

## S.S. "AYMERIC"

This vessel was built at Sunderland in 1919 and is one of the Standard A Type vessels. Her Owners are the Bank Line Ltd. (Andrew Weir & Co., Managers). She underwent her Special Survey No.3 at Shields in 1932, and in Hong Kong in March of last year the 2nd S.S.No.1 was completed, on which occasion a large number of repairs due to wear and tear were effected. About 25 shell plates were renewed, a considerable number repaired, and other important repairs to the internal structure were carried out.

This vessel was docked in Calcutta on the 27th of last month in connection with repairs to the stern tube, and it became known that Mr. Peskett, the Society's Surveyor at Calcutta, had recommended most extensive renewals and repairs to the structure. This information came to us through the Owners, who could not understand the circumstances as a Special Survey had been completed only 15 months ago.

The Calcutta Surveyors were requested by cable to give their reasons for the examination and the recommendations made during it, and the following cable has now been received from Mr. Peskett:-

"AYMERIC examination vessel in dry dock thirteen badly  
"wasted shell plates which already had small patches fitted  
"over panting fractures with every indication of further  
"fractures developing, and it was recommended that these  
"plates should be renewed. H strake drill tested when three  
"additional shell plates were found thin and requiring renewal.  
"While on blocks the main and bridge decks amidships were  
"found set up extending over eight frame spaces to a maximum  
"five inches, forward section of vessel inclined to starboard



"and after section of hull slightly over to port. Sixtyseven  
"bilge brackets found either collapsed or fractured, another  
"fortyfour being thin and requiring stiffening. Number of  
"beam knees No.1 hold riveting slack and knees working.  
"Deck plating in way of main mast and fore end of numbers one  
"and four hatchways down to quarter inch and less. Deck  
"plating in way of fore mast six to seven twentieths.  
"Total of eighteen deck plates wasted to three to six  
"twentieths. Bridge deck plating eight deck plates down to  
"half thickness. Seventy feet stringer plate each side  
"main deck in bridge space down to quarter and less, tween deck  
"bunker plating holed and finished."

Captain Mercer of the Owners' Firm has called at  
this Office and has requested that a copy of the cablegram  
might be given to him. This has been done, and the Owners  
have not yet reached a decision as to what course they  
propose to take.

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