

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 30 May 1928

Vessel's Name *Keel S.S. "Inverampton"* of *London*

Tons { Net 456
Gross 767

Built at *Glasgow* When *1920* Casualty notice sent to Owner *26. 4. 28* Owner's reply *[initials]*

Owner's Name *Lago Shipping Co. Ltd. (A. Weir & Co. Mgrs)*

Address *Bury Street, 163*

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

T.R.I. *11. 1. 24*
Guilty of gross *TLN 10. 8. 24*
of Maracaibo *BS 11. 27*
S. 24

Date of Casualty *21st April 1928*

Carrying oil fuel in bulk 150°F
700 tons for oil fuel 11.20 FP above
Carrying Petroleum in bulk

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel is reported to have gone aground near the outer bar at Maracaibo on 21st April, and is stated to have been abandoned as a total loss.

A casualty letter was sent to the Owners on 26th April, and in reply they state that the information which they have received is not sufficient to enable them to say that the vessel is a total loss, and they suggest that action be deferred. They will write again as soon as possible.

4th June 1928

The Owners now state that they have received sufficient evidence to show that the vessel is a total loss, and her name may be expunged from the Register Book.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

INVERAMPTON.—Maracaibo, Apr. 22.—British tank steamer Inverampton, Lago Petroleum Corporation, went aground on Apr. 21 through stormy boisterous weather about half mile west-south-west of outer bar at Maracaibo; will be a total loss. Cargo oil fuel. Fear no salvage recoverable. It is reported crew being landed.—Lloyd's Agent.

London, Apr. 23.—The following cable has been received: Steamer Inverampton, outward bound from Maracaibo with cargo of fuel, was driven on shore by boisterous weather on Apr. 21, forenoon, on the sand (near) about half a mile W.S.W. from outer bar head(s). Vessel is in precarious position and will most probably become a total loss. Crew were still on board morning of Apr. 22 endeavours (to) get men off Punta Benitez made (?) standing by to give any assistance possible. Forecastle of Inverampton is now in sand flush with water level, heavy sea breaking (?) vessel.

INVERAMPTON.—Maracaibo, Apr. 23.—Propose visiting barge Lucetta (?) LUETTA and tank steamer Inverampton with surveyor with a view to salvage of cargo or sale. The owners of the Inverampton have instructed the master to abandon ship and cargo to underwriters. Possibility of salvage of barge given fine weather.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Maracaibo, Apr. 24.—Master of steamer Inverampton reports possibility of salvage very improbable. Vessel's position and condition precarious, likely to break up before fine weather can allow any prospect of salvage. Vessel is 30 deg. fore part under water, embedded in sand and is filling up with sand every wave. Impossible at present to approach vessel.—Salvage Association.

London, Apr. 25.—The owners of the steamer Inverampton have received the following cables from Maracaibo:—
From the master: Inverampton driven ashore near outer bar Apr. 21. Crew (?) all (?) saved, ship and cargo total loss. Have surrendered wreck and cargo for account underwriter(s) through Lloyd's Agents.

From their Superintendent: Inverampton: All crew landed safely by ship's boat(s). Impossible to get near ship, heavy sea continuously pounding her. Vessel lies head to seaward, bow under, stern up vertically, angle hull about 20 degrees, forward end of must be rapidly filling with sand. Have abandoned ship and cargo as total loss and surrendered to Lloyd's Agents for account underwriter(s). Crew and myself proceeding to Aruba to-morrow. Lloyd's Agents agree ship and cargo total loss.

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

FRI. 4 MAY 1928

Wrecked 4. 28

TUES. 5 JUN 1928

Deferred for two months

Wrecked 24. 28

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