

Mr. Carlton, the Chief Engineer Surveyor of the Board of Trade was interviewed today at the Consultative Office as to whether the terms of the Anchors and Chain Cables Act of 1899 were being observed, in the transfer of German vessels to the British flag, in requiring a Certificate to be produced showing <sup>that</sup> the anchors and cables have been tested at a Proving House licensed under the Act.

Mr. Carlton stated that the practice hitherto had been to enforce the provisions of the Act in every case where a foreign vessel had been purchased by British Owners and eventually registered in this Country.

He suggested that it would be very desirable, under the present circumstances, to raise the question officially with the Board of Trade at Great George Street and secure a definite expression of opinion.

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