

CAMPBELTOWN SHIPBUILDING COMPANY.

Board of Trade Freeboard
It is submitted the Builders be informed that the Rules for shelter deck steamers having tonnage openings and scuppers through the vessel's sides, do not contemplate so small a vessel as proposed, by which the Table freeboard would be so close to the main deck stringer plate and the ^{sill of the} scuppers below the Table position of the load line disc.

Approval could not be given to such scuppers open at the sides, although fitted with plate covers at the stringer plate, unless the centre of the load line disc were placed substantially below the sill of the lowest scupper.

In the absence of any Rule at present such a case would require special consideration on receipt of information as to the designed load draft of the vessel and proposed position of scuppers.

In some small vessels of the shelter deck type with tonnage opening the scuppers are reported to have been fitted with storm valves at the ship's sides, and it is considered that in the proposed vessel the scuppers should be fitted as provided for in the Society's Rules, Sec. 40, par. 2, with non-return valves in substantial metal castings other than cast iron, also gratings at the deck, and the pipes be protected by substantial casings.

At the same time it should be pointed out that for such a small vessel as proposed in which the Table freeboard under the shelter deck Rules would be so close to the main deck, it may be necessary to increase the Table freeboard to ensure efficient action of the scuppers, and if it is decided to proceed with the design this matter will be duly considered on receipt of full information regarding the proposed arrangements.

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