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Steam Trawler "RIGHTWAY".

This vessel ran ashore on rocks on the Aberdeenshire Coast in April, 1931. She was refloated in May and towed to Aberdeen.

The Aberdeen Surveyors paid four visits between May 6th - July 13th, 1931.

On the 12th July, 1932, the Committee decided to expunge her class and record "Stranded 4,31 - Refloated".

Messrs. John Lewis & Sons, Ltd., of Aberdeen, purchased the vessel and it was understood that she was to be broken up.

In July, 1932, upon the suggestion of the Aberdeen Surveyors, it was decided to charge a fee of £5:5:0 for the survey held by them in May-July, 1931.

Considerable correspondence has taken place between this office and the Aberdeen Surveyors regarding the unpaid fee. In addition the Newcastle Surveyors called upon the Owners who stated they had no record of the original account and were unable to understand the circumstances in which a survey was carried out, as, immediately after the casualty, they had relinquished possession of the vessel, she having become a total loss.

In reply to further inquiry, the Aberdeen Surveyor now writes that Mr. T. T. Irvin, the Owners' local representative, is stated to be confined to bed through illness and it is not possible to communicate with him either in person or by telephone. The Surveyor adds that "as it is freely stated in this port that "he is financially embarrassed, and is very averse to paying any "accounts, I am afraid it must be concluded that the Owners "have no intention of paying our fee".

In the circumstances it is submitted for consideration whether this fee of £5:5:0 might not now be written off in the Society's books as irrecoverable.



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