

s.s. "HELMSPEY" - Date of Build

In April last a letter was received from the Sunderland Surveyors regarding this vessel, which was building by Messrs. J.L.Thompson & Sons, enclosing one received by the Builders from the Owners making application that the date of build might be deferred provided they dry docked the vessel before she went to sea. The Surveyors stated that the items remaining to complete the survey for classification were the examination and testing of the steering arrangements and the windlass under working conditions, and that these could not be dealt with until steam was available on the vessel.

In reply the Surveyors were informed that they should defer sending in their First Entry Report until the vessel had been finished.

A further letter has been received from the Owners stating that the vessel has been laid up and has not run her trial trip, also that the outfit has not been placed on board, and that it is important that the latest date of build possible should be assigned, and desire to know if she could be recorded as having been built in 1931. They add that some friends of theirs, one of whose steamers was completed about the middle of this year, have succeeded in having the ship classed as a 1931 and not a 1930 vessel.

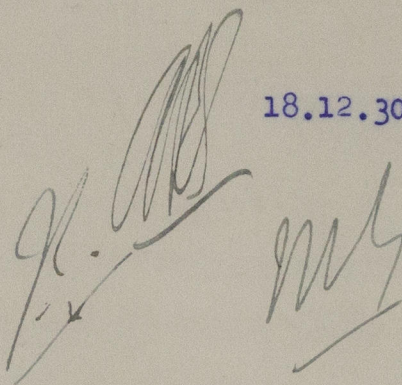
The Sunderland Surveyors have again been communicated with and state that, as already intimated, the steering arrangements and windlass require to be tried under working conditions, and that their First Entry report has been held up in accordance with instructions.

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It is submitted for consideration whether in this case the Owners' request might not be acceded to, but it is concluded that the survey of this vessel will be completed during 1931.

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