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MARSEILLES (through LISBON)

10153, 60, As recommended,
"GROIX" 10154 As recommended.

"CHAMPENOIS" 10161 As recommended. I shall be glad to learn whether the vessel is now burning coal or oil. In the latter event I think it well to point out that the oil fuel discharge pipe to the furnaces is fitted at the ship's side and is not accessible. If the vessel is therefore burning oil, arrangements should be made for this pipe to be removed and fitted in the alleyway between the boilers where the pipe and its joints will always be accessible and visible.