

Wood Motorship "FORT HEARNE"  
Built 4.49

Answers to questionnaire of 22nd January 1960:

1. Ship has been dry docked at Special Surveys at Vancouver.
2. Wood Rules say that one dry docking should be made between Special Surveys.
3. On account of the robustness of the construction, in association with the high standard of maintenance adopted, dry docking at four yearly intervals is considered acceptable for classification purposes.

This ship is stationed in the North West Territories where it is not possible to dry dock the ship. It is not considered reasonable for the Society to cause so much inconvenience and expense to the Owner by insisting on dry docking between Special Surveys. We have previously accepted this arrangement and today the annual surveys are carried out afloat by a Government Surveyor whereas hitherto we have accepted the reports of the Master and Chief Engineer. These surveys are more extensive than the required annual survey.

The standard of maintenance of these ships of the Bay Company is believed to be of the highest as any failure in service would be very serious for the Owners. The ship is of very robust construction.

*[Signature]*  
27th January, 1960.

This is a single screw vessel and screwshaft survey is due every 3 years. In the special circumstances of this case it is submitted that the screwshaft survey be held at intervals of 4 years but, Owners should be asked to ascertain the wear down of the stem bush - with vessel afloat - at about 2 years after each survey and advise this office accordingly. R/S/60.

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FRIDAY 29 JAN 1960

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