

The “barge horn” was used for alerting other lighters and letting lock keepers know that the lighters were approaching. The lock keepers would also use them, if they did not use the horns to alert the lighters and this resulted in a crash they would be fined by the Lagan Navigation Company inspectors.



Courtroom drama !

- A collision has occurred between two lighters at lock number three
- The lightermen are blaming the lock keeper for not sounding his horn
- The lock keeper claims it isn't his fault
- The Lagan Navigation Inspector has called a meeting between the lightermen and the lock keeper to find out what happened.



In groups each person take the role of those involved (there can be more than two lightermen) and plead your case to the inspector. The inspector should act as chairperson to keep the meeting in order.

1. Note down all the different opinions on the next page.
2. What could this mean for each person involved?

Once all the opinions have been put forward, decide as a group what action the inspector should take and why.

Hot of the Press

When a decision has been made and the report sheet filled in, write the story in the most interesting way possible to make front page news.

REMEMBER! Title, Quotes, Facts, Action taken, Results for everyone!

The barge horn

The lock keeper

1st Lighterman

2nd Lighterman

1st Hauler

2nd Hauler

Walker on the
towpath

What action should the Inspector take?

The Lagan Times

Date _____

Cost _____

