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Steel Screw Steamer "BRITISH TRADE" ex "ORONTES";  
No.15320 in the Register Book; 9023 tons gross; Built in 1902-9:

<u>Classed:</u>	100 A1	LMC, MS 12.18
	2.21	BS 10.20
	s.s.No.3-2.14	TS {S 4.22 (CL)
	s.s.No.1-18	{P 5.23 (CL)

This vessel, which was the property of the British World Trade Expeditions Ltd, was under survey by the Society's Surveyors at Hull from the 15th February to the 19th October last, undergoing alterations and Special Survey No.2.

The Surveyors then reported that she had been laid up indefinitely as, it was stated, the Owners were in liquidation. An account was rendered for the fees and expenses due for the survey so far as held, amounting to £64.5.0, and a reply was received from the Official Liquidator that the Company is in voluntary liquidation, and that the Society's claim had been noted.

In reply, the Liquidator was informed on the 20th November, by direction of the Deputy Chairman and Treasurer, that the fees in question required to be paid in full to entitle the steamer to retain her class in the Register Book, and that failing payment by Wednesday morning, 28th instant, there would be no alternative but to bring the case to the notice of the General Committee, who would no doubt withdraw the vessel's class.

An acknowledgment, dated 21st November, was received from the Official Liquidator, who stated that the Society's communication had been forwarded to Mr.L.Bevan, the Receiver for the Debenture Holders.

The fees still remain unpaid, and in the circumstances it is submitted that the class should be withdrawn, as provided for in the Rules.

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