total capacity ___ tons. FPT ___ tons; APT ___ tons; MT ___ feet ___ tons.

N.B.—All alterations in the existing records should be *underlined*.

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s.s. "TROPICO"
Classed 100A1 "Carrying Petroleum in Bulk"
"Fitted for oil fuel 10,30,F.P. above 150°F."

This vessel was built in 1902, and the 3rd S.S.No.1 became due in November last. The class is subject to a bower anchor being placed on board to replace one missing, and shell plate D9 starboard side being permanently repaired at first convenient opportunity. The vessel was last examined by the Copenhagen Surveyors in March 1932 while on a pontoon at that port.

It was recently reported that this vessel had been sold for breaking up purposes, and the Genoa Surveyors were asked to state if this information was correct, and to notify this Office immediately the work of demolition was commenced.

A cable has now been received from the Surveyors stating that the present Owners are negotiating for the sale of the vessel to foreign Owners, provided a certificate can be issued for a voyage from the Black Sea to Manila with oil fuel, and that the Owners desire to know the minimum requirements to enable this to be done.

According to Lloyd's Index, the vessel arrived at Genoa on 7th November last, and is laid up, also that she has been sold to Italian buyers for breaking up.

In view of the fact that this vessel is classed for the "Carriage of Petroleum in Bulk" and is 30 years of age, also of the fact that the 3rd S.S.No.1 became due last November, it is considered that before a decision can be come to regarding the issued of a certificate for the proposed voyage it will be necessary for a general examination *of Hull & Machinery* to be held to ascertain her condition and a report of the examination forwarded to this Office for consideration. The examination held should include an internal examination of the oil compartments and summer tanks, and in view of its importance it is considered that Mr. Turnbull should join in the survey, and express his opinion as to whether or not the Owners' proposal should be agreed to.

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