

Iron S. S. "Ella," 443 tons.

Upon examining the boiler of this vessel at Leith on the 9<sup>th</sup> ultimo Mr Sturrock, the Engineer Surveyor for the district, found it to be defective in some parts, and he pointed out to the owner the repairs which would be necessary to enable him to recommend the vessel to remain as classed GDA 1. These repairs the owner decided not to entertain, and the Committee, acting upon Mr Sturrock's Report, have ordered the red ring to be inserted over the figure 1 of the ship's class.

To this course the owner objects, as being opposed to the facts of the case, and he states that in the course of conversation with Mr Sturrock on this matter that gentleman stated "that the repairs then being done upon the boiler were quite sufficient at present though not all that he would ask to be done in order to obtain the figure 1." He also says that in view of the probability of a new boiler being required in two years hence Mr Sturrock "advised" him to do without the figure 1.

From the attached letter received from Mr Sturrock it will be seen that he disclaims the construction placed upon his remarks to the owner, and adds that both he and Mr Dawkins, the Society's Ship Surveyor, pointed out to the owner that it would be necessary to effect extensive repairs to the boiler before he could be justified in recommending the vessel to remain as classed.

It is respectfully submitted that there appears to be no reason for departing from the decision arrived at by the Committee to ~~expunge~~ the figure 1 of the vessel's class by a red ring until such time as the boiler has been repaired to the satisfaction of the Society's Engineer Surveyors, and that the owner should be informed accordingly.

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