

Steel 4-masted Bk. "MOSHULU"

In August last the Vancouver Surveyor reported this vessel surveyed for reclassification.

As it appeared from the returns that the services of a Mr. Knox had been engaged to assist him in the survey he was asked for his remarks. Mr. French was also advised and asked if he had any knowledge of Mr. Knox, and whether the Vancouver Surveyor was authorised to obtain outside assistance when necessary.

In reply the Vancouver Surveyor states that he had several surveys in hand at the same time and he engaged Mr. Knox to assist him, principally in connexion with the measurements for freeboard and classification on this vessel. As the surveys were carried out by himself, with Mr. Knox accompanying and assisting him, he did not consider it necessary for Mr. Knox to sign the report.

Mr. French states that when Vancouver was made a 'one-man' port, Mr. Scott was authorised to obtain outside assistance when necessary, and he has generally engaged Mr. S.F.Boomer. Mr. Knox, however, is personally known to Mr. French, who has no doubt as to his qualifications as a Surveyor as he was formerly Superintendent for the Canadian National Steamships in Vancouver. Mr. French states that while it is practically necessary to leave a matter of this kind to the Surveyor's discretion, he has instructed Mr. Scott to employ outside assistance only in the most urgent circumstances.

It is submitted no further action is necessary.



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