

Why the Drummond Castle Was Lost.

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The judgment of the wreck inquiry court on the loss of the Drummond Castle was that the vessel was in a good and seaworthy condition, and quite fit for the service in which she was engaged at the time of the catastrophe, but that she was not navigated on the night of her loss with proper seamanlike care. The chief errors of the Captain were his neglect to use the lead with sufficient frequency when in the neighborhood of a dangerous coast, the great rate of speed he maintained in thick weather, and his failure to make sufficient allowance for the easterly current prevailing in that part of the Atlantic. All these circumstances were set forth immediately after the disaster occurred, and there can be no doubt that they represent accurately the causes of one of the most deplorable catastrophes in the history of the mercantile marine.

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