

S. S. "WAR DIRK".

Messrs. The Caledon Shipbuilding & Engineering Co's No. 260.

"D" TYPE STANDARD VESSEL.

The Completion Certificates for this vessel have been received, together with a covering letter from the Dundee Surveyors.

The Managing Owners:- Messrs. Workman, Arbuckle, & Mackinnon, have accepted the vessel subject to the fore mast being straightened and the specification carried out as regards the testing of the derricks.

They state that the fore mast bent when the specified test load of six tons was applied to one of the derricks, and that the main mast derricks were not tested.

The Surveyor states in his letter that it was not possible to carry out the derrick tests until the last moment and that when the test load was applied to No. 2 derrick, the fore mast gave slightly in way of the hinged position of derrick table, and under the circumstances the test was not proceeded with.

As it was absolutely necessary that the vessel should leave directly after the steam trial to load at Blyth, the vessel was taken over by the Managing Owners as stated.

It should be noted that most of the "D" Type have been completed and no information has been received at this Office as to any failure occurring when the derricks were being tested.

The matter has been discussed by the Liaison Surveyor with Lt. Colonel Pickersgill of the Department of the C.G.M.S. who states that he will take the matter up with the Ministry of Shipping when the Completion Certificates are received by him officially.

It is submitted that when the Completion

Certificates are forwarded to Lt. Colonel Pickersgill that he should be informed as above.

The Dundee Surveyors should be informed that the matter is being taken up with the Department of the C.G.M.S. and the Ministry of Shipping. They should inform the Builders and ascertain what arrangements can be made with them for having the specified tests on the derricks carried out and for having the fore mast dealt with.

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