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T.S.S. "MAZORCA"

I called on Mr. Holt, of the Yorkshire Insurance Co., by appointment this afternoon to discuss the case of this vessel. Mr. Holt explained that while he did not wish, and was not in a position to make any definite statements about the condition of the ship, he thought it was rather disturbing that repairs costing so large a sum should be necessary as the result of heavy weather damage, in a vessel which had comparatively recently undergone a Periodical Survey.

I explained the position to him so far as the Society is concerned, and pointed out that we had no information bearing upon the condition of the vessel at the time of the casualty, and I suggested to him that it would be in the interests of all if an opportunity could be obtained of surveying the ship.

As the vessel has been sold for breaking up purposes, the suggestion was made that the Underwriters might, without repudiating liability, delay making a settlement of their claims until the Society's Surveyor had seen the vessel, or alternatively, if that was not possible, that some such condition should be made if any approach was made to underwriting interests when it was proposed to tow the vessel to her final destination.

Mr. Holt said the suggestion was entirely feasible, but he did not know if it was possible to give effect to it at this time, as the claims had, he thought, been settled. He would, however, make enquiries and communicate the result.



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