

S.S. "Echuca"

With reference to this vessel the attention of Mr Martell and Mr Cornish is again requested to the letter dated 3rd July from Mr Williams, Surveyor at Hantlepool.

It will be remembered that in consequence of the very unsatisfactory work and arrangement of butts in her upper works as explained to the Chairman by Mr Cornish after he had held a survey, Mr Williams, who surveyed her while building was ordered to London to see the points complained of, and to offer any remarks thereon for the consideration of the Committee. After visiting the vessel in company with Mr Cornish, he admitted the existence of the faulty arrangement of work.

It is, however, observed that, instead of confining himself to an explanation in regard to the points in question, Mr Williams offers an opinion on the probable cause of the local evidence of straining. In regard to the opinion he has offered, it may be remarked that it is to be expected vessels will have to encounter heavy weather occasionally and that they should be strong enough to withstand the ordeal without exhibiting symptoms of straining.

As Mr Cornish and Mr Martell in their

their remarks support the hypothesis put forward by Mr Williams, the Chairman desires further remarks from these gentlemen on the subject.

They are also desired to state what compensation they recommend to remedy the defective arrangements and symptoms observed by Mr Cornish, and as explained by him to the Chairman.

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