



A SLIGHTLY improved *Arab*, the R.M.S. *Trojan* represented the reply of the Union Line to Donald Currie's *Kinfauns Castle* and *Grantully Castle*. She caused much interest at the time of her appearance by being the first Cape liner to be fitted with "the electric light" which, however, was fitted only in the "Grand Saloon".

On her maiden voyage, *Trojan* went up the coast as far as Natal in order to embark the Empress Eugenie, who returned to England in the vessel after visiting the scene of the death of the Prince Imperial in Zululand.

In November 1889, *Trojan* became an intermediate steamer.

Ten years later, when the Boer War broke out, she was at once requisitioned at Southampton for use as a hospital ship. In 1900 she was sold for scrap but was taken over by Elder, Dempster and Company (Beaver Line), by whom she was renamed *Wassau*. She was intended for the Canadian trade, but within a short time she was sold to Marseilles owners, who renamed her *Islam*. She did not remain long afloat. A dispute arose about the purchase price; she again changed hands and was scrapped at Preston in 1902.

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