(No. 6753.)

"WILCANNIA" (S.S.).

The Court of Marine Inquiry at Sydney.

IN the matter of a formal inquiry held at Sydney before his Honour JUDGE BACKHOUSE, assisted by JOHN MCKENZIE and DAVID GALLOWAY STEWART, assesors, into the circumstances attending the grounding of the British ship "WILCANNIA."

The Court, having carefully inquired into the circumstances attending the above-mentioned shipping casualty, comes to the decision following:—

1. The British ship "Wilcannia" (official number 110154), took the ground near Shark Point, in Sydney Harbour, on the 23rd day of September, 1904, while she was on a voyage to London viâ ports.

2. By such grounding the British ship "Wilcannia" suffered serious damage.

3. The master, Windeyer George Lingham, after he passed Bradley's Head, saw the R.M.S. "Oroya" entering the port, and, as he did not wish to meet her at the turn in the channel at the Pile Light, he slowed and then stopped his engines, and put his helm to port. There was still an hour and a half of the ebb tide, and the vessel was carried too far to the south and took the ground.

4. In the opinion of the Court the master was guilty of an error of judgment, but of nothing more.

Dated this 21st day of October, 1904.

ALF. P. BACKHOUSE,
Judge.

I, John Macvicar Anderson Bonthorne, Registrar of the Court of Marine Inquiry at Sydney, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the decision of the Court in the matter of the inquiry into the circumstances attending the grounding of the British ship "Wilcannia."

Dated at Sydney this 22nd day of October, 1904.

J. M. A. BONTHORNE,
Registrar of the Court.

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