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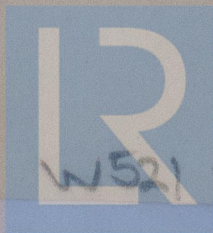
Surveyors,
Register of Shipping,
LONDON.

s.s."AGNES DUNCAN".

We are duly in receipt of the Assignment of dated 2nd. May from your London Office, together with conditions to bring this vessel up to the requirements of International Freeboard Convention.

These conditions will have attention in due course, but, we shall be glad if you will submit to the Committee, consider item 7, viz - "The door to the companion way being fitted of steel, capable of being manipulated on both sides," unnecessary, and that the present doors be accepted as complying with the Convention.

Rule 28 in the publication "Statutory Rules and Regulations, No.96" reads - Companionways in exposed positions on decks and on deck of enclosed superstructure shall



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substantial construction. The sills of the doorways shall be of the height specified for hatchway coamings in Rules 16 and 23. They shall be strongly constructed and capable of being closed from both sides.

The companionway is situated within a quarter of the ship's length from the stem it shall be of steel rivetted to the deck.

We desire to point out that this companionway is in an exposed position; it is under the forecastle head of about 4'5", and it is further protected by the bulkhead in front of it, which at this point is 3'9" high, the companionway itself is of steel, and is rivetted to the deck, the doors are of solid teak $1\frac{1}{2}$ " thick, in two parts, as shown in the sketch.

For these reasons we respectfully suggest that the Committee should reconsider this item, and agree to accept the doors, subject only to their being repaired as may be necessary, and to the lock being put in order or renewed.

Yours faithfully,

For T.A.Reed, Ltd.,

T.H.Bullen,
Director.



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