

EXHIBIT "A".

360 Royal Liver Building,
Liverpool,
17, December 1919.

The Secretary,
Lloyds Register of British and Foreign Shipping,
Fenchurch St.,
London, E. C.

WOODEN MOTOR SCHOONER "ELIZABETH RUTH"
CLASSED 12-A-1. -- Lloyd's.

Dear Sir:

As Managing Agents and Brokers for the Owners-Messrs. Lever Brothers, Limited- we are much concerned in respect of the performance of the above named Motor Schooner which was built at Biloxi, Mississippi, and completed at Mobile, Ala., U.S.A., early in September, 1918.

You will be aware the vessel left Mobile for Sydney, N.S., via Panama with a general cargo on board and put into Havana, Cuba, shortly afterwards, leaking seriously. Her cargo was discharged, she dry-docked, was overhauled, reloaded and again proceeded on her voyage. She reached Colon at the end of last month, and is reported from there as again being in a leaky state.

When the vessel was purchased, it was conditional upon her receiving a twelve years' Lloyd's A.1. Classification, which was duly granted.

Particularly upon this assurance, and other satisfactory information as to the general construction of the vessel which we were able to give to our Insurance Brokers, the Underwriters accepted her on a twelve months' policy at reasonable rates.

Naturally, we are desirous of satisfying both our Insurance Brokers and Underwriters that every precaution was taken that the vessel would be able to successfully carry dry and perishable cargoes, and we shall be glad if you will favor us with an expression of opinion on the reports which you will doubtless have received from your American representative with regard to the Certificate of Classification given her.

We may add that the Master and Chief Engineer were sent over from England to superintend the completion of the building, and they reported from time to time most favorably on the strength and quality of the material used in the construction.

We await with interest the receipt of your reply, and remain,

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
HENRY TYRER & CO., LIMITED,
Henry Tyrer,
Governing Director.

(Signed)

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