

(No. 3804.)

"HALLY BAYLEY"

AND

"LOUISA LAMONT."

FINDING of the Board of Inquiry into circumstances attending the collision between the schooners "HALLY BAYLEY" and "LOUISA LAMONT," at Pearl Bay on the 10th March 1889.

Having heard the evidence of H. D. Bezer, master mariner, James Corwin, mate, Carl Brown, A.B., Frederick Allen, A.B., Charles Stewart, master mariner, and John Erickson, A.B., we find that the "Louisa Lamont," a British ship, 67 tons register, Charles Stewart, master, with a crew of four, cleared Bowen in ballast on the 2nd March instant, for the Kolan River, viâ Bundaberg, and anchored 4 p.m., the 9th instant, in 5 fathoms, from stress of weather, in Pearl Bay.

We also find that the "Hally Bayley," a British ship, 113 tons register, H. D. Bezer, master, with a crew of six (6), cleared Townsville in ballast on the 1st instant, for Rockhampton, and anchored in 7 fathoms 4.30 p.m. on the 9th instant in Pearl Bay, about 2½ cables astern of the "Louisa Lamont," with the wind fresh and increasing from the southward. We find that the "Louisa Lamont" commenced to drag with two anchors down about 9.30, of which fact neither master nor men on board were aware until hailed by the "Hally Bayley." We further find that the "Louisa Lamont," between 1 and 2 a.m. on the 10th instant, with the wind veering S.S.W. to S.E., and blowing at times with hurricane force, in dragging fouled the "Hally Bayley," both vessels receiving considerable damage in consequence.

We censure Charles Stewart, master of the "Louisa Lamont," for neglecting to set an anchor watch in the early part of the night of the 9th instant, notwithstanding that an increasing gale and the threatening state of the weather generally compelled him to let go a second anchor before 9 p.m., and he is censured accordingly.

(Signed) B. FAHEY, J.P.,
Chairman.
RILL HUNTER, J.P.

I concur in the above finding.

(Signed) A. BRAND,
Nautical Assessor.

Harbour Office, Rockhampton,
2nd March 1889.