

Tanker "MARKAY".

Dimensions:- 503' x 68' x 37'.

This vessel, as a result of grounding on rocks of Skye, suffered extensive damage to the bottom forward, resulting in all tanks forward of amidships being laid open to the sea. Under compressed air on these tanks, the vessel proceeded to the Clyde, where she was granted an interim certificate to the Bristol Channel, where a full examination was made in drydock. It was urgently desired by the Owners that the vessel should be temporarily repaired to enable her to make the voyage back to a U.S.A. port for permanent repairs.

The ship is classed dually with this Society and also with the American Bureau, on whose behalf the British Corporation have been acting in this country. Considerable discussion ensued as to the nature and extent of the temporary repairs required, and a difference of opinion existed between the recommendations made by the Society's Surveyors and by the British Corporation. The repairs were fully discussed in this Office with the Owners' representative, and extensive calculations were made by Mr. A. Reid, a Ship Surveyor at Swansea, who was appointed in 1937. The repairs recommended by the Society were finally agreed upon, without amendment, by all interests concerned.

The calculations carried out by Mr. Reid were carefully checked and examined by Mr. Wm. Thomson, the Society's Principal Surveyor for Research, at Swansea, and found in order for the voyage proposed.

Information has now been received that the vessel has arrived at Baltimore. The Owners' Superintendent has called at this Office and expressed his deep appreciation of the services rendered by the Society in this most exceptional case.

The work carried out reflects most creditably on members of the Staff concerned, and it is submitted that Mr. Stocks and Mr. Reid be informed that the Committee desire to convey to them their full appreciation of the special services rendered on this occasion.

Ltr. Mr. Reid 16/6
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This repair is of such an unusual and outstanding nature that it is hoped a paper may be read later by Mr. Reid, including particulars of the structural arrangements adopted and the relevant calculations.



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