

## HANDING OVER AFTER 49 YEARS ON QUAYSIDE



Almost 49 years ago Mr. Reg Lake first set foot on King's Lynn quayside. Now after a lifetime of work he is to hand over the job of traffic superintendent.

Mr. Lake is retiring in March after looking after the berthing, loading and unloading of ships and warehousing of cargoes since 1947.

He is in the process of handing over his office to Mr. B. K. Ellison, who moved from Hull at the beginning of the week to take up his new appointment.

Mr. Lake first set foot on the wharfs at Lynn as a junior clerk almost 49 years ago. He

*With berthed ships in the background Mr. Reg Lake (left) takes one of his last looks at King's Lynn docks as traffic superintendent. He points out landmarks to his successor, Mr. B. K. Ellison, who has moved from Hull.*

worked through a number of office jobs with the Lynn Docks and Railway Co. and became traffic superintendent in 1947, now with British Transport Docks Board, who have taken over the running.

The main changes Mr. Lake has seen at Lynn waterfront are the improvement of conditions. "We now have electrically operated cranes instead of the old hydraulic ones and the dockside is now concreted where it used to be about six inches of mud when it rained."

Mr. Lake plans to spend his retirement actively, with long country walks and "doing something I always wanted to do — turn my wilderness of a garden into something presentable."

Mr. Ellison started his career as a deck officer on a deep sea vessel. He became assistant dock master at Hull in 1967, changing in 1970 to the operating side of harbour work as assistant docks superintendent at the Albert and William Wright Dock, Hull.