

(No. 6121.)

"ALINA" and "NUMIDIAN" (S.S.).

FINDING of a Naval Court convened by British Vice-Consul J. B. KEATING, and held at the British Vice-Consulate, in Portland, Maine, U.S.A., on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of November, A.D. 1900, to enquire into all the circumstances attending and subsequent to the collision between the s.s. "NUMIDIAN," of Glasgow, O.N. 98,659, and the British schooner "ALINA," of Shelburne, N.S., O.N. 100,620, while former vessel was en route from Halifax, N.S., to Portland, Maine, and to enquire into the conduct of the officers and crew of said vessel.

The Court are of opinion that the schooner "Alina" was not materially damaged in her collision with s.s. "Numidian," and that she was seaworthy up to the time that she was last seen by the officers of the "Numidian"; that everything possible had been done in the premises, and that the master of the s.s. "Numidian," in exercising unusual care for the safety of the schooner, was justified in allowing his two seamen to go aboard to assist the schooner's crew.

The Court are further of opinion that the master and officers of the s.s. "Numidian" navigated the vessel in a seamanlike and proper manner, and, when a casualty was inevitable, did everything possible under the circumstances.

The doors were then re-opened to the public, the order of the Court read aloud, and the proceedings terminated.

J. B. KEATING,
British Vice-Consul.
President.

C. ROBSON,
Master, Ex./c. 019,474.

GEO. CALL,
Master s.s. "Hibernian."

British Vice-Consulate,
Portland.

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