The Colonist.

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THE WAR.

putting forth in order to restore the authority of the British crown over South The preparations which the Empire is Africa will have a profound effect not go to the front, far surpasses the nee at large. Hitherto the British Empire has not been regarded as a leading mil itary power, but from present indica tions it is likely to take a foremost position in this respect among the nations.

The defeat of the Boer forces is a task calling for great energy and patiencenation not always found in any one people. Long years of prosperity work inaugurated by Him, whose natal have led the British people to undertake day will be celebrated to-morrow, may their possible enemies. It is not cor- be advanced as well by deeds done on the rect that we went into the Boer campaign battlefield as by prayer in the cloister. with a light heart, but we certainly did "I am not come to send peace, but not appreciate the magnitude of the dif-sword," were His words. His prophetic ficulties to be encountered, and we are eye saw that violence would have to be reaping the result of over-confidence in met by violence before a period of uniunexpected reverses and vexatious de- versal peace could be established. The lays. But it is a trait of the British char-explanation of it all is too subtle for

is only what would be expected, and a by blood. As we look backward we pity of it is that such valiant men must think we can see the finger of God in lay down their lives for so little purthe Crusades, with their awful tale of pose. No one need have any fear that suffering and death. His hand seems our soldiers will fail in their duty under plainly visible in the fateful battle of any circumstances. The only question Tours, when Christian and Paynim fell is as to the ability of our commanders not simply by hundreds and thousands, with the forces at their disposal to turn but by hundreds of thousands. The voice the enemy's positions, which are so of God is recognizable in the "roar of strong that to take them by a frontal Huguomont." Even the tears and attack is a task of tremendous dif- heart's blood of the English women and

ill-fitted they are as a people to exer- which will grow into a mighty tree cise the rights of civilized government. under which the native women and the determination of the government as hope. So we will one day see far more expressed by Mr. Gerald Balfour to clearly than is now possible what is the prosecute the war to a successful issue true meaning of the strife in South no matter at what cost.

We assume that the absence of news though many hearts will be sore with from the front is to be accounted for by sorrow, we may all join in the anthem: the fact that the commanders of the several columns are preparing plans

possession of Delagoa Bay as an act meets may take possession of Delagoa Bay as an act meets and an act these remarks do not apply with equal force to the enemy, we would frankly admit that they may, and if the reconciling of two such apparently hopelessly potent influence upon the campaign. It potent influence upon the campaign. It would afford a means by which our would afford a means by which our can only reflect that "My ways are not can only reflect that "My wa forces might enter the Transvaal, for we your ways; neither are my thoughts be no objection to the scheme. But the either of the present candidates for the assume if the British government takes your thoughts, saith the Lord." possession of the Bay, it will utilize it for every purpose.

uen's force to the effect that its position inforcements are being forwarded to him, kindly acts done at this season remains ing out something as to details. We do he may shortly find himself in a position for even a longer time in the hearts of not care who they are, as long as they to turn the enemy's position. Cronje may those who give and those who receive, are persons who will testify their good soon be very awkwardly placed. If our and, as most people are in both classes, faith by putting up a reasonable amount he will hardly care to attack it, and he ing. That this prolonged period of good-some one to whom the ratepayers can sion into the centre of the city. It is at Modder River is the strongest that broaden, and as our views of each a railway and ferry that are not to cost

mander to remain where he is. weeks to come, Gen Buller can make told, was born in a manger in Bethleuse of his reinforcements to make a hem some nineteen hundred years ago.

flank attack upon the enemy. The send-off to Lord Roberts was a great demonstration of popular enthusicritics think they see in this unprece- attention to the fact that a subsidy has dented flocking to arms evidence that the been granted for a railway from Edmon-

copie consider the situation of the Emt means. It signifies only that the British people are to a man ready to serve eir country on the battle-field. tinental writers told us that the volume first strain. So far from this being only upon the nation but upon the world of the nation. Conscription is a long way off.

CHRISTMAS.

Many years have passed since the people of the Empire have had to divide their Christmas thoughts between peac and goodwill and the operations of an army in the field. Yet the marvellor acter to grow stronger under a strain human comprehension, but it is one of and the rule is holding good in this case. the undeniable facts of history that The story of British valor at Colenso national error has always been wiped out children whose sad story made countless The repeated stories of Boer abuses thousands mourn on Christmas of 1857 of the flag of truce serve to show how seem to have watered a tender plant, Every Briton will heartily applaud children of India will find shelter and Africa, and when peace comes again,

"Glory to God in the Highest." One lesson of Christmas is self-sacriwhereby a direct attack upon the Boer fice. It is immaterial what view we positions can be avoided. Reinforcements take of the wonderful personality whose are going forward to Gen. Buller from name the festival bears, the dominant the Cape, from which we infer that no feature of His life is the same. If He anxiety is felt as to Methuen's column was literally the Son of God and lay and that the intention is to force the down His divine glory for the sake of Boer position on the Tugela by a flank erring man, or if He was only one like ourselves, who, casting aside the power Ladysmith is reported safe and Gen. His without effort, died a shameful and popularity which might have been Methuen was all right at last accounts. death to testify to the truth of His It is possible, the correspondents think, Gospel of love, the lesson is the same. that the latter may have to fight a bat- "Greater love hath no man," He said, tle, for the reason that the Boers may "than that a man lay down his life for be compelled to choose between assuming his friend." Surely our brave-hearted the offensive and the disintegration of fellow-countrymen, who have fallen on their forces. As yet the enemy have not South African battlefields, or who may come out of their trenches and made an in days to come meet their fate fighting attack upon our defences and great in-terest will attach to their first effort of "greater love." Not a man of them is this kind. It is one thing to resist stoutly behind cover a vigorous assault. It is would regret being called upon to sheathe another thing to leave protection and his sword when the principle for which come out in the open field against an he is fighting has been won. Not one scheme; but this is not for the purpose entrenched foe. Whether the Boers have of them is inspired by hatred of the of suggesting that some one is going sufficient discipline, or what serves in its valiant foe by whom he is confronted. to make money out of it, for we assume stead sometimes, fanaticism, to do the Each of them is doing his crowning act this is, and it certainly ought to be, true of self-sacrifice in the way that lies near- of every enterprise. We ask the question The suggestion that our fleet may take est to his hand. If we were asked if because it is right to know who proposes possession of Delagoa Bay as an act these remarks do not apply with equal

But even among the story of battles, the home joys of Christmas and the own money they propose to venture in an exceedingly important matter? We the home joys of Christmas and the the project. This is important because put it to the aldermen as to reasonable The word received from Gen, Meth- mas Tree cannot be obscured. This it is evident that the by-law will be very festival is one of the most potent factors is impregnable is eminently satisfactory, in the betterment of humanity. Among for it means a great deal. It is true that many millions of people the few weeks he may not be able to relieve Kimberley, before the Day are given up largely to law. Let the people behind the project but he is able to prevent the Boer forces the thought of how best to make some from moving on that town, and as re- one else happy, and the memory of the position is as strong as is represented, nearly every one receives a double bless- of their own money. There will then be will have to choose between sitting in- will leaves us all the better for it will look for information. Here are some active in his trenches at Magersfontein hardly be denied. In English-speaking of the questions upon which light ought and retreating. If he takes the latter countries the observance of Christmas is to be cast before this scheme will be course, Methuen will follow him up, far more general and far heartier now before the ratepayers as a business proand no one knows better than the Boer than ever. In proportion as the obliga- position: leader that his forces are no match for tions to mutual help are better underours in open country. A waiting game stood, as the conceptions of human duty Methuen can play, provided his line of other's actions, motives and beliefs becommunication can be kept open and come more charitable, this greatest of Kimberley does not run short of food or all festivals becomes greater still. What Victoria & Sidney railway, and what is it is, it is clear that the construction of ammunition. He can wear Cronje out, was deemed a pagan rite by early the present earning capacity of that line? for it will be pointless for the Boer com- Christians, and in later times was re-The report from Natal is that Gen. tion, is now accorded by far the highest Buller has moved forward to his old place of all public events. No other holicamping ground and is shelling the day, no other ceremonial, no other featenemy's position with the guns of the ure of the life of Christendom is at all on the streets, that is, is it proposed Naval Brigade. The situation here is comparable in the universality of its obmuch the same as at Modder River, its servance and its direct influence upon critical character being dependent upon the formation of character with Christthe condition of things at Ladysmith. mas. And its influence is directly in line railways to be laid in the streets wide to desire to protect the interests of the With this town all right for a few with the mission of Him who, we are

A ROAD TO OMINECA. Not many matters of greater import asm, which was fully in keeping with the ance than the improvements of the faloyal spirit evinced all over the country, cilities for reaching Omineca have occuand throughout the Empire. One thing pied the attention of the Roard of Trade. we are learning in these trying days, The Omineca district is one of great po-sation? namely, that the military strength of the tentiality, although its development has Empire is not to be expressed by the been retarded by the lack of facilities. number of men permanently kept under There is some danger that the Coast arms, but by the ability of the war de- cities may find themselves cut out of this how much is put down for construction, partment to arm those who are ready to trade by reason of the country being how much for right of way and how dertaking. We do not wish to be misfight for their country. Some foreign tapped from the East. We may direct

of the promoters to be to reach out in some way for the business to be devel-

oped in Omineca.

In the meantime it is of the highest ortance that Coast merchants should e placed in a position to handle the present trade to greater advantage than at same been made? present and to secure what additional business will be developed.

The value of the Omineca district is

season will witness a great increase in the output of gold, for several hydraulic propositions will begin working. Very little attention has been paid to the mineralization of the distirct, for the reason

FROM A BUSINESS

submitted in the form of a proposed hy-law.

o rush it through with a lot of general allegations as to the benefit of the proference of opinion. The Colonist has al- to the specified undertaking. ready declared itself in favor of such a connection if it can be obtained in a nanner that can be supported from a business point of view. Therefore, in what may be said in these columns here after we wish it to be understood that we are addressing our remarks solely to

the particular scheme now submitted. Who are behind this scheme? The question is not of great importance because as far as has been disclosed it seems as if the municipality of the city of Victoria is to pose as the promoter. Alderman Stewart said in so many words that the citizens of Victoria are to be the company, and he is the seconder of the by-law. The proposition is, therefore, that the city of Victoria shall embark in the business of railway construction and management. Are the ratepayers prepared for this? Has the city the legal authority to do so? This consideration emphasizes the force of the point made by Alderman Hayward and Alderman McGregor, when they objected that under the by-law the city is asked to assume an unlimited responsibility.

We have asked who is behind this

materially amended. Who is to say whether any one will undertake to put ought not to be forthcoming before the the matter through on the amended bycome out and declare themselves, and then there will be some chance of find-

Why ask for \$2,000,000 capital, \$509. Why ask for \$2,000,000 capital, \$509,000 of bonds and \$300,000 of bonus for a railway and ferry that are not to cost at this point must be about 57 feet more than \$1.500,000?

What route is it proposed to follow

How is it proposed to cross the depres sion or depressions to be encountered

Are the powers conferred upon munirailway, or must not the expression railways similar to tramways? If the city has the power to give up

ting property to compensation, and who

property is rendered useless thereby? What will it cost to put the V. & S. used in purchasing the V. & S.; but our

How much is it proposed to expend

they to be located? erminal at Sidney, and have plans of the the whole thing and the payment of an

What evidence is there of the adapta business will be developed.

The value of the Omineca district is now established beyond all cavil. Next there and what will the cost be?

of a line from White Rock to Chilliwack? this predicament, for that would doubt These are reasonable business question, which the aldermen should require tended to do so, no better plan could have some one to answer before sul that the distance from rail or water car- the by-law. We purposely avoid asking riage is so great that nothing could be for evidence that any one will subscribe sary before the city can legally take one done with properties if they were distance that any one will subscribe sary before the city can legally take one dollar's worth of the capital stock of the covered, but casual examination has disclosed the existence of ores of gold, copper and silver end land. Coal has also per and silver end land. Coal has also upon these matters being provided for. of progress now manifest in so many on which there may be a difference of that the by-law should be made condi-

Columbia Mainland, but to the financial fact that in quoting from the by-law in Hayward we are wholly in accord and details of the fatherless scheme now an editorial we said that the money to be we regard it as a crucial one in the raised might be used for the railway "or scheme. If the city is going to embark Perusal of the report of the discussion law says "and any other purpose, etc." provision would be unnecessary. In that shows that the idea of the aldermen having the proposed by-law in charge is the substitution of the word "or" for and get the other million or more in the "and" affected the argument, for in any best way it could. We insist that this case the powers of the trustees under the is substantially what the by-law amounts posed ferry and railway. Upon this by-law would be construed by the to, but this is not the scheme as expoint there may or may not be much dif- courts to be confined to matters germane plained at the public meetings. That

> fested by a little consideration of the duced to the price for which the stock is nemorandum has been handed the Col-

ratepayers have a right to know who mayoralty desire to have the responsithese people are and how much of their bility of even indirectly determining such men if upon a matter as vital as this to the welfare of the city more information ratepayers are asked to vote for or

against it? The power of the city council to take stock in a railway corporation is limited to lines which are wholly or in part within the city limits. The only part of the proposed undertaking within the city limits is the last thousand yards or so essential, therefore, that the V. & S. Hillside avenue is 61 feet above high The public market is 49 feet above high

rater mark. Fall in 4,000 feet, 13 feet.

above the ground level.

From this memorandum that is assum the proposed extension may involve the garded as a survival of a gross supersti- from Hillside Avenue to the centre of trestle on one of the public streets upwards of fifty feet in height. Ther may be a way of reaching the public market from Hillside avenue that will not involve a piece of work like this, but if so the city council has been given no information on the subject. We ask the cipalities to authorize tramways or other aldermen, as men who must be supposed cough to authorize the laying of a steam city, if they are prepared to submit a bylaw to the ratepayers until definite in-"other railways" be construed to mean formation has been given on this extremely important point. We claim that before the ratepayers are asked to vote street to a railway company, what upon a by-law which contemplates that right, if any, have the owners of abut- a railway shall run through some of its principal streets for four-fifths of a mile. will be charged with paying that compen- the profile of the route should be laid before the city council and should be What are the details of the cost of the open to public inspection. The proposed extension of the railway from Hillside extension may block cross streets by emavenue to the centre of the city, that is, shall be acquired before the city will much for compensation of persons whose understood on this point. Doubtless the

who would be in a position to make the S. an offer of a price at which the road What data are available as to the cost will be sold was to put the city in jus ess be unjust; but if it had been ineen adopted. The acquisition of the V. & S. being therefore absolutely neces-

been found. There is a good deal of land coming. These are important matters, one to have the price of the V. & S. of the party, it will surely be only bestated?

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B. C. Year Book region only needs transportation faciliassured before the city pledges itself to ties to take a foremost place in the march purt \$500,000 in the scheme is a matter ward took the position at the city council the fear of the New Westminster conparts of the province. We hope the govopinion; but there can be no such differtional upon the obtaining by the comtured to say that there was a great deal ence upon the absolute necessity for inthis matter up, and we have to compliformation upon the questions asked \$500,000. In our comments yesterday so far from appearing to think the proment Capt. Clifford, M.P.P., upon his above, before any one can express an intelligent opinion as to the scheme from a the case upon which there may be a itself, regards it as a line of action to business standpoint. Would not any indifference of opinion. We did this for which recourse may be had by the Con-The discussion at the city council meet—

business standpoint. Would not any indicate the purpose of distinguishing between the two classes of objections to the scheme. Those specified yesterday were tion in this connection that at a casual ing over the Victoria-Chilliwack by-law be answered before the city invests those upon which we thought, and still meeting of some of the supporters of the more than justified the criticisms of the \$500,000 and assumes an additional inmore than justified the criticisms of the \$500,000 and assumes an additional in think, there can be no two opinions of the Colonist, which have been directed, not definite liability?

Our attention has been drawn to the point taken by Messrs, Redfern and letter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier to of those present said that he had seen a prominent Victoria Liberal, in which the Premier stated that he would decline in any other purpose, etc.," whereas the byon a policy of railway construction, this and that the question of resorting to any way to interfere in our local politics, federal lines was one, which the people of British Columbia must, so far as he is concerned, settle for themselves. Thus we have the leaders of the two great parties declining to give the proposed movement their sanction, which is a very satisfactory condition of affairs. scheme is that \$2,000,000 stock shall be issued, of which the city is to get one

The proposed Victoria-Chilliwack bylaw is drawn up so as to give the company, which may be formed to build the railway, the power to pass along such streets as the city corporation may deem most suitable, and the approval of the corporation is to be signified by the approval of the corporate of the significance of the corporate of the significance of the corporation is to be signified by the approval of the corporate of the significance of the corporation is to be signified by the approposed to realize another \$100,000. corporation is to be signified by the approval of the city engineer of some other person appointed or approved by the city. This is doubtless as far as the city. This is doubtless as far as the mayor on the board of directors would a characteristic of our race. Mistakes of the said Stewart lakes to the Yellow city. This is doubtless as far as the city solicitor could go to protect the interests of the city in framing a by-law for so crude a proposition; but it is an exceedingly inadequate protection. It is highly objectionable that the city should surrender to any single-individual such ment are to give? If not, how much is a large of the city in framing a by-law the board of directors would count for nothing. Is it proposed to issue this stock for the \$100,000, which is all the money which the promoters say will be needed in addition to what the city, highly objectionable that the city should surrender to any single-individual such may be attributed to our soldiers on many occasions; they have not always been free from defeat; but there is no sign of poltoonry in their record. The more critically one reads the history of our country the more strongly will this thought be impressed upon his mind. surrender to any single-individual such a power as is thereby contemplated. The plan by which it is proposed to extend the V. & S. into the centre of the city should be specified in detail in order that the ratepayers of the district through the very surrender to any single-individual such and the government of the contemplated. The plan by which it is proposed to extend the plan by which it is proposed to extend the contemplated to issue to obtain the \$100,000? We contend that if the city is to pay par for its stock, no one should get stock for less than par. Hence we have the first of the surrender to any single-individual such and the stock in connection to the contemplated. The plan by which it is proposed to extend the plan by which it is proposed to extend the plan by which it is proposed to extend the plan by which it is proposed to extend the plan by which it is proposed to extend the plan by which it is proposed to extend the plan by which it is proposed to extend the plan by which it is proposed to issue to obtain the \$100,000? 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The less than par, for the moment it is the nportance of this matter will be maninature of the portion of the city which sold. There is nothing but what is the route must traverse. The following reasonable in this. If this idea is acted onist by a gentleman who is fully conon the promoters of the project, whoever brought their mercenaries from the Con-Rufus, and after him Henry I, felt the need of men to resist the aggressiveness nothing unless two-thirds of the whole carved the kingdom up into a lot of cost is forthcoming from other sources. At least this is how the matter was expetty states, he called upon the common people of England, and their indomitable plained at the public meetings. We have been told that the idea of the uncourage proved more than a match for the trained soldiers who confronted them. named promoters is to dispose of this

\$1,400,000 of stock very much under par. A COLD WATER DOUCHE.

When Sir Charles Tupper spoke at Vancouver, he was presented with an address in which the following paragraph occurred:

It is also within the range of the a pirations of the Conservatives of this city that British Columbia may follow the example of Manitoba by electing as a provincial government men whose actions may be guided by the principles of Conservatism, securing just rule for all classes. In this direction they are bending their energies, and your presence upon this accession will go a long ence upon this occasion will go a long way to strengthen their determination to use every legitimate effort to bring about this end.

Doubtless the estimable gentlemen who were responsible for this paragraph felt chief ingredient is stolidity, turn to Cain. that its warmth would fire the heart of the astute leader to whom it was addressed; but Sir Charles very promptly turned on the hose in this fashion. We quote from the News-Advertiser's report of his speech:

There had been great controversy on the question of federal lines in local politics. There was a great deal to be said on both sides. They had been driven—the Conservative side—to have one party instead of two. When the United the Conservative side—to have one party instead of two. When the United States adopted oppressive measures, the same had to be done on this side of the line. So the Conservatives had found it necessary to be absolutely united on all questions all over the Dominion. Then Sir Wilfrid had adopted the system of one party both for federal and provincial lines. Sir Wilfrid had declared that the Hardy government in Ontario was his right arm, and it had received all the party support in recent elections. "You might as well try to fight guns with broom-sticks," said Sir Charles, "as to fight the Liberals with their consolidation of parties, with a divided front." There was another readily constituted the power of dealing with the franchise away altogether, and give the franchise away altogether, and give the line in the folden North.

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it proposed to expend point is that having once voted the money for the stock and being committed to the scheme, the city would have to



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contain any news of special interest, an Extra will be printed early on Tuesday morning, but will not be delivered to subscribers.

Sir Louis Davies will it is said shortly retire from politics. Is this another case of the great barons, who would have of "Laurier's Luck?"

> The Minister of Agriculture says that the Dominion elections will soon be held. The sooner the better from the Conservative point of view.

And so on down the avenue of history,

ride of Balaklava. Or pursue those soul-

inspiring lines which relate the storm-

As this is the last secular day before ever is the valor of the common people Christmas, it may be as well to remind of Britain conspicuous, and thus it is Colonist readers that "he that giveth to that while the most of our noble houses the poor, lendeth to the Lord." The can boast only a meagre antiquity, when sceurity is ample and the rate of interest compared with the ancient families of is high.

Europe, they are instinct with the loftiest Canadians are in demand. Every conceptions of duty, when courage is requisite. There is not a drop of slave graduate of the Royal Military College blood in the veins of a true Briton, but at Kingston, not now in the service. is only that of men who have ever known offered a commission in the British army. That institution has turned out some their rights, and "knowing dared maintain." British courage is the kind that good soldiers. does not need the incentive of pomp or

A New Zealander claims to have disthe stimulus of an applauding audience. covered a liquor that can be used in story of Inkerman, if you want new about this. Our grandfathers to know what it is like, and knew of a liquor that could be used in

the page that tells of the glorious death Mr. Frank Richards, who is known to many people in British Columbia in coning of the Redan or how the great nection with the Northern gold fields, gate of Delhi was blown up, and then sends us a copy of the prospectus of an open your newspaper files and refresh expedition which he is organizing in Engyour memory with the story of Talana land to go to Atlin next year. His plan Hill, of Elandslaagte, of Belmont, Gras- is to organize one or more parties of fifty pan, Magersfontein and Colenso. They each. We rather like the idea. Fifty acare not all accounts of victories, but each tive young men with a little means and one of them is a record of British valor, competent leaders ought to make a suc-

before the city council and should be open to public inspection. The proposed open to public inspection. The proposed extension may block cross streets by emeasted by the Liberal taking the power of dealing with the franchise away altogether, and giving the take stock in the understood on this point. Doubtless the difference of the city could subscribe for the stock to be used in purchasing the V. & S.; but our the content of the content

(From Sunday's Bark Colu Aba

Captain aud Cre Overdue Ves Yester

Driven From off the Strait Alaskan

The long uncertaint fate of the bark Colu hului for Esquimalt to 21 last, has been bro while, unhappily, proven all too true a self, there is consol tives and friends of h fifteen-all Californi edge of their safety.

The Colusa had bee course by the fierce g ber, bearing farther in a crippled state chance in the battle until finally when ne Sitka Harbor, Whale was reluctantly abar and crew-either to for er or dash herself to less rock-bound coast. Captain and Mrs. E teen men of the cre black cat that had role of mascot of terrible days and boats, exposed to a northern winter, cribable tortures f heat-developing food, ally in reaching Sitks -the loss of the Colu on the 12th of the m l'hence, after rec hausted energies, capt south by the Cottage re yesterday, proce

their journey from Sec cisco overland.

A strange incident last voyage is found only ships reported in from Hawaii were th the Hera, the Liber Falkenburg. The Am among the missing; ted and abandoned ar; the Libertad has tom of the Pacific: a of the Falkenburb ill

In giving particulars own ship, one of the California redwood can says:
"The Colusa left

will be remembered s entering that port, on sailed for Esquimait to was off Cap: Flattery A heavy southeast which continued until vessel was within t Vancouver Island sh A heavy sea was run sel was forced to car withstanding the gale. ily and the bulk of wa turned the ballast to were kept going con 25th the gale increase the ship before it at knots an hour. The ing up ballast and the very tender. All sp that could be obtai aft and requested great quantities of ship a heavy list to por 10 she had been driver trance of Sitka Bay, made to work her i of distress being ma the 12th the wind was driven to sea aga bandon the ship v for the storm incr ther hope of saving were put over and fate. Half an hour of her and believe the capsized. Sitka was

time several men we were no casualties. The Colusa was an 1.129 tons net regist Me in 1873: engaged in the redwood carryined by Capt. Nelson with a partial insura men's Fund. Her last redwood lumber for while executing this leased after thirteen two of the Wilder s quently libelled by the vage. Only temporary the bark being on her dock for a thorough

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she met her fate.

strenuously endeavorin impression that Canadia be permitted to carry f gers to Cape Nome. spite of the fact that given to the authorita United States Nome is to be made a proving absolutely that will have equal rights American vessels. panies operating vesse are not worrying then matter, being convin be able to do a big but having received many tant points regarding freight rates.

A LUCKY PI William Lorimer Sec Schooner Hera Five Do

The hull and cargo schooner Hera were so of the customs authori Hardaker yesterday m being but two offers, of other of \$25. The He cargo from Seattle to to the water's edge at the mouth of Clayent two months ago, the ition of the cargo consists.