



Divers Report.

At the request of Captain Grimoditch representing the owners of the British 4/4m barque "Cedarbank", I, the undersigned hereby certify that on the 29th Instant I proceeded to the above vessel at anchor in Lake Bay, for the purpose of examining the vessels bottom and rudder, and do report as follows. I made a thorough examination of both port and starboard sides from the water line to keel, and found that the port side had received no apparent damage, On examining the starboard side I found the plates commencing a few feet abaft the break of the forecastle from the water line to bilge plates, extending to a few feet abaft the break of the poop, all more or less scraped bare, otherwise the plates appear undamaged. I then made a careful examination of the rudder, gudgeons and pintles, I scraped the gudgeons and pintles free from barnacles, in order to give me as clear a view as possible, and I found the gudgeons and pintles from the water line down apparently in good order, with the exception of the heel pintle, this I found to be badly canted to the port side to the extent of about ($1\frac{1}{4}$) one and a quarter inch. The heel portion of the rudder being canted or bent in a like manner and I also found some deep indents in the heel gudgeon that has apparently been caused by some heavy body striking against it.

Lake Town
July 30. 1897

Wm. Lea
Diver.