



Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

Imperial House,
Donegall Square East,

Belfast, 10th May, 1950.

The Secretary,

Reference

LONDON.

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AND

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your telegram regarding the S.S. "CRANLEY" as follows:-

"CRANLEY PROVIDED SHIP THOROUGHLY EXAMINED AND IF DEEMED NECESSARY IN DRYDOCK AND PARTICULAR ATTENTION PAID TO SHELL PLATING SPECIALLY FORWARD AND AFT AND IN BUNKERS KNOWN TO BE HOLED AND TO FRAMING AND ALL ESSENTIAL REPAIRS FOR VOYAGE BE SATISFACTORILY EFFECTED MACHINERY GENERALLY EXAMINED BOILER SURVEY HELD INCLUDING ALL ESSENTIAL REPAIRS YOU MAY ISSUE INTERIM CERTIFICATE FOR VOYAGE DUBLIN"

This morning I had an interview with Mr. McKibben of Messrs. S. Stewart & Co. and advised him of the Committee's instructions, and that I would personally carry through the survey on the ship.

He was advised that it would be necessary to examine every plate on the shell and weather decks marked on the specification for renewal, and that in considering this case he should allow for drydocking and some renewals as well as the boiler survey and general examination of machinery.

The discussion was very friendly and I may say he was very loath to commit himself to an unknown cost for temporary repairs as without a very thorough examination I was unable to help him. He considered the price offered compared with the local price for the ship as scrap would allow sufficient margin to tow the vessel to Dublin.

In that case she could be towed as a 'dead' ship, i.e. no soul on board and, presumably following past precedents in my own experience, without an Interim Certificate. In such a case the Owner would withdraw the class or the recommendation would be made to delete the class.



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Since writing the foregoing I have been advised by Mr. McKibben on the telephone that after discussing the matter with the Ministry of Transport, he is applying to the Ministry for permission to tow the vessel to Dublin as a hulk.

As far as this Society is concerned no certificate will be required.

Yours faithfully,

Wm. Balfour



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