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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

29th June, 1950

S. Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your memorandum of the 6th instant respecting the Steamer "LADY ALEXANDRA", the contents of which are noted.

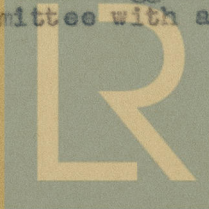
With regard thereto I have to say that from an examination of the scantlings and arrangements it is now found that the ship should not have a class assignment permitting unrestricted ocean service.

The plan of Midship Section was approved by the British Corporation in March 1923 for the class BS* (with freeboard) but in 1925 the ship first appeared in the British Corporation Register Book with the class BS*. Scrutiny of the British Corporation records has not revealed any reason for the change of class notation by the omission of the qualification of "with freeboard" and it can only be assumed that the present entry in the Register Book reflects the recurrence of a past error. This assumption is substantiated by correspondence which clearly indicates that apart from the voyage from this country to Vancouver the ship has been exclusively engaged in service on the coast of British Columbia mainly during the summer, being laid up for fully eight months of the year.

It has been the recent practice of the British Corporation to abandon the use of the notation "with freeboard" where possible and to append to the class in lieu of this qualification a description of the service limitation.

In these circumstances I shall be glad if you will discuss the matter with the Owners in order to obtain their agreement to the class being amended in the Register Book by an appropriate notation indicating that the service is limited to British Columbia coasting.

If the Owners concur in this suggestion, the case will be submitted to the Committee with a view to the

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amendment of class as suggested and the only subject item will be that which requires cargo not to be carried in No.1 hold until close ceiling is refitted, the previous condition respecting the supply of 30 fathoms of chain cable thus being deleted.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

The Surveyors,
VANCOUVER.



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