

the collision was related to the Press by Skipper Mynheer:—

“We were fishing and all hands were on deck. Suddenly the bows of the steamer loomed out of the fog. There was a rending crash, and our boat, cut in two forward, heeled over under the bows of the Skerries, which crushed her comparatively frail timbers in pieces.

“Our vessel did not live two minutes after the collision. She was going down when I felt a rope encircle my body and I was pulled off the bridge on to the Skerries. It was just an act of God that the rope dropped round me. I don't know how they did it on the heaving sea.”

The Mary Evelyn, which was an all wood trawler, was built at Lowestoft and came to Ramsgate some years ago. She was owned by Mr. Peter Kinlan, of 30, Marine-terrace, Margate, and was managed by Messrs. Chapman and Lanfear of Ramsgate.

#### **The Last Refit.**

She recently saved the Ramsgate trawler Kestrel, which was crippled with engine trouble and towed her back into port. Until last week Mary Evelyn had been on the shipway at Ramsgate undergoing a re-fit and repairs in readiness for the summer when she trawls out of Milford Haven with other Ramsgate vessels.

The Skerries, which is a vessel of 1,258 tons, is registered at Glasgow and is owned by the Clyde Shipping Company.

At the sportsmen's service at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Sunday evening, prayers were offered for those bereaved by the disaster.

A message of condolence and deep sympathy from the Mayor and Corporation was conveyed to the bereaved families by the Harbour Missionary (Mr. E. Cotton).

A memorial service is being held at the Ramsgate Sailor's Church on Sunday at 6.30 p.m.

The survivors arrived home on Tuesday.