

The conclusions reached by the enquiry concerning the shipwreck could not say that was the race between the ships which had caused the disaster, but Captain Reeks had made some mistakes in his navigation and he should have gone more slowly. If he had heard the fog-horn from the lighthouse, perhaps he would have been able to avoid the reef of rocks, or maybe he had need of much more speed to try to escape the currents around the Casquets. We shall never know. We don't know, either, the exact number of passengers who were lost that day, but the minimum number of the crew (nineteen) and the passengers together that the authorities were able to count was eighty-six. The ship had left Southampton with a crew of forty-three and one hundred and forty-seven passengers.

The wreck of the *Stella* was the worst disaster in the history of the Channel Island steam-ships and it later became known as the *Titanic* of the Channel Islands.