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The Newfoundland Disaster Enquiry Before Judge Knight

The Court resumed at 3 p.m. THOMAS MOUTLAND (sworn) examined by Mr. Hutchings, K.C.—I belong to Bonavista, and was one of the crew of the S. S. Newfoundland, this year. Her Captain was Westlake...

Examined by Mr. Warren, K.C.—When we reached the Stephano we were coming towards us, and continued towards the seals. I heard the Captain give orders to go on board the Stephano. We saw no seals from the Newfoundland, and but one family on the way to the Stephano. We did not stop to kill any on the way. I was not near the men when they turned back and did not hear what they said. I did not think of turning back. This was my first spring to the ice. When we got on board the Stephano, Capt. Kean told us to go down and get a mug-up, after which we were told to go over. The Stephano brought us about a mile nearer to the Newfoundland, we went in a S. W. direction. The Stephano then turned around and steamed away from us, and away from the Newfoundland. There were about 300 seals in the patch we worked at. We killed about 20, the weather was too bad to wait. We could see the foot tracks in the path we used in the morning. I think the man in our group was the first to die. When Moutland and Tuff left on Wednesday to go to the Bellaventure they had to go in the face of the wind. We could not see the Newfoundland there the Bell was the only one I saw. It was just coming light on Thursday when Moutland and Tuff left for the Newfoundland. They got back safely. We could see the ship when they left, but was a lot further away than the Bellaventure. We were between the two ships. I understood Tuff to say that the Captain said if the weather got bad,

we could stay on the Stephano all night. I saw no other crews on the ice Tuesday. I saw no other ships but our own and the Stephano that day. We saw our ship when we got on board the Stephano but could not see her after we had our mug up. I saw no other crews out on Wednesday afternoon. On Tuesday night we built shelters with ice, and sucked the icy water. We made one fire Wednesday night out of gaff's and ropes. There were no seals about then. To Mr. Lloyd—I heard the Captain of the Newfoundland say we could stay aboard the Stephano if the weather came on. On the way I heard the masters of watch say it looked for weather. I was not surprised when thirty men turned back—I was going on board the Stephano, it was easier to get to the Stephano. When we got to the spot of seals we did not expect to go back to the Stephano. At the time the men went over nobody thought the storm would come to much. I heard nobody raise any objection to leaving the Stephano. I did not object to leave the Stephano. I am 24 years old.

SIDNEY JONES, (sworn) examined by Mr. Hutchings, K.C.—I belong to Newtown, B. Bay, and was a master watch on the Newfoundland this spring. The others were Thomas Dawson, Jacob Bungay and Arthur Moutland. I don't know the position of our ship on Tuesday 31st inst. We saw the Stephano about 6 miles N. E. of us, and the Florizad about N. E. still further away. There were two other ships in sight but did not know them, being too far off. The weather was very fine in the morning, the sky slightly overcast, but nothing to indicate a storm. Our whole crew started at 7 o'clock to board the Stephano, at 10 o'clock A. I litte over half way 29 of our men turned back to the Newfoundland. They did not tell me why they turned back. I thought they went back because they thought the walk was long with nothing at the end of it. One of these men belonged to my watch, and there may have been a couple of more, but I am not sure. There was nothing falling when they went back, but it was getting thick. The rest went on the Stephano about 11:30 a.m. It was then snowing a little, and the weather was on when we got aboard, but it was not over thick. I did not look to see the Newfoundland at that time. I saw the men down below to get a mug up, by direction of the second hand, which all did except one man. I went below in the master watches' mess room. I think it was less than half an hour when I was on deck again, and some of our men were on the ice, some more below, and some on deck. I heard the Captain Kean say for all hands of the Newfoundland to get a mug up. I did not hear him say anything about seals. I stood by until the last of our men got over. It was getting thick I daresay you could see 1/2 a mile S. W. Met up with a few seals when Jacob Bungay stopped with some men to kill them. I walked on with the others about 300 yards. We all stopped on the pan together, and the second hand said he never saw a better chance to be out all night according to the weather. It was then very stormy, the wind blowing a good breeze and drifting. We then started for our own ship. It being 12:45 by my watch, Bungay's crowd joining us as we passed along. The whole crew continued together for a short walk, when I started off in the charge of a crowd of men from all the watches and went to the left of the other men. We did not go out of sight of each other, the two crowds made it better to travel. We kept on this way till we got on the path we came out in when we joined up again. We had been travelling about an hour and a half. I don't know what time exactly when we reached the path. We recognized our footprints, and the flag poles thrown away in the morning. The snow was about a foot deep and clearly showed our foot marks. We continued until about 4:30 when we had a lunch and the second hand came and told me to take four or five men, and get to the ship if I could hold the path. It was then getting pretty dark. I started with four or five men, but the rest all followed me. About 5 o'clock the second hand came up and ordered me to stop as a man, William Pear, had given out. We stopped till the sick man came up, caught the foot path again, and walked a bit further until 5:30 when we stopped for the night. We divided up into three sections within about 200 yards. We were on three different pans and were divided because all could not get shelter on our pans. I was in the gang which the second hand George Tuff

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the ship. The altitude they assumed was that they should have insisted on remaining on board. The hearing was adjourned at 6:30 until this morning at 10. WEDNESDAY MORNING. JACOB BUNRAY (sworn and examined). TO MR. HUTCHINGS, K.C.—I belong to Newtown, B.B. I was master of watch on the Newfoundland. We saw four steamers on Tuesday, the 31st. We turned out just before 7 a.m. I did not know the instructions as to where we were to go. The second hand, George Tuff, had them. Most men took food. Nice morning; no indications of weather; no sign of storm; 100 or 170 men left. We made for the Stephano. Don't know why. I don't know why 28 or 29 men turned back half way. There was no weather then. Reached Stephano at 11:30. It was pecking about 10 or 10:30. Stephano was moving before we got there. She was cutting across; not coming towards us. I heard nothing about seals before I went below or while I was below, or when I returned on deck. I heard Capt. Abraham Kean singing out for all hands of Newfoundland crew to get out. They all got out. The weather was on then pretty thick. We could not see past a quarter of a mile. The wind S.E. blowing a nice breeze. Thick snow, no drift. I never heard any one objecting to leave ship. We walked half a mile S.W., about 20 of us. I among them, mostly our watch; killed some seals; balance continued on 200 or 300 yards. All stopped. Weather was getting worse all time. We passed 25 or 30 seals. The other men had moved hardly a quarter of a mile towards Newfoundland. We started after them and caught them. We took a course S.E. by E. I don't know who gave course. We left the place we killed the seals about 1 p.m. We stopped at 5 for the night. Weather then was very bad, snowing and drifting strong breeze. It was getting dark. We thought we were astray and we had better provide for the night. I was in Tuff's group at night. About 10 Wednesday morning Tuff and two others left us, the first man in our group died. I and three others followed tracks of second hand about noon. We caught them in a few minutes as they had stopped. We stayed an hour, and began looking for a better pan for shelter. We found one. We remained there till the weather cleared in the afternoon. There was about 8 or 10 together. We sighted the Bellaventure. The second hand, two other men and myself started for her. I was followed on till we got to Arthur Moutland's crowd. He had gone on. We stopped with them. Four of Moutland's crowd I saw dead. We saw that Moutland was not catching the Bellaventure as she was moving away from him. The second hand, I and three or four others having sighted our own ship in another direction about 4 miles away, started for her. It was then about 5 p.m. We walked towards our ship till dark, till half-past five and put up for night. On Thursday dawn we started for our ship. I boarded her at 10 a.m. The second hand and Arthur Moutland boarded her earlier. Some of the crew came from ship to meet us. As far as I know had plenty of food when they left. I had plenty. I had enough for two days. I don't know of any signalling between Newfoundland and Stephano on Monday or Tuesday. There was a talk among

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