

Port Warden Office

Halifax N. S. March 22 1888.

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

We hereby Report that we this day proceeded alongside and on board of the above named vessel, lying at Lunards wharf, and, upon examination, found a $1\frac{1}{2}$ foot boat damaged and fittings lost.

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

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

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, the
twentysecond day of March A. D. 1888

David Purvis

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