

S.S. "LA CRESCENTA"

On page 32 of the Report of the Proceedings of the Wreck Commissioner on the Formal Investigation into the loss of this vessel, forwarded by the Society's Solicitors, appears:-

"The nature of the Reports of Lloyd's Surveyors which "are in evidence and the conclusions at which we have "arrived with regard to the condition of the auxiliary "machinery and various fittings of the steamship "La Crescenta" appear to us to call for full consideration "as to whether the Instructions at present given to "Lloyd's Surveyors are sufficiently strict and definite "to secure the best possible degree of safety".

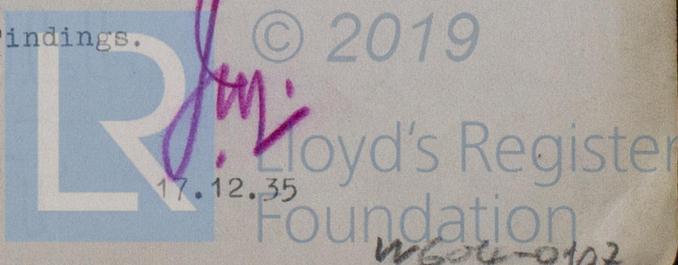
The Solicitors refer to this remark in the second paragraph of their letter, and state:- "We do not think, however, that any general criticism of the Society is implied in this remark".

It was thought that the origin of this expression of opinion was that some support might be afforded to the Board's recent proposals for amending their Instructions relating to the Annual Survey for Freeboard. It is noted, however, that the recommendation is based on the "nature of the Reports of Lloyd's Surveyors which are in evidence" and the "conclusions at which we have arrived with regard to the condition of the auxiliary machinery...."

So far as the Reports are concerned, they included only two reports of freeboard and a large number of Classification survey reports, so that the reference to all of these reports and to the auxiliary machinery seems to remove the matter from the scope of freeboard legislation.

It is submitted for consideration whether it would not be well to make some enquiry as to what is intended by the above quotation from the Findings.

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1. Prov. ~~ARK~~^{NY} for W.N.A.
2. Request to compare m.S.B.
3. Prop^d Ann. Sum. for P.H.



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