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Steel Screw Motor Barge "BEATRICE HOPE"; No. 09768 in the Register Book;  
138 tons gross; Built in 1916; Port of registry - London:

Classed: A. I. LMC 7.20  
Motor Barge TS 3.20 (C.L.)  
7.20 Oil Engines.  
For Channel & Coasting service, Harwich, Dover  
Dunkirk & Boulogne. Annual Survey of Oil Engines due 7.21.  
S.S. No. 3-7.20  
Cargo battens not fitted.

Steel Screw Motor Barge "EVELYN HOPE"; No. 15431 in the Register Book;  
134 tons gross; Built in 1916; Port of Registry - London;

Classed: A. I. LMC 5.20  
Motor Barge TS 5.20  
6.20 Oil Engines.  
For Channel & Coasting service, Harwich, Dover  
Dunkirk & Boulogne. Annual Survey of Oil Engines due 5.21.  
S.S. No. 3-6.20  
Cargo battens not fitted.

Owners: Hope Lighterage Company Limited.

These two Barges have been laid up for some time past, and the Classing Committee have allowed their classes to remain subject to the survey of the Oil Engines taking place before the vessels proceeded to sea.

In the case of the "BEATRICE HOPE" the vessel was sent by the Owners on a voyage to Calais, and in reply to an enquiry they stated that their brokers were instructed to cover the vessel for the voyage as unclassified, and added that on no account would the two vessels be employed as "classified" until the surveys had been carried out.

The Committee had the cases before them on the 16th December, and a letter was addressed to the Owners informing them that the Committee could only agree to the classification of the vessels remaining undisturbed on the condition that the surveys would be held before the vessels were again employed, and that they would be glad to receive



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the Owners assurance in the matter.

No reply has been received to this communication, and in the circumstances the Classing Committee, who had the cases again before them on Tuesday, the 10th instant, decided to expunge the characters with a red line (1,22), indicating non-compliance with the Society's Rules, and the Owners have been informed accordingly.

J.F.H.

12th January, 1922.



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