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The story of HMS Pelican it should be mentioned that in addition to police duty among the French fishermen, the Pelican true to the traditions of the British Navy was often called upon to assist ships of the Merchantile Marine, and I will just mention one outstanding incident, which may be of interest. In 1891 the Dominion Coal had built for them in England a ship for the carriage of coal from Sydney to Montreal. She was a fine large steamship for the time, called the Cape Breton. On her maiden voyage to Canada, she encountered much fog and bad weather off the Newfoundland coast and finally piled up on the rocks at a place known to most mariners only too well, called "Petit Harbor Motion." The Cape Breton found herself on a ledge of rock. The Chief Engineer was Mr. J. G. L. Cooke, and to make matters worse he had on board as a passenger to Canada for the first time-his bride, whom we are happy to

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other signal man on board the Pelican. It was all done so quietly and efficiently that I have often thought about it since with a very thankful heart. In a very short time after getting the hawser on board our ship was afloat and on her way to dry dock at St. John's, where we remained for six weeks and had sixteen new plates and a new stem put in. "I never pass the Pelican where she lies rotting on the shore, but I think of that thrilling time so many years ago, and wonder what would have happened had she not been at hand to assist us before a gale came up and ground us to pieces on the rocks. The Pelican was a good ship of her class at that time, and I think it is a great pity she could not at least have had decent burial." From the Admiralty Records, and Mrs. Cooke's most interesting story, we must now turn to the records of the Hudson's Bay Company: "The Pelican sailed far northern seas for years. She carried food and trappings in. She bore out precious cargoes of Arctic fur. Countless times the ice-floes tried to crush her. The sturdy teakwood hull beat off lashing waves of many Atlantic storms. For twenty 'outfits' this brave sloop challenged the hazards of navigation to the 'Bay'; but, skippered by H.B.C. captains, she met no greater disaster than the occasional loss of a propper and minor breakages from heavy ice." Here we include extracts from the log of the Pelican's last voyage: "Friday 23/7/20- Dense fog: Vessel stopped in ice. Growler struck vessel in port side, damaging four