

S. S. "SAINT ROMINIQUE".

(received July 1922)

As the First Entry Report on this ship contained a memo stating that the Owners desired the date of build to be as late as possible, the Surveyors were asked whether there were any special circumstances which would justify the Committee recording a later date than that admitted by Para. 7, Page 10, of the Rules, for a vessel of this size.

The date of launch was February 1921, and six months after that would make the date of build August 1921.

The last date of survey was given on the First Entry Report, as June 1922.

In reply to inquiry the Surveyors stated that owing to labour troubles the construction of the ship was greatly delayed, and owing to the reconstruction of the Forth Shipbuilding Co., who gave the contract out to the actual Builders - Messrs. Livingstone & Cooper, - the completion was still further delayed.

The Surveyors stated that in the circumstances they were of opinion that although labour troubles were not the cause of the completion of the vessel being delayed until July 1922, it was reasonable to record a date later than six months after launching, and they suggested the date as January 1922.

The case received the consideration of the Committee on the 18th July 1922 when it was decided that the date of build might be recorded as January 1922, provided a general examination of the vessel were made before she left the port of Hull.

The vessel was examined in dry dock at Hull (Oct.-Dec., 1923) on account of damage, when a general examination was made, and the date of build was accordingly recorded as January 1922.

A letter has now been received from the Hull Surveyors in which it is stated that the vessel has been practically sold to The Union Steam Ship Co. of New Zealand.

The prospective Owners, they intimate, desire to know whether in view of the fact that the ship has never left the Builders'

yard, it would be possible to have a later date of build recorded than that appearing in the Register Book.

The Builders state that the Owners are prepared to place the vessel in dry dock and subject her to a general examination besides opening up any parts considered necessary.

It is submitted that as the date of build recorded in the Register Book, namely, 1922-1 mo., is eleven months after the date of launch, no later date of build should be assigned.

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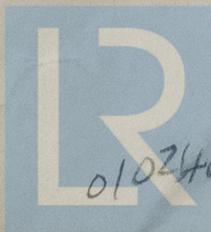
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