

S.S. "FORT PINE", "FORT PITT", "FORT CONFIDENCE", "FORT A-LA-CORNE"

Testing of Anchors, Anchor Shackles and Pins.

Particulars of the equipment as shown on the First Entry Reports on the above and a number of previous sister vessels are such as to convey that the equipment had been properly tested and in the vessels already dealt with the Figure 1 was assigned as recommended.

A number of Reports 10 describing tests carried out on the Anchors, Anchor Shackles and Pins have now come to hand. Drop, tensile and bend tests have been made on the Anchor Heads and Shanks and tensile and bend tests on selected samples of the material for the Anchor Shackles and Pins but the Statutory Test prescribed in the Rules (and in the Anchors and Chain Cables Act) has not been carried out.

The Acting Surveyors who carried out these tests recommend:-

- (1) The Anchors be accepted for use in ships classed with the Society, subject to a suitable notation on account of the Statutory Test not having been made.
- (2) The forgings for the Anchor Shackles and Pins be accepted for use in ships classed with the Society.

Mr. Bennett has been advised and asked for any comments he may have to make.

If the classification of the above vessels is not to be delayed pending Mr. Bennett's reply, it is a matter for consideration whether in the special circumstances and subject to the concurrence of the Ministry of War Transport these Anchors might be accepted and the Figure 1 assigned with the proviso that they shall be submitted to the Statutory Test when the present state of emergency has passed.

The Certificates could be endorsed to this effect.

In the meantime the record Lloyd's A & C.P. should not be inserted in the Register Book.

On receipt of Mr. Bennett's reply the action to be taken in respect to the Anchors supplied or to be supplied to the sister vessels still under construction will require to be considered.

