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S.S. "CULMORE"

A letter has been received from the Board of Trade requesting certain information regarding this vessel which was lost in the North Sea in December last.

The Special Survey No.3 was completed at Southampton between 30th October and the 30th November, 1933 with the exception of the examination in drydock and the testing of the after peak tank. The survey was completed at Hull on 2nd December, 1933.

The Annual Survey for freeboard was held at Southampton on the 30th October, 1933 when the Surveyor reported that the survey had been completed to his satisfaction and that there were "no alterations."

It is therefore submitted that a copy of the Board's letter be sent to the Southampton Surveyors and they be requested to supply answers as far as they are able to the questions asked by the Board, including the question of the wood bulkhead forward of the fore end of the well hatchway.

For the Surveyors guidance they might be informed with regard to the Board's questions as follows:-

- (1) According to the pumping plan the answer should be "yes".
- (2) Air pipes were reported to be 1' at 4" and 2 at 1 1/2", 24" high with sniffling holes in top of bend, and fitted with efficient means of closing.
- (4) Freeing ports were reported to be fitted with hinged plate shutters.
- (5) Lashings were reported to be provided in accordance with rules.

With regard to the wood transverse bulkhead forward of the hatchway in the well, it would appear that a wood longitudinal middle line bulkhead was fitted in this position when the vessel was built, but there is no indication of a transverse bulhead.

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