

Did you volunteer to return in search of them after your arrival at Quebec?

I did, in different companies, where Captain Coward and myself frequently spoke of the vessels; and he always observed, that nothing would persuade Mr. Lynch but that they were Captain Franklin's vessels.

Where did you serve while at sea?

Between Limerick and London, in the Quebec trade, and one voyage to Copenhagen.

Mr. Lynch also states that he himself made out the custom-house report for the "Renovation" at Quebec, mentioning the circumstance of seeing the vessels, and he was much surprised at no further notice being taken of it; in addition to which, the circumstances were freely discussed among the masters of the ships at Quebec, visited by himself and Captain Coward, during some weeks he remained at that port, although no one seemed much interested in the matter, but, on the contrary, very apathetic. Mr. Lynch states that he has always felt much interest in the Arctic Expeditions.

The above are the true answers given by me to the questions asked by Lieutenant Herbert, R.N., at Prescott, Canada West, 14 May 1852.

John S. Lynch.

(A true copy).

Fred. C. Herbert,
Lieutenant and Commander,
and Senior Officer.

No. 44.

Sir,

Quebec, 15 May 1852.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d April last, relative to two ships seen on an iceberg by the "Renovation," on the banks of Newfoundland, on or about the 17th of April 1851, and requesting me, by desire of their Lordships, to obtain the best information from Mr. Lynch, now residing at Prescott, and who was a passenger on board the "Renovation" at the time of passing the ships; and, in reply, I have the honour to inform you that I had already anticipated their Lordships' desire, by requesting the collector of customs at this port to write to the collector at Prescott to examine Mr. Lynch on the subject of those ships, furnishing him at the same time with the necessary questions to be put to that gentleman, and to forward his answers by the mail to the Admiralty for their Lordships' information. But in consequence of their Lordships' letter, I propose proceeding myself this evening to Prescott to see Mr. Lynch personally, and will immediately communicate the result of my inquiry, by telegraph, to their Lordships, so as they may have the required information by this mail.

Their Lordships will observe by the examination of John Todd, which I forwarded by last mail, that the weather was particularly clear during the whole time the "Renovation" was passing the ships; Todd has since left Quebec, and no further information can be obtained from him here, but I rely much upon what he said.

I have, &c.,
(signed) *Edward Boxer, R.N.*
Resident Agent of Transports.

To the Secretary of the Admiralty,
London.

No. 45.

MORSE'S AMERICAN TELEGRAPH.

By Telegraph from *Montreal* to the Secretary of the Admiralty, London, England,
by Mail Steamer, by New York.

Sir,

New York, 18 May 1852.

HAVING ascertained yesterday at Prescott that the collector had examined Mr. Lynch on the questions I had submitted and forwarded his answer to their Lordships, and Lieut. Herbert had also examined him, you will therefore receive by this mail all the information required, but as their Lordships were particu-