

against the sea and winds, had to go back to port.

The Novadoc's message said high seas had damaged several bulkheads and a hatch had been stove in.

Officials of the Paterson Steamship Co. identified the skipper as Capt. A. J. Vallis of Montreal. Among her officers and crew are several Ontario men. She carried a crew of 22.

Formerly the Northton of Port Colborne, the Novadoc has been in coastal service several months. Before the war the Northton was a familiar ship in Toronto.

Boston, March 4—(CP)—The 248-foot Canadian freighter Novadoc, out of Nova Scotia, was sought by the U.S. coast guard today after she reported by radio yesterday that she had been damaged in high seas off the New England coast.

In addition, three coast guard planes joined the search.

Fighting her way to the Novadoc, which had given her position as 22 miles east of Portland, Me., was the cutter Algonquin. The Algonquin was sent to aid the Canadian ship after the tug Snohomish, able to make only three knots

Missing Novadoc's Captain Sailor Since Age Of Twelve



S.S. Novadoc



Capt. A. J. Vallis



Chief Engineer James Ash



DOGGED BY BAD LUCK

A jona has ridden the freighter, Steel King, on her winter shuttle route in coal trade between Toledo, O., and River Rouge, Mich. Recently returned to the route after an enforced lay-off, ill-luck descended upon her with redoubled viciousness. One of her crew was killed in a winch accident at Toledo, and a few hours later Detroit river ice ripped her bow plates so badly that she had to be run aground to avoid sinking in deeper water.

CAUGHT AGAIN

When the rent in her hull was repaired temporarily and frapped with a mattress and tarpaulin, the tug Atomic freed her and towed her to her River Rouge dock. Just 24 hours later the freighter ran into another ice jam and had to be freed by the rescue tug which then steamed away to free another winter shuttle vessel, the James

Watt, which was helpless in river ice. Both carriers belong to the Nicholson Transit Co. fleet.

MONTREAL, March 6—(CP)—Captain Allan J. Vallis, the Montreal master of the Canadian freighter Novadoc now missing for four days off the New England coast, is a native of Ramca, Newfoundland.

He went to sea at the age of 12 and engaged in cod fishing on the Grand Banks.

Capt. Vallis, now 52 years old, received his master's papers at the age of 26. During the First Great War he served in Canada with the army.

In the last war he served mostly in the Caribbean area. He was awarded the OBE in 1945 for service as captain of the Port of Trinidad in the British West Indies from 1942 to 1944.

His son, Allan S. Vallis, third mate on the Novadoc, served with his father during the last war. Another son, George, served with the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve. Arthur, 20, is attending school here. Capt. Vallis also has three daughters living at home.

A revised list of the crew was made known by the Patterson Steamship company's Montreal office. It contained all 24 names of the crew.

In its revised list the company deleted the name of Fireman Charles Holmes, of Port Wade, N.S., who had been included in an earlier list. William Morgan, of Digby, N.S., was substituted for Holmes.

The list:

Master, Allan J. Vallis, Montreal; first mate, John N. Crewe, Montreal; second mate, Allan S. Vallis, Montreal; third mate, Bernard Palement, Verdun, Que.

Wheelsmen, Frank Bates, Montreal; Angus Larsen, Windsor, N.S.; Jack Cossar, Montreal.

Chief engineer, James Ash, Oak Ridges, Ont.; second engineer, William Christie, Paisley, Ont.

Oilers—Gerald Rafuse, Windsor, N.S.; Roderick McLean, Glen Robertson, Ont.; Alex Tischart, Glen Robertson.

Firemen—Robert Vroom, Deep Brook, N.S.; William Morgan, Digby, N.S.; J. Francis, Smith's Cove, N.S.; Sherman Higgins, Bear River, N.S.

Cook, Mrs. Margaret Eady, Adamston, Ont.; second cook, Mrs. Angus Larsen, Windsor, N.S.

Seamen—Lloyd Rice, Morganville, N.S.; Chipman Rice, Morganville, N.S.; William Francis, Smith's Cove, N.S.; James Vroom, Deep Brook, N.S.; Gerald Porter, Hillgrove, N.S.; Ralph Peters, Rossay, N.S.

James Rankin Ash, 49, chief engineer, is the son of William Henry Ash, Oak Ridges, North York Township. He started sailing in 1918 on the Great Lakes and obtained his chief engineer's papers in 1934. During the war he was in Atlantic coastwise service and came through without seeing a German submarine. The family settled in the Oak Ridges district in the early 1800's.