

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we record the passing of former colleagues and extend to their families and friends our sincere sympathy.

Robert Moffat Scott was Head of the Claims and Baggage Department of the Cape Town Office until his untimely death on 1st September, 1959. The late Mr. Scott joined the Union-Castle Line at Cape Town on 1st July, 1921, and subsequently spent several years at Mombasa and Beira.

He was an ardent and indefatigable photographer of exceptional ability and an authority on matters relating to ships and shipping. His photographs of the liners, freighters and tankers which have called at South and East African ports, and in particular at Table Bay Harbour, during the course of the past 25 years, number many thousands, and have achieved a world-wide fame. In his dual capacities as Honorary Secretary of the World Ship Society (South African Branch) and Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipping, he was in constant demand for information regarding ships calling at African ports, and never a day passed but Moffat Scott was to be seen, camera in hand, waiting for the perfect opportunity to photograph a visiting ship of special interest. It was whilst trying to photograph a ship in Table Bay Harbour that he collapsed and died.

Examples of the late Mr. Scott's artistic ability have appeared regularly in *The Review*, and two were used in the Company's Annual Report and Accounts for 1958.

Mr. Scott leaves a widow.

The death occurred at his home on 10th September of **Mr. William Girvan Fulton**, for the past 12 years Chief Engineer of the *Clan Chisholm*.

He joined the Clan Line in 1925 as Fifth Engineer, *Clan Macmillan*. In 1930 he gained his Second Class Certificate, followed two years later by his First Class Certificate. On the outbreak of war, Mr. Fulton was serving as Second Engineer of the *Clan Macwhirter* and in 1941 was transferred to the *Clan Macindoe*, which was destroyed by fire at Alexandria in 1943. His first appointment as Chief Engineer was to the *Ocean Glory* on 1st May, 1947.

Mr. Fulton, who was in his 58th year, leaves a widow.

Mr. G. E. Mackay, who died on the 11th September, 1959, at the age of 69, was formerly a member of the Union-Castle Company's Accounts Dept. He had 46 years' service and retired in 1952.

Outside the office one of his principal interests was football. In this he was not merely an interested spectator, but in his earlier years a skilled player: at the time when the London Caledonians were in their heyday, he was their centre forward, and the Company's team also had call on his services.

In his later years he was handicapped by deafness and subsequently heart trouble, but these did nothing to mar his cheerfully manner nor curb his lively Scottish temperament.

Mr. Walter M. Hopwood died on 13th September after a relatively short illness.

He was single, 55 years of age and had been in the Company's employ for 39 years, having joined the Union-Castle Company in August, 1920. His service was in Stores Dept. throughout, and he had been in charge of the Printing and Stationery Section for approximately 20 years. He was a keen supporter of the Swimming Club which he first joined in May, 1921; from 1935-47 he acted as Assistant Secretary and was Treasurer from 1950-57.

Walter will be remembered as a jovial and good-hearted colleague whose occasionally eccentric manner added piquancy to his character.

The death occurred on 16th September of **Mr. G. A. Bromley**. He joined the staff at Birkenhead in 1914 and retired on 31st December, 1953, after many years as Head Booker.

Mr. John Ernest Lloyd Allen died in Greenwich Seamen's Hospital on 28th September. He was 57.

He joined Bullard, King & Co. Ltd. in 1929, gained his First Class Certificate in 1937 and was promoted Chief Engineer with that Company in 1939. At the time of the merger he was relieving Chief Engineer, *Umkazi*, and was later appointed Chief Engineer of the *Clan Mackay*, which ship he had to leave at Algiers for health reasons. Mr. Allen was thereafter employed on relieving duties and was travelling to join the *Clan Macbrayne* on 24th September when he collapsed and was taken to hospital suffering from pleurisy and pneumonia.

Mr. Allen leaves a widow.

Mr. H. F. Teather died suddenly on 30th September; he had for some time suffered from thrombosis. Mr. Teather joined the Union-Castle Company in 1943 as a waiter at the North Woolwich Road Luncheon Room, from which position he retired in October, 1957.

Mr. Teather, who was 71, leaves a widow.

Mr. Stanley Elton Flack died on 5th October, 1959. He retired from the Union-Castle Line on 30th September, 1954, having spent 50 years in the Company's service. Prior to his retirement, he was a member of the Freight Dept. of the Cape Town Office.

The death occurred on 13th October, following a period of ill-health, of **Mr. G. W. Atkinson**, former Carpenter of the *Carnarvon Castle*. He originally joined the Union-Castle Line in 1929, leaving in 1940; he rejoined after the last war and served afloat until May this year.

Mr. Atkinson, who was 55, leaves a widow, son and daughter.

We regret the error in the obituary notice to the late Lawrence Dunn in the June/August edition. Mr. Dunn did, in fact, leave a widow, son and two daughters.