

A letter has been received from Mr. Hodgson enclosing one addressed to him by Messrs. Helsingors Jernskibs- og Maskinbyggeri, in which it is stated that the Builders are tendering for a vessel for Scandinavian Owners, which is to be a sister ship to the same Builders' No. 253 which was built to the class of the British Corporation.

Mr. Hodgson states that Lloyd's Register class is desired for the proposed steamer, and the date of delivery renders it essential for the Builders to use as far as possible the working plans and templates prepared for the previous ship, and the Builders wish due regard paid to this fact when the plans are examined. It appears, however, from the translated copy of the Builders' letter to Mr. Hodgson that it is essential that their working plans for the previous vessel be used and that "the number of rivets, rivet spacing, etc. should therefore remain unaltered having regard to the existing templates".

As this last condition seems to be the one which shall determine if the vessel is built to our class, the riveting shewn on the plans has been first examined, and it is found that it is uniformly below the printed requirements of the Society's Rules for such important parts of the vessel as the butts and seams of sheerstrake, shell, butts of centre girder, margin plate, tank top, and deck plating, and cannot be recommended for approval as equivalent thereto.

It is therefore submitted Mr. Rannie be asked to discuss this matter with the Builders, and to inform them that the particulars of riveting shewn on the plans cannot be approved unless modified to comply with the requirements of the Rules.

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