

A TERRIBLE SCENE.

...sinking, and the drawing of those on board--removing of the dead.

Halifax, April 6.--The surviving passengers of the steamer Daniel... now in this city, state that the vessel struck, but lightly, twice. The Captain summoned them all on deck and directed them to prepare to enter the boats if such would be necessary. The boat was launched, and all inside a safe for it, though good discipline was maintained among the ship's crew. The boat was well filled and attached to the steamer by a rope. When some of those on board were about cutting the line, the steamer suddenly sank, dragging the boat and its unfortunate occupants down with it. The boat turned over on its side. Every person in it was thrown out and drowned. When the stern of the vessel sank the cries and screams of the women and children were heart-rending. Capt. Shoonover made his way up to the fore-rigging. Two men sought the rigging of the mainmast and endeavored to climb along the stay between the heads of the two masts. In this perilous passage, one lost his grasp and was washed away. The other, John Seiderman, succeeded by desperate effort, in the course of which his legs were seized by some one drowning, in reaching the fore-rigging, when he was about exhausted, and pulled into a comparatively safe position by the Captain. The two unfortunate from time to time called out together for help, but the roar of the wind and waters drowned their feeble voices, so that even if assistance had been at hand it is doubtful if they could have been heard.

The bodies of two little girls, one boy and five men have been recovered from the wreck. Three schooners with diving crew will go to the work of recovering the dead to-morrow, if the weather be favourable. An official investigation into the loss of the vessel will, it is expected, open here on Tuesday under Capt. Scott, of the Marine and Fisheries Department.

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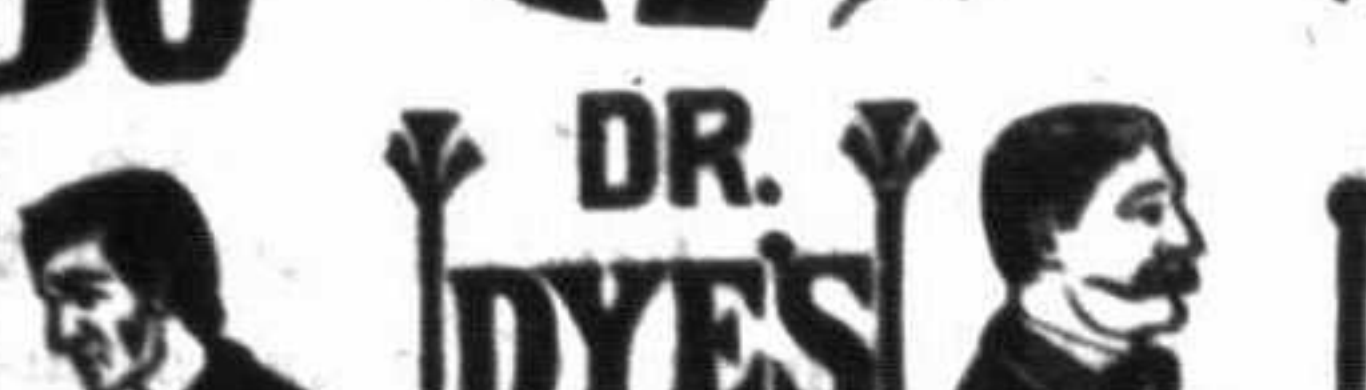
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