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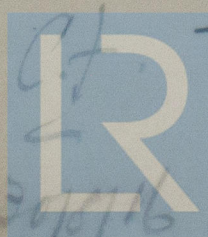
el screw steamers Nos.165 & 166, proposed to be built by Maryland Steel Co. with a view to class 100A1 in the Register Book.

Rule dimensions:- 450 x 57 x 37.

These vessels, which are proposed to be built on the longitudinal system of ship construction, are of a length to require seven watertight bulkheads to be fitted. The plans approved by the General Committee on the 9th instant, on a proposal to dispense with two intermediate bulkheads in the holds, was placed before the General Committee, who decided that the Special Survey of the vessels during construction might be proceeded with, but that before they were classed in the Register Book, it would be necessary for a letter to be received from the Owners requesting the omission of the bulkheads in question in accordance with the terms of the Committee's circular 1238. A letter has now been received from the New York Surveyors in which is forwarded one from the Owners (Messrs. Orean Ship Corporation) stating that they desire the arrangement as indicated on the approved plans. Suitable structural compensation for the omission of the bulkheads has been provided by the arrangement of side tanks embodied deep transverses/in the plans of the vessels. It is submitted the arrangements approved by the New York Surveyors are satisfactory and that, when the vessels are classed, a notation be made in the Register Book as follows:-
"2 Intermediate bulkheads dispensed with; 5 B.H. only."

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