

Gowey Lore

Messrs. Isaac J. Abdela & Mitchell, Ltd.

Fees were originally outstanding for the special survey during construction by this firm on three steamers built in 1921, viz:- "AURORA", "SHELL MEX 4" and "CONISTON", the total amount due being £287. 11. 7.

The amount outstanding was reduced from time to time by means of cheques and bills, and the last bill, payable on the 13th May 1924, was for £50. 0. 0.

This bill was not met, and is still outstanding.

In view of the decision to accept bills lodged by the Builders it was agreed to insert in the Register Book the full particulars of classification of the above-named vessels, and this was accordingly done.

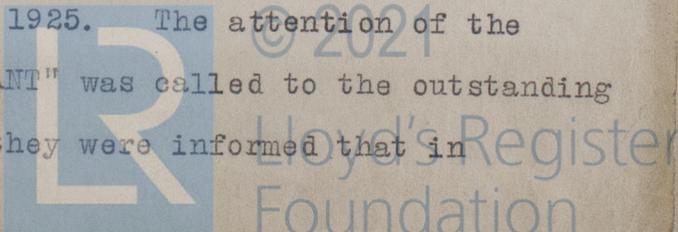
In addition, fees have since become due for the special survey during construction of the steamer "CORNISH MERCHANT" in 1923, amounting to £88. 7. 8.

In this case the full particulars of classification have not been entered in the Register Book, and the vessel stands therein "100A1, Class Contemplated".

The matter was brought to the notice of the Builders on several occasions during 1924, and on the 30th October 1924 they wrote that they were doing all possible in the matter and trusted it would be allowed to remain in abeyance for some time longer.

On the 12th February 1925, the Secretary to the Society's Liverpool Office forwarded a notice from Mr. J. W. Shepherd, intimating that the Company was in voluntary liquidation, and that he had been appointed Liquidator.

After consultation with the Society's Solicitors, a statement of the Society's claim was rendered to the Liquidator on the 30th March 1925. The attention of the Owners of the "CORNISH MERCHANT" was called to the outstanding fees on the 23rd March, and they were informed that in



accordance with the Rules the class of the vessel is liable to be withheld from non-payment of the fees.

The Owners in reply to the correspondence stated that the fees should have been discharged by the Builders, and that nothing was deducted by the Owners from the purchase price to cover the Society's fees.

At the suggestion of the Society's Solicitors, it was ascertained from the Liquidator that there is a balance due to the Building Company from the Owners of the "CORNISH MERCHANT" amounting to £114. 1. 5, and a letter was accordingly addressed to the Liquidator on the 15th April, pointing out that it would be to the advantage of the Creditors generally if the Liquidator paid the fees due for the "CORNISH MERCHANT" and obtained in exchange the certificates of classification, which might enable him to obtain payment from the Owners of the outstanding balance due from them.

No reply has been received to this letter.

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