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Legislative Assembly.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

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This result leaves \$2193 with costs to be paid. The verdict was as follows: "The

jury are of opinion that the valves of the Fideliter were open; and that she was sunk by

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