

With reference to this case it may be observed that when the first test was carried out under working conditions on the 10th instant leakage was reported by the Surveyors into the buoyancy chambers from the well. It is very difficult to understand how it is that the leakage from the deck angles to coamings, now reported to have been found on the second test on the 12th instant, was not discovered on the occasion of the first testing.

It should be pointed out that in all cases where decks are tested by hose the gunwale angles and hatch coaming angles are passed on hose tests and close examination and testing by knife, and it is thought that the defective caulking now reported at the deck angles could have been observed before upon close examination.

It is to be regretted that a third test under working conditions is now rendered necessary.



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*See also  
what had happened before*



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