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It was always Captain Hill's ambition and desire to command a steamer sailing out of his native country, and he applied and received the appointment of Commander of S. S. "Uluda," sailing between Halifax and London. During this command he made the acquaintance of Mr. Harry Chipman, and the outcome of this acquaintance was the formation of the Canada Atlantic line and the building of the steamship "Halifax." The ship was built under Captain Hill's superintendence, and has been commanded by him ever since.

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