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This case has been discussed with Mr. Bath of the Ministry, also with Mr. Clementson. The position is that the Ministry are responsible for restoring the ship to the Owner in the same condition in which she was taken over by them and the extensive recondition to which reference is made in the recent correspondence is taking place for that purpose. The Society's Surveyors are required by the Ministry to attend in connection with the seaworthiness of the vessel for the voyage to Canada, and the Ministry do not hold themselves in any way liable for classification work or fees for Classification Surveys.

It was pointed out to the Ministry that if the reconditioning work is in fact so extensive as to cover fully all Special Survey requirements the vessel and her Owners would be benefited by the assignment of ^a Special Survey notation, this course presumably being in no way detrimental to Ministry interests on the assumption that they would have to meet no additional costs. This point of view was accepted by the Ministry and concurred in, it being regarded in effect as a domestic arrangement as to what action the Committee chose to take on the report resulting from the reconditioning survey.

It therefore amounts to this, that if a Special Survey can be carried out during the progress of recondition without additional work being called for so well and good, but in rendering any accounts to the Ministry it must be emphasised that these amounts be in respect of reconditioning and off-survey and not for Periodical Classification Surveys.