

Steel S.S. "Echuca"

In reference to the further remarks requested on the case of the S.S. "Echuca" it is submitted that it was not intended to support Mr. Williams' "hypothesis" as assumed, but rather to convey that though this vessel might have encountered heavy weather, it was no palliation for allowing faulty arrangements in a vessel built under his special survey to exist.

The symptoms as before explained are purely of a local character, and there is no reason to doubt that had a proper mechanical arrangement of the materials been made the symptoms never would have occurred.

It is thought that if double butt straps, ^{be introduced} ~~be introduced~~ riveted, were fitted to the bulwark butts immediately before and ~~at~~ ^{at} the bridge house ~~for~~ and two bulwark straps on each side at the same ~~points~~ ^{be introduced}, & defective rivets be renewed further unsatisfactory symptoms would be obviated.

It is considered that Mr. Williams was much to blame to allow such faulty arrangements to pass his observation.

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