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Wood Five-masted Barquentine "FOREST FRIEND"; No. 51326 in the Register Book; 1615 tons gross; Built in 1919-11 mo;

Owner:- G. R. Robson

Classed:- *12A1

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s.s. Seattle 23

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A Special Survey, equal to a Half Time Survey, became due on this vessel in November 1927, and the donkey boiler survey became due in April, 1928.

This case has been before the Classing Committee on several occasions, and in September last the Society's Surveyor at Adelaide was requested to inform the Owner that the Special Survey must be held on the vessel's arrival at Puget Sound, whither she was proceeding, or she would lose her class.

In a letter, dated 4th ultimo, the Society's Seattle Surveyor stated that in December last he made a preliminary survey of the vessel at the request of the Master, and recommended repairs to the masts, etc. Nothing, however, was done in regard to the requisite repairs, and it was understood the vessel was being offered for sale. The Surveyor added that he had been unable to obtain any information from the Master in regard to the overdue survey, although he had addressed several letters to him on this subject.

The Seattle Surveyor now cables that the vessel has been towed, under cover of night, to Victoria, B.C. without survey and with all bills against her outstanding, and in the circumstances, the Classing Committee, who had the case before them on Tuesday, the 5th instant, decided to give instructions for the vessel's class to be expunged from the Register Book with a red line (3.29), indicating non-compliance with the Rules, and the Seattle Surveyor has been instructed by cable to inform the Owner's Agents accordingly.