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S.S. "SANDGATE CASTLE", 7634 tons gross.

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This vessel has recently been completed by Messrs. Short Bros., Sunderland, and First Entry Reports have been forwarded by the Sunderland Surveyors.

The construction was commenced in May 1920, and the vessel was launched on the 23rd December 1920, and according to Paragraph 7, Page 10 of the General Regulations the Date of Build should be recorded as June, 1921.

A letter from the Builders is however forwarded with the Reports, stating that the construction was delayed owing to labour troubles and the consequent retarded delivery of machinery, and requesting that special consideration may be given to the question of the Date of Build.

The last date of survey on the First Entry Report is the 10th October 1922. The Surveyors state that the vessel was examined in dry dock on the 27th September 1922, when some minor damage repairs were effected, and on the conclusion of this survey they recommended that

"This vessel is now in good and efficient condition  
"and eligible in our opinion to receive the class  
"contemplated."

It is submitted that in the circumstances, and as in previous similar cases, the Date of Build of this vessel might be recorded as "SEPTEMBER 1922".

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