

The Missing Fishing Vessels.

The North Sydney Herald reports that two Gloucester schooners, the John E. McKensie and the Annie and May are supposed to have been lost on the coast of Newfoundland during the November gales. The Herald says: The John E. McKensie sailed from Gloucester eleven weeks ago to-day on a bank halibut trip. Capt. McKensie, a native of P. E. Island, and a part owner of the vessel, only expected to be about four weeks on the trip, and took supplies for only that length of time. His vessel was 130 tons and valued at \$10,000. She carried a crew of 18 men, including Capt. Andrew McKensie, a native of P. E. Island, who leaves a wife and three children. Daniel Ellsworth, a native of P. E. I. single. Charles Campbell, a native of P. E. I. single. Michael Gallant, a native of P. E. I. single. Archibald McDonald, a native of P. E. I. single. Capt. Andrew McKensie, was one of the best known fishing skippers sailing out of Gloucester. He was born in P. E. Island in 1855. He made several record-breaking trips to Iceland for flibbed halibut, and has also made records in the Newfoundland from herring fishery. During the nine years from 1888 to 1897, his total stock in the fisheries was \$170,615, an average of nearly \$19,000 for each year. McKensie possessed a very generous nature and was well liked by all who were acquainted with him. How he met his fate may never be known. Some think that his vessel may have gone to pieces on the dreadful bars of St. John's Island—the graveyard of the North Atlantic. Another theory is that she may have been run down by some large ocean steamer. Few believe that she could have been lost in any of the storms which have been experienced since she was exceptionally staunch sea-boat. Aboard the schooner Annie and May were Samuel Castello, single, and Daniel Campbell, leaving a wife and four children, both natives of P. E. Island.

According to the Cape Ann Breeze, the Annie and May sailed from Gloucester for Georges on a cod fishing trip on Oct. last. The Breeze states that she put into Long Island, Me., on Oct. 20th, and there secured a second supply of bait, and since that date nothing has been heard of her or her crew. A letter received in North Sydney by a sister of Capt. Roberts from his wife at Gloucester states that the vessel "put into Casco on November 1st. It seems however, that this vessel has met with the same fate as the John E. McKensie. She was built in 1881 and was one of the old style. She carried a crew of 13 men of whom five left wives and families in Gloucester. Her crew was as follows: John Sigworth, master, a native of Nova Scotia, leaves a wife and one daughter; Adam Head, cook and steward, Gloucester. Frank Small, a native of Maine, single. Lyman Gerrig, a native of Nova Scotia, leaves a

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