

Ex-German Steamer "VALENCIA".

A letter has been received from Messrs. James Nourse Limited, stating that they have acquired the above vessel, and making application that she be classed 100 A1 with this Society. They say the vessel is expected to drydock at Tilbury on Wednesday next, the 20th instant, for examination of the bottom, and they would be obliged if this Society would instruct the Surveyors to be present.

It is submitted the London Surveyors be advised as above, and informed that with a view to meeting the wishes of Owners of these steamers, it has been decided to allow the condition surveys for six-monthly certificates to be carried on for some little time, as it may not suit the new Owners' convenience to carry out at once the special survey for classification. Should the Owners in the case of this vessel desire to postpone the survey for classification for a time, the surveyors will therefore be in order in making a general examination of the vessel with a view to the issue of a six-monthly certificate, and such work as is done may be counted as part of the special survey necessary for classification, provided the survey be completed within a reasonable time.

Before classification can however be finally considered, it will be necessary that the scantlings and arrangements of the vessel should be reported to this Office on plans or a First Entry report form, for the consideration of the Committee.