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Dear Mr. Tomlin,

I have to acknowledge your letter of June 11th enclosing a copy of another letter dated May 28th from the Quasi-Arc Co., of London.

The motor vessel "SHEAN" is one of the most interesting vessels that I have had to deal with and I have enjoyed considerable satisfaction in watching the results of the electric welding for ship building purposes under service conditions.

At the last special survey in 1929, I felt justified in recommending that the examinations of this vessel should be made every two years instead of every year as formerly, and in doing so I had in mind examining the vessel in 1931, and then making the special survey No.3 in 1933, at which time the use of the word "Experimental" could be again brought up for the consideration of the Committee.

While it may appear that the use of this word in the individual case of the "Shean" could be dispensed with, it has to be borne in mind that the Committee of Lloyd's Register, would be practically recognizing electric welding as a regular method of ship construction.



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The Committee could hardly be expected to act favourably in this matter until after the special survey No.3 is held. This survey could, however, be advanced and be carried out in 1931 instead of 1933, if you so desire.

Having in mind the importance of the decision, regarding the word "experimental", I am inclined to think that the Committee would desire our Principal Surveyor for Canada, or his senior ship surveyor to be associated with me at the special No.3 survey.

This would, of course, be additional expense, but would enable the Committee to arrive at their decision without delay.

I shall be very glad to forward your suggestion for the elimination of the word "experimental" to my principals, and <sup>do</sup> ~~doing~~ all that I can to assist you in any way possible.

Trusting to hear from you.

With kindest regards.

Yours very truly,

*A. Leatt*

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