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S/S "ALTATA" No. 475 in the Register Book 79 tons 1881-10 mo.

100A1
10, 90.

Western Railway Co. of Mexico

London.

S. S. No. 3-10, 90. + L. M. C. 10, 90.

N. B. 88 N. D. B. 88.

S. S. No. 1 due October, 1894.

S/S "MAZATLAN" No. 485 in Register Book 108 tons 1891-7 mo.

100A1
7, 91.

+ L. M. C. 6, 91.

S. S. No. 1 due July, 1895.

These vessels, belonging to the Western Railway Company of Mexico, trade between the terminus of the Railway, Guaymas, and other Mexican ports. San Francisco, which is over 1000 miles distant, is the nearest port at which a Surveyor to this Society is stationed. The Owners were informed in February, 1895, that the surveys should be held before the end of December, 1895. In January, 1896 they wrote that they were communicating with their General Manager, instructing him to satisfy himself as to the strength of the patent slipway which had recently been erected at Guaymas, and afterwards to place himself in communication with the Surveyor at San Francisco, with a view to the surveys taking place at the earliest opportunity. The Secretary of the Company, whose Office is in London, now writes that he is unable to give any further information in regard to the matter, as he has heard nothing from the Manager. He suggests that it might be possible and advantageous if a local Surveyor were appointed at Guaymas.

It is submitted that there does not appear to be sufficient work at that port to warrant the appointment of a Surveyor

to this Society, and as it is impracticable to arrange for these vessels to proceed to a port where the Society has a Surveyor stationed, or for the San Francisco Surveyor to proceed so far out of his district, it is thought that the Committee might allow the overdue surveys to be held by a competent Surveyor, who is independent of the Company, to be appointed by Lloyd's Agent at Guaymas, if the Owners will make the necessary arrangements for the surveys.

If the Committee approve of this course, complete instructions as to the requirements of the survey on hull and machinery could be sent to Lloyd's Agent.

It may be mentioned that important surveys have been held under similar conditions in cases where it has been impracticable for them to be held by the Society's Surveyors.

J.P.L. 26.
J.T.M.

Gen. foru 27 August 1896
Suggestion approved -
Enquiries to be made on the
question of appointing a
non-exclusive Surveyor at
Guaymas. A.P.D.

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