

WRECK SECTION
REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 26th August, 1949

Vessel's Name *P. Tanker "Elkhound"* of *St. John, N.B.*

Tons Gross 729
Net 301

Built at *Bristol* When *1929* 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner *7.7.49* Owner's reply *13.8.49*

Owner's Name *Irving Steamships, Ltd.*

Address *P.O. Box 1421, St. John, N.B., Canada*

Case previously before

Date

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.
+100 A1 +LMC 347
448 +NEB 9.34
SS. Hpx-347 BS 4.49
Carrying Petroleum in bulk
Fitted for oil fuel 9.34 F.P.
above 150° F.
TSN 347 CL

Date of Casualty

3rd May, 1949

Précis of particulars of Casualty

After completion of discharge at
Newcastle, N.B., this tanker caught fire in No. 2
starboard cargo tank on the 3rd May, 1949. An
explosion followed, hurling a large portion of the
upper deck ashore.

She was towed away and sank in the river.
Diver's examination revealed that she was broken
amidships, also that 60 feet of trunk deck was
missing.

In early July she was refloated in one
piece and beached out of the channel.

In reply to the casualty notice, the
Owners state that this tanker has been declared a
total loss.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ELKHOUND.—Newcastle, N.B., May 3.—
Three men were injured when the tank
steamer Elkhound caught fire to-day fol-
lowing an explosion which rocked the
town. Danger to huge storage tanks
nearby was averted when the listing
vessel was towed to midstream and per-
mitted to drift seawards down the
Miramichi River. The cause of the
explosion, which occurred when the
tanker was discharging her cargo, is not
known.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

ELKHOUND.—Montreal, May 4.—Tank
steamer Elkhound reported damaged by
fire and explosion when alongside wharf
at Newcastle, N.B. Vessel has now sunk
in Miramichi River, after being towed to
anchorage.—Salvage Association's Sur-
veyor. (See issue of May 5.)

Montreal, May 4.—
On May 3, after tank steamer Elkhound
had completed discharging her cargo of
gasoline and fuel oil and when discon-
necting shore hose, a fire occurred in
No. 2 starboard cargo tank, then an ex-
plosion occurred, blowing a large por-
tion of her upper deck ashore. Vessel
burnt for one and a half hours, when
the ropes were cut and she was towed
1000 ft. away from the wharf, where she
grounded in a sinking condition. Vessel
is broken amidships, after portion up-
right on even keel, only funnel showing,
forward portion turned over and back-
wards with forecastle deck and stem to
5 ft. watermark visible. She is not a
menace to navigation, but anticipate
removal required. Wharf and adjoining
property damaged by fire and explosion
to value of about \$3000. Arranging
diver's examination.—Salvage Associa-
tion's Surveyor.

ELKHOUND.—Montreal, May 9.—Tank
steamer Elkhound: Diver reports vessel
broken in way of No. 3, the after cargo
tank, from bilge to bilge over decks with
60 ft. of trunk deck missing, after por-
tion of vessel resting in 28 ft. of water,
forward portion afloat forward and
hinging on bottom plating in way of
break, both anchors out; estimated cost
of permanent repairs \$125,000. Founda-
tion Company offers to refloat and
deliver at Newcastle, N.B., on "no cure
no pay" basis for \$70,000 with an
additional \$4000 for towage to Pictou,
which appears reasonable. Ottawa
claims wreck a menace to navigation
and demanding owners remove.—Sal-
vage Association's Surveyor. (See issue
of May 6.)

ELKHOUND.—Montreal, July 9.—
MacDonald, removal contractor, reports
steamer Elkhound refloated in one piece
on even keel and beached near shore in
shallow water on east side of river on
July 9; channel clear.—Salvage Associa-
tion's Surveyor. (See issue of May 11.)

Suggested Record

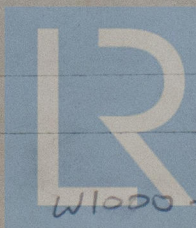
Date of Committee FRI. 26 AUG 1949

Committee's Minute

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