

12 APR 1941

Received by Chief Ship Surveyor

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L'S NAME "SAINT KENNETH" Rpt. Bel No. 12938

remarks of the Chief Ship Surveyor are desired on this case for the consideration of the Classing Committee.

("The endorsement to contain a succinct summary of any repairs that have been required and to show the cause or causes of such repairs, and also to bring out clearly any exceptional features in connection with the case, so that the Classing Committee may have all the salient points presented in the endorsement."—Extract from Sub-Committee's Report, 24/5/32.)

The class is subject to rudder post of sternframe above lower gudgeon E.W. 9.38 being specially examined at next dry docking.

The BELFAST Surveyors now report the vessel examined in dry dock after grounding and foundering, bottom shell plating (p. & s) found buckled and fractured, about 60 plates affected, together with framing, floors, margin brackets and plating, beam knees in hold and bulkhead plating.

The sternframe found broken below the upper and 3rd gudgeons and at the forward end of the solepiece, the latter being lost, and the rudder mainpiece bent. Wood hatches and tarpaulins missing.

The hatches and tarpaulins have been made good and temporary repairs effected in way of bottom damage etc., and the Surveyors recommend further examination in dry dock and repairs as found necessary on arrival at Ardrossan, to which port the vessel is proceeding.

It was agreed to convert the original single plate rudder to a balanced streamline form, dispensing with the stern post and fitting new solepiece, part of a sternframe of a ship which was to be built at Dublin but was not completed, subject to satisfactory check tests being made from the material of the new solepiece.

The arrangements are shown on the attached plan, which was approved subject to a hard steel liner being fitted to the lower pintle; the weight of the rudder being now taken at the deck bearing.

The conversion has been completed except as regards the steel liner at the lower pintle.

The results of the check tests came to hand after the vessel sailed for Ardrossan and were found unsatisfactory, and the Surveyors therefore recommend a new solepiece be fitted when the vessel is in dry dock at Ardrossan and, in view of the weight of the rudder being supported at the deck bearing, they further recommend additional stiffening be provided in the after peak space in which, for the voyage to Ardrossan, bolted stiffeners have been fitted as a temporary measure.

In refitting the rudder it was found necessary to fit a tapered liner on the upper palm of the coupling.

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The Glasgow Surveyors have been advised  
by letter.

The 2nd S.S. No. 1, due 9.40, has been  
commenced.

It is submitted action be deferred.

Insert in S.R.L

Repairs as recommended, viz.  
rps to bottom structure;  
liner to fit at lower pintle.  
Solepiece of sternframe to renew.

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