THE "LORD CANNING."

She Arrives After a Long and Boisterous Voyage.

DELAYED BY STORMS AND CALMS.

The Underwriters Had Given Her Up for Lost—The Captain's Story.

The British ship "Lord Canning," fifty days overdue, sailed into the harbor yesterday and anchored in the stream.

The "Lord Canning" sailed from Newcastle, N. S. W., on January 25th last in command of Captain Thomas Stevenson. Her cargo consisted of 2134 tons of coal, consigned to J. J. Moore & Co. of this city. Two days after the "Lord Canning" sailed the British ship "Forest Hall" also left Newcastle for San Francisco and arrived here on April 19th last, seventy-five days out.

No news having reached here of the "Lord Canning" considerable anxiety regarding her safety was felt in commercial circles. Yesterday when the vessel was reported entering the harbor, after a trip of 125 days, there was a general feeling of pleasure.

Captain Thomas Stevenson went direct to the Merchants' Exchange, where he made a long report of his trip.

"We sailed on January 25th from Newcastle," said the captain. "During the first part of the trip we experienced light variable winds and calms until close to the Three Kings, north of New Zealand. We were then out thirteen days. Calms and light winds continued until we reached latitude 44 deg. south, longitude 178 west. Then we experienced very dirty weather; the ship had a wicked lock to it and the seas were remarkably heavy.

"In latitude 51 south, longitude 174 west, a heavy gale blew from southeast to north, with heavy cross seas. The deck was covered with water. We were evidently on the outer edge of a cyclone which lasted with great violence for three days, namely February 10th, 11th and 12th. After the last date the weather moderated and a fresh and strong breeze blew between north-northeast and east.

"In latitude 43 deg. south, longitude 175 deg. west we found ourselves in a hurricane which commenced at east-northeast, backed into southeast and blew with terrific force. The barometer fell to 29.00. The hurricane lasted through February 23rd, 24th and 25th. Afterward the wind backed round from east southeast to west southwest by north. A fearful sea was running all the time. It seemed to come from all points of the compass. The ship was completely engulfed. The main hatch was in the water for hours and the lee side of the ship was submerged and out of sight.

"During the hurricane we lost the fore lower topsail. Skylights were broken in and the water rushed into the cabin, filling it. The deckhouse and forecastle were also swept. The pig pen on the ship was burst open and two large pigs washed overboard, as well as two sheep and a number of fowls. Boat was washed out of our davits and general destruction reigned. We lost nearly all our paint and lamp oils through the bursting of the oil tanks.

"We kept a continuous supply of oil in bags over the weather side of the ship to smooth the sea. It is my opinion that the precaution kept us from getting smashed up altogether. The oil had a wonderful effect on the breaking and tumultuous sea. But the sea was not of the ordinary kind, being a cross sea and rolling in to windward, keeping the ship covered with water all the time. The stormy weather abated on the morning of February 24th and we set about getting things straightened out on board ship, but with poor success, the weather permitting but little work.

"The winds, however, were unfavorable, blowing from the northeast and very moderate and light. When out sixty-three days we passed Pitcairn Island. Easterly and northeasterly light winds here prevailed most of the time, although calms occurred with a frequency that was not appreciated. Heavy rainstorms now occurred, with much thunder and lightning. Light and unfavorable winds and calms continued to keep us back. However, we sighted the Farallones yesterday morning and took a pilot. As the wind was favorable we had no difficulty in coming up the harbor under sail."

Notwithstanding her long and hard voyage the "Lord Canning" shows not few signs of her hard battle with the winds and seas.

Only last week a well-known marine secretary said of the "Lord Canning": "She is at the bottom." Another—and, as it happens, a true prophet—argued that she would turn up all safe. The latter gentleman not only said he believed the vessel would put in an appearance soon, but went so far as to accept a reinsurance of her for his company at, it is said, 50 per cent. It was well known that there had been a calm in the south seas which had delayed their vessels, and so there was at first but little anxiety felt for her safety.

There was, however, one or two disquieting facts which marine underwriters did not fail to note. One of these was the arrival here of the "Forest Hall," which left Newcastle after the "Lord Canning," and sailed for home some time ago. The other news which caused uneasiness was to the effect that a teak steering-wheel and some fragments of teak wood had been encountered in the ocean by a passing steamer when off the Pitcairn islands, and as the "Lord Canning" has teak fittings the suspicion that she had met with disaster was strengthened.

The rainstorm remembered some time after the Forest Hall had reached here, and the percentage has been steadily rising during the past two weeks until 50 per cent was reached. This figure is not often exceeded, so that the conviction that the "Lord Canning" would not arrive must have been strong with her original insurers. The total insurance on the vessel was about $60,000.

The vessel was detained both at Adelaide and at Newcastle before she sailed, owing to the dock laborers' and seamen's strikes. During the time she was laid up her bottom became badly fouled, and this latter fact, coupled with the knowledge of her slow sailing qualities when in the East Indian service, induced the skewed underwriter to accept her reinsurance at the high figure named.—S. F. Chronicle.

Rev. John Wm. Sandmark, of Bangor and Mon parishes, died at the advanced age of 85 years.

Making Him Ashamed.

"If—if you only knew what the bill was for," sobbed the young wife, "you would be too ashamed to scold so about it."

"What was it for?" demanded John.

"My birthday present for you," said the sad little wife.

Keep Adapted to the Time.

A Wolf and a Lamb were drinking out of the same Purling Stream. When the Wolf angrily started out.

"I say, you! You are fouling the Mud up!"

"Let her roll," returned the Lamb reasonably. Whereupon the Wolf Leaped across the Stream and fell upon the Lamb. The Plucky Creature had hardly attempted to Tear the Lamb's Shoulder off, however, before his Teeth broke off Short and fell to the Ground.

"Huh!" said the Lamb, "what a Fool you are to try your Fangs on a Hardened old Tough like myself. Can't you see that I am a Spring Lamb?"—Puck.

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The production of lymph doesn't appear to be equal to the consumption.

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