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WRECK BOX

No. 51 Bottom 333

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 89805 in R. B.

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Date of writing this report 26th January 1925

Vessel's Name

Red SS "Marjorie Seed"

of Newcastle

Tons { Net 1162

Gross 1860

Built at Sunderland When 1907

Casualty notice sent to Owner 20.1.25

Owner's Name Seed Shipping Co Ltd

Address Prince Building, 2 King St Newcastle on Tyne

Case previously before

Date

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

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Date of Casualty

25th December 1924

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel went ashore on the North East Side of Lady Island on 25th December. She is completely covered at high water and only the masts and top of fore-castle head and part of chart room are visible at low tide.

On 26th December it was stated: "Irrespective examination bottom" "consider salvage too costly as all hatches submerged low water."

On 1st January it was stated that inspection was impossible owing to weather. No more reports have been published. In reply to a casualty notice the Owners state that the vessel has not yet been admitted by the Underwriters to be a total loss, and they understand that negotiations are in progress with various Salvage Companies.

26th February 1925

The Salvage Association's Special Officer reported on 7th February after examination by diver: "Bottom very badly damaged, stem post carried away, bilge keel buckled, twisted and broken; there is a rock about 5 ft by 3 ft. through the hull. Vessel is resting on foul ground, consisting of large rocks and gravel."

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

MARJORIE SEED.—Malin Head Wireless Station, Dec. 25.—Following received from steamer Kastalia at 7 10 p.m. (G.M.T.): "Steamer Marjorie Seed in distress off Lady Island, Ayr Bay. Crew gone ashore. Officers standing by now. No assistance necessary. All 'O.K.' at 7 13 p.m. Standing by for further report from Marjorie Seed at 8 p.m. Nature of distress not advised."

Troon, Dec. 25.—Steamer Marjorie Seed, Glasgow for Hoelva, laden coal and coke, ran ashore 6 p.m. to-day on north-east side of Lady Island. Four feet of water reported in engine-room. Weather fine.

MARJORIE SEED.—Liverpool, Dec. 26.—Steamer Marjorie Seed: Our officer telegraphs from Troon at 5 p.m.: "Marjorie Seed: Boarded to-day high water. Grounded on reef north-west of Lady Isle, heading S.E., slight list to port. Slightly sheltered by isle from prevailing S.W. winds, but fear will suffer badly heavy weather this direction. Consider vessel holed in forehold and machinery space, expect after hold slowly filling. Fore deck will be just awash low water. No. 4 hatch aft just covered high tide, most deck cargo coke lost. Soundings round show vessel to be either afloat aft or overhanging from after end engine-room, each condition dangerous. Recommend send diver to examine bottom before making contract for salvage, also services of puffer for this purpose. Salvage operations will be lengthy." Arrangements are being made for diver's examination to be carried out to-morrow subject weather permitting.—Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association per London Salvage Association.

Birkenhead, Dec. 27.—Steamer Marjorie Seed: Our officer telegraphs from Troon at 5 45 p.m.: Still blowing a gale. Little prospect examination for day or two.—Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association per London Salvage Association.

Troon, Dec. 28.—Steamer Marjorie Seed: South-westerly gale with heavy seas prevailed in the night of Dec. 26 and all day yesterday; weather to-day still stormy with westerly wind and heavy sea. Steamer completely covered to-day at high water, only her masts and funnel being visible. Hatches and planks are washing ashore on Irvine and Troon beaches. It is feared that the steamer will become a total wreck.—Liverpool, Dec.

—Steamer Marjorie Seed: Our telegraphs from Troon: "Gale prev. approach but observations from shore show vessel down about fifteen feet aft and four forward compared condition Friday (Dec. 26). Irrespective examination bottom now consider salvage too costly as all hatches submerged low water." As weather shows no signs moderating and impossible carry out diver examination we have instructed our officer return here for consultation.—Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association per London Salvage Association.

MARJORIE SEED.—Troon, Dec. 30.—Steamer Marjorie Seed: No change in position to-day as weather continues stormy. Vessel is completely submerged at high water, only funnel and masts visible, and at low water the after-part remains wholly submerged; the fore-castle head, only, being visible. As soon as weather has settled enough to make vessel approachable, I shall have examination made and report sent you. Meantime, some hatches and quantity of coke are floating in to the beach both north and south of Irvine Bar.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

MARJORIE SEED.—Troon, Dec. 31.—Steamer Marjorie Seed: Stormy weather continues and steamer appears to be in much the same position, entirely covered at high water excepting funnel and masts and only bare at fore-castle head at low water.—Salvage Association.

MARJORIE SEED.—Troon, Jan. 5.—Steamer Marjorie Seed: From Jan. 2 up to to-day, we have had a succession of westerly, south-westerly and north-westerly gales, with heavy seas, making an inspection impossible. During the night of Jan. 3 steamer's funnel was washed away and at low water only the masts and top of fore-castle head and part of chart-house are bare.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

Suggested Record

Minutes of Committee

Committee's Minute

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MARJORIE SEED. — Troon, Feb. 7. — Steamer Marjorie Seed: Just returned, had diver's examination. Bottom very badly damaged, sternpost carried away two places, part missing. Vessel on rocks. — Salvage Association's Special Officer.

Troon, Feb. 7. — Steamer Marjorie Seed: Report based on diver's examination and personal inspection:—Stern: Rudder post carried away. Sternpost broken and part missing. Bilge keel buckled, twisted and broken. Port side abreast of No. 1 hatch there is a rock about 5 ft. by 2 ft. through the hull. Abreast No. 4 hatch in the turn of bilge plate and plate below a large hole in the hull. Cargo: In the after hold, on the starboard side in wing it is 9 ft. below deck, sloping down to amidships to the height of tunnel; port side nearly all cargo washed out through hole in side, the diver was standing on the tank top on this side. Forward hold: There is not much cargo left in this hold. The diver was able to see light through fracture in bottom from the hatchway. Vessel is resting on foul ground consisting of large rocks and gravel. — Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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