

The question of the examination of the screw shafts of nine vessels owned by the American Shipbuilding Co. has arisen.

The Cleveland Surveyor states that definite arrangements cannot at present be made with the Owners. Some of the vessels have been laid up most of the time since they were built.

The s.s. "BACCARAT" and "SENECA" are at present laid up at Portland, Maine, and the S.S. "ONEIDA" at Detroit, Mich.; the S.S. "ROMAGNE" and "JUVIGNY" are sailing on the Pacific Coast and the S.S. "CAYUGA", "MONTFAUCON", "ONONDAGA" and "CHIPPEWA" are in commission on the Great Lakes.

In 1920 the Committee approved a recommendation from the American Committee that in the case of vessels engaged exclusively on the Great Lakes that the shafts should be examined by the Society's Surveyors when drawn in on account of damage, but no definite Rule was to be made in regard to ^{the} same.

It is submitted that the Committee's ruling covers the case of the four vessels trading in the Great Lakes, so long as they are so employed.

In the case of the laid-up vessels action might be deferred and in the case of the vessels trading in the Pacific the Society's Rules should be complied with.