

S.S. "RIVER MEANDER".

It is submitted the Assistant Secretary of the Marine Department of the Board of Trade should be informed that his letter of the 12th April has been duly received, together with the copy of the report on a formal investigation recently held into the circumstances attending the abandonment of the S.S. "RIVER MEANDER".

The subject of this vessel's loss was carefully considered by this Society immediately after the enquiry was held at Newcastle and after a perusal of the published report and a careful examination of the plans of the vessel it was found not to be possible without further information than was forthcoming to state what was the cause of the water getting into the vessel.

After a careful reading of the printed report of the proceedings now forwarded by the Board of Trade it is still found to be impossible to come to a definite conclusion upon the subject of the cause of the vessel's loss.

With reference to the remarks contained in the Board of Trade letter in regard to the survey of the vessel at New York by the Society's Surveyor it should be explained that this survey was held at the request of the Owners' representative in consequence of a statement having been made that cargo had been damaged in the tween deck of No. 3 hold, and that the Surveyors to the Cargo Underwriters had attributed the same to the deck having leaked under the ice box. The Surveyor caused the deck to be flooded in way of the ice box, and found it to be in good condition. This was all the examination he made and it is evident from his report that no representation was made to him of any other damage ^{or leakage} having been reported to have been sustained by the vessel.

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In these circumstances he had, of course, no reason
to recommend that the vessel should be placed in dry dock
or for anything further to be done than was done.

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