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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

UNITED WITH THE BRITISH CORPORATION REGISTER

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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3  
2nd April, 1954.

Dear Sir,

Steamer "DARFIELD"

I acknowledge the receipt of your cablegram of the 31st ultimo and in confirmation of my reply this afternoon would inform you that the case has been submitted to the Committee today, who, in view of the extensive damage reported in the Shipping Press, have decided to record a notation of "In port Damaged - Class Suspended". This means that any voyage in tow, either in ballast or with cargo, can only be contemplated as an unclassed hulk, and the Los Angeles Surveyor should be informed that authority should be sought from this Office before issuing any Certificate in this case.

It is understood that the Owners are seriously considering the position, and I would inform you confidentially that the ship may well be declared a constructive total loss.

As the <sup>class</sup> ~~ship~~ has now been suspended, it will be necessary if any Freeboard Certificate is desired, for such to be issued by the United States Coast Guard Authorities.

In the circumstances the question as to whether a Senior Ship Surveyor should join in the inspection, is one which must be left entirely to the Owners' decision.

Their Consultants in this City are being informed of the position and I shall be obliged if you will keep in close touch with the Owners and advise me of any further developments.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Clerk to  
the Classification Committee.

The Secretary,  
NEW YORK.



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