

Mr. Jean Taxil saw the Chairman yesterday regarding the four cases of French ships in which the new Owners were contemplating transference of class to the Bureau Veritas.

With regard to the "COLONEL VIELJEUX" it was agreed that this transference was an accomplished fact and that the case should be submitted to the Committee for withdrawal of class.

As regards the other three, "LA HAGUE", "LA HIEVE" and "CASSARD", it was agreed that the matter should remain in abeyance until Mr. Taxil had visited Nantes in an effort to ascertain whether there was any special point of local friction there.

Since the interview a letter has come to hand from the Nantes Surveyor to say that the "CASSARD" has now been renamed "PENTHIEVRE" and that she is now to be classed both by Lloyd's Register and the Bureau Veritas. It will therefore be unnecessary to take any further action in this case except to await the Nantes report of conversion to a wine carrier.

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