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S. S. "A L M K E R K" and "O L D E K E R K".

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These ex-German Steamers have been surveyed by the Society's Surveyors at Rotterdam with a view to class 100 A.1. "Shelter deck with freeboard" in the Society's Register Book.

The Survey in both cases has been fully completed except the verification of freeboard marking.

In the case of the "ALMKERK" the Surveyor states that the freeboards have been marked and certificates issued by the Dutch Commission in accordance with particulars given by the German Lloyd. These figures are practically identical with the freeboards assigned by this Society, the only difference being that the statutory deck line is not marked. Arrangements have been made to have this done on the vessel's return to Holland.

In the case of the "OLDEKERK", freeboards were assigned by this Society, and an assignment letter in accordance therewith has been issued by the Dutch Commission. The freeboards will be marked and verified on the vessel's return from her present voyage. The vessel has been allowed to sail for this voyage on the certificate issued by this Society in May 1920 as an unclassed vessel, and which expired on the 30th November 1920, although the freeboards now assigned are greater than those originally assigned.

It is submitted for consideration whether under the circumstances the "ALMKERK" might not now be classed 100 A.1. "Shelter deck with freeboard", and the "OLDEKERK" be classed 100 A.- "Shelter deck with freeboard".

The Surveyors should, however, be instructed to verify the freeboards on the vessels' return to Holland in order that the Dutch Freeboard Certificates may be issued and the freeboards recorded in the Register Book.

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