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I am 44 years of age and am marworking at the punt getting her one owned by Eli Kennedy one sail colour white, but I do not, then disappeared from view; we could also on the beach that day. There tion with the accident. When we saw not see the whole sail, only a small was no effort made by Kennedy or the boat disappear Kennedy said she's part of it. I did not know who was myself to look for other men to man gone and I said yes she's gone and in the boat at the time, but I learned a boat as we did not know where to we can do nothing, it is blowing too

Anderson. I saw the same boat going ried and reside at Foxtrap. I am a down the shore about 10.30 the same fisherman-farmer, but I spend most of morning. After seeing the sail dismy time farming. On Saturday the appear we did nothing because it 19th inst. I was around my home that was blowing too hard to go out in a day and I went down to the beach boat to the scene of the accident. about 11.30 a.m. William J. Ken- There were only three of us there on nedy came on the beach while I was the beach and my father being so old there and my father, Albert James would not be much good at a time Butler was there also; he is 77 like this. There were two boats on years of age. My father and I were the collar, just off Foxtrap beach. which one o'clock I should say about 12.30 she is what is called a three handed (Anderson's time) I saw a boat out boat and was about 15 feet long; the from the shore about a mile or a other was a motor boat and was reaching about in a westerly direc- go out in one of these boats under tion. The boat was painted white but existing weather conditions, as my saw the boat the wind was about S. ing to the motor boat, but I do stable Forsey right away because view. About two or three minutes it but would be in danger and in my Court House to the Cabot Tower in later we saw a part of the sail opinion they would not be able to a straight line. After the constable appear on the water. It looked like get back but they might get ashore went off that was all was done there was wind under it. The sail on the back of Kelly's Island. My around Fox Trap that day as regards rose on the water once or twice and little boy, John, aged 12 years, was rendering any assistance in connec-

woods and others at their farms working. We did not go to see whether any of the men were home or; not. I would not like to be the one that would call on any man to go out that day, as the man who went would be taking his life in his hands and I would not like to be responsible for his life. I do not know how long I remained on the beach, but I was there when Constable Forsey came and that, in my opinion, would be about an hour after the accident. During that hour there was no effort made by either Kennedy or myself to man a boat to go to the scene of the accident; neither did we go to Kelligrews. It came in my mind to go to Kelligrews to report the matter, but at the time I did not know what to do. As soon as Constable Forsey arrived he asked me did I see a boat off the land and I told him what I saw, and he asked me did I know where the boat belonged and I said no. He asked me if there was one in KeKlligrews like her and I said I did not know. He asked me about the motor boat which was on the collar and whether she would be able to go out and I said she was out of order. He asked me then who wned the boat and he sent me for the owner. My two brothers, Albert and Abraham Butler owned the boat. Constable Forsey told me to ask them if they would go out in the boat with him to the scene of the accident. I delivered the constable's message to the two men who were both together stowing hay on the stable loft and they said the engine of the boat was out of order and she was not able to go. They did not come down to see the constable at all, and stayed on at their work. So far as I know they did not witness ready to go fishing. Between 12 and was fitted with sails and oars and the accident, but I told them what I would be able to go out with sails or mile and a half and bore about N.N. owned by Albert Butler of Fox- Forsey's message to the two men it E. from where we were. She was trap. It was not possible for us to was about three hours after the accident and during that time there had been nothing done around Fox Trap I cannot say what build. She had opinion is if we had ventured out we about going to the scene of the acciwould have been lost. The engine of dent. When I came back I told Conknow whether they were any gaffs or the motor boat was out of commission stable Forsey the boat was out of booms on the sail or not. When I at the time. There are sails belong- order. I did not come back to Con-S.W. and was blowing very heavy, not know if they were on her at the saw a carriage coming up the road and there was a big lop and was so three. There were four or five towards Kelligrews and I stopped heavy that we could scarcely see the 1. 3e caplin boats on the banks, but him and asked him if there was a boat at all. The day was fine but the the were not fitted with oars or boat like that in Kelligrews. The sky was cloudy. I saw the boat luff sails as they had not been used since man was Samuel Hynes of Middle up to the wind. The wind was very caplin time. Each of these boats was Bight. I told him what happened and squally. I have no idea why the boat hauled up with a block and tackle by he told me that either LeDrews or was brought up to the wind, probably a horse and nine or ten men, and it James Payne had one like it. He did it was to avoid the squall or there would take 12 or 13 men to launch not know anything about the acciwas water in the boat. She was in one of them. Even if one of these dent until I told him. I went back the wind for two or three minutes boats could have been launched to the constable and told him about when the boat was kept away ev- there would have been too much the motor boat and about what idently with the intention of keeping wind to go out to the scene of the Haynes said and the constable said he on her course and she suddenly turn- accident. If the regular crowd that would go to Kelligrews and I ordered right over. We could see the side usually man these caplin boats were ed my boy to tackle up the horse and of the boat coming up when she present, and the fittings put in place, drive the constable to Kelligrews. turned over and we could see the I could not say but it would be pos- From Manuel's beach to the place sail going down on the water, and sible for them to get out to the where my brothers were stowing hay then boat and sail disappeared from scene of the wreck. They might do would be about as far as from the

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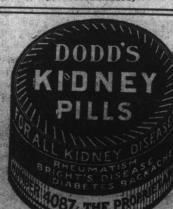
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about a mile from Fox Trap to Sunday I heard from Mr. McKay of Kelligrews by land. I have been en- the firm of Campbell & McKay that gaged at fishing on and off ever since the boat had been picked up in Por-



even a larger boat than we had to go a mile and a half south of Kelly's Isout. I do know that one motor boat land and with the direction the wind crossed from Bell Island to Foxtrap on the evening of the accident about 8 o'clock. The wind had dropped off Henry Hibbs of Middle Bight was in charge of the boat; he landed some drift towards Portugal Cove, men at Foxtrap and then he went on to Kelligrews. He works on Bell Island all the week and generally comes home on Saturday night. In my opinion there would be too much wind for any motor boat to cross from Bell Island to Foxtrap at the time of the accident. About 5 o'clock the wind veered further western blew hard for some time as hard as it did at any time during the afternoon but coming on nightfall the wind dropped off. To my knowledge there were no boats went out to the scene of the accident even after the wind had dropped of I asked one of the men who cam ver on Mr. Hibb's boat, named James Butler of Foxtrap, it he had been any thing of the boat and he said no. C

have been old enough to go. I have tugal Cove. Taking into consideration been fishing around Conception Bay the state of the wind and sea at the all the time. I have been trawling time of the accident I do not think it around the place where the accident | possible for the men to hold on to the occurred and the water is about 35 or boat for any length of time. It would 40 fathoms deep. I have never been be too rough for the men to hold on out in a boat in Conception Bay or long even if they caught hold to the any other place with as much wind bottom of the boat. If there was a blowing as was blowing at the time centre board in the boat and it was of the accident. I have often crossed in place it would be possible for the in a boat back and forth to Bell Is- men to hold on to it for some time. land, but never with as much wind as Looking back now to the time of the was blowing at the time of the ac- accident myself and the other people cident. I would not attempt to go of Foxtrap did all we could possibly with as much wind. I would not be do under the circumstances in my opable to say whether I was out in as inion and I am of the same opinion much lop as was on that day. The now, as I was then, that it would be water was all white that day and impossible to get to the scene of the while we could see the sail of the accident without endangering the boat we could not see the boat itself lives of those attempting to do so. or the occupants until she came up Kelly's Island lies about N.W. from in the wind. The wind was partly off land and with the direction the disthe land that day and in my opinion | tance is about three miles. When I there would be too much wind for saw the little boat first she was about was blowing we figured the boat would probably drift ashore at Lance Cove, Bell Island but the wind veerconsiderably about that time. Mr. ing more western in the evening caused the boat, in my opinion.





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