

Steel Sc.Sr. "LYNGHAUG".

The First Special Survey No.3 became due on this vessel in August, 1931, and was partly held by the Society's Surveyor at Bergen in February/March, 1932, the following items remaining to complete the survey:- the fore peak and after peak tanks, and all bottom tanks with the exception of No.1 tank port and starboard and starboard boiler and engine room tank, tank top in way of holds and stokehold, bilges in way of holds, chain locker, anchors, chains and general equipment, air and sounding pipes, pumps, hatchways, main deck round No.3 hatchway in tween deck space require to be examined. Freeboard to be verified. Engine survey to be completed. Some repairs are required.

~~The vessel has been laid up and the Owner has furnished the usual undertaking.~~

The fees and expenses charged by the Bergen Surveyor amounted to Kr.450 (say, £27:10:0) and an account was rendered to the Owner for this amount on the 4th March, 1932.

The vessel has remained laid up since the survey was held and the Owner furnished the usual printed form of undertaking on the expiration of the year of grace in August last, but although repeated applications have been made for the fees, these still remain unpaid.

The Owner has explained to the Surveyor that it was absolutely impossible for him to pay the amount, as he had no freight income, but as soon as the steamer was chartered and freight paid, he would settle the fees.

Action has been deferred from time to time, and the case was again before the Committee on the 7th instant in connexion with a further communication which had been received from the Bergen Surveyor, in which he stated that he had again had an opportunity of seeing the Owner who had advised him that he did not wish to retain the vessel's class, and also that he was not prepared to pay the fee for the survey. The Committee, however, again deferred action and the Owner was informed that there would be no alternative but to



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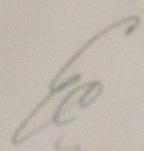
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expunge the vessel's class from the Register Book with a red line, unless he was prepared to furnish an assurance that all matters regarding the conditions under which the Committee had up to that time allowed the vessel's class to remain undisturbed in the Register Book, would be disclosed to intending purchasers, including the fact that there was a fee of Kr.450 still outstanding as a debt against the ship.

It was pointed out that if the Committee took the action intended, the vessel could not be sold as a classed ship, and in these circumstances it was thought the Owner would reconsider the position.

No reply has been received to this letter, and the case is therefore submitted for the Committee's consideration.


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