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CARDIFF, 28th January 1913.

The Secretary,

Lloyd's Register.

Sir,

I am informed by telephone from the Barry Surveyors, since I left their Office this afternoon, that they have received a message from the London Office requesting me to forward to-night a report upon the stern frame of the Steamer "CORNWALL", this vessel being now in the Barry Graving Dock.

At the request of the Barry Surveyors, I accompanied Mr. Common to the ship this morning, and was informed that the vessel had been sold to Italian Owners subject to examination, and repair of any defects except ordinary wear and tear. The Italian purchaser Mr. Clerici, and his agent, Mr. Henderson, were present, also Mr. Esplen, on behalf of the present Owners. The sole piece of the stern frame is eaten into on the upper part of the sole piece, this is, in my opinion, due to galvanic action, and propeller blades being of Stone's bronze. The defects are about half an inch in depth and consist of marks across the sole piece, both athwartships and fore and aft, it is also eaten



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into in the centre in a saucer shaped fashion to about the same extent as the marks, and in a reedy manner.

In my opinion the defect is not at present of a serious character such as to necessitate immediate repairs, but it should be kept under observation whenever the vessel goes into dry dock.

If the defective part is filled in by the oxy-acetylene process, as has been suggested, it will still require to be examined at each dry docking.

The sole piece of the stern frame has had a thin steel plate shoe fitted over it for some time, apparently with a view to prevent further deterioration. The tapped bolts have been removed and the shoe now taken off to admit of examination of the sole piece.

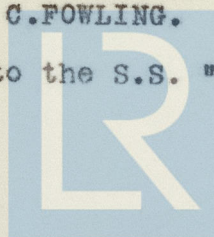
Since your message arrived I have received a request from the prospective Owners to be present at a special survey to be held on this stern frame tomorrow, and propose to remain to see what is being done. I shall not, however, express any opinion to them unless I am requested by the actual Owners.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
(Sgd)

C. FOWLING.

P.S. Mr. Hand also accompanied me to the S.S. "CORNWALL".



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