

S.S. "ARIOSTO"

The case of the "ARIOSTO" was carefully gone into and comparisons made between the scantlings as built and those required both by the present Rules and by the Rules in force when the vessel was built.

As compared with the present Rules the "ARIOSTO" is deficient in important particulars, but as compared with the Rules in force at the time the vessel was built she is deficient only as regards the strength of the upper works. To deal with this in the most efficient way would involve lifting the wood awning deck and plating over the awning deck beams for at least the midship half length, but this would involve destroying a saloon deck house and some houses used for Officers rooms.

In order to compensate for the deficiencies in the simplest, readiest and least costly manner it has been recommended that the strake of awning deck side plating below the awning deck sheerstrake should be doubled for half length amidships, and nothing less than this can be recommended for the Committee's approval.

Mr. Duguid, representing the Owners, called here on 8th instant and the matter was fully discussed with him and the requirements pointed out to him.

It is submitted that in order that this vessel, which is 20 years old and was never classed, may be eligible for the Society's classification she should undergo the 2nd No. 3, and the strake below awning deck sheerstrake should be doubled or equivalent strength be given to the vessel's upper works so that she may at least satisfy the Rule standard requirements in force at the time she was built.

It is further submitted that Lord Nunburnholme should be informed accordingly.

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