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Reference

Dear Sir,

The enquiry into the loss of the "JOSEPH MEDILL" finished this afternoon, much earlier than was expected.

Mr. Akester gave evidence during the forenoon regarding welding in general and the details of the "JOSEPH MEDILL" in particular. His evidence was of considerable value to the Court as they had a very searching enquiry into the relative merits of welding versus riveting. Mr. Riddell also gave evidence regarding the machinery installation and the pumping arrangements.

No point was raised which could reflect in any way on the work of the Society, and it would appear that the only question to answer is whether the loss was caused by heavy weather or by ice. The Board of Trade Council stressed the latter as the probable cause.

After the evidence had been completed the Commissioner asked for information as to the Society's previous attitude in regard to welding and in particular to the records of "Biennial Survey" and "Experimental" in the

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case of the "CEDROS" ex "FULLAGAR". I therefore went into the box and gave evidence on these points.

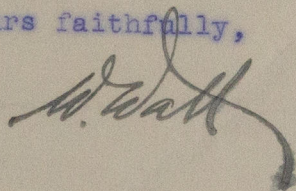
The decision of the Court will be given on Wednesday, 29th instant, at 10.30 a.m. and I have arranged with Mr. Turnbull for Mr. Akester to attend and report.

I have been asked by Mr. Hunter to visit their Yard tomorrow to see their welding plant etc. and Mr. Akester will accompany me there.

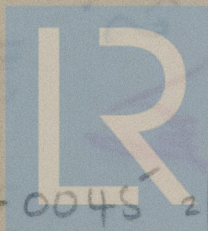
I shall be returning to London by the 10 a.m. train on Friday.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,



The Secretary,  
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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor,  
and the Chief Engineer Surveyor.

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