

REPORT of SURVEY for REPAIRS, &c.

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 20th December, 1937

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Clan Mackenzie"* of *Glasgow* Tons { Net 4120 Gross 6554

Built at *Newcastle* When *1917* 6 Casualty notice sent to Owner ☒ Owner's reply ☒

Owner's Name *The Clan Line Steamers, Ltd. (Gazette, Irvine & Co., Ltd., Mgrs.)*

Address *2, St. Mary Axe, London, E.C.3.*

Case previously before Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+10091 +LMC
Shelter dk +NE 8, 18
with fbd 10, 37 MS 3, 34 BS 2, 36
SS No 3-12 29 TS 9, 37 CL
SS No 1-34

Casualty

23rd October, 1937.

Particulars of Casualty

This vessel is reported to have been in collision with the steamer "Manchester Regiment" on the 23rd October last at the mouth of the River Mersey.

Whilst returning to Liverpool she ran ashore in Crosby Channel, five miles from the entrance to the docks.

She was refloated, but the gale blew her on to a sandbank, one mile south of Formby Lighthouse, where she was completely submerged at high tide.

She was raised on the 17th November and towed into Gladstone Dock, Liverpool, at midnight on 19th November.

In the Board of Trade Return for October, her official British Registration has been cancelled on account of 'collision'.

In reply to inquiry the Society's Liverpool Office state no definite decision has been arrived at, but it is anticipated she will not be condemned as a constructive Total Loss.

17th January, 1938.

The Clan Line state that the position regarding this vessel is difficult and complicated as she has been seized by the Mersey Docks & Harbour Board. They hope to be able to give some better information in the course of a few days or so.

28th March, 1938.

This vessel sustained extensive damage by collision in October last. Lloyd's state that the Underwriters made this case an 'arranged total loss', the steamer being retained by the Owners, who state, in a letter dated the 25th instant, that they have sold her for breaking up.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

CLAN MACKENZIE. Seaforth. Wire-
less Station, Oct. 23. Following mes-
sages received from British steamer
MANCHESTER REGIMENT:—
Timed 2 25 p.m.: Had collision with
British steamer Clan Mackenzie while
adjusting off bar.
Timed 2 45 p.m.: Returning Liver-
pool, bows stove in, starboard anchor
out of commission.

London, Oct. 23.—
The owners of the steamer Clan Mac-
kenzie state that the vessel has been
beached badly damaged.

London, Oct. 23.—
British steamers MANCHESTER REGI-
MENT and Clan Mackenzie were in col-
lision at the mouth of the River Mersey
to-day. Both were damaged and started
to put back to Liverpool. While the
Clan Mackenzie was proceeding towards
port she went ashore in the Crosby
Channel five miles from the entrance to
the docks. She is lying on a sandy
bottom and is in no danger. She will
probably refloat on the incoming tide
and dock at midnight. The MAN-
CHESTER REGIMENT reached Liver-
pool and is waiting to dock.

London, Oct. 23.—
Late to-night the steamer Clan Mac-
kenzie was still high and dry in the
Crosby Channel and all available tugs
had been called out to try to refloat
her at high water at 1 30 a.m. to-mor-
row. It was understood that before she
went aground the Clan Mackenzie was
taking in water in her engine-room.

London, Oct. 24.—
Steamer Clan Mackenzie refloated and
anchored but the gale blew her adrift.

Hoylake, Oct. 24.—
2 24 a.m. New Brighton lifeboat went
to assistance of steamer Clan MacKen-
zie in distress one mile south of Formby
Light-vessel. Crew of Clan Mackenzie
were taken off by Dock Board tender
Vigilant before lifeboat arrived.

Liverpool, Oct. 24.—
Steamer Clan Mackenzie; Dock Board
tender Vigilant and several tugs on
scene; strong rain squalls with rather
heavy sea.

Liverpool, Oct. 24.—
The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board
report: Steamer MANCHESTER
REGIMENT, general cargo, and steamer
Clan Mackenzie, general cargo, in col-
lision at Mersey Bar, Liverpool Bay, on
Oct. 23. MANCHESTER REGIMENT
sustained bow damage, proceeded in
and anchored in River Mersey. Clan
Mackenzie extensively damaged in
engine-room and making water in
engine-room stokehold and No. 2 hold,
vessel abandoned and adrift in Liverpool
Bay in sinking condition.

London, Oct. 24.—
At midnight six tugs and two sal-
vage vessels attempted to tow the Clan
Mackenzie off the sandbank, but they
were thwarted by the mountainous seas.
As the gale increased the position of
the crew became alarming, and the New
Brighton lifeboat was called out. Even-
tually the crew were taken off by the
salvage vessel Salvo and taken to Liver-
pool. At mid-day to-day another
attempt to save the Clan Mackenzie
was made, but at high water only the
masts and funnel were visible above
water.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Liverpool, Oct. 24.—
The Mersey Docks and Harbour
Board report: Steamer Clan Mackenzie
now sunk in 30 ft. of water, low water,
spring tides, near Newcome Knoll,
Liverpool Bay.

London, Oct. 24.—
Steamer MANCHESTER REGIMENT,
with her bows stove in, this morning
entered Cammell Laird's Dry Dock for
examination.—Exchange Telegraph
Company.

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

TUE 21 DEC 1937

Deferred

TUE 18 JAN 1938

Deferred

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Date of Committee TUE 29 MAR 1938

Committee's Minute | Damaged by collision &
standing 110.37 to be
broken up

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CLAN MACKENZIE.—Liverpool, Oct. 23.
—Steamer MANCHESTER REGIMENT, in collision with steamer Clan Mackenzie off Liverpool Bay to-day: Examined former vessel afloat, stem badly fractured, 14 stem plates renew, starboard anchor and hawsepipe broken, forepeak full. Drydocking at Cammell Laird's on Sunday afternoon (Oct. 24). Anticipate permanent repairs. Both vessels loaded.—Salvage Association's Surveyor.

Lh 26/10

Oct. 24. — Hoylake, Mersey Dock Board's area. At high water to-day hull completely submerged and cargo washing from hatches. Board declares vessel total wreck and appoint us their agents to deal with such cargo. Board expect she will settle further into sand considerably.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

Liverpool, Oct. 25.—Mersey Docks and Harbour Board report under yesterday's date: Steamer Clan Mackenzie lies sunk in Liverpool Bay in position about E. & S. magnetic, approximately eight cables from Newcome Knoll Buoy, and has been taken possession of by the Board under their statutory powers.

CLAN MACKENZIE.—Hoylake, Oct. 26.
—Steamer Clan Mackenzie: Dock Board decided to undertake cargo salvage themselves, work commenced this morning on after hatches. Weather fine.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

LL 27/10

CLAN MACKENZIE.—Liverpool, Oct. 27.
—Steamer Clan Mackenzie: The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board were unable to commence operations yesterday owing to prevailing weather conditions, but their salvage vessel has proceeded to the wreck this morning.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

LL 29/10

CLAN MACKENZIE.—Liverpool, Oct. 30.
—Steamer Clan Mackenzie: The Dock Board are now working at the after 'tweendecks, the hatches of which are just awash at low water springs. The forward 'tweendecks are 10 ft. below water at low water springs. All cargo salvage work has to be performed by divers, which is comparatively slow and expensive, and may become hopeless if the vessel continues to settle to a point at which she becomes silted. Settlement since Monday last (Oct. 25) has been almost negligible, as there have been no high winds, and the weather has been calm.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

LL 2/11

CLAN MACKENZIE.—Liverpool, Nov. 17.—Mersey Docks and Harbour Board salvage steamers hoped to raise the sunken steamer Clan Mackenzie last evening, but owing to weather conditions they were unable to approach the vessel. Further attempt if conditions are favourable will be made to-night. Weather off port at 9 a.m. rough sea.

LL 18/11

CLAN MACKENZIE.—Liverpool, Nov. 18.—Steamer Clan Mackenzie has been refloated and anchored in shallow water near Newcome Knoll. Salvors will endeavour to reduce draught by drainage and pumping, sufficient to dock next tide.

LL 19/11

—London, Nov. 18.—The Clan Line steamer Clan Mackenzie was refloated late last night with the assistance of two Mersey Docks and Harbour Board's salvage vessels and five tugs. The vessel will be taken into Gladstone Dock, Liverpool, to-night.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

CLAN MACKENZIE.—Liverpool, Nov. 20.—British steamer Clan Mackenzie, after being placed at anchor early yesterday, was towed through the channel by six tugs, and at midnight on Nov. 19 was safely placed in Gladstone Dock.

LL 22/11

CLAN MACKENZIE.—Hoylake, Nov. 22.—Steamer Clan Mackenzie: Discharging cargo into coasters to improve trim before proceeding to discharging berth or drydocking.—Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

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