

S. S. "KENNEBEC", No. 75428 in the Register Book.

This vessel was built by Messrs. R. Duncan & Co.Ltd., of Port Glasgow, in 1919, and is classed 100A1 "Carrying Oils in Bulk, Flash Point above 150° F." with the special notation "Longitudinal Framing".

The vessel has recently undergone strengthening and repairs at Belfast, and the brackets connecting the side transverses and the web on the middle line bulkhead to the transverses on the bottom and deck have been reinforced with larger brackets, as shown on the sketch forwarded by the Belfast Surveyors.

The ship is of the standard "Z" type, several of which were built during the War, the plans being approved before the Society's Rules for Oil Tankers built on this system of construction were published.

This type is of somewhat unusual design, due to the special circumstances prevailing when the vessels were built. Struts are fitted in the oil tanks between the transverses on the ship's side and the vertical web on the middle line bulkhead. On account of the fitting of these struts the scantlings of the side transverses and of the web on the middle line bulkhead were reduced, and the sizes of the end brackets connecting them to the bottom and deck transverses are considerably below the present requirements of the Rules.

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