

GROSS 3650

UNDER DE. 3427

Owners *Anglo-Celtic Shipping Co Ltd*  
Managers *Griffiths Payne & Co Ltd*Owners' Address  
(if not already recorded in Appendix to Register Book).

23 FEB 1933

S.S. "DUMFRIES"  
Laid up indefinitely at Instow

The 3rd S.S.No.1 of this vessel was carried out at Newcastle in August 1929, and the 3rd S.S.No.2 became due in 6,32.

The Owners wrote in July last, in regard to the survey notice sent them, to the effect that as the previous Special Survey had been carried out in 8,29, the next Special Survey did not become due until 8,33. The requirements of the Rules were explained to them, and in reply to further enquiry they were informed that advantage could be taken of the year of grace provided the vessel were generally examined and favourably reported upon before being placed in commission.

The Owners again wrote requesting that the 3rd S.S.No.2 might be dated from the previous Special Survey <sup>No.1</sup> held in 8,29. In reply they were referred to the Secretary's previous letter explaining the Rules in regard to the dates at which Special Surveys become due, and informed that the concession desired by them could not be granted.

A further letter has now been received from the Owners noting the Committee's decision, and stating that as a large amount of money was spent by them in connexion with the S.S.No.1 in 8,29 they thought that the Committee would interpret the Rules in a generous manner, taking into consideration the depressed state of the shipping industry and the difficulties under which British shipowners are labouring in competing with subsidised foreign tonnage.

Although from the reports it is observed that extensive repairs were carried out at the S.S.No.1 in 8,29, it is not seen how the Committee's previous decision can be departed from.

22.2.33.

*Cannot agree**SpL Brown 24/2/33*

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