



Lady Rotherwick on the launching platform at Greenock Dockyard, where she named and launched the Rotherwick Castle

Two ships launched on Clydeside—and a preview of *R.M.S. Transvaal Castle*

TWO cargo ships for the Group were launched on Clydeside on successive days—the *Rotherwick Castle* at Greenock on August 19th, and the *Clan Macindoe* at the John Brown yard on August 20th.

Both days were unusually hot for Clydeside—they were, in fact, among the hottest of a very hot summer.

The *Rotherwick Castle* was named and launched by the Lady Rotherwick, in the presence of Lord Rotherwick and their three children, the Hon. Robin, Robina and Charles. The Duchess of Newcastle and her children were also present.

The *Rotherwick Castle* is the first ship to be built for Union-Castle by The Greenock Dockyard Company Ltd., which is a subsidiary of British & Commonwealth. Like the

other Union-Castle cargo ships whose names begin with "R", she is a refrigerated cargo liner built specially for the carriage of South African fruit to the U.K. and Europe. She will have a total refrigerated capacity of 450,000 cubic feet, a deadweight capacity of about 10,100 tons and a gross tonnage of about 9,500. Her service speed will be 16½ knots.

The *Clan Macindoe* was named and launched by Mrs. Elvish, wife of Captain J. D. Elvish, our Group Marine Superintendent, and a Director of British & Commonwealth. Lord and Lady Rotherwick were among the guests.

In his speech Lord Rotherwick forecast a continuing scarcity of orders for new ships.

"Shipowners are not very keen", he said, "to take delivery of new

Below: The Rotherwick Castle enters the water at Greenock. She is the first refrigerated cargo ship to be built at Greenock for the Union-Castle Line

