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VICTORIA, B.C. August 6th, 1921.

Sir Joseph Lowrey,
Secretary, Salvage Association,
London, England.

Dear Sir,

"CANADIAN IMPORTER"

This steamer arrived here on the 30th ult., and
docked at Esquimalt. She has a complication of accumulated
damage, deferred repair and inferior workmanship, all of which
I am watching very closely.

She struck the wharf at Sydney, Australia, damaging
her bows. Partial repairs to this damage were made at
St. John, New Brunswick.

She was placed on the mud at the latter Port, where
she sustained slight damage to two bottom plates. It has
been suggested that she struck something, but I have pointed
out the absurdity of this idea and will not allow it for a
minute.

There is slight damage to the bunkers, due to a recent
fire.

The most serious of all is the lower scarf in the
stern frame, which is open over an eighth of an inch, has been
re-riveted at St. Johns, the rivets driven cold. The Owners
have suggested that this is a damage due to the vessel striking
something. It was easy, however, to point out to them the
impossibility of the scarf alone being started in case of a
vessel striking. There is no other sign of damage. They
have had to give up this contention. The Frame

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must be removed, the scarf faced up and properly riveted to make a proper job. This damage is most undoubtedly due to inferior workmanship, and I have intimated to the Owners that unless a thorough job is made of that frame, there will be nothing left for me but to report the matter to you, as it is altogether too long a chance for the Underwriters to take. The Inspectors have given permission for the vessel to make another voyage and the frame will be taken out and all the other repairs mentioned attended to. I will keep in touch with the job and report in due course.

Yours respectfully,

(Sgd) WILLIAM H. LOGAN.

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