

CANADIAN NATIONAL STEAMSHIPS

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Lloyd's Register of Shipping
231 St. James Street West
Montreal 1, Que.

Attn: Mr. N. Dobson
Principal Surveyor in Canada

Dear Sirs:

With reference to your communication of May 8th concerning inquiry for deeper load lines for the R.M.S. "LADY RODNEY", I have taken this matter up with the Office of the Chairman, Board of Steamship Inspection, Department of Transport, Ottawa, Ontario, who has written as follows:

"I have your letters of the 5th and 10th instant in which you refer to the variance in the load drafts of this ship and those of the "LADY NELSON", and ask if it would be possible to decrease the freeboard of the "LADY RODNEY".

Examination of the files in connection with these ships shows that the subdivision freeboards were set for the same drafts for which the ships were originally designed before the introduction of the subdivision regulations.

There is considerable difference in the dimensions of the ships, the "RODNEY" being 1' wider and 1'9" deeper than the "NELSON" and a rough calculation for ordinary freeboards shows that the "RODNEY" would normally require more freeboard than the "NELSON". The subdivision of the ships is also quite different.

Before any changes can be made in the present freeboards of the "RODNEY" it will be necessary for you to have complete subdivision calculations made for the proposed drafts, and also an investigation to ascertain if the scantlings of the ship would be sufficient for these drafts.

As this ship is classed in Lloyd's Register of Shipping, and the original freeboard calculated in accordance with the strength of the ship was set by that society, it would be interesting before entering into the question of subdivision freeboard to find out if Lloyd's would consider the scantlings to be sufficient for deeper loading."

I would appreciate your good offices in providing me with the information required in the last paragraph of the communication quoted above.

Yours truly

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