

M.S. "PUKEKO", No.82019 in the R.B.

This vessel has recently been under survey at Auckland, N.Z. New Oil machinery has been installed, and a new transverse bulkhead fitted on frame 40 forming an additional cargo hold compartment. As this new bulkhead separates the machinery from the cargo space, it is required by the Rules to be watertight and stiffened accordingly, and the Surveyor was requested on the 29th January last to confirm that this bulkhead had been so constructed.

A letter has now been received from the Auckland Surveyor, dated 30 March, stating that as Mr. Heron, the Principal Surveyor for Australia and New Zealand, was due in Auckland in connexion with the s.s. "HAURAKI", he was taking the opportunity of placing the facts of this case before him and getting him to inspect the bulkhead on frame 40, and that a supplementary report, together with the necessary plans, would be forwarded..

A letter has also been received from Mr. Heron, dated 7th ultimo, enclosing a copy of one which he has addressed to the Auckland Surveyor, in which he recommends that complete plans with all dimensions should be sent to this Office for consideration.

It is submitted that further consideration of this case be deferred pending the receipt of the plans referred to.

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