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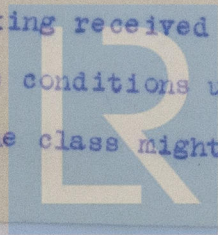
The 2nd Special Survey No.1 on this vessel, due 6,29, has not been completed. The vessel has been laid up in the Tyne, and the usual undertaking was furnished by the late Owners on the 18th November 1930. The vessel has since been in the hands of Messrs. Thomas Pinkney & Sons on behalf of the National Provincial Bank, the Mortgages, with a view to sale, and on two occasions the Committee refused to agree to a request that the vessel might be allowed to proceed from the Tyne without the overdue Surveys having been held.

Information was received that the ship had left the Tyne on the 3rd instant and was in the hands of Messrs. Douglas & Ramsay, at Glasgow, to be broken up, and the Classing Committee, who had the case before them on the 13th instant, decided that the class should be expunged with a Red Line.

A letter has now been received from Messrs. Douglas & Ramsay in which they state that they were unaware of the position regarding the vessel's class, and that they bought her as a classed ship.

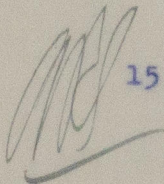
It is submitted Messrs. Douglas & Ramsay be informed of the terms of the undertaking received from the late Owners in November 1930, and of the conditions under which the Committee had agreed that the class might be retained.

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It is further submitted for consideration whether, in view of the statement made by Messrs. Douglas & Ramsay that they were not informed of the terms of the undertaking, this matter should be taken up with Messrs. Thomas Pinkney & Sons.

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It will be noted that Messrs. Douglas & Ramsey state that they are taking the matter up with Messrs. Pinkney & Sons, and in this connection it may be mentioned that Major Pinkney called at this Office yesterday regarding this case, when he stated that he was unaware that the late Owners had furnished a letter of undertaking to carry out all overdue surveys and outstanding repairs before the vessel proceeded to sea and that intending purchasers would be informed of this condition in the event of the sale of the vessel.

He was shown the actual letter which had been furnished by the late Owners, Messrs. The Wigham Shipping Co., Ltd., and dated the 18th November 1930, and he asked to

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be furnished with a copy of the same, which was done.

He stated, however, that it was made clear to Messrs. Douglas & Ramsey, when the negotiations were being conducted with them regarding the ^lsae, that her class was subject to the overdue Special Survey and repairs being carried out before she was again commissioned, and that as she was sold for breaking up purposes and was to leave the Tyne in tow for the Clyde he did not consider that any question of classification arose in these circumstances, and that from his point of view she was actually sold as an unclassed ship.

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