Prospero Crashes on Horse Island Rock.

REFLOATED LATER AND PROCEEDED TO VALLEYFIELD—THE SHIP BADLY DAMAGED—CASUALTY A SERIOUS ONE AT THIS SEASON.

S.S. Prospero, Capt. John Field, which left here Friday afternoon last on the Northern coastal route, went ashore a quarter of a mile East of Greenspond at 7 o'clock on Saturday night, a message having been received to that effect by a wireless from the ship via Cape Race to the Shipping Department. Owing to the land lines being cut of commission at Greenspond and vicinity, the particulars of the accident are very meagre, but it is believed that the ship while steaming, with the water at low tide, struck what is known as Horse Island Rock, which is about a stone's throw from Horse Island. Further information was received later Saturday night by wireless, stating that the steamer was ashore and that her forehold was full of water, but should the weather hold good, there would be no immediate danger to the ship, while the passengers, numbering over 100, were being transferred from the ship by lifeboat and safely landed at Greenspond, all being completed about 10 o'clock. As soon as the first information of the accident had reached the Shipping Department made arrangements to have assistance sent the ship. S.S. Watchful was at once made ready to proceed to the scene, while the Malabull, which was running on the Bonavista Bay service North, was immediately got in touch with, and also ordered to the assistance of the stranded ship, while S.S. Portia, which was at Marystown, going West, was ordered back to St. John's.

LATER REFLOATED.

Yesterday morning, the news very quickly spread throughout the city, that disaster had befallen S.S. Prospero, and many reports were spread along that the ship was a total loss. It was not until noon hour, however, when a wireless was received, conveying the glad tidings that the steamer had been refloated at 6 a.m., and was proceeding under her own steam to Valleyfield, which is about three miles from where the ship struck. The Prospero's crew evidently did good work during Saturday night as a large part of the cargo had to be jettisoned in order to lighten the ship, which must have been kept up unceasingly during the night. There was quite a feeling of relief, when it was made known that the ship had been refloated. She is, however, badly damaged, as the fore-peak and the forward holds are full of water. The engine room, No. 3 hold, and the stoke hold, as reported by the captain, are free. As soon as word had been received that the ship had made Valleyfield, the Watchful, which was made ready to sail, was held back, and will be sent West on the Portia's route, the latter steamer taking up the service as carried on by the Prospero. When the ship left here she was filled to capacity, having carried a heavy deck load. Most of the cargo consisted of provisions for ports north of Cape John, and if this had been lost it would have been a serious matter, especially at this season. As it is the loss is going to be seriously felt as part of the cargo had to be jettisoned, while that stored in the forward holds must be damaged by water. After the Prospero arrived at Valleyfield discharging the cargo was immediately commenced, in order to ascertain the damage sustained, by both hull and the freight. The revenue cruiser Daisy is being despatched to the scene with steam pumps etc., and with the employment of these salving appliances, and the steamer's own pumps, it is hoped she will be able to come on here under her own steam. To overcome any drawback that might have occurred in connection with freight being sent North, the Shipping Department will get the Portia in readiness and take along whatever part of the cargo that is not damaged, and what has been left over now in Bowring's shed. Under the circumstances, the coastal department are doing all possible to relieve the situation. The accident is indeed regrettable at this particular season, while all the available tonnage is necessary to move the large freight offering before winter navigation closes.

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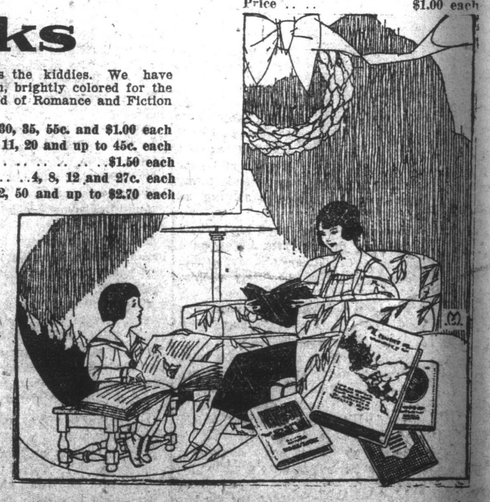

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