

Fragments of coastal homes, businesses, wharfs and fishing gear, Port au Bras.

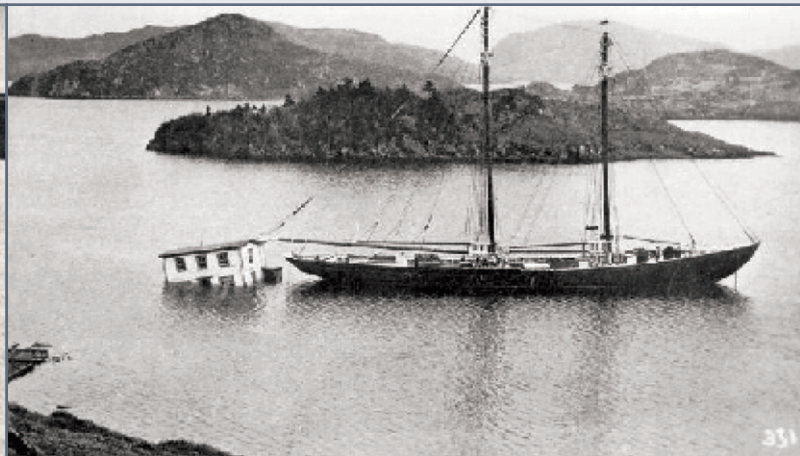


Here is an excerpt from the November 27, 1929 account by the Honourable Dr. Mosdell of the tsunami relief ship *Meigle*, as reported in the *St. John's Daily News*:

"Dwelling houses were reduced to a condition reminiscent of wartime description of the effects of heavy shell fire. Former sites of gardens and meadows now thickly strewn with boulders, some of them as large as casks thrown upon the shore by the devastating force of the tidal wave. Motor boats, stages and wharfs piers lifted bodily and thrown far inland in heaps of ruins...dozen[s] of houses, stores and stages were found thrown bodily into the pond at the head of the harbors, huddled together in one heap of destruction. Some lay upright but half submerged while others lay on their sides, and still others were entirely overturned."

Remnants of a destroyed building, probably a fish store, Port au Bras.

The home of Steven Henry Isaacs of Port au Bras, which was towed back to shore after being swept out to sea by the tsunami. Here it is anchored to the fishing schooner, *Marian Belle Wolfe*.



THE GRAND BANKS EARTHQUAKE AND THE 1933 BAFFIN BAY M7.3 EARTHQUAKE ARE EVIDENCE THAT LARGE QUAKE OCCUR ALONG CANADA'S EASTERN CONTINENTAL EDGE. HOWEVER, TSUNAMIS LIKE THE ONE CAUSED BY THE 1929 GRAND BANKS EARTHQUAKE ARE VERY RARE ON THE ATLANTIC COAST.

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