

S. S. " H A G E N " .

It is submitted the Surveyor be informed that as in this case the means provided for closing the openings in the front of the long bridge appear to be only a portable plate held in place by hook bolts, the Board of Trade regulations Circular 1388 par. 5 state that the means for closing the openings should be regarded as non existent and this will materially affect the freeboard which can be assigned under the regulations.

In order to obtain the allowance for deck erections as recommended by him under par. 12 of the rules, the means for securing the portable plates must be permanently attached to the bulkhead, or storm boards be fitted full height of opening in channel bars riveted to the bulkhead, and if the minimum freeboard under par. 11 of the rules is desired the openings must be provided with hinged steel doors secured by hinges riveted to the bulkhead.

The Surveyor should ascertain whether it is proposed to adopt either of these arrangements in order to obtain the most favorable freeboard assignment.

If the arrangement reported is intended to be maintained the Surveyor should report whether there are any steel bulkheads between the upper and bridge decks and if so shew the position of same on a small outline plan, with particulars of their construction, and if any openings are provided, state the width of same and means of any for closing.

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