

s.s. "SANDGATE CASTLE"

With regard to the forthcoming enquiry into the loss of this vessel the Board of Trade Solicitor telephoned this Office today, and stated that from an entry in the Log Book it appears that 101 tons of fuel oil were lost by leakage on the voyage from Hull to New York which commenced on 24th May, 1937.

As the vessel was examined in drydock at Hull on 18th May (see Hull Report No. 47850), the Board of Trade desire to know whether the Society's Surveyors at that port made any examination of the fuel bunkers, or if they are in possession of any information regarding the matter.

The fore and after peaks, deep tank and the double bottom with the exception of the after tank were fitted for carrying oil fuel.

From the above report it is noted that the bottom, Nos. 1 and 5 holds, and part of the inner bottom plating were examined.

It is submitted the Hull Surveyors be advised and requested to forward any remarks they are able to make, but as their letter may be required to be produced at the enquiry they should confine their remarks to facts within their personal knowledge.

W.B.
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