

5. New Iron vessel No 61 building
by Mr Laurie

It appears that in this case 108
frames have been erected. Some of
the renewed frames of which are cracked
at the ceiling holes, at the Floor ends.

The number of these cracked holes stated
by Mr Laurie are 17 on one side and
19 on the other side of the vessel. These
defects had been made good or were
being repaired by straps, which Mr
Besant and Mr Morley found on survey
to be objectionable and recommended that
the whole of the cracked renewed frames
should be renewed. Mr Besant appears
to have recommended Mr Laurie to send
his people to examine the work in the
neighbouring Yards: this however he says
could not be done without giving offence.
But he maintains that these defects can-
not be prevented if the renewed bars
are required to be pried so closely to the
frames, as the quality of iron would
not bear it and that his iron is the
same as that used in all the Yards in
the Clyde.

Mr Laurie requests that Mr Baymouth
will visit Glasgow, for the purpose of
surveying these frames

A model showing the above mode of
repairing the frames has been forwarded
to this Office, and an opinion cannot be
expressed on its merits until it is seen.

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