

S. S. "Bonaccord"

There is nothing to be derived from the statement of the Chief Engineer, to find out how water got into the vessel, and his remarks re- to the Centrifugal pumps not working satisfactorily on account of its not being fitted with a foot valve, or the suction rose not being at all times covered with water, shows that the double bottom in the engine room was only partially filled with water; and judging from the fact that the vessel remained afloat twelve hours after the pumps had ceased working, proves that they had been pumping little or no water out of the vessel, for if they had been working well and the bilge injection also in operation, the quantity of water thrown out per hour would have been about 250 tons.

It is therefore submitted that no other reply can be made to the Owners, than what has already been given. (viz.) That there was no evidence given to show that the vessel foundered through any weakness or leakage in the hull, but apparently ^{the loss occurred} by allowing the bilge suction roses to become choked, and water getting into the vessel by the stokehold gratings or other openings, when the vessel was laden and experienced the rough weather as reported.

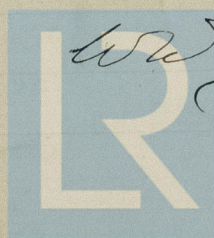
The several documents belonging to the Owners, should be returned.

A copy of the reply to the Owners, should be forwarded to Mr Hindmarsh.

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Surveyor } 11.8.90.



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