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COMMUNICATION WITH MAGDALEN ISLANDS

My dear Mr. King:-

I have your letter of yesterday's date, advising the receipt by you of a further telegram from the Warden of the County Council with respect to the conditions obtaining on the Magdalen Islands.

The Department is just now in receipt of a telegram dated this morning from the Master of the "MONTCALM" reading:-

"Position and conditions same. Ice heavy and close packed no water in any direction. Ship still jammed solid."

From this telegram, as well as from those which have been received from day to day, it will be observed that we are quite helpless, in so far as that vessel is concerned, until such time as ice conditions improve. The only vessel that can render the least service, is the Car Ferry "PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND", and having regard to the unusually heavy ice, close packed everywhere, it is extremely doubtful whether that vessel could succeed in forcing its way to

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