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It is submitted the Union S.S. Co. of British Columbia, Lim. should be informed in reply to their letter of the 27th January 1906, that the Surveyors, under whose special survey the S.S. "Camosun" was built, state that the beams of that vessel in way of the masts were efficiently pillared. The derrick on the foremast was used for putting on board heavier weights than the ship's own gear was suitable for, and no signs of weakness were observed. The deck plating upon which it was 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 galley 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, with reference to the first paragraph in the Owners' letter, 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 Surveyors should be informed that although the pillar-ing in way of the masts appears to be satisfactory, it/

it is considered it would have been advantageous
if the plating under the heels of the masts had
been supported by a fore and aft carling between
the beams.



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