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19.12.35.

Sir,

"La Crescenta"

The Committee of this Society and its technical advisers have now had an opportunity of considering the Findings of the Commissioner, Lord Merrivale, as a result of the recent Inquiry in this case, and their attention has been drawn to the passage on page 32 of these Findings in the following terms:-

"The nature of the Reports of Lloyd's Surveyors which are in evidence and the conclusions at which we have arrived with regard to the condition of the auxiliary machinery and various fittings of the steamship "La Crescenta" appear to us to call for full consideration as to whether the Instructions at present given to Lloyd's Surveyors are sufficiently strict and definite to secure the best possible degree of safety."

The Committee are of course most anxious to comply with any suggestion which the Commissioner in a case of this nature may think fit to make affecting the Society's organisation or methods; but having carefully considered the whole of the Findings and the evidence given at this Inquiry, they have great difficulty in seeing what points his Lordship had in mind in making the observation above quoted [or in what respects the Instructions given to the Society's Surveyors with regard to surveys (of auxiliary machinery and fittings) are susceptible of strengthening or improvement.]

It is of course fully appreciated that this matter

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is one for the consideration of the Society rather than
of your Department; [but at the same time any suggestion
which your Department might be able to make with a view to
assisting the Society to comply to the fullest possible
extent with the Commissioner's wishes would be very much
appreciated.]

I am, Sir,

Yours etc.

The Secretary,
Mercantile Marine Dept.,
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