

Trawler "T.8" under construction by Chantiers de Normandie at the Grand Quevilly Shipyards, near Rouen.

Steel material order in the North of France.

Normally the steel testing duties at Hautmont, Nord, are undertaken by the Society's Surveyors at Antwerp. In the case, however of the motor schooner "Oiseau des Iles" built last year by Soc. Anon. des Anciens Chantiers Dubigeon, arrangements were made for all steel ordered in the Hautmont district and intended for that vessel to be tested by the Dunkirk Surveyor, in view of the fact that the vessel had been ordered under the Maritime Loan Law (Credit Maritime) and that both Shipbuilders and Owners were of French Nationality.

A letter has now been received from Mr. Taxil of the Paris office, in which he states that an order for plates for starting air receivers, intended for the trawler "T.8" has been placed with Messrs. Soc. Anon. des Hauts Fourneaux, Forges et Acieries de Denain & D'Anzin, Denain. Mr. Taxil mentions that these works are usually inspected by the Antwerp Surveyors, but he desires to know whether, as in the case of the motor schooner mentioned above, any material ordered in the North of France for the trawler "T.8" may be inspected by the Dunkirk Surveyor.

In this connexion it may be mentioned that orders for angles and T-bars have been placed with the British Steel Export Association for manufacture in this country; the stern frame and rudder are being made in the Prague district, while the electric trawling winch etc., is being constructed by a Firm at Fleetwood.

IT IS SUBMITTED that Mr. Taxil be informed it is considered desirable that the inspection of material ordered in the North of France for the trawler "T.8" should be undertaken by the Dunkirk Surveyor, as was done in the case of the motor schooner "Oiseau des Iles".

Advise Antwerp & Dunkirk Surveyors.

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