

Port Warden Office
Wharfedale March 25 1888

A coffer dam having been placed under the stern of the S.S. *Nederland* and the water pumped out in accordance with the recommendation of the survey of the twentysixth instant, we, the undersigned, this day proceeded alongside of the said vessel and, upon examination, found the propeller on one side of the key bed in the screw shaft seized; the thread of the screw for the next six feet of shaft flattened, several screw pins in the flange of the outer bush in stern tube broken; a number of rivets in the plating of rudder broken and loose; the after end of the fish plate on keel at stern post on port side fractured; the cementing between the fish plate broken; several rivets in the fish plate corroded; and several rivets in the inner row of rivets in the plate at the forward end of fish plate on port side slack and the plate slightly fractured.

We therefore recommended that the key bed the shaft be trimmed out and a new key fitted that the propeller received from the United States be fitted on the shaft; that a cutter hole drilled in the end of the shaft and a steel bar (7x1 1/2 inches) fitted in to secure the propeller to the shaft; that the screw pins in flange of outer of stern tube be replaced with new; that the loose and loose rivets in rudder plating be replaced with new; and that the vessel be supplied with a coil of three and a quarter, a coil of two and a coil of two and three quarter 3 manilla rope and a coil of 1/2 inch.

The above mentioned repairs are of a temporary character.



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in a seaworthy condition to
start her voyage to her port of destination
given under our hands, and the seal of the
Port Warden at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this
twenty eighth day of March A.D. 1888.

David Hunter
Port Warden

Wm. J. Donald
Mechanical Engineer

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