

Barges owned by "La Columbia" Soc. Marit.

Steel Barge "No.1", built 1930-2 - 1st S.S.No.1 due 2,34.

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The Committee agreed in April 1934 to a proposal made by the Owners to carry out the above mentioned Special Surveys within the year of grace, i.e. before the end of February 1935.

A letter has been received from Mr. Ormiston stating that the Owners have indicated the difficulty of maintaining the class owing to the expense involved in the survey of two such small craft. The barges are non-propelling, and are classed for river and coasting services between Leghorn and Naples, but ^{in fresh water} actually they are used only for transporting petroleum cargo from the mouth of the Tiber up to Rome, and water is never carried in the tanks. It appears that the Registro Italiano Special Survey was carried out by that Society in February 1934, and that the barges are dry docked every two years, and Mr. Ormiston understands that they will again require to be visited by the R.I. for Ordinary Survey a year hence, when a general examination of the entire structure could be made in dry dock.

With a view to retaining these vessels in class with this Society, Mr. Ormiston desires to know if the Committee would agree to accept the surveys carried out by the Registro Italiano, which surveys, he thinks, will have been held by one or other of the two Surveyors of the Rome Office who have ^{since} been appointed to act on behalf of Lloyd's Register as Non-Exclusive Surveyors in the case of dually classed vessels. He states that if this is approved, copies of the R.I. reports of survey could be obtained.

Mr. Ormiston's proposal is submitted for the favourable consideration of the Committee.

