

LOSS OF THE COASTER "RUMORE"

B.O.T. Inquiry Continued

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GLASGOW, Thursday
The Board of Trade Inquiry into the circumstances attending the disappearance of the Glasgow coaster *Rumore*, while on a passage from Waterford to Barry in January, 1938, was resumed to-day. Sheriff Wilton presided, and the assessors were Captain F. J. Thomson, Captain C. A. Wilson and Mr. R. B. Reith.

The previous proceedings were reported in LLOYD'S LIST of June 15.

Mr. T. W. Donald, of Glasgow, appeared for the Board of Trade; Colonel Hugh Spens represented the owners, the Point Steamship Company, Ltd., of Glasgow.

Colonel SPENS, for the owners, said that there was no suggestion whatever against the owners; they had kept the ship in an extremely fine condition and had spent a large sum of money on her. All he could do was to express on behalf of the owners to the relatives their deep regret at the loss of life on board the ship.

Mr. DONALD, on behalf of the Board of Trade, said that no evidence could be obtained of the vessel's route after leaving Waterford. She had an ample supply of bunker coal on board and she was a fine sea boat and had passed the highest classification of Lloyd's Register. Some witnesses had spoken of the *Rumore* having a decided list in heavy weather, but two former masters had no complaints to make against her. Experts had made experiments in a vessel of a similar type and were agreed regarding the stability of the vessels. In all cases the ships were satisfactory. Two ships set out from Waterford on Jan. 27, the *St. Aidan* and the *Thelma*, the *St. Aidan* managed with difficulty to get into a port on the Irish Coast, and the *Thelma* followed the same course as should have been taken by the *Rumore*, but the *Thelma* got safely across.

QUESTIONS FOR THE COURT

Arising from the evidence, the following questions were put for the decision of the Court: What date did the vessel leave Waterford? What was her known stability? Was she seaworthy and in good condition? When the vessel was at sea, were any messages received from her? Was she sighted by any other vessel? What was the probable cause of the vessel's loss?

The Court adjourned until tomorrow morning.

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