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"EMPIRE TAPLEY"

M/M 8657

"Your extracts of reports are noted with interest and I have discussed same with the builders. On the trial trip this vessel showed no trouble with steering beyond the usual slight stiffness which one gets with a new gear. When I tell you that the Manchester Ship Canal pilot rang full ahead as soon as he took over in the Canal and kept that up till reaching Eastham docks, I feel sure you can readily appreciate that there was little to worry about as regards steering.

We are advised however that the trouble with the steering of this type of vessel is due to excess area forward of the centreline of stock and were advised that a proposal is now under consideration to reduce this area by cropping 4" of plate from the leading edge. However I will let you have full details when I am in a position to do so."

Mr H. S. Newton.

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