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REPORT OF SURVEY

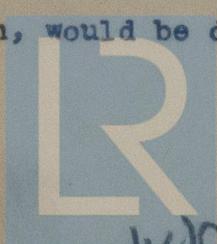
S.S. "HAMPHOLM".

REPORT ON HEATED COAL IN NOS. 3 AND 4 HOLDS.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that we, John Stewart and A. S. Bowyer, the Under-
signed Marine Surveyors at this Port, did, at the request of the
Captain and Consul for Norway at Port Natal, Survey on the 23rd day
of November, 1925, and on subsequent dates, the coal cargo in the
Nos 3 and 4 lower Holds on the S/S "Hampholme", for the purpose of
ascertaining and reporting on its condition.

From information obtained on board, and from the extract of Log,
it appears that on the 14th day of November, gas and smoke were ob-
served to be issuing from fore part of No. 2 hatch, cans were then
taken to close all ventilation, and to fill the hold with steam.
On the 16th the hatch was opened, and it was found that the gas and
smoke had increased, so water was pumped into the hold, the hose
working all day. On the 17th gas and smoke were observed issuing
from No. 4 hold fore part, so crew were employed trimming coal to
allow hose to play on seat of fire, also on this day water was again
pumped on coal in No. 3 Hold. The shaft tunnel was found in several
places much heated. On the 21st water was again pumped on the coal
in No. 4 hold.

After a careful examination of the coal in Nos 3 and 4 holds
we found it to be highly heated, and giving off smoke and gases
generally all over the holds, and we decided that the best possible
course would be to recommend the discharge of the coal in these
holds, and that it be sold for the benefit of whom it may concern.
This recommendation was carried out, Our decision in this matter
was strengthened by the fact that the vessel would be on the dry
dock for some considerable time undergoing repairs, and that the
coal in its highly heated condition, would be dangerous to the
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The quantity of coal in these two lower holds was approximately one hundred tons.

During discharge of the coal in these holds, water from vessel's bilges had a number of times to be used to allow discharge to be completed, owing to the heavy gas and smoke arising.

We also examined the coal in No. 2 lower hold, and found it in good condition, but it was necessary to discharge a quantity of coal to facilitate the carrying out of repairs to the vessel in dry dock. This coal had been specially stacked, and may be re-used.

There is no structural damage to the vessel on account of the discharge of coal.

Survey 23rd November.

Survey 30th November.

Visits daily.

(Sgd.) John Stewart.

Marine Surveyor.

NATAL,

December 1925.

(Sgd.) A. S. Bowyer,

Marine Surveyor.



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