

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

Date *11th February* 1895

Vessel's Name *St. Clair*

No. *55* in R. B. *300* Tons.

Built *Glasgow* in 18 *68* Case previously before Cl. Committee ☒

CLASS *A* Last minute of Cl. Committee ☒

Date of Casualty *30th January, 1895.*

Précis of particulars of Casualty

Vessel stranded at Wick on the 30th ultimo. She is said to be pivoted under the engine room. Heavy seas have been breaking over her. Bad weather has prevented salvage operations.

The latest reports, received from the Officer of the Liverpool Salvage Association, state that the vessel is grinding amidships & swinging violently, and he thinks there is not much hope of saving the ship.

The Owners writing on 1st instant, state that information was given to the "Underwriters" of this vessel on 2nd inst. of "abandonment" and there has "been nothing to alter our views or intentions since that date."

OWNER'S NAME *A. of Scotland, Orkney & Shetland S. S. Co., Ltd.*

Address *Aberdeen*

Suggested Record

Committee's Minute

Li. to Owners

Submitted for the Committee's consideration

TUES. 12 FEB 1895

Stranded 1/95

Notice to Owners

7-2-95
12-2-95

P.C. 12/2/95

Wreck Book, p. *18*

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ST. CLAIR (s).—Wick, Jan. 30, 7 20 a.m.—St. Clair, North Scotland steamer, when leaving here 3 o'clock for Scrabster, went ashore back north quay. If weather keeps moderate may be floated off strand. Will wire further particulars afternoon.

ST. CLAIR (s).—Wick, Jan. 30, 4 44 p.m.—Understand steamer coming with pumps and other plant from Aberdeen and Mr. Armit, Leith, to float St. Clair off the strand.—[Lloyd's Agent.]

ST. CLAIR (s).—Aberdeen, Jan. 31.—St. Clair; Armit pumps due Wick this evening; prospects salvage rather better.

ST. CLAIR (s).—Leith, Jan. 31, 3 15 p.m.—St. Clair (s), ashore Wick; Armit with our staff, pumps and appliances left here 4 o'clock this morning per steamer St. Nicholas, to undertake salvage. Due Wick this afternoon.—East Coast Salvage Co.

ST. CLAIR (s).—Leith, Feb. 1, 1 21 p.m.—Have just received following telegram Armit, Wick:—St. Clair heads north, stern towards harbour entrance; sits nearly upright; wind easterly, with strong sea breaking over vessel, but not doing serious damage. Agents have wired St. Nicholas to remain at Scrabster till further orders. When sea moderates have little doubt we can save vessel. Lamb and I making arrangements for transferring pumps.—East Coast Salvage Company.

ST. CLAIR (s).—Wick, Feb. 1, 9 22 p.m.—Bar sea prevented steamer landing floating plant. Salvage operations St. Clair discontinued until tides begin to rise. They continue landing cargo. Armit considers floating ship certain.

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ST. CLAIR (s).—Leith, Feb. 6, 10 57 a.m.—St. Clair.—Our telegram from Wick, dated 10 10 a.m. to-day, states: South-Easterly gale with snow; heavy sea. St. Clair: Position still unchanged at present.

ST. CLAIR (s).—Liverpool, Feb. 6, 11 9 a.m.—Liverpool Salvage Association report their officer wires:—St. Clair (s): Blowing furiously here to-day from Eastward. Have stopped all plant and gear coming till weather moderates.

ST. CLAIR (s).—Liverpool, Feb. 6, 11 27 a.m.—Liverpool Salvage Association have further wire from their officer:—St. Clair (s): Blowing heavy gale from south-east; seas breaking over vessel fore and aft; fear she will receive serious damage.

ST. CLAIR (s).—Liverpool, Feb. 7, 11 21 a.m.—St. Clair (s): Liverpool Salvage Association report officer wires weather moderated a little this morning, but sea still very heavy. Except for change in position cannot see much difference in vessel.

ST. CLAIR (s).—Liverpool, Feb. 6, 5 14 p.m.—The Liverpool Salvage Association report their officer wires from Wick at 1 52 p.m. as follows:—Weather getting worse, and tremendous sea breaking over vessel. All the lines blocked by snow, and no mails, likely to get through for some days. Have wired Rundell, Glasgow, and stopped all expenses. Ship now working, has come further in shore.

ST. CLAIR (s).—Liverpool, Feb. 7, 3 8 p.m.—St. Clair: The Liverpool Salvage Association report, their officer wires:—St. Clair is pivoted under engine-room and moving a great deal as sea strikes and breaks over her, consequently we may expect bottom to be receiving much damage. She has taken more list seaward. Nearly all passenger cabin equipment consisting bedding, linen, plate, &c., has been saved dry and stored.

ST. CLAIR (s).—Liverpool, Feb. 8, 11 34 a.m.—St. Clair: Liverpool Salvage Association report their officer wires this morning:—Weather more moderate, but sea still heavy. Ship grinding amidships and swinging violently, receiving further serious damage. If weather does not moderate there is not much hope for her.

ST. CLAIR (s).—Liverpool, Feb. 9, Noon.—St. Clair (s).—The Liverpool Salvage Association report following wire from their officer this morning:—"Although not so much wind, sea heavier last night and still heavy to-day. Will get diver down first chance, but think not much hope saving ship."

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