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This vessel's thrust shaft was renewed in October last.

The forging was made and tested under the supervision of the Bureau Veritas and in reply to an enquiry from this Office the Boulogne Surveyor stated that it was ordered to the Bureau Veritas Survey owing to the urgency of the case.

The Surveyor was asked to inform the Owner that if the class was to be continued it would be necessary for a new shaft made and tested under the Society's supervision to be fitted.

He now writes that the Owner refuses to comply with this requirement.

The case is submitted for the Committee's consideration.

It is probable that the circumstances of the case arose out of the case of the "NOTRE DAME DE LORETTE", a vessel belonging to the same Owner. In that case the Owner complained of the amount of the fee charged for the survey of the screw shaft forging, but as the Surveyors explained at the time, a second visit to the forge was necessary as the forge stated they could not prepare the test piece at the time of the first visit, although the Surveyor expressed *Willingness to remain until it was ready* his ~~visit~~ and consequently a second visit for which a charge was made, became necessary. (Ant Letter 31.12.37).

It is further submitted the Boulogne Surveyor be requested to inform Owners and repairers that if they will inform him when forgings which require to be tested are being ordered, he will at once advise the Surveyors at the Forge in order that no time may be lost and the expense of testing reduced to a minimum.