

"Rosario"

This vessel was built last year under the special survey of Mr. M. C. Neil, the Society's Surveyor at Hull. In January, 1884, Messrs. J. Wilson & Co., the owners, complained that, after one voyage to Riga, a quantity of defective work had exhibited itself in the vessel; but it was evident from their letter that the alleged defects were chiefly in respect to the caulking of the vessel. Mr. M. C. Neil was at once requested to furnish all the information in his power bearing on the subject. From his reports, it appeared that his attention was not requested to the vessel on her return from Riga, but that he had ascertained that the cost of making the alleged defects good to the satisfaction of the Owners' Representative amounted to no more than 27/-.

In reply to the owners' complaints, it was pointed out that the Society's Surveyors could not be expected to test every foot of the caulking of a vessel, that being a detail of the direct responsibility for which the builders could not be relieved; and it was also intimated that it had been learnt that the cost of executing the needful repairs was very inconsiderable, and that, in view of the information then to hand, it was not thought that

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that the Salvagers had neglected their duty. To this communication the owners did not reply.

On the 1st inst., however, the owner forwarded a report he had received in reference to the condition of the vessel after an Atlantic voyage. A special survey of the vessel by Mr Davidson and Mr McNeil was at once arranged, of which the Report has now been received.

A ~~preliminary~~ reply was sent to the owners on Monday last, (see Gent. dr. Book)

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