

"La Constitucion" and "Elisabeth".

A letter has been received from the Peruvian Consul requesting that the Transport s.s. "LA CONSTITUCION" (No.30 in the 1909-10 Register Book) and the sailing vessel "ELISABETH" (No.196 in the 1909-10 Register Book) be surveyed with a view to re-classification.

It is desired by the Peruvian Government that the survey be undertaken by Mr. Smith, the Society's Surveyor at Valparaiso, in precisely the same manner and with the same undertaking as regards fees and expenses as the re-classification survey of the steamer "IQUITOS" was carried out by Mr. Smith last year.

The steel S.S. "LA CONSTITUCION" was built under special survey at Newcastle in 1886, and classed 100A; the S.S.No.1 was held at London in 1891 and the last date of survey in Register Book is 1894.

The steel sailing vessel "ELISABETH" was built under special survey at Port Glasgow in 1889 and classed 100A; the class was withdrawn in 1909 and the notation "Now a Hulk" inserted in the Register Book.

In the case of the "IQUITOS" before any action was taken with Mr. Smith at Valparaiso, inquiries were made of the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. to ascertain if they were willing to release Mr. Smith (who is in their employ) for a time in order that he might proceed to Callao and carry out the survey required, all expenses being paid by the Peruvian Government.

It is submitted that before further action is taken with regard to the two vessels now in question, the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. might be requested to state if they are again willing to release Mr. Smith for a time as in the case of the "IQUITOS", and under the same conditions regarding expenses.

