

“SS City of Alpena” Log Book Interesting Words and Phrases

A

Ahead: Ahed as in.....”14 boats ahead.....”

Apples: Appels

Any: Eny as in.....”Did not get eny.....”

August: Augest, August, Augst as in....”Augst 21, 1900”

B

Baggage: Baggag, bagagge

Barrel(s): barrels, barells, bbls, BBLs

Berries: Berres

Buggy: Buggie

Bran: Brand

Bundles: Bundels or Bundells

Bag(s): as in...”10 bags of wool” ...

Box(es): as in....”27 boxes of fish”....

Basket(S): as in”100 empty baskets”....or baskets, baskats

C

C: Look carefully at a capital C. It may look like a Ce, a Co, or a Ca

Car(s): A two wheel cart, a wheel barrow, or a small hand drawn four wheel cart or wagon, or a railroad car

Crates: Crats

Chickens: Chickens

Chocolate: Cocklett or Chollect or chocket

Campers: as in... "picked up 200 campers"

Chain: chane

Case: a container for cargo as in.... "20 cases of fish" ...

Chest(S): as in.... "22 chests of tea"

Cord Wood

D

D&M: perhaps D&M Railroad?

Diamond Crystal: Dimond Crystal, a salt mine and distributor

Died: dide.... As in "on July 10, 1900 Capt A Steward dide"

Detroit: Dtroit

E

E: East

ENE: East North East

ESE: East South East

Any: Eny as in.... "eny thing" ...

Everything: Evry Thing as in.... "evry thing OK" ...

F

Flour: Flur, Flower, flurer

Furniture: Furnatur or Fanutert

Fort Wayne: Fort Wayn, a military facility in Detroit

Floats: flotes or flots as in.... "50 fish flotes"

Fruit: frute

Feet: as in.... "10000 feet of lumber"

G

Grease: greese or grese

Glico: (?)

Glue: Glues or Glus

Gangway: an opening in the side of the ship for loading cargo and passengers

H

Hazy: Hazie... as in a weather condition

House: Haus, Hous, or Hows as in"Haus Hold Good(s)"...

Horse(s): Hors or Hor

Hour: hr as in...."1hr 14 min"....

Head: as in...."25 head of cattle"....

Hardware: hard wair or were

I

Ironmill (probably along the Detroit River)

J

Jelly: jellie or jelle

K

Kegs: Kiegs as in"picked up 100 empty keigs"....

L

Laid: lade as in...."Lade off the Light Ship 1hr"... a nautical term usually referring to anchoring at a location for a period of time.

Light: Leight as in...." leight load" *Look carefully at an L. It may be fancy and look like an Le, Lo. or La*

Lead: Led, the metal

Left: Lef as in...."lef 1hr late"....

Lot: Used to describe a shipment of cargo as in...."Lot of Haus Hold Good"....

Load or Full Load or Light Load or Good Load: a defined amount of cargo

M

Mackinaw: Mack, MacKinac, or Mackinac as in...."City of Mack"....or...."City of MacKinac"....

Merchandise: Mdse, Mds, mdse, mds as in...."Lot of Mdse"....

Mineral water

Mit: Met as in...."Mit City of MacKinac"....

Minute: min or mi as in....1hr 20min"....

Macaroni: Mcronie or Maceronni as in...." 150 boxes of Maceronni"....

Machinery: Macheanry, Machenry, or Machanry

N

N: North

NE: North East

NW: North West

NNE: North North East

NNW: North North West

Nails: Nales

P

Pail(s): pales or pals as in...."30 pales of jellie"....

Paper: Papre or Pape as in...."Lot of Papre"....

Potatoes: Potatos

Pig(s): as in...."40 pigs of led"....

R

Running: runing as in...."14 mi runing in"....

Roll(s): as in...."40 rolls of led".... or Roles or Rolles.....

Rollers: roollers or rolers

S

Sea: See as in...."had a big See all the way to the River"...

Some: Sum as in...."Sum freight out of Toledo"....

Stand, Stands, or Stans: a container for barries (barres) as in...."20 Stands of Berres"....

Sack: as in...."65 sacks of wool"....

Scrapes: (?)

Spile: (?)

Spike: (?)

Season: seson, sason, or sasun as in...."lightest load of the sason"....

Shingles: Shingils

Sewing: Souing as in...."30 souing machines"....

Shaft(s): Shvs as in...."changed both Shvs"....

Spool(s) as in.... 125 Spools of of twine"....

Soldiers: as in...."400 Soldiers".... or solders

Smoke: Smok as in...."had smok from the way to Alpena"....

T

Ton: Tun, Tones, tonnes or Tuns as in...."20 tonnes of junk"....

Toledo: Toled or Toleo

Time: Tim

Tobacco: Tobaco as in...."100 boxes of Tobaco"....

V

Vinegar: Vinigar, Viniger, or Vinigir

Vegetables: Vegattabs

W

Wagon(s): Wagin, Wagun, Waguns, Wagins

Wait: waite as in....: "we had to waite 40 min for a sick lady"....

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