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PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY**

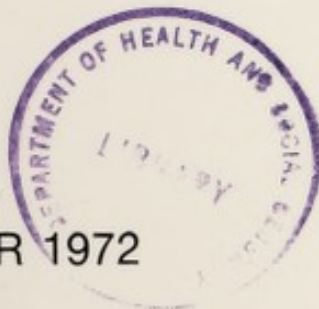
Annual Report


of

The Port Medical Officer

A. HARGREAVES, MB., ChB., D.P.H.

FOR THE YEAR 1972





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TOWN HALL,

WORKINGTON

February, 1973.

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

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I am pleased to present to you my Annual Report for 1972. It is presented in the form required by the revised Form Port 20 which on this occasion required an abridged report. The full details will be found in my report for 1971, only alterations in arrangements and occurrences over the past year being recorded in this report.

The number of vessels arriving continued to decline but the total cargo tonnage handled in the Port has taken an upward trend, both on imports and exports. The use of the dock for the handling of cargoes other than those directly concerned with the United Steel Company has again shown an increase.

The general standard of hygiene remains at a high level and no difficulty has been experienced with insects or rodents on vessels; the dock side, being regularly treated, has been kept virtually free from infection.

Once again I am pleased to record that the health of crews arriving in the Port has given me no cause for concern, no infectious disease having been recorded.

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, Clerk. Solicitor		March, 1959	Town Clerk, Borough of Workington.
Antony Hargreaves, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.D.	Port Medical Officer of Health.	Appointed November, 1969	Medical Officer of Health, Borough of Workington. Urban Districts of Cockermouth, Maryport, Keswick and Rural District of Cockermouth. 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	Deputy Chief 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:—

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TOWN HALL, WORKINGTON.

PHONE: WORKINGTON 2251.

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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	98	198,440	2	98	Nil
Coastwise	147	54,343	—	26	Nil
Total	245	252,783	2	124	Nil

SECTION III.
CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.
Passenger Traffic:

Number of passengers Inwards ...	—	0
Number of passengers Outwards ...	—	0

Cargo Traffic:

The number of vessels arriving decreased by 21 as compared with 1971 imports increased by 42,939 tons.

IMPORTS — COASTWISE

	<i>Tonnes</i>
Bricks and Ganister ...	722
Petroleum ...	58407
Salt ...	1898
General Cargo ...	70
Petroleum Coke ...	4286
	<hr/> 65383

IMPORTS — FOREIGN

Ore ...	583823
Pig Iron ...	7207
Wood Pulp ...	1068
Perlite ...	29823
Sulphur ...	1119
Petroleum Coke ...	3534
	<hr/> 626574
Total Imports ...	<hr/> 691957

Exports increased by 2,798 tons as compared with 1971.

EXPORTS — COASTWISE

					<i>Tonnes</i>
Rails	...	...	...	...	7774
Fishplates	...	...	...	...	510
Ingot Moulds	...	...	...	...	2504
Petroleum	...	...	...	...	1966
Gen. Cargo	...	...	...	...	18
Coal	...	...	...	...	1031
					<hr/> 13803 <hr/>

EXPORTS — FOREIGN

Ingot Moulds	...	...	...	...	31762
Steel Wheels	...	...	...	...	22
Steel Rolls	...	...	...	...	127
Rails	...	...	...	...	3969
Gen. Cargo	...	...	...	...	996
					<hr/> 36876 <hr/>
Total Exports ...					<hr/> 50679 <hr/>

Ports from which Ships arrived.

Foreign 98.

Belgium	...	...	...	Antwerp	...	...	...	1
France	...	...	...	Le Havre	...	...	...	1
				Ghent	...	...	...	2
				St. Wandrille	...	...	...	1
Germany	...	...	...	Wilhelmshaven	...	...	...	1
Holland	...	...	...	Rotterdam	...	...	...	2
Italy	...	...	...	Oristano	...	...	...	17
Norway	...	...	...	Kirkenes	...	...	...	43
				Mo-I-Rana	...	...	...	10
				Haugesund	...	...	...	1
				Kristianhamn	...	...	...	4
Russia	...	...	...	Stettin	...	...	...	1
				Murmansk	...	...	...	2
Spain	...	...	...	Lisbon	...	...	...	1
				Almeria	...	...	...	4
Sweden	...	...	...	Oxelosund	...	...	...	2
				Domsjo	...	...	...	1
West Africa	...	...	...	Nouadhibou	...	...	...	4

Coastal—142

Ayr	...	...	...	1	Larne	...	...	...	...	1
Ballina	...	...	...	1	Limerick	...	...	...	...	1
Barrow	...	...	...	3	Liverpool	...	...	...	...	3
Barry	...	...	...	1	Manchester	...	...	...	...	3
Belfast	...	...	...	5	Mostyn	...	...	...	...	1
Birkenhead	...	...	...	1	Moville	...	...	...	...	1
Bromborough	...	...	...	2	Port Ellen	...	...	...	...	1
Carrick Fergus	...	...	...	1	Preston	...	...	...	...	1
Castletown	...	...	...	1	Redbay	...	...	...	...	1
Douglas	...	...	...	3	Rochester	...	...	...	...	1
Dublin	...	...	...	2	Runcorn	...	...	...	...	2
Eastham	...	...	...	1	Sharpness	...	...	...	...	3
Garston	...	...	...	1	Silloth	...	...	...	...	4
Glasgow	...	...	...	1	Stanlow	...	...	...	...	37
Greenock	...	...	...	27	Stornoway	...	...	...	...	1
Heysham	...	...	...	19	Swansea	...	...	...	...	1
Holyhead	...	...	...	2	Whitehaven	...	...	...	...	1
Irvine	...	...	...	1	Sea	...	...	...	...	5
Kilroot	...	...	...	1						

The number of vessels entering the Port during 1972 was 245 as compared with 266 in the previous year. The following table gives the numbers arising since 1963.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Total Net Tonnage.</i>	<i>Total Cargo Tonnage.</i>
1963	424	274,154	611,994
1964	428	346,684	808,881
1965	418	320,180	764,383
1966	305	246,552	663,003
1967	312	205,203	373,582
1968	359	276,093	739,885
1969	318	345,772	982,841
1970	294	324,315	969,702
1971	266	236,955	696,899
1972	245	252,793	742,636

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

<i>Nationalities.</i>	<i>No. of Ships.</i>
British	173
Norwegian	26
Dutch	13
German (West)	11
Danish	7
French	8
Greek	1
Cypriot	4
Irish	1
Liberian	1
	<hr/>
	245
	<hr/>

SECTION IV—INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

Only coastal and foreign going vessels are handled, there being no navigable inland waterway leading to the Port.

SECTION V—WATER SUPPLY.

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

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SECTION VII—SMALLPOX.

Langley Park Isolation Hospital near Durham would be used if any case of smallpox or suspected smallpox was reported in the district. Transport of such a case is the responsibility of the Cumberland County Council the ambulance crews being fully protected by vaccination at all times.

Dr. D. G. Davies of the Public Health Laboratory Service, Carlisle, is the local consultant and his laboratory will assist in diagnosis.

The master of every foreign going vessel is advised that a free vaccination service is available so that all crew members are revaccinated within three years.

Eighteen crew members were vaccinated under this scheme as against 36 in 1971, 76 in 1970, 99 in 1969, 52 in 1968 and 11 in 1967.

SECTION VIII—VENEREAL DISEASE.

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

TABLE D.

<i>Category.</i>	<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Number of cases during the year.</i>		<i>Number of ships concerned.</i>
		<i>Passengers.</i>	<i>Crew.</i>	
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	—	—	—	—

In addition to the Smallpox vaccinations recorded in Section VII 72 seamen were given cholera vaccinations.

SECTION X—OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURANCE OF
MALARIA IN SHIPS.

There have been no cases of Malaria reported during the year. All vessels carry anti-malarial drugs and Masters are well aware of the necessity of administering regular doses prior to arrival at known or suspect mosquito infested areas.

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

No action has been necessary under this section.

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

The routine inspection of ships while in the port always includes surveyance for rodents and insects and this, in conjunction with the special inspection specifically made when Exemption Certificates are to be renewed, ensures that the rodent population on ships is kept to a minimum.

Bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents would be arranged with Dr. D. G. Davies of the Public Health Laboratory Service, Carlisle, who would arrange for any required examination as the necessity arises. No rats having been caught, none have been sent for examination this year.

Workington is approved for the issue of Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates and this work is extended to Whitehaven and Silloth as required. Arrangements have been made with Rentokil Ltd., who would carry out the deratting of any vessel with the appropriate chemicals immediately on request. No rats have been seen on vessels during the year.

Attention has been paid to the elimination of rats on the dockside areas and this, together with modern construction where due attention has been paid to rat proofing in the design, has led to a very great reduction in the infestation of vessels.

The demand for Rodent Control Certificates has been nil this year—no doubt preference is given to International Certificates as they involve less frequent inspections and enable the vessel to proceed to near foreign ports if the occasion should arise.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in Ships from Foreign Ports.

<i>Category.</i>	<i>No.</i>
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plaque	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</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>After</i>	<i>After</i>	<i>Total.</i>		
<i>H.C.N.</i>	<i>Fumigant.</i>	<i>Trapping.</i>	<i>Poisoning.</i>			
—	—	—	—	Nil	26	26

SECTION XIII—INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G.

INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES.

<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	71	Nil	3	Work required carried out
Foreign	53	Nil	3	Work required carried out
	124	Nil	6	

The 6 notices cover the following defects, nuisances or other conditions prejudicial to health:—

	<i>British.</i>	<i>Other Nationalities.</i>
Dirty Galley	1	
Dirty Quarters	1	
Dirty Food Store		1 Dutch
		1 Norwegian
Galley Vents Obstructed	1	1 Dutch
	—	—
	3	3
	—	—

SECTION XIV—PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL FISH)

REGULATIONS, 1934 AND 1948.

SECTION XV. MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

SECTION XVI—MISCELLANEOUS.

The dockers strike interfered with the normal smooth running of the dock during the year. Several vessels had to remain outside the Port and were given free pratique in Belfast.

Special arrangements had to be made for the storage and collection of refuse from the ships which remained in the dock over a three week period, bags were supplied and accumulations removed to the Borough Refuse tip as necessary.

The Norwegian vessel Arabella arrived in the Port on 29th June, 1972, and reported that it had called in at a small Norwegian Port during the voyage from Kirkenes to leave the body of the Chief Engineer who had been found dead in his bunk. The Captain could not satisfy the Port Health Inspector as to the cause of death and so the vessel was placed in quarantine while investigations and enquiries were made as to the cause of death and a doctor called in to advise as to clearance of the vessel.

Eventually it was established that no infectious disease was involved and the ship granted free pratique some six hours later. As a further precaution the catering staff submitted samples for analysis and the ships water supply was sampled but no positive results were obtained.

The rotting carcase of a calf was removed from the harbour side and properly disposed of.

I would like once again to thank the Dock Manager, Captain D. G. Thomas and his Staffs, both in the offices and on the dockside, the officers of H.M. Customs, the Pilots and the various shipping agents for their kind co-operation during the year, and for the ready assistance given to our Port Health Inspectors and myself which has led to the smooth and efficient running of this service throughout the year.

I wish also to thank the Port Health Inspectors for their continued good work during the year and for their help in the composition of this report.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your obedient Servant,

ANTONY HARGREAVES, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Port Medical Officer of Health.

