

19th April, 1951.

Dear Mr. van der Weel,

Regarding the melancholy case of the Finnish steamer "LEILA" I would confirm that we have no reports whatever and that our present fund of information is contained firstly in the copy of letter dated 15th March last year which I sent to Mr. Ossian Tybeck who was then the Society's Non-Exclusive Surveyor at Helsingfors, to which I received no reply.

Following cabled enquiry I received a cable from Mr. Astrom dated 22nd May, that he was forwarding his reports that week but, alas, nothing has come to hand.

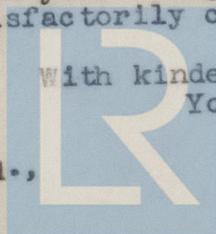
We have a whole legacy of similar cases, and in other ones the Committee have asked for a confirmatory survey to be held before assigning a B.C. class.

If, therefore, your Surveyors make a General Examination sufficient to enable them to say that, in their opinion, the condition of the vessel is consistent with a Special Survey having been held in August 1949, we shall be only too glad to give her a provisional class until her next survey becomes due, or at least for 12 months.

I understand that some repairs will be required and of course the assignment of provisional class would be dependent upon your being satisfied that these repairs have been satisfactorily carried out.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

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