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Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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Vessel Characteristics

Name: Western Belle	Prime Mover: Sail
Flag:	Transmission: Unknown
ASPPR Ice Class: Unknown	Power (kW):
Lloyd's Class: Unknown	# Propellers:
Baltic Class: Unknown	Prop. Type: Unknown
Vessel Type: Sailing Vessel	Service Speed:
Owner: R. Cuthbert & Company	Stern Form:
Registered Country: USA	Steel Grade: Unknown
Year of Manufacture: 1860	Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:
Bow Shape: Unknown	Ship. Listed by Lloyd's Register as a barque.
Stem Angle:	
Dimensions (m):	
Length: 56.2	Mass (tonnes):
Beam: 11.6	Gross: 1226
Depth: 7.4	Net: 1226
	Dead: 1161

Collision Details

Date: 01-May-1882	Air Temperature:
Visibility (nautical miles):	Water Temperature:
Visibility: Unknown	Wind Speed:
Visibility - Fog: Unknown	Wave Height:
Visibility - Snow: Unknown	Sea State: Unknown
Visibility - Light: Unknown	
Collision Speed:	
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Damage Details

Damage Sustained: Yes	Damage Report No. :
Scenario: Direct Impact	Steel Failure Type: Unknown
Severity: Sinking	Size - Length (m):
Location: Bow	Size - Height (m):
Code: Hole	Damage Below WL (m):
Length of Downtime:	Damage Above WL - Height (m):
Cost of Downtime:	Damage Above WL - Length (m):
Cost to Repair:	
No. Lives Lost: 14	
No. Injuries:	Cause of Deaths/Injuries: Fall to Deck
Cargo Loss: Unknown	
Pollution: Unknown	Pollution Potential: Unknown

Cause of Damage:

Hit a berg on the Grand Banks.

Damage Description:

Bows crushed and sank in 20 minutes. 3 boats got away but one was swamped losing 13 crew and master. Others badly frozen and rescued by schooner "President" and landed at Quebec May 20.

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: Unknown

Longitude: 0 ° ' " W

Length:

Date of Observation:

Width:

Iceberg Tonnage:

Route Details

Geographic Area: Grand Banks

Origin: Greenock

Collision Latitude: 45 ° 00 ' " N

Destination:

Collision Longitude: 047 ° 00 ' " W

Distance:

Locale Accuracy: Known

Cargo at Event:

Voyage:

Displacement:

Draft FWD (m):

Captain's Experience: Unknown

Radar Equipped?: Unknown

Radar Details:

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