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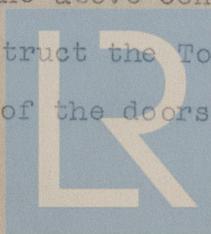
The New York Office have forwarded a freeboard report on the above Canadian vessel, which is classed for service on the Great Lakes. They state in a letter dated September 4th that the Canadian Great Lakes Load Line Regulations have not yet been published, but that it is understood that these will be very similar to the United States Regulations. They desire to learn the freeboards which can be assigned in order that a provisional Load Line Certificate may be issued.

The summer moulded draught corresponding to the geometric freeboard of the above vessel is 25.20 feet, but the scantlings would only permit, in accordance with the standard of strength of the United States Regulations, of a summer moulded draught of 20 feet. The Owners, however, desire only a minimum moulded draught of 17'6", and in view of the nature of the superstructure and of certain defects in compliance with the full conditions of assignment as laid down in the United States Regulations, it is considered that a freeboard corresponding to a winter moulded draught of 17'6" can be assigned.

IT IS THEREFORE SUBMITTED the freeboards given on the accompanying form, being those corresponding to a winter moulded draught of 17'6", merit approval, the same to be marked on the ship's sides, inserted in the Classification Certificate and recorded in the Register Book, subject to:

1. Efficient means of closing being provided for the openings of the air pipes.
2. All scuppers from the second deck (main deck) having either an automatic non-return valve with a positive means of closing it from above the freeboard deck (spar deck), or two automatic non-return valves without positive means of closing provided the upper valve is accessible at all times, or having non-detachable screw-plugs fitted at their inner ends.
3. Freeing ports having a total area of 6 sq.ft. on each side of the ship being cut in the bulwarks at the after end of the freeboard deck (spar deck).

The New York Office should be authorised to issue a provisional Load Line Certificate when the freeboards have been marked and verified and the above conditions of assignment complied with. They should instruct the Toronto Surveyor to state the height of the sills of the doors, and the nature of the



latter in the small deck house at the after end of the freeboard deck, as this contains an open stairway, and also to give particulars of the doors and windows in the deckhouse of the superstructure deck (promenade deck).

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