

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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DISCLOSED
29/11/25

No. 2907 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 56/25 Date of writing this report 24th August 1925

Vessel's Name Reed S.S. Tug "Ocean King" of Quebec Tons { Net 44 Gross 198

Built at Carston When 1910 Casualty notice sent to Owner 24. 7. 25 Owner's reply 8. 8. 25

Owner's Name St. John Dry Dock & S.B. Co. Address St. John N.B.

Case previously before { Date Last Minute Particulars of Classification. 7100M for towing purposes 5/11/3. 3. 24 7/11/3. 24 8/5/24

Date of Casualty 26th June 1925

Particulars of Casualty

This tug was sunk by collision in the estuary of the St. Charles River. Her boiler exploded and she sank with all hands.

In reply to a casualty notice the Owners state in a letter dated 8th August, that salvage operations have been in progress for some time. They expect she will be dry docked for survey within the next few days, and in all probability will be again put into condition. They therefore ask the Committee to defer action until survey is complete and they know definitely what her fate will be.

In Lloyd's list of 26th August, a report from Quebec dated 5th August states that the vessel has been raised and removed from the estuary of the river.

18th Sept. 1925

The Montreal Surveyor has now forwarded to this Office a Damage Survey Report, dated Aug. 20th, which is attached hereto. The Surveyor further states:-

"The vessel was placed in dock for examination. She had been sunk in collision & had been raised. The owners abandoned the vessel to the Underwriters who patched the hole in the side of the vessel & took her out of dock & offered her for sale as she lay. The wreck has been purchased by the Davie Shipbuilding & Repairing Co. who state that they intend to repair the vessel but do not wish to restore her to class. They have promised to send the name of the new owners when the vessel is re-registered."

Record TUES. 25 AUG 1925

Deferred for a month

Sunk by collision 6.25 - Refloated

FRI. 18 SEP 1925 Sunk by Collision 6.25 Refloated Register Foundation

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

OCEAN KING.—Quebec, June 26.—Nine men were drowned this evening when the tug Ocean King, which was going out to assist the Canadian Pacific steamer MARLOCH to the pier, was rammed amidships by the latter vessel. The tug's boilers exploded and she sank with all hands.—Reuter. 11/29/6

Quebec, June 27.—Steamer MARLOCH collided with tug Ocean King in this harbour. Latter sank, boiler exploded. All crew drowned.

OCEAN KING.—Quebec, July 8.—Salvage operations to raise the tug Ocean King have been commenced. 28/7

OCEAN KING.—Quebec, July 22.—Attempts are now being made to raise the tug Ocean King, which sank after collision last month. 8/8

OCEAN KING.—Quebec, Aug. 5.—The hull of the tug Ocean King has been raised and removed from the estuary of the St. Charles River channel, which is now entirely free from obstruction. 24/8

Committee's Minute

18th Sept 1925

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