

S.S. "MICHAEL".

The 2nd Special Survey No.2 on this vessel, due 9,28, has been partly held.

The vessel required to be examined in dry dock, permanent repairs effected to shell plating, the bow plating generally, slightly bent stem bar, the keel and adjacent plating at the fore end and the after keel plate to be further examined and dealt with as necessary, and both fore and main masts permanently repaired or renewed.

The vessel was recently under survey at Dunkirk and the Surveyors recommended permanent repairs to be carried out before loading. The vessel proceeded to Newcastle, and the Owners wrote to the Newcastle Surveyors on the 15th ultimo stating that they proposed dealing with the renewal of the shell plates, masts and derricks and repairs to engine room tank, and enquired what attitude the Committee would take in the matter.

The Surveyors in forwarding this letter stated that the vessel had been examined in dry dock, the shell plating drilled, and a specification prepared by the Owners representative with a view to getting tenders for the completion of the Special Survey. The Surveyors pointed out that temporary repairs which were effected to the shell plates at Cardiff in October, 1929, had been found, together with other parts of the vessel, to be in a poor condition, and they recommended that the Owners' request for further postponement of the greater part of the Special Survey be not acceded to.

On the 17th ultimo the Owners were informed by telegram that the 2nd Special Survey No.2 and all repairs must be completed before the vessel proceeded to sea to entitle her to retain her class.

A letter has this morning been received from the Newcastle Surveyors reading as follows :-



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