

s.s. "WESTLAND" ex "FRANSTROOM"

The Rotterdam Surveyors wer requested on the 29th ultimo to forward further particulars regarding the scantlings and arrangements in this ship, and these have now been received.

It is submitted that in view of the scantlings of the double bottom being found to be in accordance with the approved plans, and the double bottom being found to be in good condition, that additional strengthening should be fitted to the open floors by means of vertical struts as indicated in ^{red ink} pencil on the plans.

It is noted that there are pillars to every 4th beam at the sides of the hatchways, and that the plating at all decks is .28 in thickness, which is considered to be satisfactory, in view of beams being fitted to every frame.

It is noted that the Owners agree to the additional stiffening as discussed with them.

It is submitted the Rotterdam Surveyors be informed by wire as above, and that provided the amendments indicated on the plans be fitted; the vessel be submitted to the requirements of the Rules for vessels not built under survey, the panting arrangements and bottom strengthening forward be found or made equivalent to the rule requirements, and on completion of the survey the vessel be satisfactorily reported upon, she will be eligible to be classed 100A--.

Should the figure "1" be desired the Surveyors should report the equipment found on board the vessel with particulars of the testing.

In regard to the steel, as the vessel was built by the Rotterdam Dry Dock Co., the Surveyors will probably be able to satisfy themselves from documentary evidence in the Builders' possession, as to its source of origin, process of manufacture and test.

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