



P.N.S. "Scot" IN THE DOCKS, CAPE TOWN. A.D. 1893. GURKIN

*This vessel, Scot, was the most famous of the Cape steamships built before the Union-Castle amalgamation. Her graceful lines, great speed and bow reminiscent of the great clippers of the 19th century made her a particular favourite with Cape travellers. Of 6,844 tons, she entered service in 1893. Her career spanned 34 years. From Union-Castle she went to the Hamburg American Line in 1905 and became Oceana. In 1910 she was bought by the Bermuda-Atlantic company of New York. The Morse Dry Dock and Repairing Company bought her in 1914 and sold her in 1916 to the Cia Trasatlantica and as Alfonso XIII she made a fortune for her owners. That company changed her name to Vasco Nunez de Balboa in 1923 and in 1927 she was sent to the breakers. It is interesting to note that Scot's outward voyage to the Cape in March 1893 took her 14 days 18 hours 57 minutes—a record which stood for over 40 years*

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