

"MURITAI".

A considerable number of broken rivets were found in the forward boiler of this vessel and samples were sent to Mr. Ripley for investigation.

His report has now been received and he states that the cause of the defects is cracking due to chemical action, i.e. "Caustic cracking".

It is submitted the Owners and the Wellington Surveyor be informed of the result of the investigation and that the class be continued, subject to the riveting of the boilers being specially examined at the next Boiler Survey.

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