

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Lairdsmoor"* of *Glasgow* Tons *668*
YEAR. MONTHBuilt at *Glasgow* When *1919 - 7* Casualty notice sent to Owner *19/4/37* Owner's reply *22/4/37*Owner's Name *Burns & Laird Lines, Ltd.*Address *Blyde House, 52 Robertson Street, Glasgow C2.*Case previously before { Date
Classing Committee. Last MinuteDate of Casualty *7th April, 1937*

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel was reported to have been sunk by collision with the m/v "Taranaki" off Black Head, Wigtownshire, on the 7th April.

The Owners concur.

Particulars of Classification.

+100 A1 *s.s. No 3-132*
1.35 *+LMC 2.35*
133 2.36
Fitted for oil fuel 7.26
F.P. above 150°F.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

LAIRDSMOOR. — Portpatrick Wireless Station, Apr. 7.—Following received from British steamer Lairdsmoor at 3 22 a.m., G.M.T.: S O S Lairdsmoor in collision off Black Head.

Portpatrick Wireless Station, Apr. 7.—Following received from British motor vessel TARANAKI: At 5 8 a.m., G.M.T.: In collision with steamer Lairdsmoor five miles W. by S. from Black Head. Have rescued 39 crew and passengers, fear master and one fireman lost. Have sustained damage to starboard bow slightly above water line forepeak making slowly, no other apparent damage and no immediate danger. Am remaining in vicinity until daylight and will then proceed.

At 6 4 a.m., G.M.T.: Steamer Lairdsmoor sunk five miles 260 degrees from Black Head.

At 6 26 a.m., G.M.T.: Steamer Lairdsmoor sunk in collision 3 19 a.m., all crew and passengers except master and fireman McBride aboard TARANAKI.

Belfast, Apr. 7.—Steamer Lairdsmoor, Dublin for Glasgow, and motor vessel TARANAKI were in collision off Black Head, Wigtownshire, this morning. Lairdsmoor sank with loss of master and fireman.

London, Apr. 7.—Motor vessel TARANAKI and steamer Lairdsmoor were in collision in thick fog early to-day off Black Head, Wigtownshire. Portpatrick coastguards stated that the crew and passengers of the Lairdsmoor had been taken off by the TARANAKI. The Lairdsmoor sent out an S O S in response to which Donaghadee lifeboat left soon after 4 a.m.

London, Apr. 7.—The following telegram has been received from the owners of the steamer Lairdsmoor, dated Apr. 7: Deeply regret Lairdsmoor, bound Glasgow from Dublin, 48 tons cargo, 321 cattle and six passengers, reported sunk in collision with motor vessel TARANAKI, five miles W. by S. from Black Head, at 3 19 a.m. All crew and passengers except master and fireman McBride reported on board TARANAKI.

London, Apr. 7.—British motor vessel TARANAKI is proceeding towards Liverpool, hopes to arrive Bar Light-vessel at midnight.

Land's End Wireless Station, Apr. 7.—Motor vessel TARANAKI signalled at 1 10 p.m. to-day, in vicinity of Portpatrick, bound Liverpool.

Portpatrick Wireless Station, Apr. 7.—Following received from British trawler St. Minver at 12 43 p.m., G.M.T.: My position about 20 miles NNW. of Crammag Head, standing by lifeboat. At 1 13 p.m. trawler St. Minver reports: Letters readable on lifeboat are "SMOOR GLASGOW." The wreckage is believed to be that of steamer Lairdsmoor.

Ardrossan, Apr. 7.—Steamer Glenageary, of Dublin, reports meeting wreckage of steamer Lairdsmoor at 8 o'clock this morning near Corsewall Point on voyage from Dublin. Made search for one hour, saw two smashed lifeboats, cattle, fittings, &c., no survivors, and brought another lifeboat here with fittings.

London, Apr. 7.—Steamer Lairdsmoor: The Donaghadee lifeboat returned shortly after 2 p.m. At the station it was stated: We were advised that we could render no assistance. We saw cattle floating near the spot where the collision occurred. A trawler was at the scene, and obviously keeping a sharp look-out. The motor vessel TARANAKI had continued on her voyage to Liverpool. The only signs that there had been a mishap were the carcasses of the cattle and wooden spars.

LAIRDSMOOR.—London, Apr. 8.—Survivors of the wrecked steamer Lairdsmoor, which sank 14 minutes after collision in dense fog with the motor vessel TARANAKI, in the Irish Channel, arrived in the Mersey to-day on board the TARANAKI, which rescued them. The liner, her bows damaged and slowly making water, waited in the Mersey for some time before entering Gladstone Dock. Surveyors and Board of Trade officials were ready to board her to ascertain the damage. The Lairdsmoor sank so quickly that the master, John Campbell, of Glasgow, and a fireman, Edward McBride, also of Glasgow, were drowned.

London, Apr. 8.—As soon as the motor vessel TARANAKI tied up in the Gladstone Dock, Liverpool, Board of Trade officials in motor launches began inspecting the damage. There are two gaping holes in the bows just above the water-line on the starboard side and several large dents on the port side.

Suggested Record *Sunk by collision 4.37*Date of Committee *TUE. 27 APR 1937*Committee's Minute *Sunk by collision 4.37*