

(No. 3730.)

**"HEBE" AND "TUGGERAH."**

REPORT and Decision of the Marine Board of New South Wales in the matter of the collision between the "HEBE" and "TUGGERAH."

An inquiry was held before the President, Captain Hixson, and the Wardens of the Board, into the circumstances attending the above collision, and they ascertained that the "Tuggerah" is a scow of 62 tons, owned by Mr. Thomas Davis, of Terrigal, and insured. She was inward bound on the 10th instant, timber laden, close-hauled on the port tack, with a whole-sail breeze from the southward, when she came into collision at 2.45 a.m. with the "Hebe," about 1½ cables from the South Reef of Port Jackson, by which she received such serious damage as to necessitate her being towed up the harbour. The night was dark and clear. No one was lost or hurt by the occurrence. The "Hebe" is a brig of 214 tons, owned by Mr. Angus Campbell, registered in Sydney and insured. She was outward bound to Newcastle in ballast, closed-hauled on the starboard tack, at the time of the collision. The "Hebe" lost her jibboom, and damaged her head gear; she also was obliged to return to port for repairs.

The Board reported that the collision was occasioned by the wrongful act or default of Thomas Williams, the master of the "Tuggerah," in having committed a breach of clause (b) of the 14th article of the Steering and Sailing Rules, which enacts that "a ship which is close-hauled on the port tack shall keep out of the way of a ship which is close-hauled on the starboard tack." Taking all the circumstances of the collision into consideration, the Board is of opinion that a reprimand will meet the merits of the case. The said Thomas Williams was, therefore, reprimanded accordingly.

(Signed) GEO. S. LINDEMAN, R.N.,  
Secretary.

Sydney, 17th December 1888.