

S.S. "STANASFALT", Messrs. Palmers' S.B. & I. Co's No. 989

This vessel is fitted with a "Simplex" balanced rudder, the plan of which was approved in December last, subject to the consent of the Owners being obtained, and to a notation being made in the Register Book. The Newcastle Surveyors were informed on the 6th instant that a suitable notation would be "Rudder Electrically Welded", but, before such a record could be made in the Register Book, the Owners' consent must be obtained.

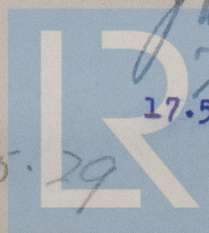
The Surveyors now forward a copy of a letter received by the Builders from the Owners, in which the Owners state they desire the notation to read "Simplex Rudder Electrically Welded".

The question of embodying the word "Simplex" in the notation describing this rudder was raised some time ago by the Patentees, Messrs. Deutsche Werft, in the case of a vessel building by them. They were informed that the record to be made in the Register Book is intended to describe the method of construction adopted, and that it is not the Committee's practice to make any record in the Register Book describing the design of a rudder (please see attached endorsement dated 8.1.29).

It is submitted the Newcastle Surveyors be informed that, as intimated to the Builders by Mr. Brown, it has never been the Society's practice to make any record in the Register Book describing a patent design for a rudder, and that the proposal to do so in this case cannot be approved. The notation should therefore be as previously stated, namely "Rudder Electrically Welded".

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