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S.S "EMPIRE BISON" EX "WEST CAWTHORN."

No. 87959 in the Register Book Supplement

CLASSIFICATION.

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This vessel was constructed in 1919 by Messrs. S. Western S.B. Co., San Pedro, Cal., U.S.A., and has been classed with the American Bureau of Shipping. The vessel is being managed by Messrs. Sir R. Ropner & Company on behalf of the Ministry of Shipping, and the Classification of this Society is desired.

The sea connections and propeller were examined when the vessel was in dry dock in the U.S.A., and on arrival in this country the boilers and certain parts of the main and auxiliary machinery were examined by the Manchester Surveyors.

The Manchester Surveyors' first entry reports on engines and boilers are incomplete, but it is stated that the machinery of this vessel is a duplicate of the s.s "ATLANTIC" ex "WEST CATANACE" constructed by the same builders to the American Bureau Class and subsequently transferred to Class with this Society.

The sizes of the shafting as shown on the plans forwarded to this office meet the requirements of the Rules for triple-expansion steam-reciprocating engines having cylinder dimensions and other particulars similar to those of the S.S. "ATLANTIC."

It is submitted that provided the remainder of the engines be opened up, examined and found in good condition; the dimensions of the engines found to be in close agreement with those of the sister ship s.s "ATLANTIC"; the scantlings of the boilers meet the requirements of the Rules; the pumping arrangements be examined and found satisfactory; the machinery might be accepted and a notation L.M.C. (with date), but without the distinguishing mark , be assigned.

It is noted that plans of the bilge, ballast, oil fuel piping arrangements, and boilers have been requested.

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