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ONE TUG OR TWO POINT RAISED IN LINGAN CASE

Inquiry Here Into Harbor Collisions Concluded This Morning

WITNESSES MOSTLY AGREED ON FACTS

Court Adjourns and Decision Will Be Given Next Week

The inquiry into the sinking of the Tug Wasson when she was crashed into by the steamer Lingan when the latter got out of control in the harbor here on the afternoon of April 7, was concluded at the Court House this morning. A finding will be handed down next week at Ottawa.

There was little evidence of a contradictory nature and it was said the main question to be decided by the court was whether more than one tug should have been employed in moving the Lingan out from the wharf. The inquiry was conducted by Captain L. A. Demers who had associated with him Captain A. J. Mulcahy, port warden, and Captain Stott, of the steamer Manchester Brigade, now in port.

EVIDENCE TODAY.

The first witness this morning was Captain Charles H. Rush, master of the tug Ocean King, which aided the Lingan in leaving her wharf. He was on the starboard quarter of the Lingan. No suggestion was made to him that he should have been on the other side. The stern of the Lingan was up the harbor and the ship was under way when the tug let go on orders of the Lingan Captain. Matters would not have been any easier had he been on the port side. Where he was was the best place, in his opinion. He thought the ship would go clear of everything when he cast off. He could not have prevented the ship from hitting the Canadian Victor as it was going too fast. No signall had been given on the whistle by the Lingan when it left the wharf as there was no necessity for it.

In reply to Mr. Inches, the witness told of the sige and power of the tug. It was the most powerful tug in the harbor. All the equipment was in good order.

WASSON'S CAPTAIN.

W. Frank Lipsett, master of the tug Wasson, said his boat was fast to the wharf and three men were on board at the time of the collision. They were below decks eating supper. He did not see the accident nor did any of the men on the tug.

Captain Reside, master of the Lingan was recalled and said no suggestion was made to place the tug on the port side of the ship until it was too late to change. He had let go the starboard anchor to avoid hitting the Canadian Victor, not the port anchor.

Pilot Alfred Cline was recalled and said he had ordered the port anchor to be let go. The idea was to take the headway off the ship and prevent her stern from swinging in on the wharf. He had not sounded the whistle of the Lingan when leaving the wharf. There was no need for it as the way was clear. The regulation three blasts were always sounded when a ship was coming out of a slip astern.

The pilot said the Pluto was in the way of harbor traffic but he had made no complaint. She had been anchored lower down in the harbor but had broken adrift. The next time he would report against a vessel anchored there. He had not realized the Pluto was in a dangerous position. To Captain Mulcahy the witness said he thought the Pluto was not in a position dangerous to shipping.

HARBOR MASTER

Harbor Master Frank D. Alward said the Pluto was not an obstruction to traffic.

Captain Demers here said that he did not agree with the witness on this question.

The witness said that in his judgment the Pluto was not in the way of the Lingan. There was no regulation calling for a ship to sound its whistle on leaving a wharf.

COUNSEL HEARD

This concluded the evidence. The court was addressed by W. C. MacDonald of Halifax, representing the Dominion Coal Company, owners of the Lingan. He said there had been no dispute as to the facts. He rehearsed the evidence and blamed the sudden appearance of the ferry as contributing to the accident. The Lingan had to stop her engines, thus letting her drift in on the vessels at the wharf. Regarding the use of two tugs, Mr. MacDonald said neither the pilot nor anyone else had suggested the use of two. The master and officers of the Lingan had used all nautical skill and judgment and had taken all necessary precautions. The master of the vessel was never restricted to the use of only one tug. In the light of what had happened two tugs were necessary. At that time, however, nothing had indicated that two tugs were needed.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

At yesterday afternoon's session the testimony of Captain Reside, master of the Lingan, was taken. Others to testify were John Somers, chief engineer; John Campbell, who was at the helm of the steamer; Pilot Alfred Cline; Captain Mowry, shore captain of the Saint John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company; and D. G. McAlpine, marine superintendent of the Dominion Coal Company.

C. F. Inches, K. C., represented the Saint John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company, owners of the Ocean Hawk; H. H. McLean, Jr., Captain Reside, master of the Lingan, and W. C. MacDonald, of Halifax, the Dominion Coal Company.

E. GILLESPIE HURT.

E. Gillespie, 19 Union street, West Saint John, while working on the S.S. Melita this morning had his right hand crushed and the little finger fractured. He was treated at the emergency hospital and later taken to his home.

ALMANAC FOR SAINT JOHN, APR 16.

	A.M.		P.M.
High Tide	2.17	High Tide	2.43
Low Tide	8.38	Low Tide	8.58
Sun Rises	5.27	Sun Sets	7.10

Local News

AWAY ON BUSINESS.

F. Q. Twitchell, official in charge of the U. S. Immigration Office here, is in Portland, Me., on official business.

LITTLE ONE DEAD.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stevens, 333 Union street, will sympathize with them in the death of their infant daughter, Marie, which occurred today.

CALL TO CADETS

All Cadets in the city who have trained during the last three years are asked to be at the Armory tonight on important matters.

COMMITTEES NAMED.

Another meeting of the committee arranging for the April Shower bridge and dance under the auspices of the amateur athletic associations was held last evening in A. W. Covey's office. H. J. L. Nixon and W. E. Stirling were appointed to arrange for dance novelties, and C. W. Ellsworth and Elmer Ingram to arrange for a special street car after the dance and to look after the decorations. E. Hansen is chairman of the committee of arrangements for the bridge.

START IN MAY.

The steamer Governor Dingley will inaugurate the summer service between this port and Boston, reaching here on May 11. During the earlier part of the season the service will be twice a week, the steamer leaving here on Wednesday mornings and Saturday evenings. The Saturday trip will be direct. The company will probably put on another steamer during the rush season, as in previous years. The service is starting almost two weeks earlier than during the last few seasons.

G. W. V. A. BRIDGE.

A stag party, held under the auspices of Carleton branch G. W. V. A., in the Masonic hall, West Saint John, last evening, proved most enjoyable. About 120 members and guests were present including some of the patients of the Lancaster Military Hospital. The prize winners were C. E. Driscoll, W. A. MacDougall, C. W. Johnstone and J. S. Williamson. The prizes were donated by Ferguson and Page, W. Tremaine Gard and Son, and A. F. de Forest Ltd. At the conclusion of play, delicious refreshments were served.

GIVES LECTURE.

A lecture given last evening in the Main street Baptist school room by Rev. A. K. Herman was greatly enjoyed. It was given under auspices of the Women's Missionary Society, and a silver offering was taken for the work of the society. Miss Phoebe Vanwart, president, was in the chair and introduced the speaker. Rev. Mr. Herman touched on some of the humorous incidents of his life and made passing reference to his service overseas. A solo by Miss Ethel Parlee added much to the enjoyment of the program. Miss Hazel Flewwelling was accompanist for the evening.

VERY SUCCESSFUL

An excellent concert given in Victoria street Baptist hall last night under the auspices of Dominion L. O. L. was very greatly enjoyed by a large audience. A satisfactory sum was realized for lodge funds. H. C. Marley was chairman. The program included vocal solors by Mrs. H. G. Flewwelling, Mrs. Waugh, Master Waugh, Eugene Mott, Miss Smith, R. Bustin and H. C. Marley; piano duet by Miss Parlee and Mr. Parlee; highland dance, Master Campbell; step dance, Mr. Bryson. The accompanists were Miss Irene Brown, Mrs. Waugh and Miss Parlee.

HAPPY HOUR CLUB

The Happy Hour Club of the Ludlow street Baptist church met last evening at the home of the president, Mrs. C. E. Belyea. The first part of the evening was spent in sewing and quilting. The members donated $20 to the building fund of the church. Plans for a theatre party and supper in the near future were made. The latter part of the evening was given to entertainment. Mrs. John McLoon, Mrs. F. Cheyne, and Mrs. Belyea contributed recitations. G. K. Grey played banjo selections, and Miss Mac Hepburn a piano solo. The hostess served dainty refreshments, and was assisted by Mrs. B. C. Reade, Mrs. S. McLoon, and Mrs. W. H. Harned. Those present were Mrs. B. C. Reade, Mrs. Wilburn Christopher, Mrs. R. J. White, Mrs. Alexander Stinson, Mrs. William Harned, Mrs. Edgar Christopher, Mrs. Frank Cheyne, Mrs. S. McLoon, Mrs. John McLoon, Mrs. A. E. Chittick, Miss May Hepburn and G. K. Grey.

As Hiram Sees It

CLIFTON SPRINGS, April. — Well, sir, I haint found out all the things they kin do to a feller here yit. Yisterday I hed to go down to that there X-ray department an' lay down on a couch an' open up my shirt so's they could turn a big lamp o' some kind onto my chist. The light from it was so bright they hed to put goggles an' towels over my eyes so it wouldn't blind me. I couldn't feel nothin' but a little warm — but it was turned on fer ony half a minute. Tomorrah it'll be on a minute an' a half. Do you know—about two or three hours afterwards my chist looked like it was all tanned —an' then it itched some. I guess it's some sort of canned sunshine they turned on—an', seein' that it rained all day yisterday an' agin today, I aint a-gonto make no kick.

One o' them good-looking nurses played a trick on me today. "Hiram," says she, "roll up your sleeve." I rolled it up, an' she put somethin' into my arm with a needle that hurt wuss'n that nooritis I used to hev. They aint half as much fun gittin' well as they is in gittin' sick—but we don't reelize it when we orto. I haint hed a pancake fer a week—an' they don't seem to hev 'em here at all.

HIRAM.

CUSTOMS MEN DELUGED WITH 'PHONE CALLS

Following Budget, Business There Transacted Subject To Amendment

SAINT JOHN MEN DISCUSS CHANGES

Cut In Income Tax and Lopping Off of Receipt Tax Please

"Until further notice take all customs and excise entries subject to amendment" were the instructions furnished C. B. Lockhart, local collector of customs, this morning in a telegram from Ottawa.

In previous years, following tariff changes, the method adopted was to give a refund in duty where the date on the entry showed that goods were entered after the date of reduction in tariff.

The local customs office was deluged with telephone calls all morning asking for information regarding the tariff and when it went into effect. The matter of the date of abolishing of the receipt was one of the chief inquiries. The collector said that he did not have any instructions regarding the time.

The Times-Star this morning queried prominent business men of the city on their opinion of the Federal budget presented to Parliament yesterday by Hon. J. A. Robb. Following are the opinions expressed by some:—

SEES PROSPERITY.

A Neil McLean said: "In my opinion this is the best budget which has been presented to Parliament for many years. It is an excellent financial statement and the cutting off of $25,000,000 is going to leave just that much more money available for investment in industry.

"The removal of the duty on tin plate is bound to help the fish canners in the Maritime Provinces and the reduction of the sales tax to 2 1-2 per cent. is also a step in the right direction.

"The passing of the West Indies treaty in conjunction with the changes in the tariff is bound to result in more business for the ports of Saint John and Halifax and I believe we have turned the corner toward prosperity."

R. T. Hayes said he felt the budget would meet with very general approval. The reduction in the income tax would be a great relief to many and the reduction in postage would appeal to every person in the country. He was glad to see the cutting out of the tax on receipts as this had been a great nuisance to business men.

DIVIDEND TAX.

G. E. Barbour, of G. E. Barbour Co., Ltd., said he was very glad to see the tax on receipts removed and thought the Government might have gone further and done away with the stamp on checks. He said that so far as the reduction in the income tax was concerned, he would like more information about the taxing of dividends of Canadian companies. At present it looked to him as though they were taking something off with one hand and adding on with the other.

W. C. Cross said the reductions in the income tax and the removal of the tax on receipts were matters which touched every resident of the Dominion, from coast to coast, and he thought would meet with very general approval. It was hoped in time the Government would remove all of the "nuisance" taxes.

J. G. Harrison, of W. H. Thorne and Co., said he was glad to see the tax on receipts taken off as this had been a nuisance to all business houses. Before expressing any opinion on the income tax he would like to have more information in regard to the taxing of income from Canadian companies, as this might mean an increase rather than a decrease to many.

HON. MR. FOSTER

Hon. W. E. Foster said: "The budget as announced, I am sure, will be received with a great deal of satisfaction. No budget in recent years has created so favorable an impression. Our taxation and our expeditures have both decreased.

"In addition to the emphatic reduction in the income tax the Maritime Provinces will rejoice in the West India agreement which lowers the duties on so many fruits and many other articles of household use as well as enlarging our markets for Canada with 14,000,000 people.

"The further extension of exemptions under the sales tax is a move in the right direction toward lessoning the cost of living on the necessaries of life, and the substantial reduction in the tax an earned incomes will surely appeal to the man who earns his dollars.

"The inquiry into freight rates, the appointment of a Maritime Commission to inquire into how Confederation agreements have been carried out; the organization of a tariff board to inquire into what imposts are in the interests of our people—all these acts of the present parliament will implement the important provisions of the budget.

"The people will welcome the surprising announcement of penny postage within three months. Two cents instead of three on every letter amounts to a tremendous saving in business and the cancellation of the vexatious receipt tax will effect another popular saving.

"The budget I would say gives us encouragement and it comes at an opportune time. We have had many years of difficulties. It is a hopeful sign that we are on the "up grade."

JOHN COLWELL DEAD

The death of John Colwell occurred last night at his home, 340 Haymarket Square, after an illness of two weeks of pneumonia. He was for many years an employe of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd. Mr. Colwell is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. A. E. Purdy, Halifax, and Miss Agnes, at home; one sister, Miss Agnes Colwell, of Ollinville, Queens county, and two grandchildren. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3.30.

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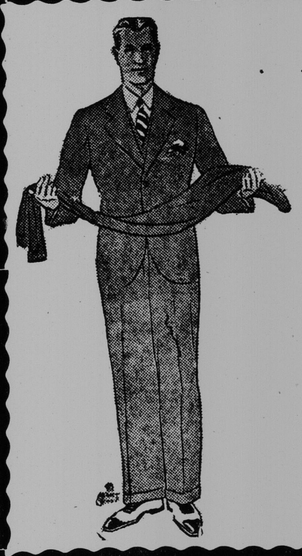

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