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GA. — Falmouth, Aug. 27.
Steamer Gardenga, Rotterdam and
for Port Natal, arrived to-day
side valve rod broken.

Twin s. s. "GARDENGA".

Southampton 14426.

This vessel was built in 1904 by J.Klawitter, as an ice-breaker for river service.

With a view to classification with the Society, plans of the machinery have ^{recently} been approved in this Office, and the machinery has been examined, and found in good order, by the Bremen Surveyors who issued an interim certificate recommending the class 100 A1 "with freeboard" "For Coasting service between Laurence Marques and Port Elizabeth" and LMC 7, 31.

No opportunity was given to the Bremen Surveyors to ascertain the vessel's performance under steam at sea, and she left for Durban.

The Southampton Surveyors subsequently reported that the vessel had put into Portland having been unable to maintain steam.

Some minor repairs were effected with a view to improving the air supply to the furnaces and to obtaining a higher vacuum.

Coal of better quality was supplied and the vessel sailed from Portland.

The Master, who is part Owner, and had represented the Owners during the purchase and fitting out of the vessel, called at this Office yesterday.

He stated that when off Ushant he decided to return to Falmouth owing to heavy weather, the difficulty of maintaining steam, the heavy coal consumption of approximately 10 tons per day, and the low speed of the vessel; about 4 knots.

It was explained to the Master that the Society had no Rules respecting the speed of vessels and that the classification of the machinery indicated only that the machinery and boilers are certified to be in good order

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and safe working condition.

The case is submitted for the consideration of the Committee as to whether in all the circumstances the vessel is worthy of classification.

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