

Motor Yacht "LILY MAID IV".

Messrs. Norris, Henty & Gardners Ltd., London.

The London Surveyors attended at the works of Messrs. F. Braby & Co., Ltd., Deptford for the purpose of examining and testing five tanks intended for this yacht.

A certificate was issued in due course and a fee of £3.3.0 was charged to Messrs. Norris Henty & Gardners Ltd.

This firm now suggest that this fee is on the high side as they understand from their Accounts Department that they generally receive from the Liverpool Office an invoice for £1.1.0 for similar services.

In connexion with the tanks in question the London Surveyors paid two visits to the Deptford Works, the time occupied being about three hours for each visit.

IT IS SUBMITTED Messrs. Norris Henty & Gardners Ltd., should be informed that the examination and testing of the tanks in question necessitated two visits of about three hours each, and that on the first visit it was noted that on three of the tanks the pads (described as level gauge seatings) were missing. These pads were subsequently fitted, the tanks re-galvanised, examined and tested.

In view, therefore, of the extra work involved in connexion with the inspection of these tanks it is considered that the fee charged for the Surveyors' services is reasonable and is in accordance with the practice of the Port.

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