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of their clothes and wrap them in wool blankets. And there was a good fire on, so they revived. And my father always had a little flask of brandy, because he had a heart condition and he found if he took a little brandy at that time that it would help him. So they had a little brandy to cheer them up.... According to the story they had--from my father--was they left Halifax with a load of grain--corn, it was. And off the coast of our place there, a gale came up and the corn shifted. And the boat listed over and they thought she was going. And I guess the captain was trying to move the cargo back. Capt. Gardiner drowned. They found his body after I came home. They found it Smart boaters always plan ahead. Smart boaters Icnow that a terrific boating season starts witti more ttian just a new coat of wax. It means talcing the time to make sure your boat is up to snuff from top to bottom. Breakdowns can guickly deteriorate into life-threatening situations. So keep the odds stacked in your favour by preparing your boat thoroughly carrying a complete set of safety equipment, and knowing how to use it. The Coast Guard can help you prepare, by providing a host of information to help ensure your safety and peace of mind. Just call our toll-free Boating Safety Information Hotline at 1800 267-6687. Boating is fun...if you plan ahead. 1'1 down quite a piece below our beach. It was a month later that they found his body. (What other story did people suggest made the Hurry On go down?) This was the only story they had then. (Recently) somebody told me that it was owned in Halifax and that it was a rumrunner. Now that's under hearsay. I don't know about that. But I can't see if it was why the cargo would shift. The corn sounds more logical to me. (The news accounts of the day had a head? line that said something like "Crew Denies They Threw People Overboard.") Well, I re? member my father saying that one of the men told him that we could have all got off quietly and into the lifeboats and did lit--but that Capt. Gardiner wasn't allowing them to get off because he wanted to save the boat and he kept them on. And in the end of it, it was just jump in your (life)boat. Now one of the men told Dad that. And it sounds like they didn't come really pre? pared into the lifeboats. So that sounds like a right story.... They didn't have time to salvage food...and that sounds kind of right now, that (the captain) kept them busy. (The poem says) "they hadn't time to salvage food nor clothes to keep them warm." And that's what it looked like. My father said that. He said, "Gosh, for people jumping into a lifeboat, they should have taken heavy jackets and things"--they didn't. I guess mostly sweaters and things that they had on. I think (in the pictures) that's my father's sweaters. But he said they weren't CanadS