

*Mr. Warren*

*Now applicable*

R.F.A. "TEXOL".- Messrs. Workman Clark & Co's No. 368.

E q u i p m e n t .

letter has been received from the Belfast Surveyors in which state that the Admiralty have now decided to return to Stores 5½" stream steel wire rope mentioned in the specification, and Surveyors desire to know if the equipment as now proposed to supplied will be approved.

It is understood from the Admiralty that the reason for ordering return of this steel wire rope to Stores is owing to the recent decision of the Admiralty not to use this vessel for oiling-at-sea purposes, but only as an oil freighter.

A comparison of the cable and hawser equipment required by the Rules and that now proposed to be supplied is as follows:-

<u>Rule .</u>	<u>Now proposed to be supplied.</u>
Rule No. 38012.	
2-5/16 stud link cable. 330 fathoms	2¾ cable.
5½ steel wire rope. 150 "	6½ steel wire rope.
2-5/16 chain or 5" steel wire rope. 300 "	4½ steel wire rope.
	2 off 60 fathoms 10" Manila.
fathoms 8" hemp. 4 " 120 "	8" "
" 7" " 4 " 120 "	7" "

It will be observed that the equipment to be supplied does not conform for 90 fathoms of 5" steel wire for stream chain as required by the Rules, but it is considered that the 300 fathoms of 4½" wire hawsers might be accepted in lieu.

It is submitted that provided the cable and hawser equipment be supplied as now proposed, the same will merit the favourable consideration of the Committee.

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