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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO MARINE CLAIMS DEPT

24th July, 1931.

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The Secretary,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

Dear Sir,

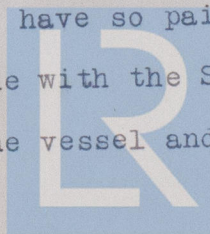
Your ref. "S".

"EMPRESS".

Your letter dated 3rd instant addressed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Montreal, was received by them on the 14th instant, and it has been forwarded to us with a request that we should communicate to you what has happened to the vessel.

A serious fire broke out in the company's sheds at West St. John, N.B. on the 22nd June, 1931. The fire spread to the "Empress" which was lying alongside the sheds, resting on the mud, due to low water at the time. She was enveloped in the conflagration, and was largely destroyed. The Salvage Association's surveyor attended and reported on the condition of the vessel, when it was seen that she was a constructive total loss. The underwriters have so paid for her.

A contract was made with the St. John Dry Dock Co. for floating the remains of the vessel and these were refloated on



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the 17th instant and safely moored in a slip owned by the vessel's owners, at the end of Rodney Wharf, West St. John, where she has been offered for sale by tender as lying.

If you would like to see a copy of the Salvage Association's surveyor's report on the condition of the ship, we should be pleased to send it over to you for perusal.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIS, FABER & DUMAS LTD.

MANAGER, MARINE CLAIMS DEPT.

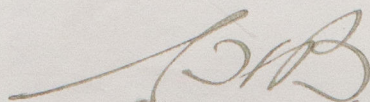


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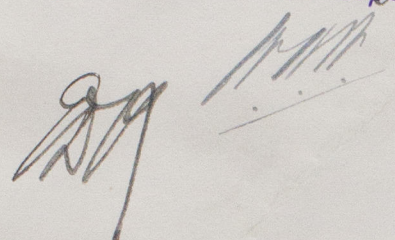
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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor,
and the Chief Engineer Surveyor.


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Also for Mr. S. A. Hill to note.

Referred to Mr. Bishop.





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