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Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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Vessel Characteristics

Name: Westlea	Prime Mover: Steam
Flag:	Transmission: Unknown
ASPPR Ice Class: Unknown	Power (kW):
Lloyd's Class: Unknown	# Propellers:
Baltic Class: Unknown	Prop. Type: Unknown
Vessel Type: Steamship	Service Speed:
Owner: Cliffside Shipping Co.	Stern Form:
Registered Country:	Steel Grade: Unknown
Year of Manufacture: 1924	<u>Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:</u>
Bow Shape: Unknown	
Stem Angle:	
<u>Dimensions (m):</u>	<u>Mass (tonnes):</u>
Length: 111.25	Gross: 4218
Beam: 15.7	Net:
Depth: 7.65	Dead: 2554

Collision Details

Date: 26-May-1926	Air Temperature:
Visibility (nautical miles):	Water Temperature:
Visibility: Poor	Wind Speed:
Visibility - Fog: Thick fog	Wave Height:
Visibility - Snow: Unknown	Sea State: Unknown
Visibility - Light: Unknown	
Collision Speed: 4	
Kerwin Place	Place Kerwin
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Damage Details

Damage Sustained: Yes	Damage Report No. :
Scenario: Direct Impact	Steel Failure Type: Unknown
Severity: Crushed	Size - Length (m):
Location: Bow	Size - Height (m):
Code: Plate	Damage Below WL (m):
Length of Downtime:	Damage Above WL - Height (m):
Cost of Downtime:	Damage Above WL - Length (m):
Cost to Repair:	
No. Lives Lost:	
No. Injuries:	Cause of Deaths/Injuries: Unknown
Cargo Loss: Unknown	
Pollution: Unknown	Pollution Potential: Unknown

Cause of Damage:

Hit a berg while going slowly in dense fog 150 miles SE of Cape Race.

Damage Description:

Serious damage with forepeak and No. 1 tank full of water. Put into St. John's May 28. Some water in forehold. Down by the head with a port list. Bow badly damaged on the 15' (4.5 m) mark below the water line. Probably have to be dry-docked.

Ice Details

Ice Briefing Received: Unknown

Iceberg Population:

IIP Iceberg Number:

Sea Ice Concentration:

Position of Nearest Known Iceberg:

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Iceberg Shape: Unknown

Latitude: 0 ° ' " N

Iceberg Size: Unknown

Longitude: 0 ° ' " W

Length:

Date of Observation:

Width:

Iceberg Tonnage:

Route Details

Geographic Area: Grand Banks

Origin: Montreal

Collision Latitude: 45 ° 40 ' " N

Destination: UK

Collision Longitude: 049 ° 20 ' " W

Distance:

Locale Accuracy: Known

Cargo at Event: 7,000 tons of grain.

Voyage:

Displacement:

Draft FWD (m):

Captain's Experience: Unknown

Radar Equipped?: Unknown

Radar Details:

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