

Category A

Transversely Framed Tanker "GARD"

When this Tanker was in drydock at Copenhagen in July last, opportunity was taken to carry out an examination in accordance with Circular Letter dated 28/5/52.

The deterioration of the bottom and side shell and decks was found to be small, and, in view of the condition and history of the ship, it was not considered necessary to recommend immediate stiffening. The Bergen Surveyor was, however, instructed to suggest to the Owners that it would be advisable to fit two intercostal girders, port and starboard, to the deck, as a prudent measure, in view of experience with this class of tanker.

The Owners stated, however, that, in view of the satisfactory survey at Copenhagen, they wished to defer carrying out any stiffening for the time being.

This proposal for deferment was considered to be too indefinite, and the Bergen Surveyor was, therefore, instructed again to approach the Owners and ask them for a more definite proposal for compliance with the above suggestion.

The Owners now state they were informed by the Copenhagen Surveyors that the ship is in very good condition, and, as they have had no report from the Master of any subsequent deterioration, and the recommended stiffening will be a heavy burden, they trust that the stiffening may be put in abeyance at any rate until the next Special Survey, due 9,54, when the question may again be considered.

The Chief Ship Surveyor's department now submit the Surveyor should be informed that the proposal to defer stiffening until the next Special Survey is not one which can be entertained by the Committee. The stiffening should be fitted at an early date, and the Surveyor should endeavour to obtain concrete proposals for doing this work.

✓ before September '53.

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31st December, 1952.