

S.S. "QUEENSBURY"

This vessel was built by the Burntisland S.B.Co. for the Alexander Shipping Co. (Messrs. Capper Alexander & Co., Managers). The last date of survey was 1st October 1930, and the class 100A1 "With Freeboard" was assigned on the 7th October, and the certificates issued.

Mr. Alexander, of the Managers' Firm, called here recently regarding this vessel and stated they were surprised to receive the classification certificates from the Builders. He explained that the official trials had not taken place, and that until these had been carried out they did not intend to take delivery of the ship, and he desired that a later date might be recorded on the certificate as the date of completion. He was informed that his best course would be to return the certificates to the Builders and explain his attitude, and that the Builders would then doubtless take the matter up with the local Surveyors, who would submit the question to this Office for consideration. The matter was also mentioned to the Chairman of the Classification Committee, who considered that the date of build should be deferred pending receipt of a letter on the subject.

A letter has now been received from the Leith Surveyors, who state that the certificates have been returned to them by the Builders. They point out that the main and auxiliary machinery were found satisfactory for classification on the results of the dock trials, and their reports were forwarded in the usual way after discussion with the Builders. The only item left over to complete the vessel is to carry out the full load test on the electrical installation. There is no immediate prospect of the ship being put into commission, and the Owners do not wish to take delivery until the full power trials at sea have been carried out, and the electrical installation satisfactorily tested. The Surveyors therefore

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submit the postponement of the completion date of the vessel for favourable consideration.

There have been two cases recently in which postponement of the last date of survey has been under consideration.

The s.s. "JO TAYLOR" (Armstrong Whitworth & Co's Yard No. 1055) was launched on the 18th November, 1929, and the last date of survey was 25th September, 1930, but the Builders did not wish the classification certificates to be issued at that time as they wished the record of survey to be considered later when they had sold the vessel. In this case it was decided that no departure could be made from the Rules governing the date of build, and that this would be the last date of survey, viz:- 25th September, 1930.

In the case of the s.s. "BOEKELO" (Vuijk & Zonen's No. 600), the vessel was launched on the 9th July, 1930, and the last date of survey was 6th October, 1930. The vessel was laid up and the Builders desired that the date of build might be the date on which the ship would be placed in commission. This was not agreed to, and they were informed that the date of build would be the last date of survey as recorded on the First Entry Report.

As the Surveyors in ^{the present} ~~this~~ case state that the main and auxiliary machinery were found satisfactory for classification purposes on the dock trials, it is not seen how any departure can be made from the Society's Rules, and it is submitted that in this case also the date of build should be that of the last date of survey recorded on the First Entry Report, viz:- 1st October, 1930.

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