

"LADY ALEXANDRA"

This ship is classed BS*.

From an examination of the scantlings and arrangements it is found that the ship should not have the foregoing un-restricted ocean service.

The plan of Midship Section was approved on 18-3-23 for class BS* (with freeboard), but in 1925 the ship first appears in the B.C. Register Book as class BS*. Scrutiny of the records for this period has not yielded any reason for this change of class notation, and it can only be assumed that the present entry in the Register Book is the continuance of an error committed in the past. This assumption is substantiated by the letter file for the ship in so far as certain correspondence clearly shows that apart from the voyage from this country to Vancouver, the ship has only been in service on the Coast of British Columbia and, whilst on this service was almost exclusively for use during summer, the ship being laid up for fully eight months in the year.

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

It is considered that through the Montreal Surveyors the Vancouver Surveyors should be instructed to make a personal approach to the Owners to explain the position (as given above) and to obtain their agreement to the entry in the Register Book being amended to include the following ^{as amended} service limitations:-
"British Columbia Coasting Service".

JMK.

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