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The Secretary,
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Dear Sir,

s.s. "MARTIN CARL"

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant and the enclosed plan of the Boiler of the above vessel.

In submitting this plan for approval, we now feel that we should have pointed out that the boiler makers, The North Eastern Marine Engineering Co. Ltd., and their Mr. Dorritt, maintain that the combustion chamber back stays must be welded in a down-hand position to ensure satisfactory results. They have followed this practice in all cases, and are reluctant to depart from it now - at least on the boiler back plates.

The method of repair is further restricted by the fact that it is not intended to remove the boiler from the vessel, for which reason the complete assembly of furnace and combustion chamber cannot be manoeuvred into the boiler.

This firm's original proposal made it necessary to weld the closing plate in the boiler back plate from the outside only.

This was not agreed to, and the scheme ^{since} submitted, seemed the best possible in all the circumstances.

It has always been necessary to weld combustion chamber repairs from the fore side only, when such repairs are carried out in the ship, and it is felt that such welds can be accepted in the present case in view of the necessity to fulfil other more important requirements.

As it is desired by the N.E.M.E. Co. to submit to the Builders a proposal which has already been considered and approved by the Society, they have not yet seen the drawing and have so far not expressed any particular wishes.

Approval has now been given to these repairs in accordance with the final paragraph of your letter to enable the N.E.M.E. Co. to submit the proposal and an estimate of the cost to the Owners, whose remarks will be awaited before proceeding.

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Referred to the Chief Engineer Surveyor

Should any departure from the approved methods be contemplated we will advise you.

Yours faithfully,
THE SURVEYORS,
per

Robert Thwell



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