

strong S.W. current, and that thick weather prevented him from distinctly seeing the land in time to prevent the casualty. When the ship struck, the crew and one lady passenger took to the boats, contrary to the orders of the master, and were upset and drowned in the breakers. By this casualty twenty-three persons were lost. The captain and four of the crew remained by the wreck, and were subsequently saved. The "Calcutta" was owned by Mr. James Ross, merchant, of Quebec, was only one year old, and was valued at \$50,000, and became a total loss. The loss on her cargo is estimated at \$20,000.

The brig "Pierre Nolasque," 166 tons register tonnage, of Quebec, was found broken up on Grindstone Island, Magdalen Islands, on the 28th of September last, and all on board are supposed to have perished, viz., seven persons. Two bodies were found amongst the *debris* of the wreck. She was ten years old, and was valued at about \$5,000.

The American steamship "Alhambra," 764 tons register, was lost on Cape Sable, on the Nova Scotia coast, while on a voyage from Boston to Halifax, on the morning of the 2nd of May last, during foggy weather, and became a total loss. She was owned by Messrs. F. Nickerson & Co., of Boston, Mass.; was ten years old, and was valued at about \$70,000. By this casualty no lives were lost.

The Portuguese brigantine "Farto," of 150 tons register, was stranded during a fog on the east end of Sable Island, on the morning of the 22nd of June last, while on a voyage from Libson to Halifax, and commenced to break up immediately after stranding. It appears that for five days previous to the stranding the master was unable to obtain an observation owing to the foggy weather which he encountered, and it is also supposed that strong currents carried him into the Island. By this casualty three persons lost their lives, and the rest of the crew, seven in number, were rescued by the Canadian Government life boat and crew at that station. The vessel was twenty-three years old, and was valued at \$4500.

The "L'Esperance," a small schooner of 52 tons register, belonging to the Magdalen Islands, was stranded at Chimney Corner, Inverness County, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, on the 17th November last, while on a voyage from Halifax to Magdalen Islands, and became a total loss. There were twelve persons on board, five of whom perished, and the survivors saved themselves by climbing up the rocks. The vessel was twelve years old, and was worth about \$1,200.

This vessel, along with the *Stella Maris*, already mentioned, was conveying provisions to the Magdalen Islands for the use of the people there during the winter; and at the request of the Local Government of the Province of Quebec, which furnished a liberal amount of provisions to supply the place of those lost the Canadian Government steamer "Newfield" was sent on 2nd December last, to the Magdalen Islands from Halifax with the provisions and succeeded in landing them safely there.