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HUKKO MARU

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

20th February, 1925.

Dear Sir,

S. I have to acquaint you that the Committee have had under consideration to-day the First Entry Reports No. 4710 on the Twin Screw Motorship "FUKKO MARU", No. 93 of The Kobe Steel Works Harima Dockyard.

In this case it appears that three days prior to the launch the Surveyor noticed surface cracks in the shaft brackets, and that after the cracks had been cut into in order to ascertain their nature and extent, you approved of an arrangement for strengthening the "A" brackets, the Owners, who are also the Builders, being consenting parties.

In the circumstances the Committee have assigned the classification 100A1 to the vessel, subject to the Electric Welding repair to the spectacle frame being examined at the next drydocking, but it is considered that the first examination in drydock should be made within a period of six months from the date of completion, i.e. before the end of June next, and I shall be glad if you will be good enough to arrange with the Owners accordingly.

It is noted that the castings were tested by the Society's Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Y. Jo, who states that they

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passed the usual tests without any indication of any defect, but I have to say that in view of the nature and extent of the cracks, it is considered that these should have been seen when the castings were examined at the Steel Works, and in the circumstances the Committee desire that you will obtain from the Steel-Testing Surveyor an explanation in the matter.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

H. Jasper Cox, Esq.,

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