

ARTHUR GIBSON AKESTER will say :-

I am a member of the Institution of Naval Architects and am a Senior Ship Surveyor to Lloyd's Register of Shipping and am employed in the Newcastle district.

I surveyed the M.V. "JOSEPH MEDILL" at Wallsend-on-Tyne on various dates between the 18th February, 1935, and the 10th August, 1935, during her construction for classification purposes.

The vessel was of all-welded construction and was fitted with twin screws.

I produce my Report of Survey No.92860, dated the 20th August, 1935, which gives particulars of the dimensions, scantlings, anchors, cables, etc.

The vessel was built in accordance with plans approved by the Society for the restricted service intended; the material and workmanship were good. Tests were made as required by Lloyd's Rules, including special tests for welded structures, and the results of these tests were found to be satisfactory.

I recommended that the vessel should be classed ~~M~~A.1. for service on the Great Lakes and also in the Gulf of St. Lawrence between April and October, at an extreme draught of 14 feet.

The class was not operative for the voyage from the Tyne to the Gulf of St. Lawrence.



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