

Extract from a letter, dated 4th February, 1918, received from Mr. W. S. P. Collings, Senior Surveyor to Lloyd's Register of Shipping, Seattle.

"All soft wood vessels built and building on the Pacific Coast, classed or unclassed, are constructed with unseasoned timber, as it is impossible to get it otherwise, and as they are not built under cover, the amount of rain which falls during their construction does not give the timber any chance of drying.

These vessels are expected to be recaulked above the light water line decks and waterways, stanchions, etc., on the termination of the maiden voyage, more especially after a voyage across the Equator to such ports in Australia.

I may add that the outside planking seams above the light water line are painted three coats over the caulking instead of being pitched for that express purpose.

The vessels on completion were found in every way efficient, staunch and tight, the machinery examined under full speed trials for four hours and found satisfactory."



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