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DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES,
DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Copy for the information of:-

The Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, M. P.

C.G.S. "MONTCALM",
20th February, 1920.

Deputy Minister,
Marine Dept., Ottawa.

Succeeded breaking clear of jam at 1.55
p.m. under present ice conditions find it impossible
to work to westward, stop. Owing to loss of propeller
blade I consider further efforts of Montcalm to reach
Magdalens too risky with present ice conditions as
danger of losing balance of blades altogether is greatly
increased owing to missing blade advise for your approval
ship proceed Halifax for new blades before taking more
risks in ice, stop. Our fresh water supply is almost
exhausted.

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