

s/s "BOKKEVALD"

It is suggested that Mr. Boyle be informed that he is not expected to carry out a full Special Survey, and that the confirmatory survey referred to in the previous letter is simply a survey which consists of a General Examination of hull and machinery without drydocking or opening up. Though it is not stated so directly in official correspondence, the main purpose is to obtain for the Committee an assurance that the non-exclusive Surveyor, so far as can be seen from the foregoing examination, has in fact carried out the Special Survey for classification with reasonable efficiency.

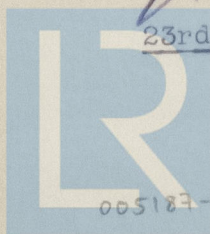
An experienced Surveyor can form a useful opinion on that from such a general examination, which in most cases in the past has not required any more than one visit of short duration. It is well to mention that it is clearly understood here that the surveyor cannot be held responsible for the condition of all parts.

From Mr. van Lare's reports doubt is cast on the efficiency with which the B.C. non-exclusive surveyors have carried out the Classification Survey, and, in view of this and the Owners' affairs being in the hands of a Liquidator, it <sup>might</sup> be <sup>well</sup> as well if nothing is done at this time.

It is perhaps well to mention again that the ship is not yet classed with the British Corporation, and that she cannot be classed B.C. until a satisfactory report on a confirmatory survey by an exclusive surveyor has been received here.

Mr. Boyle should also be asked to enquire as to the Load Line Certificates held by the ship; <sup>efficient</sup> Mr. Robertson may have issued a <sup>second</sup> provisional certificate, although we have no record of it here.

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