

Steam Trawler "BASSANIO"

This case is fully stated in endorsement dated 1.6.33, when the Committee decided to expunge the class with a Black Line.

A letter has now been received from the Owners expressing surprise at the Committee's action. They refer to the letter dated 4th May last (from the Hull Surveyors) allowing them thirty days in which to complete the repairs recommended in February last, and they state that on 25th May the vessel was put into dry dock, and repairs put in hand to complete these recommendations on the bottom, frames etc. They take exception to the suggestion of neglect in the ship, and to the statement that no repairs were executed in dry dock, which they state is not true. They add that they had contemplated completing the survey on the vessel's arrival from sea this voyage, which may be one of six days, thus completing the survey within the time allotted.

The Owners' statement that repairs were executed when the vessel was placed in dry dock on 25th May is not borne out by the Hull Surveyors' report, which states that the bottom and rudder were examined in dry dock, and a general examination made of the vessel, and that she left without repairs having been put in hand.

Further, with regard to the period of thirty days allowed by the Committee for the completion of the survey, it may be stated that this decision was communicated to the Hull Surveyors on 3rd May, and that on ^{26th May} prior to the Hull Surveyors forwarding their report of the survey in dry dock they forwarded a copy of a letter addressed by them to the Owners regarding the condition of the bunker watertight bulkhead, which required renewal, in addition to any other repairs which might be found necessary when the bunker had been properly prepared for examination before the vessel sailed. The Surveyors reported on 29th May that the vessel had sailed without the recommended repairs being effected, and the case was thereupon submitted to the Committee, when the class was expunged.

In view of the statements now made by the Owners,
it is submitted a copy of their letter should be forwarded
to Mr. Mackirdy, the Society's Principal Surveyor at Hull,
who should be requested to investigate the circumstances
closely and report thereon to this Office.

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