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S.S. "NORONIC".

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This vessel has been built by the Western Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co., of Port Arthur, Ontario, with a view to class 100A .

The Surveyor states that in order for the Builder to receive his \$ 1.20 per ton from the Canadian Government it must be stated on the certificate that this vessel is classed for 15 years.

It was pointed out to him that although a term of years is assigned in connexion with the classification of vessels built of wood, vessels built of iron or steel are classed 100A and retain their class so long as the periodical surveys prescribed by the Society's Rules are carried out. On the back of the certificate of classification this is clearly indicated in the first paragraph under the heading "Periodical Special Surveys", and the Surveyor was informed that in the circumstances it was thought unnecessary to make a special endorsement on the certificate. He was requested to explain the matter to the Builders and in the event of any further difficulty arising he was instructed to promptly report the circumstances to this Office.

The Surveyor now forwards a letter received from the Canadian Government in answer to an enquiry if the steamship "NORONIC" would be entitled to <sup>the</sup> drawback at \$ 1.15 per registered ton when Lloyd's Certificate of Registration does not state the period for which the vessel is classed. In this letter it is stated that the Order in Council concerning the payment of Drawback on Ship's Materials fixes the rate of drawback according to the period for which the ship is classed, and unless the Registrar of Shipping is able to complete the Claim in this respect the Department

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can only consider the vessel as not classed.

The Order in Council is as follows, viz:-

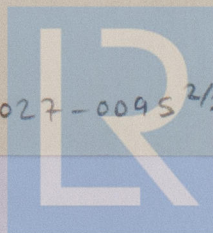
"A drawback may be granted and paid by the Minister of  
"Customs on materials used in the construction of ships or  
"vessels built and registered in Canada and built and exported  
"from Canada under Governor's pass, for sale and registry  
"in any other country, at the rate of \$ 1.15 per registered ton  
"on iron kneed ships or vessels classed for 15 years; at the  
"rate of 85 cents per registered ton on iron kneed ships or  
"vessels classed for 9 years; at the rate of 75 cents per  
"registered ton on iron kneed ships or vessels classed for  
"7 years; and at the rate of 65 cents per registered ton on  
"all ships or vessels not iron kneed, and all ships or vessels  
"iron kneed and not classed".

It is submitted for the consideration of the  
Committee whether a certificate shall be issued for this  
vessel endorsed to the effect that the vessel is classed  
for a period of more than 15 years so long as the periodical  
surveys prescribed by the Society's Rules are carried out.

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