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8th July, 1952.



A. R. Riddell, Esq.,
Principal Surveyor,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
751 Victoria Square,
MONTREAL, P. Q.

Dear Sir:

As outlined in the attached correspondence we had intended to bring our M.S. "Fort Hearne" out of the Arctic to Vancouver in September of this year to carry out the first four-yearly survey, which we believe is due in June, 1953.

Since formulating these plans, we have been requested by various Government Departments to deliver heavy tonnages of necessary stores to points in the Western Arctic and if we are to carry out this work, it will be too late to sail the ship through the Bering Straits to Vancouver with any degree of safety. We would, therefore, like to have your views on whether the committee of Lloyd's Register of Shipping would agree to defer the survey of the M.V. "Fort Hearne" until the autumn of 1953.

In this connection, we would like to point out that the "Fort Hearne" is only operated for a period of approximately five weeks each year and her machinery is, therefore, not subject to heavy usage. Also, it is our experience that the low temperature of the water in the area served by the "Fort Hearne" does not cause active corrosion of the underwater fittings and we feel sure that the tail-shaft is in good condition. From our inspections, we know that the hull is in good condition, and we would very much appreciate the committee's permission to postpone the survey, as outlined above, in order that we may assist the various Government Departments concerned in making delivery of their freight.

We are enclosing copies of correspondence relevant to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

For the HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY,

W. E. Brown

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