

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

129, Dasmarinas, Binondo,

Manila, P.I., 15, Sept. 1932.



The Secretary,
London.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to the query contained in your classing letter of the 5 August relative to the Motorship "P. ABOITIZ" I have to say that a letter dated 29 August and enclosing one from the Owners expressing their intention to withdraw this vessel from class was addressed to you and has crossed yours in the post.

Regarding the reason that has led these Owners and some others to the decision to withdraw their vessels from class, I am informed that no advantage can be seen for maintaining their class in this or any other Society. Some Insurance Companies insist on vessels covered by them being classed, but lately other concerns have taken the business at substantially reduced rates, whether the vessels are classed or unclassed.

An Annual Survey is carried out by the Inspectors to the Bureau of Customs, free of charge, and, in the few cases I have seen, their recommendations appear to be somewhat drastic. The Owners in many cases consider this sufficient

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for the Interisland trade, and that classification is likely to be expensive and troublesome. Advantage has been taken of having new vessels built to class to ensure that sound materials and good workmanship were put into them. Also to avoid having to submit the ships to a severe examination and probably drill testing by the Bureau of Customs or first entering into service in these islands, a Lloyd's Register Certificate being accepted and exempting the vessels from this.

Mr. C. B. Nelson before leaving here expressed his intention to explain the position to you on his arrival in London, and perhaps you will have heard from him on the subject before this.

It was with a view to reducing the inconvenience and cheapening the cost of surveys of a minor nature at distant ports that it was proposed in my letter of 1st June to arrange with Lloyd's Agents to appoint surveyors, and to which the Committee agreed. This, so far, has led to two vessels being retained in class. All Owners at distant ports have been notified of this facility.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GP.rdg.



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