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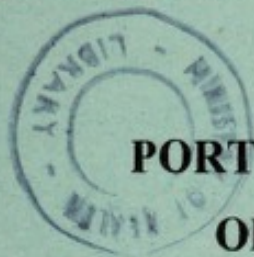
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TOWN HALL,

WORKINGTON.

*January, 1967.*

*To the Chairman and Members of the*

*Workington Port Health Authority.*

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1966.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Health Form Port 20 dated October, 1952.

There were no changes in the operation of the Port during the year but there was a considerable reduction in activity (113 less vessels and 63,456 tons less by weight in cargo). The main imports were ore and related substances and petroleum.

No case of infectious disease was notified from the Port during the year and no major sanitary problem connected with the ships or harbour installations arose. No live rats were recovered from any ship and traces were found on only three foreign vessels.

## 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 Western Area Medical Officer, Cumberland County Council.
Ronald E. Fletcher, M.B., Ch.B.	Deputy Port Medical Officer.	October, 1941	Private Practitioner.
*†‡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 qualifications 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.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: PORTEALTH, WORKINGTON,

## 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	90	184,750	5	90	Nil
Coastwise	215	61,802	Nil	52	Nil
Total	305	246,552	5	142	Nil

## SECTION III.

## CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

*Passenger Traffic:*

Number of passengers Inwards ...	9
Number of passengers Outwards ...	4

*Cargo Traffic:*

The number of vessels arriving decreased by 113 as compared with 1965, imports decreasing by 63,456 tons.

## IMPORTS.

*Coastwise:*

	<i>Tons.</i>
Bricks and Ganister ...	2,018
Steel Scrap ...	4,348
Petroleum ...	59,507
Pig Iron ...	10,863
Aluminium Ingots ...	190
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*Foreign:*

Ore ...	517,160
Pig Iron ...	4,362
Rock phosphates ...	578
Aluminum Ingots ...	1,516
General Cargo ...	387
	<hr/> 524,003

TOTAL IMPORTS ... 

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600,929



Exports decreased by 36,175 tons as compared with 1965.

## EXPORTS.

### *Coastwise:*

Steel rails	...	...	...	...	2,098
Ingot moulds	...	...	...	...	15,583
Pig iron	...	...	...	...	3,576
Tar	...	...	...	...	807
General Cargo	...	...	...	...	138
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					22,202

### *Foreign:*

Pig iron	...	...	...	...	304
Ingot moulds	...	...	...	...	20,865
Pitch	...	...	...	...	5,297
General cargo	...	...	...	...	1,918
Sole Plates and Spring Clips	...	...	...	...	3,718
Steel rails	...	...	...	...	6,318
Coke breeze	...	...	...	...	1,413
Filler bricks	...	...	...	...	39
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					39,872

TOTAL EXPORTS ... .. 62,074

### *Ports from which Ships arrived.*

#### Foreign—90.

Belgium	...	...	...	Huso	...	...	...	1
Brazil	...	...	...	Macapa	...	...	...	2
Congo	...	...	...	Ponte Noire	...	...	...	1
Egypt	...	...	...	Abu Zenima	...	...	...	3
Ghana	...	...	...	Abidjan	...	...	...	2
Holland	...	...	...	Ymuiden	...	...	...	13
India	...	...	...	Bombay	...	...	...	1
				Vizagapatam	...	...	...	1
Morocco	...	...	...	Casablanca	...	...	...	1
Norway	...	...	...	Husnes	...	...	...	4
				Kirkenes	...	...	...	48
				Moirana	...	...	...	4

Spain	...	...	...	Almeria	...	...	...	1
				Bilbao	...	...	...	1
Sweden	...	...	...	Gaule	...	...	...	1
				Göteborg	...	...	...	1
				Oxelösund	...	...	...	2
Russia	...	...	...	Poti	...	...	...	3

#### Coastwise—215.

Ardrossan	...	...	5	Heysham	...	...	26
Avonmouth	...	...	1	Holyhead	...	...	7
Ballina	...	...	2	Irvine	...	...	2
Barrow	...	...	1	Kinlochleven	...	...	1
Belfast	...	...	23	Letterkenny	...	...	2
Birkenhead	...	...	3	Limerick	...	...	1
Britonferry	...	...	1	Liverpool	...	...	8
Cardiff	...	...	1	Londonderry	...	...	6
Carrickfergus	...	...	1	Manchester	...	...	2
Chepstow	...	...	1	Newport	...	...	1
Connah's Quay	...	...	4	Preston	...	...	4
Cork	...	...	1	Runcorn	...	...	1
Douglas	...	...	3	Silloth	...	...	6
Drogheda	...	...	1	Sligo	...	...	1
Dublin	...	...	5	Stanlow	...	...	60
Dundalk	...	...	2	Tralee	...	...	1
Ellesmere Port	...	...	2	Westport	...	...	1
Fleetwood	...	...	2	Weston Point	...	...	3
Garston	...	...	3	Fishing Grounds	...	...	6
Greenock	...	...	14				

#### SECTION IV—INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

The port is used only by coastal and foreign going vessels, there being no navigable inland waterway serving the port and therefore no inland barge traffic.

#### SECTION V—WATER SUPPLY.

A full report on the supply was given in the report for 1965. The supply is generally excellent and always plentiful. As well as samples taken in the town itself two samples from ships in the dock produced satisfactory results.



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

The range of cover on world-wide information, receipt of individual messages, mooring stations, etc., was fully covered in the report for 1965. There have been no variations during the current year.

## SECTION VII—SMALLPOX.

The arrangements for the isolation of suspect or real cases are covered by the hospital service. The reception hospital is the Langley Park Isolation Hospital near Durham.

The local consultant in the disease is Dr. D. G. Davies, Public Health Laboratory Service, Carlisle.

15 crew members and one stowaway (from an infected port) have been revaccinated by the Port Medical Officer during the year.

## SECTION VIII—VENEREAL DISEASE.

Free confidential treatment for Venereal Disease is provided by a Local Medical Practitioner appointed by the Regional Hospitals Board (Dr. R. N. R. Grant, 82 John Street, Workington). The hours during which treatment can be obtained are 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. daily except Sundays and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. excepting Sundays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Treatment is also obtainable at the West Cumberland Hospital, Whitehaven, and the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

On arrival at the Port the Master of each vessel is supplied with detailed information as to the free treatment which is available and advised that early specialist treatment is advisable in all cases. Posters in the dock area also give this information.



# 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	—	—	—	—
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	—	—	—	—
Cases landed from other ships	—	—	—	—

# SECTION X—OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURENCES OF MALARIA IN SHIPS.

There have been no cases of malaria reported during the year.

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

No ships infected or suspected for plague have arrived at the Port during the year and so it has not been necessary to take any action.

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

No rats were recovered from any vessel entering the Port but infestations were discovered in three instances:—

(1) A Panamanian vessel from Karachi with an expired Certificate was found to have rats on board. Poison (Warfarin) was laid with some success until the vessel sailed

for Rotterdam where it was to be dry docked. The Dutch authorities were informed of our action and the Deratting Certificate extended for a month. Eventually it was confirmed that the treatment had been successfully completed and a certificate issued.

(2) A Turkish vessel from Poti with a valid certificate (issued Buenos Aires three months previously) was found to be infested. Treatment with Warfarin was commenced and was reducing the rat population when the vessel sailed. Instructions were given so that the treatment could be completed by the crew.

(3) A Greek vessel from Vizagapatam with an expired certificate was found to be slightly infested. Poison treatment was successfully applied and an exemption certificate was issued.

During the year 25 Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued in accordance with the Port Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

TABLE E.

*Rodents destroyed during year in Ships from Foreign Ports.*

Category.	No.
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.*

<i>Number of Deratting Certificates Issued</i>					<i>Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates Issued.</i>	<i>Total Certificates Issued.</i>
<i>After fumigation with H.C.N.</i>	<i>Other Fumigant.</i>	<i>After Trapping.</i>	<i>After Poisoning.</i>	<i>Total.</i>		
—	—	—	—	—	25	25

### SECTION XIII—INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G.

#### 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	49	Nil	14	Work required carried out
Foreign	86	Nil	10	Work required carried out
	135	Nil	24	



The 24 notices cover the following defects, nuisances or other conditions prejudicial to health:—

	<i>British.</i>	<i>Other Nationalities.</i>
Dirty galley .....	4	
Dirty provision store .....	8	1 Norwegian 1 Danish 2 German
Defective, choked or dirty toilets	6	1 Danish 1 Dutch 1 Greek
Smoking in galley .....	2	1 Danish 1 German
Broken portlight .....	2	1 Dutch
Choked galley ventilators .....	1	1 Dutch 1 Danish
Leaking deck head .....	1	
Defective washhand basin .....	2	
	<hr/> 26	<hr/> 12

The number of vessels that entered the Port during 1966 was 305 as compared with 418 in the previous year. The following table gives the numbers arriving since 1957.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Total Net Tonnage.</i>	<i>Total Cargo Tonnage.</i>
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
1965	418	320,180	764,383
1966	305	246,552	663,003

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

<i>Nationality.</i>	<i>No. of Ships.</i>
British ... ..	140
Norwegian ... ..	69
Dutch ... ..	49
German ... ..	18
Danish ... ..	14
Swedish ... ..	2
Panamanian ... ..	1
Finnish ... ..	1
Turkish ... ..	1
Spanish ... ..	—
Irish ... ..	4
Greek ... ..	2
Belgian ... ..	—
Lebanese ... ..	2
Rumanian ... ..	2
	—
	305
	—

#### 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 jurisdiction of the Authority, i.e. 9 miles of shore line between Whitehaven and Maryport boundaries, has been kept under surveillance. The special points liable to lead to pollution—sewer outfalls and other effluent discharge points have been especially noted. Concern has been felt regarding Siddick outfall and Workington's outfall at "German Arch", these are now working satisfac-



torily. The carcasses of five sheep and one cormorant were removed from the beach and properly buried.

The seamen's strike early in the year caused a considerable reduction in the number of coastal vessels entering the Port. The foreign vessels were not affected and so the foreign-going arrivals show little difference to last year.

One vessel bringing iron ore to the Port grounded in the approach but was successfully floated off on the next tide with only small damage. On another vessel the discharging grabs ripped open the double bottom tanks causing bad working conditions for a short time—the tank was sealed and normal conditions resumed.

I again wish to record my thanks to the Secretary and Manager of the Workington Harbour and Dock Company Limited, Mr. J. Z. Bridgewater, to his staff, to the officers of H.M. Customs, and to the sea-going personnel who smooth so efficiently the work of the port health officers on the dock, in the ships, and in the roads of the Solway Firth. I thank also my own Port Health Inspectors for their constantly good work at the Port and for their help in the preparation of this report.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your obedient servant,

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

*Port Medical Officer.*





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