

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

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GASPESIAN CARGO OF THE SCHOONER "OTTER"

Captain Xavier Dugal, Master Mariner and Master of the Schooner "OTTER" protests damage to the cargo loaded at the Port of Gaspé in 1827.

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PROEM

While considerable attention has been given by chroniclers of Gaspé's past to the exports of the fishery by major companies, such as those of Robin, Janvrin, Fruing, LeBoutillier, etc., much less has been recorded of those smaller enterprises and individuals that traded in the provincial market. We are reminded of this smaller but none the less significant trade in the following PROTEST of Captain Xavier Dugal, Master Mariner and Master of the Schooner "OTTER" with respect to the cargo loaded at Gaspé for delivery to Québec in 1827.

2 November, 1827. PROTEST. XAVIER DUGAL, SCHOONER "OTTER"

By this Public Instrument of Declaration and Protest, Be it known and made manifest unto all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may in any way concern, that on this Second day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, Before the undersigned Notaries Public, duly admitted and sworn for the Province of Lower Canada, and residing in the City of Quebec, personally came, appeared and were present Xavier Dugal, Master Mariner and Master of the Schooner or vessel called the OTTER of Quebec of the burthen of forty three tons or thereabouts, now lying in the Port of Quebec and Pierre Fontaine, Louis Fontaine and Alexandre Chamberland, Seamen of and on board of the said vessel, who, in pursuance of a protest entered and noted by the said Xavier Dugal in the office of L.T. MacPherson, one of us the said Notaries on the first day of November, Instant, against the perils of the River and in extension of the same -

The said Xavier Dugal, Louis Fontaine, Pierre Fontaine and Alexandre Chamberland, of their own free will and voluntary accord, in the presence of us the said Notaries, did and by these presents do jointly and severally allege, affirm, declare, protest and say that the said Schooner or vessel called the OTTER, being tight, staunch and strong, well and sufficiently manned, provided, equipped and furnished with all things needful and necessary for a voyage to sea, loaded with a cargo of fish oil and other produce, and her hatches

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well and sufficiently caulked and covered, they, the said appearers, set sail from the Port of Gaspé, in the District of Gaspé, on the twentieth day of October last on a voyage to the Port of Quebec where she arrived on the thirtieth day of October last, that on the day aforesaid of their arrival in the said Port of Quebec, after tying up with her best bower cable and anchor, there came on to blow a very heavy gale from the Eastward which drove her alongside of the Bank of the harbour of Cul-de-Sac of the said Port of Quebec, where she remained in a perilous situation -

And in order to get her off and for her preservation and the preservation of her cargo it became absolutely necessary to cut her aforesaid cable, which was instantly done by the orders of the said Master, by means whereof the said vessel was got off the shore and to a place of safety -

And the said appearers do further jointly and severally allege, affirm, declare, protest and say that all and singular the losses, injuries, damages and detriments which have happened to the said vessel and her cargo were in no way owing to or occasioned by any unseamanship, mismanagement or neglect of any of them the said appearers or of any of the rest of the crew of the said vessel but solely and entirely to the perils before mentioned, and that during the said voyage they and the remainder of the crew of the said vessel used their utmost endeavours and exertions to preserve the said vessel and her cargo from damage.

To the truth of all which said several matters and things herein before alleged and declared, they, the said appearers, have duly and severally made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God before us the said Notaries. -

Now therefore that these presents may enjoy full force and effect, we, the said Notaries, at the request of the said Xavier Dugal, did protest as by these presents, we do most solemnly protest against all and every person and persons whom the same doth, shall or may in any wise concern, and do declare that all damages, losses and detriments which have happened to the said vessel and her cargo are and ought to be borne by the proprietors of or underwriters on the same, or whomsoever else it shall or may in any wise concern, the same having

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occured as before mentioned and not by or through insufficiency of the said vessel or neglect of the said Xavier Dugal, his officers or any of his mariners.

Thus Done, Protested and Sworn to in the City of Quebec in the said Province of Lower Canada (where no stamps are used) at the office of L.T.MacPherson, one of us the said Notaries, on the day and year first above written -

In Faith and Testimony whereof the said appearers have to the original of these presents, first duly read, and remaining of record in the said office, severally set their hands in the presence of us, the said Notaries, also hereunto subscribing.

(Signatures)	Xavier Dugal
	Louis (x) Fontaine
	Pierre (x) Fontaine
	Alexandre (x) Chamberland
	L.T.MacPherson, N.P.
	E.W.Lindsay, N.P.

STATEMENT OF CARGO ON SCHOONER "OTTER" LOADED AT PORT OF GASPE

Schooner "OTTER" Insured for - - - - - £ 200.00

MR.MacPHERSON

130 quintals dry fish	£ 65.
4 Bbls Green cod fish	2.
3 drafts " " "	1.10
1 1/2 Bbl Oil say 45 Gals	4.02.06

MR.PETER MOURANT

29 Bls Green Cod Fish	14.10.
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MR.LOUIS BRILLIANT

9 Bbls Green fish	4.10.
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MR.ISAAC KENNEDY

1 Bbl Oil. 30 galls	2.15
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Mr. LUCAS

5 Bbls Green Fish	2.10
1 Bbl Oil 30 Galls	2.15
3 1/2 Quintals dry cod fish	2.15

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STATEMENT OF CARGO (ctd)MR. WILLIAM WEST

3 Bbls Oil 90 Galls 8.5

MR. LESARD

2 Bbls Green cod fish 1.0

MR. PHILLIP ALEXANDER

1 Bbl Oil 30 Galls 2.15

MR. ELIE LENFESTY

1 Bbl Green cod fish

1 3/4 Quintal dry cod fish 1.7

MR. ELIE LEMESURIER

3 Bbls Green fish 1.10

MR. DOMINIQUE

12 Bbls Green codfish 6.00

3 Quintals dry cod fish 1.10

3 1/2 drafts Green cod fish 1.15

MR. PETER CONNERS

2 Bbls Green cod fish 1.00

MR. McDONALD

3 Bbls Green cod fish 1.10

MR. BAPTISTE BLAIS

2 1/2 Bbls Green cod fish 1.05

MR. THOMAS KING

1 Bbl Green cod fish .10

MR. XAVIER L'ESPERANCE

21 Bbls Green cod fish 10.10

1 Hkd Green " " 1.00

5 drafts Green " " 2.10

75 Quintals dry cod fish 37.10

MR. JOHN LUCAS

4 Bbls Green cod fish 2.00

2 Quintals Green cod fish 1.00

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STATEMENT OF CARGO (ctd)MR.HENRY JOHNSTON

11 Bbls Green cod fish	5.10
1 Bbl Oil 30 Galls	2.15
35 Quintals dry cod fish	17.10

MR.BERNARD LIZOT

8 Bbls Green cod fish	4.00
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MR.CHARLES GUIMONT

1 Bbl Green cod fish	.10
2 Quintals dry cod fish	1.00

MR.GEORGE ARNOLD

4 Bbls Oil 120 Galls	11.00
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ESTIMATED VALUE OF CARGO IN SCHOONER "OTTER"

£ 427.10

No. 3

2^d November 1824

Protest 51!

Darius Desjardis
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By this Public Instrument of Declaration and Protest, as it is known and made manifest unto all to whom these presents shall come in whom the same may in any wise concern, that on this Second - day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four Before us the undersigned a Notary Public duly admitted and sworn for the Province of Lower Canada, and residing in the City of Quebec in the said Province, personally came appeared, and were present Darius Desjardis Master Mariner and Master of the vessel called the other of Quebec of the burthen of forty three tons or thereabouts, now lying in the Port of Quebec and Pierre Fontaine, Louis Fontaine and Alexandre Blanchard seamen

of and in board of the said vessel, who in
pursuance of a protest entered and noted
by the said Carrier Shankland
in the office of L. S. Macpherson one of us the
said Notaries on the first day of November

Instant
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against the perils of the ^{Sea} ~~Sea~~, and in ex-
tension of the same, the said Carrier
~~Shankland~~ ^{Bugal}, Jay Fontaine, Pierre Fontaine
and Alyrade Shankland
of their own free will and voluntary accord
in the presence of us the said Notaries, did
and by these presents, do jointly and sever-
ally allege, affirm, declare, protest and
say that the said Schooner or vessel called
The Otter being tight
staunch and strong, well and sufficien-
ly manned, provided, equipped and fur-
nished with all things needful and
necessary for a voyage to sea headed north
a cargo of fish oil and other produce
and her hatches well and sufficiently
caulked and covered then the said Appea

... us set sail on board of the said vessel
from the Port of Gaspé
the district of Gaspé
thirtieth day of October last in a voyage to the Port
of Quebec

... she arrived
her passage on the said thirtieth
day of October last, that at the
arrival at the said port of Quebec
~~she was obliged to anchor in the Bay of Gaspé~~
~~the vessel with her best hauls on the cable~~
~~she, on the day of the~~

after having ~~been~~ ^{been} up with her best hauls cable and
anchor it came on to blow a very ^{heavy} gale from the
Eastward which drove her alongside the Bank
of the harbour of St. Lawrence the said port of
Quebec where she remained in a perilous situation
and in order to get her off and for her preservation
and the preservation of her cargo it became
absolutely necessary to cut her said cable

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which was instantly done by the vessel of the said
Master by means whereof the said vessel
was taken off the shore and into place of safety

And the said Appraisers do fu-
ther jointly and severally allege, affi-
davit protest and say that all and
singular the losses, injuries damages
and detriments which have happened
to the said vessel and her cargo

were in no way owing to occur-
ed by any unseamanlike, mismanag-
ment or neglect of any of them the sa-
Appraisers of any of the rest of the crew
of the said vessel but solely and entirely
to the perils before mentioned, and that
during the said voyage they and the
remainder of the crew of the said ves-
sel their utmost endeavours and
exertions to preserve the said vessel and
her cargo from damage —

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In the truth of all which so
several matters and things herein before
alleged and declared they the said by
-bearers have duly and severally made
oath on the Holy Evangelists of the
Gospel before us the said Notaries.

Now therefore that these pre-
sents may enjoy full force and effect we
the said Notaries at the request of the said
Baron Engel — did protest a-
gainst these presents, we do most solemnly
protest against all and every person and
persons whom the same doth shall or
may in any wise concern, and do de-
clare that all damages, losses and detri-
ments which have happened to the
said Baron Engel —
are and ought to be borne by the pro-
-prietors of or underwriters on the same
or whomsoever else it shall or may in
any wise concern, the same having oc

cured as before mentioned and not
by or through insufficiency of the said
Vessel, or neglect of the said Captain
Suzal — his officers or any of his
Mariners. —

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shown to in the said City of Quebec in the
said Province of Lower Canada (wherein
stamps are used) at the office of J. J. Ma
pherson one of us the said Notaries on the
day and year first above written; in the
and Testimony whereof the said Appare
have to the original of these presents for
duly read and remaining of record in the
said Office severally set their hands in
the presence of us the said Notaries also the
said subscribing. —

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sponsored. — Xavier Dugal

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Schooner Otter Insured for				\$ 200.00
Mr. Mac Pherson				
130 quintals dry fish	std	65		
4 Bbls Green Cod fish	std	2		
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1 1/3 Bbls Oil say 40 Gall	std	4.26	72	12
Mr. Peter Monant				
29 Bbls Green Cod fish	std	"		14.10
Mr. Louis Brilliant				
9 Bbls Green fish				4.1
Mr. Isaac Kennedy				
1 Bbl Oil 30 Gall	std	1/10		2.15
Mr. Lucas				

3 Bbls Green fish	10¢	3.10	52.0
1 Bbl Oil	3¢	3.15	
1 Quintal dry Cod fish	2¢	2.15	8.0
Mr William Wood			
3 Bbls Oil	1¢		5.0
Mr Leonard			
2 Bbls Green Cod fish			1.0
Mr William Wood			
1 Bbl Oil	2¢		2.15
Mr John Kenney			
2 Bbls Green Cod fish			1.0
1 Quintal dry Cod fish			1.0
Chief Inspector			
1 Bbl Green fish			1.10
Mr Leonard			
1 Bbl Green Cod fish			1.0
1 Quintal dry Cod fish			1.0
1 Bbl Green fish			1.0
Mr Leonard			
Amount due forward			£26.10
Mr Peter Connors			
2 Bbls Green Cod fish			1.0
Mr Mr Donato			
1 Bbl Green Cod fish	10¢		1.10
Mr Baptiste Blais			
2 1/2 Bbls Green Cod fish			1.5
Mr Thomas King			
1 Bbl Green Cod fish			1.0
Mr Xavier Desjardins			
21 Bbls Green Cod fish	10	10.00	
1 Bbl Green	1		
5 casks Green	10¢	2.10	
1 Quintal dry Cod fish		37.10	51.10
Mr John Lucas			
4 Bbls Green Cod fish	2		
2 Quintals Green Cod fish	1		3.00
Mr Henry Johnston			
11 Bbls Green Cod fish	5	5.10	
1 Bbl Oil	35	35.00	
35 Quintals Green dry Cod fish	14	17.10	25.15
Mr Bernard Litch			

