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Dear Sirs,

s.s. "PICTON" No.25809 in R.E.

The case of the above named ship came before the Committee last Friday in connection with the information received that the vessel is now in port at Cristobal, Panama, with extensive damage sustained while being towed from the Great Lakes to Vancouver. The Committee therefore decided to follow normal practice and to record a notation of "In port damaged 11,59."

In reply to enquiry which had previously been made of the Kingcome Navigation Co. Vancouver, the new Owners of this ship, they had stated that the "PICTON" had been left in Panama as a C.T.L., the "DAVID BARCLAY" was in Vancouver to be converted to a barge and the "J.S. WALTON" was still in the Lakes, no decision having been made for towage to Vancouver.

Lloyd's List indicated that the "PICTON" and "DAVID BARCLAY" were two of 12 ships recently purchased by the Powell River Co. for conversion into fuel barges.

This information naturally raises the wider issue of classification cover for all the three vessels mentioned above were classed 'only for 'Great Lakes and limited Gulf of St. Lawrence Service'.

It is concluded the new Owners in arranging for towage to Vancouver knew that our class would not cover such voyages, but it will be much appreciated if you will kindly approach them and enquire as to whether the other ships ultimately to be towed to Vancouver are classed with this Society and, if so, perhaps they will state the names.

At the same time it would be of interest to know whether the conversion is to be effected under your inspection in which case the Committee would probably only

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suspend class for the voyage; but, alternatively, it would possibly be preferable for the Owners to request withdrawal from class before the ships left the Great Lakes.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee

The Surveyors,
VANCOUVER.



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