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SCRAP AND BUILD SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT.

Note by the President of the Board of Trade.

I think the Cabinet may like to see the attached Progress Report on the Scrap and Build Scheme under the British Shipping (Assistance) Act, 1935.

W.R.

Board of Trade,

22nd November, 1935.

SCRAP AND BUILD SCHEME.

The following notes indicate the progress of the Scheme to date.

Building.

Recommendations already made by the Ships Replacement Committee cover the building of 37 vessels aggregating approximately 141,000 tons gross, at an estimated cost of £2,767,000, of which £2,618,000 will be lent to applicants. Eighteen of the proposed new vessels are motor tramp vessels and include 5 small tramps for near Continental trade. The remaining 19 vessels, which include 5 cargo liners, embody all modern features for efficiency and economic running.

Orders have actually been placed for 14 of the vessels (including 4 of the small motor tramps) aggregating 50,000 tons gross. All these orders have been placed on the North East Coast. The keels of 6 of the vessels have been laid; one of these has reached the plating stage and two have been framed. Further orders are expected to be placed shortly.

Scrapping.

In connection with the above proposals 44 vessels, totalling approximately 194,000 tons gross, have been definitely nominated for demolition and 4 of these, totalling 16,750 tons gross, have already been broken up in the United Kingdom.

To complete the proposals a further 88,000 tons gross of suitable tonnage has to be acquired by applicants whose proposals have been provisionally approved, subject to the nomination of eligible vessels for demolition.

Board of Trade,
21st November, 1935.