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Messrs. Harland & Wolff's No. 807 - White Star Liner "BRITANNIC".

A letter was received from Mr. Kendall on the 2nd instant with regard to the material of the cast steel slop shoots now being fitted in this vessel.

It appears that the material was inadvertently ordered by the Builders to the Board of Trade tests alone.

The Surveyor forwarded a copy of the Board of Trade tests on these castings, from which it seen that, while in two cases the tensile strength of the material exceeded the upper limit of 35 tons per square inch by one and two tons respectively, the elongations and the bending tests were satisfactory.

The slop shoots are of satisfactory construction, the castings varying from 8" to 10" in diameter, the material being $\frac{5}{8}$ " in thickness.

From the plan forwarded by Mr. Kendall it is seen that the lower part of the slop shoots varies from 2'-6" to 3'-6" above the load waterline.

The Surveyor also states that from an examination of these castings they appear to be sound and efficient, and have been satisfactorily tested under water pressure.

In all the circumstances the proposal is submitted for approval.

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