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s.s. "CALANDPLEIN" ex "LESREAUXX" .

Mr. Leeuwenburg, the Society's Principal Surveyor at Rotterdam, was advised on the 11th instant that provided the tonnage opening be closed and other consequential alterations be made the freeboards could be reduced 2'-8".

At the same time he was advised for the information of the new Owners that the tonnage opening of this vessel was closed on a previous occasion, viz:- 1915, and was subsequently opened again in 1923. When the tonnage opening was closed in 1915 the Owners, after consultation with the Builders as to the stability of the vessel when loaded to a deeper draught, came to the conclusion that it would not be desirable to load the ship to the fullest draught possible, and decided to restrict their application for increase of draught to 18" instead of the 32" quoted above.

He was asked to state the Owners' decision as to the draught desired in the light of the above remarks.

An amended freeboard report has now been received from the Rotterdam Surveyors, in which it is stated that the Owners want the fullest draught possible. The vessel is intended to carry iron ore and coal.

It is therefore submitted the freeboards given on the accompanying form, corresponding to a reduction of 2'-8" in the freeboard merit approval, the same to be marked on the vessel's sides, inserted in the certificate of classification, and recorded in the Register Book, subject to intermediate stiffeners being fitted to the boiler casing, where this is not protected by a steel deck house.

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