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Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.,
Shanghai.

Dear Sirs,

Classification of Vessels

You have been interested - the last numbers being
1094/5/6/7 - on the four Tugs

"SAUCY"
"ST. AUBIN"
"ST. DOMINIC"
"ST. SAMPSON"

and we now learn that the Owners have withdrawn them from
classification under Lloyd's Register, the reason being that the
Chinese Government refuse to recognise Survey Certificates
issued by Lloyd's Register of Shipping and insist that the vessels
should hold a Certificate of Survey of the Bureau of Navigation.
We gather that this Bureau was formed about 1930, their intended
function being the measurement and survey of vessels, Chinese
and foreign, trading to Inland Waters and Non-Treaty ports. In

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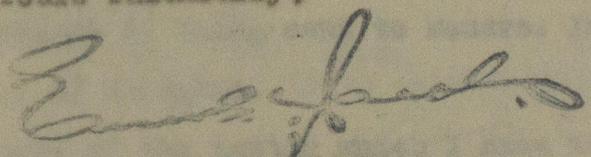
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the past the Harbour Master at Shanghai could issue Towing licences on presentation of Survey Certificates of Lloyd's Register and other approved Societies, but now he is no longer able to do so and must have a Certificate from the Bureau of Navigation instead.

As Underwriters we cannot say that we have any faith in the Bureau of Navigation, about which we know nothing - unless it be to their detriment - and we shall be interested to know whether you and the other Companies in Shanghai consider it worth taking any action. We rather fancy that, so far, the Consular Body have done nothing. Perhaps pressure from the Insurance world may urge them to act and Certificates of Lloyd's Register may be made acceptable to the Harbour Master for the issuance of licences.

Yours faithfully,



Underwriter



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