

Messrs. Harland & Wolff's Yard Nos.1016/7.

IT IS SUBMITTED the Belfast Surveyors be informed that the interview with Mr. E.A. Thompson, Senior Superintendent to the Blue Star Line Ltd., took place some years ago and referred to the size of thermometer tubes only.

It is understood, as the result of an enquiry from Mr. Thompson, that in the case of the above vessels, the ordinary thermometer tubes of 2" bore, which will be used for sounding the top of the insulation, will be straight pipes, and that in his experience, pipes insulated from the deck as proposed, do not freeze up.

In the holds in question, drainage is effected by scuppers, there being no bilge wells or bilges, so that sounding pipes to spaces below the insulation are not required.

In the circumstances, no exception will be taken to the proposal, but a plan of the deck fittings in way of the combined thermometer and sounding tubes should be submitted, together with a plan showing the number and position of the tubes.

IT IS FURTHER SUBMITTED Mr. E.A. Thompson be informed that the proposal to use 2" bore thermometer tubes as sounding pipes to the top of the insulation on the floor of Nos. 4 & 5 holds of the above vessels will be accepted provided the tubes be straight and well insulated from the decks. The Society's Surveyors at Belfast have been advised accordingly and asked to submit plans of the deck attachments to the tubes, and of the number and arrangement of the tubes in each hold.

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