

S.S. "ANNAGHER"

This vessel was built in 1923-9, and is owned by Messrs. John Kelly Ltd., Belfast. The class is subject to permanent repairs to damaged stem and stem plating being carried out at the Special Survey. The S.S.No.2 became due in 9,31.

The deferred reports were forwarded to the Belfast Surveyors at their request on the 1st instant.

A letter has now been received from Mr. Annear, the Senior Surveyor at Belfast, enclosing one from the Owners stating that they have decided to withdraw this vessel from class, and that it is their intention to increase the number of their ships at present holding the British Corporation class.

Mr. Annear, in his covering letter, states that he was informed of this decision by the Superintendent. He thereupon requested an interview with Sir Samuel Kelly, who stated that he had been informed by his Superintendent that he was hampered in limiting the cost of the surveys by the Surveyors, and in accordance with his established principle of avoiding discussions, had decided to class the vessel with the B.C. Mr. Annear pointed out to him that the Superintendent had raised no objections during the course of the surveys to the recommendations made, and that any recommendations which he had considered excessive would have received consideration. Mr. Annear states that from his discussion with the Superintendent he has arrived at the conclusion that the Superintendent desires his proposals as regards surveys to be accepted with little modification. Mr. Annear adds that although this is the main difficulty, there are other aspects of the case which he would prefer to discuss rather than to write, and he desires to know if he might come to London to discuss the case.

It is submitted the Belfast Surveyors be informed it is advisable is considered/that Mr. Annear should attend at this Office for this purpose.

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