

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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No. 5069

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Vessel's Name *Self* Steel SS "Bishopston" of London Tons { Net 927 Gross 1534Built at *Haverham Hill or 2cs* When 1923 6 Casualty notice sent to Owner 15-12-23 Owner's reply 21-12-23Owner's Name *H Harrison (Shipping) Ltd.*Address *3. East India Avenue, D.B. 3*Case previously before Date Particulars of Classification.
Classing Committee. Last Minute 7100771
10-23 14th Dec 23

Date of Casualty 11th December 1923

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel went ashore at Kettleness Point on 11th December; she subsequently floated off and sank; only 3 feet of side uncovered at low water; position critical; heavy seas breaking over vessel.

In reply to a special casualty letter the Owners state that the Salvage Association's Special Officer has been unable to obtain salvage offers, but one firm intimates that they will consider the case in the Spring, should the vessel not have broken up in the meantime.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

BISHOPSTON.—Hinderwell, Dec. 12.—Steamer Bishopston is sunk half-mile E.S.E. from Kettleness Point, listed 80 degrees and lies on starboard side, 6 ft. of hull uncovered at low water spring tide; totally submerged at high water. Position exposes the decks to seas from north and east. I consider the position very critical. —Salvage Association's Special Officer.

BISHOPSTON. — Runswick, Dec. 13. — Steamer Bishopston: Position condition unchanged. Leith salvage representative has inspected, will not tender at moment, but if circumstances warrant would reconsider case about April. Charlton telegraphs now fully employed and unable to tender. My opinion is that no reliable contractor would tackle job now on our terms. I do not favour idea of selling, but suggest case be left as she is, in hope she will survive the winter storms, when a satisfactory contract might be effected. —Salvage Association's Special Officer.

Runswick, Dec. 14. — Steamer Bishopston: Position, condition unchanged; tides cutting. Only 3 ft. of side uncovered at low water to-day. —Salvage Association's Special Officer.

BISHOPSTON.—Hinderwell, Dec. 15. — Steamer Bishopston: Position and condition unchanged. Representatives Ship Salvage Corporation have inspected but regret, in view of position, unable tender. —Salvage Association's Special Officer.

BISHOPSTON. — Hinderwell, Dec. 15. — Steamer Bishopston: Heavy seas blowing over vessel, cabin fittings washing about. Maritime salvors advise probably come next week to inspect. —Salvage Association's Special Officer.

BISHOPSTON.—Whitby, Dec. 11.—Coastguards report steamer Bishopston, of London, went ashore about midnight or early morning at Kettleness Nab; shortly after 6 a.m. floated off ledge and sank. Master and crew safely landed at Runswick Bay.

London, Dec. 11. — The owners of the steamer Bishopston have received the following telegram from the master, dated Runswick, Dec. 11.—Regret ship total loss north of Whitby. Stranded and turned bottom up. All saved.

Whitby, Dec. 11. — Steamer Bishopston, Tyne for Caen, cargo coal, went ashore Runswick Nab at low water. Master having inspected reports vessel turned over on to starboard broadside and was able to walk on port broadside two hours before low water. Cannot find where holed, but damage apparently is on starboard side forward. Sea smooth. Your special officer expected about 5 p.m. Position very bad. —Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

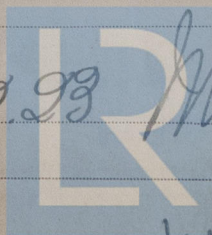
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