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Gentlemen,

With reference to Mr. Allison B. Wilson's first entry report No. 26,743 on the Hopper Barge "B.H.C.13", in which report Mr. Wilson stated that the workmanship was good, and recommended that she should be classed ~~W~~100A- "Hopper Barge", I am directed to say that the Committee are in receipt of a report from the Society's Surveyors at Newcastle, from which it appears that while the vessel was being towed into Blyth Harbour she sustained slight damage to the port bow through striking a pier, and was found to be leaking. Upon examination on a floating dock, various matters were observed, which, although not due to damage, required rectification. A thorough inspection of the vessel was then made, and it was found that a number of rivets through frame and shell, stem and keel, boundary bars to bulkheads, corner angles of wells, beam arm bracket knees, stringer lugs, intercostal keel plates, connection angles to webs and bulkhead at ends of hopper, frames and hopper sides, were slack; a number of liners between frames and shell were short and badly fitting, the coaming plate on the starboard side of well was weakened by a

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line of badly punched holes through frame and angle connecting cover of chain lead; on the wood fender being removed a few holes in shell were found plugged with wood, and the butts of shell plating had caulking omitted; the fender angles to companion hatchway and rising plates were badly fitted; and the lower landing seam in hopper well was not properly closed.

In the circumstances I am to request that Mr. Wilson will furnish, for the Committee's consideration, any remarks which he considers it desirable to offer in regard to the case.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Assistant to the Secretary.

The Surveyors,

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