

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 9060

39652 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 78/35 Date of writing this report 27th November 1935
 Vessel's Name Steel Twin No 9 Joseph Medill of Montreal Tons Net 1607 Gross 2087
 Built at Newcastle When 1935 8 Casualty notice sent to Owner 31st Oct. '35 Owner's reply 8th Nov '35
 Name Quebec & Ontario Transportation Co. Ltd.
 Address 1005 McGill Building, Montreal

Particulars of Casualty
 Date FAI 7 LMC 8.35
 For Service on the Great Lakes & Gulf of St. Lawrence (from April to October) at an extreme draught of 14' 8.35 CL
 Date Last Minute
 Casualty Overdue Oil Eng.

Particulars of Casualty This vessel left the Tyne with a cargo of coal on the 10th August for Toronto, and was last seen on the 17th August in lat. 57 19 N, long. 26 12 W by the steamer "Starvangerfjord". She was posted "Missing" at Lloyds on the 30th October. In reply to the usual casualty notice the Owners state they have no reason to believe that the vessel is still afloat.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

JOSEPH MEDILL. — St. John's, N.F., Sept. 2.—Motor vessel Joseph Medill, owned in Montreal, is now a week overdue and is believed to have foundered off Newfoundland in the storm on Aug. 25. It is feared that several hatches which have been salvaged as part of the wreckage.—Reuter. (Note.—The Joseph Medill left the Tyne on Aug. 10 for Toronto and passed Dunnet Head on Aug. 12.)

LL 4/9

JOSEPH MEDILL.—London, Sept. 4.—The following cable has been received to-day from the owners of the motor vessel Joseph Medill: Steamer Empress of Australia, inbound, Sept. 2, noon, passed grey-painted vessel resembling motor vessel Joseph Medill proceeding west in lat. 53 N., long. 44 18 W. (See issue of Sept. 4.)

LL 5/9

JOSEPH MEDILL. — St. John's, N.F., Sept. 5.—Motor vessel Joseph Medill: On Aug. 26 five hatches were picked up, "two" at Gull Island, below Northern Bay, "three" at Long Beach, same vicinity "one" Northern Bay, all eight feet long, two feet wide and three feet deep, marked respectively "S 111 over SV1A," "S11 over BV111F," "S11 over B11F," "S11 over S11N," "S11 over B11M." No further wreckage or details since obtained. Press report from Montreal Sept. 4 advises steamer Empress of Australia reports sighting a Lake vessel about 400 miles off Newfound-land.

LL 7/9

In reply to inquiry made to Messrs. Swan, Hunter & Wiggin Richardson, Ltd., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, state that they do not recognise the dimensions or markings of hatches mentioned in the above message as applying to the motor vessel Joseph Medill.

JOSEPH MEDILL.—Montreal, Sept. 9.—A schooner left St. John's, N.F., to-day to search in the Atlantic for the motor vessel Joseph Medill, which is now a fortnight overdue on her maiden voyage from Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Montreal with a cargo of coal. The Joseph Medill, the world's largest all-welded vessel, has not been sighted since she entered the Atlantic a month ago, and her owners, the Quebec & Ontario Transportation Company, are gravely concerned.—"Daily Mail" Correspondent.

LL 11/9

JOSEPH MEDILL.—London, Sept. 12.—A report received to-day from the builders of the motor vessel Joseph Medill states: The owners have investigated the report of Sept. 3 and they find that it has no substance as applying to the Joseph Medill, about which the last authentic report was on Aug. 17. (See issue of Sept. 5.)

LL 13/9

JOSEPH MEDILL.—London, Sept. 13.—The following cable has been received from Chicago, dated Sept. 13: Motor vessel Joseph Medill: Assured sent out vessel to endeavour locate motor vessel Joseph Medill, also notified proper departments, both Canadian and American, and understand they sent wireless messages to vessels to be on the look out for the Joseph Medill.

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Suggested Record Missing since 8.35.
 Date of Committee FEB. 29 NOV 1935
 Committee's Minute Missing since 8.35.



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JOSEPH MEDILL.—Quebec, Sept. 5.—
There have appeared items in the
"Montreal Gazette" and the local
papers stating that the owners of the
motor vessel Joseph Medill, the
Quebec & Ontario Transportation Com-
pany, at Montreal, have received direct
communication from the vessel, which
was reported 400 miles E of Newfound-
land. I have investigated these
reports, receiving direct news from the
owners denying these reports and stat-
ing they have received as yet no news
of this vessel's whereabouts. I also
had the Signal Service here wire their
station at Cape Race for information,
and the reply received late yesterday
afternoon was that that point was
without any news.—Lloyd's Agent.

LL 16/9

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—
The Canadian destroyer Saguenay

received orders to-day to join in the
search being made for the missing
British motor vessel Joseph Medill, of
which no news has been received since
Aug. "17." She has a crew of 20 on
board, of whom five are Tynesiders and
the remainder Canadians.—Reuter.

Halifax, Sept. 14.
—Requests by wireless stations on the
east coast of Canada asking vessels to
keep a sharp look-out for the motor
vessel Joseph Medill have met with no
reply.—Reuter.

London, Sept. 14.
—The following information has been
received from the master of the steamer
Empress of Australia, dated Southamp-
ton, Sept. 13: Re the grey painted Lake
vessel we sighted in position lat. 53 N.,
long. 44 18 W. After an interview
with the owner, when in Quebec, and
seeing the photo of her, we decided it
was not the Joseph Medill. The one we
sighted was a two-master, but her
bridge was amidships but (owing to)
the fact of her being grey painted I
reported it.

JOSEPH MEDILL.—St. John's, NF.,
Sept. 2.—The following report appears
in the "Evening Telegram" of Aug. 26:
Five steamer batches were picked up
after the storm; one at Bell Island,
three at Long Beach and one at
Northern Bay. The distinguishing
marks on them are: "S.S.V.I.A."
"S-B.B.," "S-B.F.," "S-S.F.," "S-B.F."
(See issue of Sept. 7.)

LL 18/9

St. John's, NF.,
Sept. 17.—All hope for the overdue
motor vessel Joseph Medill was aban-
doned to-day, when the wireless-
equipped schooner Marie Yvonne was
ordered back to port.—Reuter.

JOSEPH MEDILL.—London, Sept. 21.—
In reply to inquiry, the master of the
Norwegian steamer Stavangerfjord for-
warded the following extract from the
logbook of the Stavangerfjord, on the
voyage from Bergen to New York: On
Saturday, Aug. 17, 1935, at 11 14 a.m.,
G.M.T., the Canadian lake vessel Joseph
Medill was passed in lat. 57 19 N., long.
26 12 W. The following flag signals
were hoisted on the lake vessel: LEB:
Have you got order about port of dis-
charge? MIR: Report me to my
owner. LVA: Please radiotelegraph at
our expense. AKSI: Montreal, Canada.

LL 23/9

JOSEPH MEDILL.—London, Oct. 30.—
Motor vessel Joseph Medill, of Mont-
real, 2087 tons gross, official number
158631, master Mackintosh, which
sailed from Grangemouth for Toronto on
Aug. 3, 1935, with a cargo of coal, left
Newcastle-upon-Tyne on Aug. 10 and
was spoken on Aug. 17 in lat. 57 19 N.,
long. 26 12 W., was to-day posted at
Lloyd's as a missing vessel.

LL 31/10