

"STAD AMSTERDAM".

NOT CLASSED WITH THIS SOCIETY.

In January last the Liverpool Surveyors reported certain parts of the hull and machinery examined at the request of the Superintendents while the vessel was lying afloat at Garston. A few repairs were carried out to the hull.

The Surveyors stated in their report that no request was made for a survey with a view to getting the Record "Examined" (with date) or for "Class contemplated".

The Netherlands Shipping & Trading Committee Ltd. were therefore informed on the 11th ult. that it was concluded they were awaiting a convenient opportunity to submit the vessel for the requisite survey for the assignment of a record of "Examined L.R" (with date) valid for twelve months.

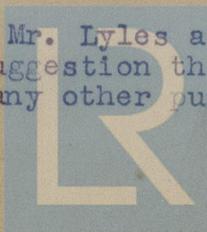
A letter has now been received from Messrs Hicks and Parkes, Consulting Engineers, in which they refer to the Secy's letter of the 11th ult. and they state that Mr. Lyle the Society's Principal Surveyor at Liverpool was requested to arrange for Surveyors to attend on board for the purpose of changing the vessel's class.

They state that:-

"We must protest very strongly Mr. Lyles attitude and most strongly refute any suggestions that we requested him to supervise the repairs. Why on earth we should call in Lloyds to supervise repairs on a ship classed Germanischer Lloyd, or why Mr. Lyle should suggest that we had done so passed our comprehension.

A distinct request was made for change of Class and this incident merely confirms what has been evident for a considerable time, & that your Surveyors are so inundated with work here in Liverpool, that proper attention is not being given.

We strongly resent Mr. Lyles attitude and entirely repudiate any suggestion that he was requested to attend for any other purpose than change of class."



The matter has been referred to Mr. Lyle and he states that many months ago the arrangements made with the Netherlands Shipping and Trading Committee Ltd, and this society regarding Dutch vessels classed with the Germanischer Lloyds were explained to Mr. Parkes, and also that had the Owners Representative (Mr. Hicks or Mr. Parkes) met the Surveyors on board the vessel, he would have known at that time that a general examination had not been carried out. The fees namely £7.7.0. for the hull, and £5.5.0. for the machinery were charged as if the vessel was unclassed.

With regard to the penultimate paragraph of Messrs. Hicks and Parkes letter, Mr. Lyle states that the work in the Liverpool District in all cases is expeditiously dealt with by the Surveying Staff, and that as Messrs. Hicks and Parkes have no knowledge of the work the Surveyors have in hand from time to time, they are not in a position to offer any criticism.

It is thought that had Mr. Lyle reminded Messrs. Hicks and Parkes of the arrangements made by the Society with the Netherlands Shipping and Trading Committee ^{for the General Examinations} and that a little more co-operation had been exercised on both sides, the present trouble would have been avoided.

It is submitted Messrs. Hicks and Parkes be informed as above.

It is further submitted that as there would appear to have been some misunderstanding regarding the nature of the survey required to be carried out at Garston no additional charge should be made when the General Examination is held.

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