

Thursday's Storm on the Lakes

The toll of the severe storm which swept the lakes on Thursday comprised eighteen or twenty lives and several vessels. Right at Toronto harbor the steamer *Resolute* belonging to Haney & Miller, contractors, went to pieces and six of the crew of twelve found watery graves. The steamer with the schooner *P. B. Locke* in tow came across Lake Ontario and attempted to enter Toronto harbor on Wednesday night. Failing in this Capt. Fahey decided to anchor and if possible ride out the storm. The gale, however, developed into a hurricane which the *Resolute* was unable to stand and in the early morning hours foundered. The crew took to the boats, the one which cap-sized containing John Harrison, first engineer, Deseronto, married; Thomas Topping, second, engineer, Deseronto, married; David White, deck hand, Prescott; Harry Gregory, fireman, Erie, Pa.; John Barnes, fireman, Port Colborne, and Nelson Nelson, wheelsman, Christiana, Norway, all of whom were drowned. The second boat contained Capt. John Fahey, St. Catharines, in charge; Michael Henry, mate, Buffalo; Andrew Hicks, wheelsman, Milford; Ernest McBeth, fireman, Toronto; Mrs. Elizabeth Callaghan, St. Catharines, cook. Capt. John Sullivan of political fame donned a life belt and floated ashore on the top of the cabin, being picked up near the winter dock of the Niagara Navigation Co. in an exhausted condition. Topping, the second engineer, also being on with Capt. Sullivan until washed off by a comb. The *Resolute* was a wooden vessel, built at Deseronto in 1882 for Rathbun & Co. She had a registration of 226 tons, and was 138 feet long by 28 feet wide. Until last spring she was employed chiefly in lumber freight work for Rathbun's, plying between Lake Superior and Montreal. Last spring she was purchased by Haney & Miller, and her yoke has taken her from Georgian Bay to below Quebec. This was to have been her last trip of the season.

The wooden steamer *Panama*, which has occasionally been in this port, was wrecked in Lake Superior and the crew lost. She went on Mineral Reef Point.

The steel steamer *Chauncey Hurlburt*, bound for Buffalo, was blown out of its course on Lake Erie Wednesday night by the terrific gale, and is aground off Leamington. The Anchor Line steamer *Coemanagh*, up-bound, with a valuable cargo of package freight, also went ashore on Point Pelee, in Lake Erie, pounding hard, and filled with water. The crew of 20 men was rescued.

The barge *Athens* in tow of the steamer *Pratt* went down in Lake Erie on Wednesday night, drowning her crew of Capt. Mackey and six men.

During the gale on Wednesday night the steel freighters *Gilbert* and *W. A. Rogers* collided in the Detroit River, opposite Point Edward. The forepeak of the *Gilbert* filled with water and she returned to Detroit, while the *Rogers* tied up at Port Huron. The *Gilbert* was bound up light and the *Rogers* was bound down loaded with ore.