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T.S.S. "SOUTHLAND"  
Owners : Bluff Harbour Board.

The 1st S.S.No.1 became due 5,31, and no part of the survey has been held. The vessel has been laid up since 1930 and the usual undertaking has been furnished.

On 20th instant a letter was received from the Dunedin Surveyor stating that the vessel was docked at Otago on 8th November, and he was informed that the Owners did not wish any survey carried out. After the heavy marine growth had been scraped off, however, he examined the <sup>outside plating and</sup> rudder in company with the Government Surveyor and found that corrosion was taking place, especially in "E" and "F" strakes along the waterline and under the counter, port and starboard sides. These parts were cleaned out and given one coat of paint, and he states that they will have to be carefully watched or very soon loss of strength will take place and the plating will have to be renewed. The rudder and propellers were in good order.

On 10th November he was informed that the vessel had been sold to Messrs. H.L.Tapley & Co., and he requested the Board to furnish him with a letter confirming the sale. He later called on Messrs. Tapley who informed him that they would let him know if they desired the vessel classed.

The Surveyor now encloses the letter from the Bluff Harbour Board confirming the sale.

It is submitted the Surveyor be requested to get into touch with the new Owners and ascertain if it is their intention to retain the classification ~~with~~ this Society.

It will be noted that the 1st S.S.No.2 of this vessel will become due in 5,35, and in view of this it is considered the Surveyor should inform the Owners that the requirements of this survey should be complied with if it is desired to retain the class.