

Dundee Gem Line Steam Shipping Company Limited.

Telegraphic Address: "DUNCAN DUNDEE"

P. M. DUNCAN & SON.



Steam Ship Owners

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Dundee, 4th Decr 1891

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The Secretary

Lloyds Register of Shipping
London

Dear Sir,

"Jasper"

We confirm ours of 5th inst. and have today seen our Superintendent Engineer respecting the proposed butt straps.

This vessel was built at Dundee in 1883 under Special Survey to Lloyds highest Class for steel ships with reduced scantlings. - Since then she has been annually docked at London and Dundee under your Surveyors inspection. - She passed Number One Special Survey at Dundee in 1888 and her last Survey was in April this year at Dundee, under your local Surveyor's inspection. - Until

Referred to the Chief Surveyor.

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Mr Davidson is
requested to report
for the information
of the committee
W.M.

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Until the present occasion there has been no question raised as to the shell butts, and there has been no change in their condition since the vessel was built except some slight wasting due to salt water; and the butts have shown no signs of further straining since the first time steamer was docked after being built.-

The steamer has been employed continually in general trade and has never been ashore or undergone damage repairs until last week when she repaired collision damage in Poplar Dock.-

It is a most extraordinary thing that a vessel of such a character built under Special Survey is required to have a great number of butt straps fitted and there appears no explanation for this except either faulty work and inspection during construction or that the strengths allowed by your Rules for such ships were inadequate.-

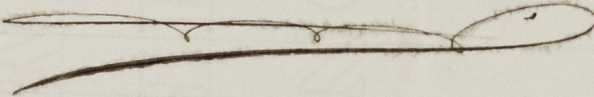
It comes to be a very hard case that after a vessel has been built and kept

kept up to your Rules for eight years that she is to be condemned because such rules are found to be wrong. What we should like to know is what recourse we have in this matter and how your Committee are to meet us.

The boat was built to your rules
and if the strengths were insufficient
it appears to us that the fault
lies with the Committee and the
Rules not with us.

Yours truly,

Dr. J. H. Purcell & Co.



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