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through the stapidity or negligence of man. Commerce never forces itself
upon any people. But what we mean oo say is this : If the people of Victoria
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short-righted $m$ in has placed is the way, nature will command commerce to come here. In this way the people
have a great responsibility resting upon
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their action now must, in a very great measure, depend the commaroial desting side whether she shall, be bailt up into a wealthy and prosperous maritime
city, cr whether she mast decline before eighboring advancement. Nor is the cerns this community alone. It is one in which the whole Colony is as a itrect
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ound ? The one or the other is certain If we do not unbar our gates now and of the American railway, on Puget
Sound. We would beseech thecommercial men of Victoria to remember th
they are called apon to act, not only
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