

OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION; "NEWFOUNDLAND" DISASTER.

Monday, April 20.
Charles W. Green (recalled)
To Dr. Lloyd—The barometer on the Newfoundland was an Aneroid. With the barometer dropping and the thermometer high, I should expect S. E. wind.

Lives Might Have Been Saved
On the Tuesday night when the Newfoundland's men were out they would not be much good, but on Wednesday night if our men had had them I believe a great many lives would have been saved. On March 21st, the men, I am told, managed to get a fire by cutting up their galls and ropes, but had trouble in starting it owing to wet matches. Matches enclosed in waterproof boxes should be available.

Necessary Provision
I think any men leaving their ship at the ice when sealing, not sure of weather conditions, could be provided with tents, a small spirit stove and a kettle. As to food I think if the men carried more food in the shape of Bovril or Oxo, put up in compact form; sardines are also excellent, as if a man needs a drink a tin of sardines may be opened, the fish eaten, and the oil poured on biscuit greatly alleviates the thirst.

Mark Sheppard
Mark Sheppard (sworn) examined by Hutchings, K.C.—I belong to St. John's. Was at the ice this spring and in the Stepano; it was my first spring in her; out three times before. On March 31st our crew were panning seals in the morning. I think about 5 or 6 o'clock our first men were put out, the rest afterwards in a N. W. direction.

Suitable Clothing
This clothing I found suitable travelling over ice in the Arctic, and I think would be equally so at the seal-fishery. I noticed this spring a number of men at the ice who had not sufficient head covering. I noticed one man that died who had an ordinary trout cap with no protection for ears, neck or face. The ears and face were first frozen. I always wear in winter, at the ice this year, and in the Arctic, the old-fashioned "leather whaler" or "oldshore," which is warm, wind and waterproof.

Was Snowing
It was then snowing, not very fast, but could not see any distance. We walked until we heard her horn, and got aboard about 2 o'clock. I was in Abram Best's watch; he did not return with us. James Morgan had charge of us. When we got aboard the captain asked us about the seals and the men, and how we got

pass men two miles off on a dark night and not see them. With such a flare signal would be seen five miles.

Arthur Moutland showed me his underclothing, which were lined with flannel, as were the bottoms of his socks and his mitts, and he came through the ordeal with very slight frostburns, only the tips of his fingers. Those who wore fleece-lined clothing were most badly burned.

To Hutchings, K.C.—The Newfoundland land had mainsail, fore staysail and jib this spring, that I saw, but I don't know what other sails she carried. They were used when required.

I was in the second watch put out, not much after 6 I think. After the ship went to put out some men, he passed me, going in a S. and E. direction. This was before 11 o'clock at 11 the Florizel passed us going N. W. Our steamer was then picking up pans, and we were walking towards our men to the N. W. We could not do much as the ice was too close. We left for our ship, going S. E. Just before we turned I saw our ship going about S. W. moving away from our pans.

Shortly after she moved away the weather came on. I looked towards her to see what direction she was going. I noticed our flags in a narrow line, and set them by our compass. I put my compass on the ice and Stanley Samson put his beside it. The direction was S. E. We followed to where the ship should be picking up, but we could not make much progress, and I said the ship must be gone away for something. This was between 12 and 1.

I then saw the Florizel turn off N. W., and we steved to go back S. E. Shortly after I went below again, when there was some talk about the Newfoundland's men. "Afterwards is no good; it would be well if someone would pass a word to the captain to go look for the men." Some one replied, "Yes." The men were all anxious about them. I went on deck and Garland Gaulton was calling his men to go to work. I thought it was then about 5, but I found out since it was before that.

I said to him, "I would sooner see this ship go to look for the Newfoundland's men instead of picking up seals, and I think every one in the hold would." Gaulton said, "So would I. Then I said, "Why don't you go

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and the ice-master told him. I went below and had my dinner.

When Mike Fowlow told me about the Newfoundland's crew being on board, I said it must be the Florizel's men. He said no. I then started to work. It was snowing then, but not too much to work. Our ship was then working N. W. I had no conversation up to this about the Newfoundland's men. Some one said he Florizel was going to pick up our men. I went down to put on my oilskins, and heard Mike Fowlow say, "what about the Newfoundland's men; where did they get to?"

Very Stormy
Our ship at this time was stopped, the weather was very stormy, ice tight; can't say whether the steamer could move about. Later I helped to haul some seals aboard half a mile from the ship; the ice was looser then. Don't know if our ship could have got o that pan, but think she could if forced that way. Don't know if she could slew that way. She was butting ahead sometimes. I think about N. E.

to the captain and see will he go to look for them."

I then went to the hold again and remained there. While there I heard the whistle blow, and the ship stopped to pick up pans; each time she stopped the whistle would blow. It was near 7 o'clock when I heard she was near one of the Florizel's flags. That's all I took any notice of till next morning. Did not see Gaulton again that evening.

Unapproachable
I did not go to look for him as to whether he had been to the captain. I spoke to him on Friday, the 3rd; think there was only the two of us; I said, "Garland, how is it with this captain; won't he allow you officers to approach him to speak?" He said, "No boy."

I told some men that I had been to Gaulton on Tuesday evening and asked him to go to the captain to see if he would go for the Newfoundland's men, when Gaulton said, "Yes boy, you did so, and I went." He said the remark the captain made to him was, "Garland, boy, they'll get aboard all right."

I don't know the names of any of these men, but I may find them. I was uneasy about the Newfoundland's crew Tuesday night, and next day was up at light, watching for the first man to come from aft. Abram Best came first. I said to him, "What does the captain think of the Newfoundland's men." He said, "He's easy enough about them; he thinks they got aboard all right." I told him I was sure they didn't, when he said, "If they didn't they are all dead on the ice now."

To Warren, K.C.—It was after 4 o'clock on the Tuesday that I spoke about the Newfoundland's crew. I did not go to the captain myself because although I was uneasy, I did not know the captain very well. When I turned back from panning seals on Thursday morning, I don't think our ship was jammed when our men left for the Newfoundland. I think she could get through the ice to the Newfoundland.

To Dr. Lloyd—I was not paying much attention to what the ship was doing on Thursday morning. I saw the Newfoundland before our two men left to go to her. I don't know whether the engines on our ship were

The Daily Mail Sporting Section

News Of Sport At Home And Abroad.

Live Tidings Of Sportdom

By Shortstop

When are the cups and medals that were won by the league football players last season going to be presented? Ask me something easy? It's not right. They should have been turned over to the rightful owners six months ago.

Come on, you bosses of the league; get busy. If you don't take more interest than that in the sport, get out and give those who will a chance.

Last year's report has not yet been submitted. Who is it that is slow in acting? If the executive which is not so strong numerically, is satisfied to allow the game of association to drop like "cricket," then say so, as I believe there is sufficient interest amongst the players to recall the days of the Stars, Saints, C.E.L. B. I.S., Collegians and others.

The prevailing adverse weather conditions has put a slump in the sport market and some of us sometimes wonder why the rinks are closed. St. John's must be in ill-favor with the old "weather-cock" at Toronto.

Eugene Tremblay, the holder of the lightweight championship of the world as a wrestler, was defeated

recently by John Paradis. The former champion, who is a Canadian, possessed the title for many years, and it is claimed that his strength is declining. The New York Police Gazette belt goes with the title. The ex-champion is approaching his 40th birthday, and its about time he should retire.

What do you sports think of the Saturday holiday? Why Wednesday or any other day but Saturday? Come on over with your excuses if you have any. The last day of the week is most suitable for a holiday. "Hundreds of reasons why and none why it should not be. Make a move boys and if we do the proper thing perhaps the Importers' Association will act upon our request which is more of a plea as a reasonable one."

The next meeting of the baseball league will likely be held during the coming week, when the schedule for the coming season will be arranged. This is some league I can tell you. They don't want anyone to remind them of their business. With very little funds and no proper playing grounds, but as a chief asset an over supply of enthusiasm the promoters and followers of the diamond game are bound to succeed.

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