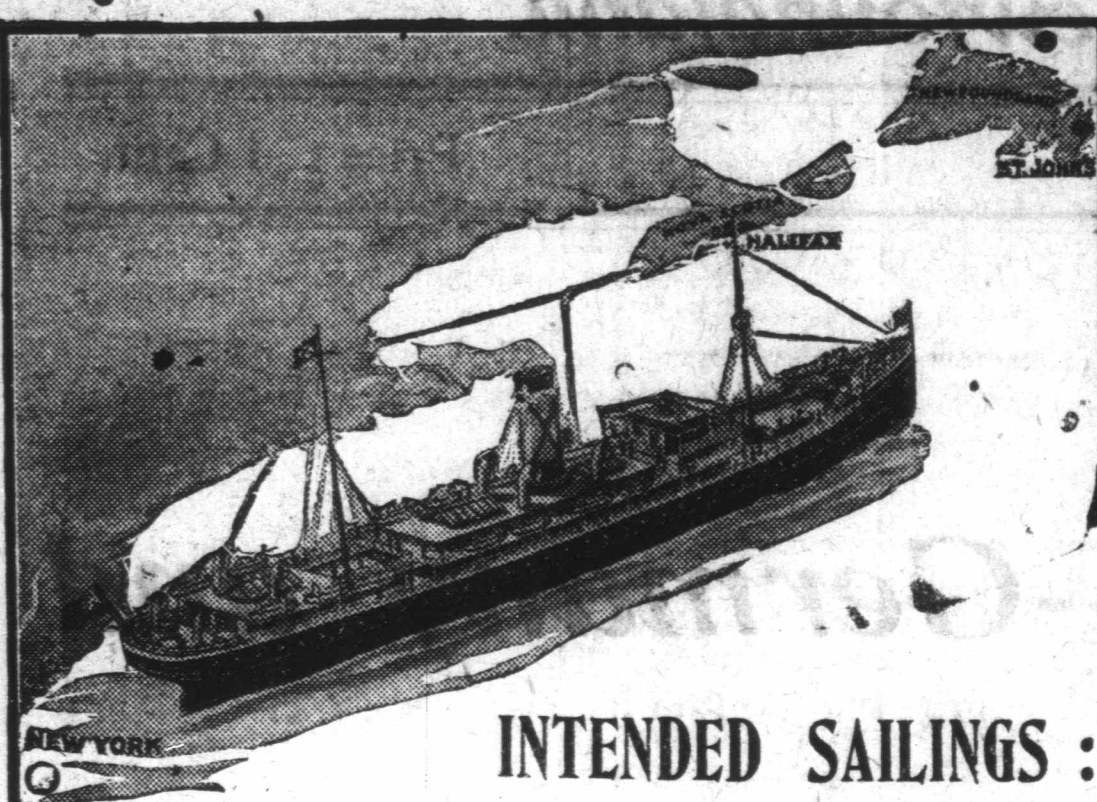


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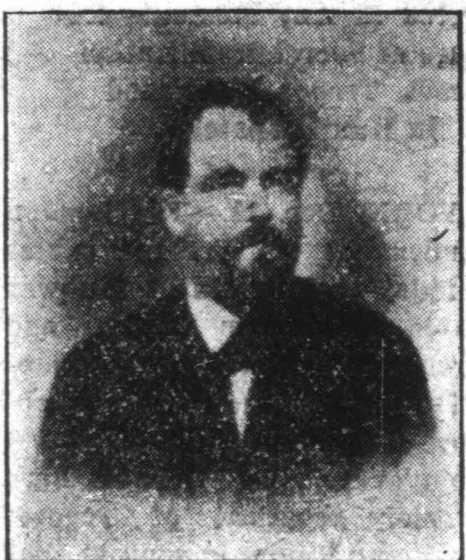
Shipwrecks and Loss of Life on the Coast of Newfoundland.

(BY JAMES MURPHY)

This fifty years past last October Labrador. On that historical occasion the disastrous gale took place on the cold bleak desolate coast of Labrador the heroism of the late Capt. Wm. Jackman was shown. Captain Jackman died in 1877. I saw his funeral, it was one of the largest ever seen in St. John's. The late Rev. Wm. Jackman of St. Patrick's Church preached, and Thomas Jackman of the Customs Department, and the late James Jackman of Bowring Bros. were sons of the late hero of this tale. The writer was a school mate of the Jackman Brothers at the old Orphan Asylum when the Christian Brothers first came to Newfoundland. The late Matthew H. Warren, Esq., was Justice of the Peace for Labrador at the time of the gale in 1867. The following in relation to the gale and to the bravery shown by Captain Jackman was sent to the then res-

Your most obedient and humble servant,
J. T. MULLOCK.
Matthew H. Warren,
Justice of Peace, Labrador.

The following is the description of Captain Jackman's exploit as stated in the press on the occasion. It says: "The hurricane referred to by Mr. Warren was in all its features, in all its incidents, of human misery and woe the most appalling calamity that has ever within memory befallen our seafaring inhabitants of that coast, aged men who have spent nearly their whole lives at sea shudder horror-stricken when they recall the fury of the elements on that fatal day, and the heart-rending scenes of agony and death of which they were spectators. It is but a few days since that one of this class who lately arrived here from the Labrador explored from no other cause than the memory of those scenes, which day and night haunted his vision. Every effort of friends failed to dispel them, his only answers to these entreaties were cries and sobs that might have come from a child. He was literally withered and blighted out of life by the pitiless images ever present to his mind of those whom the storm had swept away under his eyes. It was in the midst of such terrors as this, killed this poor fellow to think of, that Captain Jackman rushed for the accomplishment of deeds which should forever endear to the country of his birth, and which will do honor to our common nature wherever this tale is told. A vessel



CAPT. WM. JACKMAN.

dent Roman Catholic Bishop of St. John's, Rt. Rev. Dr. Mullock, by Matthew Warren, Esq.:

Hr. Grace, Nfld.,
November 6th.

My Lord, I had intended after my conversation with the Rev. Father O'Donnell last week to call on Your Lordship, on my way to the Palace and now I deem it my duty to write you who I trust will make known to your flock and others the highly meritorious, brave and manly conduct of Captain Wm. Jackman, son of Captain Thos. Jackman, of St. John's, who during the violent hurricane of the 9th of November was the means through Providence of saving many lives at the imminent risk of his own. He not only denied himself of all his underclothing in a snow storm to clothe poor perishing women and children, but swam out and rescued many from drowning, who would otherwise would have perished. My Lord his noble conduct is beyond all praise, and may the Almighty God reward him for the same here and hereafter. I trust Your Lordship will excuse my addressing you, but I cannot allow such conduct as his to pass unnoticed. It is my intention on my arrival in England to apply personally to the Royal Humane Society for a gold medal for him, and in which effort I shall hope for Your Lordship's assistance. I have the honour to remain,
Your Lordship's Most Obedient Servant,
MATTHEW H. WARREN,
J. P., Labrador.
To the Rt. Rev. Dr. Mullock.

Bishop Mullock replied to Mr. Warren's letter in the following terms:

St. John's, Nfld.,
December 6th, 1867.

My Dear Mr. Warren,—I am sorry I was not at home when you did me the honor to call on me, and I would have long since written to you but that I expected to have seen you in St. John's. Were it not for you the heroic and Christian conduct of Captain Jackman would be comparatively unknown, even to his own countrymen, for I understand he is like all noble and brave men, too modest to make it known himself, if he were a Frenchman he would receive the Cross of the Legion of Honor, and a pension, and no man deserves it better. I hope the Royal Humane Society will reward him the gold medal. The saving of twenty lives is a thing that rarely happens, and I wonder the merchants and sea captains of Newfoundland do not originate a subscription to present him a memorial of their appreciation of the greatest bravery and humanity ever exhibited by man. The House of Assembly will, however, I hope, honor themselves by granting him a suitable reward. Any influence that I can exert will be willingly given to preserve the memory of such Christian heroism, and the people of Newfoundland are deeply indebted to you for making it public.
I remain, my dear Mr. Warren,

called the 'Sea Slipper' had struck on a reef near the Spotted Islands, Labrador. She had been in collision with another schooner and sunk her crew and passengers. It was between noon and one o'clock when the "Sea Slipper" struck the fatal reef, the hurricane blowing at its full height from the northwest, and she almost fell asunder, with twenty seven souls on board. The situation of these poor creatures, the reader can imagine, but they were not left long to despair. Captain Jackman came upon the scene, as if moved there by a special inspiration. He could not account for having strayed there from the shore; he had never seen the spot before and yet in his own words "he felt something telling him to take that course. He saw his work at a glance, and alone and unaided proceeded to do it. Between him and the wreck at the nearest point lay over 100 fathoms of a raging sea, and into this he plunged, having first found means of sending to the Spotted Islands for assistance. His power as a swimmer seems hardly less wonderful than the courage that impelled him, and striking out for the wrecked vessel he conquered even the mad fury of the elements and reached on board. Eleven times he swam between the wreck and the shore, each time bringing one man off and placing him in safety. By the time those eleven lives were saved some men arrived from the Spotted Islands with ropes, and having secured a rope to the shore and around his person, Captain Jackman again dashed off to the rescue of those remaining on the wreck. Making sixteen trips more each, way he brought on shore the other sixteen men, the wind and sea continuing to their utmost violence the whole time. Nor was his work of deliverance yet complete, the crowning triumph was still to come. There was a woman left on board who was believed to be either dead from suffering or so near death that the attempt to move her must be fatal. Living or dead, said Captain Jackman, when he heard of her, I will not leave her there, and once again he flung himself amid the waves and again reached the shore supporting the frame of this poor exhausted woman. Life was not yet extinct in her, and Captain Jackman taking off his flannels wrapped them around her, but she survived a very short time, only long enough to join her companions in pouring forth her heart's gratitude and invoking the hero's benedictions upon their deliverers. Captain Jackman then took the others to the Spotted Islands, where he had all things provided that were necessary for their comfort.

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Society for his noble exertions on the 9th of October, 1867. As soon as completed it will be sent to you to present to him.

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"Germany is permitted by international law to defend herself with all her powers against Norwegian ships carrying contraband, which stops the war; and the recent food crisis in Great Britain, France and Russia have shown that Germany is on the right path. Germany will not be deprived of the sharp weapon she possesses in the submarine. On the other hand, Germany will always respect Norway's really difficult position, and the most we expect of really independent Norway is that she does not treat German warfare and German economic problems differently than those of the enemy."

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