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Wreck Report No.

14341

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Ship's Name s.s. "LORADORE" of London Tons (Gross 5297 Net 3232)

Built at S. Shields When 1931 1 / Casualty notice sent to Owner 1.9.55. Owner's reply 2.9.55.

Owners Maritime Shipping & Trading Co., Ltd.

Managers Michalinos & Co., Ltd.

Address 160, Gresham House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C.2.

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Classification details

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Date of Casualty 13th August, 1955.

Details of Casualty

Became a total loss after striking a reef at Bird Rock, Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

LORADORE.—Belle Isle Radio, Aug. 13.—Following received at 11 p.m., G.M.T., from steamer Loradore (Sydney, N.S., for Montreal): Struck something off Bird Rock, require immediate assistance.

Grindstone Island Radio, Aug. 13.—Steamer Loradore ashore east end of Bird Rock, Magdalen Islands, 5 58 p.m., E.S.T., badly holed forward. Warship Sackville standing by. No injuries reported.

LORADORE.—Montreal, Aug. 14.—Steamer Loradore, bound for Montreal from Sydney, N.S., cargo coal, this morning reported aground Bird Rocks, Gulf of St. Lawrence. Tug Foundation Vera is proceeding to casualty, also tug Foundation Josephine II, after delivering another casualty to Seven Islands, P.Q. Assistance is being rendered on terms of Lloyd's Open Form. Surveyor is proceeding to casualty. (See issue of Aug. 15.)

Halifax, Aug. 15.—Heavy seas to-day pounded the steamer Loradore, grounded on a reef 15 miles off the Magdalen Islands, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, with a crew of 32 on board. Officials said that unless she is soon released she may have to be abandoned. Two tugs worked to free the damaged vessel in increasing winds. The Loradore, carrying 8500 tons of coal from Sydney, N.S., to Montreal, ran aground on Saturday (Aug. 14) in dense fog, and ripped a hole in her bow.—Reuter

LORADORE.—London, Aug. 16.—The following messages have been received from the master of steamer Loradore, dated Aug. 15:

Weather deteriorating. Vessel grinding badly, general condition now looking not too healthy. Tugs not arrived yet but due to-day.

All conditions worsening, hold bulging amidships. Still await salvage tugs. Weather bad. Entire crew cheerful.

Beginning to crack. Still awaiting tug. May have to abandon, waiting to consult salvage tugmaster. (See issue of Aug. 16.)

Halifax, Aug. 16.—Fears that the British steamer Loradore, aground on a reef at the southern end of Magdalen Islands, may be pounded to pieces, have been expressed in Halifax by Mr. A. G. Sullivan, a spokesman for the Foundation Maritime, Ltd. Two of the company's tugs, the Foundation Vera and Foundation Josephine II, are standing by the Loradore but cannot approach her because of heavy seas. The Foundation Vera has radioed that the master and the crew of the Loradore are on board and in no immediate danger. They may, however, be forced to abandon ship if the weather gets any worse.—British United Press.

LORADORE.—London, Aug. 17.—The Salvage Association have received the following radio message from their Halifax office surveyor on board tug Foundation Vera, dated Aug. 16: Steamer Loradore, Surveyors on board Foundation Vera at Grindstone, Magdalen Islands, unable to board casualty owing to rough weather. Radio-telephone contact made with master of Loradore via tug Foundation Josephine II. Master advises Nos. 1 and 2 holds badly holed and cargo disappearing through ship's bottom. No. 5 tank and aft well deck split and sagged six feet, severe buckling and evidence of fracture at No. 3 hold and thrust seating, oil issuing from vessel in quantity, machinery and steam piping fracturing generally. Heavy seas breaking over vessel with severe pounding. Master and crew abandoned vessel by ship's lifeboat at 3 p.m. to-day and now on board Foundation Josephine II, proceeding to Sydney, N.S. Foundation Maritime Ltd., salvage contractors, have abandoned. (See issue of Aug. 17.)

London, Aug. 17.—Tug Foundation Josephine II reported last night: Steamer Loradore abandoned, breaking up fast. All hands safe on tug. All ship's papers safe.

Sydney, N.S., Aug. 17.—Thirty-two men from the steamer Loradore have arrived here uninjured on board the tug Foundation Josephine II.—Reuter.

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LORADORE.—Sydney, N.S., Aug. 18.—
The 32 members of the crew of the
steamer Loradore will fly home to
Britain tomorrow. Officials said the
Loradore was a complete loss.—Reuter.
(See issue of Aug. 18.)

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LORADORE.—Halifax, Aug. 18.—
Steamer Loradore: All holds and
machinery space now flooded, double
bottoms open to sea, after deck awash,
port and starboard shell plating frac-
tured and buckled in way of cross
bunker and vessel's back broken.
Expect disintegration of vessel any time.
In our opinion vessel is a Constructive
Total Loss and recommend that no
further expense be incurred. Advised
lifeboat of Loradore, taken in tow by
salvage vessel Foundation Josephine II,
was lost during passage to Sydney
owing to tow line parting.—Salvage
Association's Surveyors. (See issue of
Aug. 19.)

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