

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 883

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Date of writing this report 6th September 1934

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Winton"

of London

Tons {Net 2540
Gross 4388

Built at Port Glasgow When 1928 - 10

Casualty notice sent to Owner 29/8/34 Owner's reply x

Owner's Name Avenue Shipping Co. (Birt, Potter & Hughes, Ltd., Mps)

Address 138, Leadenhall Street London E.C. 3

Case previously before

Date

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

Date of Casualty 28th July, 1934

Précis of particulars of Casualty

Particulars of Classification.

+100 A1	ss. Hul N° 1-31
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6.34	CS 9.33
	DBS 9.33

CONTINUOUS SURVEY

This vessel grounded in Table Bay on the 28th July, 1934

Several attempts were made to refloat her without success.

She was later stated to have been driven further inshore & it was feared she was taking damage to the bottom.

Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association reported on the 4th August that she had broken her back & seas were sweeping over her. On the 7th August it was further stated the Surveyor to Lloyd's Register at Cape Town had boarded the vessel & found all hatches washed off; engine room flooded; bridge & midship accommodation gutted by fire; gap in vessel now 3 feet wide, with bow & stern settled down almost level with sea. The Salvors had given notice of abandonment of the contract.

According to Returns received at this Office this vessel came under the inspection of the Society's Surveyor at Cape Town during August, but no report has yet come to hand.

The usual casualty letter was sent to the Owners on the 29th August, but no reply has been received. Upon enquiry per phone, however, they state that the vessel has been totally lost.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

WINTON.—Cape Town, July 28.—British motor vessel Winton reported aground in Table Bay in the early part of the day. Tug is being sent.

Cape Town, July 29.—British motor vessel Winton grounded at about 9.30 p.m. on Saturday (July 28), about two hours before low tide, on sandy bottom. Government tugs Ludwig, W. & J. W. Sauer made fast about midnight and towed remainder of night but failed to refloat. Propeller of Winton now towed portion of parted hawser. Tugs still holding. Vessel lies broadside to swell which is at present slight; making no water. Anchor is being laid, three lighters sent, also diver(s) to clear propeller. A further attempt to float will be made as soon as possible.

WINTON.—Cape Town, July 29.—British motor vessel Winton: 150 tons of cargo discharged, attempts to float vessel this afternoon's tide failed, cable parted. Divers have not yet succeeded in clearing propeller. N. 2 starboard bilge shows 10 in. of water, afterpeak leaking. Tug J. W. Sauer standing by to-night. There will be 14 vessels in port requiring tugs on Monday (July 30), consequently tugs are not available until Tuesday, accordingly filling ballast tanks to reduce movement. For the same reason no lightening is being carried out on Monday. Weather prospects favourable.

Cape Town, July 30.—British motor vessel Winton: Master reports vessel laid very solid and quiet during the night even at high water, practically no increase in soundings. Weather fine.

London, July 30.—The owners of the motor vessel Winton have received the following message from their agents at Cape Town, dated July 30:—Winton: Weather exceptionally fine, vessel laid quiet during night, weather prospects favourable. Propose taking three lighters this evening and will you give permission to hire steamer Swazi, carrying 200 tons, hire £22 10s. daily, to enable us to have vessel ready for attempt(s) refloating at high tide to-morrow evening? Consult Corys, London, and telegraph instructions. Diver now examining vessel, port authorities taking soundings, making arrangements run anchor(s).

WINTON.—Cape Town, July 30.—Motor vessel Winton is lying on a sandy bottom evenly borne throughout length, exposed position; too much swell to allow lightening to-night, but vessel is not at present taking damage. One anchor laid out aft to-day, endeavouring secure further anchors. Propeller cleared to-day. Soundings unchanged since yesterday. Making further attempt to tow off to-night as master reported 5 p.m. thinks worth while.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Cape Town, July 30.—Motor vessel Winton: Swell increased from 3 p.m. Further attempt to float to-night while lifting to heavy swell unsuccessful. She has driven further inshore, now fear vessel taking damage to bottom. Utmost will be done to lighten to-morrow. All crew taken off to-night for safety.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Cape Town, July 31.—Motor vessel Winton at low tide now lies inside surf, sea breaking over vessel, fear it will shortly cause serious damage to ship and cargo. Found impossible to board this morning. Position serious. Must wait until swell reduces when everything ready to lay out anchors and lighten.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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Suggested Record

Wrecked 7.34

Date of Committee

7 SEP 1934

Committee's Minute

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WINTON.—Cape Town, July 31.—Motor vessel Winton: Boarded at 5 p.m. No visible damage, hatch tarpaulins intact, making no water. Hope lay out anchors to-morrow.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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Cape Town, Aug. 1.—Motor vessel Winton: Crew boarded this morning but were forced to leave owing to heavy swell. Surveyor to Lloyd's Register made attempt to board later but found too dangerous. States his opinion impossible use vessel's auxiliary engine owing to list of 15 deg. seaward. We have recommended agent immediately obtain tenders for floating vessel and salve cargo "no cure no pay." Lloyd's Form of Salvage Agreement.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

WINTON.—Cape Town, Aug. 2.—British motor vessel Winton: Cannot get on board to-day. Has been examined from sea and shore. Found starboard side plating bulged extending from statutory deck line downwards about 2 ft. aft of centre of load line disc increasing toward water line. Rivets in this vicinity on lower landing second strake below main sheer sprung. No visible damage from sea on port side. Wind freshening. Awaiting tenders.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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WINTON.—Cape Town, Aug. 3.—Motor vessel Winton: Cannot get on board to-day, too much swell.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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WINTON.—Cape Town, Aug. 3.—Motor vessel Winton: Three tenders received for salvage of ship and cargo.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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Cape Town, Aug. 4.—Motor vessel Winton: Contract made with Thesen. Best could do 45 per cent. ship, 40 per cent. cargo salvaged values.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Cape Town, Aug. 4.—Motor vessel Winton: Back broken in line engine-room ventilator. Sea sweeps completely over her.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

WINTON.—Cape Town, Aug. 6.—Motor vessel Winton: Heavy swell swept vessel during last 24 hours, fear entire cargo wetted. Fire broke out in 'midship accommodation at 9 o'clock on Sunday night (Aug. 5) and is still burning.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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Cape Town, Aug. 7.—Motor vessel Winton: Boarded Monday afternoon (Aug. 6) by surveyor to Lloyd's Register, who reports found all hatches washed off, entire cargo wet, engine-room flooded, bridge and 'midship accommodation gutted by fire, cargo No. 2 still smouldering. Gap in vessel now 3 ft. wide, bow and stern settled down almost level with sea. Salvors have given notice of abandonment of contract. Little of value now remains on vessel.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

WINTON.—Cape Town, Aug. 12.—Motor vessel Winton: We boarded to-day in company with master, chief engineer and agents, found full of water everywhere, entire cargo wet and worthless. Agents advertised requesting separate price for ship and cargo. Only gear now salvageable: One each bower and spare kedge anchors, possibly some cable, some winches, derricks and steering gear motors, probably small quantity of stores gear and fittings.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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WINTON.—Cape Town, Aug. 22.—The Court of Inquiry into the wreck of the motor vessel Winton has found that the stranding of the vessel was due to the master mistaking Milnerton air beacon for the breakwater light. The Court absolved him from blame.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

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WINTON.—Cape Town, Aug. 31.—Motor vessel Winton, which went ashore in Table Bay on July 28, has been sold for £500. She has been bought by Mr. M. I. McFarlane, a British manufacturer, and Mr. C. L. Schuddingh, a Cape Town bridge and water works contractor.—Reuter.

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