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342 Argyle Street,
Glasgow, 19th February 1906.

Sir,

With reference to the Secretary's letter dated 15th inst., respecting the steamer "Camosun" built at Paisley by Messrs Bow McLachlan & Co. and enclosing a letter received from the Owners of this vessel regarding alleged defects in the stepping of the masts, I beg to state that the vessel was built under my survey and the beams in way of the masts were efficiently pillared.

The derrick on the foremast (referred to as the mainmast) was used for putting on board heavy lifts before leaving, heavier than the ship's own gear was suitable for and no sign of weakness was observed. The main mast (referred to as the mizzen mast) was a light steel mast, the chief purpose of which was to serve as an uptake for the galley funnel. At the owners request a small derrick was fitted for lifting light passengers' luggage.

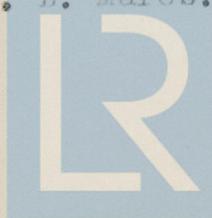
With regard to the first paragraph of the owners letter I may say that the owners representative was in this country for about a month before the completion of the vessel and he expressed himself to the builders as quite satisfied with the vessel.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

"J. D. Mares."

The Secretary,
Glasgow.



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