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For Doctor Montgomerie

M.V. "BEECEELITE"

The construction of the hull of this vessel, which is entirely electrically welded, was completed in December, 1937.

A large number of fractures in the shell plating of this small tanker have now been reported, and from the plan forwarded these are observed to be in the proximity of the welded connections ~~of~~ shell plating or framing.

The exceptionally large number of fractures in so new a vessel have been attributed to working in a sea way, but it would appear from the ^{nature &} position of the fractures, that the electric welding of the structure, as carried out in this case, may have been a contributory cause.

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