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It is submitted the Union S.S. Co. of British Columbia Ltd. should be informed in reply to their letter of 27 Jan<sup>r</sup> 1906 that the Surveyors, under whose special survey the S.S. "Cannons" was built, state that the beams of that vessel in way of the masts were sufficiently pillars. The derrick on the foremast was used for putting on board heavier weights than the ship's own beam was suitable for and no signs of weakness were observed. The deck plating upon which it stepped was additionally supported by a steel bulkhead on its upper side. The mainmast is a light steel mast, the chief purpose of which was to serve as an uptake for the gallery funnel; and at the owners' request a small derrick was fitted to it for use in lifting passengers' light luggage. The electric lighting installation was carried out to the Surveyor's satisfaction. The wires were not bunched together more than is usual in ship lighting; the insulation was good and there was nothing in the installation which it was considered could have resulted in danger by fire.

The Surveyors further state, that the owners had a representative present for about a month before the completion of the vessel and he expressed himself as being quite satisfied with the vessel.

It is further submitted the Glasgow Surveyor should be informed that although the pilarring in way of the masts appears to be satisfactory, it is considered it would have been <sup>more</sup> <sup>advantageous</sup> if the plating under the heads of the masts had been supported by a fore and aft ceiling between the beams.

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