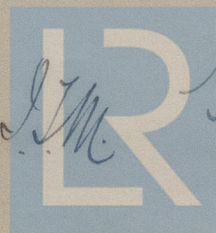


S.S. "FORDONIAN".

Mr. Japp of Messrs. Japp & Kirby, the Agents for the Owners for the above vessel called at this Office this morning by request. He states that the present intention is for the vessel to proceed to Canada as was originally contemplated. Should it be found later on that it is necessary to put the vessel into some other trade such as the Mediterranean on account of the St. Lawrence being closed for the winter he will inform us to that effect. In the meantime he proposes to request the assignment of a North Atlantic Freeboard for the vessel crossing the Atlantic at this time. When this is received and the assignment made the Greenock Surveyors can be advised to that effect and informed that they should take whatever steps are necessary *to suitably prepare the vessel for the voyage and* in their opinion *to* strengthen the hatchways for the voyage out, if they consider any such additional strengthening is necessary.

Ans. 19 + 21. 10. 12
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