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# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 18th July 1927

Vessel's Name Reed S.S. "Hamlet"

of Cape Town

Tons { Net 124 Gross 328

Built at Hull

When 1906 2

Casualty notice sent to Owner 4.5.27

Owner's reply

Owner's Name Swin & Johnson (South Africa) Ltd

Address 7th Ave. Docks Cape Town

Previously before Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+100% 21.3.11.19  
21.7.23  
3.27 H.M.C.F. 13  
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Casualty

7th April 1927

particulars of Casualty

This steamer went ashore outside Saldanha Bay on 7th April, reported back apparently broken. On 14th April it was reported that the vessel had almost completely broken in two, and was considered a total loss.

The Cape Town Surveyor reports that in his opinion there is no possible hope of salvage.

A casualty notice was sent to the Owners on 4th May, but no reply has yet been received.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

HAMLET.—Cape Town, Apr. 8.—Coasting steamer Hamlet ashore outside Saldanha Bay; reported back apparently broken. Will probably be a total wreck.

HAMLET.—Cape Town, Apr. 8.—Coasting steamer Hamlet, which went ashore at South Head, near the entrance to Saldanha Bay, during foggy weather on Apr. 7, was bound from this port to Saldanha Bay, with coal and whaling stores. She is lying in an exposed position, full of water and with her back apparently broken, and will probably become a total wreck.

HAMLET.—Cape Town, Apr. 14.—Surveyor has returned from the scene of the wrecked coasting steamer Hamlet. He reports that the portion forward of the bridge has almost completely parted from the afterpart of the vessel. Aft of the bridge, in way of stokehold, the hull plates on the starboard side are fractured from bulwarks extending beyond first strake below sheer. The funnel is gone, and the seas were breaking all over the vessel. The surveyor is of opinion that there is no possible hope of salvage and that the vessel can be reckoned as a total loss, as also the cargo.

Suggested Record

Wrecked 4.27

Date of Committee TUES. 19 JUL 1927

Committee's Minute

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