

s.s. "CEDERIC"

The Special Survey No.3 was held in 10.30.

A letter has been received from the Non-Exclusive Surveyor at Sabang stating that this vessel has been examined in dry dock recently on account of grounding in August last, and that considerable damage to the bottom had been sustained, and that it would be necessary for very extensive repairs to be carried out to place her in a seaworthy condition and to entitle her to retain her class. The Captain states that repairs will not be carried out, and that it is the Owners' intention to regard her as a constructive total loss. The vessel is to be taken to Singapore for sale and breaking up. She will proceed in ballast, and at reduced speed, and the Surveyor states that he is issuing a certificate to enable her to undertake this 400 mile voyage on these conditions. She is floating on the double bottom, and slight leakages which are apparent have been cemented. The weather in the Straits of Malacca is favourable.

From the Shipping Papers it would appear that the bottom is damaged for three-quarters of the length, and that renewal of the bottom is necessary. It is reported that the insurance company has declared that the ship may be considered a total loss.

Enquiries have been made of the Owners at Trondhjem, who stated that the matter is in the hands of their Shanghai Office, and a casualty letter was sent to the latter Office on the 20th ultimo.

As the Sabang Surveyor is issuing a certificate to enable the ship to proceed to Shanghai, it is submitted the Owners' Shanghai Office might be requested to state if it is their intention to repair the vessel with a view to retaining her class in the Register Book.