

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 17th December 1928

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Cariboo" of Liverpool

Tons (Net) 4463 (Gross) 5391

Built at Clydebank When 1924 8 Casualty notice sent to Owner 6.12.28 Owner's reply

Owner's Name J. Dempster & Co.

Address Colonial House, Water Street, Liverpool

Case previously before Date
Classing Committee. Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

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Date of Casualty 26th November 1928

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This steamer is reported to have run ashore between Natal and East London on 26th November. She refloated, but was afterwards abandoned in a sinking condition, and subsequently foundered in 25 fathoms of water about 30 miles S.W. of East London, about 3 miles from shore.

On 29th November Lloyd's Agents stated that in their opinion the salvage of vessel and cargo was impossible.

A casualty notice was sent to the Owners on 6th December, but no reply has yet been received.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

CARIBOO.—London, Nov. 24.—Information received states that the steamer Cariboo, built for New York, has been abandoned in a sinking condition.

East London, Nov. 24.—British steamer Cariboo reported to have struck 31 miles west of East London, now in sinking condition, no steam, six miles off shore. Crew picked up by steamer Windsor Castle. Master remaining on board. Government tug is assisting.

Cape Town, Nov. 24.—Steamer Cariboo is reported to be sinking 35 miles south-west of East London. The crew are stated to have abandoned her and to have been picked up by the steamer Windsor Castle, but Captain Mitchell remained on board the Cariboo. Heavy weather prevailed last evening when the Cariboo left East London, where she had been loading cargo for the U.S.A. Later she sent out a wireless message stating that she was aground at Keis Kamma, but afterwards she refloated under her own steam. It is believed that the Windsor Castle is standing by, hoping to save the vessel. —Reuter.

East London, Nov. 24.—The British cargo steamer Cariboo, 7275 tons gross, sank stern first early this morning after striking a submerged rock 40 miles south of here. She had previously sent out an S.O.S. which was picked up by the steamer Windsor Castle, which was in the immediate vicinity. The Windsor Castle at once rushed to the rescue and so did the harbour tug Buffalo. The Windsor Castle picked up the crew of the Cariboo, who had already abandoned the ship. The Buffalo was standing by when the ship sank and Captain Mitchell, who was in command of her, and had refused to leave her with the crew, was taken off by the tug at the last moment. —Reuter.

London, Nov. 24.—The owners of the steamer Cariboo report that the East London Agency of the Union-Castle Line cables as follows: Cariboo ran ashore early this morning Keis Kamma, between Natal and East London, refloated but afterwards abandoned in sinking condition. Crew picked up by steamer Windsor Castle.

East London, Nov. 24.—British steamer Cariboo foundered 10 p.m. about 40 miles west of East London, 3 miles off shore, approximate position lat. 33° 27' S., long. 27° 20' E. No lives lost.

CARIBOO.—Liverpool, Nov. 26.—The owners of the steamer Cariboo have received the following cable, dated East London, Nov. 24: Steamer Cariboo sank at 1 o'clock. Master, officers and crew saved.

East London, Nov. 26.—Steamer Cariboo: Port authority's report that vessel lies in 150 ft. of water, masts exposed about 6 ft. above water. Lying in a dangerous position for passing vessels. All shipping is being warned of this.

CARIBOO.—London, Nov. 27.—The following cable has been received by the owners of the steamer Cariboo from their agents at East London, dated Nov. 26: Steamer Cariboo is lying upright in 25 fathoms of water about 30 miles south-west of London (East London) 2 1/2 to 3 miles from shore, very exposed position. Master considers salvage of vessel or cargo very improbable.

Liverpool, Nov. 27.—The owners of the steamer Cariboo have received the following cable from their agent at East London dated Nov. 26: Steamer Cariboo: Master states that the vessel struck submerged object last Saturday, Nov. 24, at 2 a.m., badly holed vessel bunker stokehold and afterhold which flooded, whereupon endeavoured proceed East London but steam failed, anchored lat. "25" 27° S., long. 27° 20' E. Crew abandoned steamer under orders 7 a.m. Tug arrived with object towing but unsuccessful.

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Date of Committee

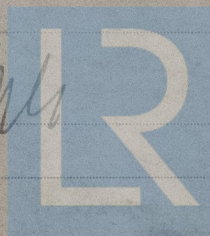
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CARIBOO.—East London, Nov. 29.—
Steamer Cariboo. We are opinion that
salvage of hull and cargo is impossible.
We do not advise incurring any expense.
Nothing done at present.—Lloyd's Agents
per Salvage Association.

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East London, Nov. 30.—
Steamer Cariboo. H.M.S. Verbena re-
ports that on the exact position taken
Cariboo lat. 33 25 48 S., long. 27 18 6 E.
Vessel lies in 114 ft. of water, off shore
one mile three cables. Masts exposed ten
feet above water. Result of the Court
of Inquiry master and officers exonerated.
—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

CARIBOO.—East London, Dec. 13.—
Steamer Cariboo. We have consulted with
owners' agent. We do not recommend
sending surveyor to report. Examination
by diver dangerous. We do not con-
sider salvage of copper ingots practicable.
—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.



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