

"BIRCHGROVE PARK"

It is submitted Mr. Fielden be informed that it is noted from the Technical Press that this ship sank in heavy weather off Sydney on August 2nd last, and he be requested to keep this Office advised of any action which may be taken by the Australian Authorities to investigate this casualty by the holding of an inquiry. He should inform this Office of any matters which he is able to ascertain will be likely to arise during the course of any inquiry and which will affect the Society's interests,

In this connection he should be informed that it is noted from Sydney Report 8 No. 29236 that "owing to reduced thickness of couplings it is recommended that the rudder main piece and stock be renewed by the next Special Survey.....", and he should be asked to amplify these remarks as fully as possible by quoting the actual measurements taken at the Survey and giving the Surveyor's comments as to the reason for the reduction in thickness, i.e. whether <sup>due</sup> to pitting or to general corrosion.

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21.9.56.

*Ships Reports Dept. to see.*

*J.H.H.*  
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