

S.S. "DYNAMO".

Built by Messrs.R.Williamson & Son, Workington.

Mr.Williamson, the Builder, called today respecting incident in connection with the recent launching of the steamer. He stated that just previous to the launch the shores were removed from the bottom of the vessel, and was found there was a blind hole in the outside plating and the margin angle.

The hole had not been drilled or punched through margin bar, and one of the shores had covered the hole in the outside plating. It was too late when this was discovered to drill the hole through the margin angle and insert a rivet, without delaying the launching of the vessel until the following tide.

Mr.Williamson states that he referred the matter to the Society's Surveyors, and he produced a letter signed Mr.Shute (one of the Barrow Surveyors), stating that no decision was arrived at, the Owners' consent would be obtained to postponing the drilling for and fitting this rivet until the vessel is placed in dry dock.

The steamer is stated to be for Sir John Ellerman, Smith, of the United Shipping Co., one of the lines associated under the management of Sir John Ellerman, called after Mr.Williamson's visit, and said they had received a telephone message from Mr.Williamson, asking if they had any objection to the matter standing over until the vessel was placed in dry dock.

Mr.Smith called here with a view to ascertaining the views of this Society. He was informed that no opinion could be formed here regarding the matter until we received a report on it from the Society's Surveyors at Barrow, but the letter from the Surveyors which Mr.Williamson produced gave the impression that they were willing to defer the fitting of the rivet at the part in question, until the next drydocking, if the Owners raised no objection.

It is submitted that unless some report be received

from the Society's Surveyors within the next day or two concerning this matter, they should be asked to report fully upon it, at the same time expressing their opinion on the case.

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