

Messrs. Goole S.B. & R. Co. Yard No. 330.

M.V. "COXWOLD".

With reference to the Surveyor's reply to the Secretary's letter of the 24th March, in connection with the Hull Report 48713, it is noted that he states the starboard bilge suction in the hold is provided with a non-return valve situated in the master valve chest.

It should, however, be pointed out that from the plan of pumping arrangement "as fitted" submitted by the Surveyors, the hold of this vessel could be placed in communication with the engine room through Pipes Nos. 6, 8 and 9, and accordingly the starboard bilge suction will require to be protected by a non-return valve in order to meet the requirements of Section 34, Clause 6(a) of the Rules.

The Surveyor's remarks regarding the fitting of straight tail pipes to the bilge suction in the machinery space are noted, and in the circumstances the proposed arrangement will be accepted, but it is considered that in all future cases the Rule requirements in this respect should be complied with wherever practicable.

It is noted that the size of Pipe No. 36 is  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " bore and not 3" as indicated in error on the plan.

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