A point arises in connection with this case which seems to call for remark. As stated, the Owner has objected from the start to the Surveyor's requirement as being of a severity that he did not anticipate, and ultimately the vessel was withdrawn from class. It is unfortunate that this dispute, which seems to have existed from the date of the first survey, 23rd January last, and which ultimately led to the disclassing of the vessel, should have been continued without any intervention from a Principal Surveyor of the Society.

The reason for this was probably Mr.Dippie's illness, as the letter received from him reporting his indisposition was dated 30th January last. If Mr.Dippie was not available for consultation, the proper action would be for the Surveyor to have reported to this Office the difficult circumstances in which he found himself.

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