

Shel S.S. "Echuca"

In reference to the explanation made by Mr Williams of the unsatisfactory symptoms of straining shown on the new S.S. "Echuca" built under his survey, I am of his opinion that it does not result from a want of structural strength of the hull, and probably as stated by him the vessel might have experienced heavy weather; at the same time on examination of the parts where straining was exhibited I observed that there was a want of care in the mechanical arrangement of the butts &c. - The butt of the sheershake doubling plate being in a line with the butt of the stringer plate, and the butt of the bulwark plating, which was doubled at this part, having only a single row of rivets outside the doubling plate, and there being no transverse bulwark stay for 16 feet abaft the bridge bulkhead, and I am of opinion that if the arrangements at these parts had been properly attended to ^{the} symptoms observed would not have been developed.

J.D.K.

I beg to endorse Mr. Fox's
views on this case

J.D.K.

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