

"WILLIAM HOMAN"

Mr. Graham of Messrs. France Fenwick Co.Ltd. called this morning exhibiting the Certificate, a copy of which is attached, issued by the British Corporation Surveyor in Hamburg in March last.

The point at issue was whether all permanent repairs necessary had been carried out to the hull and that the Certificate was limited for the voyage in tow to the United Kingdom purely on account of the machinery. The reason of this request was because Mr. Macfarlane of the Ministry had been informed that there was still some hull damage which remained to be dealt with.

Mr. Graham was acquainted with the terms of the letter of the 21st ultimo addressed from Glasgow to the Hull Surveyors, from which it is evident that certain minor damages which took place before the mine explosion in February last still remain outstanding.

It may be added that the Ministry had not yet decided to continue with the proposed repair and classification of the vessel, this being dependent upon whether the tenders are regarded as being an economic proposition.

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