

The Aberdeen Surveyors attended on board this vessel on the 24th - 26th November last on account of damage caused by heavy weather.

A fee of £4:4:0 was charged (Hull £2:2:0, Machinery £2:2:0) and an account was rendered to the Owner, Mr.H.C.Baker, on the 3rd December.

The account was returned to this Office by Mr.Baker on the 7th December, adding that the vessel was sold to Messrs. The Croft Steam Fishing Co.,Ltd., Hartlepool, previous to the date of the account.

The Aberdeen Surveyors were communicated with and asked for their remarks as to whether the account should be sent to the late Owner, or the present Owner.

From the Registrar General's Returns the official date of the transfer would appear to be the 3rd December, 1927.

The Aberdeen Surveyors replied to the effect that they had made inquiries of the local Agents, who confirmed the change of Ownership, but stated that the change took place before the damage.

The Surveyors accordingly rendered an account to the new Owners on the 9th December, 1927. - Messrs. The Croft Steam Fishing Co.,Ltd., of Hartlepool.

Correspondence took place between the Aberdeen Surveyors and the new Owners, the latter pleaded ignorance of the fact that the vessel was classed with this Society and of the Society's Rules. The Surveyors reported the result of their further application and forwarded copies of the correspondence to this Office.

A debit note for the amount due, together with copies of the correspondence, was forwarded to the Hartlepool Surveyors with a request that they would arrange for a call to be made upon the Owners.

A call was made upon Mr. Croft, the Manager, when he was again informed that, under the Society's Rules, all survey fees require to be paid in order to entitle the vessel to retain her class in the Register Book. Mr. Croft again stated that he was not aware that the vessel was classed when he purchased her. Further that he was unable to settle the account until the meeting of his co-directors - which would take place in the course of the present month - and requested that a Representative of the Society should attend the meeting to explain the position.

Authority was given for a Representative to attend on the 16th March.

A further letter has now been received from the Hartlepool Surveyors stating

- (i) That the Directors of the Croft Steam Fishing Co., had decided to repudiate the liability and refused to pay the account
- (ii) That they did not desire the class to be retained.

Handwritten notes:
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22nd inst
for 1927.
15/12/28
J.C.C.

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J.M.

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