

S.S. "WESTERDYK"

This vessel became due for 2nd S.S.No.2 in March 1932, and no part of this survey has been held. The vessel was reported laid up at Rotterdam in September 1931, and so far as is known is still there. The usual undertaking has been furnished.

Mr. Angier, of Messrs. Hall, Angier & Co., called at this Office this morning with Mr. Douglas, of Messrs. Douglas & Ramsey, and stated that the vessel had been bought recently by Messrs. Douglas & Ramsey for breaking up purposes. Messrs. Hall, Angier & Co. desire to repurchase the vessel from Messrs. Douglas & Ramsey for Japanese clients, and they desire to know if a certificate could be issued to enable her to proceed to the Far East, with cargo, to be broken up.

No direct evidence has been produced to show that the vessel is at the present time the property of Messrs. Douglas & Ramsey, but Mr. Douglas says that the contract can be seen by Mr. Warlow, the Glasgow Secretary, if he calls at their Office.

It will be observed that the year of grace expired in March last, and it is submitted that provided the vessel <sup>and her machinery</sup> be examined in accordance with Circular No.1605, and a satisfactory report be received from the Surveyors, an interim certificate might be issued to enable her to proceed with non-perishable cargo to the Far East to be broken up.

It may be stated that the vessel was last seen in dry dock in February 1930 at Rotterdam, when the Surveyors reported that she was in good and efficient condition.

It is further submitted that in the meantime Mr. Warlow might be instructed by wire to confirm the statement made by Mr. Douglas as to the ownership.

Mr. Angier desires to have the Committee's decision at the earliest possible moment.

The screw shaft was last examined in August 1928 and it is further submitted that the screw shaft should be examined in addition to the general examination referred to above.

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