

Motor Vessel "VIRGINIA", No. 76518 in R.B.

THIS VESSEL was built in 1921 by the A/S Nakskovs for Det Ostasiatiske Kompagni, and is classed 100A1.

She is 170ft. long, and of a usual type, being built with a forecastle and poop, the machinery being fitted aft.

A letter has been received from the Copenhagen Surveyors stating that the Owners consider the equipment as supplied to be too light, the Master having written to them as follows, viz:-

"The anchors have after some experience shown to be too small for the vessel, as she has several times gone adrift in spite of ample chain and good anchor ground".

The Owners desire that the question of increasing the size of the anchors for this type of vessel might be taken under consideration.

So far as is known in this Office, the equipment required by the Rules for vessels of this size has in the past proved to be efficient.

From the First Entry Report it is seen that in the case of the "VIRGINIA" the equipment as actually supplied is one grade above the Rule requirements.

Before any conclusion can be arrived at regarding the dragging by the anchors and cable of this vessel, it is submitted the Surveyors should endeavour to ascertain if there are any exceptional conditions relating to the vessel's service, the draft of water, and conditions of anchorage, and any circumstances that would tend to a greater stress than usual being brought to bear upon the anchors and cables.

It is noted that the Surveyor has not stated on the First Entry Report who are the Makers of the stockless anchors, and it is submitted the Surveyors be now requested to furnish this information, and to state if the stockless anchors are of an approved pattern.

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