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Copy of ~~Extract from~~ letter received fromNAME The Surveyors,ADDRESS VANCOUVER.

Reference, if any:.....Classn. (H).....

Dated 4/8/55.....Received --.....Answered.....

Vessel's Name:

Steamers: "ISLAND MAPLE" ex "TAMARE", "ISLAND BALSAM" ex "ULE" and similar vessels owned by Messrs. Island Tug & Barge Ltd., Victoria, B.C.

We duly received your letter of the 29th ultimo regarding the above mentioned vessels and referring to our previous letter of the 4th April last.

Messrs. Island Tug & Barge Ltd. purchased seven old shallow draught tankers, "CARLOTA", "CONCHITA" ("ISLAND HEMLOCK"), "CHEPITA" ("ISLAND FIR"), "ICOTEA", "SURINAM" ("ISLAND CYPRESS"), "TAMARE" ("ISLAND MAPLE") and "ULE" ("ISLAND BALSAM").

These vessels are to be converted to non-propelled barges and "ISLAND HEMLOCK" and "ISLAND FIR" are already in service as Self-unloading log carrying barges and others are being altered at present. Various proposals for these conversions have been submitted to the Principal Surveyor for Canada with a view to Loadline Assignment but the Society decided to accept no responsibility in connection with the final proposals and referred the Owners to the National Authorities.

Four of the vessels were surveyed for condition with a view to Loadline Assignment viz:-

	Rpt. No.	Dated
"ISLAND HEMLOCK" (ex "CONCHITA")	C-2134	11th April, 1955.
"ISLAND FIR" (ex "CONCHITA")	C-2147	19th May, 1955.
"ISLAND CYPRESS" (ex "SURINAM")	C-2148	18th May, 1955
"ISLAND MAPLE" (ex "TAMARE")	C-2149	24th May, 1955.

Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining payment of the accounts rendered for survey fees and expenses in these cases because no loadlines were assigned, but it is hoped this will be satisfactorily arranged in due course.