

## LOST SHIPS AND LIVES

There was high adventure, but there were also lives lost too young because of the sea.

From Aberdeen, one of the Captain Browns took a sickly brother with him on one of his trips to China and they were never heard from again. It is not known if their ship was wrecked, or if it was overtaken by pirates, with the entire crew murdered.

In Nova Scotia, Captain Dan and his family had a series of tragic events, wrecks, and premature deaths.

Captain Dan died in an accident in December, 1872 at the age of 48 from a perforated bowel: he was hit by some equipment while he supervised the loading of his ship, and died from an inflammation of the bowel.

The next April his ship the Glenalladale must have come into her own bad luck, because she was recorded as being abandoned at sea. Then the William B., the second ship that Captain Dan had owned, was wrecked in 1877. In 1898 during the Gold Rush, Joseph, one of Captain Dan's sons sailed to Alaska but was struck by an anchor in Skagway and drowned.

Captain Leigh Manning, who had almost died when the Louisa was caught in the winter storm when heading to the Barbados, continued to sail despite the risks. But when he came back from a lengthy trip in 1902 to discover his wife Margaret had been dead for nine months, he was affected deeply. He never allowed any of his children to go to sea. His son (my Grandfather Alton Roy Manning) became a banker, and two other sons who wanted a life of adventure worked for the railroad instead.