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Wreck Report No.

14451

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 27720 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 37/56

Date of writing this report 10th May, 1956.

Ship's Name s.s. "SLEMISH"

of London

Tons { Gross 1863
Net 1092

Built at Sunderland

When 1923

YEAR. MONTH.

7

Casualty notice sent to Owner ---

Owner's reply ---

Owners Thos. Leitch (Shipping) Ltd.

Managers ---

Address 15, St. Mary Axe, London, E.C.3.

RETAIN

Classification details

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| ✠ 100A1 | ✠ LMC7,52 |
| 7,55 | BS8,55 |
| ss(Dr)12,48 | sp7,52 |
| Nwc 8,52 | |
| | ts 6,53 CL |

Date of Casualty 29th March, 1956.

Details of Casualty

Beached near Littlebrook Power Station after collision, holed and tidal.

After temporary repairs she was docked at Tilbury, subsequently settled as constructive total loss and sold to British Iron & Steel Corporation for breaking up.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

SLEMISH.—Tilbury, Mar. 30.—Steamer Slemish, Tyne for Rotherhithe, was in collision with an unknown vessel at 11 30 p.m. on Mar. 29. The Slemish was holed and later beached on the south side of Long Reach inside Cory Barge Roads.

—Gravesend, Mar. 30.—Steamer BORDE, when leaving Littlebrook Power Station early this morning (for Szczecin), collided with steamer Slemish, Tyne for Rotherhithe. Latter vessel was placed ashore inside Cory's Barge Roads, Long Reach, in a sinking condition; 20 of crew landed at Tilbury by tug Sun XVII, understood master and second officer remaining on board. Former vessel moored to Long Reach Collier Tier; extent of damage unknown.

SLEMISH.—Gravesend, Apr. 2.—Steamer Slemish was beached near Littlebrook Power Station, assisted by tug Java, on Mar. 29. Vessel damaged on starboard side, shell plating pierced below waterline, holds and engine-room tidal, starboard bridge wing crushed, also boat deck. Commenced discharge of coal cargo into barges on Mar. 31 prior to fitting underwater patch and refloating vessel.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Mar. 31.)

SLEMISH.—Gravesend, Apr. 7.—Steamer Slemish: 1400 tons of coal was discharged into barges a.m. to-day. Template of collision hole made and preparing to fit 6 ft. by 6 ft. underwater patch on Monday (Apr. 9).—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Apr. 4.)

SLEMISH.—Gravesend, Apr. 9.—Steamer Slemish: Two thousand tons of coal discharged by noon to-day. Temporary underwater patch now fitted and pumping out vessel and shifting inshore to fix welded plate patch, then drydocking vessel at Tilbury on Friday (Apr. 13) for examination.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Apr. 9.)

SLEMISH.—Gravesend, Apr. 11.—Steamer Slemish: Reported a.m. to-day shifting vessel into position where she will be dry at low water, remove temporary patch and fit welded plate over collision hole and refloat vessel for towing to Tilbury Dry Dock on Friday (Apr. 13).—Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Apr. 11.)

SLEMISH.—Gravesend, Apr. 12.—Steamer Slemish: Welded plate patch completed at 6 a.m. to-day, Apr. 12, refloating and drydocking at Tilbury this afternoon. Intend to undock Friday, Apr. 13, a.m.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Apr. 12.)

SLEMISH.—Greenhithe, Apr. 12.—Steamer Slemish, which was placed ashore on south shore in Long Reach, has been refloated, after temporary repairs and towed down river. (See issue of Apr. 13.)

—Gravesend, Apr. 12.—Steamer Slemish refloated at high tide to-day, and was towed to Tilbury Dry Dock by tugs Atlantic Cock, Hibernia and Britannia; dock dry at 6 p.m. Am drawing up specification of damage, owners have invited various firms to tender.—Salvage Association's Surveyor.

SLEMISH.—Gravesend, Apr. 13.—Steamer Slemish undocked at 3 p.m. to-day and is now moored to Denton Buoys, awaiting to discharge remainder of 400 tons of coal cargo into barges on Monday morning (Apr. 16), also awaiting tenders for necessary repairs.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Apr. 14.)

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

THURSDAY 15 MAY 1956

Committee's Minute

Damaged by collision 3.56 - to be broken up