

Steam Trawler "WILLIAM DOWNES".

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The above trawler was originally built for the Admiralty by Messrs. C. Rennoldson & Co., under the Survey of the British Corporation in accordance with plans mutually approved by this Society and the British Corporation for the standard "Castle" type of trawler.

According to the British Corporation Register  
 ook the "WILLIAM DOWNES" was completed in December 1917;  
 ngines by the Shields Engineering Company; boilers by  
 almers Shipbuilding & Engineering Co.Ltd. She is a sister  
 essel to the "JOHN BULLOCK" (now named "FILIP COENAN")  
 uilt by the same builders and now classed with this Society.

It is submitted the Milford Surveyor be advised accordingly, and informed that plans for the vessel are not available, but the First Entry Reports for the "JOHN BULLOCK" should be forwarded to him for his guidance in dealing with the case.

Section 48 of the rules should be complied with, but in view of the vessel being only just 5 years old, it is considered that the Special Survey to be held need not be more severe than a S.S.No.1, and it might be pointed out to the Surveyor that in the case of similar vessels previously dealt with in his district, the verification of the thickness of the shell plating was obtained by measurement at the edges instead of being drilled, which course could be followed in this instance.

If it is found that the scantlings and arrangements are the same as, or equivalent to, those of the "JOHN BULLOCK", the vessel, upon the receipt of a satisfactory report, would be eligible to be classed 100 A- "Steam Trawler". Should the figure "1" be desired, particulars of the equipment actually on board should be forwarded to this Office for consideration.

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