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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,  
BELFAST.

14th January, 1947.

Dear Sir,

UNION CASTLE LINERS NOW BEING RE-CONDITIONED  
IN BELFAST.

I had an interview yesterday and today with Mr. Stewart, the Owners local Superintendent, at his request, regarding the Special Survey requirements dealing with the testing and internal examination of tanks, especially oil fuel tanks.

Mr. Grey made suggestions to Mr. Stewart regarding our local arrangements and in addition makes a strong plea that if all tanks are tested and found satisfactory only a sample of the tanks need be examined internally.

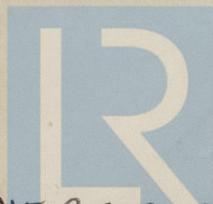
In discussing this plea examples were quoted from my personal experience where leakage at a test had indicated something defective in the internal structure. On the other hand pitting and grooving in oil tanks would not be indicated by an external examination.

Mr. Grey in making this suggestion wishes to have the Special Survey notation with the latest possible date.

It was pointed out that the Committee try to meet Owners' wishes for Passenger vessels with the Progressive Survey of oil tanks.

As, however, these Progressive Surveys have not been fully complied with during the war emergency and General Examinations' conditions, it appears advisable when re-conditioning to examine all the tanks.

The "CAPE TOWN CASTLE" has been completed and reported, for the "WARWICK CASTLE" ex "PRETORIA CASTLE" and the "ATHLONE CASTLE", tank examination and testing is in an advanced state and the requirements of Notice No. 1840 without regard to any Progressive Survey of Oil Tanks are being complied with.



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For the "DURBAN CASTLE" the examination of oil fuel deep tanks has been partly held in Belfast and Mr. Stewart from his records is preparing a list of tank examination and testing during the past four years to complete a cycle, say, 5.47.

We would be pleased to be furnished with a similar list.

It was suggested to Mr. Stewart that if Mr. Grey wished to raise his general proposition he should submit it in writing for consideration of the Committee or call at the London Office.

It is considered advisable to inform you fully of this interview and I may add that other points of minor importance were discussed, particularly the test heads required under Notice No. 1840, all of which are within our competence to deal with locally.

The deferred reports for the "DURBAN CASTLE" are enclosed and we would be pleased to have the list of the Progressive Survey of Tanks at an early date. Kindly return the deferred reports.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd).

The Secretary,

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