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The wreck of an ocean steamer is, fortunately, not a matter of frequent occurrence, and when it does occur it excites all the greater interest on that account. It seems impossible, however, to avoid accidents of this sort, and the wreck of the *S. S. LABRADOR* still lives in our memory. Mrs. Smith was on board this steamer on its fateful trip and she lived through the terrible experience of the wreck. She brought with her to this sad event a mind susceptible to the influences that surrounded her and open to the impressions that such awful scenes make on the mind of those that pass through them.

The description of the wreck, now before the reader, will convey a vivid idea of the experiences of those exciting and dreadful hours and will at the same time show the steadiness and courage and presence of mind that are possessed by the sailors who were on Canadian vessels.

These pages will be read with interest by many and will serve to preserve for posterity the story of the last voyage of the gallant *LABRADOR*.

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