

WRECK BOX

No. 48 Top

LONDON,

21st April, 1922.

JAMES DAGLISH and NORMAN DOBSON,

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the Owners Representative survey the Steel Five Masted Barque "FRANCE", 5633 tons Gross register of Bordeaux, whilst lying afloat in Surrey Commercial Dock and the River Thames, also in Union Dry Dock on the 3rd January, 1922, and subsequent dates, to ascertain the nature and extent of damage stated to have been caused by stress of weather during September, October and November, 1921, whilst on a voyage from Port Lyttleton, N.Z. to London.

For further particulars see ship's Log Book.

On examination the undersigned,

FOUND:

RECOMMENDED:

On Port Side.

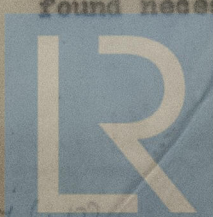
2nd and 4th stringer plate below forepeak tank top fractured and a number of defective rivets through brackets, beam and shell connections.

Stringer plate to be cropped and part renewed. Brackets, beam and shell connections to be re-riveted as found necessary.

On Starboard Side.

2nd, 3rd and 4th stringer plate below forepeak tank top fractured and a number of defective rivets through brackets, beam and shell connections.

An efficient doubling plate to be fitted over fracture in the 2nd and 3rd stringer plate, the plate of 4th stringer to be cropped and part renewed. Brackets, beam and shell connections to be re-riveted as found necessary.



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"FRANCE"

FOUND:

Breasthooks at fore end of 3rd and 4th stringer fractured.

One panting beam in Fore peak fractured.

A number of slack rivets through upper deck beam knees.

Several defective rivets in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th horizontal stiffeners on forepeak bulkhead.

A number of rivets and seams of outside plating shewing moisture.

RECOMMENDED:

Both breasthooks to be renewed.

An efficient channel strap in way of fracture and a gusset plate to be fitted connecting beam to stringer.

Rivets to be overhauled and renewed as found necessary.

Stiffeners to be released and re-riveted.

Riveting and caulking to be overhauled and made good.

On completion of repairs the Forepeak tank to be filled and tested by water pressure and proven tight.

Plate removed from Forepeak tank top for access to be refitted and other fittings removed or disturbed during repairs to be replaced.

The above recommendations have been carried out and other repairs of a minor nature effected to bulwarks etc.

These recommendations were made in order to place the vessel in as good a condition as she was previous to the casualty.

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