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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 12th March 1934Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Jamaica Producer"* of *(Dutch)* Total Net *4668* Gross *4642*Built at *R. Glasgow* When *1910* - *10* Casualty notice sent to Owner *x* Owner's reply *x*

Owner's Name

Address

Case previously before

Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

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 W. H. D.
 3.33
 +LIMC 3.30
 BS 3.33
 +Lloyd's RMC 3.33
 for temp. 20°F.

Date of Casualty 20th November 1933.

Précis of particulars of Casualty

While lying in East India Dock fire broke out in the reserve bunker of this vessel on the 20th November, 1933.

The position later became so serious that in order to save the vessel it was found necessary to submerge her.

When the fire was extinguished she was pumped out & raised.

The London Surveyors reported that the vessel had sustained severe damage to the structure, beams & decks etc., being buckled principally on the starboard side.

The Owners stated in a letter dated 12th February, that she had been sold to Messrs Frank Rijdsdijk's Ind. Ondernemingen, of Rotterdam, for breaking up purposes, & after certain repairs had been carried out she was allowed to proceed to Rotterdam.

The Rotterdam Surveyors now state, in a letter dated 4th March, that the work of demolition has begun.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

JAMAICA PRODUCER.—London, Nov. 24.—Steamer Jamaica Producer in East India Dock, has in amidships bunkers 950 tons coal overheated. Discharging coal into lighters; no fire discovered at present.

JAMAICA PRODUCER.—London, Nov. 23.—Fire in the bunker coal of steamer Jamaica Producer has now broken through the bulkhead into No. 2 hold. Brigade on attendance. (See issue of Nov. 21.)

London, Nov. 23.—The engines and P. L. A. tugs to-day flooded by a bunker fire in the steamer Jamaica Producer at East India Dock, where the vessel is lying up. It was later learned that the fire in the bunker suddenly burst into flames early this evening. It was a sudden rush of air which caused the blaze. A brigade call was sounded and 20 fire engines rushed to the dock. The vessel was towed away from the shipping, and as far from warehouses as possible by a tug, and fire boats were moored each side of her. The flames spread with great rapidity and began to eat their way through the woodwork of the lower deck. Soon afterwards they began to show above the decks in the fore part of the vessel as they gained a grip on the hold.

There was 500 tons of coal in the bunkers, and the ferocity of the flames quickly increased. The fire was difficult to get at, as the seat of it was at the bottom of the vessel. So great a grip had the flames obtained an hour after the blaze began that it was thought the only possible way of saving the vessel was to open the sea rocks and sink the bows of the steamer before the flames crept aft.

London, Nov. 23.—The fire on steamer Jamaica Producer in East India Dock has taken a serious turn and in consequence the vessel has been sunk.

JAMAICA PRODUCER.—London, Nov. 24.—At 2 a.m. the fire in the steamer Jamaica Producer was extinguished, but several fire engines stood by in case of further outbreak.

JAMAICA PRODUCER.—London, Nov. 24.—Steamer Jamaica Producer, fire has now been extinguished, and the settling holes in the vessel's side filled up. Nos. 1 and 2 holds and crew's quarters are completely gutted. Owing to leakage through the after bulkhead of No. 3 spare bunker space water percolated through to the engine-room. The water has now been pumped out and the vessel is being cleaned to enable a thorough examination to be made. Salvage Association's Surveyors.

JAMAICA PRODUCER.—London, Nov. 27.—Steamer Jamaica Producer is partly flooded from the forepeak to the after end of No. 4 hold, which is abaft the engine-room. Owing to the considerable list on the vessel, pumping operations were suspended at dark yesterday, but have been resumed this morning. Loose debris in the forward tween decks is being transferred to a barge to relieve top weight and clear the decks. Salvage Association's Surveyor.

JAMAICA PRODUCER.—London, Nov. 28.—Steamer Jamaica Producer, The Port of London Authority are now fitting their pumps and parbuckling the vessel in case she should heel over to port when she rises. It is anticipated that pumping will be started to-morrow afternoon, and it is intended to keep the pump working until she floats and is in a safe condition. The coal in the steamers JAMAICA PLANTER, JAMAICA MERCHANT and JAMAICA SETTLER has been discharged from each vessel, and there is no further danger of fire. Salvage Association's Surveyor.

JAMAICA PRODUCER.—London, Dec. 1.—Rebuilt steamer Jamaica Producer has now been set fully upright and is being pumped out ready for survey. Salvage Association's Special Officer (see issue of Nov. 30.)

Suggested Record

Damaged by fire 11.33 - Broken up.

Date of Committee

TUE. 13 MAR 1934

Committee's Minute

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