

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, BREAKING UP, ETC.WRECK
SECTION

No. 787

Ship's Name SS/MS "CATO" Gross tons 939 Date of Build 6-1946
 Casualty notice sent to Owners 15.5.63. Owners' Reply 17.5.63. Owners Bristol Steam Nav. Co., Ltd.

Details of classification

+ 100A1	+ LMC CS4,61
3,62	
ss 4,61	ts 7,60 OG

Details of casualty

This ship ~~SECTION~~ by collision

in Avonmouth Docks and has been

declared a total loss.

The owners concur.

Date of casualty 24th April, 1963.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

RETAIN

CATO. — London, Apr. 24. — British motor vessel Cato sank at the quayside at Avonmouth Docks to-day after being in collision with steamer CITY OF BROOKLYN, which had arrived from (Basrah and) Bombay with animal feeding stuffs and general cargo.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Bristol, Apr. 24.— At 8 15 a.m. to-day, steamer CITY OF BROOKLYN, while berthing at Avonmouth, collided with and sank motor vessel Cato, lying at adjacent berth. Reports indicate that line to stern tug parted and the CITY OF BROOKLYN was unable to stop. Cato now under water at berth. No known casualties.

London, Apr. 24.— The crew of 12 of motor vessel Cato scrambled ashore as she sank. She went down within 15 minutes. Steamer CITY OF BROOKLYN was being taken into harbour by two tugs. Eyewitnesses said the CITY OF BROOKLYN broke loose and collided with Cato. The master of the Cato, Captain John Tremlett, was not on board, and on arrival at the docks saw only the masts of the Cato showing.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

London, Apr. 24. — Motor vessel Cato sank in 36 ft. of water in less than 10 minutes and only the tops of her masts are showing above the surface. A Port of Bristol official said later that although it was at first thought that a towrope had parted, there is now some doubt about this.

Cardiff, Apr. 24. — Motor vessel Cato reported struck by steamer CITY OF BROOKLYN and sunk in Avonmouth Docks in the vicinity of P Shed this morning. Surveyor proceeding.—Salvage Association's Surveyor.

Bristol, Apr. 24.—Motor vessel Cato sank within fifteen minutes of being in collision with steamer CITY OF BROOKLYN, berthing in Royal Edward Dock, Avonmouth, to-day. The CITY OF BROOKLYN berthed in a different part of the dock with only superficial damage a few feet above the waterline. The Cato was from Antwerp and dockers were just about to start unloading steel, phosphates and tea. The dock superintendent said the CITY OF BROOKLYN was swinging towards her berth when her bows collided with the starboard side of the Cato just forward of the aft mast. The chief officer of the Cato said the bows of the CITY OF BROOKLYN sliced through No. 2 hold, "almost cutting her in two." The Cato sank in about 36 ft. of water, with only her two masts, parts of her superstructure and radar equipment and the galley chimney showing above the water.—LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent.

Suggested record

"SUNK BY COLLISION 4.63"

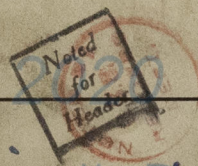
Date of Committee

Minute

FRIDAY 24 MAY 1963

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