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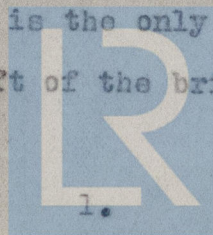
Dear Mr. Scrutton,

I am favoured with your letter of the 9th instant, which I have shown to Sir Thomas and Mr. Glover. Sir Thomas quite agrees with your draft letter to Sir Joseph Isherwood, and I am writing to him accordingly.

With regard to the case of the s.s. "GRETASTON", both Sir Thomas and Mr. Glover agree entirely with what you say as to the strength which the Society's Rules should provide.

As I am afraid that my letter of the 8th instant has not made the position quite clear to you, I have gone into the matter closely with Mr. Ives, Mr. Sneddon and Mr. Thomson, with the following result:-

The B. C. vessel (Lithgow's No. 758) is smaller than the "GRETASTON", and the two are not therefore comparable without some qualification. I think the best way to make it clear to you is to quote the actual figures which the Surveyors have got out. These figures relate to the bridge deck plating, which, I understand, is the only part which gave trouble, the decks fore and aft of the bridge being unaffected.



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The thickness of the bridge deck plating
in the "GRETASTON" as fitted was .36
(This was approved after the publication
of the revised Rules).

In accordance with the instructions contained
in the Interpretations of the Rules No.2
(dated March, 1923) this has been altered
and in the "GRETASTON" would now be required .42

The thickness of plating of this deck required
by the old unrevised Rules is .40

The thickness of plating of this deck required
by the British Corporation Rules would be .46

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The thickness of the bridge deck plating in
No.758 as approved by the B.C. is .42

The thickness as being fitted and approved in
1922 by L.R. was .36

The thickness as would now be required by L.R. is .38

The thickness as required by the L.R. old
unrevised Rules is .38

I hope this will make the matter quite clear.

I am very glad that you are being favoured with
such fine holiday weather, which I trust will continue.

Yours sincerely,

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