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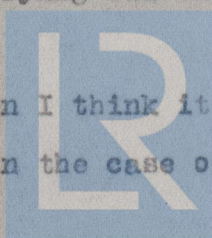
Dear Sirs,

D. I was duly favoured with your letter of the 22nd instant, regarding the large motor tank vessel which you have ordered from the Aktieselskapet Nakskov Skibsvaerft, to this Society's classification, and referring also to the casualty which happened to the three tank steamers mentioned therein.

In reply I have the pleasure to inform you that the cause of the loss of the three vessels in question has been the subject of a careful and exhaustive investigation on the part of this Society, and that the Committee have satisfied themselves that the cause of loss in no case was in any way due to lack of strength in the vessels.

You may rest assured that in giving approval to the scantlings of the new motor tanker which you have just ordered, all the unrivalled experience which this Society has obtained up to the present date in the construction and service of vessels carrying oil in bulk will be embodied in the new vessel.

In this connexion I think it well to add that, as you are doubtless aware, in the case of all tankers it is



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of the greatest importance to see that the vessel is properly loaded, and especially that the load is properly distributed when the vessel is only partially loaded, and I may say that if you should at any time like to consult the Society upon the loading of your vessel, and will submit particulars on the subject, the Committee will be very happy to place their knowledge and experience at your disposal.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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