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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

UNITED WITH THE BRITISH CORPORATION REGISTER

Class(S)
EJB

71, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3
15th June, 1955.

Dear Sirs,

Steamer "LOWANA"

The Special Survey (C) of this vessel became due in 12.53 and postponement until 12.54 was approved. The survey was not, however, carried out and on 21st January, 1955, the Committee gave instructions for a notation of "Laid up - Surveys overdue" to be recorded.

The Melbourne Surveyors stated they had been advised that the ship had become the property of Messrs. George Grimble & Co., Ltd., of 323 Princes Building, Hong Kong, as from the 1st April last, and following a request by the new Owners, the Melbourne Surveyors were authorised to hold a General Examination and Loadline Renewal Survey with a view to the issue of a short term Loadline Certificate to enable the vessel to proceed to Japan. These inspections were duly carried out and a Loadline Certificate issued on form LLST, valid until 30th July, 1955.

In reply to enquiry as to the present position in regard to the case, the Melbourne Surveyors state the vessel left that port on the 24th April for Manila in tow and was expected to arrive there thirty-five days later.

I shall be glad if you will contact the new Owners and ascertain their intentions in regard to this ship and let me know the result.

For your information I would add that the class is subject to the rudder main piece (E.W. 12.53) being specially examined at the next drydocking. The Boiler Survey due 11.54 has been carried out at Melbourne, but assignment of a survey record has been deferred pending the stoppered tubes in all boilers being again examined before the end of the present month and local grooving in way of centre furnaces of port and starboard boilers being dealt with before the end of 9.55.

Yours faithfully,

pre Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

The Surveyors,
HONG KONG.