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"In addition to the diagonal iron straps originally on the inside (14) fourteen pairs have been added, viz., seven pairs at each end of the vessel; all are through-bolted with quarter-inch round iron clenched on rings. For placing the above straps, parts of the cabins and flooring had to be removed, which have been replaced.

"The diagonal wood bracing each side of the well have been additionally tree-nailed. In the spaces of the cooking and engineer's rooms, the joints have been caulked and filled with wood battened over. On each side of the well the vacant spaces over the heads of the stanchions have been filled solid with wood.

"Outside the well has been caulked all over. The iron linings on its lower edges removed for caulking. All have been replaced. Six pieces of plates had to be new.

"The stern and stern-posts, where there was indication of straining, have been strengthened by eight straps of iron bolted to each other through the stern and stern-posts and otherwise through bolted and clenched on the inside. One rudder brace broken, removed, repaired and replaced.

"The butts in bottom at bluff of bows and quarters have been additionally bolted.

"Caulking has been done from the keel to rails, including parts on deck; seams have all been coated with pitch and rosin, the bottom coated with coal-tar; paint work above water-line, twice coated with paint, including boats, &c.

On Deck.

"Iron stanchion sockets on both sides have been secured with new bolts. One additional scuttle-hatch has been made in mid-ships on port side. Deck glasses with those broken in sky-lights have been all made good. Engine frames additionally fastened with screw bolts and with sundry other iron work repaired.

"I am also of opinion that the work as above enumerated has been completed in a most satisfactory manner, and to the entire satisfaction of your

-Most obedient Servant,

"JOHN DICK,"

Port Warden.

These repairs, including the cost of docking the barge for the winter, have amounted to the sum of eleven hundred and ninety-one dollars and thirty cents (\$1,191.30.)

The Captain, Claude Giguère, was re-engaged in the month of April, and took charge of the craft immediately after his