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THE DROWNING OF ARTHUR TITUS AND GREENWOOD (JANUARY 1900 - DIGBY COURIER)

The bodies of 2 young men who were drowned off Brier Island last week were found at Gunning Cove, about 1 ¼ miles above Petite Passage. Arthur Titus' body was found on Saturday afternoon, and Edward Greenwood's body was found on Sunday. Parts of their dory and portions of their trawls were also found at the same place. While they were trawl fishing about 2 miles off the Island, the wind breezed up and a snow squall set in. It is supposed they let go their hold of their trawl, and either perished before reaching the shore, or chilled and numb with the cold and wet, were drowned in the breakers. Their bodies were coffined and sent to Westport. Arthur Titus was a son of Mr. Howard Titus, and 17 years of age. Greenwood was aged 20, and belonged to Port Saxton, Clyde River, Shelburne County, where his remains were conveyed for interment. The sum of \$60 was promptly subscribed by the young fishermen of Westport and Tiveron for the purpose of paying the expenses of forwarding the body of young Greenwood to his friends.

" They left with all the other dories in the morning, but from some unknown reason, rowed beyond them all, probably a boyish eagerness to secure a good catch. When it began to thicken up the boats secured their trawls as soon as possible, and were picked up by the vessels in attendance, all but this one, which was not missed until the schooners returned home. Two of them returned at once, but it was then growing dark and snowing. They returned without any tidings of the missing boys.

The bodies were found some 4 miles above Petite Passage in the Bay of Fundy. Young Titus was at high water mark, nearly nude, the back of his head cut and hair chafed off. His coat was near him in the drift seaweed. His boots were on. Greenwood was down about half- tide in his oil clothes wet and all frozen two small bruises on his forehead. Near him were the trawls from 3 tubs all tangled and chafed, but no anchor or riding line. A number of Haddock were scattered about. The buoy was found and one pair of oars - - they had two. It is thought they were alive up to near daylight and perished in attempting to land. Just at that time a heavy squall accompanied by a heavy sea, sprang up, making it almost impossible to beach a boat. Young Titus was deaf and dumb, thus a poor help for his companion. The undertow is so strong all along this coast that a strong man would have but a small chance to save his life. A lad worn out by a night of exposure would be helpless".

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