

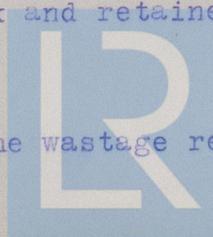
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From the report received from the Port Natal Surveyor of the survey held by him, the last date of survey being 22nd September last, it appears that he made an examination of the vessel at the request of the Port Captain with a view to ascertaining the repairs necessary to the after bulkhead of the deep tank. This bulkhead was found badly wasted and very thin. Leaks were reported from the double bottom tank in way of No.2 hold, and the Surveyor reported the tank margin plates in way of this hold badly wasted. He states that there was a heavy scale on the decks, bulkheads, tank tops, frames etc., and also that the collision bulkhead was badly wasted, the after engine room bulkhead found thin in places, the upper deck plates thin and heavily coated with scale, and one plate fractured. He mentions that the plating of the bridge house front was badly wasted and holed in several places.

It will be observed from the above that the principal defects were in the deep tank, of which the engine room bulkhead specially mentioned in his report forms the forward end, but it may be pointed out that when this vessel was under survey at Singapore from 5th April last to 18th May, the Surveyors at that port reported extensive repairs effected to this deep tank. At that time all the frames, and practically all the deck beams, in this tank were renewed, together with part of the engine room bulkhead plating, internal girders, part of the centre line bulkhead, and brackets to the stiffeners at the after bulkhead and also the centre line bulkhead.

It might be pointed out that for classification purposes this deep tank is not required, and it is a matter for consideration whether the Owners desire to have this deep tank retained as a water ballast tank and retained as such in the Register Book.

It is possible that the wastage reported in the tank



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margin plates in No.2 hold was at the top, in way of the tankside
acket lugs, at which part ^{the} plating is not infrequently found
in.

With regard to the question of the bridge house front
ing badly wasted, according to the plans this is not a bridge
t an ordinary saloon house, and the repairs to this is a
tter not really affecting classification.

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