

REPORT OF MR. J. A. ROXBURGH, ELECTRICAL ENGINEER,
ON STEAMER "CAMOSUN," AT SAN FRANCISCO.

July 8th, 1905.

Mr. R. H. Postlethwaite,
Supt. Riedon Iron Works,
Petrero, S. F., Calif.

Dear Sir,

In answer to yours of the 5th inst. would say that when I examined the electrical installation of the ship "Camosun," I found that all circuits feeding staterooms and passage lights were bunched together on the port and starboard sides, were run through iron beams and not protected by a proper insulator from grounds due to the salt water which was quite apt to leak through the deck, and furthermore they were installed in an inaccessible manner, being run between the deck and linerusta, pulled across and fastened with staples, but not protected from dampness.

The water leaking through the decks had corroded the wires in a great number of places; in fact; the staterooms, passageways, saloon, social hall and smoking room had to be rewired; which was done. All bell wires were re-run and connected to annunciator. The lights in engine room, boiler room and 'tween decks were in good shape, but lights in water closets, bar and adjoining rooms were all corroded off, and were rewired and new sockets installed.

In my opinion the installation in the cabins and staterooms and passageways was the poorest I have ever seen, and the same opinion was expressed by all electricians who had seen it.

Yours truly,
(Signed) J. A. ROXBURGH.
Chief Electrician to Riedon Iron Works.



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