

INQUIRY INTO THE LOSS OF ISLANDER

IMPORTANT EVIDENCE OF C. P. N. MANAGER

Capt. Troop Describes Manner in Which Skagway Steamers Are Operated—Statement of Capt. Lewis.

Some interesting evidence in connection with the loss of the steamer Islander was brought out in the inquiry yesterday afternoon. One of the principal points made being the fact that the steamer was insufficiently manned.

William Townsend, older, was the first witness called. His duties were to look after the sailing of the machinery. He was on watch up till 8 o'clock on the evening of the departure of the Islander from Skagway.

Small Pieces of Ice after leaving Skagway at about 10 o'clock and after getting into the small boat had seen considerable of it.

Help Man the Boats. These orders he obeyed. The first boat he assisted in lowering was No. 1 on the starboard side.

Seemed Very Restless and kept swimming about from side to side. Whenever the raft would sink a little the captain would break away.

Left With the Captain. At no time since he took over the management of the C. P. N. company did he ever find fault with the commander of the steamer.

Reason of the alteration was to permit the coal being carried in the hold. In order that this be done it was necessary to cut the door about six feet lower down than it was.

Before the Skagway season opened he had consulted with the other captains in regard to Arranging a Schedule on which the vessels might be operated.

To Mr. Davis, Capt. Troop said that the American law only permitted 70 passengers being carried on the ship while the number allowed by the Canadian regulations was 500.

John McLeod, the master of the steamer Danube also running on the Skagway route, was the next witness. He stated that the management of the running of the ship was left entirely in his hands in the matter of the placing of his men, the drilling of them, etc.

and almost the color of the water. In thick water when ice was seen it was customary to go slow, but in Clear Weather he did not think it was necessary to slacken the speed of a steamer.

Captain O. I. Harris, who was a passenger on the Islander, testified to having in all made eight trips to and from the north on coasting steamers, and only on one was it necessary for the steamer to slow down because of the presence of ice.

On the conclusion of the evidence Capt. Gaudin asked if there were any in the court room who wished to give evidence, if so they were invited to come forward this afternoon, when, if there were no other witnesses, he would declare the inquest closed.

Meeting of the Council Held This Morning. The council of the board of trade met this morning, there being present President McQuade, Secretary Elworthy, Col. Prior, Dr. P. Thos. Ede, M. P., J. M. P., J. Sealbrook, B. Boggs, A. G. McCandless and H. Croft.

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Advertisement for fac-simile signature of Charles H. Fletcher, with a signature illustration and text 'THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF Charles H. Fletcher APPEARS ON EVERY WRAPPER.'

Advertisement for Travelling Bags, Hand Grips and Telescopes by J. Piercy & Co., Wholesale Dry Goods, Victoria, B.C.

Advertisement for Dixie H. Ross & Co. Cash Grocers, featuring an illustration of a woman carrying a basket and listing various goods like Snow Flake Flour and Hungarian Flour.

Advertisement for T. N. Hibben & Co. Wrapping Paper and Bags, 'Anything in the Paper Trade', with an illustration of a paper roll.

Advertisement for Paris Green for the Cut Worm by Cyrus H. Bowes, Chemist, with an illustration of a cutworm.

Advertisement for a cow for sale by Milk Co., with text 'MILKING COW FOR SALE. T. Morley, Lake Hill.'

Advertisement for President McKinley, 'Still Improving', 'He is Cheerful and Confident of Recovery', and 'The Opinions of the Doctors—Another Alleged Anarchist Arrested—No Clue to a Plot.'

Continuation of the McKinley advertisement, detailing medical opinions and the state of the President's health.

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Continuation of the McKinley advertisement, discussing the alleged anarchist plot and the President's condition.

Continuation of the McKinley advertisement, concluding with the President's current state and medical care.