

Ronald Robson Fleetham of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, 55, Fawcett Street, Sunderland, will say:-

I am a ship surveyor to Lloyd's Register of Shipping and am stationed at Sunderland.

I examined the s.s. "TAYLOR" on Crown's Slipway, Sunderland, from 23rd to 26th December, 1936.

On examination I found that Nos. 1 and 2 keel plates were somewhat worn and these plates together with about 200 defective rivets were renewed. The port and starboard seams of No. 3 keel plate were built up with electric welding.

I made a general examination of the ship and recommended that the vessel be continued as classed with record of survey 12.36.

I noticed that the vessel's bottom was slightly set up. This matter was dealt with following a previous survey of the ship.

I was joined in this survey by Mr. Pickworth, the Society's Principal Surveyor at Sunderland.

I again surveyed this ship on the same slipway from 15th to 16th April, 1937. I made a general examination of the ship. A number of defective rivets in the fore end keel plate and in the port side rubbing strip were renewed, but in other respects the ship was found to be in good condition, and I recommended that the vessel be continued as classed with record of survey 4.37.

I noticed as at the survey held in December, 1936, the bottom was slightly set up.

I produce my reports regarding these surveys.

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