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S.S. "RUMORE".

It is submitted the Board of Trade be informed that there is no plan available in this Office shewing the details of the strengthening of the flat of the bottom forward.

For the information of the Writer, however, it may be added that the Rules in accordance with which the vessel was constructed in 1921 require that the following strengthening be fitted forward of the midship half length of the vessel.

- (1) Additional side keelsons.
- (2) The bottom frames doubled, or intermediate frames fitted.
- (3) Three strakes of bottom shell plating next the keel to have midship thickness maintained to the Rule position of the collision bulkhead.
- (4) The rivets through the bottom frames and plating to be spaced not more than $5\frac{1}{2}$ diameters apart centre to centre.

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