

S.S."ALTATA".

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The S.S.No.1 became due in October,1894.

This vessel belongs to the Western Railway Co.,Mexico, and trades from Guaymas. The nearest port to this at which a Surveyor is stationed is San Francisco,over 1000 miles distant.

During 1895 a slip was constructed at Guaymas,and the Owners stated in January,1896 they were writing to their Manager in Mexico to satisfy himself regarding the strength of this slip, and to communicate with the San Francisco Surveyor,with a view to the survey being held at Guaymas.

About March,1896 the vessel was seen on the slip by a Surveyor acting for the Society's Surveyor at San Francisco,during his absence,and stated to be in good order,but no examination was made beyond that of bottom.

The case received the consideration of the General Committee in August,1896,and Lloyd's Agent at Guaymas was written to and asked to appoint a Surveyor to carry out the survey,but nothing definite was heard till May,1897,when this Office was informed by the Owners that Lloyd's Agent had resigned.

After correspondence,Surveyors were appointed by Lloyd's Agent at Mazatlan,and reports were received of their examination in September,1897,but they were not such as to admit of the recommendation being made for the record of S.S.No.1. The Owners were written to to this effect,and in view of the S.S.No.2 being nearly due,they were informed it was considered this survey should be carried out to prevent a further survey being required in a short time.

In March,1898 a letter was received from the Surveyors through the Owners stating the S.S.No.2 had been held in December,'97 and a report of the survey was received in May last,recommending the renewal of the keel plates from the middle of vessel to the stern frame,the rivets in same being wasted,and one plate cracked.



In November last Lloyd's Agent wrote stating the new plates had arrived, but nothing had been done towards the repairs, although the vessel had been twice to Guaymas, and had been overhauled.

The Owners were then communicated with, who expressed surprise at the plates not being fitted, and stated the Manager had been advised of the necessity of attending to the matter without delay.

On the 16th. December, Lloyd's Agent at Mazatlan was requested to appoint a Surveyor to inspect the fitting of the new keel plates.

The Committee made enquiries respecting the case at their meeting on the 13th. instant, and the following cable was sent to Lloyd's Agent at Mazatlan :- "Altata, cable whether new keel plates "fitted"?"

It is submitted that, under the circumstances, if a reply to this cable has not been received before Friday next, the class of the vessel should be expunged from the Register Book with a red line, indicating non-compliance with the Society's Rules.

*L. h. C. held 12.97*  
*B. S. became due 12.98*

*J. D. L.*

*G. B.*

*C. A. P.*  
*16/1/99*

*H. S.*  
*16.1.99*



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