

Steel Twin Screw Dredger "LA LOIRE"; No. 18323 in the Register Book; 604 tons gross; Built in 1909-8 mo; Port of Registry, (French)

Owners:- La Compagnie de Dragage et des Entreprises (Paris Branch of the Tilbury Contracting & Dredging Co.)

Classed:- *100A1 Dredger *LMC 4,14
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s.s.Sou No. 1-14

This vessel became due in August 1917 for Special Survey No. 2. The boilers have not been surveyed by the Society's Surveyors since April, 1914.

The vessel was originally owned by an Algerian Company and was stated to have been laid up during the course of the War. She was sold last year, and appears now to be the property of the Tilbury Contracting and Dredging Co. Ltd., who stated she was in the hands of their French Branch, and by them had been chartered to another French Company.

Considerable correspondence has taken place, particularly as regards the survey of the boilers. The London Office has referred us to Paris, and the Paris Office on being interviewed, stated that the matter was in the hands of the London Office.

In April, the Owners' Agents stated they expected the vessel to arrive at Marseilles within the next three months when she might be surveyed, and action was deferred by the Committee, subject to this being done, but the Marseilles Surveyor subsequently reported that the vessel had not come under survey, and that he knew nothing of her movements.

On the 19th August, the Owners were informed by direction of the Classing Committee that there would be no option but to expunge the vessel's class forthwith unless

arrangements were at once made for the vessel to be surveyed as required.

A reply, dated 25th August, was received from the Owners stating they had communicated with the French Company with a view to their getting into touch with the Society's Surveyor at Marseilles a week or more before the boilers are to be blown down, so that he might attend on board, but in view of the indefinite character of this statement, the Classing Committee, who had the case before them again on Friday, the 29th ultimo, decided to give instructions for the vessel's class to be expunged from the Register Book with a red line (9.19), indicating non-compliance with the Society's Rules, and the Owners have been so informed.

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