

For princes and princesses a full score,*
 (And these of course in time will add some more);
 Thus Britain's greatness will be made secure,
 In spite of all the rant about the poor,
 The royal progeny have come to stay,
 If some vile parliament will not say "nay,"
 For Parliament has still the plebian power,
 To pack them off to Berlin in an hour.
 In these degeneratd days some would we know,
 Be glad to send them all to Jerico,
 And should republicans for this cry out,
 As the majority—Lord what a rout.
 But with contempt we look on those who scorn.
 Her Royal Arms, the Lion and Unicorn.
 For all she's done to keep us poor and free,
 We'll lavish more to keep her jubilee.
 This must be kept no matter at what cost,
 Or soon regard for royalty is lost.
 This is a luxury we must not lose;
 To roundly pay for it none dare refuse.
 A mere few thousands spent in grand display,
 With show and sham in any other way,
 May make some doubters think that after all,
 Without a king or queen we might feel small.
 But others tell us now with words of scorn,
 "Twere better kings or queens were never born.
 That they are but a selfish grasping crew,

* She has four daughters, three sons, four daughters-in-law, four sons-in-law, ten grandsons, six granddaughters, and three great granddaughters; thirty-four all told in December last, 1886.

The items of the Civil List for the cost of the English royal family are :

For the Queen, annual income.....	£335,000
Income of the Duchy of Lancaster.....	69,000
Her personal fee as Duchess.....	101
	<u>£454,101</u>

Cost of the royal palaces, £35,650. Cost of royal yachts not ascertainable. The *aides-de-camp* of the Queen are charged in army estimates.

London Truth says: "The amount of the Queen's private property is unknown, but including the Prince Consort's fortune, and Mr. Neill's, it exceeds \$20,000,000, and there are the estates in Aberdeenshire, which extend to 31,000 acres; the Claremont property; the Osborne state, which has enormously increased in value; the property at Baden-Baden and at Coburg. She has also many other valuable resources, yet as this poor lady is so straitened as to be unable to support her own children, or even give a dowry when they get married, the British people are, or have been, taxed to pay an annuity of £8,000 to the Princess Royal, and £40,000 in her marriage. To the Prince and Princess of Wales £50,000 annuity; to the Duke of Edinburgh, £25,000 annuity, he has a large income from his wife; Prince Arthur, £25,000; Prince Leopold, £15,000; Princess Helena, £6,000, and a dowry of £30,000; Princess Louise, £6,000, and a grant to the Marquis of Lorne; Princess Beatrice, £6,000 annuity and a dowry. The Queen's uncle, the Duke of Cambridge, and many other of her relatives, English and German, receive large annual sums from the British nation. Any one who dares to ask what these people do for the money we pay them, is promptly snubbed and branded as being "disaffected."

When Her Majesty commenced her reign, poor rates averaged 5 s. 4½ d. per head per annum, now they exceed 7 s. Imperial taxation during the first ten years of her reign was under £50,000,000 a year; at the present day it is over £77,000,000, and pauperism and local and imperial taxation are all on the increase. What is to follow? Now throughout England one man out of every thirty is a helpless pauper. It is said to be even far worse in London. Can the burden of royalty be much longer borne?