

Messrs. Workman, Clark & Co's S.S. No. 170.

In this case the Owners propose to dispense with cement inside the double bottom, except under the boilers, and to coat the inside surfaces with cement wash or a thick coat of bitumastic varnish.

The matter received the attention of the General Committee at their meeting on the 17th. May 1900, and the Belfast Surveyors were informed (see letter to them dated 17th. May) "that provided the "bottom plates are fitted clencher fashion, to allow the water to run "freely to the middle line, the flat/keel plates be covered with "cement between the inside butt straps, and no cement be put on the "keel plates immediately under each of the centre suction, so as "to allow of the suction pipes being extended down to within 3/4" of "the plate, in order to ensure that practically all water can be "readily pumped from each of the double bottom compartments : also, "provided the surfaces of the inside double bottom be well coated, "and special care be taken to thoroughly clean the double bottom on completion, this proposal to dispense with the cement will be "approved by the Committee, subject to the receipt of a letter of "consent from the Owners of the vessel, and to inspection of the "double bottom after every voyage, with the desirability of which "the Committee feel sure the Owners will agree."

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