

A letter has been received from the Glasgow Office in which Dr. Webster reports that Mr. Green, the Senior Ship Surveyor of the Board of Trade in Glasgow, has requested by telephone that he might examine the reports and plans of the s.s. "RUMORE" which was lost some months ago. The Board of Trade also wish to examine the reports and plans of the "RUBAAN" and "KYLE RHEA".

All these ships appear to be sisters built by the same firm, the "RUBAAN" now being owned by Messrs. Harrison Thornton of Glasgow, and the "KYLE RHEA" by Messrs. R. Cameron of Glasgow.

Dr. Webster informed Mr. Green that his object could be more readily achieved by the Board of Trade getting into touch with the Society's London Office, but in reply Mr. Green stated that he had already suggested this procedure but that he had been requested to communicate with the Society's Glasgow Office.

The Board of Trade also wish to have a written statement from the Society's Surveyor who last saw the "RUMORE" stating the condition in which he found the vessel and whether there were any cement boxes fitted.

If, as is presumed, the object of these requests is to collect information for an Official Enquiry which the Board of Trade propose to hold on the s.s. "RUMORE", the usual procedure is for the Society to receive a letter from the Board of Trade in London requesting that certain reports and documents be supplied to them, and this request is immediately complied with, without recourse to the Owners.

No precedent has been discovered governing any action taken for the indirect method of procedure <sup>proposed</sup> ~~desired by the Senior Ship Surveyor of the Board in Glasgow~~, and it would seem to be desirable that a visit be paid to the Board of Trade with a view to the position being cleared up. All three vessels had a British Freeboard assigned by the Committee.