

Steel Twin Screw Motorship "FUKUKO MARU".

The First Entry Report on this vessel has been received from Kobe, and it appears that three days prior to the launch the Surveyor noted surface cracks in the shaft brackets. These cracks were cut into in order to see their nature and extent, and Mr. Cox, the Principal Surveyor for Japan, has approved an arrangement of strengthening the A Brackets, the Owners (who are also the Builders) being a consenting party.

The castings were tested by the Society's Assistant Surveyor Mr. Y. Jo, who states that they passed the usual tests without indication of any defect.

The Surveyors have given an interim certificate recommending the vessel to be classed subject to electric welding repair to spectacle frame being examined at next dry docking, and it is submitted that no objection should be taken to this course, but that the first examination in question should be held within six months from the date of completion, namely before the end of June next.

It is, however, considered that in view of the nature and extent of the cracks, these should have been seen when the casting was examined at the Steel Works, and in these circumstances it is considered that an explanation should be requested from the Steel Testing Surveyor.

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