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INTRODUCTION

This was a national association set up in 1890 to protect shipowners' interests against growing union unrest. Its chief members were protection and indemnity associations (though not the Liverpool and London P. & I. Association) acting on behalf of their shipowner members. The Federation divided the country into districts, of which Liverpool and the Mersey was one. Its main function was to provide indemnity against claims and assistance in times of strikes, to help obtain crews, to deal with claims on members under the Workmen's Compensation Act, to train seamen and to represent members at the National Maritime Board.

The collection comprises annual reports of the British Shipping Federation, 1944-1974, and minutes from the Liverpool and Mersey Districts, 1893-1966. A volume of Lloyd's Register, 1964, contained within the collection, has been transferred to the Library.

The collection is accessible to any reader within the Maritime Archives & Library, Merseyside Maritime Museum.

For further information on the Shipping Federation, see:

Fletcher, H.F. "Shipowners' Organisations" in J.A. Todd (ed.). *The Shipping World*. London, 1929, pp. 152-159.

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