S.S. "AGE", 4718 tons gross.

This vessel, built at Sunderland by Messrs. J.L. Thompson & Sons, Ltd., was launched on the 8th March 1921, and in accordance with the Rules the Date of Build should be recorded as six months after the date of launch, or September 1921.

The vessel has, however, only just been completed, and on the First Entry Report now forwarded the last date of survey is 7th February 1923.

The Surveyors forward with their Reports a letter from the Builders stating that owing to the liquidation of the Forth Shipbuilding & Engineering Company, to whose order the vessel was built, the completion has been deferred until the present time. The Builders also state that the ship was placed on the pontoon in December last and examined by the Surveyors, and, in the special circumstances of the case, and in fairness to the Owners who have now purchased her, they request that the Date of Build might be recorded as January 1923.

The S.S. "MAPIA", completed last month by Messrs. Sir James Laing & Sons Ltd., Sunderland, was launched in June 1921, but, as in the present instance, completion was delayed owing to the liquidation of the Forth Shipbuilding & Engineering Company, and the Committee agreed to the Date of Build being recorded as January 1923.

It is submitted that, in the special circumstances, the Date of Build of the S.S. "AGE" might be recorded as January 1923.

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