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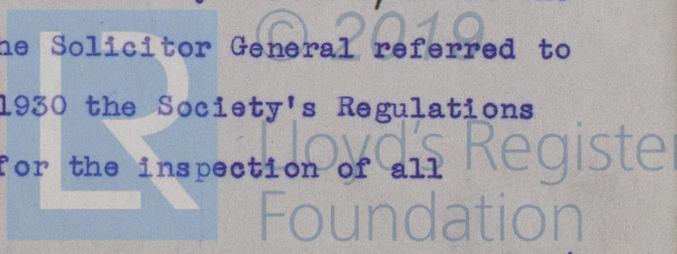
"La Crescenta"

The enquiry into the loss of this vessel was concluded to-day and Lord Merrivale will deliver the findings as soon as he and the assessors have fully sifted the evidence which has been laid before the Court and considered the arguments addressed to them. The Associate has promised to inform us in good time of the date of the findings and we will of course communicate with you as soon as we have heard from him.

We consider that the proceedings have been entirely satisfactory from the point of view of the Society. At one point in his summing up Mr. Hunt, Counsel for the Seamen's Union, questioned the state of the electrical fittings of the vessel, and the Board of Trade representatives asked for the Society's Regulations for surveying such fittings. These were supplied to us by Mr. Watt, and at the opening of his summing up the Solicitor General referred to them and stated that since 1930 the Society's Regulations have specifically provided for the inspection of all electrical fittings.

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The question was again referred to at the close of the Solicitor General's speech. The Solicitor General laid great stress on a letter from the Register dated March 18th 1932, offering the assignment of a tanker freeboard if certain alterations were made in the ship; he said that this latter proved that Lloyd's Register considered that the ship if loaded to tanker marks without these alterations could not safely put to sea. The ship, as he alleged, was over-loaded, and he submitted that the failure to make the recommended alterations contributed to the loss of the ship. The proceedings therefore closed with a complete vindication of the conduct and judgment of the Society in this respect.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

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