

U DGO**Records of John Good & Sons Shipping Ltd****1741-1990s**

Historical Background: John Good was born in Scarborough in 1801 and was a seafarer for many years before settling in Hull with his family in 1833. Here he set up in business as a ship chandler in premises in Salthouse Lane. He first came into contact with the Society of Friends in the late 1820s and was admitted into membership in Hull in 1834. In 1839 the Good family moved to 19 High Street and the business grew in connection with the trade between Hull and the Baltic and Scandinavian countries. John began to purchase shares in a number of vessels, eventually purchasing his own schooner, the Bothnia. When he retired in 1864, he left a successful business to his sons Joseph and Thomas (neither of whom were Quakers). He died in 1876. The brothers joined with Francis and James Reckitt in 1870 to form a steamship company, known as Good Brothers & Co. They acted as agents for a number of Finnish shipowners (later united as the Finland Steamship Company) who traded between Finland and ports along England's north eastern coast. In 1908 the company was incorporated under the name of John Good & Sons Ltd.; members of the Good family were still involved as company directors in the late 1980s. Other operations undertaken by the firm included the shipment of coal, liner agency work, tanker handling and warehousing. The firm is still in existence under the name John Good & Sons (Shipping) Ltd.

Note: Historical information is taken from the files of Fred Fletcher (1915-1993), a local Quaker historian [U DFF/2/7 & U DFF2/3/7].

Description: This is a small archive for a company which has been active in Hull since the 1830s. Many early records were lost during the bombing of Hull during the Second World War and most of the collection dates from the period after 1908. Minutes of meetings of directors and shareholders, as well as private ledgers and journals, cover the period from incorporation up to 1958. There are detailed records of agency vessels covering 1942 to 1967 and registers of shipping maintained by the Finnish Consulate in Hull for the period 1919 to 1982. Samples of company advertising are available for 1920 to 1981. The most important single source is the diary of John Good, which he began in 1829 and continued until a few years before his death; he also recorded details of his early life. This is supplemented by some travel diaries for voyages to Scandinavia in 1858 and 1864. The main diary contains a wealth of information about John Good's business activities, travels in Scandinavia, his religious beliefs and his humanitarian work in Finland. His son Joseph also kept diaries and two of these have survived, but are not of such interest.

The second accession (U DGO/56-109) consists of a number of property records, mainly relating to the firm's property in High Street, Hull, and three folders containing historical notes about the firm and the Good family, newspaper cuttings, photographs, and miscellaneous documents.

The majority of the collection is in English, with some items in Finnish.

Arrangement

U DGO/1	Corporate records, 1908-1938
U DGO/2-6	Accounting and financial records, 1882-1958
U DGO/7-12	Legal records, 1910-1955
U DGO/13-19	Operational records, 1919-1982
U DGO/20-25	Marketing and publicity records, 1911-1981
U DGO/26-30	Other business records, 1895-1946
U DGO/31-39	John Good, 1774-c.1993
U DGO/40-42	Joseph Good, 1859-1922

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U DGO/43-44 Ambrose Good, 1952
U DGO/45-58, 93-109 Miscellaneous, 1838-1990s
U DGO/59-92 Property records, 1741-[1910]

Extent: 1.5 linear metres

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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Language: English, Finnish

U DGO/1	Volume. Minutes of meetings of directors and of general and emergency general meetings of shareholders Also includes transcripts of agreements for purchase of business carried out by Joseph and Thomas Good by John Good & Sons Ltd, and schedule of assets, debts, investments and ledger balances at 31 Dec 1907. At the rear of the volume there is a list of directors, 1908-1940s, secretaries, and dates of death of members of the Good family. 1 volume	Jan 1908-Nov 1938
U DGO/2	Volume. 'Private ledger no.1 1908' Includes directors, capital, stock, reserve, revenue, profit and loss, pension, income tax, dividends and audit accounts. Indexed. 1 volume	Jan 1908-Jan 1929
U DGO/3	Volume. 'Private ledger no.2 1908' Includes directors, capital, stock, reserve, revenue, profit and loss, pension, income tax, dividends and audit accounts. Indexed. 1 volume	Jan 1929-Dec 1952
U DGO/4	Volume. 'Private ledger no.1' Comprises journal entries for Jan 1908-Dec 1934, ff.1-338, balance sheets for Dec 1916-Dec 1921, ff.339-366, and journal entries for Dec 1934-Dec 1944, ff.367-404. 1 volume	Jan 1908-Dec 1944
U DGO/5	Volume. Journal labelled 'Special account' for payments by directors Including a) PAYE account on directors' remuneration, Apr 1956	1939-1958

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b) Letter to Ambrose Good re remuneration, 27 Dec 1956.
1 volume

U DGO/6	Original bundle. Bills of exchange and letters of credit in favour of John Good & Sons 27 items	1882-1887
U DGO/7	Volume. Agreements and charters between Finnish and British companies With John Good & Sons as agent, for shipment of goods from Scandinavia and the Baltic via Hull. 1 volume	Feb 1927-Aug 1955
U DGO/8	Agreement between John Good & Sons Ltd and the North Eastern Railway As to the conveyance of butter by special train from Hull to Newcastle-upon-Tyne, with covering letter dated 5 Jan 1911. 1 item	19 Dec 1910
U DGO/9	Agreement between John Good & Sons Ltd and a group of Finnish exporters of butter and other dairy products 1 item	22 Mar 1912
U DGO/10	Volume. 'In the Court of the Railway Rates Tribunal. John Good & Sons Ltd versus London and North Eastern Railway' Ts. transcript of court proceedings on 18 May 1927. 1 volume	May 1927
U DGO/11	Pamphlet. 'Brief summary of claims presented to the British government by Finnish steamship owners for hire and loss of Finnish steamers utilised during the World War by the British Admiralty' (Helsingfors, 1928) With carbon copy typescript summaries of claims made by Finska Angfartygs Aktiebolaget and Wasa Nordsjo Angbats Aktiebolag. 2 items	1928
U DGO/12	Pamphlet. 'Memorandum concerning some important views in connection with the Finnish shipping case', by Lars Krogius, shipowner 1 item	13 Jun 1934
U DGO/13	Volume. 'Memoranda of agency vessels 1942 to' Pro forma sheets recording name of vessel, port sailed from, cargo, details of docking and discharging, date of sailing from Hull, and	Sep 1942-Mar 1966

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destination port. Inside the front cover is a sketch map of molasses ports in Cuba.

Indexed.

1 volume

U DGO/14	Volume. 'Agencies: cargo ships' Records provide similar information to U DGO/13; may be a working copy. Includes miscellaneous loose papers. 1 volume	1954-Aug 1960
U DGO/15	Volume. Record of agency vessels Records provide similar information to U DGO/13; may be a working copy. Includes loose related correspondence and notes. 1 volume	Sep 1958-Jan 1960
U DGO/16	Volume. Record of agency vessels Indexed. Records provide similar information to U DGO/13; may be a working copy. 1 volume	Sep 1960-Aug 1967
U DGO/17	Volume. Register of Finnish vessels and shipping firms, Finnish Consulate, Hull Records charges levied on vessels. 1 volume	Nov 1919-Jan 1972
U DGO/18	Volume. 'Register of shipping, Finnish Consulate, Hull no.2' Includes name of vessel, port of origin, port sailed from, destination port, owners, agents, master, number of crew, and cargo unloaded and loaded. 1 volume	Jan 1956-Dec 1982
U DGO/19	Volume. Register of 'Names and addresses of Finnish subjects residing in Hull' Including a carbon copy typescript lists of those registered as aliens with Hull City Police, and covering letter, Jan 1938 & Jan 1941. 1 volume	Jan 1920-1959
U DGO/20	Volume. Scrapbook of adverts placed in the press Includes information about cost, proofs and correspondence, and is indexed. 1 volume	1920-1941
U DGO/21	Volume. Scrapbook of adverts placed in the press 1 volume	1950-1960
U DGO/22	Volume. Scrapbook of adverts placed in the press 1 volume	1966-1981

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U DGO/23	Publicity leaflet for Baltic cruises on Finland Line mail steamers from Hull 1 item	1911
U DGO/24	Publicity booklet 'Off the beaten track, by the Finland Line 1939: particulars of the sailings of the Finland Line' Published by John Good & Sons, agents. 1 item	1939
U DGO/25	Miscellaneous adverts 5 items	20th cent.
U DGO/26	Miscellaneous correspondence with Finska Angfartygs Aktiebolaget Helsingfors Specifically for the years 1895, 1903, 1915 & 1916. 8 items	1895-1915
U DGO/27	Photocopy of company letterhead, featuring John, Joseph and Thomas Good 1 item	c.1908
U DGO/28	Telegram received on company's 80th anniversary from Finnish business associates 1 item	25 Nov 1913
U DGO/29	Printed illustration, 'The Great War 1914-19. Record of war services John Good & Sons Ltd' 1 item	1919
U DGO/30	Receipt from Midland Bank, Whitefriargate, Hull, for deeds of Atlantic Warehouse 1 item	16 Nov 1946
U DGO/31	Volume. Diary of John Good Begun in 1829 en route to the Baltic, it includes memoirs of early life dating back to 1801, with interleaved and pasted in letters, press cuttings, accounts, memoranda etc. 1 volume	1774-1874
U DGO/32	Volume. 'Capt. John Good diary 1851 - 1862' Contains mainly weather reports. 1 volume	1851-1862
U DGO/33	Volume. 'Capt. John Good's diary no.1' Covers journey from Hull to Gothenburg, Gota Canal, Stockholm, Gavle, Soderhamn, Gulf of Bothnia and Hudiksvall. 1 volume	18-30 Jun 1858

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U DGO/34	Volume. 'Capt. John Good's diary no.2' Covers journey begun in U DGO/33, on to Sundsvall, coast of Bothnia, Umea, Wasa, [Nye Carleby], Jakobstad and Gamlakarleby. 1 volume	30 Jun-11 Jul 1858
U DGO/35	Volume. 'Capt. John Good's diary no.3' Covers journey begun in U DGO/33 on to Gamlakarleby, Rauma, Brahestad and Uleaborg. 1 volume	11-31 Jul 1858
U DGO/36	Volume. 'Capt. John Good's diary: a visit to Sweden and Finland 1864' Covers journey from Hull to Gothenburg, Stockholm, Gulf of Bothnia and Brahestad. 1 volume	1864
U DGO/37	Probate copy of will of John Good senior Deceased 29 Nov 1876, Date of will 14 Sep 1865, Date of codicil 7 Aug 1866. 1 item	21 Dec 1876
U DGO/38	Pamphlet. 'John Good i Oesterbotten', by William R Mead With photocopy of English translation, 'John Good in Ostrobothnia', and covering letter to John A Good, 3 Jan 2001. Based on a study of John Good's diaries. 1 item	1951
U DGO/39	Photocopy extract from 'An experience of Finland' (Hurst & Co, 1993), by William R Mead Referring to John Good. 1 item	c.1993
U DGO/40	Volume. Joseph Good's diary Covers his engagement and courtship with Sarah Anne Gibson of Scarborough. 1 volume	1859-1862
U DGO/41	Volume. Joseph Good's diary Covers beginning of journey from Hull to the Baltic. 1 volume	25 Apr 1888
U DGO/42	Carbon copy typescript translation of obituary of Joseph Good from 'Hufvudstadsbladet' [Finnish newspaper] 1 item	24 Feb 1922

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U DGO/43	Sepia mounted photograph of Ambrose Good [photographer: Lafayette] 1 item	20th cent.
U DGO/44	Typescript article, 'The British Legion story', by Captain Ambrose Good JP, published in 'Cottingham Review' 1 item	1 Nov 1952
U DGO/45	Black and white photograph of painting of steamship 'Carolina' 1 item	20th cent.
U DGO/46	Volume. Transcription of the will of Matthew Hill of Scarborough 1 volume	9 Apr 1838
U DGO/47	'Ashore and afloat: the quarterly magazine of the Port of Hull Society and Sailors' Orphan Home' 1 item	Jul 1888
U DGO/48	Volume. Newspaper cuttings Regarding Finland and Scandinavia generally. 1 volume	1914-1931
U DGO/49	Souvenir of opening of Hull Joint Dock by King George V, 26 Jun 1914, John Foster Fraser, Illustrated 1 item	1914
U DGO/50	'Port of Hull Monthly Trade Review', vol.XI, no.10 1 volume	15 Oct 1915
U DGO/51	Printed poem, 'A new year greeting from Harry Bell' Regarding famine relief in Finland in 1857. 1 item	1 Jan 1951
U DGO/52	Typescript of 'Cottingham Memorial Club and the Royal British Legion', by H R Wright 1 item	Feb 1981
U DGO/53	Correspondence regarding restoration of oil painting of Finnish steamship by Ali Munsterhjelm 2 items	May-Jun 1986
U DGO/54	75th anniversary souvenir of King George Dock, Hull, 1914-1989 1 item	1989

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- U DGO/55 Letter from Howell Lloyd, History Department, University of Hull, to John A Good Regarding company archives.
1 item 18 Oct 1991
- U DGO/56 Documents and news cuttings relating to the Good family and John Good & Sons
Includes copies of articles from "Maritime Life and Traditions" (no. 13, Dec 2001) and "The Syren and Shipping" (4 Jan 1956); news cuttings in English and Finnish relating to the firm and its directors, 1920s-1960s; typed extracts from minute books 1 and 2 giving information about the history of the company; copy letter from Ambrose Good to Colonel B. N. Reckitt, 4 Nov 1955; news cuttings relating to the death of Thomas A. Good, 1949; news cuttings and correspondence relating to the S.S. Finland, 1954; typed extract from the Hull Daily Mail headed "Death of Mr Thomas Good", 1909; typed history of John Good & Sons, 1955; typed document headed "Efoa's Jubilee Exhibition" giving the history of the Finnish shipping company Efoa (late 20th cent.); badge with JGS crest.
1 file 20th cent.
- U DGO/57 Documents relating to the Good family, John Good & Sons and the firm's ships, including a summary of the life of John Good written by Joseph Good
Includes photocopy of Master's Certificate of Service for John Good, 1851; New Year card, 1908, with photograph showing John, Joseph and Thomas Good; "Summary of the life of Captain John Good compiled by his son Joseph Good"; notes about ships owned by the company made by J. H. Good, 1955; bundle of correspondence with Peter Hoss re "Carolina" and other shipping matters, 1990s; circulars relating to the partnership Good & Redmayne, 1899-1900; correspondence with Grace [Good] re shares in the company, 1952.
1 file 20th cent.
- U DGO/58 Correspondence, news cuttings and other documents relating to the Good family and John Good & Sons
Includes correspondence between Thomas Ferens and Ambrose Good, 1928; life history of John Good written by Joseph Good, c.1920; news cuttings and extracts from "Hull's Who's Who", mid 20th cent.; correspondence between John A. 20th cent.

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Good and Fred Fletcher re John Good's application for membership of Hull Meeting [of the Society of Friends], 1990; typed "History of John Good & Sons Ltd., Hull"; typed biography of John Good (late 20th cent.).
1 file

U DGO/59	Conveyance of a messuage in the High Street, Hull: Mr Perrott and other Trustees under Mr Hugh Mason's will to Mr Christopher Edwards 1 item	3 Oct 1741
U DGO/60	Conveyance, High Street: Mr Edwards to Mr Pryme 1 item	7 Aug 1745
U DGO/61	Conveyance of a messuage in the High Street: Mr Francis Pryme to Mr Richard Howard 1 item	12 Nov 1751
U DGO/62	Lease for a year: Mr Richard Howard to Mr John How, In Trust for Mr J Rumney 1 item	27 Apr 1775
U DGO/63	Conveyance and Mortgage of a house in the High Street Hull: Mr Richard Howard to Mr Thomas Rumney and his Trustees 1 item	28 Apr 1775
U DGO/64	Bond for £100 with lawful interest: Mr Thomas Rumney to Mr Thomas Hewson 1 item	16 Jun 1775
U DGO/65	Mortgage of a house in Hull for securing £100: Mr Thomas Rumney to Mr Thomas Hewson 1 item	26 Apr 1785
U DGO/66	Agreement made before the justices between William Levett, plaintiff, and John and Hannah Smithson, deforciant, re one messuage, one wharf, three cellars and three warehouses in Kingston upon Hull Two copies. Dated quindene of St Martin, 42 Geo III. 2 items	Nov 1801
U DGO/67	Conveyance of an Estate situate in the High Street, Kingston upon Hull: Mr Joseph Hickson & others to Mr William Levett & his Trustee 1 item	2 Dec 1801

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U DGO/68	Lease for a year: Mrs Elizabeth Rumney and others to Mr William Lamb and his trustees 1 item	27 Jun 1806
U DGO/69	Conveyance with surrender of a Mortgage term of a dwelling house on High Street Hull: Mrs Elizabeth Rumney & Mr R Rumney and their mortgagees to Mr William Lamb & his trustee 1 item	28 Jun 1806
U DGO/70	Release of a Messuage in High Street: Mr Edward Hickson to Mr William Levett and his Trustee 1 item	23 Aug 1811
U DGO/71	Mortgage in Fee of freehold and copyhold hereditaments at Bentley in the East Riding of the County of York and in the town of Kingston upon Hull: Mr William Levett to Messrs Levett and Woodall 1 item	19 Apr 1826
U DGO/72	Copy letters of administration to the Effects of James Kiero Watson Esq. deceased 1 item	4 Feb 1830
U DGO/73	Copy letters of administration granted by the Prerogative Court of York to James Kiero Watson Esq. of the goods and chattels of Eliza Jane Watson deceased a minor on the Renunciation of Joyce Watson, Mary Bolton and Anne Steere 1 item	5 Mar 1831
U DGO/74	Lease for a year: Mr Robert Levett and others to James Kiero Watson Esq. 1 item	13 Jan 1833
U DGO/75	Bond as a Collateral Security for securing £3800 and interest: Messrs Levett to James Kiero Watson Esq. 1 item	14 Jan 1833
U DGO/76	Release in fee of freehold and covenant to surrender copyhold messuages lands and hereditaments at Bentley in the County of York and in High Street in Hull: Messrs Robert Levett and John Woodall by direction of Mr William Levett to James Kiero Watson Esq. 1 item	14 Jan 1835
U DGO/77	Conveyance of warehouses and hereditaments situate on the East side of the High Street in Kingston upon Hull: the Assignees of Mr William	26 Oct 1836

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Levett the elder a bankrupt to James Kiero
Watson Esquire and his Trustee
1 item

U DGO/78	Conveyance of a messuage in High Street, Hull: Mr George Rayner to Mr George Clapham and Trustee Marked "Richd. Jackson. Hull." 1 item	31 Dec 1841
U DGO/79	Copy probate of the will of Wilfrid Watson of Filey in the County of York Esquire deceased Will dated 1 Jan 1849; proved 19 Mar 1849. 1 item	1849
U DGO/80	Copy probate will of Joyce Watson late of Filey in Yorkshire & Richmond in Surrey widow deceased Will dated 1 Jun 1852; proved 7 Feb 1853. 1 item	1853
U DGO/81	Conveyance of Freehold Estate on the East side of High Street in Kingston upon Hull: Mr James K Watson and others to Mr Henry F Smith 1 item	18 Apr 1868
U DGO/82	Conveyance of hereditaments and premises situate in High Street in Kingston upon Hull: H F Smith Esq. to Arthur Iveson Jr Esq. in trust 1 item	30 Jun 1869
U DGO/83	Appointment of premises situate in High Street Kingston upon Hull for securing £2150 and interest: Mrs Jane Iveson to Messrs Frost, Smith and Gale 1 item	1 July 1869
U DGO/84	Conveyance of hereditaments situate in High Street in the Borough of Kingston upon Hull: Mr Charles Frost and others by the direction of Mrs Jane Iveson to Edward Burwell Esq. 1 item	31 May 1877
U DGO/85	Mortgage of hereditaments situate in High Street in the Borough of Kingston upon Hull: Edward Burwell Esq. to Messrs Frost Smith & Gale 1 item	1 Jun 1877
U DGO/86	Schedule & undertaking: Mr Edward Burwell to Messrs Frost Smith & Gale 1 item	19 Jun 1877

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U DGO/87	Reconveyance of hereditaments situate in High Street in the Borough of Kingston upon Hull Upon the trusts of the will of the late Edward Burwell Esq. deceased: Messrs Charles Frost & others to The Revd. George Burwell & another 1 item	11 Apr 1882
U DGO/88	Conveyance of hereditaments situate in High Street in the Borough of Kingston upon Hull: The Revd. George Burwell and another to Messrs Robert Shaw and Robert Thomson 1 item	8 Feb 1895
U DGO/89	Mortgage of hereditaments situate in High Street in the Borough of Kingston upon Hull: Messrs Robert Shaw & Robert Thomson to Miss Margaret Robison 1 item	9 Feb 1895
U DGO/90	Mortgage of hereditaments situate in High Street in the Borough of Kingston upon Hull subject to a prior charge: Messrs Robert Shaw & Robert Thomson to Mr William Burwell 1 item	9 Feb 1895
U DGO/91	Transfer of mortgage of hereditaments situate in High Street, Hull, to secure £500 and interest subject to a prior mortgage: William Burwell Esq. to Miss Margaret Robison 1 item	9 Aug 1902
U DGO/92	Duties on Land Values (Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910): Return relating to property at 71 High Street, Hull 1 item	[1910]
U DGO/93	Copy of portrait of John Good 1 item	n.d.
U DGO/94	Photocopy of letter to Hull Monthly Meeting reporting on a meeting between John Good and members of the Society of Friends 1 item	5 Apr 1837
U DGO/95	Master's Certificate of Service for John Good Photocopy in U DGO/57. 1 item	8 Feb 1951
U DGO/96	1908 New Year card 2 copies. Duplicates in U DGO/57. 2 items	1908

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U DGO/97	Memorandum and Articles of Association of John Good & Sons Ltd 1 item	9 Jan 1908
U DGO/98	File of photographs taken following a fire at 176/177 High St, warehouses and offices of John Good & Sons 1 file	1 Feb 1909
U DGO/99	Correspondence relating to the Finnish emigration contract and rail fares 1 bundle	Feb-Apr 1910
U DGO/100	Finnish emigration contract between the British steamship lines and Finska Angfartygs Aktiebolaget of Helsingfors 1 item	16 Apr 1910
U DGO/101	Correspondence between Ambrose Good and Captain L Norrgren, Consul General for Finland 1 bundle	Oct-Nov 1927
U DGO/102	Form letter commemorating the firm's centenary 1 item	May 1933
U DGO/103	Notes in English and German concerning the proposed transport of circus animals and equipment from Hamburg/Bremen to London Written on the reverse of printed embarkation instructions. 2 items	[1950s]
U DGO/104	Mounted photo captioned "Consul Ambrose Good receiving the Order of Commander of the Finnish Lion from the Acting Finnish Minister in London (Charge D'Affaires Ernst Sohlberg) at the Civic Dinner in Hull March 8th 1952, in connection with the Dedication of the New Finnish Seamen's Mission Church" 1 item	8 Mar 1952
U DGO/105	Photocopy of article, "75 Years of Finnish Liner Traffic" in Sea Breezes 1 item	Aug 1958
U DGO/106	Passenger information leaflet, Argo Reederei Richard Adler & Sohne, Bremen 1 item	[mid-20th cent.]
U DGO/107	Photograph, new offices of John Good & Sons, 71 High St Hull 1 item	c.1960

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U DGO/108	Hull Joint Port Working Committee: Port of Hull Agreements 1 item	Oct 1969
U DGO/109	Hull Daily Mail article, "Century of trade with Hull", about John Good & Sons' Finnish connection 1 item	19 May 1983