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21st February, 1939.

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4272 "KIA WO" I have to thank you for your report and may say the contents are noted, also that in view of the limited service in which the vessel is engaged and of the fact that the machinery has been examined on several occasions during the past few years by the Society's Surveyors. it is considered that the scantlings and arrangements of the boilers and shafting are suitable.

Perhaps you will be good enough to let me know whether the requirements of section 20A of the Rules have been complied with in respect of the carriage of Vegetable Oil in the deep tanks amidships and whether you can recommend that a corresponding notation be assigned.

4276 "SIANG WO" The contents of your report are noted.

4332 "TUNG WO" The contents of your report are noted. I shall be glad to learn whether the requirements of Section 20A of the Rules have been complied with in respect of the carriage of Vegetable Oil in the deep tanks amidships and whether you can recommend that a



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corresponding notation be assigned. I would add that the statement in your report regarding the drilling of the shell and deck plating has been noted, but it is not understood how you were able to satisfy yourself in regard to the thickness of the plating. Perhaps you will therefore kindly furnish your remarks in this connexion and state how you were able to verify this thickness.

As it would appear that the shell plating has not been drilled as required for a 2nd Special Survey No.3 although at the time of survey the vessel was approaching that age, I think it well to inform you that in view of the service in which the vessel is employed it is considered that the drilling of the shell plating in accordance with these requirements can be postponed as has been agreed to in some cases of American Lake steamers, where the vessels are employed for service in fresh water.



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