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## SOOKE MTNES AND THE

 In oor yesterday;'s issue we alloded brieflymatter; fon Sooke ories for the presencee of
Giovernment reprosentative, and Hiy Excelleney is unable to respond to the demind.
On the House and it alone rests the solation of the difficuits, and we see no way out of
the disagreeable position but by accepting the Crown lands.
Cisagreea, However resultless was the debate on the Land question in the House, on Tuesday,
cannot feel otherwise than gratifed at
withdrawal of Dr. Dickson's resolution. so important a subject, a more resilation in
Committee of Ways and Means could no but prove unsatisfactory at the best. I Tuesday'o baitlo, the aiminsphere should be again clear, and the field open for action.
The anbjeos should now be brought forwar in the House in a mainer that will afford the question in fact of the, settlement of the colony sbould form the topio for debato ; fo if the agitation against the evil of land igpocu
fation'sis fo result in any thing tangible, must, give an, impetus to what has been rather lagging element of ptogress,- -agti
coltural settlement. Io dealing with to grav a subject we wbuld abk every member 0 the narrow views, that, are ooceasionally im ported fiom older countries in reference
to landed propery to look at the
matter in a straightforward, business matter in a straightrorward, business
light, and deal with it apart from personal
considerations. We capnot shirk the subject if we woold; let us postpone it for another
session or another year, and it will come back yon us with an inereiased force thay
may, like the pont up torrent, swep every hoodmink nature. She will assert her righ
and claim her dues wilb all the exactitude o and claim. her dues wibh all the exactitace of
a asurer. She is bound to have her pound o
flesh. When any number of men, therefore seriously contemplate sealing up the agricultural resources of a country, in the hope tha,
by limiting the supply, they will increase th value of the land, they are simply committin
a crime against nature and a orime ag in sooiety, and the wrong reeoils upon them selves. Either they drive people trom the
country and make the lands valuelesa, or country and make the lands vaiueless,
they force the population into meisures tha compel the disgorgement of every acre tha eolony, thold large tracts of unealfivated lan on which horn do they wish to be itippaled ?
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by non-produeges wopre first obtained; serious obstacle to the progress of the country interposes, and it mast be removed. We
shall be obliged to adopt the same means found necessary in nearly every other Brit agrieultaral land being bought and sold $f$ purey speculative purposes. It is a neces-
sity which is forced npon us whioh we canno avoid, Oan evening contemporary, however,
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