

s.s. "ASHBURY"

Mr. Alexander stated after the Committee on Friday last that he was most anxious to put this vessel through Special Survey on her return as she had to be stopped for condenser repairs and he considered it an opportune time to carry out a full Special Survey on the hull.

He was informed of the interview which had recently taken place between Sir James Lithgow and the Society's Chief Surveyors calling attention to the need for minimising repairs at U.K. ports, but he stated that this vessel was a very handy size and he was hopeful the Ministry would agree to his proposal.

On Saturday morning both Mr. Lyndsay and Mr. Mungo Campbell telephoned me in regard to the case and at first stated they did not see how they could agree to Mr. Alexander's suggestion which had been put before them, more particularly in view of the recent tightening up. I told them that in any case repairs were required on the vessel's return for completion of General Examination commenced last October.

Mr. Mungo Campbell took a note of this remarking that it might have made a difference had Mr. Alexander informed him of the outstanding requirements at an earlier date.

There seemed, however, a possibility that the Ministry might agree and, if so, they would divert her to the Tyne for this purpose.

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