

Limerick Harbour Commissioners

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Introduction

The Limerick Harbour Commissioners collection was deposited in Limerick Archives in 1982. The collection spans two centuries, with material dating from 1823 until 1980. However some of the material listed in the descriptive list was returned to the Limerick Harbour Commissioners. The descriptive list indicates clearly which records are not held by Limerick Archives.

Administrative History

The Limerick Bridge Commissioners were established by an act of legislation passed by King George IV on 17 January 1823. The legislation came about as a result of a petition signed by 45 eminent Limerick Citizens, which urged the British parliament to enable work to be carried out to develop Limerick Harbour. The petition was based on plans, drawings and estimates submitted by John Grantham, a state appointed civil engineer, which recommended the building of a new bridge and ‘wet dock’ for Limerick city. The 1823 legislation established the 45 petitioners as the Limerick Bridge Commissioners, and gave them the necessary powers to construct the new bridge, regulate the operation of bridge and collect tolls, construct a wet dock, improve the harbour from Limerick to the sea, levy charges on all vessels reporting to the Custom house in Limerick, make by laws for the regulation of the harbour and pilotage, license pilots “within the Port and Harbour” from Loop Head to Limerick City, acquire property by compulsory purchase, appoint staff, collect harbour dues and fix pilotage rates. These remained the key functions of the Commissioners throughout the next one hundred years.

The Bridge Commissioners gave priority to the building of a new bridge, and within months of the 1823 legislation had approved plans drawn up by the Scottish Civil Engineer, Alexander Nimmo. During construction, the Bridge Commissioners ran into considerable financial difficulties, and had to turn over responsibility for the completion of the bridge to the Commissioners of Public Works. However the Wellesley Bridge (later renamed Sarsfield bridge) was finally opened in 5th August 1835, at a cost of £80,000.

In 1834 A House of Commons Select Committee on Shannon Navigation was established. This Committee approved plans, which had been drawn up by Thomas Rhodes, to construct a weir across the Shannon at Kelly’s Quay (now O’ Curry street), which would enable

vessels to stay afloat at all stages of the tide. The 1823 legislation was thus amended in 1834 to allow the Bridge Commissioners to borrow £200, 000 to implement the developments proposed by Rhodes.

On the 18 September 1845 the Tidal Harbour Commission held a public enquiry in Limerick, at which the Limerick Bridge Commissioners and the Chamber of Commerce argued convincingly for a floating dock to be built in Limerick Harbour. Thus new legislation was enacted on 9 January 1847, which firstly changed the name of the Limerick Bridge Commissioners to the Limerick Harbour Commissioners, and secondly allowed the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to loan the harbour commissioners the sum of £50000. The floating dock was eventually finished in 1853, at a final cost of £54, 000. The Limerick Harbour Commissioners were severely inhibited through out the nineteenth century by the financial difficulties arising from the repayment of the 1823 loan for the construction of the Wellesley Bridge. Limerick Corporation did set up a committee in the early 1860's to examine the issue, but no meaningful action was taken. Finally on 15 July 1867 legislation was passed which compounded the debt of the Harbour Commissioner to £55, 000 to be repaid over 50 years, at an annuity of 4%. It also transferred ownership of the Wellesley Bridge to the Commissioners of Public Works.

Once the financial difficulties of Harbour Commissioners was alleviated by 1867 legislation, further legislation was passed which enabled a graving dock for ship repairs to be built, adjacent to the floating dock. This legislation also reconstituted the Limerick Harbour Commissioners. The Commissioners were to consist of seventeen members made up of two ex officio members - the Mayor of Limerick, the President of the Chamber of Commerce and fifteen elected members. Elections were to be held every two year terms and the elected commissioners had to include five from Limerick Corporation, five elected by Limerick importers and exporters, and five elected by Harbour Rate Payers. Nominees of the importers and exporters had to have imported and exported goods to the minimum of value of £1000 per annum. Harbour ratepayers qualified by paying harbour dues of at least £20 per annum.

In 1882 the remaining debt on the Wellesley Bridge was transferred to the Grand Jury of Limerick and the Grand Jury of Clare. Limerick Corporation took over the maintenance and lighting of the bridge, and the Limerick Harbour Commissioners were charged with maintaining the swivel bridge and approaches by water. In 1883 toll charges were abolished and name of the swivel bridge was changed to Sarsfield Bridge.

In 1887, the Harbour Commissioners were confronted with a serious problem when a portion of the harbour wall collapsed. Special legislation was passed in 1888, which allowed a loan of £20,000 to be raised over 25 years at 4% to carry out work.

In the twentieth century, the Commissioners continued in their efforts to improve the facilities of Limerick harbour, namely by improving the river channel to the docks, and by the provision of a new Western dock. However the activities of the Harbour Commissioners, and the import and export of goods from Limerick Harbour, were severely inhibited by the outbreak of World War One (1914-18) and World War Two (1940-45). However during the inter war period, substantial revenue surpluses were accrued by the Commissioners, as a consequence of the import of large amounts of construction material for the Shannon Hydro Electrical Scheme.

Various legislative measures relative to the Limerick Harbour Commissioners were enacted in the period 1900-1946, including the Limerick Harbour (Bridge) Act 1913 authorising the construction of a new swivel bridge, the Limerick Harbour Act 1926, granting the necessary powers to extend the Dock and to borrow up to £200,000; the Limerick Harbour Train ways Act 1931, and the Pilotage Acts of 1913. Ministerial Orders (confirmed by subsequent Acts) included the Limerick Harbour Orders of 1903, 1921, 1932, 1936, and 1937, and the Limerick Pilotage Order 1921.

One of the most significant acts passed during this period was the 1946 Harbours Act This act reconstituted the Limerick Harbour Commissioners, and also appointed General Managers for each of the four major ports in Ireland-Dublin, Cork, Waterford and Limerick. The newly constituted Limerick Harbour Commissioners had 23 members comprising of five from Limerick Corporation, four from Limerick Chamber of Commerce, two from National Executive of the Live Stock Trade, two from the Federations of the Irish Manufactures, two from Limerick Council of Trade Unions, four elected by Shipping interests, and four nominated by the Minister for Industry and Commerce.

The idea of a Unified Port Authority with the merging of three Harbour Authorities on the Shannon Estuary- namely the Limerick Harbour Commissioners, the Foynes Harbour Trustees, Kilush Urban District Council (the Harbour Authority for Cappa Pier) was first mooted in 1963-64. This finally occurred with the passing of the 1996 Harbours Act. On third of March 1997 the Limerick Harbour Commissioners were wound up after almost 150 years of existence, and replaced by Shannon Estuary Ports. This new company was responsible for all the port facilities on the Shannon Estuary, except inside Foynes Harbour

itself. The Harbours Act 2000 amalgamated the Shannon Estuary Ports and Foynes Port Company to form the Shannon Foynes Port Company.

It should be noted also that from 1823 onwards, the Limerick Harbour Commissioners acted as the Pilotage Authority for the entire Shannon Estuary from the Limerick City to Loop Head/Kerry Head including the navigable waters of all tributaries and inlets. The Pilotage Committee of the Harbour Commissioners consisted of two pilot representatives, seven members of the Harbour Commissioners, the secretary of the Harbour Commissioners, and the Harbour Master who also acted as the Pilotage Superintendent. In 1844, the Pilotage Committee assumed direct responsibility for the administration of pilotage on the River Shannon. For operational reasons the pilotage body was divided into two divisions the Western (who assisted vessels up river as far as Cain's Island), where by a pilot from the Eastern Division took over and assisted the vessel to Limerick, The members of the eastern division piloted the vessels westwards from Limerick as far as Scatterry Island or further if necessary. 'Scatterry men' were the men who provided pilotage services inward to Limerick, who had settled on Scatterry Island in the 1830's. From 1945 the Western pilots brought vessels right up to Limerick. Additionally there were "Tributary pilots" licensed to pilot vessels on the final stage to Saleen Creek (Ballylongford), Foynes, Askeaton and the Fergus. Pilots earnings are pooled, and divided in accordance with the arrangements laid down by the bye laws.

The Collection

The collection is divided into two main sections, each with several sub sections. The first section consists mainly of records from the Boards of the Harbour Commissioners, and from the office of the Secretary. These records relate to decision making of Limerick Harbour Commissioners, administration of the Board, and the development of Limerick Harbour. The include minute books, extract minute books, rough minute books, and agenda books of the Harbour Commissioners dating from 1830-1978 (P2/1/1-28). It also includes the minute books of sub committees such as the Finance Committee (P2/1/29-39), the Pilotage Committee and the licensing of pilots (P2/1/40-48), and sub-committees set up to investigate specific matters (P2/1/49-59). Additionally, there is a sub section consisting of records originating from the Office of the Secretary. The secretary was appointed by the Harbour Commissioners, and recorded the minutes of all meetings held by the Commissioners, including sub committees meetings. The secretary also managed the correspondence of the

Harbour Commissioners. Therefore of particular interest for those researching the main concerns of the Harbour Commissioners, are the secretary's letter books which dating 1896-1950 (P2/1/60-80). Also included in this sub section are records relating to use of the graving dock, as applications were processed by the secretary (P2/1/85-87), and financial records of the secretary- namely cash books and ledgers (P2/1/88-98). The final sub- section consists of newspaper cuttings and other printed material. There are several scrapbooks of newspaper cuttings, which may be useful to researchers as they consist of cuttings relating to Limerick Harbour Commissioner, development of the Limerick port and river Shannon, and national maritime affairs. (P2/1/99-104). Also included are printed specifications for several of the major building works carried out by Limerick Harbour in the nineteenth century. (P2/1/109-110).

The second section consists of records from the Office of the Collector of Rates. It consist mainly of financial records which relate to daily activities such as levying of harbour dues on importers and exporters; to capital expenditure; and to current expenditure including the payment of wages of employees of the Harbour Commissioners. The first sub section relates to the collection of harbour dues such as tonnage, dockage, quayage, import and export, and coal duties. These records date from 1843 to 1971 and are useful for highlighting how the Harbour Commissioners raised revenue, the type and quantity of goods being imported and exported via Limerick Harbour, the names of importers and exporters, and the name and size of vessels used. The next sub section consists of information regarding importers and exporters from Limerick Harbour. It consists of records dating 1831-1976 which calculate the quantity of goods imported and exported annually (P2/29-36), and qualification books which calculate whether importers, exporters, and rate payers have qualified to vote in the election of Limerick Harbour Commissioners (P2/2/37-40). Also included in the collection are financial records of the Harbour Commissioners. These include cashbooks, ledgers and journals. These records are useful for showing the cost of capital and current expenditure, and amount of income earned by the Harbour throughout the nineteenth and twentieth century. There is also a section of records relating specifically to pilotage (P2/2/78-137), and a section relating specifically to employees wages (P2/2/138-150). Included in this section are lists of workmen's accounts, which names individuals employed by Limerick Harbour Commissioners between 1869-70 (P2/2/140-141)

The collection is invaluable for those researching development of Limerick Harbour and the River Shannon, import and export trade in Limerick, maritime affairs in Ireland, key

importers and exporters from Limerick, and also the history of the Harbour Commissioners in developing trade in Limerick, relationship with Limerick Corporation, and Chamber of Commerce, and as major employers in the nineteenth and twentieth century.

In addition to the records noted on the descriptive list, Limerick Harbour Commissioners also retained the following; a portfolio of tracing of proposed floating dock in 1840's; printed accounts; tide tables and notices from the 1880's; a collection of photographic slides relating to the building of the dock extension at Limerick in the late 1930's; and 700 maps plans,

The Office of Public Works records held by National Archives of Ireland, and records held by the National Archives of United Kingdom also include some material relating to Limerick Harbour. Researchers should also consult the Limerick Chamber of Commerce (P1) and Limerick Custom House Collection (P16) held by Limerick Archives. A full list of Limerick Bridge Commissioners and Limerick Harbour Commissioners dating 1823-1994 can be found in *A Rising Tide: The Story of Limerick Harbour*.

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I Boards and Committees of Limerick Bridge and Harbour Commissioner

(i)

Board of Limerick Harbour Commissioners Minutes

(a) Minute Books (1830-1978)

See DM 39.1

The earlier Minute books relate to the Limerick Bridge Commissioners, the predecessors of the Harbour Commissioners. Alphabetical indexes are included from volume 7 (1877-1890). From March 1931, the Minutes are printed. While the first minute book is no longer extant, extracts from it were transcribed into one of the Minutes Extract Books (see P2/1/15-17) in the late 19th century. **Not held by Limerick Archives**

14 volumes

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| 1 | <i>Missing</i> |
| 2 | <i>15 April 1830 - 28 July 1836</i> |
| 3 | <i>4 August 1836 - 5 October 1843</i> |
| 4 | <i>12 October 1843 - 22 April 1852</i> |
| 5 | <i>29 April 1852 - 15 February 1867</i> |
| 6 | <i>25 February 1867 - 7 May 1877</i> |
| 7 | <i>21 May 1877 - 17 November 1890</i> |
| 8 | <i>15 November 1890 – 20 December 1903</i> |
| 9 | <i>1 January 1904 - 11 April 1927</i> |
| 10 | <i>25 April 1927 – 5 January 1948</i> |
| 11 | <i>19 January 1948 - 2 January 1956</i> |
| 12 | <i>1956 – 1966</i> |
| 13 | <i>1966 – 1978</i> |
| | see DM39.2 |
| 14 | <i>In Progress</i> |

(b) Minute Extract Books (1823-1906)

Minute Book Extract volumes with extracts from the Minute Books of the Bridge and Harbour Commissioners. Entries are chronological and record date of minutes, details of resolution, and reference to minute book folio. All-important decisions relating to the Harbour Commissioners are mentioned, including appointment of staff, deaths of staff, election of Commissioners, port developments, letting of premises, collection of dues etc. The first two volumes include alphabetical indexes. The third volume is arranged under headings recording the date, the minute book, folio, subject, proposer and seconder. Includes also extracts from acts of Parliament relating to the Commissioners generally and to the duties of the Collector specifically, general notes regarding accounts (1893), names, ages, addresses and work experience of 36 individuals (c. 1893) and lists of Limerick Pilots with details of [licence fees paid], 1893—1894. **P2/1/15 not held by Limerick Archives**

3 volumes

15 *July 1823 – October 1906*
see DM39.1

16
see DM39.1

3 September 1867-2 May 1889(5 February 1908). Includes minutes of joint committee of Corporation, Harbour Boards and Chamber of Commerce. (28 October 1907-5 February 1908)

c.60 pp

17 12 November 1838-[] April 1894 c.50 pp

(c) Rough Minute Book (1835-1839)

18 c. January 1835-3 January 1839 Rough Minute Book of Limerick Bridge Commissioners.

Includes list of Rentals of Bridge Commissioners.

c.150 pp

(d) Agenda Books (1893-1978)

Information in these volumes includes the date, those present at the meeting (first volume only), items on the agenda and the Chairman's notes. **Not held by Limerick Archives.**

19	<i>11 July 1893 – 6 November 1899</i>
20	<i>20 November 1889 – 19 August 1907</i>
21	<i>October 1907 – 22 March 1915</i>
22	<i>12 April 1915 – 14 January 1924</i>
23	<i>28 January 1924 – 23 November 1931</i>
24	<i>7 December 1932 – 3 June 1939</i>
25	<i>17 July 1939 – 19 July 1948</i>
26	<i>9 August 1948 – 7 November 1955</i>
27	<i>21 November 1955 – 9 August 1965</i>
28	<i>30 August 1965 – 10 February 1978</i>

(ii) Finance Committee

(a) Finance Committee Minute Books

P2/1/29/1-?

Finance Committee
Minute Books.
Volumes not held

by Limerick Archives

(b) Finance Committee Claims Books (1886-1970)

Finance committee claims books, which record details of fortnightly meetings held by the finance committee. Chairman and individuals present at each meeting are recorded. Details of financial claims are recorded under headings titled 'name', 'articles supplied', 'no of cheque', 'petty claims', 'initial', 'journal folio' and 'observations'. Articles supplied include items such as 'stationary', 'coals' and 'brush'. Also included occasionally are details of resolutions passed at meetings and orders of the boards of Commissioners. From 1887 to 1894, and from 1896

onwards, meetings are numbered from the beginning of the year. Minutes generally signed by chairman. **P2/1/39 not held by Limerick Archives.**

10 volumes

30 see DM 39.8	1 November 1886 – 31 December 1894	c.200 pp
31 see DM 39.8	14 January 1895 – 30 December 1901	c.180 pp
32 see DM 39.8	13 January 1902 – 26 July 1909	c.200 pp
33 see DM 39.8	9 August 1909 – 11 March 1918	c.200 pp
34 see DM 39.8	8 April 1918-14 March 1932 Includes notice to secretary of income tax assessment (29 August 1929)	c. 250 pp
35 see DM 39.8	4 April 1932 – 6 November 1939	c. 250 pp
36 see DM 39.9	20 November 1939 – 9 May 1949	c. 250 pp
37 see DM 39.9	23 May 1949 – 9 July 1956	c. 250 pp
38 see DM 39.9	23 July 1956 – 11 May 1964	c. 250 pp
39	<i>8 June 1964 – 9 November 1970</i>	

(iii) Pilotage Committee and Licensing of Pilots on the Shannon

See P2/2/78-137

(a) Pilot Committee Minute Books (1864-1971)

Minutes of the Pilot Committee of the Limerick Harbour commissioners, which dealt specifically with pilotage matters such as licensing of pilots, pilotage bye laws, and investigating complaints against pilots. Minutes held sporadically throughout the year. Minutes note the date, the members present, details of license applicants, and details of matters brought before the committee by letter or in person. Minutes signed by chairman.

3 volumes.

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| 40 | 19 January 1864- 9 November 1905
Includes printed leaflet titled 'Port and Harbour of Limerick, Pilotage Rates 1873, 1875, 1881'. Also includes notes relating to alteration of pilotage bye laws c.1904 | c.220 |
| 41 | 9 January 1906 – 9 September 1947-
Missing | |
| 42 | 21 November 1947 – 11 October 1971-
Missing | |

(b) Pilots Examination Papers (1888-1965)

Examination papers for pilots licenses with applicant information and response of applicant to examination questions, which were examined orally. Pilots took exam after serving an apprenticeship. The name, address, age, height, complexion, division, with whom apprenticeship was served, date of application and date of examination is recorded for each applicant. Also noted is whether applicant answered each question correctly or incorrectly. Exam paper is annotated with details of examiner, signature of secretary and chairman, and recommendation to either grant or refuse license application.

4 volumes

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| 43 | 23 October 1888 –2 December 1893 | c.150 pp |
| 44 | 10 January 1894-9 November 1923 | c.150 pp |
| 45 | 30 October 1923-9 October 1916
Includes loose pages with handwritten questions and answers | c.150 pp |
| 46 | 2 July 1965 | c.10 pp |
| 47 | June 1924 – July 1965 | Examination Results book, which records the same applicant information as that contained in P1/1/43-44 as well as recommendations and signatures of the Harbour Master, Harbour Secretary and Pilot Committee for each applicant . Not held by Limerick Archives |

(c) Pilots Licences Issued (1825-1960)

48 21 December 1825-[]1960 Volume recording
 pilot licenses issued
 annually by
 Limerick Harbour Commissioners. Entries recorded under headings such as 'number of license', 'name', 'address', 'residence', 'age', 'height', 'complexion', 'date of license', and 'observations'. Observations generally include reference to date when payment received. From 1877, volume arranged by various categories such as 'Western Pilots', 'Limerick Division', 'River Fergus Division', 'Tributaries' and by 'Captains and Mates' and 'apprentices'. Includes page photocopied from extract minute book (P2/1/15) with list of licenses issued in 1823.

c.150 ff

(iv) Miscellaneous Committees Minute Books (1867-1977)

Minute Books of various committees created to discharge special functions of the Limerick Harbour Authorities. Some committees were appointed to consider a specific report or issue and met only once. Other committees met on going basis [Reference is made below to volume in which committee is first mentioned]. Also included in the volumes are minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners. P2/1/49-53 includes minutes of various committees relating to the Graving Dock; Committee to Consider Receipts and Expenditure of Harbour first sat on 20 September 1867 (P2/1/49); Special Committee of Works which first sat on 13 February 1868 (P2/1/49); Special Committee appointed on the subject of 'Sailors Home', 'River Lights' and 'Admiralty Court' (P2/1/49); Lights Committee (P2/1/49); Quay Labourers Strike Committee which first sat on 3 October 1870 (P2/1/49); Labour Committee (P2/1/49); Joint Committee of the Harbour Commissioners and Chamber of Commerce to consider the Quay Labourers Strike (P2/1/49); Committee of Whole Board relating to building of Police Barracks which sat on 30 May 1872 (P2/1/49); Joint Committee of Town Council and Harbour Commissioners relating to piece of land belonging to Harbour Commissioners (P2/1/49); Sub-Committee of arrangements for reception of the Lord Lieutenant (P2/1/49); Joint meeting of the Pilot and Finance Committees (P2/1/49); Pilot Committee (P2/1/49); Committee appointed to reply to Treasury on the subject of the proposed reduction of the dues on grain which first sat on 8 June 1876 (P2/1/49); Committee to enquire into management of refreshment room at the Dock which first sat 9 Jan 1879 (P2/1/50); Committee appointed to make arrangements as to the sailing of the first transatlantic steamer from the Shannon which first sat on 2 June 1882 (P2/1/50); Special Committee to enquire into Engineers and Harbour Masters Staff which first sat on 7 April 1884 (P2/1/50); Committee to consider propriety of purchasing a Dredging Barge which first sat 24 November 1884 (P2/1/50); Special Committee appointed on Shannon Navigation Bill which first sat on 1 May 1885, (P2/1/50); Special

Committee on Foynes Harbour (P2/1/50); Harbour Improvements Committee (P2/1/50); Harbour Deputation Committee (P2/1/50); Special Committee on Coal (P2/1/51); Committee on Harbour and Dock Dues on registered tonnage (P2/1/51); Committee to consider the berths on the Harbour (P2/1/51); Committee on Railway Amalgamation (P2/1/51); Labourers Shelter Committee (P2/1/51); Accident and Sick Pay Committee (P2/1/51); Contracts Committee (P2/1/51); Shannon Water Bill Committee (P2/1/52); Tonnage Measurement Committee (P2/1/52); Contract Committee (P2/1/52); Fire Insurance Committee (P2/1/52); Salaries Committee (P2/1/52); Law Committee (P2/1/52); Wellesley Swivel Bridge Committee (P2/1/52); Pensions Committee (P2/1/52); Electrical Lighting Committee (P2/1/52); Dredging Committee (P2/1/53); Also included are minutes of the trade merchants association. (P2/1/51);. From 1952 onwards the volumes relate only to the whole house committee of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners. **P1/1/53-57 are not held by Limerick Archives.**

9 volumes

49	8 April 1867 – 24 February 1879	c.120 pp
50	26 March 1877 – 16 January 1888 Includes court notices in case Thomas Dixon and Sons -v- Limerick Harbour Commissioners.	c.150 pp
51	27 February 1888-6 April 1901	c.100 pp
52	22 April 1901 – 19 February 1907	c.180
53	<i>1 March 1907 – 13 September 1923</i>	
54	<i>26 September 1923 – 8 August 1934</i>	
55	<i>9 September 1934 – 30 April 1952</i>	
56	<i>27 May 1952 – 19 November 1962</i>	
57	<i>13 January 1963 – 23 January 1977</i>	
58	1 February 1888	Volume which consists of a report of a committee established to consider a proposed clause in the Harbour Bill relating to scales of import duties. Report outlines import duties paid on various goods in Limerick, Dublin, Cork, Waterford and Ferit.
		1 item
59	4 November 1868-14 November 1914	Minute book

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See P2/2/37-40.

recording minutes
of electors

meetings held every two years to elect harbour commissioners to represent the harbour importers and exporters, and the rate payers. Minutes record the date of meeting, attendance, nomination of candidates, and results of voting.

Includes letters of nomination received for 1904 election. Minutes of meetings held between 1902 and 1912 are not recorded.

c. 100pp

(v) Office of Secretary to Harbour Commissioners

(a) Letter Books (1896-1950)

Damp press letter books consisting of outgoing correspondence from the secretary of the Harbour Commissioners to various correspondents. Alphabetical indexes are included at the beginning of each volume. Volumes P2/1/ 65-66 are held by Limerick Harbour Commissioners. Letter books from 1906 onwards include typescript letters. Secretaries to the Harbour Commissioners were John Boyd (1896-1911), acting secretary Henry Forgary (1911), John T. Power (1911-1935) and Daniel McNiece (1935-1950). **P2/1/65-66 are not held by Limerick Archives.**

20 volumes

60	22 December 1896 – 26 April 1899	c.900 pp
61	26 April 1899 – 21 October 1901	c. 950 pp
62	4 January 1902-22 February 1904	c.1000 pp
63	25 February 1904-26 June 1906	c. 1000 pp
64	26 June 1906-11 June 1908 Includes letters received from Ormsby Jones, Board of Trade, relating to dues on vessels and goods at various small piers on the Shannon (19 September 1907-21 October 1907)	c. 1000 pp
65	<i>22 December 1906 – 26 April 1909</i>	

66	<i>16 September 1909 – 2 April 1910</i>	
67	15 June 1908 – 2 April 1910	c. 1000 pp
68	4 April 1910 – 28 April 1911	c. 500 pp
69	1 May 1911 – 11 January 1915	c. 1000 pp
70	13 January 1915 – 12 October 1918 Includes letters received from the board of Trade, London regarding Order made under Defence of the Realm Regulation 39 BB authorising Harbour Commissioners to increase rates and dues (23 August 1918)	c.1000 pp
71	14 October 1918 – 20 April 1922	c.1000 pp
72	25 April 1922 – 11 February 1925	c.1000 pp
73	12 February 1925 – 8 February 1928	1003 pp
74	9 February 1928 – 9 November 1931	1006 pp.
75	11 November 1931 – 2 March 1935	c.1000 pp
76	5 March 1935 – 4 July 1938 <i>Some letters illegible due to fugitive ink.</i>	c.1000 pp
77	7 July 1938 – 19 October 1942	c.1000 pp
78	19 October 1942 – 17 February 1947	c.1000 pp
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80	9 June 1948 – 26 February 1950 Includes index to correspondents in enclosed copybook.	c.900 pp

(b) Diaries (1894-1931)

Diaries were possibly kept by the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners. Entries are scarce and very brief. The first two volumes contain rough harbour accounts. **Not held by Limerick Archives.**

4 volumes

81	<i>1894 (also September 1902)</i>
82	<i>1899 (to April 1910)</i>
83	<i>1930</i>
84	<i>1931</i>

(c) Graving Dock Application Books (1905-1955)

Application books consisting of application forms from ships' masters to the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners requesting the use of the Graving Dock for the repair of vessels. Applications numbered sequentially and include details such as the date, name of vessels, registered tonnage of vessel, probable time (in tides) that vessel will be in dock, and time when it will enter dock. Graving Dock dues are also given, and applications are annotated by a Finance Committee stamp.

2 volumes

85	18 January 1894 – 27 October 1905	c.160 pp
86	15 February 1906 – 31 October 1955 Includes uncompleted application forms with 'order to leave dock' slips, and receipts to be retained by ships' masters also attached.	c.280 pp

87 29 December 1873-20 September 1893 Graving dock register showing accounts of the

see P2/2/1-28

collector of graving dock dues. Entries record date of dock application number, date of docking order, vessels name, registered tonnage, length of keel, probable time for repairing, date of order for undocking, number of tides chargeable, dock dues, and receipts and lodgements.

c.30 ff

(d) Financial Records (1883-1975)

Secretary's cashbooks that give details of dues, rent, etc. paid by named vessels etc. as well as details of lodgements. P2/1/87 gives details of harbour payment and receipts, entry date, details of payment ledger folio and amount.

Not held by Limerick Archives.

(see P2/2/45-52)

4 volumes

88	<i>12 February 1883 – 30 December 1889</i>
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Bank of Ireland Account Books which give details of lodgements and payments of cheques and amount. **Not held by Limerick Archives.**

2 volumes

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| 97 | <i>28 January 1924 – 25 June 1934</i> |
| 98 | <i>25 June 1934 – 3 April 1948</i> |

(vi) Newspaper Cuttings and Other Printed Material (1875-1980)

Volumes contain newspaper cuttings from local and national newspapers consisting of advertisements for tenders, and for staff, reports on meetings of the Harbour Board and public notices and circular letters issued by the Harbour Commissioners. **P2/1/100 not held by Limerick Archives.**

2 volumes

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| 99 | 5 November 1884-29 June 1946 | c. 100 pp |
| 100 | <i>February 1947-December 1980</i> | |

Volumes contain cuttings from local and national newspapers relating to the port of Limerick, the Shannon Estuary and general maritime affairs. **P2/1/103-104 not held by Limerick Archives.**

4 volumes

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| 101 | 5 November 1900-31 January 1910 | c.60 pp |
| 102 | 11 March 1927 – 11 March 1941
Includes financial statement showing repayment of £150, 000 loan (1927) | c.60 pp |
| 103 | <i>18 February 1946-13 November 1961</i> | |
| 104 | <i>12 February 1962-16 June 1976</i> | |

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| 105 | 27 April 1927-22 October 1934 | Scrapbook kept by Captain C. J. Hanrahan |
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(Harbour Master). Includes newspaper cuttings from local and national newspapers relating to maritime affairs and to Limerick Harbour. Includes also photograph of Limerick Harbour (undated); copy of indenture of apprenticeship

of Daniel Behan (1 July 1910; printed leaflet titled 'Bye- laws and Regulations of the Commissioners for the Port and Harbour of Limerick' (1904).

c. 40 pp.

106 31 December 1929-31 December 1944 File of newspaper cuttings consisting of financial statements published by Limerick Harbour Commissioners. Includes abstracts of accounts, and annual balance sheets and statements.

22 items.

107 13 August 1875-24 July 1940 File of public notices and posters which were generally issued on behalf of the Harbour Commissioners by their secretaries. Posters inform the general public, importers, exporters and ships masters on matters relating to Limerick Harbour. Includes also posters issued by Limerick Pilotage Authority, and by Francis Kearney (clerk of the Crown and Peace for the County and City of Limerick); handwritten drafts of notices; notice issued by C. J Hanrahan (Lieutenant) relating to the establishment of an examination service for merchant vessels under Emergency Powers (no. 31) Order, 1940.

12 items,

108 1930-1949 File of newspaper cuttings mainly relating to Cork Harbour Commissioners, and Cork port.

c.15 items

109 1890-1905 File of printed leaflets issued by the Limerick Harbour Commissioners. Includes *Rules for the working of the Sarsfield Swivel Bridge* (1890), *Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Commissioners for the Port and Harbour of Limerick* (1905), *Harbour Engineer's Limerick Dock, Floating Dock, Specifications for "Sett" Paving* (1904)

110 1836-1847 Specification book
consisting of
printed
specifications by Thomas Rhodes for building the south quay walls and sewers
(1836) and by John McMahon for the construction of floating dock and swivel
bridge (1847).
c.15 pp.

II Office of the Collector of Rates

(i) Levy of Tonnage, Import, Export, Dockage, Ouavage and Coal Dues

(a) Tonnage Dues Book (1857-1859)

1 May 1857-December 1859 Volume recording
see DM 39.6 tonnage dues levied
on vessels. Entries
arranged chronologically by month. Details recorded include month of vessels
arrival, number of arrival (arrivals numbered sequentially beginning with 1 on 1
Jan), the vessel name, vessel tonnage, port of origin, tonnage dues levied at 7d.
and at 8d, and total dues paid. Signatures of the Collector and the secretary are
annotated at monthly intervals.

c.45 pp

(b) Import Dues Book (1857-1860)

2 February 1857-January 1860 Volume recording
See DM 39.6 import duties
levied on vessels.
Entries records the vessel number, tonnage, vessel name, port (of registry),
master, port of origin, materials imported (all items in cargo are mentioned),
importers, import dues, which are annotated with a tick when paid.

c.600 pp

(c) Export Dues Books (1847-1965)

Volumes recording export dues levied on vessels. Entries are arranged
chronologically and include the date, name of vessel (carrying goods for export),
manifest number, exporter, cargo type, weight of cargo, export rate, amount of
export dues, when dues were paid, initials of collector and cash folio entry
reference. From 25 July 1888 date dues were paid, initials of collector, and
reference to cashbook folio are also included. Between 1847 and 1854, and
March 1932 to December 1963 reference is also made to the ports to which the
vessels were bound.

3 volumes

3 see DM 39.5	1 January 1847-4 November 1854	c. 500 pp
4	25 July 1888-28 December 1923	c. 390 pp
5 see DM 39.6	4 January 1924-28 December 1963	c.400 pp.

(d) Registers of Tonnage, Dock, Import and Light Dues (1869-1971)

Registers recording tonnage, dock, and import dues levied on vessels. Entries record number of vessels in the month, date of arrival, vessel name, port of departure, place of discharge of cargo, registered tonnage of vessels, tonnage rates, dockage rates, dockage dues, date when paid to collector, description and quantity of cargo, rate of import due, (amount of) import dues, importer, date (account) furnished, date paid, observations, and date of sailing. From 1887, there is an additional column for the initials of the collector. From 1903, the Registers have additional columns referring to the number of Clyde and Limerick Steamship Company manifests and light dues. From 1949, these manifest columns are united in one referring to a general cargo manifest number, and hand-written monthly returns of coastwise, cross channel and foreign vessels listing the number of the vessels and tonnage are also given.

Volumes P2/2/8-12 and P2/2/17 are not held by Limerick Archives.

12 volumes

6 see DM 39.3	2 January 1869 – 31 August 1878 Includes additional columns, which record extra tonnage dues to be paid for detention 4 days beyond one month, and date when paid to collector.	c. 125 ff
7 see DM 39.3	2 September 1878-31 December 1886 Includes list titled ‘ships in distress’	c. 150 ff
8	<i>January 1887</i> Consists of two incomplete entries for January 1887 only.	
9 see DM 39.3	<i>January 1887 – December 1894</i>	
10 see DM 39.3	<i>January 1895 – September 1903</i>	
11 see DM 39.4	<i>October 1903 – December 1909</i>	
12 see DM 39.4	<i>3 January 1910 – 28 December 1917</i>	

13 see DM 39.4	5 January 1918-30 September 1927	c. 110 ff
14	3 October 1927-1 October 1936	c.110 ff
15	1 October 1936-30 December 1946	c. 140 ff
16	1 January 1949-31 December 1959	c.140 ff
17	<i>January 1960 – July 1971</i>	

(e) Quayage and Dockage Dues books (1860-1964)

18 see DM 39.7	1 January 1860-31 May 1866	Volume recording the daily number of river craft and steamers plying on the Shannon and daily amount of quayage and dockage duties paid. Entries are recorded under two headings titled 'quayage' and 'dockage'. Entries under quayage record the date, the number of boats each day which were under 35 ton or exceeded 35 ton and whether they were discharging or loading. Also recorded are number of sandcots discharging or loading at any quay, the number of steamboats, and rates charged for trading or towing vessels. Also recorded is the total amount of quayage dues collected daily. Information recorded daily regarding dockage duties includes the number of sand cots discharging or loading in the dock (at 8d.), number of boats each day not exceeding 40 tons (discharging at 2s. or loading at 1s. 6d. or passing through the dock at 1s.), the number of boats each day exceeding 40 tons (discharging At 4s. or loading at 2s. 6d. or passing through the dock at 2s.), the number of vessels 5 tons or over for each fortnight after one month (at 6d.), number of Steamboats entering the dock (at 2s.), and the amount collected each day.
		c.50 ff

Quayage dues books consist of monthly summaries of the quayage dues paid by riverboats and steamboats in Limerick Harbour. Entries are arranged under heading which record weekly returns on the number of ships paying quayage, total receipts, monthly summaries of individual vessels showing the number of voyages made by each of them, tows obtained and dues paid & at what rates. From 31 January 1914 the format changes, and the date at which the quayage duty is paid is also recorded.

6 volumes.

[19]			
20	31 January 1895 –31 December 1899	c. 50 pp	
see DM 39.7			
21	31 January 1900-31 December1903	c.40 pp	
see DM 39.7			
22	31 January 1904 –31 December 1913	c. 100 pp	
see DM 39.7			
23	31 January 1914 – 31 October 1924	c.100 pp	
see DM 39.7			
24	30 November 1924 – 31 December 1935	c. 100 pp	
see DM 39.7			
25	31 January 1936-31 December 1946	c. 120 pp	

Volumes recording quayage dues and import and export rates on river craft and merchandise travelling to and from lower Shannon ports. Entries are arranged chronologically by month, and are numbered sequentially beginning with 1 on 1st January. Details recorded include the date, name of vessel, port the vessel came from, registered tonnage, rates received from harbour master, type of cargo inwards, name of importer, date import rates paid. Also recorded is destination ship sailed to, type and weight of cargo outwards, export rates per ton, total amount due, name of exporter, and date paid.

2 volumes.

26	2 January 1947-30 July 1954 Includes slips stamped by Harbour Masters Office which record details of coal exports and export dues paid for fortnightly periods between 1 January 1950-31 December 1950.	c. 90 ff	
27	31 August 1954-31 September 1962	c. 100 ff	

(f) Coal Dues Book (1843-1847)

28	1 January 1843-5 August 1847	Volume recording coal duties paid by vessels. Details recorded include name of vessel, port the vessel came from, importer, tonnage	
see DM 39.5			

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and dues paid. Entries are annotated monthly with the signature of the secretary and chairman of the Harbour Commissioners. Volume ends with note 'coal duties after this date are included in general import account'.

c.25 ff

Records of Import and Export of Limerick Harbour (Non Financial)

(a) Imports and Exports (1831-1976)

29 September 1831 – February 1834 Volume which consists of a statement of the principal imports into Limerick. Information given includes date of import, vessel name, vessel, Tonnage, port of origin, and an indication of the type and quantity of imports, which include the following: ashes (pots), pearl (barrels), bricks, tiles etc., brimstone (cwt.), coal (tons), copper (cwt.), fish and herrings (barrels), fish and cod etc. (tons), flaxseed (hogsheads), fruit and oranges (boxes), dried fruit (cwt.), glass (crates), glass bottles (gross), gunpowder (cwt.), hats (cases), hemp (tons), hides and leather (cwt.), hops (packets), iron – unwrought and manufactured (tons), kelp and barilla (tons), lead and shot (tons), oak and bark (tons), oil (tons), dye stuffs (cwt.), paints and colour (cwt.), pepper(cwt.), porter ale etc.(barrels), rice (cwt.), rock salt (tons), white salt (tons), saltpetre, seeds agricultural etc. soap (boxes), slate (tons), spirits, sugar (hogsheads), sugar (tierce) East India bags, tallow (cwt), tar and pitch (barrels), tea (chests), tin (boxes), tobacco (hogsheads), wine (pipes and hogsheads), quarter (casket), wood timber (tons), deal over 12feet (hogsheads?), deals under 12 feet (hogsheads), staves (hogsheads), pipe staves (hogsheads, barrels), lathe wood, hoops woollen and cotton goods (bales), molasses (tons), mahogany (tons) ballast. Retained by Limerick Harbour Commissioners. **Not held by Limerick Archives**

Import books, which record details regarding goods imported to Limerick Harbour. Entries arranged by category of good such as 'coals', 'general cargo', 'wheat', 'maize', 'sugar', 'cement', 'petroleum', 'manure', 'salt', 'timber', 'birch', 'files', 'barley', 'whiting', 'bran', 'pollard', 'meal', 'slates', 'herrings' and others. Details recorded for each category include the year, the name of the importer, the weight of goods imported, 'observations' and number assigned to import in the registers of tonnage, dock, import and light dues (See P2/2/6-17).

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		3 volumes
30	1899-1910	c. 300 pp
31	1911-1939 Includes handwritten list signed by J. Browne, Harbour Master showing returns of merchant goods over and less than 1000 tonnes for 1933.	c. 300 pp
32	1940-1968 Includes index to categories of goods.	c. 300 pp
33	1868-1892	Volume consisting of annual summaries of goods imported, arranged by category of good (1869-1892); annual summaries of goods exported arranged by category of good exported (1888-1892); account showing repayment of government loans received under Harbour Act 1867 (1868-1889); importers of coal (1881-1891). The loan repayment account entries relate to loans received for 'commuted debt', 'graving dock' and 'Thomas Dean's debt. Entries record date repayment paid, amount paid off on principal, and interest paid (1868-1889). The 'importers of coal' section is arranged by year, and lists name of importer and tonnage imported. Includes index to volume. <i>Fragile please handle with care.</i>
		c.25 pp
34	17 October 1958-20 February 1969	Volume recording imports to Limerick Harbour. Entries divided chronologically into columns. Details recorded include date vessel arrived, name of vessel, type of cargo, name of importer, number of arrival (begins with '1' on 1 January), and date of departure. Between 1965 and 1967 additional information regarding exports is also recorded.
		c. 90 pp
35	1905-1906; 1932-1939	Export book which records information regarding exports. Between 1905 and 1906 entries are arranged by category of goods such as 'hay', 'timber', 'old iron'. 'pollard' and 'salt'. The tear, name of exporter, weight of exported material, and name of vessel are recorded. From 1932-1939 the total weight of exports per category of good, per year, are recorded. Entries are arranged chronologically by year, and alphabetically by category of good.

36 1939 – 1976 This volume gives details of the weights in ton, cwt, grain, and in pounds of types of goods imported or exported in a particular year. Steamship Company involved is also mentioned, as are numbers manifest. Export entries cover the period 1939 to 1969. Import entries span 1939 to 1976. **Not held by Limerick Archives**

(b) Qualification books (1898-1968)

See P2/1/59

Qualification books, which record whether importers and exporters have qualified to vote in the Limerick Harbour Commissioners elections. Qualification depends on the quantity of goods either imported or exported from Limerick Harbour. Entries are arranged chronologically by year. Details recorded under the name of importer/exporter include the type, weight and monetary value of goods imported/exported, and whether the importer/exporter has qualified to vote in the election of harbour commissioners as an importer, exporter or ratepayer. From These volumes detail the names of importers and exporters of goods into Limerick port, the type and value of the goods imported/exported and whether or not an importer/exporter is qualified to vote in the elections of Harbour Commissioners. From 1901 onwards entries are arranged alphabetically by name of importer and exporter.

4 volumes

37 see DM 39.10	1898-1900 Includes summary of goods exported in 1894.	c. 400 pp
38 see DM 39.10	1901-1911	c. 400 pp
39 see DM 39.10	1912-1926 Includes index to categories of goods.	c. 600 pp

(iii)

Registers of Vessels

(a) Arrivals and Sailings (1891-1911)

Volumes which record arrivals and sailings into Limerick Harbour. Entries arranged under columns which include the 'date of Arrival', 'number of arrival', 'vessel name', 'tons', and 'when sailed and Observations.' Entries

under 'when sailed and observations', generally refer to destination of ship. From 1891 additional columns under arrivals include 'from' and 'where berthed', and additional columns under departures include 'bound for', 'how laden', 'draft in', 'draft out' and 'observations'.

1 Volume.

42 3 November 1891-31 August 1911 c. 400 ff
Closed for conservation.

(b) Vessels Passing through the Swivel Bridge (1906-1911)

43 21 January 1906-13 November 1911 Volume recording returns of vessels passing through the Sarsfield swivel bridge. Entries arranged by vessels travelling 'upwards' and 'downwards'. The date, name of vessel, cargo, hour and 'observations' are recorded for each vessel.

c.10 pp

(c) Vessels trading on the Shannon (1945-1953)

44 2 August 1945-29 August 1953 Register of vessels trading on the River Shannon.

Entries arranged chronologically by 'arrivals' and 'departures'. The entry for each vessel is arranged under columns titled 'date', 'hour', and 'tonnage', 'from' or 'to', 'cargo', berthage and remarks. Entries under 'from', note the port from which ship arrived such as 'Kilrush', 'Ballylongford', and 'Foynes' and 'to' note the destination of departing. 'Cargo' entries include items such as 'general' '60 tons turf' and 'empties'.

c.50 ff

(iv)

General Accounts

(a) Cash Books (1879-1979)

See P2/1/88-92

Cashbooks recording payments received and lodgements made by Limerick Harbour Commissioners. Details recorded include purpose of payment, amount received, date received, and date of lodgement. Payments received include cash received from named vessels for tonnage, dock, export and quayage and sums received from the sale of old equipment, from the Quay Leaver, and other items. Volume P2/2/52 is a rough cashbook, and contains information recorded in P2/2/48-49. **P2/2/50-52 not held by Limerick Archives.**

8 volumes.

45	1 January 1897-[] August 1904 Some entries illegible.	c. 300 ff
46	6 August 1904-30 September 1911	c. 500 ff
47	2 October 1911-8 March 1924	c.500 ff
48	10 March 1924-28 December 1935	c.500 ff
49	30 December 1935-17 December 1949	c. 500 ff
50	<i>December 1949 – August 1961</i>	
51	<i>August 1961 – April 1971</i>	
52	<i>August 1961 – April 1971</i>	

Cash books recording income received from harbour dues. Entries arranged chronologically and include the date, the type of dues received, the name of vessel, the amount, and date cash was lodged to bank of Ireland. From 1909 onwards entries are recorded under columns titled 'name', 'ships number', 'tonnage dues', 'dock dues', 'light dues', 'import dues', 'export dues', 'quayage dues', 'graving dock', 'capping pieces', 'rents; 'wharfage' and miscellaneous. At end of each month summary of cash received from each category of harbour dues is also recorded. After 1939, the column for the graving dock is divided into dues and charges, and columns added to record cattle pens, hire of cold store, and hire for cranes, and for hire of fenders, sale of tide tables, sale of old stores, insurance refunds and rebates, damage to dock gates/quays/roadways etc. recouped, miscellaneous loans, rents, loans (capital account), sundry receipts not chargeable as income, proceeds of sale of investment, total and bank. **P2/2/57-62 not held by Limerick Archives.**

9 volumes.

53	8 October 1879-26 March 1887	227 pp
54	18 January 1909-18 June 1917	313 pp
55	18 June 1917-10 June 1929 Includes column to record weigh lever dues received.	314 pp
56	24 June 1929-30 December 1939	284 pp

57	<i>January 1940 – December 1944</i>
58	<i>January 1945 – November 1952</i>
59	<i>November 1952 – June 1961</i>
60	<i>June 1961 – November 1968</i>
61	<i>November 1968 – January 1976</i>
62	<i>January 1976 – ‘In Progress’</i>

Cash Book recording Limerick Harbour expenditure. Details recorded include: date, to whom pay order was issued, particulars of payment, date when paid, numbers of pay orders, amount, details of maintenance expenditure (under such headings as Engineer's office, salaries, fees and expenses, docks, wharvers, quays, roads etc., river lights, bridges, pilot stations etc., stores, sheds, cattle pens, offices and other buildings, cranes, weighing machines etc., miscellaneous. Details of dredging expenditure including wages and materials. Repairs to dredger, & miscellaneous. Operational expenditure column include Harbour Master's Office, salaries and expenses, wages of watchman, dock gatemen, weighmen etc., uniforms and clothing, water supply, cleansing of quays, sheds etc., cold stores, river lights, lighting of docks, quays etc., launch, boats floating plant etc., miscellaneous. Columns included under general Expenses include Secretary's Office, salaries and expenses, collection of dues, commission, law cost, insurances, pensions, grant to Income Tax and rents, capital expenditure, sundries, number 2 account, and proposed development schemes. **Not held by Limerick Archives.**

5 volumes.

63	<i>1 January 1934 – 20 December 1943</i>
64	<i>17 January 1944 – 15 December 1952</i>
65	<i>5 January 1953 – 10 July 1961</i>
66	<i>10 July 1961 – 13 October 1969</i>
67	<i>10 November 1969 – 18 October 1976</i>

68	1 December 1882- 12 April 1884	Volume with entries arranged under headings titled 'cash received' and cash paid'. Details recorded include amounts of cash received from towage, tonnage and dockage on named vessel, shipping agent, graving dock dues and cash paid to harbour staff, light keepers, and on income tax
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6 ff

69 September 1958 – October 1979 Volume recording petty cash expenditure of the Harbour Office. Details recorded include purpose of expenditure, date, and amount. Various loose receipts also enclosed. **Not held by Limerick Archives**

70 31 December 1911 – 28 January 1924 Cash lodgements and cheque payment book.
 Entries record date and amounts. **Not held by Limerick Archives.**

(b) General Ledgers (1887-1918)

General ledgers showing various accounts of Limerick Harbour Commissioners such as bank account, investment government new 3% stock a/c, graving dock a/c, ground rentals a/c, salaries a/c, maintenance a/c, river lights a/c, dredging a/c, weighing machine a/c, and rock cutting a/c / Also included are fortnightly summaries of tonnage, dock, import, and quayage dues received. Names of collectors also occasionally recorded. Also includes end of year accounts.

3 volumes

71	1 January 1887-31 December 1893	c. 400 ff
72	7 November 1893-31 December 1899	c. 400 ff
73	31 December 1899-31 December 1918 (-1919) Includes letters from Bank of Ireland Office, Limerick certifying that the balance of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners account is £1664 12s 9d. (11 February 1919)	c. 450 ff

(c) Journals (1887-1946)

Journals arranged by month showing debit and credit transactions of Limerick Harbour. Details recorded include date, sum, and details of the transaction.

Transaction details include items such as 'maintenance small dredger repairs', 'salaries for month of January', 'Bank 108 Mr. Spillane'.

2 volumes.

74	10 January 1887-30 December 1911 Includes reference to ledger	c.760 pp
75	31 December 1911-1 December 1946	c. 310 ff

(b) Abstracts of Accounts (1890-1945)

Abstracts of accounts book of Limerick Harbour Commissioners showing annual summary of income and expenditure. Accounts occasionally annotated with signature of secretary, chairman, or auditor. **P2/2/77 not held by Limerick Archives.**

2volumes

76	31 December 1890-31 December 1920	c. 40 ff
77	<i>31 December 1921-31 December 1945</i>	

(v)

Pilotage Accounts

See P2/1/40-48

(a) Pilotage Returns (1895-1980)

Pilotage Returns Books recording financial information regarding the pilotage of vessels up the River Shannon to Limerick (inwards) and down river from Limerick (outwards) by pilots of the Limerick Division. Details are entered under headings titled 'inward' and 'outward'. Details recorded include month, vessel name and number, scattery rates, distance, detention, gross amount, proportion, less expenses, net amount and pilot's name. The monthly wage of pilots and pensioners of the Limerick Division are also calculated by subtracting expenses and pilot association membership fees from the net total at end of each month. From 1909 onwards distance, detention rates and number of vessels are no longer recorded. From 1956 onwards the column 'scattery rate' is replaced by 'pilotage rate'. Entries are occasionally signed by collector. **P2/2/83-86 not held by Limerick Archives.**

9 volumes.

78	31 January 1895-31 May 1899	c. 50 ff
79	31 June 1899- 31 April 1904	c. 60 ff
80	31 May 1904-31 March 1909	c. 60 ff
81	31 April 1909-31 April 1919	c. 120 ff
82	31 June 1919-31 December 1935	c. 200 ff

Also enclosed are medical certificates for pilots on sick leave.

83	<i>31 January 1936-December 1955</i>
84	<i>31 January 1956-31 June 1968</i>
85	<i>31 July 1968-31 May 1976</i>
86	<i>31 June 1976-31 June 1980</i>

Pilotage returns books recording financial information regarding the pilotage of vessels up the River Shannon to Limerick (inwards) and down river from Limerick (outwards) by pilots of the Western Division. Details recorded in columns include the vessel name and number, scattery rates, distance, detention rates, gross amount, expenses, net amount and name of pilot. The monthly wage of pilots and pensioners of the Western Division is also calculated by subtracting expenses and pilot association membership fees from the net total at end of each month. From 1907 onwards vessel number and detention rates no longer recorded. From 1917 onwards the information regarding distance is recorded under columns titled distance inwards and distance outwards, and the gross amount is no longer recorded. **P2/2/92-95 not held by Limerick Archives.**

9 volumes.

87	<i>31 June 1899-31 April 1907</i>	c. 100 pp
88	<i>31 May 1907-31 April 1917</i>	c. 150 pp
89	<i>31 July 1917-31 December 1927</i>	c. 200 pp
90	<i>31 January 1928-31 July 1937</i>	c. 200 pp
	Also enclosed are medical certificates for pilots on sick leave.	
91	<i>31 August 1937-31 December 1949</i>	c. 200 pp
92	<i>31 January 1950-31 September 1958</i>	
93	<i>31 October 1958-31 October 1966</i>	
94	<i>30 November 1966-31 December 1974</i>	
95	<i>31 January 1975- 31 April 1979</i>	

96 31 January 1907-31 December 1909 Volume recording
monthly pilotage
returns inwards.

Details recorded include name of ship, steamers registered, tonnage, sailors registered, tonnage, nationality, how far towed (in miles), Station, pilotage change, Western man's proportion, Limerick (Eastern) man's proportion. Also enclosed loose sheets consisting of notes relating to pilotage fees, telephone bills, and pilot boat log sheets. Pilot boat log records the name of gang, date took possession, condition of boat on date of possession, and daily entries noting particulars such as 'Thursday at 11.30 am. Sent D. Behan on board SS. for Limerick, wind west, strong breeze'.

50 pp

97 31 January 1907 – 31 December 1909 Volume recording
monthly pilotage
returns outwards.

Details recorded include name of ship, steamers registered, tonnage, sailors registered, tonnage, nationality, how far towed (in miles), Station, pilotage change, Western man's proportion, Limerick (Eastern) man's proportion.

50 pp

(a) Pilotage Rate Books (1914-1935)

Volumes which give details of pilotage fees and costs paid by incoming and outgoing vessels and sums received by pilots. Entries arranged by date, and details recorded include the name of vessel. Payments made are entered under three columns which are titled 'in', 'out' and 'miscellaneous'. From 1924 onwards, entries under an additional column titled 'docking, undocking etc' are included. From July 1933 onwards, entries under an additional column titled 'net regist (ered) tonnage' are also included.'

8 volumes.

98	1 January 1914 – 30 June 1921	c. 350 pp
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100	1 January 1924 – 30 November 1925 printed sheets which outline how pilotage fees are divided among the Eastern and Western bodies.	c. 120 ff
101	1 December 1925 – 30 September 1927	c. 150 ff
102	1 October 1927 – 31 May 1929	c. 150 ff
103	1 June 1929 – 31 March 1931	c. 150 ff

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104	31 March 1931 – 26 June 1933	c. 150 ff
105	July 1933 – September 1935 Includes slips from Limerick Harbour pilotage records which record details such as name, description, nationality, and tonnage of vessel, western pilots name, where bound for, distance, fees and captain's signature.	c. 150 ff

(b) Pilotage Receipts and Payments Books (1938-1978)

Volumes which give details of receipts and payments relating to pilotage. Each folio is divided into receipts and payments columns. Under the receipts column, details recorded include date, vessel name and net registered tonnage. Amounts of receipts from the sources such as pilotage inwards and outwards, docking, undocking and shifting, detention, landing pilots, examination fees, new licenses and certificates, licenses renewal fees, certificate renewal fees and sundries are also listed. Total receipts and bank columns also given. Under the payments column, details recorded include date paid, recipient, description, amount of cheque and amounts for the following payments, travelling expenses (docking, undocking and shifting), detention, landing pilots, provision money for Cain's Island Pilot Station, rents, miscellaneous expenses of Western Pilots, Pilots benefit under expenses, Pilots benefit fund contributions and repayment of loans by Western Pilots. Other columns include floating petty cash, balance of pilotage paid to Eastern pilots and likewise for Western pilots. In volume 3, the Scatterry and Cain's Islands provisions money columns have been replaced by a single provisions money column. **P2/2/106-110 not held by Limerick Archives.**

5 volumes.

106	<i>January 1938 – August 1948</i>
107	<i>September 1948 – March 1956</i>
108	<i>May 1956 – July 1966</i>
109	<i>August 1966 – October 1972</i>
110	<i>November 1972 – November 1978</i>

(c) Pilotage Petty Cash books (1909-1979)

Volumes recording petty cash expenditure relation to pilotage. Volume 1 contains the following data columns: date, name of pilot, vessel, miscellaneous payments, in cost, out cost, private account, total, signature of pilot. From 1916 onwards the 'private account' column is omitted. After 1938, the columns were re-organised as follows: date, cheque number, pilots name, name of vessel, travelling expense (Eastern pilot inwards), travelling expenses (Eastern pilots outwards), travelling expenses (Western pilots), docking, undocking, shifting, detentions, landings, provision money Scattery Island pilot station, Rents, pilots' benefit fund expenses, miscellaneous (Eastern pilots), miscellaneous expenses (Western pilots), pilots drawings on account of earnings, total, signature of recipient. The columns were slightly re-organised in 1954.

P2/2/121-128 not held by Limerick Archives.

18 volumes.

111	31 August 1909 – 30 December 1912	c. 150 pp
112	1 January 1913 – 19 October 1916	c. 150 pp
113	20. October 1916 – 21 June 1922	c. 150 pp
114	22 June 1922 – 16 June 1924	c. 150 pp
115	16 June 1924 – 30 November 1926	c. 150 pp
116	1 December 1926 – 17 September 1928	c. 150 pp
117	22 September 1928 – 31 July 1930	c. 150 pp
118	18 August 1930 – 28 October 1932	c. 150 pp
119	27 October 1932 – 2 November 1935	c. 150 pp
120	2 November 1935 – 29 December 1937	c. 100 pp
121	<i>January 1938 – December 1948</i>	
122	<i>January 1949 – June 1954</i>	
123	<i>June 1954 – July 1959</i>	
124	<i>August 1959 – May 1965</i>	
125	<i>May 1965 – December 1969</i>	
126	<i>January 1970 – August 1971</i>	
127	<i>August 1971 – November 1975</i>	
128	<i>November 1975 – March 1979</i>	

(e) Pilot Account Books (1896-1934)

Volumes that record pilotage earnings and fees received from named vessels and amounts paid out to pilots by the collector. Monthly summaries of pilots' wages are also given. **P2/2/129-130 not held by Limerick Archives.**

2 volumes

- 129 *1 November 1904 – August 1908*
130 *2 August 1908 – December 1913*

Volumes recording cash amounts paid on account to pilots. Includes names of pilots, and occasionally their pilotage division. **P2/2/132-133 not held by Limerick Archives.**

3 volumes.

- 131 3 May 1898-31 September 1908 c. 100 ff
Includes list of names and addresses of Western pilots.
- 132 *October 1908 – May 1914*
133 *June 1914 – December 1934*

134 April 1890-August 1893 Volume recording details of expenses paid to pilots, along with pilots' names, and details of other expenditure. **Not held by Limerick Archives.**

135 2 November 1915 –9 April 1918 The Munster and Leinster Bank in account with Shannon pilots. This book lists payments and receipts into the account. Pilots surnames are listed. c.20 ff

(f) Pilots Benefit Fund 1915-1940

136 9 June 1933 – December 1944 Pilot's benefit fund cash book which lists date transactions, amounts and pilot names. Also includes an investment

account, deposit account and realisation of stock account. Includes index to accounts.

c. 135 ff

137 8 June 1933 – 30 September 1940 Pilots benefit fund ledger which relates to pensions

of retired Eastern and Western Pilots and grants to widows of deceased pilots and pensioners. Entries arranged by date and by 'Eastern body' and 'Western body'.

c. 60 ff

(v) **Limerick Harbour Wages Books (1869—1966)**

Volumes which record total sums of wages paid weekly by Limerick Harbour, arranged by sections such as 'swivel bridge', 'dredging', 'river lights', 'weigh levers', 'graving dock', 'and 'maintenance'. Entries arranged under columns, which include date, description, amount, ledger folio reference, and journal folio reference. Entries annotated with finance committee stamp. See P2/2/149

3 volumes.

138	4 January 1906-10 October 1921	442 pp
139	27 October 1921-19 July 1937	454 pp
140	22 July 1937-30 December 1949	c. 255 ff

141 15 September 1869-1 June 1870 Volume of workmen's wages accounts with

weekly entries. Details recorded include name of workman, wages per day, total value of week's works, cash paid on account and observations. Entries under 'observations' generally relate to the profession of workman such as 'time keeper', carpenter', 'labourer', and 'engine driver'. Between 1867-1873 workers were employed to excavate rocks during the building of the graving dock. Also included are abstracts of accounts which show total sums spent on wages for tasks such as 'excavation earth', 'excavation rock', 'stone-cutting', and 'general project'.

c. 200 pp

142	31 December 1870-7 December 1871	Volume of workmen's wages accounts with weekly entries. Details recorded include names, days worked, wages per day, total value of week's work, and observations. Also include is calculation of total wages paid per week. Entries under observations generally refer to ships individual worked on such as 'Beatrice; 'Eliza', and 'Inisfallen'.	11 pp.
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Volumes which consist of employee's receipts for wages received. Entries arranged under columns, which record the date, workman's number, workman's name, wages paid and signature of recipient.

2 volumes.

143	2 January 1930-25 December 1930	c. 55 pp
144	5 January 1933-28 December 1933	c. 55 pp

River Light Keepers' wages books, which list the date, the names of men, names of lights, total numbers of days lighting, rate of pay per month, amount, signature (or mark) and observation. Annotated with finance committee stamp.

4 volumes.

145	1 June 1938-30 September 1946	c. 100 ff
[146]		
147	31 August 1955-31 December 1960	c. 60 ff
148	31 January 1961-30 April 1960	c. 65 ff

149 see P2/2/138-140	5 January 1950-5 July 1962	Wages and pensions Bank Account No. 2, which shows wages and pensions paid by category, and weekly withdrawals and lodgements from the bank account.	c. 250 ff.
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(vi) Mortgages (1867-1954)

151 9 December 1867-11 October 1954 Mortgages book which records details of mortgages held by Limerick Harbour Commissioners. Details recorded include number of mortgages, date of mortgage, amount of mortgage, name of mortgage and repayment conditions.

c. 25 ff.

(vii) Limerick Harbour Rentals (1874-1976)

. Entries arranged by columns and include details such as the name of site or the property, tenants, tenancy terms, yearly rent, date of gale days, arrears due, amount received last gale day, and annual summary of payments received. From 1874 additional columns added which record the amount of poor rates allowed, income tax allowed, and allowances. **P2/2/155 not held by Limerick Archives.**

4 volumes.

152	1867-1886	c. 30 ff
see DM 39.11		
153	1886-1919	c. 80 ff
see DM 39.11		
15 see DM	1919-1948	c. 90 ff
39.11 4		
155	<i>1949-1976</i>	

(viii) Metrological Observations (1840-1842)

156 1 June 1840-121 December 1842 Metrological and tide observations book of the Wellesley Bridge Commissioners. Volume consist of daily entries which record date, barometer, and thermometer readings, pluviometer readings, state of wind, and height of tides at the lower sill of Wellesley lock, at Thomond bridge, and at lower sill of the canal locks. Daily 'remarks' relating to weather conditions also recorded such as 'light winds and fine weather' and 'moderate breeze and constant rain'

c. 40 pp

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III Limerick Harbour Commissioners Microfilm List

- DM 39.1** Harbour Boards Minutes (2 volumes), 1823 – 93 & 1867 – 89.
(*See P2/1/1-14*)
- Miscellaneous Minutes, 1843 – 1894
- Elections of Commissioners Minute Books (6 volumes), 1867 –79,
1877-1888, 1888, 1888 –1901, 1901 – 07, & 1907 – 23..
- DM 39.2** Minutes Books, 1966 – 1978. (*See P2/1/3*)
- DM 39.3** Tonnage, Dock & Import Dues (4 volumes), 1869 – 78, 1878 – 86,
1887 –94, & 1895 – 1903. (*See P2/2/6-7, P2/2/ 9-10*)
- DM 39.4** Tonnage, Dock & Import Dues (3 volumes), 1903 – 09, 1910 – 17
& 1918 – 27. (*See P2/2/11-13*)
- DM 39.5** Arrivals & Sailings (2 volumes), 1843 – 54 & 1855 – 61
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- Export Dues, 1847 – 54. (*See p2/2/3*)
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- DM 39.6** Tonnage Dues Book, May 1857 – December 1859. (*See P2/2/1*)
Import Dues book, February 1857 – January 1860. (*See P2/2/2*)
Export Dues Books (2 volumes), 1886 – 1923 & 1924 – 63. (*See P2/2/5*)
- DM 39.7** Quayage & Dockage Book, January 1860 – May 1866 (. (*See P2/2/18*)
Quayage Dues (5 volumes), 1895 – 99, 1900 – 03, 1904 – 13, 1914 – 24
& 1927 – 35. (*See P2/2/20-24*)
- DM 39.8** Finance Committee Claims Books (6 volumes), 1886 –94, 1895 – 1901,
1902 – 09, 1909 – 18, 1918 – 32, & 1932 – 39. (*See P2/1/30-35*)
- DM 39.9** Finance Committee Claims Books (3 volumes), 1939 – 49, 1949 – 56,
& 1956 – 64. (*See P2/1/36-38*)
- DM 39.10** Imports & Exporters / Qualifications Books (3 volumes), 1898 – 1900, 1901
– 10, & 1912 – 26 (*See P2/2/37-39*)
- DM 39.11** LHC Rental Books (3 volumes), 1867 – 86, 1886 – 1919 & 1919 – 48
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