

		Port-	LON. Nos.
Steel Sc.	"KOHOKU MARU" 1st S.S. No.1	due 10-19.....	83027a
"	S.S."TAICHU MARU" 2nd S.S. No.2	" 6-18.....	83028a
"	S.S."TAIHOKU MARU" 2nd S.S. No.1	" 6-18.....	83029a
"	S.S."TAINAN MARU" 2nd S.S. No.3	" 12-19.....	83030a

The Kobe Surveyor stated in July 1918 that the Owners had decided to withdraw from classification nine of their vessels as they were to be employed entirely in the coasting service.

He added that he had not had a favourable opportunity of interviewing the principals at Osaka in order to ascertain further details and whether it might not be to the advantage of the Company to maintain the class even though the vessels were to be engaged in the coasting services.

A further letter was received from the Kobe Surveyor on the 6th February 1919, and the case received consideration on the 11th February, when the Surveyor was informed that the Committee were pleased to note the disposition of the Owners to retain the classification of their vessels, provided arrangements could be made so far as possible that would admit of the surveys required under the Society's Rules taking place concurrently with the Government surveys. The Committee desired that this course should be adopted when ever practicable in the case of vessels which were subject to Government survey, and they trusted that he would be able to make a satisfactory arrangement with the Owners for the vessels to be submitted for inspection at the earliest convenient date.

The Kobe Surveyors who were written to on the 8th, 12th & 19th of January last now state that every effort has been made to induce the Owners to submit the vessels to the required surveys. The Owners, however, *have now written* stated (letter enclosed) they had finally decided to withdraw from class the following vessels:—"KOHOKU MARU", "TAICHU MARU", "TAIHOKU MARU" and "TAINAN MARU", as they were to be engaged entirely in coasting service.

It is submitted the class of the vessels be withdrawn from the Register Book, and three dots (...) inserted in lieu thereof, indicating withdrawal of class at Owners' request.

Withdraw Class

Insert ...