

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

Henry Labouchere (1798-1869),

Colonial Secretary (1855-1858).

Pronounced La-boosh-e-ree.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

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

Construction: Frame - best English oak; planking - East Indian teak; fastenings - copper (A.5/29, p. 190).

Designer and builder: Builder: Messrs. Green & Co., Blackwall, Middlesex.

Dimensions: Length - 185.4'; breadth - 26.1'; depth - 14.9' (C.7/79, fo. 22).

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Number of passengers: Number of crew:

Plans:

Power: Engines - 160 HP, built by Messrs. Penn & Co. (A.5/29, p.190)

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, 31 January Arrived in Victoria, Vancouver Island (C.1/426; C.3/16, fo. 22-23; G.1/173; G.1/174).

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

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1859-1860 Charles Dodd

The Beaver, Summer 1956, p. 43**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**Norman Hacking, "Paddle Wheels and British Oak on the North Pacific", *The Beaver*, March 1935, pp. 25-28B.A. McKelvie, "Colonel Ebey's Head", *The Beaver*, Summer 1956, pp. 43-45**PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTARY ART:***The Beaver*, March 1935, p. 26 - drawing from Provincial Archives of British Columbia1987/363-S-48 - drawing from Vancouver City Archives (used in *The Beaver*, Summer 1967, p. 43)**REFERENCES:**

C.1/426 Ship's Log 18 November to 13 December 1858

PABC Ship's log 1859

C.3/7, fos. 119A, B Crew List 1858 (2M133)

C.3/15, fos. 22-23 Crew List 1858 (2M134)

C.7/73 Outfit book of Stores on Board 1858 (2M137)

C.7/74 Crews Accounts 1859 (2M137)

C.7/75-78 District Books 1860-1864 (2M137-138)

C.7/79 Notes on Passage 1858; Plan of Messier Channel 1858; Certificates of Sale 1862 (2M138)

G.1/173 Track of...*Labouchere* from the Atlantic to the Pacific..., November, December 1858G.1/174 Tracks of *Labouchere* and...*Princess Royal* from London to Vancouver Island, September 1858 to January 1859Search File: "Ships-*Labouchere*"

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