

S.S. "MEIWU MARU"  
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URAGA DOCKYARD CO'S. No. 145.

The First Entry report for this vessel has been received from the Yokohama Surveyors and it is seen therefrom that while the depths to the Upper and Shelter decks (namely 32 ft. and 40 ft. respectively) used in the computation of the scantling numbers and proportions are in accordance with the approved plans, the registered depths are given as 32 ft. 1 $\frac{5}{8}$ " to the Upper Deck and 40 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the Shelter Deck. This increase in the registered dimensions of the vessel involves an increase in the grade number, and little "d", governing the scantlings of the framing, making these respectively 90.2 and 18.09. In view of the beam knees being increased in depth, the "d" may, however, be taken as not exceeding 18.0 in which case the frames as fitted are equivalent to the Rule requirements. The peak frames are .02 deficient in thickness, but are well supported by deep floors and panting beams.

It is therefore submitted that the framing could be approved as fitted.

The equipment number is about the limit of the grade 46,000, at which ~~it~~ <sup>the equipment</sup> could be approved, but the Surveyor should be requested by wire to state if the actual equipment number <sup>does not</sup> exceed 46,000, as this <sup>number</sup> is not given on his First Entry Report.

It is submitted the Yokohama Surveyors be informed that from the First Entry Report on the "Meiwu Maru" forwarded by them it is noticed that the registered depths of the vessel are in excess of those used in computing the scantling numbers. This affects the scantlings of the frames and the equipment. Care should be taken by them in future to measure the dimensions of the vessel from the scribe board at as early a date as possible, and if the approved dimensions are exceeded they should see if this involves any changes in the scantling or equipment grades and if necessary submit the case to this office by wire for consideration.