

"Evening Standard" - 1st September, 1921.

LONG SEA SEARCH.

FEARED LOSS OF BRITISH VESSEL WITH ALL HANDS.

Search is being made off the Californian coast for the British steamer Canadian Importer, according to a Lloyd's telegram from Eureka, California, to-day.

The steamers Snohomish, Canadian Winner, Canadian Observer, and Algerine are searching, and have covered a large area.

A deck load was sighted adrift, but no wreckage from the ship. The steamers will continue searching three days more.

It is feared that the vessel has foundered with all hands in a gale. The weather is now fine. The United States coast stations are requesting all vessels to look out.

The Canadian Importer is a vessel of 5465 tons, built last year and belonging to the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Ltd.

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CANADIAN IMPORTER.—London, Sept.

1.—Following cable has been received from New York: Steamer Canadian Importer: Latest reports Canadian Observer, Canadian Winner, Snohomish, Algerine vicinity vessel last reported fail locate disabled vessel. Considerable lumber noticed floating, general belief vessel foundered with entire crew. Search being continued, heavy weather prevailing that vicinity last four days.

Eureka (Cal.),
Aug. 31. — Steamer Canadian Importer: Four vessels searching have covered large area, sighted deckload adrift but no wreckage from ship; will continue searching three days more. Fear vessel has foundered with all hands. Gale blowing during first search, weather now fine. Searching vessels are Snohomish, Canadian Winner, Canadian Observer, and Algerine. Will endeavour report promptly anything found. United States Coast Stations requesting all vessels look out. — Salvage Association.

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MISSING STEAMER FOUND.

TWELVE DAYS ADRIFT. VANCOUVER, SEPT. 1.

After drifting helpless and water-logged off the Pacific Coast for 12 days, with her wireless out of order, the Canadian Government steamer Canadian Importer was found last night 60 miles from the spot where she was last reported to be in a damaged condition, owing to a leak. Her crew are safe, with the exception of a few who manned a lifeboat and left to seek assistance 10 days ago.

The seas had been scoured by a fleet of vessels in search of the ship, which was bound from Vancouver for Australia with a cargo of lumber, and hope of her safety had been abandoned.

**A week ago it was presumed that the Canadian Importer had sunk, but a careful search was continued for lifeboats. She is a ship of 5,465 tons, built for the Canadian Government at Vancouver. She was completed last year. Four vessels of the Canadian Government fleet have been either sunk or damaged in the last few months.

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CANADIAN IMPORTER. — Victoria (B.C.), Sept. 10.—Steamer Canadian Importer: Now three hundred miles S.W. of Flattery. Expect her arrival Victoria Sept. 13.—Salvage Association's Surveyor.

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