Wednesday June 1 1870. The Dominion must be Free.

The local reader will doubtless recollect that during the late session of the Legislative Council a battle was fought for self-government. That battle was lest and won, Lost, because there was an overwhelming official majority against the principle of self-government. Won, because, out of the nine elected members in the Council, six were ranged on the liberal side, and three only took their stand in the official ranks. Moreover, of these three two, having been taken into the Executive, had given way under the seductive influences of the mysterious Chamber. Thus it was claimed, and certainly not without reason, that although the result was in one sense a defeat, it was in a far higher and more important sense a victory for the Li-berals-that the contest was in reality six to one, in so far as a free vote was concerned. Yet, notwithstanding this, the resolution asking that a constitution based, upon the principle of Reseponsible Government might be conferred upon this Colony coincident with ada was not seat to Ottawa. Nay, ada was not sent to Ottawa. Nay, more, the Governor selected as Delegates three members of the Government all of whem had opposed the people's representatives in their effort, to obtain Responsible Government. It is, how. ever, a consoling reflection that these anti-Responsible Government Delegates will have to deal with statesmen at Ottawa who will insight that British Columbia. umbia must take no lewer political status than the other provinces with which a union is to be formed. This they will do upon two grounds. First, because every part of the new empire must be free; there must be no serf-dom within its borders. The new nadom within its borders. The new nation must be built upon political as well as religious freedom. Secondly, because they perfectly understand the official vote, and have good reason to know that the great body of the colsonists not only desire Responsible Government, but that they are fit for it! In proof of the determination of the Ottawa statesmen that every province in the Deminion shall have and exercise the full rights and powers of self-gov-ernment it will only be necessary to refer to the case of Red River. It will be recollected that the recalcitrant inhabitants of that country recently im-provised a Council and drew up a "Bill of Rights" setting forth therein the Canada. In that Bill of Rights Respon-Canada. In that Bill of Rights Responsible Government was not asked tof; but the people modestly asked only that they might be permitted to elect a majority of the legislative body. But what do we find the Dominion Government doing? While ignoring the action of these people as a whole, and refusing compliance with many of their demands in other respects, we find the Dominion Government giving to the demands in other respects, we find the Dominion Government giving to the province of Manitoba just as full powers of self-government as those enjoyed in Onario or Quebec! The people of Manitoba did not venture to sak for Manitoba did not hope for more than a stars in the management of their cwn local affairs; but they are put in possession of absolute self-government!

These are significant facts. They tell us plainly that even if the people of British Columbia did not rise to the appraciation of their full political rights as free born Britons they will not be permitted to fall below them; that if they are fit to become members of the great British North American Family, they are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights was run by Williams' Governor to the book of the fill below them; that if they are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights are fit fon the exercise of the full political rights are province of Manitoba just as full powers of self-government as those enjoyed in Ontario or Quebec! The people of powers of self-government. Let the dights—was run by Williams Governor. Delegates of Governor Musgrave tell the Sandover's Batcher Boy, and Harris' Royal Bill. Bill bad the lead at the start and took Delegates of Governor Musgrave tell the authorities at Ottawa that British Columbia is not fit for self-government, if they dare. They will get their answer: Butcher Boy made the flights in grand styles but did not appear to tret himself to overtake Bill, who, when he passed the Judge's stand at the close of the first mile was saying to assert that the people of this Colony are lass fit for self-government than are lass fit for self-government than are less fit for self-government than are the people of Manitoba? He would indeed be a bold and bad man who would offer such an insult to an intelligent people. Let these blush who have been laboring to convince Canada and the world that this people are unfit to manage their own local affairs. Who will now dare to suggest that the people of British Columbia should occupy a lower political status than the tution of Masitoba settles the question of Responsible Government for us, and it will not be in the power of British Columbian officialdom, with all its willing supporters, to reverse the decision.

Cur.-M. Hart, night watchman, was attacked by three jailbirds on Tuesday night and severely cut. The assailants were ar-

Ball at Government House.

On Tuesday evening several hundred lady and gentleman guests assembled at Government House in response to an invitation from His Excellency Governor Musgrave. For the accommodation of the guests a pavillion had been erected on the north side, exending to the west end of the ballroom. To ure every foot of the room for dancing purposes and afford a constant flow of pure air, the seats that formerly lined the sides of the hall, together with the windows, had been rated with flage, and on either side were arranged fragrant flowering plants of varied hue, which lent to the scene a charming Volreece, who housetly won them, and letters was the legend- God Save Our Gracious Queen'; at the foot, 'Britannia Rules the Wave.' His Excellency the Governor in the ante-room. Among the guests were: Admiral Farqubar, Admiral Hornby, Capt Lyons, R N, and other officers of HM Fleet. Colonial Secretary Hankin, Chief Justice Begbie, Judge Crease and Mrs Crease, Judge Caton and Mrs Caton of the State of Illinois, Attorney General Phillippe and Mrs Phillip po. The Ball was opened at 91% o'clock by Admrral Farquhar with Miss Musgrave, and Admiral Hornby with Miss Zoe Musgrave,

The Celebration of the Queen's Birthday, -The Races.

and from that hour until 31 o'clook yesterday

morning the enjoyment was uninterrupted

A bountiful repast was served at 12 o'cleck,

The guests received every possible attention from their host and hostesses, from Mr Mus-

grave, jr, and from Mr Hankin, by whose

united efforts the pleasure was greatly an-

hanced. We venture the remark that all

who participated will associate many plea-

surable recollections with the latest Queen's

Birthday Ball at Government House,

Tuesday proved a glorious day. genial showers of the preceding night had thoroughly laid the dust, and the streets and course were in the best possible condition for use. Victoria awoke early on Tuesday morning. At daylight flags fluttered in the soft morning breeze from every staff. The streets were alive with humanity—it is estimated that by 12 o'clock no fewer than timated that by 12 o'clock no fewer than 1000 strangers were in town. After the excursion to Esquimalt (noticed elsewhere), the living tide made its way to Beacon Hill course, there to witness the great event of the day—the Races. Every description of vehicle—from the handseme close carriage to the lumbering omnibus, and every horse—from the smart racer to the spayined jade on which the knacker holds a lien—were called into requisition to convey passengers to the ground. The weather was in every respect laverable.

laverable.

Among the gentlemen on the course were his Excellency the Governor, Admiral Farqubar, Admiral Hornby, Capt Lyone, R N, Capt Bythesea, R N, Capt Hepkins, R N, Capt Lacy, R N, Capt Gibeos, R N, Capt Ross, R N, Capt Mist, R N, Capt Delacomb, R M L I, and many other officers attached to Her Majesty's Fleet, all of whom evinced a great interest in the various contests.

swept like the wind over the course to the half-mile post, Lucy leading. Here Deacon pressed closely upon Fanny's flank, and at the last quarter the two horses were almost neck and neck, the other horses being sufficiently far behind to repder the closing of the gap as impossibility. The interest centered in Deacon and Lucy. The ridges plied whip and any consequingly and the plied whip and spur energetically, and the animals, seeming to enter into the spirit of the contest, exerted themselves to the ut-The Delegates left San Francisco on Satarday for the Rest. All well, On Tuesday Dr Helmeken telegraphed from Humboldt.

The Delegates left San Francisco on Satarday most. As they passed the starting-post Lucy drew half a length ahead, and was apparently widening the gap; but Lieut Fitzgerald mistook the starting for the winning-post and reined in Lucy, and Dead daylight.

con she shead like an arrow from a bow, winning the race amid intense excitement.

The Pony Race — One mile, eatch weigh's—was contested for by five horses and won by Mr Butcher's Kate,

The NAVY HURALE RAOR—One mile with six flights of hurdles—was run for by Lieut Wood's Butcher Boy, Lieut Holbech's Jenny, and Lieut Diggle's Royal Obarlie. The flights were all taken with apparent ease and the race was won by Butcher Boy with

THE BLUE JACKET RACE-Was a very amusing affair. Four horses started, one of which bolted to the brush and brushed the rider from his back. The other three horses removed, and the band—a very efficient one kept on the course and two of them—Kitty from Her Majesty's Fleet—placed beneath a and Lucky—reached the goal so nearly tocanopy. The pavillion was beautfully deco-gether that the judges divided the stakes

rine, perhaps.

The Scurry Stakes were carried off by to the city and Beacon Hill was left silent and deserted. For the capital sport provided the public and our visitors are indebted the Wave. His Excellency the Governor to the unwearying exertions of Messrs and the Misses Musgrave received the guests Clarke, Green and Nerris and those gentlemen of the Naval and Civil Service, who

Excursion to Esquimatt on the 24th-The Royal salute.

The steamer Enterprise, Capt Swanson, with fully 500 passengers-men, women and children-on board, went round to Esquimalt harbor on Tuesday morning. The morning was delightfully cool and the water as placid as a millpond. The excursionists were received on board the Liverpool-flagship of Admiral Hornby—and conducted over the fine slift, officers and men vicing with each other in showing attention to the The toilettes of the ladies were generally handsome, and many of them rich and coatly. excarsionists. The Fleet—ten in number—were guily dressed is holiday attire and presented a fine appearance. After an half-bour spent in inspecting the great guns, the engines and the quarters of the flagship, the excursionists rejoined the Enterprise, and were landed on Esquimalt wharf at 11% o'clock to await the firing of a Royal Salute by eight of the ships. Precisely at 12 o'clock, noon, a great white puff, followed by a quick flash and a heavy reverberating report, burst from the Zealous—flagship of Admiral Farqubar. It was the first of 168 birth of Her Majesty. As rapid as thought another puff of vapor rolled from the shore side of the Charybdis, was succeeded by a flash and a dull, heavy, thud-like report which awakened reverberating echoes that repeated themselver are recommendations. themselves again and again until they finally died away among the distant Metchosin hills. Then from all the ships simultanrously came puff atter puff, flash after flash- bang. bang, bang, in quick succession until the light pulls of vapor grew into a dense, impenetrable mass that enveloped the ships, and the incessant reports of the guns be came a loud, deafening roar which shook the wharves and the buildings and the 'everlasting hills' with the concussion. When the last gun had been fired, the last energe dipped and the last cheer given, the bands on the war-ships struck up the National Anem, and the passengers baving re-embarked. Capt Swanson steered his steamer so as to afford an excellent view of Britain's walls of detence and then headed for home, reaching the wharf at Victoria at I o'clock r x.

ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS ON QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY .- Wm Owens, in the employ of Mr Reynolds, was thrown from his horse at Beacon Hill and sustained a fracture of one of his legs just above the knee. The animal he rode was pressed against by another

servants were in the act of lighting up the ballroom at Gevernment House, one of the chandeliers, containing six coal oil lamps, fell with a crash to the floor. Several of the lamps were breken and the oil, igniting, blessed up to a great height, filling the room with smoke and flame and causing grave

eral lengths ahead, but in taking the rising ground beyond the Judge's stand, the Boy overhauled his competitor, jumped the first hurdle in company and finally shot past and maintained the lead to the winning post.

The Navy Purse—One mile—On this race, which was ridden by officers, the interest of the day appeared to culminate. The following horses were entered: Cafe-an-lait, ridden by Lieut Wood; Admiral, by Lieut Thomas; Jenny, by Lieut Holbech; Kitty, by Lieut Diggies; Lucy, by Lieut Fitzgerald; and Deacen, by Lieut Baring. Wagers were freely offered with heavy odds on Cafe-au lait. The horses got a splendid start and swept like the wind over the course to the half-mile post, Lucy leading. Here Deacon pressed closely upon Fanny's flank, and at the last quarter the two horses were almost.

Had the socident occurred two hours subsequently, when the room was filled with ladies in light attire, the effect would have been most serious.

THE NAVALI REGATYA, yesterday, was the best affair of the kind that has come off on the Pacific. Esquimal harber presented an animated appearance, being covered with small and large craft, gally decked with flags and streamers. Admirals Farquhar and Hornby and the officers of Her Majesty's Fleet, entertained many friends at luncheon was engaged in by the guests. The races were all successful and interesting; and we reserve until to-morrow an extended report. The number of spectators reached nearly the last quarter the two horses were almost 5000. The Olympia and Esterprise steams went around loaded with passengers.

FLORAL FETE.-The Floral Fete in aid of St John's Church will be held to-day in the lot adjoining Angela College. The display of flowers will be fine, Through the bindness of Admiral Farquhar the Zealous Band

DEATH OF A VICTORIA LADY IN FRANCE.
The public will be pained to learn of the death at St Germain, near Paris, of Miss Pemberton, siete of J D Pemberton, Esq., and niece of Hon A F Pemberton of this city. Miss Pemberton went to Europe some months ago, in quest of health, which had been sadly shattered by her assiduous and successful exertions as Pficeipal of Angela College. The deceased lady was greatly respected in this community and her loss will be severely felt.

GENERAL LEAVE GRANTED .- Admiral Far-Juhar, considerately yielding to the expressed wish of the public, has granted a general leave to the seamen under his command, and athletic sports will be engaged in at Beacon Hill to day. A meeting was held at the Dominion Hotel last evening to arrange the programme.

GENEROUS .- Capt Finch declined to charge the Deluge Engine Company a penny for the charter of the Olympia to Esquimalt. and the company will therefore net a hand-

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Wednesday, June 1, 1870 The Great Anniversary.

What a blessed dispensation that

Victoria was born. And what a she was only born once—that the ann of that great event only comes round year. Without such an opportunity ing vent to their loyalty, the colonist be in danger of exploding. Were the sion of more frequent occurrence, the days have been spent in these den tions of loyalty for which the people tish Columbia are remarkable, and to not done yet. We wender if distance sifies one's legalty; for, somehow, it to us that loyalty to the Queen be deeper, a more pervading sentimer out here than it does nearer home sometimes occurred to us whether the is really aware of the depth and the of the layalty of her British Columbiates—how it has weathered all store come all temptations, survived all t sjesty were aware of it we would kindly treated ; for of all her children we are apt to think British bis, the youngest and the one of promise, has been permitted to imbit of mother's milk. Weaned when eyes were scarcely open, it has been fed, dragged well-nigh to death by i hireling nurses, who secured the cre themselves, giving it only the ski Certain it is that the great anniverse never been more generally and mor ly kept in any colony than it has And what more conclusive reply co sibly be given to the petition said been received from here by Presider some months ago, asking him to t earliest opportunity of acquiring Columbia? Her Majesty has no me subjects in the whole of her vact do then in this Colony; and if they properly treated even now, if they in a spirit of liberality and enligh preciation, and made the recipients kindly offices of maternal care at neglected in the past she will have no prosperous. We hope Governor M will let the Queen know what the C and what it is capable of becoming liberal and judicious policy. .

The Departure.

Nearly two weeks ago the Squadron dropped anchor in o bor. It will leave early tomorning. A fortnight is not lon in this instance it seems to has with amazing swiftness. But been sufficiently long to ender of the officers and men of the Squadron to our people. Cer more agreeable and gentlemanl officers could not well be designed would be difficult to pick their s from Her Mujesty's Navy. Duri brief stay they have entered wit heartiness and good nature int public amusement and philanthr terprise, and have, at the sam exerted themselves to contribut amusement of the public. Two are matter of regret: The firs they must leave us so soon; the is that their visit to this colony unmarked by any of those public atrations of welcome and apprextended to them in other colon would be doing this community great wrong to attribute the ab any such demonstration to want will. It is simply the result cuniosity. The community is st a demonstration which would b worthy of the occasion would youd the means of the people; at thought better not to attempt an the kind unless it could be carried therefore, to assure the officers of the Squadron that there has been no respect or decire on the part of the de honor to the occasion, But, peculiar or metances of the camust accept the will for the degeneral facing of regret consequent departure of the Flying Squadron considerably increased by the circu of its being accompanied by the Ola ship which has been on this at some time. Capt Lyons and his have, during their stay here, formed circle of acquaintances, by whom will be keenly felt. To all we be with regret, and to all we wish a

THE BATES TROUPE will sail morning on the California. The have played under many discourage cumstances here; but Mr Bates is to the credit of having brought troupe to the colony. Mrs Bates is of marked ability and versatility deful energy—and off the stage, as is always a lady. The same remark ply to Miss Mandeville and Miss Co who have striven to deserve, and eeeded in winning, popular appro Vinson, Mr Bates and Mr Thor gentlemen of ability in their respe and will command engagements a We wish the troupe better fortune parts than has fallen to their lot he

voyage and a prosperous career.

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