

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 171.—It is hereby notified, under section 2 of the London Missionary Society Incorporation Ordinance, 1891, Ordinance No. 6 of 1891, that satisfactory proof of the appointment of Dr. ROBERT McLEAN GIBSON, M.D., F.R.C.S., Edin., as Senior Missionary in Hong Kong of the London Missionary Society has been placed in the hands of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government.

18th March, 1930.

No. 172.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Chief Detective Inspector TIMOTHY MURPHY to act as an Assistant Superintendent of Police, with effect from 11th March, 1930.

20th March, 1930.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 173.—The following correction is made to Government Notification No. 101 dated 13th February, 1930, which was published in the Hong Kong Government Gazette No. 8 of 14th February, 1930:—

For

“Lieutenant MANNA ALFRED JOHNSON, M.M., to be Captain.”

read

“Lieutenant MAURICE ALFRED JOHNSON, M.M., to be Captain.”

E. R. HALLIFAX,
Colonial Secretary.

21st March, 1930.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 174.—The following Finding of the Marine Court of Enquiry held on the 12th and 13th March, 1930, to enquire into the circumstances attending the collision between the British S.S. *Anking* and the British S.S. *Tanda*, is published for general information.

E. R. HALLIFAX,
Colonial Secretary.

21st March, 1930.

FINDING.

We find that the British S.S. *Anking* Official No. 148563 of London of which Mr. Robert Ritchie (Certificate of Competency as Extra Master No. 031684 of Dundee) was Master came into collision in dense fog with the British S.S. *Tanda* No. 136239 of Glasgow of which Mr. Elias Tomlin Pilcher (Certificate of Competency as Extra Master No. 031625 of London) was Master in an approximate position Lat. 22° 26' N., Long. 115° 13' E. at 1.40 a.m. (Local time) on February 26th, 1930.

We find that the *Anking*, being on a voyage from Hong Kong to Swatow, was on course N. 75 E. True, speed slow at 1.32 a.m. At 1.34 hearing a long blast from a steamer about one point on her port bow she altered course to N. 86 E. (True). At 1.35 hearing a second blast, the Compass bearing of the fog signal not having altered, engines were stopped. Ship then proceeded to lose her way and to fall off to starboard. At 1.39 a.m. the lights of the *Tanda* were sighted about 100 feet 6 points on the Port Bow.

We find that the S.S. *Tanda* proceeding on a voyage from Moji (Japan) to Hong Kong at 1.20 (local time) on February 26th, 1930, was on a course S. 74 W. True proceeding at four knots having another steamer, name unknown, in position on her starboard beam. Both ships were sounding Regulation fog signals.

At 1.27 *Tanda* heard a further fog signal (one long blast) four points on her starboard bow and at 1.35 received "Two long blasts" from this ship. At 1.38 *Tanda* stopped. At 1.38½ Starboarded her helm to avoid the ship whose lights had just been sighted on the Starboard bow and which ship from her fog signal was deemed to be stopped and making no way through the water.

At 1.39 a.m. both ships went Full Astern.

At 1.40 a.m. they came into collision.

We are of the opinion that the causes of the collision were as follows:—

- (a.) *Anking* on hearing long blasts in the first instance thought she heard *Tanda* whereas she actually heard the ship on *Tanda's* beam. She then rightly ported and had the misfortune to close *Tanda*.
- (b.) When approaching one another both vessels had slight headway causing *Anking* to strike *Tanda* on the Starboard bow abreast No. 2 hatch.
- (c.) That *Anking's* headway was such that going astern overcame it just too late to avoid impact.

We find that both Masters handled their ships with caution and in a seaman like manner and we further compliment the Master of the *Tanda* for his prompt manœuvre immediately after the moment of impact.

Given under our hands at Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, this 13th day of March, 1930.

(Signed) G. F. HOLE,
Stipendiary Magistrate and President of the Court.

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Master, British S.S. Hai Ning.

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Master, British S.S. Benveoch.

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Master, British S.S. Taiping.