

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 05826 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 7/38 Date of writing this report 7th April 1938

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Bostonian"* of *Fleetwood* Tons {Net 115 Gross 289

Built at *Middlesbro'* When *1916* Casualty notice sent to Owner *1/4/38* Owner's reply *4*

Owner's Name *Boston Deep Sea Fishing & Ice Co. Ltd. (F. Parkes Mgr.)*

Address *232, Dock Street, Fleetwood.*

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

OVERDUE VESSEL

BOSTONIAN.—London, Jan. 29. — Fears are entertained at Fleetwood for the safety of the Fleetwood steam trawler *Bostonian* and her crew of 12. The vessel left Fleetwood for West Scottish fishing grounds on Jan. 12, but nothing has been heard of her since the gale a fortnight ago. In normal circumstances she should have landed her catch of fish at Fleetwood last Tuesday (Jan. 25). The Boston Deep Sea Fishing & Ice Company, Ltd., of Fleetwood, the owners of the vessel, tried to establish communication with her without success. The fleet of Fleetwood trawlers at all fishing grounds have been on the look out for the missing vessel; bad weather which may have smashed her wireless apparatus may explain the trawler's silence, but she is now definitely overdue.

BOSTONIAN.—London, Jan. 31. — Steam trawler *Bostonian*: Mr. F. Parkes, managing director of the Boston Deep Sea Fishing and Ice Company, Ltd., of Fleetwood, said to-day that another vessel of the fishing fleet arrived in harbour this morning. The master reported that he had not seen or heard from the *Bostonian* since speaking to her over the wireless on Jan. 13, nor had any of the members of the fleet heard from her since that date. (See issue of Jan. 31.)

BOSTONIAN.—London, Feb. 6. — A lifebelt marked "*Bostonian*" has been found at Struan, in the Island of Skye. (See issues of Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.)

Glasgow, Feb. 21. — More wreckage is now coming ashore on the west coast of Skye. It will be remembered that some weeks ago a lifeboat (? lifebelt) marked "*BOSTONIAN*" was found on the west coast of Skye. Yesterday Captain John McKinnon, of the steamer *Gondolier*, was walking on the beach at Talisker and found considerable wreckage. In an interview he said: "I believe the wreckage is from a lost trawler. There are hundreds of pieces of wood which have been broken up by the sea. I examined four or five large pieces of a brown lifeboat, and I also saw pieces of a trawl, with floats and a pinn—a round block of wood as used on the foot of a trawl."—*The Glasgow Herald.*

BOSTONIAN. — London, Mar. 4. — In reply to inquiry with reference to the Fleetwood trawler *Bostonian*, which left Fleetwood on Jan. 12 last for the Scottish fishing grounds and was in wireless communication on Jan. 13, Lloyd's Agents at Fleetwood write under date of Mar. 3: No word has been heard of this vessel since Jan. 13, and it can only be assumed that she was lost with all hands during the gale experienced during the latter part of January.

UNTRACED VESSELS

London, Mar. 30. — In consequence of no information having been received of the following vessels since the dates given, closing entries have been made to-day against their names in Lloyd's Records:

Bostonian, steam trawler, of Fleetwood, 289 tons gross, which left Fleetwood on Jan. 12, 1938, for West Scottish fishing grounds and was in wireless communication on Jan. 13, 1938.

Case previously before
ing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

100A1 LMC 6,34
Strm Trawler BS 8,37
11,36 TSN 11,36 CL
S.S. No 3-629
S.S. No 1-34

Casualty

Overdue.

of particulars of Casualty

This vessel is reported to have left Fleetwood on the 12th January last for the West Scottish fishing grounds. She was in wireless communication on the following day, and she has not been heard of since.

A lifebelt has been washed up at Struan, Skye, also some wreckage, presumed from the "Bostonian", in the same locality.

Closing entries were made against this vessel's name in Lloyd's Records on the 30th March, 1938.

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

Missing since 1,38

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