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TWO WOOD SINGLE SCREW STEAMERS Nos. 7 & 8 proposed to be built by the NATIONAL SHIPBUILDING CO., Orange, Texas, for the CUNARD COMPANY.

Dimensions: 300 B.P. x 48 mld. x 28.5 mld
Proportions: Length = 10.5 Depths to Upper Deck
6.1 Breadths
Tonnage for Scantlings: Approx: = 2600.

Sketches of Midship Section, Profile and Decks for these vessels have been approved by the New York Surveyors for the Class for 12 years, provided the vessels be salted in accordance with Section 37 of the Rules, and subject to special periodical surveys at periods of four and eight years from the date of completion, the requirements for each of these surveys being the same as for the ordinary half-time survey.

These proposed vessels are somewhat similar in design Messrs. Supple, Ballin & Lockwood's Nos. 201-2, plans of which were approved by the General Committee on the 3rd May 1917.

The middle line keelson in this case has been reinforced with steel, but that the strengthening at the top sides in these vessels is of wood. As in the similar case referred to, it is also proposed that the planking of the vessel be reinforced, inside the fore and aft planking, by two thicknesses of diagonal strapping of a total thickness of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. It is assumed that the diagonal strapping in the case under consideration will be fitted close and at right angles to each other, in which case it will give additional strength to the structure.

Copies of the approved plans have been forwarded to this Office for reference.

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