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s.s. "HOUTHANDEL"

The Special Survey No.2 became due in October 1925, and in November last the Classing Committee agreed to the completion of the survey being deferred until the vessel's arrival at Kobe, subject to the Antwerp Surveyors being satisfied that the vessel was in a fit condition for the voyage.

There was considerable correspondence with the Owners, in view of the fact that the Society's Surveyors at Antwerp were not given an opportunity of seeing the repairs carried out, but eventually the class was allowed to remain for the voyage.

A cablegram costing £7 giving the details requiring attention was despatched to Kobe.

On the vessel's arrival at Kobe, the Surveyors reported by cable that the survey had not been completed and that the vessel had been classed with another Society. The character was accordingly expunged with a red line.

In the circumstances, it was pointed out to the Owners that as the Special Survey No.2 had not been completed before the vessel left Antwerp, it had been necessary to send this cablegram and they were asked to defray the cost. They now write suggesting that it would be fair if they took half of the cost of the cable expenses, as after the vessel had sailed from Alexandria they were already negotiating to deliver the ship in Japan without class.

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