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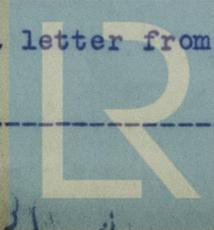
Steel Screw steamer "SANTA MARIA", built at Glasgow in April 1922 by Messrs. Robt. Duncan & Co. Ltd., and classed 100A1 "Carrying Petroleum in Bulk", with the special notation "Longitudinal Framing".

THE FIRST ENTRY REPORT on this vessel was recently before the Glasgow Committee when the classification was assigned.

ON THE REPORT BEING EXAMINED in this Office it was noted that no details were given of the additional stiffening of transverses to the shell, trunk side, centre line bulkhead, & transverse bulkhead and webs in 'tween decks where the height is increased owing to sheer, and Dr. Montgomerie was communicated with and informed that it was concluded that the additional stiffening had been fitted, but that he might consider it desirable to ascertain from the Surveyors that this was in order, so as to ensure that the necessary additional transverse stiffening is fitted in all vessels where, on account of sheer, the depth is greater than amidships.

Dr. Montgomerie, in acknowledging the letter, states that he communicated with Mr. McNab who completed the survey of the vessel, and forwards Mr. McNab's reply from which it appears that while additional longitudinals were introduced where the midship spacing was exceeded, through an oversight no additional stiffening was given to the transverse members. He states that when he took over the survey of this vessel, she was practically completed, but he considered it too late to ask the Builders to fit any compensation, a parallel case being that of the "DAVANGER" built by Messrs. Wm. Hamilton & Co. in February this year, which had been accepted by the Committee.

When the First Entry Report of the "DAVANGER" was dealt with in this Office the attention of the Principal Surveyor for Greenock was drawn to this point in a letter from the Chief Ship Surveyor.



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IT IS SUBMITTED that, in the circumstances, nothing further can be done in regard to the structure of the vessel, but it is considered that Dr. Montgomerie's attention should be specially directed to the case so that he can take such steps as will ensure a general clause noted on the approved plans, of the nature of the clause now being dealt with, not being overlooked in future.

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