

s.s. "DALIA"

private & confidential
In September 1931 a letter was received from Mr. G.H. Court stating he had received information that the bottom of this vessel was somewhat hogged, and requesting to know if the Society had any information regarding the matter. As nothing was known in this Office the Port Natal Surveyor was informed and asked to examine the vessel when next placed in dry dock and make a confidential report to this Office as to whether any hogging had taken place. The Surveyors at Antwerp and Middlesbrough were later informed of the case, but no opportunity has so far arisen for the Surveyors to make the examination.

In endorsement dated 20th March last it was suggested, in view of the time that had elapsed, that Mr. Court might be asked to state if he was still desirous of obtaining this information, and it was decided to defer action until his next visit to London.

The Port Natal Surveyor now states that the vessel has now returned to Durban after a voyage to the U.K., and that he understands from the Port Captain that it is likely that she will be dry docked at Sydney, N.S.W. in July next.

It is submitted that Mr. Court might be informed and asked to state if he wishes the Society's Surveyors to be instructed to make an examination with a view to ascertaining if the bottom is hogged.

*No action
JH*

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