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## Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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### Vessel Characteristics

<b>Name:</b> Erl King	<b>Prime Mover:</b> Steam
<b>Flag:</b> UK	<b>Transmission:</b> Unknown
<b>ASPPR Ice Class:</b> Unknown	<b>Power (kW):</b> 186.4
<b>Lloyd's Class:</b> Unknown	<b># Propellers:</b>
<b>Baltic Class:</b> Unknown	<b>Prop. Type:</b> Unknown
<b>Vessel Type:</b> Freighter	<b>Service Speed:</b>
<b>Owner:</b> Robertson and Co.	<b>Stern Form:</b>
<b>Registered Country:</b> UK	<b>Steel Grade:</b> Unknown
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b> 1865	<b><u>Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:</u></b>
<b>Bow Shape:</b> Unknown	Iron steamer, chartered by Donaldson Line and captained by captain Briske of Glasgow. 1891 wrecked. The Evening Telegram lists the owner as 'Ross of Glasgow'.
<b>Stem Angle:</b>	
<b><u>Dimensions (m):</u></b>	<b><u>Mass (tonnes):</u></b>
<b>Length:</b>	<b>Gross:</b> 2193
<b>Beam:</b>	<b>Net:</b>
<b>Depth:</b>	<b>Dead:</b>

### Collision Details

<b>Date:</b> 05-Aug-1885	<b>Air Temperature:</b>
<b>Visibility (nautical miles):</b>	<b>Water Temperature:</b>
<b>Visibility:</b> Unknown	<b>Wind Speed:</b>
<b>Visibility - Fog:</b> Thick fog	<b>Wave Height:</b>
<b>Visibility - Snow:</b> Unknown	<b>Sea State:</b> Unknown
<b>Visibility - Light:</b> Unknown	
<b>Collision Speed:</b>	
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## Damage Details

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<b>Damage Sustained:</b> Yes	<b>Damage Report No. :</b>
<b>Scenario:</b> Glancing Blow	<b>Steel Failure Type:</b> Unknown
<b>Severity:</b> Hole	<b>Size - Length (m):</b>
<b>Location:</b> Bow	<b>Size - Height (m):</b>
<b>Code:</b> Plate	<b>Damage Below WL (m):</b>
<b>Length of Downtime:</b>	<b>Damage Above WL - Height (m):</b>
<b>Cost of Downtime:</b>	<b>Damage Above WL - Length (m):</b>
<b>Cost to Repair:</b>	
<b>No. Lives Lost:</b>	
<b>No. Injuries:</b>	<b>Cause of Deaths/Injuries:</b> Unknown
<b>Cargo Loss:</b> Unknown	
<b>Pollution:</b> Unknown	<b>Pollution Potential:</b> Unknown

### Cause of Damage:

Hit a berg in the North Atlantic, 150 miles from St. John's.

### Damage Description:

Hole in starboard bow above waterline; bow and bulwarks damaged. Put into St. John's August 14 and repaired by ship's carpenter, Daniel Condon.

## Ice Details

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**Ice Briefing Received:** Unknown

**Iceberg Population:**

**IIP Iceberg Number:**

**Sea Ice Concentration:**

**Position of Nearest Known Iceberg:**

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**Iceberg Shape:** Unknown

**Latitude:** 0 ° ' " N

**Iceberg Size:** Unknown

**Longitude:** 0 ° ' " W

**Length:**

**Date of Observation:**

**Width:**

**Iceberg Tonnage:**

## Route Details

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**Geographic Area:** Grand Banks

**Origin:** Montreal

**Collision Latitude:** 45 ° 50 ' " N

**Destination:** London

**Collision Longitude:** 050 ° 10 ' " W

**Distance:**

**Locale Accuracy:** Known

**Cargo at Event:** Livestock

**Voyage:**

**Displacement:**

**Draft FWD (m):**

**Captain's Experience:** Unknown

**Radar Equipped?:** Unknown

**Radar Details:**

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