

Preliminary Enquiry regarding the losses of the "VARDULIA"
and "PENDENNIS".

The subject of the letter from Mr. W.J. Nutton, a
Surveyor to the Board of Trade, has been discussed with Mr.
Nutton and with Mr. Smith, the Deputy Principal Ship Surveyor
to the Board.

It was pointed out that, as in the case of the
"USWORTH" and previous cases, the Society could only supply
copies of reports with the approval of the Owners or on demand
from the Solicitors to the Board. Mr. Smith agreed that this
was correct and the Surveyor should not have made the request.
He therefore suggested that no further action should be taken
meantime, and added that at a later date, if necessary,
application would be made through the Solicitors.

It was stated that a Formal Enquiry would almost
certainly be held in the case of the "VARDULIA", but it might
not be necessary for an enquiry to be held into the case of the
"PENDENNIS".

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