

British Prince

S.S. "LONDON SHIPPER" ..

This vessel has just been completed by the Furness Shipbuilding Co.Ltd., for the Norfolk & North American Steam Shipping Co.Ltd., (Furness, Withy & Co.) and was launched in December 1921, and, in accordance with the Rules in force when the plans were approved, the date of build should be recorded as June 1922.

In the case of the sister ship "LONDON MERCHANT", built by the same Builders for Messrs. the Neptune Steam Navigation Co.Ltd., (Furness, Withy & Co.), this vessel was launched in November 1921, and completed in May 1923. Letters were received from both the Builders and Owners stating that the construction had been unavoidably delayed owing to circumstances beyond their control, and requesting that the date of build of 1923 might be assigned. When the case received the consideration of the Committee the date of build of 5,23 as desired by the Owners and the Builders was assigned.

In the case of the "LONDON SHIPPER" no request has been received from the Builders or Owners regarding the date of build, but it is a matter for consideration, in view of the sister ship having been assigned a date of build in accordance with the date of completion, whether the date of build might be recorded as 8,23.

It might be pointed out that if the vessel had been built under the present Rules she would have been entitled to a date of build 9 months from the date of launch, in view of her tonnage being over 7,000 tons.

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