

Port Warden Office  
Halifax N.S. March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1888.

We, the undersigned, having been requested by Christian Romme Esq. Consul for Belgium, to survey on the S.S. "Nederland," of Antwerp, a burthen per register of 2145 tons, A. J. Griffin, on a voyage from Antwerp bound to New York at this port -

We hereby Report that we this day proceeded on board of the above named vessel, lying at Lunenburg wharf, and, upon examination, found a large boat damaged and fittings lost.

The after part of the vessel, under water, been examined by Mr. John Sheridan, an experienced submarine diver, who reports that the hull is gone from off the screw shaft.

The Master reports having broken and stowed, while being used for various purposes, in tow of the S.S. "Amsterdam," two three and two and three quarter inch steel wire hawsers, eleven fathoms of five eighth inch chain, one coil three and a quarter, one coil of three and a coil two and three quarter inch manilla rope, and a coil of ratline.

We therefore Recommend that a sufficient portion of the cargo be discharged out of the after hold to lighten the vessel to about the sixteen feet mark aft; that a coffer dam be then placed under the stern of the vessel and the water pumped out to permit of further survey; and that the passengers be forwarded to their destinations at the earliest convenience.

Given under our hands, and the seal of the Port Warden, at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this twentysecond day of March A. D. 1888

James R. Rutherford  
Port Warden.  
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