

S.S. "MACHARDA".  
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Mr. Edgar, in forwarding the First Entry Report on the above vessel, has raised the question regarding the fitting of cargo battens in the deep tank.

He states that the practice of the Committee in respect of a case of this kind is not known, and it is possible that the fitting of efficient dunnage prior to carrying cargo might be considered adequate without notation. At the same time the fitting of sparring either of timber or steel is the normal practice in deep tanks.

It has been ascertained that <sup>as regards the Glasgow district</sup> in the case of the Clan Line and Brocklebank Line vessels, cargo battens are fitted in the deep tanks, but that Messrs. Wm. Hamilton & Co., Port Glasgow, have never fitted cargo battens in deep tanks of vessels built by them, *for the Brocklebank Line.*

It has not been the practice of the Committee to make a special notation in the Register Book regarding the omission of cargo battens in deep tanks, and no reason is seen for altering the present practice.

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