

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 16th January, 1939

Vessel's Name *Steel & S. "Briarthorn"* of *Liverpool*

WRECK BOOK
No. 149.

Tons {Gross 459
Net 183

Built at *Aberdeen* Year *1910* Month *1*

Casualty notice sent to Owner 9/1/39 Owner's reply *X*

Owner's Name *Thorn Line Ltd (W. J. Ireland, Mgr.)*

Address *709, Tower Building Liverpool, 3.*

Case previously before
Classing Committee. { Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

100A1 *L.M.C. MS 4/37*
4.38 *BS 12.38*
SS and No 3-5, 37 TS 4.38 CL

Date of Casualty *31st December, 1938*

Précis of particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have stranded at the entrance to the River Bann, near Coleraine, on the 31st December, 1938. Her decks were awash at high water with a heavy swell breaking over the fore-castle.

Salvage was considered impracticable owing to the exposed position and continuous swell, and on the 9th instant the steamer was reported to be breaking up.

No reply has been received to the casualty notice addressed to the Owners on the 9th instant.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

BRIARTHORN.—Londonderry, Dec. 31.—Steamer Briarthorn reported ashore on bar at mouth of River Bann at noon to-day. Portrush lifeboat proceeding to stand by.

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—Londonderry, Dec. 31.—Steamer Briarthorn now reported on West Pier, lifeboat unable to get alongside. Life-saving apparatus being arranged to take off crew. Briarthorn was on voyage from Ayr for Coleraine, with a cargo of coal.

—Belfast, Jan. 1.—The steamer Briarthorn, owners Messrs. Cox & Co., Liverpool, cargo coal, ran aground at the entrance to the River Bann, Coleraine, yesterday. The crew of five were taken off by breeches buoy. A strong tide was running and Portrush lifeboat approached as near as possible to the rocks at the pier, near where a dredger went aground a few weeks ago. Castlerock coastguard brought the men to shore across the dredger. It is feared the Briarthorn will become a total wreck as she lies in a dangerous position at the point of the pier.—LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent

BRIARTHORN.—Liverpool, Jan. 2.—Steamer Briarthorn wrecked at Coleraine: Our officer dispatched Saturday night (Dec. 31) reports lying clear of channel alongside portion of dredger HARBOUR WORKS 10, decks awash at high water, heavy swell breaking over fore-castle, unable to board yesterday.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

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—Liverpool, Jan. 2.—Steamer Briarthorn: Our officer reports still unable to board, satisfied salvage impracticable owing to exposed position and continuous swell.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

BRIARTHORN.—Londonderry, Jan. 9.—Steamer Briarthorn is breaking up. Have secured lifeboats also some other gear.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (Note.—Briarthorn is ashore at the entrance to River Bann.)

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 12.38

TUE 17 JAN 1939

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