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9th January, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 15th ultimo respecting the steamer "BRETANIER", we have to inform you that Mr. Ravano, the new Owners' Representative, has been in Antwerp since the beginning of the year; we have made every effort to get in touch with him through the old Owners, his agents and at his Hotel, but have not been able to do so, and it would appear that he is purposely avoiding an interview. In the meantime we understand that he has put certain repairs in hand to both the hull and machinery of this vessel, some of this work will possibly cover up defects and make the Special Survey more difficult and expensive. When we saw Mr. Ravano before his return to Italy, we advised him of the condition under which the vessel has been allowed to retain her classification, and it was explained to him that it would be to the Owners' interest to have a survey made before any repairs ~~were~~ were commenced, so as to obviate any disturbance of completed work when the special survey was begun.

We understand that certain repairs are also being effected on the steamers "CANADIER" & "MORINIER" which have been bought in the same interest.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

THE SURVEYORS per (signed) G.O. HERBERT.

The Secretary,  
LONDON.

P.S. Since writing, a letter has been received from the Owners' Agents, Messrs. Armando Farina, respecting these vessels. The letter referred to is enclosed herewith. (Initialled) G.O.H.



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