

LAKE SHIPS CLASSED WITH THE B.C."KEYSHEY"

Lloyd's Register practice in the case of damages which are not repaired immediately is to classify them under two groups (A) and (B) (See Circular No. 1895).

- A = damage which must be repaired within a specified period of time, which period must be stated in the report, i.e. a subject of class.
- B = superficial damage or blemishes which do not interfere with the seaworthiness of the ship and which may be repaired at Owners' convenience, i.e. an endorsement of class.

These subjects or endorsements are noted on the Classification Certificates, and should be given by the Surveyor in his reports of surveys under "General Observations" etc.

It is submitted that the Montreal Surveyors be asked if it is a desirable and practical proposition to adopt the same procedure for Lakers.

EQUIPMENT.

It is understood in this Office that ships classed for service on the Great Lakes only, or Great Lakes and River St. Lawrence, have a standard of equipment equivalent to that set out by the American Bureau in their draft rules for Lakers 1920, a copy of which is available at this Office. However, it is not known whether this standard also applies to (1) Lakes and limited Gulf Service, (2) Lakes and Gulf Service, (3) Lakes, Gulf and limited Coasting Service.

It is submitted that the Montreal Surveyors be asked if these Rules should only apply to pure Lakers and to ships in group (1) which cease operating in the Gulf on 30th September, and that if the equipment of the remaining classes which navigate in the Gulf until the close of navigation should be in accordance with the Rules for ocean-going ships.

If the equipment on board Lake or Lakes and River ships is to fully comply with the standards laid down by the A.B., then it would appear that almost all these ships will require 180 fathoms of cable, where-as in the case of the barge "COLLINGDOC", which is at present being submitted for B.C. Class, the cable on board is 147 fathoms of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and $1\frac{3}{4}$ " cable, which, on the above basis, is deficient in both length and diameter. As the Surveyor concerned did not make any recommendation as regards supplying cable, the Montreal Surveyors should be requested to clarify the position as soon as possible.

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