

"STAD AMSTERDAM" NO. 83823

IN THE REGISTER BOOK.

With reference to the letter of the 8th. instant received from Messrs. Hicks & Parkes of 42, Castle Street, Liverpool, the following observations may be made:-

There is no record of and I cannot recall any telephone conversation with the above firm regarding this vessel while she was at Garston. There may have been a telephone message to this office, but no written request was received.

Many months ago the arrangements made with the Netherland Shipping & Trading Committee Ltd., and this Society regarding Dutch vessels classed with Germanischer Lloyd were explained to Mr. Parkes.

About two weeks ago this gentleman phoned the writer relative to the examination of the vessel and it was explained that as no general examination had been made a record of "Examined L.R." (with date) could not be recommended, also that this examination should be carried out at the first convenient opportunity, he appeared to be surprised at this statement, apparently, due to his not being present during any of the visits to the vessel made by the Surveyors.

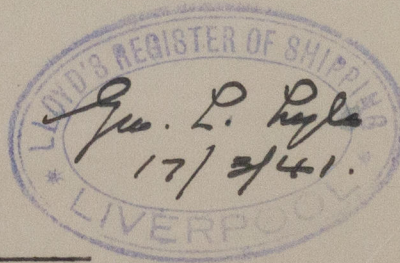
From a Surveyor's point of view the firm of Messrs. Hicks & Parkes are somewhat unsatisfactory to deal with. A survey may be arranged for, and generally speaking, they are not present when the surveyors visit the vessel. It is expected that an Owner's Representative should meet the Surveyors when a Survey is being made to obtain or discuss any requirements or recommendations which may be made, to give instructions for work (if any) to be put in hand, to avoid delay, to counter any difficulties which may arise as well as to facilitate the Surveyor in his duties.

The tone and contents of the letter are of a nature that, in my view, little comment need be made.

Messrs. Hicks & Parkes have no knowledge of the work we have on hand from time to time, and are not competent to criticize it. Work in all cases is expeditiously dealt with by the Surveying Staff.

If the Owners' Representative (Mr. Hicks or Mr. Parkes) had met the Surveyors on board the vessel at Garston they would have known at that time that a general examination had not been carried out, and not amazed to be advised of this fact some nine weeks later (as per their letter dated 8th. instant).

The fact that the Surveyors on their report did not recommend a record of "Examined L.R." (with date) indicates that no request for such was made at time of Survey.



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