

s.s. "BOMARSUND"

8 MAY 1933

In May 1934 the Antwerp Surveyors reported this vessel examined afloat on account of damage sustained through collision. Fifteen shell plates were found badly damaged, and the frames, side stringers, tween deck plating, breast hooks and panting beams etc. in way found more or less buckled or bent. The collision bulkhead, and both hawse pipes, were found damaged.

No repairs were effected but a specification was made out and tenders invited for the work.

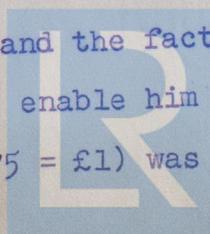
Three visits were paid to the vessel, and a fee of Frs. 2625 was charged, i.e. £15^{par rate of} at/Frs.175 = £1. Expenses amounting to 120 Frs. were also charged.

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Applications have been made by the Antwerp Surveyors for payment of this account, and the Helsingfors Surveyor has been requested from this Office to take the matter up with the Owner, but without success.

On 2nd instant Mr. McKinlay, Principal Surveyor at Antwerp, was informed that, as the account still remains unpaid, it is proposed, in accordance with the usual practice, to inform the Owner that unless the fee is paid by a given date there will be no option but to submit the case to the Committee with a view to the withdrawal of the vessel's class from the Register Book. Before doing this, however, it was desired to have an expression of opinion from Mr. McKinlay as to whether the amount charged was justified, as it appeared in this Office to be on the high side and a very great deal more than would be charged in this Country.

In reply Mr. McKinlay states that since receipt of the Secretary's letter of 4.8.33 the fee charged at Antwerp per visit in the case of damage surveys has been increased from £3 to £4. In the present case Mr. Wray paid three visits to the ship, two of which occupied most of the working day, and in view of the extensive repairs recommended and the fact that the Master desired a typed list of the repairs to enable him to invite tenders, a fee of £15, at par (i.e. Frs.175 = £1) was charged. Mr. McKinlay



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considers that the fee charged is a reasonable figure for the services rendered, and states that Mr. Wray discussed the matter with him before rendering the account.

The case is submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

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