

11 PLANS

Motorship "GARONNE"

This vessel was built by Messrs. Burmeister & Wain and was completed in March 1931.

A letter has been received from the Owners stating that after completion she was laid up until December 1931, when she made a voyage to San Pedro in ballast and back to Hamburg with a cargo of clean oil, after which she was laid up at Oslo, and has remained there since. She has now been chartered and will shortly leave Oslo, and they desire to apply for the "class certificate to commence from the date that she leaves this port". They state that they have instructed the Oslo Surveyors to make an inspection of the vessel and forward a report in case this is required for the purpose of meeting their application.

The Rules, Section 9, page 13, state :-

"In any case in which a vessel upon completion is not immediately put into commission, but is laid up for a period, the Committee, upon application by the Owner, prior to the vessel's proceeding to sea, may direct an examination of the vessel to be made in dry dock by the Society's Surveyors, and if as the result of such survey the vessel as regards hull, engines, boilers and equipment (including boats) be reported in all respects free from deterioration, the periodical surveys shall become due at periods of 4, 8 and 12 years respectively from the date of such examination".

As in this case the vessel has made one voyage since she was completed (although this only occupied about 2½ months) it is not seen how the Special Survey could be allowed to date from the present time.

In view, however, of the fact that the vessel was laid up from March 1931 (date of completion) until December of that year, it is a matter for consideration whether the Special Surveys might not be allowed to date from December 1931, it being observed that the vessel was examined in floating dock at Gothenburg in 11,31 before being placed in commission.

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