

(No. 6701.)

“VANCOUVER” (S.S).

IN the matter of a formal investigation held at the Harbour Commissioners' Offices, Montreal, on Wednesday, the 20th July, 1904, before Captain R. SALMON, Wreck Commissioner, assisted by Captain ARCHIBALD REID, and Mr. AUBERT NAUD, Assessors, into the causes which led to the stranding of the British s.s. “VANCOUVER,” official number 87963, on the South side of the channel, about 2½ miles below No. 2 lightship, Lake St. Peter, River St. Lawrence, at about 7.25 a.m., on July 2nd, 1904.

*Report of the Court*

The Court, having carefully inquired into the circumstances attending the above-mentioned shipping casualty, finds:—

1. That the s.s. “Vancouver” was properly equipped and her steering gear was in good working order and condition, both before and after the casualty.
2. That the orders of the pilot in regard to the handling of the vessel were carefully carried out.
3. That the casualty was caused by the pilot injudiciously repeating his order to starboard while the vessel was moving on starboard helm, which had the effect of making the ship take a broad sheer, from which she could not recover in time to prevent stranding.
4. That no blame attaches to the master and officers of the “Vancouver” for the casualty.
5. That pilot Onésime Naud committed an error of judgment, and in consideration of this and his long experience and good record, the Court is of the opinion that the case is fully met by the administration of a caution to the pilot to exercise more judgment in the future.

(Signed) R. SALMON,  
Wreck Commissioner.

We concur,

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| (Signed) ARCHIBALD REID,<br>Port Warden and Surveyor<br>to Lloyds' Register. | } Assessors. |
| (Signed) AUBERT NAUD,<br>Branch Pilot.                                       |              |

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