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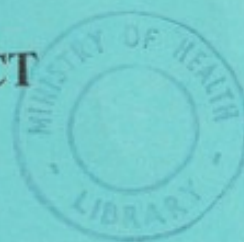
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TOWN HALL,

WORKINGTON,

February, 1958.

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

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

My Report for the year 1957 has been compiled in accordance with the requirements of Form Port 20 of the Ministry of Health, 1952.

The health of the seamen arriving at the Port has been generally good. There was no case of infectious disease during the year and only three cases required hospital treatment for surgical or medical conditions. The further decline in the incidence of venereal disease is also pleasing.

Despite an increase in the number of ships docking fewer notices required to be served against insanitary conditions on board ship. Proportionately these occurred much less in British ships than in foreign vessels.

The volume of imported ore, coal, petroleum showed an increase on the previous year. Exported products also increased.

STAFF.

There were no changes of staff during the year. A list of the personnel and of the members of the Port Health Authority appear on page 2.

SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT 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 Port Health Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	126	233,336	6	126	Nil
Coastwise	482	143,673	Nil	417	Nil
Total	608	377,009	6	543	

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE
DURING THE YEAR.

Passenger Traffic.

Number of passengers Inwards	47
Number of passengers Outwards	4
(In addition 2 stowaways arrived).	

Cargo Traffic.

Imports amounted to 750,901 tons as compared with 730,957 tons during the previous year. Iron ore (including manganese ore) was again the chief import, viz.:—

Iron and Manganese Ores	672,244 tons
Coking Coal	38,500 tons
Petroleum	36,857 tons
Bricks and Ganister	3,092 tons
Spent Oxide	208 tons
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	750,901 tons
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Exports amounted to 142,399 tons as compared with 102,558 tons in 1956, viz.:—

Steel	88,400 tons
Coke Nuts	18,328 tons
Pig Iron	7,949 tons
Tar	7,537 tons
Coal	7,511 tons
Ingot Moulds	5,659 tons
Pitch	4,165 tons
General Cargo	1,899 tons
Sulphate of Ammonia	500 tons
Petroleum	227 tons
Spent Oxide	224 tons
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	142,399 tons
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*Ports from which Ships arrived.**Foreign—126:—*

Algeria	—	Algiers	13
				Bona	13
Brazil	—	Victorio	1
France	...	...	—	Bordeaux	...	...	1
				Le Leque	...	...	1
				Quimper	...	...	1
				Rouen	...	...	1
Morocco	...	...	—	Casablanca	...	...	1
Norway	...	...	—	Kirkenes	...	...	20
Portugal	...	...	—	Setubal	...	...	2
Russia	...	...	—	Poti	...	...	5
Spain	...	...	—	Seville	...	...	3
				Hornillo	...	...	2
				Almeria	...	...	23
Spanish North Africa ..			—	Melilla	...	...	25
Sweden	...	...	—	Lulea	...	...	13
West Africa	...	...	—	Loanda	...	...	1

Coastwise—482:—

Ardrossan	...	...	10	Holyhead	...	...	11
Avonmouth	...	...	2	Irvine	...	...	1
Ayr	...	...	1	Londonderry	...	...	9
Annan	...	...	1	Limerick	...	...	1
Barry	...	...	37	Liverpool	...	...	74
Barrow	...	...	11	Larne	...	...	4
Bangor	...	...	2	Leith	...	...	1
Ballylumford	...	...	1	Manchester	...	...	7
Belfast	...	...	47	Maryport	...	...	2
Birkenhead	...	...	111	Mostyn	...	...	2
Bristol	...	...	2	Newry	...	...	1
Cork	...	...	1	Paisley	...	...	3
Carrickfergus	...	...	1	Preston	...	...	4
Connahs Quay	...	...	3	Port Talbot	...	...	1
Douglas	...	...	4	Ramsay	...	...	1
Drogheda	...	...	2	Runcorn	...	...	2
Dublin	...	...	16	Stanlow	...	...	33
Ellesmere Port	...	...	1	Silloth	...	...	10
Fleetwood	...	...	1	Swansea	...	...	2
Fishing Grounds	...	...	12	Stranraer	...	...	1
Fowey	...	...	1	Tralee	...	...	1
Greenock	...	...	13	Waterford	...	...	1
Glasgow	...	...	14	Western Point	...	...	2
Heysham	...	...	13	Whitehaven	...	...	1

WATER SAMPLES.

The Port is supplied with chlorinated water via the mains of Workington Borough: ship water-tanks are filled from hydrants situated on the dockside. Routine samples, both bacteriological and chemical, taken during the year, proved to be satisfactory.

Routine enquiries were made on all vessels as to the source of the water on board and as to the frequency and method of cleaning out water tanks.

In two cases samples of water taken from foreign-going vessels were found to be satisfactory.

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

The Regulations have continued to work smoothly in all sections itemised in the report for 1955.

SMALLPOX.

The reception hospital for cases of Smallpox is now Langley Park Hospital, Co. Durham. The ambulance and laboratory services remain the same as in recent years.

Six seamen bound for America were re-vaccinated.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

Particular enquiries are made on all vessels in respect of these diseases and printed directions as to procedure for obtaining treatment locally are given.

During the year eight seamen (2 British and 6 foreign) received treatment.

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.

No case of infectious disease was reported and no cases of illness seen by the Port Medical Officer was of this nature.

The following cases of sickness or injury were reported by masters of vessels when docking:—

<i>Nationality.</i>	<i>Complaint.</i>	<i>Treatment.</i>
British.	Gastritis.	Local Medical Practitioner.
German.	Skin Disorder.	Hospital.
Costa Rican.	Broken Thigh.	Hospital.
Greek.	Gastric Ulcer.	Local Medical Practitioner.
British.	Chest.	Local Medical Practitioner.
British.	Teeth.	Dentist.
British.	Sore Throat.	Local Medical Practitioner.
British.	Chest.	Local Medical Practitioner.
British.	Teeth.	Dentist.
Costa Rican.	Scalded.	Hospital.
British.	Influenza.	Local Medical Practitioner.
British.	Influenza.	Local Medical Practitioner.
Portuguese (stowaway).	Sickness.	Local Medical Practitioner.

MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

During the year all vessels were searched for rats. Test baits and traps were laid, and rat guards were available.

On three vessels only was slight evidence of rats discovered. Baits and traps, however, proved unsuccessful. Due to the necessity for vessels to carry Deratting and Rodent Control Certificates nearly all vessels entering the Port are rat free. The carrying of mineral cargoes also considerably minimises the risk of rat infestation.

During the year action was taken against rats in three buildings on the Dockside.

INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

<i>Nature and Number of Inspections.</i>		<i>Notices served.</i>		<i>Result of serving Notices.</i>
		<i>Statutory Notices.</i>	<i>Other Notices.</i>	
British	471	Nil	36	2 attention next port. Remainder carried out.
Foreign	164	Nil	11	3 attention next port. Remainder carried out.
Total	635	Nil	47	

The forty-seven notices served cover the following defects, nuisances or conditions prejudicial to health:—

	<i>Other</i>		
	<i>British. Nationalities.</i>		
Dirty crews' quarters	2	4	1 Costa Rican. 1 Finnish. 2 Spanish.
Dirty messrooms	2	2	1 Greek. 1 Spanish.
Dirty pantries, galleys or storerooms	3	3	1 Greek. 2 Spanish.
Dirty washplaces	7	2	1 Spanish. 1 Costa Rican.
Choked scuppers or sinks	6	—	
Choked and/or dirty waterclosets	14	4	1 French. 1 Costa Rican. 2 Spanish.
Leaking steampipes	—	1	Danish.
Defective ventilators or insufficient ventilation ...	—	2	1 Finnish. 1 Costa Rican.
Leaking overhead decks	—	1	Costa Rican.
Defective ports	2	1	French.
Defective sanitary fittings	4	3	1 Greek. 1 Costa Rican. 1 Spanish.
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The number of vessels entering the Port during 1957 increased by 68 as compared with the previous year.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Total Net Tonnage.</i>
1952	491	320,710
1953	533	344,134
1954	504	391,962
1955	578	355,141
1956	540	351,731
1957	608	377,009

The nationalities and number of ships of each nationality of the vessels entering the Port were as follows:—

<i>Nationality.</i>	<i>No. of Ships.</i>
British	429
Dutch	46
Norwegian	29
Costa Rican	20
Danish	19
French	14
German	12
Swedish	11
Spanish	9
Finnish	7
Greek	5
Panamanian	5
Republic of Ireland	2
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Three notices were served under the Parrots and Miscellaneous Birds (Prohibition of Importation) Order, 1953.

The foreshore under the jurisdiction of the Authority was regularly inspected. Only three animals (two sheep and one porpoise), which had been washed up, required removal and disposal.

I wish again to record my thanks to the other members of the Staff for their good work and help throughout the year. I wish also to thank the Officials of the Dock and Harbour for much consideration and help.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES L. HUNTER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Port Medical Officer.

The author has been much interested in the study of the history of the Republic of Ireland, and has been particularly struck by the fact that the history of the Republic of Ireland is a history of the struggle for freedom. The author has been particularly struck by the fact that the history of the Republic of Ireland is a history of the struggle for freedom. The author has been particularly struck by the fact that the history of the Republic of Ireland is a history of the struggle for freedom.

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