

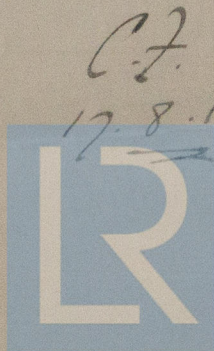
S.S. "USKMOUTH".

It is submitted the Owners may be informed that par.7
page 10 of the Society's Rules reads as follows:-

"7. DATE OF BUILD.- In all cases of vessels built under special survey, the date of the completion of such survey will be taken as the date of build of the vessel, provided the survey be completed within six months of the date of launching for vessels not exceeding 10,000 tons gross, nine months for vessels above 10,000 tons and not exceeding 20,000 tons gross, and twelve months for vessels above 20,000 tons gross. When, however, the special survey is not completed within the period allowed, the date of build will be taken as six, nine or twelve months after the date of launching, as the case may be."

In the present instance the vessel was launched on the 23rd November 1915, and the date of build for record in the Register Book will, therefore, be May 1916.

At the same time the Owners may be asked to state whether there are any special circumstances in connection with the case which would justify the Committee in further considering the matter with a view to such relaxation of the Rule quoted above as would enable the Owners' wishes to be met.



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