

"TENNESSEAN".

This vessel which was built in 1919 is of the complete superstructure type without tonnage opening and is classed with the American Bureau of Shipping, has been required by the Ministry of Shipping which desires the vessel be classed.

The vessel is urgently desired and Mr. Bennett was instructed to attend a survey which was being held and to issue provisional certificate for any contemplated voyage, the requirements of a Special Survey No. 3. for classification to be completed later if necessary.

The New York Surveyors now report the vessel is in drydock, bottom coated, the requirements of the later part of a Special Survey No. 3 for classification, to complete which there remain the examination and painting of the peak, deep and double bottom tanks and the examination of the anchors, cables and chain locker.

It would appear, in addition to these items, air and sounding pipes require to be examined.

No repairs are reported.

The equipment is stated to be complete.

Opportunity has been taken to check the scantlings as far as possible and a partial First Entry Report has been forwarded.

The vessel is stated to be, as far as seen, in good and efficient condition and eligible to be classed as A1 on the satisfactory completion of the classification survey.

It is submitted that as has been done in the previous similar cases of the "INDIANAN", "LOUISIANAN" and "AWAREAN", pending the completion of the survey for classification, a notation be assigned in the Register Book Class contemplated; Examined 3.40.

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also endorsement on scantlings).

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