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# £100 For Give A Title FINDING ON WRECK OF COASTER

The Marine Court of Inquiry yesterday absolved the owners of the Christina Fraser of responsibility for the vessel's loss.

At the same time the Court stated that the evidence did not enable it to say the probable cause of the loss, on or about June 24.

It also expressed the opinion that all seagoing vessels on the Australian coast should be fitted with wireless.

The Court was packed with relatives and friends when Mr. Laidlaw, C.S.M., announced his findings at 11 a.m. There was silence when he asked counsel, before closing the court, whether they wished to ask any questions.

"The court," said Mr. Laidlaw, "desires to express its sincere sympathy with the relatives and friends of the crew."

"The casualty possibly occurred soon after 1.50 a.m. on June 24, when the Koranul was in the vicinity. Had both vessels been fitted with wireless possibly some assistance could have been rendered."

## Detail Answers

The exact findings were:—

When the Christina Fraser left Bulli on June 22, was she in a good and seaworthy condition as regards hull, engines, and equipment?—Yes.

Was she provided with the necessary boats and other life-saving appliances and signals of distress, in accordance with the requirements of law?—Yes.

Was she properly officered and manned?—Yes.

What was the description and amount of the cargo carried on the voyage?—729 tons small coal.

Was she overloaded?—No.

Was she improperly loaded?—No.

When and where was the Christina Fraser last sighted or heard of after leaving Bulli?—June 24, off Gabo Light.

What was the probable cause of the loss?—The evidence adduced does not enable the court to say the probable cause of the loss, but it probably occurred on or about June 24.

## Cost-Insurance

What was the cost of the s.s. Christina Fraser to her owners?—£27,000.

What was her value when she last left Bulli?—£30,000.

What insurances were effected upon and in connection with the ship and her cargo?—£25,000 on the ship, £500 on freight and cargo.

F INFORMATION

## VESSEL

Sydney, June 27: Fraser is overdue.

London, June 27: has been received June 27, 7.5 p.m. lited by steamer les south of Gabo 24). Weather since William McArthur p.m. to-day, 2 hours. Suggest locate to-morrow Fraser left Bulli long, and was due

ER.—Melbourne, on the Victoria ne collier Christina with her crew of seen on Saturday a storm. Aero vessel, but were The Christina 717 tons gross and W. Miller & Co. Company.

—Sydney, June 25: Fraser: No report nui. applied. 20 x miles off Gabo condition of of breakdown d steamer William ast and immediately to-day. Owners plane commencing search well out. ll also co-operate ble being dona- lvsage Association

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—Sydney, Ju Fraser: Negativ as commission to-morrow se for steamer Wi Supermarine, lvsage Association.

—Sydney, July 2: of Wrecka and reported's Agent per name of June

Sydney, July 2: s that the sea a Fraser, who has been abandoned. co-operated w a accident. I ear the area. has resumed

—Sydney, July Fraser: Boat Bulli per Salva

—London, A Fraser, of Syd's official nam which left B 1933, for Grah and was last 10 miles off Ga d Lloyd's

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