A fierce wind, blowing in from the west, was making the sea particularly rough. The Aurora left Downs on January 20, 1897, carrying only 600 miles of coal. Her captain, Mr. Stoddart, had intended to leave earlier, but the weather was too rough. The Aurora was a large, sturdy ship, able to carry a full load of coal and provisions for the voyage. The Aurora arrived at the island of Tasmania on January 25, 1897, after a long and difficult journey. The weather had been very rough, with high winds and waves, but the Aurora had managed to make it to its destination. The passengers and crew were all relieved to be safe. The Aurora was now ready to begin its journey to the south of Tasmania, where it would load coal and provisions for the return journey to Downs. The Aurora was a trusted ship, known for its ability to navigate rough waters and carry large loads of cargo. The passengers and crew were all looking forward to the safe return to Downs.