

Motor Vessel "CRISTO". 140 tons gross.

This little vessel was formerly owned by Messrs. Van Oppen & Co. Ltd. of Bartholomew Close, E.C.1. for whom Messrs. Flannery, Baggallay & Johnson were the Consulting Engineers.

Some correspondence took place regarding the Annual Survey of the oil engines, and on the 27th February the Consulting Engineers stated that the Owners were in negotiation for the sale of the vessel. On the 8th March they wrote that the vessel had been sold, and that they were advised by the late Owners that the purchasers had requested the attendance of the Society's Surveyors on the vessel, which was lying in Messrs. Mills & Knight's Dock.

The Surveyors attended the vessel early in March and carried out the Annual Survey of the oil engines, and an account was rendered to the late Owners for a fee of £2. 10. 0.

This account the late Owners subsequently returned stating that it did not concern their Company, which was in liquidation. They understood that it was the new Owners, The Darwen & Mostyn Iron Co. Ltd. of Chester, who required the certificate in respect of the survey, and should accordingly pay the fee.

An account was rendered to the new Owners, who returned it, stating that the craft has been registered at the Board of Trade, so that no certificate was required. The circumstances were explained to them, and in reply they state that they are quite satisfied that the debit should be made to Messrs. Flannery Baggallay & Johnson, who appear to have received instructions from Messrs. Van Oppen & Co; in any case, the matter had nothing to do with them, as they gave no instructions.