

# Smoke Signals

## Commodore chief engineer retires

Mr. E. St. John Tuck, commodore chief engineer, retired on August 1 after 47 years' service. Born in July 1906, he joined Union-Castle in 1927 serving in *Dromore Castle* as fifth engineer. He obtained his second class steam certificate in 1930 and service followed in *Carlow Castle*. He obtained his first class steam certificate in 1932 and his first class motor endorsement in 1935 while serving in *Llangibby Castle*. During the world war Mr. Tuck was senior second engineer, *Roslin Castle*. He was appointed chief engineer of *Rhodesia Castle* on July 17, 1951 and in 1957



*At right: Commodore and Mrs. Tuck with the clock with which he was presented on July 9. With them is Captain A. A. Freer*



*Lower right: Commodore Tuck with Sir Nicholas Cayzer and the silver salver with which he was presented on July 22*

transferred to passenger mail vessels. He was appointed commodore chief engineer of the group in July 1966 and has served since in *Windsor Castle*.

Commodore Tuck was awarded the C.B.E. which he received from the Queen on February 25 this year. He is a keen clock collector and member of the British Antiquarian Horological Society. He received a silver salver from the chairman on July 22.

Officers of *Windsor Castle* presented the commodore and Mrs. Tuck with a clock at a party on July 9. Mrs. Tuck responded with a speech in which she praised the part played by all engineering personnel in her husband's long sea career.

Captain Alfred O. Wilkins retired on June 1 after 32 years' service. He was an apprentice with Moor Line and joined Union-Castle in June 1941, having obtained his master's certificate, as second officer in passenger vessels. In



*Top left: The chairman presents Captain J. Browne with a silver vase bowl on the occasion of his retirement, July 23*

*Lower left: The chairman also presented Captain C. C. Atkinson, on the same day, with a gold watch*

*Above (this column): Captain F. D. Boney's retirement was reported in the June issue. He is seen receiving a silver salver from the chairman (May 28)*



1948 he was promoted to chief officer, *Good Hope Castle* and in August 1951 was seconded to assist the marine superintendent in Cape Town. He resumed his seagoing career the following year in *Braemar Castle* and was appointed assistant marine superintendent at Cape Town in 1953. He became marine superintendent in 1966.

Captain John Browne retired from the company on August 1 after 46 years' service. He joined as an apprentice on *Clan Monroe* in May 1923 and rejoined as fourth officer, *Clan Macwilliam* in October 1926. He was promoted to third officer in June 1928 and after obtaining his first mate's certificate in December was promoted second officer on *Halesius* in August 1930. He obtained his master's certificate in 1933 and served as chief officer in *Buteshire* in 1939. Captain Browne was appointed master in 1950 and commanded various company vessels, the last of which was *Clan Robertson*.

At a party held on board *Clan Robertson*, Captain Browne was presented with a record player and Mrs. Browne received flowers and chocolates from the officers.

Captain William T. Chalmers retired from the company on August 1. He was born in November 1914 and