

Two Wooden Barges built by Messrs. A. Court & Co. at
Constitucion, Chile, for the Valparaiso branch of the
Anglo-Mexican Petroleum Co.

Dimensions: 80 x 22 x 9'6"

The Valparaiso Surveyor states that during his absence on leave these barges have been built to specification and plans drawn by Mr. Marshall - his deputy. He states the original intention of the Owners was to have them classed by the Society, but owing to his absence, this fell through. The Owners are, however, still desirous of having a class and the Surveyor states he can testify, after examination, that they are of 1st Class material and workmanship.

The tanks have been tested to 10 lbs. water pressure and the Surveyor desires to know the further steps that are necessary and also the fees which can be charged.

The vessels are built of wood and so far as the scantlings can be understood, appear suitable. The cargo of 100 tons is carried in one large steel tank. At the fore end of the tank is a transverse wooden partition. There seems ^{to be} no division separating this tank from the Boiler & Pump Room at the after end of the vessel, but a wooden partition divides the Boiler and Pump Room from the accommodation aft.

(Sec.35, par.16 of the Rules require that no wood fittings or bearers are to be fitted in the Boiler Room or in the compartment containing the settling tanks.)

There is no indication of any provision being made for protecting the wood from the oil leakage, or from the heat of the Boiler and it is not stated whether this after partition and platform in way of the accommodation ^{is} gas tight.

It is submitted the Valparaiso Surveyor be informed that Sec.35, par.16 of the Rules require that no wood fittings or bearers are to be fitted in the Boiler Room or in the compartment containing the settling tanks, and for this vessel to be eligible for classification it will therefore be necessary

a steel bulkhead to be fitted, dividing the Tank Compartment
from the Boiler Room and that the Boiler Room be isolated in
steel or steel lined compartment : that the bulkhead dividing
the Boiler Room and Pump Room from the accommodation aft and
the floor of that compartment will require to be gas tight
further that Sec.49 of the Rules, so far as it has application
to this vessel, will require to be complied with.

The Surveyor should be requested to state whether
these requirements can be complied with, when the case will
receive further consideration. Meanwhile, the plans should
be returned with the request that the items on the midship
section should be translated into English, and if it is
decided to proceed with the classification, the various kinds
of wood of which the vessel is constructed to be given.

In regard to the point raised about fees, the
Surveyor should be informed that the fee charged in this country
for the Survey of Hull during construction of Petroleum Tank
vessels is \$12-12-0 and any fee that might be charged in
Paraiso ~~should be based on this amount.~~

*but this will not be applicable
and will depend upon the nature extent of the services rendered,
& the custom of the port*

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