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## Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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### Vessel Characteristics

<b>Name:</b> Tressillian	<b>Prime Mover:</b> Steam
<b>Flag:</b>	<b>Transmission:</b> Unknown
<b>ASPPR Ice Class:</b> Unknown	<b>Power (kW):</b> 218.5
<b>Lloyd's Class:</b> Unknown	<b># Propellers:</b>
<b>Baltic Class:</b> Unknown	<b>Prop. Type:</b> Unknown
<b>Vessel Type:</b> Steamship	<b>Service Speed:</b>
<b>Owner:</b> Hain Steamship Company Ltd.	<b>Stern Form:</b>
<b>Registered Country:</b> United Kingdom	<b>Steel Grade:</b> Unknown
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b> 1899	<b>Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:</b>
<b>Bow Shape:</b> Unknown	Steam screw schooner.
<b>Stem Angle:</b>	
<b>Dimensions (m):</b>	<b>Mass (tonnes):</b>
<b>Length:</b> 103.9	<b>Gross:</b> 3585
<b>Beam:</b> 14.2	<b>Net:</b> 2309
<b>Depth:</b> 7.9	<b>Dead:</b> 3368

### Collision Details

<b>Date:</b> 04-May-1917	<b>Air Temperature:</b>
<b>Visibility (nautical miles):</b>	<b>Water Temperature:</b>
<b>Visibility:</b> Poor	<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> Direct Impact	<b>Steel Failure Type:</b> Unknown
<b>Severity:</b> Crushed	<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 off Cape Race in dense fog from a European port. Stranded before and after collision. Lat - lon estimated.

### Damage Description:

Serious with bows badly damaged with forward compartments filled with water. Had to be convoyed into St. John's arriving May 4; drydocked.

## 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: Europe

Collision Latitude: 46 ° 35 ' " N

Destination:

Collision Longitude: 053 ° 00 ' " 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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