LABOUCHERE

Henry Labouchere (1798-1869),
Colonial Secretary (1855-1858).
Pronounced La-boosh-e-ree.

AREA OF SERVICE: PACIFIC NORTHWEST COAST (1858-ca. 1866)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:
Sidewheeler, man bust figurehead, barque rigged, two decks, three masts, carvel-built.

Draft: Number of passengers: Number of crew:
Plans: Registered:
Speed: Tonnage: 465.64 tons under deck, 507.25 gross, registered 319 57/100 tons (C.7/79, fo. 22).

HISTORY:
1858, 30 June Built at Blackwall, Middlesex for the Hudson's Bay Company (C.7/79, fo. 22)
1858, 4 September Sent out from London to Chile, travelling towards Victoria (C.1/426)
1859, 8 October Involved in recovery of Col. Isaac Ebey's head at Kake (The Beaver, Summer 1956, p. 43)
1859-1864 Found to be too expensive to operate as a trading ship on coast (C.7/74-1878)
1862, 2 August Incident at Hoonah village described (The Beaver, March 1935, p. 27)
1862 The Company tried unsuccessfully to sell the vessel after they lost the Colony transport (A.5/29, p. 190; C.7/79, fos. 22-25)
1866 Secured contract from the Colonial Governments to transport mail and passengers between Victoria and San Francisco, and the Company spent over $30,000.00 overhauling the vessel (The Beaver, March 1935, p. 28)
1866, 1 April Struck a reef near Point Reyes on her second trip (The Beaver, March 1935, p. 28; information on back of HBCA Photo Collection 1987/363-S-48)
1866, 2 April Sank, with the loss of two lives

MASTERS:
1858-1859 John F. Trivett C.1/426
1859-1860 Charles Dodd The Beaver, Summer 1956, p. 43

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