

Motorship "STRATTON CROFT".

Classed B.S.* "Coasting Service" - (Built 1913 6mo).

"Class temporarily suspended." - *this notation is shown in the R.B.*

Special Survey due November, 1949.

Annual (Classification) Survey due November, 1949.

~~Annual Loadline Survey due November, 1949.~~

The Fbd. Cert. issued by Lloyd's Register was withdrawn when the class was suspended.

This ship which was previously owned by Messrs. United Coasters, Ltd. was sold to the Arab Navigation and Transport Co., Aden, in January, 1950.

The ship left the U.K. for Aden in February last, sailing on a Freeboard Certificate, issued by the M.O.T. and, in view of the service restriction, the class was temporarily suspended pending the Owners' decision regarding classification on completion of the voyage.

Subsequently, several communications have been sent to Messrs. Caden & Hoppins, the Owners Agents in London, requesting them to obtain any information respecting the Owners' wishes in regard to reinstatement of class. The Agents intimated in June last that no reply had been received from the Owners regarding reclassification, and subsequent enquiries have brought no reply from the Agents, the latest letter having been written on 28.9.50.

The Surveyor at Aden now writes to the effect that the Ship was in drydock at that port for 24 hours for scraping and cleaning when the opportunity was taken to visit the ship in company with the Owner. He states that the Owner seemed very reluctant at Classification as the S.S. could not be completed in the 24 hours and that he has decided to wait until the next docking.

The Surveyor at Aden states that during the brief examination it was found that there were several very deep local indents and one section extending over six frames on the port side where the side was set in, the frames being kinked.



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