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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING.

PORT NATAL,

23rd November, 1925.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that

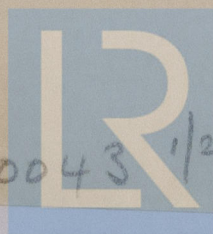
I, John Stewart,

the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did at the request of G. H. Mead, Master of the vessel, Survey on the 23rd October the steel S/S "COMPETITOR" of Whitby, to ascertain if she had sustained any damage through grounding in the Inner Harbour of this Port.

From the 1st Mate's Log, it appears that on the 23rd October, while being shifted, about three parts loaded, from the Elevator Wharf to "C" Shed, in charge of a Government Pilot, and with the assistance of two Government Tugs, she took a sheer near to No. 7 buoy and grounded right across the Maydon Channel at 11 a.m. Both anchors were let go, and a heavy strain put on both cables to try and straighten her up, and the assistance of another tug was called in but the "Competitor" still remained fast. At 1.10 p.m., with the assistance of the three tugs and the vessel's Windlass, she floated and proceeded to "C" Shed where she moored at 2-15 p.m.

I then saw the vessel sounded and she was, practically, dry throughout in tanks and bilges. As the vessel had been on soft muddy sand I anticipated no damage, but to confirm this I recommended examination by a Diver, especially of rudder, stern

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S/S "Competitor".

frame, propeller, and stern fastenings. This was carried out on the 24th October and the Diver reported no damage to any part of the vessel, and soundings proved vessel to be making no water in any compartment.

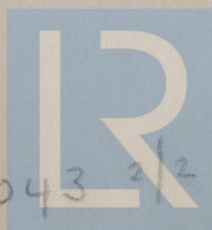
It was alleged that when the vessel was aground she carried away part of the deck flange of her starboard hawse pipe, and a small part of Starboard cable lifter of windlass. As none of these parts affect the working of windlass or anchor chain cable, no repairs were carried out here.

MACHINERY. As the main engines were not being used to shift the vessel, no damage to machinery is anticipated.

A copy of this report will be forwarded to Lloyd's Register, London, with the recommendation that the "Competitor" be continued in her present class subject to further examination in dry dock, on her arrival at Home port, the cable lifter of Windlass, and the Hawse pipe to be made good.

John Stewart

Surveyor to Lloyd's Register.



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