

Steel S.S. "CARIA", ex "FULLAGAR".

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This vessel was built by Messrs. Cammell, Laird & Co. in 1920, and is the only vessel constructed under the supervision of the Society in which the seams, butts and other connections were effected entirely by electric welding, instead of by riveting in the usual manner.

In consequence the vessel was classed "A100A1" "Electrically welded", "Subject to Annual Survey", "Experimental".

The vessel sustained severe damage last year, and has just been repaired and has undergone her Special Survey No.1 at Dundee and Leith.

The Surveyors report:-

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"While the bottom plating is now fair and efficient, it is not so fair as it would have been had the ship been rivetted and the damaged plating cut off, faired and replaced in the usual manner. In our opinion the bottom is as fair as it is possible for it to be made without cutting out plates which owing to the construction of this vessel (i.e. being welded) would entail them being renewed.

"The keel strake is slightly wavy in the following places:- starboard side, abreast of the forward end of the starboard bilge keel; starboard and port sides in way of the double bottom tanks; the adjacent A strake plates in way of the above places are also slightly wavy."

Messrs. Sedgwick, Collins & Co. now state they have been requested to quote for the insurance of the vessel on behalf of the new Owners at Vancouver, and they request explanation of the class.

It is submitted they should be informed of the reason why the ship is classed "Experimental", and that with this exception the vessel is of the normal type.

Further, that ample facilities appear to exist in Vancouver for effecting repairs to a ship of this size, and it is not thought that any special difficulty would be experienced in carrying out repairs.

Also, as the vessel was engaged in a severe service for the late Owners, it is not considered that Lloyd's Register Foundation



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of the service in which it is now proposed to employ the vessel present any greater degree of severity than she has hitherto experienced.

The vessel has undergone Special Survey a few weeks ago and is ~~in good order~~ *efficient*

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