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In June last the Wellington Surveyor reported a number of defective rivet points in the forward boiler shell.

The Boiler was put out of use and the Surveyor informed that <sup>as</sup> the defects were symptomatic of intercrystalline cracking due to chemical action, further investigation of the matter should be made at an early opportunity. Mr. McCowan, the Principal Surveyor for Australia was also informed.

The Wellington Surveyor now reports that he has tested the riveting of the shell seams of the forward boiler; some further rivets were found to be defective and have been renewed.

The Surveyor states that the boiler is now in good condition, but makes no mention of the special examination of the plating in way of the rivet holes and until this has been done the investigation cannot be considered to be complete.

It is submitted action be deferred and Mr. McCowan and the Wellington Surveyor advised accordingly and requested to make arrangements for ~~a complete investigation~~

~~to be carried out.~~ *the condition of the plating in way of the rivet holes to be definitely ascertained.*