

TENYU MARU

Steel Screw Steamer "ETHELSTAN". No.12 in Supp. 3874 tons gross.
Built at Newcastle in 1905. Owners Harrowing S.S.Co., Ltd.
Port of Registry Whitby. Class contemplated.

This Steel Steamer has been built at Newcastle by Messrs. Robert Stephenson & Co., under the special survey of the Society's Surveyors, with a view to being classed * 100A1 ("Steel") "Spar deck with freeboard".

On receipt of the first entry report ^{of the vessel} ~~on the 8th instant~~, it was found that ceiling had been omitted from the holds, except under the hatchways and over the limbers, and the Builders in asking for the classification certificate stated that the Owner refused on principle to give them a letter regarding this omission of the ceiling.

The case was referred by the Classing Committee to the General Committee who, on the 14th instant, decided to ^{inform} ~~inform~~ the Owner that the classification certificate was ready for delivery, but that no ceiling had been fitted (except under the hatchways and over the limbers), as required by the Rules, Section 25, that the Builders stated he approved of this, and therefore unless the Committee heard from him to the contrary by five o'clock on that day the certificate would be issued ^{that day} ~~that day~~.

The Owner stated in reply that he declined to take any responsibility and referred the Committee to the Builders.

The Builders were thereupon requested to forward the specification signed by the Owner, and upon this being received it was observed that the clause relating to the ceiling read as follows;- "Ceiling of 2½" whitewood to be fitted on tank top in "way of hatchways, and over limbers to upper turn of bilge, laid "fore and aft. Limber boards fitted at bilges with rings for "lifting as may be required. Bunkers to be close ceiled with "2½" wood. The specification of machinery and all items to the full "requirements of Lloyd's for the 100 A1 class."



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The Builders were therefore informed that the clause in the printed specification was not sufficient in lieu of a letter from the Owner, which had been required in similar cases, and the certificate was at their disposal immediately this letter was produced.

Mr. Thompson, the Secretary to the Builders' Firm, called at this Office and saw the Chairman and Deputy-Chairman on Monday 18th ~~instant~~ ^{Sept}, when the whole of the circumstances were fully discussed, and the Society's position in the matter was carefully explained.

Mr. Thompson again called at the Office ~~yesterday~~ ^{on the} 20th ~~instant~~ ^{Sept} and ~~requested~~ ^{asked} that the classification certificates might be issued bearing a note respecting the omission of the ceiling, and in accordance with this suggestion certificates were issued to the Builders with the following notation:- "Ceiling fitted under hatchways and over limbers only".

Mr Taylor, the General Manager of the Builders' firm called at this Office on Wednesday the 27th September and ^{saw the Chairman &} said that the Owner had requested them to furnish him with a clean Certificate. The matter was again fully discussed, but it was pointed out by the Chairman that the Committee could not, in the circumstances, issue such a Certificate.



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