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Clodd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

9th February, 1924.

Dear Sir,

S. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo, from which I note that you are unable to say when you will be visiting London, and in these circumstances I think it well to refer again to the fee of £4. 4. 0 charged by the Society's Surveyor at Milford for the survey of repairs of damage to the hull of the Steam Trawler "MADDEN" in September last.

Upon receipt of your letter of the 3rd October, I communicated at once with the Surveyor, who explained that on attending at the vessel on the 26th September for the purpose of completing the Boiler Survey, he was informed by your Mr. Campbell that the vessel was leaking and was requested to try and locate the leak, when it was found that water was running into the stokehold from the athwartship bunker on the starboard side. Being afterwards informed by your Superintending Engineer that the vessel would be placed on the hard and would be dry about midnight, the Surveyor attended from 11.45 p.m. to 2.0 a.m. and examined her as thoroughly as it was possible to do with lamps, assisted by the Superintending Engineer and the Works Manager of the Milford Engineering Company, no other Surveyor being present.

The only place where the vessel appeared to be leaking was found to be along the lower moulding on the port side in way of the athwartship bunker, and this was caulked and filled with a special cement, and the vessel proceeded to sea on the next tide.

The Surveyor further reports, however, that the vessel returned from sea again in a leaky condition on September 28th, when the coal was removed from the bunker and a leak discovered along the lower moulding forward of the place where the moulding had been caulked. This part had been hidden by the dock wall as the vessel lay on the hard.

Arrangements were then made for the vessel to be placed on the slipway on the 30th September (Sunday), and in accordance with a telephone call received from your Superintending Engineer, the Surveyor attended at 11.0 a.m. and again at 2.0 p.m. inspecting the work which was being done, including the renewal of several rivets.

In the circumstances, you will see that the Surveyor appears to have given careful attention to the case of this vessel, including Sunday and night attendances, and he appears to have acted throughout in the best interests of your goodself and as desired by your representatives, and the Committee feel sure that upon consideration you will agree to pass the account for payment.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Assistant to the Secretary.

Am
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