

Hall, Russell & Co's Yard No. 751

"Aranbee" Composition in place of pitch pine decks in this vessel

The Glasgow Office enclose a letter from the Builders requesting approval to fit "Aranbee" composition covered with "Korkoid" in the accommodation spaces of the lower bridge and upper bridge decks, and also to cover the steel plating of the upper bridge house (exposed to the weather) with "Aranbee" composition.

"Aranbee" composition has already been accepted by the Society as a substitute for wood sheathing on steel decks in passenger and crew spaces, but not for weather decks.

The Board of Trade have been communicated with and they state that this composition has not so far been approved by them for weather decks, but, in the case of the s.s. "ABOSSO", "Aranbee" composition one inch thick has been provisionally fitted on a weather deck, and approval will depend on a report being received from their Surveyors as to its suitability in twelve months' time from last February.

It is submitted the Glasgow Surveyors be informed that no objection will be taken to "Aranbee" composition being fitted in the accommodation spaces of the lower bridge and upper bridge decks, provided the Owners of the vessel express a desire that it be used. The Surveyors, however, should explain to the Builders the position taken up by the Board of Trade, as stated above, and should inform them that it will probably be in the interests of all concerned to await the results of the tests which are now being carried out in the s.s. "ABOSSO".

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