The New Constitution.

As fittingly illustrative of the painful tension of public sentiment upon the subject of political manumission, may be regarded the voracious precipitancy with which the new constitution is being pulled to pieces, to employ a Hibernicism, before it has been put together. No sooner had this journal placed the public in possession of the most impotant outlines of this precious legacy of feudalism, than our local contemporary lowered his head and made a rush at it with all the fury with which a full blooded Spanish bull would attack a red blanket. Were it not for sundry reasons, hereinafter to be set forth, we are free to confess that we should in a great measure share the indignation of our contemporary; although we should hope that indignation might be somewhat less characterized by a blind fury which is so apt to lead one into the commission of innumerable little improprieties not always calculated to help the cause in hand. It may bear repetition that the Legislative Council shortly to be convoked under the new constitution stage and entry and symmetry. The tay of the particular stage of our colonial existence under the constitution about to be inaugurated, when British Colour the constitution about to be inaugurated, when British Colour the constitution about to be inaugurated, when British Colour about to be suspen tant outlines of this precious legacy of convoked under the new constitution still in the hands of the laggard constitution-makers in London, will consist of fifteen members, nine of whom shall be elected by the free vote of the people; of fifteen members, nine of whom shall be elected by the free vote of the people; the remaining six being official er nonselective. Such will be the composition of the new Legislative Council which has been facetiously described as a 'six by nine' House. To make the most of the new Council, it will only be six by nine; yet it is something that the people are to have the odds. It cannot be denied that such a Council will be an improvement upon the existing one.

From fourteen official and nine quasielective members, to six official and nine. elective members, to six official and nine real elective members is, without controversy, a decided step in the direction of complete political liberty; and, as lean is bent on picking a quarrel with Prussuch, might scarcely be presumed to justify all the severe expletives which have been hurled at it. Yet, after making due allowance for the undenlable comparative merits of the new conable comparative merits of the new constitution, we frankly confess that, regarded apart from special circumstances presently to be adverted to, we could not consistently or conscientiously counsel its quiescent acceptance by a people fit for, and justly entitled to, that full measure of seif-government possessed by the people of Canada. We desire to invite particular attention to this statement and last, not least a corrector. to invite particular attention to this at his heart and lest, not least, a cure for point; and let us endeavor to approach it with candor and decency: British Columbia is about to pass through a transition or intermediate political conclusion. It must be decided victory, else the cure will be worse than the disease. In such transition or intermediate political condition. In order that we may be the better understood by our local contemporary, for we are especially, anxiously desirous of adapting the subject to his mental capacity, permit us to draw an issue. The menatch who dreads mental capacity, permit us to draw an issue. The menatch who dreads war does not heard Nacoleon as he is desirous of adapting the subject to his mental capacity, permit us to draw an issue. The menatch who dreads war does not heard Nacoleon as he is desirous of adapting the subject to his mental capacity, permit us to draw an issue. The menatch who dreads war does not heard Nacoleon as he is desirous of adapting the subject to his mental capacity, permit us to draw an issue. mental capacity, permit us to draw an illustration from a class of natural history known as Levidontera. That us illustration from a class of natural history known as Lepidoptera. Let us select the cabbage butterfly, one of the earliest of the butterfly family. For the first state of this delicate creature we must go to a bed of cabbages, where most likely we shall find little parcels W corner of Fort and Blanchard effects. of green eggs, from each of which in The fire quickly communicated to the indue time comes forth a crawling cat- letior of the grocery store, which was soon erpillar, clad in a greenish yellow jers wrapped in flames, and to the two-story frame kin, spotted with black; hungry as can be, furnished with fourteen legs and nine eyes. The cabbage is at once its larder in the upper story and were awakened by and its dinner-table, and the business of crackling noise and a smell of smoke. Both its life is to devour every succulent thing sprang out of bed and ran into the etreet to which its fourteen legs will carry it. saving only a portion of their clothing and At this stage it is 'death on cabbage.'

And so it eats and changes its dress slightly, until a strange instinct comes over it and it creeps late some song corner out of sight. Or sometimes suscorner out of sight, or sometimes suspends itself by a silken thread behind the concealment of some friendly leaf, and there awaits that which shall next happen. Here from a caterpillar it happen. Here from a caterpillar it happen. There is called a chrysalis or becomes what is called a chrysalis, or safety, but a large number of betsles were pupa. In this state his hungry mouth is closed, so are his nine bright eyes, and his fourteen legs are invisible, on which he has an insurance of \$1000 in Anon Spring comes, the resurrection the Royal. Mr Russell's stock was insured of the year, which awakes all nature for \$1000, which will hardly cover his loss into new being. The great stone is, as it were, rolled away from the the time; had the wind been easterly a mos sepulchre of nature. The chrysalis destructive conflagration must have resulted comes forth; and, lo ! it is a beautiful, Owing to the scarcity of water, the firemen full fledged butter-fly, furnished with labored under great disadvantages. The beautiful wings; and he floats into the small supply in the wells and cistern in the sunny air, and seems to know no limit to his enjoyment. His coarse appetite for explanation is at an end and instead of for cabbage is at an end, and instead of Fort and Government streets, a distance of ravenous jaws he is furnished with a flexible tube or proboscis with which to sip the honeyed nectar of flowers. The form of head is changed. Two long, graceful feelers adorn it now; and instead of the nine eyes he is furnished alone with two, with prominent, wonderful eyes, cut in thousands of facets, like the finest diamond, and, if each of these be in itself a perfect eye, as naturalists suppose, producing to the creature a more marvelloss effect of vision than can well be conceived. Such is the but-ter-fly in all its changes; and we take it as a not altogether unfitting illustra-

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The European War Cloud.

It can no longer be disguised that Napo-

Fire.-Yesterday at 3:20 o'clock flames were discovered is uing from a shed in the rear of the brick building occupied by Mr building adjoining on the west, occupied by Mr John Goodacre as a buicher's shop. Mr Goodacre and Mr John Vaughan were asleep also burned ; nothing was saved, not even sured. A stiff westerly breeze prevailed a 1200 feet, upon the fire. The rotten hose, too continually burst, and this added to the difficulties of the gallant fellows, who, notwithstanding these drawbacks, were successful in quenching the flames in an incredibly short space of time. The first alarm was give by Mr Barry, who resides near, and the fire water was thrown by the Deluge. The Union Hook & Ladder Company were eminently successful in saving property and pre-venting the spread of the flames, begodd hi

THE British sloop-of-war Reindeer, Nares, last from Mexico, arrived at Panama an the morning of the 8th Jane. She brought about \$350,000 in specie. In a state of the land appears to the state of the land of the

tion of a colony; and there is no apocaclyptic obscurity about the figure. The gers and a full freight, sailed yesterday for New Westminster.

various points of similitude are so suggestive that it is to be hoped we need not detain the reader by pointing them out. The voracious grub, devouring every green thing within its reach, is so suggestive of the condition of a Crown colony, subject to be preject upon by the appointers from Downing-street, that it cannot fail to strike the most obtuse intellect. The number of eyes and

cer of the ship General Windham, now lying cer of the ship General Windham, now lying at anchor in the outer barbor awaiting and the inscription, copied from the present crew before sailing for Callac, was arrested yesterday morning on a charge of firing a revolving pietol twice at Wm Farron. After the pistol was fired Farron threw Kirk to the ground and wrested the pistol from his grasp. During the senfile Kirk received two or three cuts on the cheek and forehead, and it was first alleged that Farron had struck him with a crowbar, on which charge he was arrested. Subsequently evidence was adduced before the Magistrate which satisfied him that a crowbar had not been used, and It would seem that the money and him that a crowbar had not been used, and the charge was dismissed. Kirk was committed for trial before the Court of Assize, but was subsequently liberated on furnishing security in the sum of \$1000 to appear for trial. The affair occurred at an early hour yesterday morning on Broad street.

submit a scheme either to the city or colonial government for the introduction into
Victoria of a steady tupply of god, pure
spring water, at the rate of 90,000 gallons
per diem, the cost of the whole undertaking
not to exceed \$17,000. Should Mr. Fawcatte be correct in his calculations, and he
appears to know what he is about the scheme

The contract of the cost of the work of these disagreeable machines have been constructed at
Woolwich, which are capable of throwing a shell weighing with its nowder nity to be dependent upon a supply of un-wholesome water is bad snough; but to be liable to have that supply wholly cut off is truly alarming.

Franklin intended going from San Francisco to Australia is incorrect. She will remain in tars are thirty-six inches in diameter, and the far north was greatly epjoyed by her, and was merely one of pleasure, or rather interest, in approaching as near as possible to the country in which her lamented and honored husband lost his life. The report that she made the trip in hope of receiving certain papers reputed to have been found in a bottle that had been cast upon shore by the waves of the sea, was also a fiction.

TULLYMORE PARK, the seat of the late Lord Roden, is said to be one of the most beautiful, picturesque and romantic of Irish demesnes. It is situate in County Down The report was recently circulated that H R H the Prince of Wales was about to purchase this estate with a view to residing parts of the time on it. The topper was eagerly taken up by all the leading papers, all expressing the earnest hope that it might be true, and its enbequent contradiction had caused very general disappointment.

THANKS. -Mr Robson begs to thank the editor of the Standard for having so fully vindicated him in respect of the charge pre-terred in that journal, viz, that he (Mr Rob-son) held the about doctrine that Canada would permit British Columbia, as a province of the Dominion, to enjoy a customs tariff of its own. Mr. Robson has nothing to add to the ample vindication contained in the Standard of yesterday.

THE CAMP MEETING - A gratifying foature connected with the late camp meeting at Maple Bay was the presence as worship. pers of Indians from Chilliwak, Burrard Inlet,

gery of an immediate order for fine mar-bles describing the quality and the len-length and breadth of the proposed slabs, and the inscription, copied from the pre-

It would seem that the money and aber that have been so lavishly axpended, particularly in England, to construct impregnable ships of war and irresistible caunon, have been so much waste, if the report of some supplementary experiments be true. In the previous trials attention was confined to horizontal firing, and iron-clads and forts have been mainly built with this view. We are now threatened with a kind of meteoric warfare, by the use of gigantic mertars which will attack from

EVENEVAL ARCHIVENT ARCHOWLEN TAND PILLS.—Helpless and Hopeless.—No sufferers from external maladies have sunk believe. No sufferers from external maladies have sunk believe for from external maladies have sunk believe the followay's renowned remedies, which exhibit the most un usual facility in eradicating all taints from the body, and the most wonderful power in setting up reparative, in place of destructive, action. Skin diseases, screptulous complaints, and massially he reditary maladies yield to accomplaints, and massially he reditary maladies yield to accomp ded, particularly in England, to con-struct impregnable ships of war and irgigantic mertars which will attack from above. Two of these disagreeable machines have been constructed at Woolwich, which are capable of throwing a shell weighing, with its powder of such a projectile would be most terrible, not only on board ship but on land too. It would be like the springing of a LADY FRANKLIN The report that Lady mine, and would destroy the strongest construction-ship or fort. These mor-California a short time, and then proceed di- it is said there would be no difficulty in sectly to England. Her trip to Alaska and increasing the range of their shells to large portion of the upper works, and killed or disabled one hundred men; and it was not near the dimensions of the modern productions. It is anticipated that mortar fi ing will henceforth absord much of the attention that horizontal firing has monopolized, and necessitating a contemporaneous change in fort and naval architecture. The mortars hitherto used have been of comparatively smell capacity, but the Eng- Bank of British Columbia lish war officials have a plan for constructing and using mortars containing a propelling charge of 140 pounds of CAPITAL - - \$2,500,000 powder, the shell having a diameter of thirty-six inches. One pill of these dimensions would be a sufficient dose for any kind of ship, or fort either, for that TWL MACKEAN, Eso, Director London & South African matter, if it exploded inside.

The Derby a Failure. From the London Spectator, June 4.

The Derby this year has been a failure. The crowd was smaller, dingier, and more blackguard than usual, the road was very dull, the weather was very disagreeable, and the pace of the horses running was very slow. The public, too, lost its meney. It chose to believe that because 'Macgregor' was the fastest horse he, therefore, would win the race, and betted upon him till everbody who understood Nanaimo and Victoria, with their obiefs.
The natives were all cleanly and neatly attired and devout in their demeanor. Revs.
White, Russ, Urosby, Bryant and Clarkson and a number of the lay members of the Wesleyan persuasion took part in the services.

The members of the Agricultural and Horticultural Society will meet at Mr Burbara of the Covernment, street, an These Horticultural Society will meet at Mr Burnaby's office, Government street, on Tues, day, next, the 19th inst, for the election of officers and the transaction of other important business. The day for holding the Show is approaching rapidly, and except energetic action be taken by the Society it must prove a partial failure. There should must prove a partial failure. There should be a full meeting of the subscribers. thod of guessing by rule.

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Wednesday July 20 1870 Spain in Search of a King. King-making in Spain would jude appear to be a difficult and danger business. It is new nearly two year since Isabella sought in France th safety she could no longer command the nation she had debauched and d gusted. Since that the Throne, or so great and attractive, has gone a-be ging all over Europe, and has been jected by Prince after Prince-by experienced old statesman Ferdinance Coburg, by the boy Dake of Aosta, the venerable old soldier General partero, and, it is believed, by the but not venerable Regent Serrano. the other hand the few to whom Throne of Spain was acceptable w representative of the ancient Bour line, was unacceptable because he we reimpose religious slavery; the Duke Montpensier, heir of the Orleanist 1 ditions, was unfit to occupy the Thr because he was chiefly distinguished those housewifely virtues which are pugnant to the Spaniard, and beca Prim did not feel quite sure of his abi to keep him well in hand; the youth was his mother's son, and, consequent unfitted by character and training appointed and wearied, knowing that the interregnum could not siways, the temporary rulers bis u the democratic expedient of election King. A bill was passed, under whethe Cortes bound themselves to elect King who should receive the voles half the Cortes plus one. The sch appeared to be a reasonable one; bu promised, in the hands of Spaniards, result: The members would not vote

the men they knew and hated much, bu the opponents they knew and hated li Thus it was not improbable that all candidates before the public would rejected, and that the election we fall either to somebody hitherto or looked, or to some one possessing recommendations as would disarm likes. Let us look at the candida To begin with, the Inlanto Alphe may be dismissed; for, al'hough bella's recent formal abdication is avor, in the presence of Napole moral influence, if not the mat-support of France, he would, indeed a bold monarch who would underta force the son of the Ex-Queen Spain! The dismissal of the Duk Montpensier would be less easy, f) might possibly hope to receive the port of the Republicans, who, wit own party of ninety, and a few lo fish, might carry the election. Duke of Aosta might hope to well with Prim's support, provided Montpensierists, hopeless of their cause, would unite with them. I disadvantage. He has already dec acceptance of the Throne; his fat

people desire no such aliance Spain, and his bouse is at open with the Catholic priesthood, A Serrano, he is Espartero over aga old and a childless man. Thus but candidates remained, the King of tugal, Prim himself, and the horse, -that is some unknown P to be selected as the only escape dislikes and endless faction. It appear from the very imperiect info that, of all these expedients the has been resorted to, and that the horse is none other than Prince

pold. Thus, however strange it appear, considered in the abstrafind Spain seeking a King in the I of Hohenzolern, it can take no surprise who has been a careful st of passing events. It is no least strange, viewed in the of the circumstances already nar

Prim has offered the Spanish Thr. Leopold; and the offer has been as ed. Whether Napoleon will p Princes on the Throne of Charl Fifth is a problem which must the evolution of events. He will

less hinder such a consummation can. But even Napo eon may able to do that single-handed. recollections of Sadowa and of may induce wavering nations to aloof, if, indeed, they do not som chill the arder of Frenchmen. neutral position assumed by

would appear to be not incom with the circumstances. If Spain Leopold for King, and if Leopold spired with an ambition to sit of Throne of Charles the Fifth, why Prussia interfere? and why shor

be held responsible? For the ma that, why should Napoleon into He is the Emperor of France, a more. Let him look to his own But, if Napoleon should seek t

the occasion a pretext for forcing just war upon Prassia, he may