

The undersigned visited the Board of Trade this afternoon and consulted with Mr. T. E. Metcalfe, of the Administrative Department, and Mr. Daniel, the Chief Ship Surveyor, with reference to the request made by the local Board of Trade Surveyor to the Society's Glasgow Office to examine the reports and plans of the steamer "RUMORE", which has been missing since January last, and also the sister ships "RUBAAN" and "KYLE RHEA".

I was informed that owing to the number of enquiries into the loss of ships at the present time, Mr. Green of their Glasgow Office was instructed by the Board of Trade in London to proceed with the case and collect evidence for the Official Enquiry.

It was explained to the Board of Trade Officials that such a procedure was contrary to the usual action taken by them in previous cases when, after a written request from the Board of Trade in London direct to this Office and the consent of the Owners had been received, the plans and reports were made available in the London Office for scrutiny by the Surveyor appointed by the Board of Trade. It was suggested by me that a similar procedure should be adopted in the present case, and it was, therefore, decided that a letter would be sent by the Board of Trade to the London Office of this Society requesting permission for Mr. Green of their Glasgow Office to examine the plans and reports of the vessels in question in this Office.

The Board of Trade Officials stated they were most anxious to take the procedure which would meet the wishes of this Society, and thus expedite the collection of the information for the Enquiry.