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Dear Sir,

There have been changes over this last year with regard to the Fleet belonging to the Mersey Docks & Harbour Board, and there are likely to be further alterations in the next few months.

The Dock Board have found that they can arrange for the routine dredging of the Mersey to be done in general more cheaply on an outside contract, and they have accordingly sold, in the last few months, three of their largest dredgers.

The change of policy will gradually involve other vessels in their dredging fleet, and in addition the larger pilot vessels are to be replaced by fast launches.

Following this decision I have been advised by the Dock Board that the following vessels are to be laid-up for an indefinite period from the 1st January:-

"MERSEY ENGINEER"

"VULCAN"

"MERSEY NOS. 1, 2, 3, 4,
10, 30, 31, 34"

and Pilot Vessel

"WILLIAM M. CLARKE."

I have informed the Liverpool Committee of the Dock Board change of policy, and have reported on the survey position of the vessels mentioned above.

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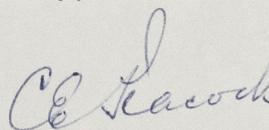
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At the Liverpool Committee Meeting this week it was decided to recommend to the General Committee that as the Special Survey is overdue on the "MERSEY ENGINEER" a notation of "laid-up surveys overdue" should be recorded in the Register Book at once. They proposed that we should mark time on the other cases, and review them at regular intervals.

The Dock Board will probably shortly advise us about which vessels they are going to sell for further service and which they propose to scrap.

In recommending the action in the case of the "MERSEY ENGINEER" the Committee had in mind that this is one of the ships which is likely to be sold in the near future.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary to the
Liverpool Committee.

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