

The question of the testing of the anchors and their fitments was discussed with Mr. Butterwick of the Ministry of War Transport, (M.S. Department) and consideration was given to the feasibility of submitting the anchors to the Statutory Test at Ports where the Proving Houses are easily accessible from the Docks.

After consultation with Sir Amos Ayre, it was agreed that the anchors could be accepted and the Figure 1 assigned with the proviso that the anchors shall be submitted to the Statutory Test when the present state of emergency has passed and that the Certificates shall be endorsed to this effect. Sir Amos thought it desirable however, that the concurrence of Mr. Haggar, the Chief Ship Surveyor at the Marine Department of the Ministry, should be obtained.

The question was afterwards discussed with Mr. Haggar and Mr. W. T. Williams at the Marine Department, Berkeley Square, and they expressed their concurrence but they thought consideration should be given, by the Ministry, as to whether advantage should not be taken of the first favourable opportunities when any of the vessels are at CARDIFF or GLASGOW (where the Proving Houses are conveniently situated) to remove, test to Statutory Requirements and thereafter replace on board at least a few of the anchors made at Calgary and Winnipeg respectively. These tests might be regarded as representative, and if satisfactory, the submission of the remaining anchors to the Statutory Test be left in abeyance until the end of the War.

For the purpose of official action, it is desired that a confirmatory letter, stating the position in respect of the omission of the Statutory Test, be addressed to the Marine Department of the Ministry of War Transport, Berkeley Square.

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