

"ESSEQUIBO"

The 2nd S.S. No.2, which became due 11,34, is now being carried out at Southampton.

The Southampton Surveyors have reported that a considerable part of the chain cable is worn below the Rule limit and a proposal to postpone renewal of the worn lengths for a period of 3 months is under consideration (see endorsement 20.7.35.).

The Southampton Surveyors wrote on Tuesday last to the effect that the vessel was on trial and that nothing had been done in the matter of supplying the necessary tarpaulins, hatch boards etc. and it was understood the Survey would be completed before the end of this week.

The same Surveyors have to-day telephoned as per attached statement.

Mr. Helyer has telephoned from the Owners' Office (12 noon) stating he has been informed that new tarpaulins have now been supplied and paid for and permission is desired for the vessel to proceed to Leningrad where the hatch covers will be renewed as required.

The Board of Trade Head Office, which has been consulted, has at the same time telephoned that they have been in touch with their Southampton Surveyors, who indicate that they will detain the ship until the new tarpaulins are supplied and fitted, but that the condition of the hatch covers is not such as to justify them in detaining the vessel pending their renewal.

In these circumstances it is submitted for consideration whether provided the tarpaulins are supplied and *the Surveyors are satisfied in respect to the efficiency of the hatch covers for the voyage* found satisfactory ~~&~~ a satisfactory report be received from the Surveyors on the Special Survey, the proposal for the vessel to proceed to Leningrad might not be agreed to subject to the hatch covers being dealt with on vessel's arrival at that port and to the chain cable being renewed as stated above.