

SWEPT TO DEATH IN ICY WATERS

Keeper of Deer Island Light Lost Footing.

Was Returning Along Sandbar at Low Tide.

McCabe, Only 28, to Have Been Married Soon.



JOSEPH B. McCABE.

Keeper of Deer Island Light, Who Was Drowned
Last Night.

WINTHROP, Feb 19—Joseph B. McCabe, aged 28, keeper of the Deer Island Light, fell to his death in the waters of the lower harbor early this evening while attempting to cross at low tide from Deer Island to the light along a small sandbar.

McCabe had been to the island to make a call and because of the turbu-

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lent condition of the water, caused by the high westerly wind, preferred to walk back over the sandbar rather than take his chances in the sea with his frail boat.

Followed by Phillip Pingree, aged 15, son of Wesley Pingree, an employe of the Metropolitan Pumping Station at Deer Island, McCabe started out across the bar, which is broken in several places by the water. It was while he was attempting to leap across one of these gaps that he missed his footing and was dragged to death by the swirling currents.

Young Pingree made a desperate effort to save the drowning man. McCabe put up a strong but vain fight for his life against the intense cold and swift currents. Employes of the pumping station saw the accident and, hitching a horse to the emergency boat in a nearby station, rushed to the shore. When they arrived at the scene McCabe had disappeared.

The rescuing boat searched the vicinity for some time, but was unable to locate the body of the dead light keeper. Another search will be made for it at daylight tomorrow morning.

McCabe, who has been keeper at the island light for some time, was popular among the officers of the Deer Island House of Correction and the employes of the pumping station. He was to have been married Easter day to Miss Gertrude Walters of 213 Webster st., East Boston.

WAS TO WED AT EASTER.

Young Lightkeeper Was Engaged to Miss Gertrude Walter of East Boston.

Mr McCabe was born in New York 28 years ago and was keeper of the Deer Island Light for eight years. He made his home with Mrs Emma Walter of 213 Webster st, East Boston. He was engaged to Miss Gertrude Walter and the wedding was to have taken place on Easter Sunday.

Mr McCabe leaves a sister, Mrs Benjamin Martin of Roxbury, and an uncle, Lieut Henry Hazlett of Station 17, Roslindale.

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