

Memorandum on Repairs to T.S. "TAIREA".

With reference to Report No. 5830 on survey of repairs to the above vessel I beg to state that Nos. 4, 5 and 6 double bottom tanks and oil fuel bunkers in this vessel were tested as required by the Rules. These tests were carried out jointly with the Owners' representative and the Board of Trade Surveyor. Minor defects were found and made good but otherwise the tests were satisfactory in all respects.

A { With reference to the remarks regarding the scarphing of shell plating, this scarphing was in accordance with the Builders' usual practice for many years and it has always been found satisfactory. Any unfair riveting found in the vessel during survey was rimmed out; and burr caused by punching was removed from plating as far as possible.

The framing of this vessel is of the built frame and reverse frame type and difficulty is sometimes found at the bilges in drawing the shell plating tight up to the frames. Packing slips are therefore unavoidable, but any of the thickness mentioned could <sup>have</sup> been fitted in isolated cases.

B { Regarding the remarks on the margin angle, the tanks were tested to a head of about 33 ft. above the tank top, and it is impossible that the margin angle could have remained tight under test if the heel was wide as now stated.

6 { During the whole period of construction of this vessel the Owners' representative was in constant attendance. The vessel



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*Ship*  
was also under the survey of a Board of Trade Surveyer. No  
complaint was made that the workmanship was other than satisfactory,  
and in accordance with the usual practice.

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