

Ex-German steamer "FRITZ".  
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Mr. Chisholm, Chief Technical Adviser at the Ministry of Shipping, called here this morning regarding the case of the "FRITZ", which is now at Leith.

He understands that this vessel was built under the Society's Survey although the classification has not been completed. He has advised Sir Ernest Glover that it would be well to complete the survey for classification and to submit the vessel for examination now. With this in view the Ministry are desirous of having the vessel examined for classification, but they are anxious not to do more at the present time than is essential to obtain the class. The vessel will be placed in dry dock if necessary.

Mr. Kemball Cook, of the Ministry, subsequently rang up and confirmed the desire of the Ministry for the classification of the vessel.

They are anxious that the matter should be put in hand without delay, and the Society's Surveyors given such instructions as are necessary to meet the circumstances.

pointed out that the fees for the survey of the vessel during construction had not been paid by the German builders and, of course, would require to be paid.

Mr. Chisholm and Mr. Cook both stated there would be no difficulty on these grounds.

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