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Town Hall,  
WORKINGTON.

17th March 1926.

Annual Report for the Year 1925 of the Medical Officer  
of Health for Port Sanitary Authority.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my Annual  
Report for the year 1925.

I have pleasure in reporting that no case of illness or  
infectious disease occurred during the year. The Port has  
further had no case of Smallpox which as you will remember this  
disease occurred in the neighbourhood in epidemic form in the  
previous year. I have paid 25 visits to the Port and found  
everything satisfactory on these occasions.

Owing to the re-construction of the New Dock at Workington  
foreign arrivals have been diverted to other ports.

The re-construction of the Lonsdale Dock has progressed  
slowly. The dock has nearly been excavated and the Dock walls  
practically completed. The dock gates are in the process of  
construction. There is still, however, a good deal of work to  
be carried out before the New Dock will be completed.

The question of the presence of rats has also engaged my  
attention. From enquiries made rats have again been seen in  
the vicinity of the Liverpool Trading Warehouse and steps have  
been taken to destroy them by the use of virus.

The chief imports are Iron Ore and material for Steel works.  
The exports are Coal, Iron and Steel.

Complete co-operation exists between the Public Health  
Department and the Customs Officer who is periodically furnished  
with lists of infected Ports abroad.

The following table shows the list of Shipping Returns for  
the year:-

1935  
1936  
1937

Annual Report for the Year 1935 of the Medical Officer  
of Health for West Swaziland

Mr. Chairman, Swaziland

I beg to submit to you my annual  
Report for the year 1935.

I have pleasure in reporting that no case of illness or  
infectious disease occurred during the year. The fact has  
further had no case of malaria which as you will remember this  
disease occurred in the neighbourhood in epidemic form in the  
previous year. I have paid 25 visits to the Port and found  
everything satisfactory on those occasions.

Going to the re-constitution of the new local authorities  
certain districts have been divided to other parts.  
The re-constitution of the Swaziland has proceeded  
smoothly. The work has nearly been completed and the good will  
practically completed. The work done in the process of  
re-constitution. There is still, however, a good deal of work to  
be carried out before the new local authorities will be completed.

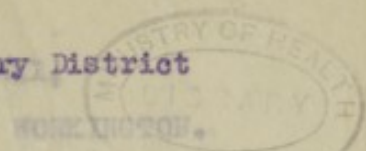
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Complete co-operation exists between the Swaziland Health  
Department and the Customs Officer who is exceptionally maintained  
with lists of infected ports.

The following table shows the list of shipping returns for  
the year:-

Amount of Shipping entering the Port Sanitary District  
during the year 1925.



Arrivals from Foreign Ports.				Sailings to Foreign Ports.			
No.	Cargo.	No.	Ballast.	No.	Cargo.	No.	Ballast.
Steamer	2 : 299	105 :	18247	Steamer	58 : 11756	2 :	276.
Motor	1 : 47	Nil :	Nil	Motor	Nil : Nil	Nil :	Nil.
Sailing	Nil : Nil	Nil :	Nil	Sailing	Nil : Nil	Nil :	Nil.
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 : 346</b>	<b>105 :</b>	<b>18247</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>58 : 11756</b>	<b>2 :</b>	<b>276.</b>

<sup>x</sup> Arrivals Coastwise. <sup>x</sup> Sailings coastwise.

No.	Cargo.	No.	Ballast.	No.	Cargo.	No.	Ballast.
Steam	122 : 16137	256 :	41780	Steam	384 : 57450	41 :	6641.
Motor	1 : 38	124 :	13913	Motor	123 : 13901	2 :	83.
Sailing	Nil : Nil	Nil :	Nil	Sailing	Nil : Nil	Nil :	Nil.
<b>Total</b>	<b>123 : 16175</b>	<b>380 :</b>	<b>55693.</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>507 : 71351</b>	<b>43 :</b>	<b>6724.</b>

<sup>x</sup> Including arrivals and sailings, Harrington.

Appended herewith is a statement of the Sanitary Inspector's Return for the Year.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,  
ROBT. W. MACPHERSON.

Medical Officer of Health for  
the Workington Port Sanitary  
Authority.



Town Hall,

WORKINGTON.

17th March, 1926.



Rats Destroyed in 1925.

To R. W. Macpherson, Esq., M.D., D.P.H.,  
Medical Officer of Health,  
Port Sanitary Authority,  
Workington.

Dear Sir,

Liverpool Virus supplied to Trading Warehouse  
at Harbour. Appearance of number of rats  
greatly diminished.

I herewith submit the following statement  
respecting inspections made during the year.

<u>Steamships.</u>	<u>Foreshore and Harbour.</u>	<u>Notices.</u>	
		<u>Informal.</u>	<u>Statutory.</u>
218	12	3	Nil.

The three informal notices were verbal requests  
to cleanse lavatories and they received attention forthwith.

Opportunity is taken of urging that when fore-  
castles are being painted that a light colour should be  
applied.

The harbours have been kept in a clean  
condition.

I am, Sir,  
Yours respectfully,

M. JOHNSTONE.

Sanitary Inspector.

Worthington  
17th March, 1936

To R. W. Macpherson, Esq., M.D., D.P.H.,  
Medical Officer of Health,  
Port Sanitary Authority,  
Worthington.

Dear Sir,

I herewith submit the following statement  
respecting inspections made during the year.

<u>Stewards</u>	<u>Harbour</u>	<u>Foreshore and</u>	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Notices</u>	<u>Statutory</u>
218	18		3		Nil.

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Yours respectfully,  
M. JOHNSTONE,  
Sanitary Inspector.







PRECAUTIONS AGAINST PLAGUE.

Particulars relating to Vessels "infected" or suspended", or from Infected Ports.

Name of Vessel	Date of Arrival	Whether infected, suspected or from an infected Port.	Methods of Rat Destruction employed	Fumigation by Sulphur dioxide.	Fumigation by Hydrocyanic Acid.	Whether Trepping or poisoning etc.	Number of Rats killed.	Whether Certificate of Deratization was issued.	Remarks.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	

NIL.

NIL.

NIL.

Vessels (other than those dealt with in Form C), subjected to Measures of Rat Destruction.

Number of vessels fumigated by S.O.	Number of Rats killed.	Number of Vessels fumigated by HCN.	Number of Rats killed.	Number of Vessels on which trapping poisoning etc. were employed.	Number of Rats killed.	Number of Certificates issued on Form Port 10".	Number of other certificates issued.	Remarks.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.

NIL.

NIL.

NIL.





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