

Bark. Matilda Sears
Wednesday Dec 23rd

First part strong winds
from S.W. with squally weather ship
by the wind heading to the southward
main gulland sail and flying jib set
middle part weather the same at midnight
carried away the goose neck to the shank's gaff
took in the shank's gaff topsail and flying
jib latter part light gale and squally
Lat 42° 56' S
Long 78° 25' W

Thursday Dec 24th

Commences with moderate
gale and squally the wind from S.W.
ship by the wind heading to the southward
under topsails and courses middle and latter
part more moderate with cloudy weather
set the light sails, fished the shank's
gaff and put it up and sent the shank's
saw a Bark steering to the north
at noon the wind heaved to the
N.W. with rain steered course
south no obs.

Steering to the Southward 1868

Friday Dec 25th

Commences with strong winds from
N.W. with thick weather ship steering course
south under all sail at 4 P.M. took in the
bed and waist boards and put them on the house
middle part the same latter part wind heaved
to the N.W. with hazy weather ship steering
south
Lat 45° 52' S
Long 80° 02' W

Saturday Dec 26th

First part fresh breeze from
N.W. with hazy weather ship steering S.E.
under all sail middle part the same latter
part light breeze with rain squalls
Lat 49° 28' S
Long 78° 50' W

Sunday Dec 27th

Commences with moderate breeze
from west with pleasant weather ship steering
S.E. under all sail at 2 P.M. the wind
heaved to the S.W. saw three sails middle
and latter part the same saw a ship
steering to the N.W.
Lat 52° 01' S
Long 78° 01' W