

MACGREGOR

Like her predecessor, *Clan Macgillivray*, she will have the remote control and automatic devices which have caused so much interest in the shipping world. These devices work in such a way that various circulating systems of the main Sulzer RD76 engine are automatically controlled to pre-set temperatures, and an alarm sounds when a maximum allowed temperature is exceeded.

The Rolls-Royce generator engines operate in a similar manner, so that temperatures and pressures are automatically controlled, and a warning sounds when any serious deviation takes place and before any damage can be done. For the watchkeeping Engineer this is very important and allows him to do his work with more confidence.

As before, all the instrumentation and controls are centralised in the air conditioned control room, where the watchkeeping Engineer will normally be stationed. He will, of course, periodically inspect the engine room, but generally he will spend most of the watch in the control room observing the various dials and attending to his other watchkeeping duties. From the control room he can, for instance, pump out the engine room and tunnel well bilges without having to go there; also he can do routine changeovers of generator engines and important circulating pumps.

With the communications provided he can instantly make contact with the bridge or with the Chief Engineer and, if necessary, can summon help by pressing a button.

The weather on the day of the launch was dull but dry and a period of near sunshine favoured the launching ceremony when Mrs. Gurr, in a strong, clear voice, christened the vessel in the traditional manner: "I name this ship *Clan Macgregor*. May God bless her and all who sail in her."

Sir Nicholas Cayzer, addressing the guests after the luncheon which followed the launch, referred to the long association between the Clan Line and the Greenock yard and looked forward hopefully to a period of prosperity for shipping and with it full employment for shipbuilding yards.



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Below : Mrs. A. H. Gurr being presented with a bouquet by Robert McGunnigle, Office Boy in Greenock Dockyard's Time-keeping Office

