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Iron Screw Steamer "WATCHFUL"; No. 36872 in the Register Book; 375 tons gross; Built in 1882-6 mo; Port of Registry, Wick.

Late Owners:- Bretby Shipping Co. Ltd. (J.R.Dickson Jr. & Co. Managers)

Present Owners:- Unknown.

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The Glasgow Surveyors reported in February 1925 that the vessel had sustained damage to the bottom plating, etc. through grounding, collision and striking a quay wall. Nothing was done at Glasgow, but it was arranged with the Owners' representative for the necessary repairs to be effected at Greenock.

In September last the Secretary to the Glasgow Committee stated that the vessel was laid up at Greenock owing to the Owners' financial difficulties, and that she had been seized by the Repairers for debt and was being offered for sale, probably for break-up purposes. In these circumstances, the Classing Committee deferred action for the present.

From a report now received from the Society's Surveyors at Greenock, it appears that the damage repairs were completed at Greenock in April 1925, and that the vessel has been laid up in the Repairers' Yard since that time after seizure for debt.

They add that the vessel was again placed in drydock on the 25th ultimo, when they were informed by Mr. Smail Junr., Consulting Engineer, that she had been sold by the Repairers, and that he was acting for the new Owners. It was pointed out to him by the Surveyors that a few conditional repairs to cargo hatchways and hatch covers (which were arranged to be done with the late Owners' representative) still remained to be carried out. Mr. Smail stated that the new Owners intended to tow the

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vessel to Stromness, where she is to be converted into a coal hulk, and that the conditional repairs recommended would not be necessary as the vessel's class was to be withdrawn. He promised to confirm this statement by letter, but subsequently telephoned to say that he was unable to do so, as the new Owners did not wish their name known at present.

The case is submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

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