

SS "LA PERLA"

This vessel, built by Messrs. Cammell, Laird & Co., was originally to be fitted with Diesel Electric Propelling machinery, but before completion was converted and is now fitted with boilers and reciprocating steam engines.

The principal Surveyor at Liverpool desires to know what additional fees should be charged in this case.

He states he has been informed that the British Corporation, under whose survey the vessel has also been constructed, intend to charge the scale fees for the Electric- Drive Machinery in addition to the scale fee for the Steam Machinery, plus about £60 for the extensive alteration to the hull.

The full fee for the Diesel Electric Machinery would have been £230, but as these engines have not been installed, it is considered that a portion of this fee, say one-fifth, should not be charged, leaving a fee of £184 to be charged for services rendered in inspecting and testing of this machinery.

The full fee for the steam propelling machinery should be charged, and it is submitted that an additional fee proportionate to the services rendered in connexion with the alterations to the hull should be charged.

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