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Dear Mr. Mac Mullen:

In reply to your letter of August 18, I can supply the following data in regard to the KINFAUNS' long coastal voyage on the West Coast, which actually occurred during the period between November 26, 1887 and about February 9th, 1888.

I am quoting the following interesting item from the "Shipping Intelligence" section of the Portland "Oregonian" dated January 18, 1888:

"British bark KINFAUNS from San Diego November 26 received pilot off the Columbia River December 24 (1887) and was seen about 12 days later by the bark DORA ANN which made the run up from San Pedro in 10 days. The DORA ANN towed in on the 4th January (1888) having sighted the KINFAUNS close in. The latter has not since been reported, and fears are expressed that she has been thrown down by heavy weather and foundered. A reasonable supposition is that she was blown far north and since has been kept off shore by easterly winds. She is a new steel vessel of 981 tons, and was 118 days to San Diego from Newcastle, Australia. It is barely possible she left San Diego with insufficient ballast and has come to grief, but there need be no particular anxiety expressed as yet."

Later reports indicate that she was off the Golden Gate on January 29, 1888 and eventually sailed north and entered the Columbia River on or about February 9th, and shortly thereafter arrived at Portland. She was disengaged at that port until April 19th, when she started loading a cargo of wheat under a new charter as she had missed the loading dates in the original charter. Completed loading on the 26th, and was towed down the Columbia to the open sea on the 27th and 28th, by the OKLAHAMA, bound for the United Kingdom.

Your old friend who just recently died at nearly 96, was then only about 15 years old when the KINFAUNS made her long coastal voyage on the West Coast. He certainly had a remarkable memory for a man of his age!

Your little history on the Port of San Diego has not as yet reached me, but it should be here any day. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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