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SYDNEY, N.S.W.

29th December 1942.

**This is to Certify** that

Jas. C. FRSKINE

the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did at the request of  
Messrs. Port Line Ltd., Lloyd's Agents,

and with the consent of the Owners attended on board the Steel  
Twin Screw Steamer "FORT AUCKLAND", of London, 8799 Gross Registered  
Tons, for the purpose of making an examination of Temporary Repairs  
carried out in Southampton about June 1942 in consequence of a  
collision about that time and recommending repairs to the insulation  
and brine piping stated to have been damaged as a result of the  
collision.

For further particulars see Log Books, Master's Report and  
Lloyd's Southampton Surveyor's Certificate dated 26th June 1942.

In consequence of the shortage of refrigerated cargo space  
it was desired to proceed with the repairs necessary to enable the  
vessel to carry refrigerated cargo in the forward holds. At the  
time it was convenient to commence repairs in the holds, no dry dock  
was available for the purpose of making an examination of the vessel,  
but an examination of the hull was made internally, and externally  
as far as possible, in order to determine whether further repairs  
were considered necessary to the hull. This examination was  
made while the vessel was afloat in Sydney Harbour on the 23rd  
September 1942 and subsequently, the repairs carried out at  
repairs to the shell plating, etc. may be deferred until the Owners  
convenience.

The insulation of No. 2 Hold, which is stated to have been  
partly flooded at the time of the accident, was examined.  
Portion of this insulation had been removed for access to repairs  
carried out at Southampton and the remaining insulation was tested  
and partly found saturated with water.  
The hold insulated with granulated cork.

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RECOMMENDED AND NOW DONE:- In No. 2 Lower Hold:- The tank top insulation and lining, (except the grounds) including the limbers and plug hatches, the insulation on ship's sides and bulkheads to the height of the lower stringer on all sides and ends of the hold, the insulation at after starboard end from the lower stringer to the deck for a length of about 20 feet (removed at Southampton) renewed.

At the after starboard end, cement fitted at Southampton was not removed, and the hold was insulated within the line of this cement.

The brine piping in No. 2 hold, portion of which had been removed at Southampton was tested, 22 grid sections were renewed and approximately 300 pipes rejoined.

All brine leads (16) were tested independently and alterations were necessary in consequence of the insulation on the starboard side having been fitted over cement on the ship's side.

In addition, the brine piping in Nos. 1 and 4 holds, stated to have been damaged in consequence of the collision, was tested and the following repairs were considered necessary:-

IN No. 1 HOLD:- One side grid section and six overhead grid sections renewed, and about 40 pipes rejoined.

IN No. 3 HOLD:- Six brine grid sections renewed and about 30 pipes rejoined.

IN No. 4 TWEEN DECK:- In port chamber 6 pipes rejoined and in Starboard Chamber 7 pipes rejoined.

On completion of repairs, the brine piping in the above mentioned spaces tested and found tight.

These recommendations were necessary in order to place the insulation and brine piping of the vessel in as good a condition as it was in previous to sustaining the beforesaid damage and have now been seen satisfactorily completed. Repairs to the shell plating etc. are deferred until the Owners convenience.

(Sgd.) Jas. C. ERSKINE.

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