## 2 AND CHRONICLE

 Saturday，April 3， 1869 Ir appears to ns a strange ánomaly thatpeople should come to this city and pren people abould come to this city and pres
tend to form a jodgment as to the re
sourcee of the whole Island by what they see here．Can anything be wore absord？
The fact it，that small in extent as this Island is there are large portions of，it
that have never been traversed by a that have never been，traversed by a
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neath its verdant hils and valleys． hundreds of hillions of toisis of coal；it is fine iron；we have many veius of copper； worked to pay．at loastj；rempuerative Wriges．The finest freettone，marble， granite，lime，and，in short，everythipg He Tatitations of man and lada comfort and＂odivenfance．How if it plapped and sarnjed opt cat Caribeo，and alise where，both privately and win． tiful Istand of Whiebe we trow litue wiore than the sea ecatt，（with the exceptolo of

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rich in miterals，yet we go to A／aska White Pine，exposing ourselyes to th most dreadfol snfferipgs from cold any，
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Stickeen river，and the suecess that tended mining intelligently purshea Leech river，Sooke and various other catities，ie a ware that if the seme amont by the soi disant miners be the latte places as wais stown in the former，
should have had our Island digging peopled by a well－tondo bodg o ply and easily obtainable at very
low prices；and the work proseconted near Iy throughont the year．We appear to
be reserving this Island for a kind o bonne bouche－otilizing all the far－awa districts of the Colony and preservin－thi
precions little morsel to be turned to ac count hereafter．We bave no objections
to men wanderiog off to White Pine or Montana to make their＂piles，＂if thes preeer to do so；bot fur our part it ap walk to Leech river and enjoy all the have to pat op with a lower rate of wages Bat why Leech river？If we find gold a Leerh river and Sooke，why not in othe
parts of the I Iland？Indians bave oh tained gold in the interior－where，is no
at present Enown．All this，however， beside the object．We had in view when w
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the largest portion of this，Ssland is stil
a terra iniognita，and that wanting in all the ordinary characteristice of goreramen expect from the Execative if they took some steps to find out what：we have here at home．We rejoice to know that sume
are being granted for the exploration of the upper country；but it would only acting the part of sensible men if we also
songbt and obtained the information that every person is supposed to poseess－ geography of the Island on which he
lives．The time has arrived，wheíallo tb sugg harbors known as indenting thil Island，where depth of water，good an－ will soon to be turned to account in，$a$ great number of ways．We Want to know the conntry behind them，whether agri，
cultoral，pastoral，or mineral，and if the latter，whether coal or gold． No part of the Islan that no difficulty wonld exist in ex ploring and prospecting the whole of
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