

You will, no doubt, be interested to learn that our Chairman has selected the undermentioned names for the five vessels to be built following the "Clan Mactavish":

- Yard No. 471—"Clan Shaw."
- " " 472—"Clan Sinclair."
- " " 473—"Clan Skene."
- " " 474—"Clan Stewart."
- " " 475—"Clan Sutherland."

These vessels are single-screw turbine oil burners, of approximately 8,400 tons gross, with an overall length of 512 ft. 9 in., and a service speed of 16½ knots.

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We offer our congratulations to Captain R. P. Galer, C.B.E., R.D., R.N.R., on his receipt of the "Meritorious Award" of the British Meteorological Office, in recognition of outstanding service rendered over a period of many years in connection with marine meteorology.

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We have to record the following promotions, and offer our congratulations to those concerned:

Chief Officers to Captains.—F. H. Thornton, O.B.E., D.S.C.; R. G. Bagnall.

DECK OFFICERS.

2nd Officer to Chief Officer.—Mr. J. R. Hogg, Mr. E. D. J. Cox, Mr. F. C. Doyle, Mr. R. M. Mayo.

3rd Officer to 2nd Officer.—Mr. I. A. W. Williamson, Mr. J. E. S. Catterall, Mr. E. M. C. Crawley, Mr. H. E. Holden.

4th Officer to 3rd Officer.—Mr. G. H. Healy, Mr. P. C. W. Hoblyn, Mr. J. L. Easton, Mr. J. P. MacMaster, Mr. J. Milward.

ENGINEER OFFICERS.

2nd Engineer to Chief Engineer.—Mr. R. C. Bainbridge, Mr. J. C. Forbes.

To 2nd Engineer.—Mr. T. McKinnell, Mr. A. B. C. Wilson, Mr. C. Simpkin.

To Junior 2nd Engineer.—Mr. J. Beadle, Mr. E. W. Smith, Mr. J. G. R. Coull, Mr. J. McCrun.

Congratulations also go to the following Officers on obtaining their higher or initial M.O.T. Certificates of Competency.

DECK OFFICERS.

Master's Certificate.—Mr. N. Wallace, 2nd Officer; Mr. I. A. W. Williamson, 2nd Officer; Mr. E. R. Smith, 2nd Officer; Mr. J. K. Robertson, 2nd Officer.

2nd Mate's Certificate.—Mr. A. D. Rumble, 4th Officer.

ENGINEER OFFICERS.

1st Class Endorsement (Motor).—Mr. A. M. MacIntyre, 2nd Engineer.

1st Class Certificate (Motor).—Mr. A. Couits, 2nd Engineer.

1st Class Certificate (Steam).—Mr. R. W. C. Jeffrey, 2nd Engineer; Mr. B. Gwilliam, 2nd Engineer; Mr. T. A. Rush, 2nd Engineer.

2nd Class Certificate (Steam).—Mr. J. McCrun, 2nd Engineer; Mr. A. G. Munro, 3rd Engineer; Mr. T. L. O'Hare, 3rd Engineer; Mr. G. G. Pirie, 3rd Engineer.

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We learn that, since our last issue, the following members of our seagoing staff have taken the plunge into the sea of matrimony:

Mr. J. R. Hogg—Chief Officer.

Mr. N. F. Stewart—Chief Officer.

Mr. W. R. Lindsay—2nd Officer.

Mr. K. M. Thomson—2nd Officer.

Mr. G. Marshall—3rd Officer.

Mr. J. McBride—4th Engineer.

The best of luck to you all.

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The following report appeared in one of our leading newspapers:

"MOMBASA (Kenya);

"Wednesday,

"British sailors who spent Christmas in port here claimed to-day that they had seen the 'Kilindini Monster'—reported to have a head like a bull only larger, with ears or horns, and covered in scales.

"They are in the crew of the Clan Line ship 'Clan Macbrayne,' which arrived here from