

Steamer "ALBATROSS"

A Representative of the Owners has called and stated that his Director desires, if possible, to confine the Survey at Plymouth on the present occasion to the completion of the Special Survey partly held at Chatham in 1946. It has been pointed out to him that the Rules require a Special Survey to be completed within 12 months of its being started, and he has requested that either of the following propositions be approved, namely:

- 1) To complete the Special Survey partly held in 1946 and to assign a notation of S.S. Lon. 10,46.
- 2) To carry out a full Special Survey now, but to dispense with the drilling of the plating as the vessel is not yet 24 years old.

He states that the under water portion of the shell was drilled in 1946, and the Torquay Surveyor is being requested to return the reports which are in his possession.

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2nd December, 1948.

When this vessel was undergoing part Classification Survey Oct./Dec. 1946, the underwater portion of the bottom and side shell plating was drill tested and the particulars furnished. The double bottom and peak tanks, together with bunker, bulge compartments and deep tanks, were tested and the outer shell plating examined in dry dock.

Having regard to the fact that the structure generally requires to be drill tested in order to ascertain the thicknesses for Classification purposes, and in those parts where wastage is apparent, it is considered that the drill testing should be completed and, if this is done^{and}, the shell plating found to be in satisfactory condition, the vessel will be eligible to have the "Dr." notation.

on completion of the Survey