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s.s. "QUEENSBURY". No. 92151 in R.B. Supp.

Recently completed by the Burntisland Shipbuilding Co. for Messrs. The Alexander Shipping Co. (Capper, Alexander & Co., Managers.).

From the First Entry Report on this vessel which was received in this Office from the Society's Surveyors at Leith on the 4th October, it appears that the last visit which the Surveyors paid in completion of the survey was the 1st October. In consequence the date of build in the ordinary course would be recorded in the Register Book as 1930-10mo.

The report was before the Classing Committee on the 7th October when the 100 A1, With Freeboard, class was assigned.

The fees for the survey of the vessel during construction were not received here until the 1st November and the classification certificates were issued from this Office to the Leith Surveyors on the 3rd November. These were duly passed on to the Builders who forwarded them to the Owners.

The Owners called at this Office on receiving the certificates and stated that they were surprised that these documents had been forwarded as the official trials of the vessel had not taken place and pointed out that the Builders' contract with them would not be completed until the full power trials at sea had been satisfactorily carried out and until this was done they did not intend to take delivery of the vessel.

They consequently returned the certificates to the Builders, ^{and} ~~but~~ on the 12th November the Leith Surveyors in reporting that the Builders had again returned the certificates stated that the main and auxiliary machinery were found satisfactory for classification on the results of the dock trials and that their reports were forwarded in the usual way after discussing the matter with the Builders, the only item left over to complete the vessel being the full load test on the electrical installation.

They further added that the Owners had returned the

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certificates to the Builders pointing out that as there were no immediate prospects of the vessel going into commission they did not wish to take delivery or consider her completed until the full power trials at sea had been carried out and the electrical installation satisfactorily tested.

The case received consideration on the 17th November, and on the 19th November the Leith Surveyors were informed that as the vessel was found to be satisfactory for classification purposes on the results of the dock trials

"it is not thought that a departure should be made from the Society's Rules in this instance, and it is considered that the date of build should be that of the last date of survey recorded on the First Entry Report, viz:- October, 1930".

On the Builders being informed they have again approached the Leith Surveyors and point out with regard to this particular matter that they had expressed the opinion to the Owners that "the date of the certificates would, as usual, be that of the final report of the Surveyor made with reference to his survey during final official trial trip, and we are unaware of any Rule to the contrary".

A letter has also been received from Messrs. Capper, Alexander & Co. who refer to the correspondence which has taken place on this matter, in which they ask that special consideration should be given for the following reasons, viz:-

"Both the Builders and ourselves clearly understood that the Building Survey could not be completed until all Main and Auxiliary Machinery had been tested, but owing to the position of the vessel in Burntisland Harbour this has not been possible leaving the windlass, cables and anchors to be tried, also as the rudder and steering gear are of special type we are not accepting them until a trial trip has been run and everything found satisfactory.
 "In the engineroom the Wyndham system of feed water heating has been installed to our special requirements and this must be tested before final acceptance.
 "We have always been under the impression that the Building reports could not be completed until after the test of the windlass and steering gear on the trial trip and would be glad to hear if this is correct or not, but in the meantime we trust the present case will receive special consideration and that we may be informed as quickly as possible when any decision has been reached".

The case received the consideration of the Classing

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Committee at their meeting on the 2nd instant and after the matter had been fully explained it was decided to refer the matter to the General Committee for consideration, with a recommendation that the Owners' application might be agreed to in this instance. *Eco*

No particulars have so far been posted.

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