

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 8661

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No. 25802 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 134/33 Date of writing this report 8th January 1934
 Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Fernmoor" of London Tons { Net 3666
 Gross 5812
 Built at Newcastle When 1922 - 9 Casualty notice sent to Owner 4/1/34 Owner's reply 5/1/34
 Owner's Name Moor Line Ltd. (W. Runciman & Co. Ltd. Mgr.)
 Address Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before { Date
 Classing Committee. { Last Minute
 Date of Casualty 9th December, 1933.
 Particulars of Classification.

+100A1	S.S. Hull No 2-30
Shelter Deck	+LMC
w. fbd.	MS 9.30
10.33	BS 10.32

FERNMOOR.—Grindstone Wireless Station, Dec. 9.—At 6.43 p.m., E.S.T., S O S from British steamer Fernmoor; ashore Cape Anguille, requesting immediate assistance. Salvage tug Foundation Franklin is proceeding to her assistance and is due at Fernmoor at 9 a.m. 11/12/33

FERNMOOR.—Montreal, Dec. 10.—Steamer Fernmoor stranded about 20 miles north of Cape Ray. No particulars except crew removed by tug Foundation Franklin. Vessel feared total loss.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. 12/12

—London, Dec. 11.—The owners of the steamer Fernmoor have received the following message from the master, via North Sydney, C.B., dated Dec. 10, 1.43 a.m.: Stranded near Cape Anguille, fear hopeless case. Steamer Brandon getting off crew, myself and few remaining. Making water fast.

—Montreal, Dec. 10.—The agents of the steamer Fernmoor have received a wireless message saying that the vessel is a total loss. The crew took to the boats and were picked up by the tug Foundation Franklin which set out to assist the distressed vessel yesterday.—Reuter.

—Montreal, Dec. 11.—Steamer Fernmoor: Latest report from Salvage Superintendent on tug Foundation Franklin: Fear total loss, tidal fore and aft, driven on ledges broadside cliff, 16 feet forward, 28 feet aft, grinding heavily, decks set up, now dangerous to board. Crew on Foundation Franklin. Tug Foundation Franklin reports now in gale, due Sydney, C.B., this afternoon. Will cable further after telephone conversation with master of Fernmoor. Surveyor Glen now at St. John, N.B., will proceed to examine Fernmoor later.—Salvage Association's Surveyors.

FERNMOOR.—St. John's, N.F., Dec. 11.—British steamer Fernmoor, cargo timber, reported ashore and total loss at Cape Anguille. Crew taken off by salvage steamer Foundation Franklin, which is unable to assist wreck owing to bad weather. 13/12

—London, Dec. 12.—The owners of the steamer Fernmoor received late last night the following radio message from the master on board the salvage tug Foundation Franklin: Landing Sydney, C.B., 2 p.m. to-day, salvage of vessel or cargo hopeless.

—Montreal, Dec. 11.—Steamer Fernmoor: Crew arrived Sydney, C.B. Master reports vessel ashore broadside on ledges under cliff, all holds tidal, pounding heavily. Sounding pipes, decks and boilers set up. Fear no hope of salvage of vessel. This confirmed by Superintendent on salvage steamer Foundation Franklin. Vessel's draught before stranding 23 ft. Now 16 ft. water at bow, 28 ft. stern. Our Halifax Surveyor proceeding soonest possible.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. 14/12

FERNMOOR.—Montreal, Dec. 12.—Steamer Fernmoor: Neither Merritts nor Foundation Maritime prepared to undertake salvage "no cure no pay" contract. They believe vessel total loss. Our Halifax Surveyor proceeding to scene first available steamer, Dec. 16, from Sydney, C.B.—Salvage Association's Surveyors.

FERNMOOR.—Codroy, N.F., Dec. 18.—Steamer Fernmoor: Unapproachable to-day owing to north-west gales and snow squalls. Hope to board Tuesday (Dec. 19).—Salvage Association's Surveyor. 20/12

FERNMOOR.—Codroy, N.F., Dec. 20.—Steamer Fernmoor: North-west gales and snow squalls continue and prevent local boats attempting 17 mile passage along lee precipitous uninhabited shore. No other boats between here and Johnson Cove where vessel seen Friday (Dec. 15) same condition as grounding. Can only await favourable weather.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. 23/12

FERNMOOR.—Codroy, N.F., Dec. 25.—Steamer Fernmoor lies three hundred feet off Johnsons Cove, heading WSW., even keel, draught 28 feet, upright, broken amidships, bent 3 feet to port, shell both sides open 3 feet, bulwarks down, engine room and apparently all holds full, rudder missing; everything heavily iced up. Consider total loss. Deck cargo intact, frozen solid mass. Anticipate vessel remains as is until arrival of ice in middle January then safe until middle of April when stripping and salvage of cargo be attempted. Stores and small gear now being landed at Codroy.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. 28/12

FERNMOOR.—St. John's, N.F., Jan. 2.—Steamer Fernmoor: Wreck Commissioner advises broken in two, stern part of vessel mostly under water and about 40 ft. from forward part, smokestack gone and deckload strewn around shore, vessel from bridge forward about same position.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. 4/1/34

This vessel stranded near Cape Anguille on the 9th December, 1933.

The Salvage Association's Surveyor later reported that she was broken amidships; bent 3ft. to port; shell both sides open 3ft.; bulwarks down; engine room + apparently holds full; rudder missing; everything heavily iced up; she considered her to be a total loss.

The Owners concur.

Wrecked 12.33

TUE 9 JAN 1934

Committee's Minute

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Character Assigned

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