

S.S. "TIME".

It is submitted Messrs. Howard Smith Co., Ltd. be informed in reply to the request contained in their letter of the 9th instant, that as the vessel is not yet classed it will be necessary that whatever damage has been sustained through the recent grounding shall be put right to the entire satisfaction of the Society's Surveyors before the case can be placed before the Committee with a view to the vessel being assigned a class in the Society's Register Book.

At the request of the Builders, a special survey was held on this vessel by the Society's Principal Surveyors at West Hartlepool and Middlesbrough, detailing the damage stated to have been sustained on account of the grounding. A copy of this report is being forwarded to Messrs. Howard Smith Co. at their request.

It is not the practice of the Committee to issue a certificate in such terms as are quoted in Messrs. Howard Smith Co.'s letter.

When the vessel is completed and has been classed by the Committee, the usual classification certificates will be issued, and these will show that the vessel has been reported by the Society's Surveyors to be in a good and efficient state and fit to carry dry and perishable cargoes.

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