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Received by Chief Ship Surveyor _____

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VESSEL'S NAME "PAO WO". Rpt. Hnk. No. 232.

The remarks of the Chief Ship Surveyor are desired on this case for the consideration of the Classing Committee.

("The endorsement to contain a succinct summary of any repairs that have been required and to show the cause or causes of such repairs, and also to bring out clearly any exceptional features in connection with the case, so that the Classing Committee may have all the salient points presented in the endorsement." - Extract from Sub-Committee's Report, 24/5/32.)

The 1st Special Survey No.2 became due 11,38.

Action has been deferred on account of the vessel being held up at Hankow where there is no dry dock.

The Hankow Surveyor reports the vessel examined afloat, the Special Survey held as far as practicable on account of the vessel not being in dry dock.

12 hatch covers, found defective, are recommended to be renewed at the first convenient opportunity.

A length of chain cable has been landed at Hankow for the Owners' temporary use and this will require to be placed on board.

In addition to complete the Special Survey, the bottom and rudder require to be examined in dry dock, cables ranged, anchors, fore peak and chain locker examined.

The year of grace expired 11,39.

It is submitted action be deferred.

was 14.12.39 [Signature]

Insert in S.R.L:- A length of chain cable to be placed on board; renewal of hatch covers as stated.

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The Surveyor should be informed it is concluded that all items reported, under the heading "Present condition of", to be in good condition have been opened up and examined as required for Special Survey except the cross and side bunkers which are stated in Rpt.9 to have been full of coal and therefore remain to be examined.

Further it is reported the tanks have not been tested and it consequently appears that to complete the Special Survey the bottom and rudder require to be examined in dry dock, the chain cables to be ranged and together with the anchors examined, the cross and side bunkers to be examined and the deep tank and Fore Peak tank to be tested and that, in addition, 12 hatch covers require to be renewed as stated and a length of chain cable replaced on board.

It is concluded the composition of the bottom was found satisfactory and that the steering gear was opened up for examination but he should if these statements and conclusions are correct.

See letter 12.12.40

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