

M.S. "PUKEKO"

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This vessel was built in 1928, when she was fitted with steam engines. These engines have recently been removed at Auckland, N.Z., and new oil machinery installed, as a result of which the length of the machinery space has been reduced by 12'10" and a new bulkhead has been fitted immediately forward of the machinery.

An additional compartment has thus been formed, which the Owners propose to use for the carriage of cargo. No alteration has been made to the arrangement of watertight bulkheads as previously approved; the new bulkhead which has been fitted is an efficient steel division which has been made gastight, and in which the pitch of the rivets is as required for watertight work.

It is considered that with this arrangement the requirements of the Rules have been met, in so far as the provision of watertight bulkheads is concerned, and it is submitted the Surveyor be informed that the bulkhead to which he refers in his letter of the 15th April could be accepted as fitted.

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