

Steel Screw Steamer "EASTERNER"; No. 69664 in the Register Book; 618 tons gross; Built in 1918; Port of Registry, Newcastle.

Owners:- Brown Shipping Co. (Newcastle) Ltd.
(Robinson, Brown & Co. Managers).

Classed:- 100A1 LMC 7,20
7,22 BS 10,21
s.s.No.3-7,20 TS 12,21 CL

A Special Survey No. 1 (after an early No. 3) became due on this vessel in July 1924, and action has been deferred by the Classing Committee from time to time, owing to the vessel being laid up, the Owners having furnished the usual undertaking.

The Owners were informed in November last that as the vessel appeared to be still laid up with no immediate prospect of being placed in commission, the Committee did not see how they could agree to the class being retained indefinitely, and they were asked to submit her to a general examination with a view to an extension of class until the next Special Survey (s.s.No.2) became due in July 1928. It was further pointed out to the Owners that when this Special Survey became due it would be necessary for it to be held at that time if it was their desire to retain the vessel's classification.

The vessel was generally examined at Newcastle in March last and found generally in good condition, but recommendations were made for repairs and scaling to be carried out when the Special Survey No. 2 became due in July.

The Owners now state they are unable to arrange for the Special Survey No. 2 to be held as required by the Committee, but that they are prepared to carry out the repairs recommended by the Surveyors at the general examination in March if the Committee will agree to a further short extension of time for the maintenance of her class.

The case received the consideration of the Classing Committee on Wednesday, the 8th instant, when it was decided to give instructions for the vessel's class to be expunged from the Register Book with a red line (8:28), indicating non-compliance with the Society's Rules, and the Owners have been informed accordingly.

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9th August, 1928.



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