

Belfast

January 24<sup>th</sup> 1896

James Crepin

Messrs Potter Bros., and with  
the consent of the Owners, survey the  
P.R. Galgoor Castle, of Belfast, 1507  
tons Register, J. H. Day, its master, in  
order to ascertain the extent of damage  
stated to have been sustained on the  
24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1894, through stress of weather  
in the S. Pacific, when the masts had  
to be cut away to right the vessel, she  
was then taken to the Falkland Islands,  
where she was temporarily repaired and  
jerry rigged, and brought back to  
Belfast for permanent repairs.

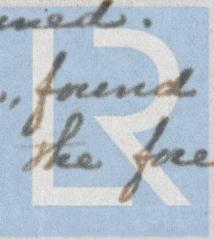
For further particulars as to cause of  
damage see Captain's Log Book and  
Protocol.

On examining the vessel on the  
14<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1895, while lying in the 20<sup>th</sup> Mile-  
water Basin in this port, found the outer  
bobstay bent, one rail stanchion at the

end of forecastle on Starb<sup>t</sup>. side, the light screen plate and stay gone, and a temporary wood screen in its place; the ladder at after end of forecastle broken; a number of cogs broken in two of the spur wheels of the windlass, seventeen bulwark stanchions on the Starb<sup>t</sup>. side between forecastle and poop started at the heels, and the cement in gutter waterway cracked in way of same; one deck plate damaged abaft main hatch on Starb<sup>t</sup>. side, the starb<sup>t</sup>. life boat and gig gone, the other boats dent broken off close above main rail, the fore davit bent, and the boats' chocks carried away, two facing plates gone from the Starb<sup>t</sup>. side, and the fastenings of all the others more or less damaged on both sides; two pinion wheels of the fore halyard winch broken; the margin plate on top of deck house on Starb<sup>t</sup>. side started; hand rail to poop ladder on Port side bent; two rail stanchions on Starb<sup>t</sup>. side of poop bent, three broken, one started, and the railing attached to same bent; the steering gear strained and port cover of same broken; and the after bumpkin on Port side strained.

On the Outside, found the first bulwark plate abaft the forecastle on Starb<sup>t</sup>. side.

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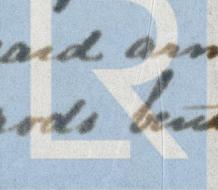


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bent, and the topsides very dirty and  
badly rusted all fore and aft on both  
sides.

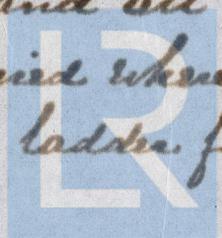
Recommended that the vessel  
be dismantled and the whole of the  
masts taken out, and that she be  
placed in graving dock for further  
survey.

On again examining the  
vessel in the Alexandra graving dock  
in this port on the 8<sup>th</sup> Decr 1875, and  
also the masts and spars on this  
and various subsequent occasions, found  
one plate in Cylindrical on Port side under  
the Mizzen mast indented, and the  
bottom scoured in way of same,  
and also on the Starboard side; Also  
found the fore and main topmasts both  
broken and partly cut off about eight  
feet above the lower topmast yards; the  
hoop on the end of the Mizzen topmast  
drawn down on one side, and the wood  
pole broken off close above the hoop; the  
eye on Sling hoop on Main yard much  
bent, four jack stay eyes broken and the  
rods badly bent; the eye on Sling hoop  
of fore yard slightly bent, one eye gone  
from hoop on yard arm, two jack stay  
eyes broken, the rods bent and one end  
pleg gone.



The Tee and Main. Lower topsail yards, and all masts and yards above these, together with the sails and rigging attached to same - stated to have been all carried or cut away, were found replaced with those of a jury and temporary nature, with which the vessel returned to this port.

It was then recommended, that the outer bo'stay and forecastle rail structure be straightened; the starb<sup>t</sup>. light screen and stay, and ladder at after end of forecastle be replaced with new; the windlass overhauled, new parts fitted where required and made efficient; the central in gutter waterway removed in way of the started bulwark stanchions, the waterway tested by flooding, the rivets in heels of stanchions carefully tested and renewed where required, and the waterway reconnected; that the damaged deck plank be renewed, a new life boat and a new gig supplied, the after boats davit welded and refitted, and the fore davit straightened, and the boats chocks and fittings all made good; two steering reports renewed, and all the others overhauled and repaired where necessary; the hand rail to poor ladder fairied, the two



wheels to the halyards which replaced with new; the margin plank to deck house fastened, and recalked; the rail & stanchions and railing on Starb<sup>k</sup>. side of prop repaired; the steering gear overhauled and put in efficient condition, and the cover of same, and after bumphkin refitted; that the bent bulwark plate on Starb<sup>k</sup>. side forward be faired in place, and the topgildes thoroughly cleaned and repainted all fore and aft on both sides. Also recommended that the plate in C hatch be faired in place, and a doubling plate fitted over same from frame to frame inclusive, and the com made good, the rudder lifted and pintles examined, and the bottom re-coated; that the heads of fore and main masts be cut off about fifteen feet from theounds, and chocks, testle tins, tops, and caps fitted to same; that new fitted stee. fore and main topmasts, and upper and lower topsail yards, be made and fitted; and that the rest of the masts and yards above these be replaced with pitch pine, using so far as practicable, the spars that were supplied abroad; that the hoop on head of main mast be set in position.



refastened, and a new wood pole fitted; the sling eyes to fore and main yards painted, the jack stay eyes and rods repainted, and plating renewed; and further recommended, that all rigging screws, standing and running rigging, blocks and sails, be overhauled, replaced with new where necessary, and made good throughout, and that all new and disturbed work be painted so as to place the vessel in as good and efficient condition as she was in before the damage occurred.

The above recommendations have been complied with.

Fee £8.0.0  
Less 10% 17.0  
£7.11.0

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