

"NORINA" & "NORTHLYN".

Opportunity has been taken to enquire of Mr. Braybrook of the Ministry whether he is able to assess the likelihood of these vessels being reacquired by their former Owners within a reasonably short time, and, if so, whether this necessarily implies reconversion for fishing.

His reply is that although they are scheduled as Boom Defence Vessels, in effect they are laid up, and in their turn will be offered to their former Owners at a low figure due to their poor condition. They are extremely unlikely to be reconditioned for fishing and there is no question of the Ministry reconverting them for this purpose. Mr. Braybrook remarked that the former Owners may avail themselves of the opportunity of purchase at a low price for use for spare parts etc., otherwise, as previously stated, they will be offered for sale in the open market.

He considers that as the Trawler Owners' Association are well aware of the Government policy relating to small craft (and the generally low condition of vessels allocated to Boom Defence Work), the same is known to the former Owners of the vessels, who therefore probably anticipate being invited to repurchase them in due course.

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