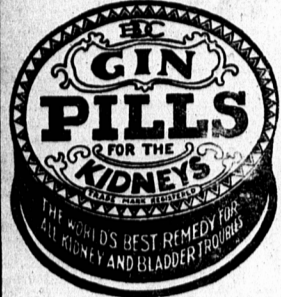


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Prince Edward Island is separated from the mainland by Northumberland Strait, 150 miles long and about seven miles wide at the narrowest. Owing to tidal currents this strait never freezes, yet winter navigation is obstructed by floating masses of ice.

So far as the writer can ascertain the earliest regular crossing began in 1828, the couriers getting \$16 per trip. At the outset the trips were only monthly, then weekly, and for many years daily when the weather allowed.

The enterprise started, but the names of Lewis Muttart and of Philip Irving will always be associated with the work, owing to their long, faithful service. It is stated that while these men were in charge, no passenger had been injured by frost or otherwise, and no letter or package was misplaced.

Ladies and male passengers who refer case to money are hauled in the boats for double fare, being at the rate of over a half-dollar per mile. When walking, passengers are attached to the boats by leather straps, which answer as traces, and also are hauled should one break suddenly through the ice.

The ice-boats belong to the Federal government, are each seven feet long, four feet wide and shaped like a Norwegian skiff, the bow slanting upwards. A metal runner on each side of the keel enables the craft to be used as sleds; outside, the boats are sheathed with stout tin.

Each boat has a crew of six men, one of them denominated the "captain"; next in rank are two "bow-men," so named from their forward position. Besides the boat captain, there is a head man or pilot whose work is to lead and who is in charge of the fleet. Every day

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the students (Hazard by name) began to give signs of derangement and could only with difficulty be induced to make the necessary exertion to keep being their great

Want of food being their greatest misfortune, after much deliberation it was decided to kill a small dog belonging to a passenger named Weir, and all except the owner partook of the animal's blood. Being now a little revived, they threw out the baggage, all except the mails (which were of considerable weight) resolving if possible to reach land before darkness set in.

Hazard soon became altogether unmanageable and could not be induced to leave the boat; the others, disregarding their own comfort, covered him with whatever clothes they could spare. Unconscious of his painful surroundings and fancying himself at home with his mother, he in loving words informed her of his studies at the medical school, then of his sufferings on the ice, and seemed to be in transports of joy on the borderland of the grave.

His utterances before long became indistinct, and seemingly without any pain his spirit took flight to regions beyond. Death could hardly be attended by circumstances more sad and pathetic; in an open boat far from land, he actually perished from hunger and cold. He was an exemplary youth, tenderly reared, and his early death was a crushing blow to his family.

After some delay the survivors set out, weak, sad and sorrowful. They exerted themselves to the utmost, but not before midnight did they reach land at Wallace, Nova Scotia.

Leaving the student's remains and everything else in the boat, they started in search of some dwelling, though the deep snow-tumbling and falling at every few steps. Of six who left the shore, only two succeeded in reaching a house about four in the morning.

On learning their tale of misfortune the men of the house went immediately in search of the others, whom they found scattered here and there along the two miles which separated the house from the shore. Every possible kindness was shown them, and they were brought back to the island in the spring.

Hazard's remains were temporarily interred, to be afterwards exhumed and brought home. Mr. Weir, the third passenger, was an elderly gentleman belonging to Portland, Maine. He lost his fingers and both feet from the ankles, but he did not long survive the dreadful exposure of sixty-six hours on the bay.

Richard Johnson, the other student, was born at Louth, in England, near the close of 1830, and received his preliminary education at that place. In 1850 the family came to Prince Edward Island and settled in Charlottetown, where Richard resumed the study of medicine, that being the profession of his father and two elder brothers.

He was returning from the medical school at Harvard when he nearly perished on the ice as related. Always seriously disposed, he now became a clergyman of the Methodist church, in the service of which he spent many years. Later he resumed medicine and practised with success till his death in 1903. In each situation he was deservedly loved and esteemed.

Both Johnson and the couriers were badly frozen, and the latter was severely censured for setting out on a perilous trip without the least preparation.

Mishap of 1885. Almost a generation had passed since the event just related. New couriers were in charge, who seemed to ignore the possibility of an accident, who indeed appeared to consider it manly and brave to disregard such caution as commonsense would advise.

The morning of January 27 did not promise well for crossing the Strait, with the mercury at zero, snow falling and the wind from the north-west. After spending considerable time in consultation, it was at length decided to start, and about 9.30 a.m. three boats left the island shore with a crew of fifteen men and seven passengers, twenty-two persons in all. By noon the storm had increased to a blinding blizzard, while the cold was severe.

In view of past records, how could some men set out in such a "tough" manner — no reliable compass, no means of providing a shelter and, worst of all, no vestige of food? On the whole equipments being summed up they were found to consist of two matches and two pocket compasses which, failing to agree, were in a sense worthless.

During the afternoon there was a general impression that all was not right, but each kept his thoughts to himself and the party continued to trudge on aimlessly until about sunset, when further progress was checked by a wide streak of lolly, and there being no alternative they decided to bivouac here for the night.

The outlook was exceedingly cheerless, and some of the passengers began to voice their alarm in such exclamations as "We are lost, we are lost; we shall never reach shore." Those having greater experience tried to calm the fears of the timid, assuring them that one might could be borne without material injury and that daylight might bring some relief.

Having moved the boats back from the opening, two of them were placed gunwale to gunwale, so as to form a species of camp about a dozen feet long, four feet wide and forty-one inches to the highest point of the ceiling. The leeward opening constituted a door, while that to windward was barricaded with trunks, valises and mail bags.

These preparations completed, it was decided to kindle a fire on a hearth of tin stripped from one of the boats; newspapers from the mail bags were first drawn on for fuel, but they did not last long, and it was resolved to break up the boat, which had already been unsheltered.

These boats were fastened as securely as wood can be nailed, and to break them without tool or appliance was next to impossible; still harder to reduce were the oars, all of which were broken and burned except two for each boat. So thoroughly unprepared were the couriers that they carried not even a hatchet, which in the present emergency would be worth its weight in gold.

In building the camp, provision was made for the smoke to escape at the ridge, but the stubborn by-product refused to ascend, and if the fire kept the parties from freezing, it made them virtually martyrs for never did smoke feel so excessively pungent, so deadly to eyes, so hard to be managed.

Every now and then one would rush out into the furious gale, determined to perish by the keen blast in a den; but in less than two minutes he was glad to return, persuaded that death by asphyxia was more easily endured than by the spear of Jack Frost.

There was just enough warmth in the cave to melt the snow driven in between the trunks and valises, so that every garment became soaking wet; thus it is questionable whether kindling the fire was not a grievous mistake.

Owing to the fire melting a hole in the ice sometime before day, the camp had to be changed, which, in the circumstances was a difficult move.

To form an idea of their misery, let the reader fancy twenty-two persons (many with fur outer garments) crowded into quarters but little over a dozen feet long, about five feet in width and perhaps three feet to the apex, their clothes soaking wet, blinded with smoke, fasting for at least twenty hours, some devoutly praying or singing the hymns of Ira O. Sankey, others blaspheming and cursing—it would be difficult to mention a further element of wretchedness that could be placed on the scale.

Morning brought neither relief nor improvement; at times the sun appeared through the swirling snow, yet being uncertain of their location they could do nothing but wait. Their fuel was exhausted

except three trunks and a quantity of mail which they calculated would last till next morning. One of the crew became delirious, a

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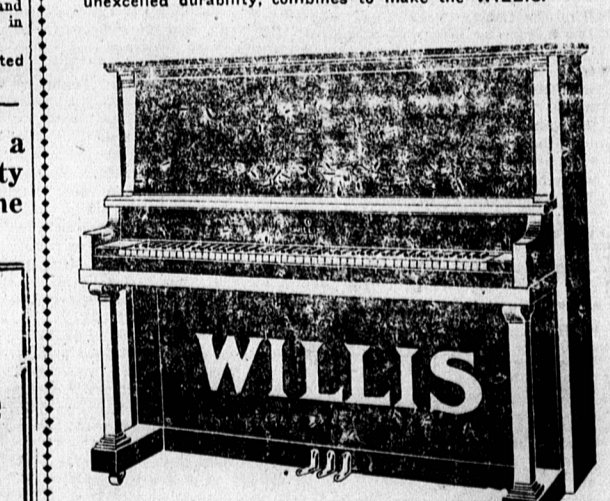
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