

Steel S.S. "PERONNE", No. 70013 in the Register Book.

Built at Northwich by Messrs. Yarwood & Sons in 1917 and classed 100A1 "Coasting UK (except West Coast, Cork to Pentland Firth) and Continent, Brest to Hamburg."

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With reference to the attached letter received from the Owners it may be observed that the construction of this vessel was commenced and the ship partly built before classification with this Society was contemplated. Plans were submitted and approved on the 4th May 1917, the first survey was held by the Society's Surveyors on the 10th May 1917, and the vessel was launched on the 28th June 1917.

No question was raised at the time, or subsequently, as to the assignment of the Special Survey Mark \*, and in the space on the First Entry Report - "State whether the vessel has been built under Special Survey", the Surveyor has written the word "No".

The First Entry Report states that -

"The construction of this vessel was well advanced when a survey was requested with a view to classification, the shell was nearly plated and largely riveted. Plans shewing the scantlings and arrangements were approved with amendments..... these scantlings have been verified and the vessel is built in accordance with the approved plans and in general accordance with the Rules....."

The Owners state that when the Liverpool Surveyor was called in "he surveyed every piece of work which had been performed up to then, in conjunction with our Consulting Engineer".

(The Surveyor, Mr. Nash, has since been invalided and retired on pension).

In the circumstances the question as to whether or not the Special Survey Mark \* could be assigned is submitted for the consideration of the Committee.