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Wreck of the Hurry On • Judique On September 23, 1935, the motorship Hurry On went down about 20 miles off the Judique coast of Inverness County. The ship listed in the storm and the crew got to the only undamaged lifeboat. Waves overturned the boat, and some of the crew floated away and the oars were lost. They somehow righted the boat only to be swamped again. They were eventually driven ashore at Judique, below the home of Dougald F. MacDonald • the lifeboat jammed between rocks. Otherwise, probably none of the crew would have had the strength to keep the boat beached. What follows is a composite of news accounts, a few memories, and a wonderful poem composed by Euphemia Malcolm MacEachern. The poem was made shortly after the wreck, and became a song for a while in the community. As recently as five years ago it was recited at the local school by Euphemia's granddaughter. Euphemia Malcolm MacEachern

When the Hurry On  
Went Down by Euphemia Malcolm MacEachern, Judique  
High and dry on Judique  
Beach In a cold and dreary dawn  
Twas a lifeboat with a crew of eight  
From the steamer Hurry On. A crew of eight? No, seven now  
For just as they reached the shore  
MacLean has closed his weary eyes  
To open them nevermore. Now five of  
them exhausted lay They could not raise a hand  
They did not know their little craft  
Had washed up on the sand But two there were could make their feet  
They struggled bravely on They climbed a bank and saw a house  
And they knew the fight was won. Twas Dougald F. MacDonald's home  
Close by the Judique shore They stumbled weakly up to it  
And knocked upon the door. The good folk quickly took them in  
And listened to their tale Of how the good ship Hurry On  
Had foundered in the gale How they had manned the lifeboat then  
And faced the raging storm They hadn't time to salvage food  
Nor clothes to keep them warm How these twelve men, so helpless  
Upon the waves were tossed Till breakers wild upset their craft  
And four of them were lost. They righted her and eight still lived  
Tho' far from safe and sound For hours and hours they tossed about  
And then were washed aground. "O haste make haste, and help these men  
Or they will soon be dead" The Judique men jumped to their feet  
And to the shore they sped They brought them in and carefully  
They tended one and all Tho' at the time they thought that two  
Had heard the final call But soon they rallied one by one  
And to the Lord gave thanks They said "He must have guided us  
To land on Judique Banks" For Judique hospitality Is known  
thru'out the land 'Tis part of their religion To help their fellow-man.  
And so these men from the Hurry On Will long recall the names  
Of Dougald F. MacDonald And his brother, Willie James  
Now they're in St. Mary's Hospital Reported doing fine  
If you'd care to hear their names We have them here in Rhyme. There was  
Boudreau, Boyd and Baker, And Carmichael as you know One was  
Shode and one was Evans And one Cocopardo So this concludes the story  
Of the brave men who were saved But God have mercy on those poor souls  
Who met a watery grave And God have pity on those at home  
And help them bear their cross The mothers, wives and fathers.  
Who are left to mourn their loss And O kind people safe on land  
Won't you hearken to my plea Say a prayer tonight and every night  
For our boys who follow the sea.



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