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Taw Shipyards' No. 17, (S.S. "PAW", renamed "PORTHMOOR").

The Appledore Surveyor recently reported that this vessel had been purchased by new Owners, and desired to be informed what date of build would be assigned.

The vessel was launched in September 1920, and the last visit paid by the Surveyor was in January 1921. She has apparently been laid up ever since, and has not yet been reported as complete.

A letter has now been received from the Builders requesting that a date of build of 1923 might be assigned, and stating that a sum of £500 is now being spent to complete the vessel, and that she will be placed in dry dock in two or three days time, when the bottom will be re-coated.

The Builders state that the measures taken to keep the ship in good condition since the construction was suspended have included the lifting of the hold ceiling early last year, when the entire bottom was also repainted. Steps were taken to see that the inside of the ship was kept clean and dry, and she has been lying during the whole period on a clean, sandy berth, where she was dry at least 18 hours out of every 24.

The Builders add that, summarising the position, the actual circumstances are:-

- (a) that the vessel has never been ready for sea until the present moment, and that, therefore, no certificates could be issued at any time previous to this present year;
- (b) that every precaution has been taken to keep the vessel in a good and efficient condition during the extended period of construction;
- (c) that she is now being thoroughly overhauled and will be dry docked before proceeding to sea.

The case is submitted for the consideration of the Committee, it being observed that the vessel is not yet reported.



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