Cam Owen

**Area of Service:** London-Hudson Bay

**Physical Description:**
Single-decked, two-masted, brigantine-rigged, carvel-built

- **Construction:** Wood
- **Designer and builder:** J. M'Dougall
- **Dimensions:** Length: 126.15  Breadth: 28.7  Depth: 12.95
- **Draft:**
- **Number of passengers:**
- **Number of crew:**
- **Plans:**
- **Power:**
- **Registered:** Charlottetown; London  85792
- **Speed:**
- **Tonnage:** Net: 329  Gross: 342  Under deck: 302

**History:**
- 1883, October: Built at Grand River, Prince Edward Island
- 1884, 12 March: William Welsh of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, sold her to Hudson's Bay Company for £2,800.
- 1884-1886: Voyages to Hudson Bay
- 1886: During night of 30-31 August was wrecked on rocks in heavy gale. Crew and passengers left for nearest shore in one of the ship's boats. On 5 September the first mate, G.F. Lovegrove and two men went in small boat to Churchill to obtain help.

**Masters:**
- 1883: Roderick McRae
- 1884: Alexander Main
- 1885-1886: John Hawes

**Bibliography:**
Cotter, H., “The Great Labrador Gale, 1885”, *The Beaver*, September 1932, pp. 81-84  (1885 Voyage)

**Photographs and Documentary Art:**
HBCA Photo Collection 1987/13-43 & 44; 1983/26-N43-4  (of wreck in 1889)

**References:**
- C.7/24: Miscellaneous Papers  1884-1886
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