

Port Warden Office
Halifax N.S. March 25 1888

A coffer dam having been placed under stern of the U.S. Steamer "Albatross" and the water pumped out in accordance with the recommendation of the survey of the twelfth instant, we, the undersigned, this day proceeded alongside of the said vessel and, upon examination, found the propeller gone; one side of the key bed in the screw shaft bruised; the thread of the screw for the most part end 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 inner stern post on port side fractured; the cement filling between the fish plate broken; several holes 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.

Recommendations - Recommended that the key bed in the shaft be trimmed out and a new key fitted in; that the propeller received from the United States be fitted on the shaft; that a cutter hole be drilled in the end of the shaft and a steel cutter (7 X 9 inches) fitted in to secure the propeller on the shaft; that the screw pins in flange of outer bush of stern tube be replaced with new; that the broken 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 three and a coil of two and three quarter inch manilla rope and a coil of ratline.

The above mentioned repairs although only of a temporary character are sufficient.



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to put it in a seaworthy condition to
proceed with her cargo to her port of destination
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. H. Donnelly
Mechanical Engineer



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