

s.s. "PRAVDA"  
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This vessel, which is owned by the Sovtorgflot, was under survey in March last at Liverpool for damage stated to have been caused by contact with another ship, when two shell plates, one stringer plate and two beams were renewed; 1 shell plate, 5 frames and 1 deck plate removed, faired and repairs; and 2 shell plates, 2 frames, 1 deck beams and 1 deck plate were otherwise dealt with. Repairs were also effected to the upper, middle and lower side stringer, also to the winch deck side plating, and other minor items. The ship was under survey from 5th to 13th March and six visits were paid by the Surveyors, and a fee of 15 guineas was charged for the damage repairs.

In reply to enquiry regarding outstanding repairs the Owners Agents' stated <sup>on 31.3.31</sup> that they were in communication with the Owners as to whether the vessel would remain classed with this Society. A further letter was addressed to them on 15th instant as to whether they had received a reply regarding this question from the Owners, and as no answer came to hand a Representative from this Office visited them. The Owners' Agents stated they considered the fee charged excessive, and that they did not request the Society's Surveyor to attend. The Society's requirements respecting the attendance of Surveyors in damage cases was explained to them.

It is submitted the Owners' Agents be informed that in order that a vessel may retain its class in the Register Book, all repairs must be carried out under the inspection and to the satisfaction of the Society's Surveyors, and that in view of the extent of the repairs effected and the number of visits paid by the Surveyors, the fee charged is not considered to be excessive.

In addition their attention might be called to Section 30, page 8, of the Rules, which states that the class of a vessel may be withdrawn or expunged from the Register Book in the case of non-payment of fees or expenses.