleanliness and sanitary condition of fish holds. Only 4 fish holds were found to be in need of further cleansing and this work was carried out immediately. The pound boards in the fish holds of 8 vessels were renewed in whole or in part after verbal representation to the owners concerned.

578 general inspections of trawlers and drifters were made during the year and the following matters received attention as a result of verbal representation to the owners:-

Dirty bedding destroyed	-	22
Bunks and galleys painted	-	7
Food stores repaired	-	5
Water tanks cleansed	-	29
Disinfections	-	1

25 samples of drinking water were taken from the water tanks of fishing vessels and 11 were found to be unsatisfactory. Immediately the unsatisfactory reports were to hand the owners were contacted and arrangements made for the cleansing and cement washing of the tanks.

FISH INSPECTION

Throughout the year trawl fish was examined every morning prior to the commencement of the fish sales on the fish markets and it was not found necessary to condemn any fish as unfit for human consumption.

Inspections of herrings were made throughout each daily landing.

Regular supervision was maintained of the boxes used for fish packing and there was little cause for complaint during the year. It was found necessary to complain about the dirty aluminium boxes used aboard a drifter from another port. These boxes were very dirty and on our insistence were cleansed before the drifter again sailed.

RODENT CONTROL

567 inspections were made under the Prevention of Damage by Pests (Application to Shipping) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1956 and 212 certificates were issued under the Order.

As from April 16th 1956, a charge of 10/- was made for each certificate issued and each certificate remains in force for a period of 4 months from the date of issue.

During the year 4 Lowestoft Drifters and 1 Scotch Drifter were found to have minor infestations of rats. De-ratization was carried out by the Corporation Rodent Operator and the cost of these treatments was charged to the respective owners of the vessels concerned.

VERMIN

It is most pleasing to report that during the year there was not a single case of vermin aboard any of the fishing vessels.

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In conclusion, your Port Medical Officer and Chief Port Health Inspector would again place on record their appreciation of the ready and willing co-operation which has been accorded by all sections of the fishing industry and by the Harbour Master and members of his staff.

We would also express our thanks for the courteous co-operation and assistance we have at all times received from the officers of H.M. Customs.

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The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various committees of the Board of Directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, for the year ending December 31, 1911.

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Committee on Finance

SECTION II
Table B.

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

Ships from	Number	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 Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	166	16,877	14	64	1 (2 cases of Chicken Pox 1 case of Measles)
Coastwise	352	51,194	6	82	Nil
Total	518	68,071	20	146	1

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BRITISH FISHING VESSELS - Number of Landings by British Fishing Vessels made in the Port during the year.

	Landings	Approx. Tonnage	Inspections
TRAWLERS	1,678	100,680	1,565
DRIFTERS	1,497	59,880	
TOTAL	3,175	160,560	

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SECTION III. - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic - Number of Passengers INWARDS - Nil
Number of Passengers OUTWARDS - Nil

Cargo Traffic

IMPORTS

	Coastwise	Foreign
Coal	19,120 tons	
Oil & Spirit	51,142 "	
Stone	25,676 "	
Grain	232 "	
Sundries	477 "	961 tons
D.B.B.		1,922 Stds
Sleepers & Crossings		17,139 loads

EXPORTS

	Coastwise	Foreign
Grains	1,215 tons	5,290 tons
Cured Herrings		1,344 barrels
Scrap Iron	428 tons	

Principal Ports from which ships arrive:-

FRANCE - Boulogne, Bordeaux, Calais, Bayonne
CORSICA - Bastia
HOLLAND - Ymuiden, Rotterdam
BELGIUM - Antwerp, Ostend, Nieupoort, Zeebrugge.
SWEDEN - Norrköping, Halmstad, Oskarshamn.
FINLAND - Hamina

SECTION IV. - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

Numbers and tonnage using the district and places served by
the traffic - Nil.

SECTION V. - WATER SUPPLY

No change

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SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1952.

Under this section, information is required regarding -

- (1) Arrangements for the distribution of the List of Infected Areas received from the Ministry weekly.
- (2) Arrangement for the reception or transmission of Health messages to ships by radio.
- (3) Arrangements for reception of notification of cases of infectious disease by means, other than radio.
- (4) Situation of Mooring Stations for infected vessels.
- (5) Arrangements for hospital accommodation for infectious diseases, the surveillance and follow-up of contacts and the procedure used for cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and articles.

The arrangements in this Port for the above are as follows:-

- (1) List supplied to Port Medical Officer of Health and Chief and Deputy Chief Port Health Inspector.
Passed to Waterguard Office, when list is prepared and amended accordingly.
- (2) (a) Arrangements made with Coastguard to contact Humber Radio for outgoing messages.
(b) Incoming messages, Humber Radio contacts Medical Officer direct or via Coastguard by telephone.
- (3) Notified to Medical Officer of Health by Waterguard immediately upon receipt.
- (4) Lowestoft Roads and Dolphin in inner harbour South of Richards Wharf.
- (5) (a) Arrangements made with Yarmouth Isolation Hospital.
(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts carried out by Port Medical Officer and Public Health Inspectors.
(c) Authority employs a cleansing man with vehicle for disinfection of ships, etc. Clothing and other articles steam disinfected by local authority. Persons can be cleansed at the Health Department Clinic.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

- (1) Cases may be sent either to Ipswich or Yarmouth Isolation Hospitals, and also Norwich Hospital.
- (2) Arrangements made by East Suffolk County Council ambulance service who are also responsible for vaccinal state of ambulance crews.
- (3) Dr. A.O. SMITH, 24, Unthank Road, Norwich.
Dr. W.A. OLIVER, M.B.E., Norfolk & Norwich Hospital.
Dr. R.A. LEADER, Elm Street, Ipswich.
- (4) Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE.

No change.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.

TABLE D.

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
+ Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	2 cases of Chicken Fox			
	1 case of Measles	Nil	3	1
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

+ These occurred aboard a foreign naval depot ship and were isolated aboard ship.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS.

No occurrence of this disease.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE.

No occurrence of this disease.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

- (1) Ships inspected on arrival. Deratization certificates checked.
- (2) No foreign ships found to be infested with rats. Specimens for examination would be sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Ipswich.
- (3) Not an approved Port.
- (4) No action taken.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Nil - not an approved Port.

TABLE F.

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

Nil - Not an approved Port.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCE.

TABLE G.

Nature and Number Inspections		Notices served		Result of serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices *	
Foreign Shipping	166	Nil	Nil	-
Coastwise Shipping	352	Nil	Nil	-
British Fishing Vessels	3175	Nil	54	54 complied with

* Includes Verbal Notices.

SECTION XIV. - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 & 1948.

Nil

SECTION XV. - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS (APPLICABLE ONLY TO PORTS APPROVED FOR THE LANDING OF ALIENS).

Not an approved Port.

SECTION XVI. - MISCELLANEOUS (ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BURIAL ON SHORE OF PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED ON BOARD FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

No change.

