

s.s. "KINGSWOOD".

The Board of Trade are carrying out a preliminary enquiry in connexion with the explosion which occurred in the Auxiliary Boiler of this vessel on the 3rd January, 1937, and a letter has been received from the Board of Trade Surveyors' Office at Newcastle-on-Tyne, asking to be furnished with particulars of repairs effected to the boiler since its installation in the vessel and prior to the explosion.

The reports on the vessel received from the Society's Surveyors up to October, 1935, have been examined, and it would appear that the only repairs carried out to the boiler to that date were the renewal of the plain tubes, reported by the Swansea Surveyors early in January, 1934, when the boiler was tested by hydraulic pressure to 205 lb. per sq. inch.

The subsequent reports on the case are in the hands of the Newcastle Surveyors.

In the circumstances, IT IS SUBMITTED that a copy of the letter received be forwarded to the Newcastle Surveyors, who should be requested to inform the local Board of Trade Office of the above repairs. They should also examine the reports in their possession up to the time of the explosion of the boiler in January, 1937, and inform the

Board of any further repairs which might have been
effected.

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