



CLAN RAMSAY LAUNCH

The *Clan Ramsay*, the first of four new refrigerated cargo ships being built for the Group by the Greenock Dockyard Company, was launched at Carlsdyke Shipyard on 26th August.

Although the weather was dull and damp the Countess of Dalhousie, whose husband is the hereditary Chieftain of the Clan Ramsay, christened the ship in the traditional manner. In a confident and clear voice she declared, "I name this ship *Clan Ramsay*. May God bless her and all who sail in her."

The general particulars of the ship are:—

- Length overall: 529 ft. 4 ins.
- Breadth moulded: 68 ft. 6 ins.
- Depth moulded to upper deck: 43 ft. 1½ ins.
- Approximate gross tonnage: 10,500 tons.
- Approx. capacity of refrigerated spaces: 500,000 cu. ft.
- Approx. deadweight carrying capacity: 11,500 tons.
- Service speed: 17½ knots.

The vessel is powered by a single Burmeister & Wain poppet valve turbo-charged engine, built by John G. Kincaid & Co. Ltd., of Greenock, and is fitted with extensive automatic and remote control systems including automatic temperature control for refrigerated spaces.

Of the 500,000 cu. ft. of insulated cargo space, 50,000 cu. ft. will be at 0°F. for carrying quick frozen food such as fish and fruit.

Top right: The Countess of Dalhousie christens the latest addition to the fleet and the Clan Ramsay is safely launched

Centre: 15-year-old Ian Blair, joiner's boy, receives a flower from the bouquet he presented to the Countess

Below left: The ship's Sponsor, joined on the launching platform by Sir Nicholas Cayzer, is congratulated by Mr. A. Paxton, Managing Director of the Dockyard

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