

s. s. "ITALIAN PRINCE".

Following requests for comments on this case, attached hereto will be found a summary prepared by Mr. G.D. Ritchie, a Principal Surveyor on the Chief Engineer Surveyor's Staff.

It is to be noted that in this a hint is made regarding the fitting of alternative fuel discharging circuits, but it is not considered that this need be pursued.

In regard to the submission to omit the reference to steam smothering from the Rules, this is a matter that might well be dealt with at the next meeting of the Technical Committee. In this connexion, during the recent visit of the Chief Engineer Surveyor to the United States it was very definitely mentioned that the authorities in that country would not permit of steam smothering being fitted for fire extinguishing purposes.

As regards the suggestion that a clause might be added to the Rules that the Government regulations covered what is necessary for fire extinguishing, it is considered that in view of the international character of the Rules any alterations should be complete in themselves.

With regard to the submissions that plans of oil fuel piping should be submitted for consideration in all cases of new oil burning installations, this has been the general practice for some considerable time, but the question of advising Surveyors is a matter that might be given consideration.

It may be mentioned that these matters were discussed with Mr. W.T. Williams, Engineer-Surveyor-in-Chief of the Board of Trade on the 21st instant. It was agreed that the case did not point to the need for any alterations in the Board of Trade requirements and that the same remark holds good in regard to this Society's Rules,

since these are closely similar to the Board of Trade regulations.

In the case under notice it was also agreed that the accessibility and visibility of the main oil discharge pipe might have been improved, and further since there was evidence to show that the jointing material used between the flanges of this pipe was not suitable, it is considered desirable that a circular should be issued to the Society's Surveyors stressing the necessity of giving attention to these details.

In regard to the letter received from The Prince Line, dated the 6th instant, it is submitted that before this letter is answered, Mr. Ritchie might interview representatives of the Firm with a view to discussing the whole matter with them.

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