

Attach to L/R Rpt No 86042

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## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &amp;c.

No. 301455 in R. B.

Wreck Book, p. 6/24

Date of writing this report

4th February

1924

Vessel's Name *Steel Twin S.S. "Port Elliot"*of *London*Tons { Net 4664  
Gross 7395Built at *Newcastle*When *1910*

YEAR. MONTH.

Casualty notice sent to Owner *25.1.24*Owner's reply *31.1.24*Owner's Name *Commonwealth & Dominion Line Ltd.*

Address

*9011, Leadenhall Avenue, London E.C.3*Previously before  
Assessing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+1000A	ON 3-5-23
Shell & deck	+LMC
with payload	MS 16.22
10.23	BS 23

Date of Casualty

*13th January 1924*

Details of particulars of Casualty

*This steamer went ashore off Horeora Point, East Cape, New Zealand on 13th January, 1924, on rocky bottom. Damage stated to be very extensive, badly holed, and vessel considered a total loss. Salvage of ship's gear and materials arranged.*

*A casualty notice was sent to the Owners on 25th January, and in reply they state that they have given notice of abandonment to their Underwriters, which, however, has not been accepted.*

*2nd March 1924*

*In reply to enquiry by telephone the Owners state that the vessel has now been accepted as a total loss by the Underwriters, and settlement has been made.*

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

**PORT ELLIOT.**—Auckland, Jan. 13.—British steamer Port Elliot, New York for New Zealand ports, after discharging Auckland cargo, en route Wellington, ashore Horeora Point, East Cape; leaking badly Nos. 2 and 3 holds and engine-room. Weather fine. Crew remain on board. Steamer standing by. Provided weather remains fine, prospects salvage are favourable.

**PORT ELLIOT.**—London, Jan. 14.—Following cable received from Wellington, dated Jan. 14: Steamer Port Elliot aground near East Cape. Position regarded hopeless. No. 2 hold under water, engine-room flooded. Every prospect (of) saving cargo. Crew saved.

Wellington, Jan. 13.—The forehold of the steamer Port Elliot is leaking badly and there is eight feet of water in the engine-room. It is feared that it will not be possible to save the vessel.—Reuter.

Auckland, Jan. 14.—British steamer Port Elliot: Crew taken off. Salvage operations commenced.

Wellington, Jan. 14.—It is expected that the cargo of the steamer Port Elliot, ashore off Horeora Point, East Cape, will be saved. It is declared, however, that there is no hope of saving the vessel.—Reuter.

**PORT ELLIOT.**—Auckland, Jan. 15.—Steamer Port Elliot: Surveyor left today. Great difficulty in obtaining definite information as wireless out of order. Bad weather prevents communication with the wreck. Master reports water in engine-room and all holds. Vessel remains firm on even keel, no list. Salvage operations not yet commenced.—Salvage Association.

**PORT ELLIOT.**—Auckland, Jan. 16.—Steamer Port Elliot: Surveyor reports vessel seriously damaged. All holds open to sea, including engine space and boiler space. Engines lifted 4 ft., three columns broken, port engine disabled over to port, starboard engine disabled over to starboard, boilers submerged. Pillars of No. 3 hold buckled. Vessel in a very exposed position well up on rocky bottom. After a careful examination of the vessel it is found that the damages are very extensive, and after conferring with master and Captains Rainey and West, consider salvage of hull hopeless, and they concur; consequently no arrangements made salvage steamer. Exceptionally fine weather required to board vessel, fine weather at present. Salvage of cargo commenced, but proceeding slowly and risky.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

**PORT ELLIOT.**—Auckland, Jan. 18.—Steamer Port Elliot: Surveyor recommends employ diver to examine vessel's bottom.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

London, Jan. 18.—The Institute of London Underwriters have received the following telegram from the Council of New Zealand Marine Underwriters' Associations, dated Wellington, Jan. 18:—Steamer Port Elliot: Have arranged shipowners 75 per cent. General Average. Vessel badly holed; considered total loss. Tween deck fairly dry, lower submerged.

**PORT ELLIOT.**—Auckland, Jan. 26.—Steamer Port Elliot: have arranged 40 per cent. salvage of ship's gear and materials.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

(Telephone enquiry of Owners  
AKD 3/3/24)

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Committee

TUE FEB 5 1924

TUE MAR 4 1924

tee's Minute

*Deferred**1 month**Wrecked 1.24**Wrecked 1.24*