

Moreland. October 16, 1910

The largest loss of property in a single instance, namely, \$445,000, was occasioned by the destruction on October 18, 1910, of the 7,514-ton ore-carrying steamer *William C. Moreland*, near the Portage station, on Lake Superior.

October 18.—The 7,514-ton steamer *William C. Moreland*, of Cleveland, Ohio, got off her course in smoky weather while en route from Superior, Wis., to Ashtabula, Ohio, with a cargo of iron ore, and stranded on Eagle River Reef, Lake Superior, 21 miles northeast of the Portage (Mich.) station and a mile off shore. The master landed in the ship's yawl, and at 11,30 p. m. news of the stranding was telephoned to the station named. The life-saving crew arrived alongside in the 34-foot power lifeboat after a three-hour run. They stood by until noon of the 19th (word of the stranding having in the meantime been sent to the owners), when the sea became so rough that it was necessary to land the steamer's crew. On the first trip ashore 12 were taken off and on the second 13, comprising the entire company. On the 20th, the sea being less rough, the station crew put 10 of the ship's men aboard the vessel. While the service boat was on its way back to the shore the *Moreland* broke in two. The life-savers headed about and rescued all the sailors. The steamer and her cargo were totally lost. In performing the services here described the service crew was continuously on duty for 36 hours, their clothing drenched constantly by boarding seas, and their lives at times in great danger. USLSS Annual Report 1911