

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH CASE OF STEAM TRAWLER "SLANHER".
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A letter has been received from the Grimsby Surveyors forwarding a communication received from Messrs. E. Bacon & Co. (Managing Owners) intimating their intention to discontinue the classification of the vessels owned by the Arctic Steam Fishing Co. Ltd., the Lindsey Steam Fishing Co. Ltd., and the Grimsby & North Sea Steam Trawling Co. Ltd.

In forwarding the letter in question, the principal Surveyor at Grimsby wrote:-

"..... I called on Mr. E. Bacon, the Chairman of these Companies, and discussed the matter very fully with him and he stated that he was driven to take this step by the depressed condition of business which made it imperative to cut down expenditure in every possible direction and that the survey fees on all the vessels of his companies amount in the aggregate to a not inconsiderable sum. He agreed at my suggestion to defer the matter for a short while in order to see if business would show any signs of reviving, but yesterday he informed me that he was by the continued trade depression very reluctantly compelled to adhere to the terms of the letter in question."

It may be added that of the 11 classed trawlers owned by the Grimsby & North Sea Steam Trawling Co. Ltd., 5 have been transferred recently to the ownership of the Lindsey Steam Fishing Co. Ltd. and 5 to the ownership of "Trawlers (White Sea & Grimsby) Ltd.", and the Grimsby Surveyors state it is the desire of this latter Company also to withdraw the classes of the five vessels in question.

A list detailing the vessels which are due for periodical survey at the present time is attached together with a list of vessels owned by the above companies which are not yet due for any periodical survey.

It is submitted the class of the vessels now due for Special Survey be withdrawn from the Register Book and three dots (...) inserted in lieu thereof, and the remainder dealt with in the same manner as they become due for survey.

(Initialed) T.V.
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