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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

WRECK SECTION

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Vessel's Name M.S. Tapti of London Tons Gross 6609 Net 4411

Built at Glasgow When 1945 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner 5.2.51 Owner's reply Six received

Owner's Name James Nourse, Ltd.

Address 122, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.3.

Case previously before - Classing Committee.	Date	Particulars of Classification.
	Last Minute	<u>F100A1</u> <u>FLMC CS.1249</u> <u>with fbd</u> <u>12.49</u> <u>8.50</u> <u>DBS 10.49</u> <u>TS 349CL</u> <u>ss. bal-1249 OIL ENGINES</u>

Date of Casualty 17th January, 1951

Particulars of Casualty

This ship stranded on rocks in the Passage of Tiree, Hebrides, during the late evening of the 17th January, 1951.

She pounded badly, had a list of 36° and the engine room and three holds were flooded.

During a gale on the evening of the 21st January she heeled over and disappeared into deep water.

No reply has been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Owners on the 5th February.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

British Motorship Wrecked in Hebrides

The British motorship *Tapti* (6609 tons gross), Irwell for Tyne, has been wrecked off the island of Coll, in the Hebrides. She grounded on Wednesday evening and sent several messages reporting that she was pounding badly and in need of immediate assistance. A number of vessels proceeded to her aid but yesterday morning the Mallaig lifeboat took off the entire crew of 62 and landed them at Tobermory, whence they proceeded to the mainland. The *Tapti*, owned by James Nourse, Ltd., London, was built at Glasgow in 1945.

TAPTI.—Portpatrick Radio, Jan. 17.—Following received from Mallaig Head Radio:

At 9 50 p.m., G.M.T.: SOS, following received from British motor vessel *Tapti* (Irwell for Tyne) at 9 46 p.m., G.M.T.: Struck island, believed to be Bank, Passage of Tiree, require assistance immediately.

At 10 21 p.m., G.M.T.: Following received from motor vessel *Tapti* at 10 15 p.m., G.M.T.: Position in Passage of Tiree, pounding badly, immediate assistance required.

At 10 30 p.m., G.M.T.: Position Bac Beg Bank, Passage of Tiree, between Tiree and Mull.

At 11 22 p.m., G.M.T.: Following from master of motor vessel *Tapti*: Please send immediate assistance Passage of Tiree, Treshnish Island, vessel pounding heavily.

Garelochhead, Jan. 18.—Salvage vessel *Salveda* is proceeding to assistance of motor vessel *Tapti*.—Metal Industries (Salvage), Ltd.

Duntulm, Jan. 18.—Mallaig and Castlebay lifeboats have proceeded to assistance of motor vessel *Tapti*, aground Bac Beg off Tiree.

Oban Radio, Jan. 18.—Following received from British tug *Warrior*, GYMY, at 2 36 a.m., G.M.T.: Just coming down to Corran Light and proceeding to motor vessel *Tapti*.

London, Jan. 18.—Two destroyers, a Fleetwood fishing trawler, and the Barra and Mallaig lifeboats are this morning proceeding through heavy seas in a strong north easterly wind to help the motor vessel *Tapti*, aground near the group of rocks known as the Dutchman's Cap, between the islands of Mull and Coll in the Scottish Hebrides. It is a dangerous part of the coast with innumerable rocks and fast tides. One of the vessels which has answered the SOS is the Royal Navy frigate *Wilton*. The Fleetwood trawler *Osta* is now standing by the *Tapti*. The tug *Warrior* has also left her base and is proceeding to the scene.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Oban Radio, Jan. 18.—Following received from British trawler *Osta* at 8 36 a.m., G.M.T.: Mallaig lifeboat has entire crew of 62 survivors (of *Tapti*) on board and is proceeding to Tobermory.

London, Jan. 18.—British tug *Warrior* reports: Trawler *Osta* reports motor vessel *Tapti* listed heavily to starboard, surrounded by rocks and impossible to get close enough. Mallaig lifeboat has full crew on board and proceeding to Tobermory. *Warrior* is returning to Corpach.

London, Jan. 18.—The Mallaig lifeboat at 8 30 a.m. today took off the whole of the crew of 62 of the motor vessel *Tapti*, aground off the island of Coll. The crew was taken to Tobermory, on the island of Mull. The vessel is in a dangerous position and it is feared she may be a total loss.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Oban, Jan. 18.—Entire crew of 62 from motor vessel *Tapti*, wrecked on Eilean Soa, off south coast of Island of Coll last night, arrived at Oban this afternoon en route to Glasgow by train. Master reports: Ship pounding badly. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 holds flooded, also engine-room, list of 50 deg. to starboard when abandoned. Position exposed from SW to E.; present weather conditions NW, strong to gale force wind.

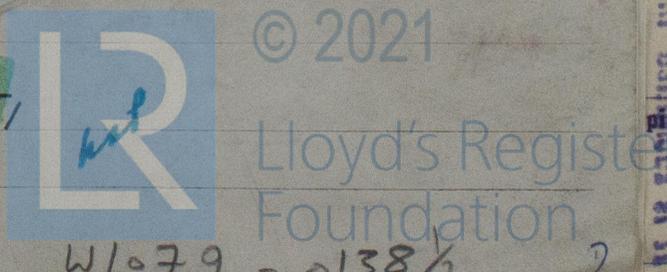
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TAPTI.—Coll, Jan. 19.—Meta. Industries' salvage vessel Salveda is now lying off motor vessel Tapti. Endeavouring to arrange board Tapti and Salveda.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Jan. 19.)

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TAPTI.—Coll, Jan. 19.—Unable to board motor vessel Tapti owing to adverse sea conditions. Arranging to board at low water to-morrow.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Jan. 20.)

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Gareloch, Jan. 19.—Motor vessel Tapti: Our salvage officer from salvage vessel Salveda has made preliminary survey and reports: Ship heading south with 36 deg. starboard list, port bilge dry at low water. No. 1 hold flooded 6 ft., not tidal. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 holds and engine-room are tidal. No. 5 hold practically dry. Port bilge badly damaged in way of engine-room and No. 4 hold. Vessel apparently pinnacled on rocks at various points between after end and bridge. Soundings adjoining ship range from 17 fathoms forward to 5 fathoms aft. Position very exposed. Unfavourable weather prevents a more detailed survey at present. Salveda still standing by. Diver's survey considered necessary before prospects of salvage can be determined.—Metal Industries (Salvage), Ltd., per Salvage Association.

TAPTI.—Coll, Jan. 20.—Boarded motor vessel Tapti at low water to-day. Position Soy Rocks, south-east Coll Island, on rocks, exposed to weather from south-west through south to north-east, listed 35 degrees to starboard. Weather deck, starboard side, two feet above water level, port side bilge keel awash. Port bilge plating badly buckled and fractured in way of No. 3 hold and engine-room to No. 4 hold. Nos. 1, 2 and 5 holds partly flooded, but estimated leakage small. Nos. 3 and 4 holds and engine-room tidal. Vessel resting on rocks from No. 3 hold aft. No sign of hogging or sagging, no sign of deck or side plating buckling. No damage to deck erection or fittings. Estimated draught 18 ft. forward, 19 ft. aft. Consider there is a reasonable chance of refloating with favourable weather conditions. Salvage vessel Salveda is lying off vessel. Chief officer employing local labour to recover crew's personal effects and equipment. Chief officer only member of crew standing by.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Jan. 22.)

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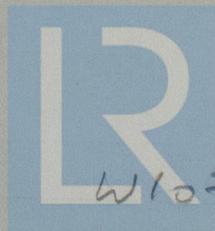
London, Jan. 22.—The Salvage Association have received the following radio message from their special officer on board salvage vessel Salveda, dated Jan. 21: Boarded motor vessel Tapti to-day. List now 39 degrees and vessel showing buoyancy. Unable to make diver's survey owing to increasing southerly winds. Now on board Salveda.

Oban, Jan. 22.—Motor vessel Tapti slipped off rocks and disappeared into deep water during gale last night.

TAPTI.—London, Jan. 22.—The Salvage Association have received the following radio message, dated Jan. 22, from their special officer on board salvage vessel Salveda: Motor vessel Tapti: Proceeded on salvage vessel Salveda to within one cable of stranding position but unable to sight any part of casualty. Vessel apparently fell into deep water during SW. gale last night. (See issue of Jan. 23.)

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Duntulm, Jan. 22.—Motor vessel Tapti, aground on Eilean Soa, heeled over and sank in lat. 56 34 N., long. 6 37 W.



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