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Steel S.S.Trawler "KARABIGHA", No.58517 in Register Book, built at Aberdeen in 1918 for the Admiralty, and classed 100A1 "Steam Trawler". The class was afterwards omitted.

The Constantinople Surveyor stated in April 1929 that the new Owners had requested a general examination afloat with a view to reclassification, and he was authorised to hold a S.S. No.3 for that purpose, and to satisfy himself that the vessel was placed in a thoroughly good and efficient condition. At that time it appeared that the vessel had not been surveyed by this Society since her first classification. The Surveyor stated that she was being used as a cargo and passenger ship, but that the new Owners intended to use her as a trawler, and to make her suitable for salvage and towage work.

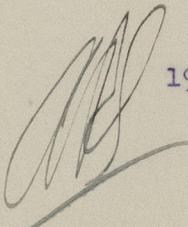
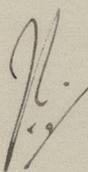
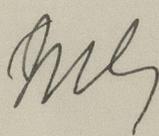
The Surveyor's report was received here in September 1929, and he recommended the class 100A1 "For Trawling and Salvage Services", S.S.Cpl.No.3-7,29 to be recorded in the R.B. The Survey was informed in October that, before the notation regarding salvage services could be assigned, particulars of the salvage gear on board should be supplied, and when the case received the consideration of the Committee on 29.11.29, no action was taken. So far/^{no}information regarding the salvage gear has been received in this Office from the Surveyor.

A letter has now been received from the Surveyor, enclosing one from Mehmet Cemal Arit Bey (stated to be the prospective purchaser of the vessel) who desires her to be classed with this Society and states that he intends to send her to Italy to have refrigerating machinery installed, and the Surveyor recommended that the classification survey might be completed at that time. The prospective purchaser states, however, that he is unable to obtain possession pending a Court decision, and he wishes to be informed of what requires to be done to complete the Society's requirements for classification.

It is submitted the Constantinople Surveyor be

informed that no information regarding this vessel can be given without the written consent of the actual Owner, but he might be requested to ascertain from the prospective purchaser whether, in the event of his obtaining possession, he intends the vessel to be classed as a trawler, as originally, or as an ordinary cargo steamer, and if it is ~~not~~ his intention to use her as a salvage steamer.

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