

FEEES FOR SURVEY OF MACHINERY OF S.S. "GRIPSHOLM."

It was concluded when writing the Newcastle Surveyors on the 3rd instant that the Copenhagen Surveyors had charged the total fee for the survey during construction of the machinery of the above vessel, in which case two-fifths would have been a fair proportion to have placed to the credit of the Newcastle Office for the work done at that part. This work included the forging and machining of all intermediate and propeller shafts, propellers, stern tubes, sea-cocks and the fitting on board of main Diesel Engines, the three dynamo engines, the three Diesel Compressors and all small Auxiliaries, etc.

It now appears, however, that the Copenhagen Surveyors charged four-fifths only of the total fee for the work done at their port, leaving the balance to be collected by the Newcastle Surveyors from the firm who fitted the machinery on board.

If Messrs. Burmeister & Wain, the makers of the engines, did not contract to carry out the work during the installation of the machinery, the Copenhagen Surveyors would appear to have acted in accordance with the usual practice in such cases.

The work carried out by the Newcastle Surveyors is, however, more than the survey usually covered by the installation on board, and it is considered that a fair proportion of the total fee for their survey would be two-fifths of the total fee, or say £67: 6: 0, this amount to be charged to Messrs. Armstrong Whitworth & Co., who have carried out this work.

This amount to be charged and be New Surveyors might be so informed
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