re done my best, sir," I answer-

deserve it."

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lieve you," he declared. "I am

low to extend it. I am going to

something which will probably

you very much. Since the first

hen you found your documents

d with, every map and every

f writing entrusted to the safe,

thas been got at. Exact copies

are in Paris to-day."

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ded at him in blank amazement.

g seemed impossible.

n very many cases," I protested e word for opening the safe has own only to Colonel Ray, the dd myself."

nd myself."
fact remains as I have stated
d Chelsford said slowly. "My
tion is positive. When you came
and suggested that you should
vo copies of everything, one core a mass of incorrectness, I must
hat I thought the idea farand unworkable. Events

hat I thought the idea far-and unworkable. Events, how-ave proved otherwise. I have received everything which you, and up to the present, with the n of that first plan of the Win-torts, our secretes are unknown. y we have come to a deadlock," but do not mind telling me, Lord d, I should very much like to by you did not explain the exact ances to Ray and the Duke this

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Cheisford nodded.

ught that you would ask that,"

"It is not altogether an easy
to answer. Remember this.

nch War Office are today in
n of an altogether false scheme
proposed defences—a scheme
f they continue to regard it as
should prove nothing short of

should prove nothing short of s to them. Only you and I are

s to them. Only you and I are ecret at present. Positively I feel that I cared to extend that to to a single other person." ou might have told Colonel Ray Duke separately," I remarked, the has never been my friend, has other causes for being anne just at present; but between

me just at present; but between me just at present; but between ey rescued me from something vation, and it is terrible for think of me as they are doing

Chelsford poured himself out of wine, and held it up to the a moment.

Ducaine," he said, "a secret is ubtle thing. Though the people die it are men of the most unit honor and reputation, still the ey are, the safer the life of et."

e Duke and Colonel Ray!" I

t remind you," Lord Chelsford ling, "that those are precisely persons who shared with you edge of the word which opened

nme that you do not suspect them?" I remarked. bsurdity of it is obvious," lsford answered. "But the uy former remark remains. I

ny former remark remains. I secret better when it rests be a and me. It means, I know, a time—I promise you that it only for a time—you must lose nds, but the cause is great di tshould be within our poward you later on." am willing enough," I answermay I ask what you are going h me?"

may I ask what you are going h me?"
helsford smoked in silence for oments.
ucaine," he said, "who is there is schold of the Duke who opens and copies those papers? Who itor?"
nly knows!" I answered. "It less mystery."
e must solve it," Lord Chels"and quickly. If a single genuine maps and plans were with, disparities would cerpear and the thing might be Besides, upon the face of it, is terribly serious."
ive a plan," I said.

ve a plan, I said.
" Lord Chelsford answered He was a servant at

e very faithful servant of his so," Lord Chelsford remarked.
w, I believe, that he was a ice man. He is entirely safe, e sent for him. Now I image Duke will wish our new seclive still at the 'Brand'—he it in your case, as you will Our new secretary is going nephew. He is very stolid and fortunately not a chat-

nephew. He is very stolid, and fortunately not a chate is going to be the nominal but I want you to be the one does the work." fraid I don't understand!" I to admit

ean," Lord Chelsford said, ation and a great deal of in-for you. But I am going to face it, for the end to be

rorth it. I want you also to Brand' but to lie hidden all ie. You can have one of the

ne. You can have one of the ms fitted as a writing room, and my nephew can do the n. And beyond all that I to think—to think and to

t leaped with joy to think all I was not to go into exile. quiet significance of Lord last words were further im-n me by the added gravity

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Antone Luckovitcn, the storekeeper at Hesquoit, secured some Indians and went in search. In the neck of the woods not far from the village they found the carcase of a freshly killed deer, with the head missing, but no other trace of the hunters. Captain Blakstad offered a reward of \$20, and this induced the Indians to Join the hunt. Until Wednesday last, when the schooner Libbic sailed, there was no news whatever. no news whatever.

There is a lake about three miles inland from the village which fronts the harbor, and it is thought by the searchers that the three may have vensearchers that the three may have ventured upon the waters there in a small boat which the storekeeper keeps at the lake. Ducks are plentiful in this vicinity, but the ground is very marshy, in fact swampy in places, and fears are entertained that the missing men were drowned. However, Captain Blakstad and those associated with him in the search were still hopeful and sparing no effort to find some trace of the men.

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The fact that Hesquoit is on a penin-sula, with Nuchatalitz Inlet at one side and Esperanza Inlet at the other, with high land not far from salt water, coupled with the fact that Poirier and coupled with the fact that Policer and those with him are experienced hunt-ers, leads many to believe that a mis-hap has befallen them. Otherwise, they say, the men would easily have made their way to the salt water from

William Poirier was mate of the William Poirier was mate of the sealing schooner Agnes Donahoe, owned by Captain Balcom and others of this city, and was imprisoned with Captain Ryan and others at Montevideo when the schooner was seized in 1904 by a Uruguayan gunboat. After being released from the prison at Montevideo he was sent to Hallfax, and Captain J. W. Peppett sent for him to join the Umbrina. His family resides at Sooke. Poirier has been engaged in sealing, as a hunter on various schooners, for the past fifteen years.

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charge of manslaughter in connection with the sinking of the steam tug Chehalis in the First Narrows on July 21, brought out nothing really new in connection with the case, though one or

brought out nothing really new in connection with the case, though one or two lively incidents occurred in the cross examination of Captain House of the Chehalis by Mr. Bodwell, says the Vause conver News-Advertiser of Tuesday. Once when Mr. Bodwell was rebuked by Judge Henderson for making comments on the replies of the witness, an outbreak of applause was heard from the rear of the court.

Daputy, Attorney-General H. A. Maclean appeared for the crown, while Captain Griffin was represented by Messrs. E. V. Bodwell, K.C., E. P. Davis, K.C. and J. E. McMullen, C. P. R. solicitor. Mr. Maclean asked leave to put in the evidence given by Captain Griffin before the commissioners, composed of Mr. Justice Morrison, Commander Huntand Captain Cox.

Mr. Bodwell promptly objected that evidence taken before a commissioner could not be used in a criminal trial.

Mr. Maclean offered to call Mr. Evans, the court stenographer, to testify to its correctness, but Mr. Bodwell said that was quite unnecessary. They were quite willing to admit the correctness of the transcript. What they objected to was that Captain Griffin had been compelled to give evidence before the commissioner and a statement could not be regarded as a voluntary admission.

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Mr. Maclean quoted the Canada Evidence Act to show that where no objection had been made at the time the evidence could be used.

His Honor agreed with Mr. Maclean and ruled that the evidence should go in

Martin Douglas has been a boatsteerer on the schooner Umbrina for
some seasons. He was a member of

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Prospector Reached Whitehorse on Wednesday From Dawson.

The Prospector, the last steamer to reach Whitehorse from Dawson, arrived on Wednesday last with 110 passengers, the majority of whom came south by the steamer Princess Beatrice, which arrived last night. The steamer Quick reached Whitehorse about the same time. On Wednesday the Yukon River was full of ice at Dawson, hough the temperature was not lower than 12 to 15 above zero at any place above that city. Ice was running at Selkirk, Stewart and Oglivie. The Pelly River was also full of ice.

TRAWLER UNSUCCESFUL.

Owners Replacing Trawle With Dories on the Celestial Empire.

As a result of the lack of success of the fishing trawler Celestial Empire, on this coast this summer, the steamer's owners, the Canadian Fish company, have deeded to convert their first steamer from a trawler to a dory steamer. Last week on of trawling spparatus and six reviews of the time manificent special apples from the Nelson district and Crestos (Language of the time manificent special to the proposition of Creeks of the Northern District Alters the Northern District Alters the Situation

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aine," he said, "you must see f that I am running a very in making these plans with the backs of the Duke of and Colonel Ray. The Duke I the keenest sense of honor, ent commercial transactions I. He has parted with a ousand pounds rather than adow of a stigma should rest me. He is also my personal very sensitive of any advice. Then Ray—a V. C., and nost popular soldiers in Enghe also is quick tempered, is my friend. You can see that in acting as I am, becks of these men, I am layopen to very grave trouble. Dalternative. There is a rank or on the Military Board or ected with the Duke's house does not know it, nor do it, but everyone of his sereen vigorously and zealously thout avail. The circle has