

Steamer "STADVIAARDINGEN" No.90786 in the Supplement
Messrs. Flensburg Shipbuilding Co's No.391.

A telegram was recently received from the Owners of this vessel stating that after studying the Society's Rules and Regulations they could not understand the reason of docking be essential if nothing happened to indicate there was any damage.

As the cablegram was not understood the Society's Surveyors at Hamburg were communicated with and they state in reply it has been recommended that the vessel should be dry docked as owing to Flensburg being non-tidal it has increased the liability for a vessel to sustain damage when being launched, and that the Owners have been informed that to entitle the vessel to the Society's classification with record of survey, the vessel should be examined in dry dock.

The Hamburg Surveyors add that as the insurance before the launch is to the Builders account and after the launch to the Owners account they are of the opinion that in the interests of the Underwriters the vessel should be dry docked, although this reason has not been stated to the Owners.

The Society's Rules do not require a vessel to be dry docked after construction, ^{before delivery} and unless the Society's Surveyors have some reason to suppose that damage has occurred in launching it would not appear necessary for the vessel to be dry docked, As many vessels have been built and launched by the Flensburg Shipbuilding Co. it is presumed that some doubt has arisen in this case in the Surveyors mind and in these circumstances he has recommended the vessel to be placed in dry dock.

It is considered that before insistance should be made in regard to the dry docking further particulars should be obtained from the Society's Surveyors.