

CLAN LINE STEAMERS LIMITED

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Charles William Gayzer arrived in Liverpool from Bombay in the year of 1876. In the year that followed he became a partner in the firm of Rudstad & Gayzer, shipstores merchants, situated in Marsden Buildings, Duke Street. Within a short time William had privately acquired the two vessels Jalawar and North Star. Extending his shipping operations the company name was changed to C.W. Gayzer & Company, of 1 & 3 Duke Street.

In 1878 his friend, Captain William Irvine appeared on the scene, and so the partnership of Cayzner Irvine & Company came into being. Staying only a short time, but long enough to set up the CLAN LINE, Irvine left the Company.

The Management of The Clan Line Steamers Limited began by giving orders for the building of six first-class steamers. The first of the fleet, Clan Alpine, was launched on 16th September 1878. After completing loading at Sandon Dock she sailed on her maiden voyage on 26th October.

In November of the same year the Jalawar foundered on Java Head. The North Star was sold in 1880.

Expanding at a fair pace the Company outgrew its Liverpool office and in 1882 re-moved to 109 Hope Street, Glasgow.

August 1914 saw a fleet of no less than 56 vessels under the Company's control. Sir Charles died at Perthshire, aged 73, on 28th September 1916. At which time the fleet had been enlarged to 60. A take over of the Scottish Shire Line and the Houston Line took place in 1918.

In the 1920's, offices could be found in London, Liverpool and Manchester, beside the Glasgow location.

A merger between the Company and the Union Castle Mail Steamship Company Limited in 1956 brought about a change of name to, British Commonwealth Shipping Company Limited. Later integration with the South African Marine Corporation Limited saw the Clan, the Safmarine, the Union-Castle, and the Houston Lines being incorporated under a new company, International Liners Services Limited. This company commenced operations on 1st October 1973. A head office was situated at Greenly House, Creechurch Lane, London, E.C.3. The Company was jointly controlled by Gayzer, Irvine & Company Limited and the South African Marine Corporation (U.K.) Limited.

Four members only reported having this die, all on Queen Victoria issues.

Cat. No. 427	Queen Victoria	1d lilac	
	Jubilee	½d verm.	Glasgow 30 Sept. 1895
		1½d	9 Nov. 1893
		5d	7 Dec. 1897

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