

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report

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Vessel's Name *S. S. Don Ricardo* * of *Valparaiso* Tons Gross *2629* Net *1653*

Built at *16411* When *1906 12* Casualty notice sent to Owner Owner's reply

Owner's Name *Compañia Carbonifera e Industrial de Lota*

Address *Casilla 145 V, Valparaiso, Chile.*

Case previous before
Classing Committee.

Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+100A1 +2MC 7.38
3.42
SSDAD No 3- 06.7.43
11.34
SS No 1-38 TS 3.42CA

Date of Casualty *9th May, 1944.*

Precis of particulars of Casualty While the Chilean steamer

"DON THOMPSON" was towing the Chilean steamer

"DON RICARDO" out of Caleta Charbique, slightly north of Lota, the "DON THOMPSON" was unable to control her tow owing to the strong current. To avoid the current taking the "DON THOMPSON" on to the rocky reef that runs out from Pique Alberto Point the "DON THOMPSON" threw off the tow rope and the "DON RICARDO" drifted on to the reef on the 9th May, 1944.

Subsequently a storm broke the hull and carried the forward half seawards, completely submerging it.

Stated no hope whatever of refloating the vessel.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

MARINE CASUALTIES

Don Ricardo. — Concepcion, May 9. — Chilean steamer Don Ricardo is ashore on reef of Lota Bay, settled on rocky bottom in exposed position, hundred feet from shore. Nos. 2 and 5 holds making water, bulkheads amidship buckling gradually as tide varies.

Concepcion, May 10. — Chilean steamer Don Ricardo now firmly embedded amidships on reef of rocks and main deck starting to crack.

DON RICARDO. — Concepcion, May 12. — Chilean steamer Don Ricardo is resting on firm rock. About 40 ft. amidships bottom and double bottom buckled as also transversal braker bulkheads. No chance of refloating owing to want of suitable salvage gear. Recommend endeavour arrange salvage winches, anchors and chains and other removable gear, &c., with owners, who are in position to start work immediately, otherwise ask for tenders, but this would mean delay, and meanwhile ship might break in two if weather stormy. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

RICARDO. — Concepcion, May 16. — Chilean steamer Don Ricardo, Lloyd's Register number 2629, has been inspected. Possibility of refloating with suitable tenders and machinery, wires which are obtainable. Present position impedes diver's examination of bulkheads and other parts where greater damage. Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Don Ricardo. — Concepcion, Chile, May 16. — Chilean steamer Don Ricardo has broken and is lying on sandy bottom. No hope of refloating. Owners already agreed to scrap. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Don Ricardo. — Concepcion, Chile, May 16. — Chilean steamer Don Ricardo, after being carried forward half seawards, is now completely submerged. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

19 JUN 1944

Committee's Minute

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