

(No. 6175.)

“LODORE.”

Department of Navigation,  
Sydney.

15th February, 1901.

THE following is the decision of the Court of Marine Inquiry, held at Sydney, before His Honor Judge BACKHOUSE, assisted by JAMES SIMPSON and WILLIAM JACK, Assessors, into the circumstances attending the capsizing of the ship “LODORE,” of Liverpool (official number 99,369), which occurred in Newcastle Harbour, on the 30th November, 1900.

NORMAN C. LOCKHART,  
Secretary.

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That, by a sudden change of wind, the vessel was struck whilst at anchor, almost on the starboard broadside, by a violent squall when she was in such a position that a strong ebb tide was flowing against the port side, and the result was that the vessel was thrown over.

That, considering the experience the master had had of the said ship, he was justified in thinking that he had sufficient stiffening in her for lying at anchor.

The Court is not able to say whether either of the cables getting under the fore-foot of the vessel materially helped to bring about the disaster, and, on the evidence before it, cannot see that anyone was to blame for the said casualty.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1900.

A.L.F. P. BACKHOUSE,  
Judge.

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