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Dear Mr. MacMullen:

Bark "LIZZIE IREDALE"

This is in further reference to your letter in the May issue of "Sea Breezes" with respect to the bark LIZZIE IREDALE which went missing in 1887 on passage from Australia to San Diego.

The following item which appeared in the shipping intelligence column of the Portland "Morning Oregonian" of November 8, 1887, in regard to the findings of the Board of Inquiry into the loss of the vessel, should be of interest:

"An inquiry was held by the Marine Board, Newcastle, Australia, on August 31, into the condition of the LIZZIE IREDALE when she left that port, and they ascertained that she was an iron vessel of 693 tons, 19 years old, registered and owned in Liverpool by Messrs. Peter Iredale & Sons, and was commanded by H.W. Iredale. She sailed on March 5, bound to San Francisco with a cargo of 1,010 tons large coal, and has not since been heard of. The finding was as follows: 'The Marine Board are of the opinion that the LIZZIE IREDALE was strong, staunch and seaworthy in every respect, her Plimsoll disc being four inches clear of the water when she left Newcastle. The weather at the time was fine and continued so for some fortnight afterwards.'"

It is stated that the vessel was "bound to San Francisco." This must be an error on the part of the marine reporter, and it should have been reported that the LIZZIE IREDALE'S ultimate destination was San Diego.

Very truly yours,

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