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eaten we all started for Herschell Island with their whale-boat. The wind by this time had turned to the southwest, and had made a small lead between the ice and the mainland; this we followed, keeping a sharp lookout for Constable Cornelius. We saw nothing of him, and on our arrival at Herschell Island found that he had not arrived there. I at once started Constable Brockie and two natives with whale boat to search for this constable along the coast, who found him on a sand spit about ten miles off Herschell island. I am glad to be able to say that this constable was brought in safely. I am sorry to say that at the present time the two constables and myself are laid up with swollen feet and legs, due undoubtedly to exposure. I am, however, in hopes that we will be able to return to duty in the course of a day or so.

I cannot speak too highly of the courage and loyalty shown by Constable Doak and Cornelius through the trying circumstances encountered by us; at no time did these men lose their presence of mind; any hesitation on their part at times might have been attended with fatal results.

With reference to government property lost in the wreck I regret to say that an approximate sum of \$65, being balance of the last half-year's Sub-district Contingency Fund, went down in my valise. I was fortunate enough to save the fifteen hundred dollars sent in this summer. This amount I was carrying in my hip pocket.

Constable Doak's entire kit, all official mail, and the Herschell Island detachment books, also all personal property, was lost. I will have a list of all government store lost, and will submit board in due course.

I should have stated that I was on my return trip to Herschell Island from Fort McPherson when this accident happened. We had an uneventful trip up to the time we ran into bad weather and ice on the coast.

In conclusion, I must say that I am exceedingly sorry to have to give you a report of this nature, but I think you will agree that this accident occurred through circumstances over which I had no control. I am happy to be able to report no loss of life. As soon as I am able to send a patrol to the vicinity of the wreck I will do so, with the idea that there may be some government stores blown up on the coast.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. PHILLIPS, Inspr.,
Commanding Sub-district.

