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SHIPBUILDERS  
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BARNSTAPLE, NORTH DEVON.

AGENTS: "AQUATAW, VIC, LONDON";  
"TAW, BARNSTAPLE"

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The Secretary,  
Lloyds Register of Shipping,  
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31st January, 1923.

LLOYD'S REGISTER,  
LONDON.

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Dear Sir,

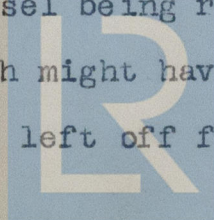
re s.s. TAW (re-named PORTHMEOR)  
(our No.17 building at Barnstaple)

With regard to a decision as to the year which shall be assigned to the building of this vessel, we respectfully request that this may be the year in which the vessel was actually completed, namely 1923, and in support of same submit the following information:-

Although the vessel was launched on 29th September 1920 and the machinery placed in position in November 1920, construction was suspended early in 1921 and completion deferred until December last.

A sum approximately £500 is now being spent to complete the vessel, and she will be dry-docked for the first time on or about the 3rd prox., when the bottom will be re-painted with anti-fouling composition before she proceeds to sea.

The measures taken to keep this vessel in good condition, in the period from suspension of construction to completion, have included the lifting of the hold ceiling early last year, when the entire bottom was repainted also. The outside bottom of the hold also received attention, and was kept clean and dry, the vessel being regularly pumped out to take away any water which might have accumulated through doors and hatches being left off for ventilation



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purposes. During the whole period, the vessel has lain in a clean sandy berth, which is dry at least eighteen hours of every twenty-four.

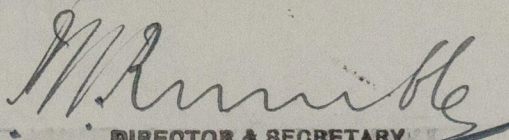
Summarising the position, the actual circumstances are,

- (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.

We, therefore, respectfully submit that the year 1923 may be officially adopted as the building year of this vessel.

We remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,  
TAW SHIPYARDS LIMITED.

  
DIRECTOR & SECRETARY.



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