

M.V. "CHAGFORD" and S.S. "BLACK OSPREY".

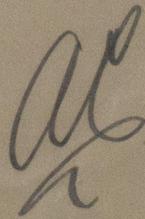
A letter has been received from Messrs. J.A. & H.E. Farnfield, Solicitors, stating that they are acting for the Owners of the motor vessel "CHAGFORD" which was sunk in collision with the s.s. "BLACK OSPREY" in the English Channel on the 24th March last.

The Firm requests that Mr. Collinson, a Ship and Engineer Surveyor stationed at Hull, who attended the trials of the vessel "CHAGFORD" in January, 1937, might be interviewed by them for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to what speed the vessel might attain under conditions reported by the Engineers to have obtained at the time of the casualty.

IT IS SUBMITTED that Messrs. J.A. & H.E. Farnfield be informed that it is contrary to practice to sanction the Society's officers to state other than actual facts determined by personal observation.

It is therefore to be regretted that no expression of opinion as to the speed of the vessel at the time of the casualty could be vouchsafed by the Society's Surveyor who was only familiar with trial trip conditions.

The Solicitors should also be informed that the Society do not issue any certificate in respect of speeds.



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