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Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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Vessel Characteristics

Name: Lake Champlain	Prime Mover: Steam	
Flag: Canada	Transmission: Unknown	
ASPPR Ice Class: Unknown	Power (kW):	
Lloyd's Class: Unknown	# Propellers: 2	
Baltic Class: Unknown	Prop. Type: Unknown	
Vessel Type: Passenger	Service Speed: 13	
Owner: Canadian Pacific	Stern Form:	
Registered Country: UK	Steel Grade: Unknown	
Year of Manufacture: 1900	Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:	
Bow Shape: Unknown	Twin screw steamer built by Barclay, Curle & Company Ltd. Shipyard. 1913 renamed "Ruthenia". 1914 dummy battleship HMS "King George V". 1942 renamed "Choran Maru". 1949 broken up.	
Stem Angle:		
Dimensions (m):		Mass (tonnes):
Length: 135.9		Gross: 7392
Beam: 15.8		Net: 4685
Depth: 8.4	Dead:	

Collision Details

Date: 06-May-1909	Air Temperature:
Visibility (nautical miles):	Water Temperature:
Visibility: Poor	Wind Speed:
Visibility - Fog: Thick fog	Wave Height:
Visibility - Snow: Unknown	Sea State: Unknown
Visibility - Light: Unknown	
Collision Speed: 13	
Kerwin Place	Place Kerwin
P.O. Box 12093	C.P. 12093
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Damage Details

Damage Sustained: Yes	Damage Report No. :
Scenario: Direct Impact	Steel Failure Type: Unknown
Severity: Hole	Size - Length (m):
Location: Bow	Size - Height (m):
Code: Plate	Damage Below WL (m):
Length of Downtime: Estimated 2 weeks	Damage Above WL - Height (m):
Cost of Downtime:	Damage Above WL - Length (m):
Cost to Repair:	
No. Lives Lost:	
No. Injuries:	Cause of Deaths/Injuries: Unknown
Cargo Loss: No	
Pollution: No	Pollution Potential: No

Cause of Damage:

Running at full speed [13 kts] in thick fog off Cape Race, lookout sighted a berg in time to change the course. One report states a growler. Lat - lon estimated.

Damage Description:

Headed to St. John's for repairs with hole in port bow a little above the waterline, and 20 plates damaged. Shattered port bow. 200 saloon passengers, 500 second class and 156 crew aboard. Arrived St. John's May 10 a trifle down by the head.

Ice Details

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: Growler

Longitude: 0 ° ' " W

Length:

Date of Observation:

Width:

Iceberg Tonnage:

Route Details

Geographic Area: Grand Banks

Origin: Liverpool and/or Belfast

Collision Latitude: 46 ° 40 ' " N

Destination: Montreal

Collision Longitude: 052 ° 55 ' " W

Distance:

Locale Accuracy: Estimated

Cargo at Event:

Voyage:

Displacement:

Draft FWD (m):

Captain's Experience: Unknown

Radar Equipped?: Unknown

Radar Details:

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