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Port

VALPARAISO.

23rd May 1938.

S. S. "HOPESTAR"

This is to Certify that

A. F. SMITH.

the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did at the request of the Captain and Owner's Agents of the above named vessel proceed on board on the 22nd inst. (Sun-day) for the purpose of examining the lower holds and tank tops, these having been damaged when discharging nitrate at the port of "Cette" near Marseilles, using heavy steel grabs there, not suitable for the purpose.

The following damage was now seen, said to have been caused by using those grabs although protested against at the time by the Captain, for further particulars, see Log Book:

DAMAGE:

- No. 1: Ladder bent. Channels in bulkhd buckled. Bilge boards damaged. 30 feet.
8 indents. Tank top, plating.
- No. 2: Ladder bent.
13 indents, tank top plating.
- No. 3: Ladder bent. Bulkhead channels buckled.
11 indents, tank top plating.
- No. 5: 3 ladders bent. Bulkhead channels buckled.
8 indents, tank top plating.
- No. 6: Ladder bent. Bulkhead channels buckled.
Pillar base plates indented. Wooden ceiling broken up.
Deep tank: No damage.

A total of 500 feet of cargo battens broken.

Should the vessel be chartered to carry shifting cargo the damaged channel bars must be put to rights before the cargo can be received on board.

Cargo battens broken (500 feet) must be replaced.

Straightening out of indents on the tank tops can be attended to when the vessel arrives at her port of destination in Europe.

I would recommend that a reserve of £250-0-0. be kept in hand against the permanent repairs of these various damages.

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