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T.S.S. "UMTATA"Fees for electrical equipment.

The Newcastle Surveyors, in their letter of the 13th instant, enclose a communication from Messrs. Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd. respecting the fee charged for electrical equipment.

The scale adopted by the Committee in April of this year, which would come into force at the end of October, would bring this charge up to £51.2.0., as stated on Newcastle report No.93142.

The scale in existence prior to April 1935 would incur a fee of £40.16.0.

Messrs. Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Id., contend in their letter that in this particular case, which was contracted for as long ago as December 1934, the fee should be assessed on the scale which was in vogue at that time.

The Newcastle Surveyors ask for a ruling in this matter so that they may be guided, not only in the present case, but in any similar cases which may occur in the immediate future.

IT IS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION whether the Shipbuilders' contention that the lower fee should be charged, as this was in vogue at the time the vessel was contracted for, should be upheld, as this would create a precedent for any future cases of a similar nature.

*Fee prior to
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