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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,

Vancouver, B.C. - December 20th, 1921.

The Secretary,

New York.

Dear Sir:-

Herewith I enclose copy of night letter forwarded to you on the 14th inst. concerning copy of the proceedings of enquiry on casualty to steamer "CANADIAN IMPORTER", also I acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 15th inst. as follows:-

"CANADIAN IMPORTER ENDEAVOR CANCEL LIABILITY COPY PUBLICATION EXPENSE CONSIDERED UNJUSTIFIABLE".

Concerning the above I may state that in order to obtain information as to the form in which it was possible to obtain some particulars of this enquiry, I telephoned the Court Stenographer, who informed me that copies were being made, and the cost of this would be over \$200.00. I then informed this gentleman that I had been told that copies of the Folio were being issued at 10¢ a copy, which the stenographer stated was the case. I then remarked that I wanted three copies of these.

The above are the main parts of the conversation, and a day or two later on when visiting the Court Office in order to ascertain what the Folio consisted of, I was informed that it was understood that I had ordered three copies of the entire evidence. I pointed out that this was not the case, and that when I made the statement that I wanted three copies, we were speaking of the Folio at 10¢ a copy.

The Court Stenographer informed me that he had gone to considerable expense, and trouble in order to produce more copies than he originally intended, and as a result of my conversation I forwarded you my Night Letter of the 14th inst., which I think is self explanatory. I may further state that in order to satisfy myself as to whether I was liable for one or more copies I explained the situation to a lawyer. However, I received no definite satisfaction, also I realized that the lawyer was acquainted with the Court Stenographer.

In view of the above I yesterday informed the Court Stenographer that an unfortunate misunderstanding had taken place and that I desired to settle same to the satisfaction of everyone so far as possible, and I informed him that I had taken the matter up with my head office, and received a reply to the effect that in the Secretary's opinion the cost of publication expense, namely \$265.70, was unjustifiable, but for one copy I would forward him the Society's check for \$150., this arrangement was eventually satisfactory. I may say that when speaking on the telephone I gave my own name, but during the conversation the Stenographer asked for whom I worked, - this I informed him, and on talking the matter over, I find that having mentioned the name of "Lloyd's", the Court Stenographer concluded (as I find often done on the West Coast in error) that I was in connection with the Underwriters interested in the case.

I may say that I much regret having taken part in this misunderstanding. I may state that the Society's check for \$150. has been forwarded to the Court Stenographer, and the copy of the "Proceedings of the enquiry" is being forwarded to you under separate cover, and I hope this arrangement may be found in order.

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The survey on the above vessel is expected to be completed in about one week, when my report will be completed, and forwarded to Mr. Blackett, for his approval and signature on transit to New York.

With further reference to the above enquiry I may state that the case has not yet been summed up; I will advise you later concerning same.

Yours very truly,

(sgd) Evan Edwards.



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