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Dear Sirs,

Steamer "DARFIELD"

The case of the above named vessel has been submitted to the Committee at their Meeting today in the light of the information which has appeared in the Shipping Press, and in connection with your letter of the 31st ultimo.

In view of the extensive damage which has been sustained in this instance, the Committee feel that an unqualified class should not be continued in the Register Book and have accordingly decided to record "In port damaged - Class Suspended". This means that any contemplated voyage in tow, either with ballast or with cargo, can only be undertaken as an unclassified hulk, and the Society's Surveyor at Los Angeles is being requested to seek instructions from this Office before issuing any Certificate in the case.

As the class has been suspended it will be necessary for any Freeboard Certificate for a further voyage to be obtained from the United States Coast Guard Authorities.

The question as to whether a Senior Ship Surveyor should join in the inspection at Los Angeles is one which must be left to the decision of the Owners, and the Society's Principal Surveyor at New York is being requested to confer with them on this point.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Clerk to
the Classification Committee.

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