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The Atlantic Investigation. The judgment, which is to be given in the above case to-day, can easily be anticipated. There cannot be the slightest doubt in any one's mind as to where the chief, if not the entire blame, will be laid. Whether deserved or not, the one who will suffer most in public estimation, will be Captain Williams. This unfortunate man has already won public pity for his unhappy condition, and he must now submit to an official condemnation for having, through his carelessness and bad seamanship, caused the frightful disaster which sent such thrill of horror throughout the length and breadth of the land.

But, while we pity, and may sym pathize with him in the unhappy position in which he is now placed, we cannot shut our eyes to the great issue at stake in the matter. Serious responsibilities were placed in his hands, and he did not lessen them by turning from his proper course. We need not particularly allude to

THE PACIFIC RALWAY CONTRACT .-The papers called for by Senator Mc-Pherson, in reference to the Pacific Railway contract, were brought down on Thursday. They are entitled "Articles of agreement," and recite the circumstances under which the Canada Pacific Railway was incorporated and received its charter, also the promises and agreement of the parties respectively to that agree ment, which are in the usual formal SPRING and legal phraseology. These ar-ticles of agreement, are signed by the teres of agreement are signed by the following parties :--Hugh Allan, A. G. Archibald, J. O. Beaubien, J. B. Budrey, jr., per J. J. C. Abbott, C.R. Burpee, F. Cumberland, Sandford Fleming, Robert N. Hall, J. H. Hel-mecken, jer H. Nathan, jr., Andrew McDermott, per D. A. Smith, D. Mc-Nepermott, per D. A. Smith, D. Me-lunes, per John A. Macdonald, Shanly, John Walker. In a tabular state-ment, the names of the same parties are given with their respective sub-scriptions of stock, to the total sum of the million required by the Act. Another statement gives the places of deposit and the Receiver-General's receipt for the bank certificates of



