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(Workington Borough)

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TOWN HALL,
WORKINGTON.

February, 1965.

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

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I present my Annual Report for the year 1964 which has been prepared in the form and sequence as required by the Ministry of Health Form Port 20, dated October, 1952.

No case of infectious disease was reported during the year and the health of seamen arriving in vessels has been satisfactory. Vaccination or re-vaccination is now undertaken as a routine measure in all ships entering the port. On arrival each captain is given a form inviting him to check the vaccination state of the crew and supply a nominal roll of those requiring protection.

The majority of foreign-going vessels are of modern design providing good conditions and amenities for seamen. The condition of coastwise vessels, the subject of adverse comments in past years, is gradually being improved.

Once again it is pleasing to report the absence of rats and vermin on vessels and in dockside buildings.

There has been an increase in imports (chiefly iron ore) during the year, and petroleum products increased from 67,925 tons to 88,771 tons.

It is with some regret that I record the resignation of Mr. Richard James from the post of Port Health Inspector (and Chief Public Health Inspector of the Borough of Workington) and at the same time endorse all the public and private good wishes expressed by so many people for his happy retirement after twenty-eight years' excellent service with the two authorities,

SECTION I—STAFF.

<i>Name of Officer.</i>	<i>Nature of Appointment.</i>	<i>Date of Appointment.</i>	<i>Any other Appointments held.</i>
George McKay Porter, Solicitor	Clerk.	March, 1959	Town Clerk, Borough of Workington.
James L. Hunter, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Port Medical Officer of Health.	July, 1950	Medical Officer of Health, Borough of Workington. Senior Assistant, Medical Officer, Cumberland County Council.
Ronald E. Fletcher, M.B., Ch.B.	Deputy Port Medical Officer.	October, 1941	Private Practitioner.
*†Richard James	Port Health Inspector.	February, 1933 (retired November, 1964)	Chief Public Health Inspector, Borough of Workington.
*†‡Donald A. Fogg,	Port Health Inspector.	December, 1964	Chief Public Health Inspector, Borough of Workington.
*Charles E. Pearson	Assistant Port Health Inspector.	November, 1948	Assistant Public Health Inspector, Borough of Workington.

*Holds the statutory qualification as a Public Health Inspector.

†Holds the Meat and Other Foods Certificate of the R.S.H.

‡Holds the Smoke Inspectors Certificate.

Address and Telephone Number of the

Port Medical Officer:—PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

TOWN HALL, WORKINGTON.

PHONE: WORKINGTON 2251.

SECTION II.

SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR.

<i>Ships from.</i>	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Net Tonnage.</i>	<i>Number Inspected.</i>		<i>Number of ships reported as having, or having had, during the voyage, infectious disease on board.</i>
			<i>By the Medical Officer of Health.</i>	<i>By the Port Health Inspectors.</i>	
Foreign Ports	101	255,528	11	101	Nil
Coastwise	327	91,157	Nil	276	Nil
Total	428	346,685	11	377	Nil

SECTION III.

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

Passenger Traffic:

Number of passengers Inwards ...	...	13
Number of passengers Outwards ...	...	Nil

Cargo Traffic:

The number of vessels arriving increased by four as compared with 1963, imports increasing by 196,887 tons.

IMPORTS.

Coastwise.

	<i>Tons.</i>
Bricks and Ganister	9,715
Steel Scrap	263
Petroleum	88,771
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	98,749

Foreign

Ore	706,384
Pig Iron	3,148
Aduminium ingots	600

TOTAL IMPORTS 808,881

Exports increased by 41,586 tons as compared with 1963.

EXPORTS.

<i>Coastwise.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>
Steel rails	12,603
Steel fishplates	205
Steel billets	23,813
Ingot moulds	7,864
Pig iron	9,486
Coal	36,270
Steel rolled plates	550
Pitch	2,966
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	93,757

<i>Foreign.</i>	
Soleplates	5,414
Ingot moulds	13,509
Filler bricks	81
Pitch	2,442
General Cargo	1,243
Tar	477
Wheels and axles	123
Steel rolls	100
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TOTAL EXPORTS 117,146

Ports from which Ships arrived.

Foreign—101.

Algeria	Bona	3
Azores	Ponto Delgada	1
Brazil	Macapa	1
	Santana	1
Egypt	Abvezenuma	5
Ghana	Abidjan	2
	Takoradi	2
Norway	Kirkenes	68
	Moi Rana	3
	Mosjoen	1
	Narvik	1
Sierra Leone	Freetown	1
Sweden	Oxelosund	5
	Vasteras	1
Russia	Poti	6

Coastwise—327.

Ardrossan	...	...	1	Heysham	...	...	54
Avonmouth	...	...	3	Holyhead	...	...	12
Ayr	...	...	1	Irvine	...	...	1
Ballyrane	...	...	1	Liverpool	...	...	33
Bangor	...	...	1	Londonderry	...	...	3
Barrow	...	...	8	Manchester	...	...	3
Belfast	...	...	45	Mostyn	...	...	2
Birkenhead	...	...	5	Moville	...	...	1
Coleraine	...	...	1	Peel	...	...	1
Connahs Quay	...	...	6	Port Ellen	...	...	1
Cork	...	...	4	Port Erin	...	...	1
Douglas	...	...	5	Portishead	...	...	2
Drogheda	...	...	3	Preston	...	...	6
Dublin	...	...	6	Runcorn	...	...	5
Dundalk	...	...	1	Rushbrook	...	...	1
Faslane	...	...	1	St. Peters Port	...	...	1
Garston	...	...	1	Silloth	...	...	4
Glasgow	...	...	8	Stanlow	...	...	54
Greenock	...	...	18	Whitehaven	...	...	1
Hayle	...	...	16	Yelland	...	...	3
Fishing Grounds			...	...	...	...	2

SECTION IV—INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

There is no inland barge traffic.

SECTION V—WATER SUPPLY.

The Authority for supplying water is the West Cumberland Water Board, and vessels in the dock are supplied with drinking water from dockside hydrants.

The source of supply is Crummock Lake with a gathering area of some 25 square miles. Regular chemical and bacteriological examinations of samples show the water to be of a high degree of purity.

On all vessels enquiries are made as to the source of existing drink water and the frequency of cleaning out water tanks. During the year samples of water from 3 vessels proved satisfactory.

SECTION VI—PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

The arrangements for dealing with quarantinable diseases, radio messages, mooring stations and disinfection remains the same and was fully dealt with in my report for 1960.

SECTION VII—SMALLPOX.

The measures for dealing with a case of smallpox are the same as outlined in the report for 1960. The designated hospital for the reception of cases is the Langley Hospital, Co. Durham.

As indicated at the beginning of this report there is a comprehensive scheme to keep up the vaccination state of all crews arriving at the port. Although the numbers done (25 since the start of the scheme during the year) are comparatively small it is felt that this preventive measure is well covered by the port authority.

SECTION VIII—VENEREAL DISEASE.

In numbers of cases the problem at the port is not great—only two cases from ships being known as having sought treatment in 1964. Treatment for venereal diseases is readily available in the town and the means of obtaining it are made known to the crews on ships and by posters in the dock area.

SECTION IX—

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES
ON SHIPS.

No case was reported on any vessel entering Workington Dock during the year.

SECTION X—MALARIA.

Prior to vessels reaching known mosquito infested areas regular doses of anti-malarial drugs are issued to seamen. No case was reported on ships reaching Workington as having, or having had, malaria during the voyage.

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

There has been no occasion to take action under this Section,

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

All vessels arriving from foreign ports have been inspected for the presence of rats, but none were found. The attention paid to rat proofing and the elimination of harborage in the modern design of vessels, together with the types of cargo (minerals) arriving at Workington, have all contributed to this satisfactory result.

Regular inspection of all dockside cabins, buildings and other possible harbourage has been carried out. One slight infestation in a riverside quay was satisfactorily dealt with.

During the year 23 Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued in accordance with the Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952, and one Rodent Control Certificate in accordance with the Prevention of Damage by Pests (Application to Shipping) Order, 1951.

SECTION XIII—INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES. INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES.

<i>Nature and Number of Inspections.</i>		<i>Notices served.</i>		
		<i>Statutory Notices.</i>	<i>Other Notices.</i>	<i>Result of serving Notices.</i>
British	260	Nil	3	Work required carried out
Foreign	128	Nil	6	Work required carried out
	388	Nil	9	

The 9 notices cover the following defects, nuisances or other conditions prejudicial to health:—

	<i>British.</i>	<i>Other Nationalities.</i>
Dirty toilets	—	1 Dutch 1 Danish
Dirty provision stores	1	1 Norwegian
Dirty crew accommodation	1	
Dirty galleys	—	2 Liberian
Dirty food stores	—	1 Dutch 2 Liberian
Dirty washplaces	—	1 Dutch
Defective toilets	2	1 Liberian 1 Norwegian
Defective portlights	1	—
Scupper boards not fitted	1	2 Liberian 1 Norwegian
Smoking in galley	1	—
	7	14

The number of vessels that entered the Port during 1964 was 428 as compared with 424 in the previous year.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Total Net Tonnage.</i>	<i>Total Cargo Tonnage.</i>
1955	578	355,141	699,550
1956	540	351,731	730,957
1957	608	377,009	750,901
1958	503	313,097	585,922
1959	418	303,251	685,774
1960	544	475,216	1,046,696
1961	464	288,194	588,909
1962	416	267,802	667,936
1963	424	274,154	611,994
1964	428	346,684	808,881

The numbers by nationalities of the vessels entering the Port were as follows:—

<i>Nationality.</i>	<i>No. of Ships.</i>
British	279
Norwegian	83
Dutch	47
German	3
Danish	9
Swedish	2
Panamanian	2
Liberian	2
Channel Isles	1
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SECTION XIV—PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH)
REGULATIONS, 1934 AND 1948.

There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

SECTION XV—MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

The Port is not approved for the landing of Aliens.

SECTION XVI—MISCELLANEOUS.

The foreshore under the jurisdiction of the Authority has been kept under surveillance and the carcasses of 4 sheep and 1 calf have been removed.

The pollution of the beach by sewage and effluents has again been a source of concern and measures to further abate these conditions have been put in hand.

During the period of the Aberdeen typhoid epidemic all ships stores were checked over a considerable period but no suspect food was found.

No prosecutions were necessary during the year and the various regulations have worked smoothly.

I wish to record my thanks to the Secretary and Manager to the Workington Harbour and Dock Company Limited, Mr. J. Z. Bridgewater, and his staff and also to the Officers of H.M. Customs, for all the co-operation and help given during the year. I wish also to thank the Port Health Inspectors for their constantly good work at the Port.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your obedient servant,

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

Port Medical Officer.



