

Monday, June 20th.—The day of the grand volunteer review (the beginning of the festivities in Jubilee week) dawned bitterly cold, as indeed one must expect in midwinter. Lady Loch drove with me to the ground

in an open carriage, and we had an excellent place close to the old saluting-flag, and were able to admire the gay march past of the troops. They seemed an excellent and well-drilled body of men. The Lancers and the Royal Naval Brigade especially attracted considerable attention.

LANCERS.

Tuesday, June 21st.—I went for a long drive, which enabled me to form a very fair idea of the suburbs of Melbourne. I was particularly struck with the enormous width of the roads. Such space appears to us unnecessary, but I am told it is needed for the occasional passage of mobs of cattle. We met one large mob of, I should think, more than five hundred head, driven by half a dozen men with long stock whips.

Thursday, June 23rd.—The event of today was the christening of the central hall of the Parliament Houses, to be henceforward known as the "Queen's Hall." An immense number of people had assembled. The day, to which the Governor, Lady Loch, and we ourselves were led, had been placed at the foot of Mr. Marshall Wood's fine statue of her Majesty, and everything was arranged to ensure a splendid *coup d'œil*. It was worth coming all the thousands of miles we have traversed by

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