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The New York Surveyors report (No. 34430) that the deck plating on the second deck has to a large extent been cut away for convenience in handling bulk cargoes. The Surveyors forward a sketch showing this alteration.

The Rules in force at the time the vessel was built did not require a complete steel second deck, and the material retained is equivalent to the stringers and ties required by the Rules. The scantlings of the beams are also in order without the plating.

Sufficient plating is left at the sides of the hatchways to develop the efficiency of the girders.

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