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# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 150 in R. B. Wreck Book. p. 218 Date of writing this report 30<sup>th</sup> December 1897  
 Vessel's Name Iron Ship Westgate of Liverpool 1814 Tons.  
 Built at Liverpool When 1883 / 1 Casualty notice sent to Owner  Owner's reply

Case previously before Classing Committee. { Date  Last Minute

Date of Casualty 25<sup>th</sup> December 1897

Précis of particulars of Casualty  
*Vessel took fire whilst lying in the South West India Dock on 25<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>. She was sunk to extinguish the fire. She was refloated on the 28<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>.*

*The reports state :- "Deck burned from main hatch forward; beams and plates buckled; masts and yards all right. Foremast may be damaged in 'tween deck; cannot see yet."*

*The usual casualty notice has not been sent to the Owners in this case but as the vessel has been submerged the circumstances are submitted for the Committee's consideration.*

*Mr. Cooper state today that cargo is being discharged with a view to the vessel being placed in dry dock for survey.*

Particulars of Classification.  
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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

**WESTGATE.**—London, Dec. 27.—On the morning of the 25th, from a cause which is at present unascertained, the ship Westgate, belonging to Messrs. Gracie Beazley and Co., of Liverpool, lying in the South West India Dock, became ignited. The fire was a most difficult one to deal with, and in the end it was found that it was necessary to swamp and sink her, and this was done. The vessel is greatly damaged by the flames, but will be raised.

**WESTGATE.**—Liverpool, Dec. 28, 11 38 a.m.—Telegram received by owners of Westgate states:—Westgate afloat. Deck burned from main hatch forward; beams and plates buckled; masts and yards all right. Foremast may be damaged in 'tween deck; cannot see yet.

**WESTGATE.**—London, Dec. 29.—Westgate, London to Melbourne, on fire in West India Dock. The Salvage Association report having been instructed by the ship-owners to act for all concerned in this case. Parties interested in the cargo are requested to communicate particulars of their interests to the association as promptly as possible.

OWNER'S NAME Gracie, Beazley & Co.  
 Address 14 Water Street, Liverpool

Suggested Record   
 Date of Committee FRI. 31 DEC 1897

Committee's Minute Deferred for a week

