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Royal Meanesses.
All's not gold that glitters. Royalty
isn't all royal. It is not long since Republicanism was ecandalized in the
minds of all monarchical folls, at least,
by the "ol' clo' ${ }^{\prime}$ ' satics of Mrs. Lirircoln. by the "ol' clo', satics of Mrs. Liricoln.
Britishers may well look nearer bome, and they will find in the doings of a
British Prinee what will put poor Mrs. Lincoln's traffic quite in the shade.
It is already known that theBritish Parliament was recently called upon to
rote $£ 3500$ towards paying for certai presents made by the Doke of Edinmons didn't vote the sum, small as it
was, over-gracefully. There was a sort was, over-gracefely. that they should
of ondefined feeling
pot bave been placed in so delicate and disagreeable a position, that the thin was paltry in amonat and wrong in
principle, - that, in fact, it it so pleased His Royal Highness to mako presonts to people white rolicking round the wortd he should pay to
private parse.
plainerl that as the Prince was traveling in a sort of representative or semi$£ 3000$ would be placed at bis dieposal for the parpose of making presents, and the good-natared Commons passed t them felt that they would prefer paying have been supposed this was not the the community where these peltry pre-
sents had been distributed, ueither wise ly nor well, it is intimated, that the Imperial Parliament had been saked to vote a sum for the parpose of paying
the bills the indignation of the colonists ran high, and, if we may accept the cation, there was a very general feeling
that the colony had been scandalized. The loyalty of the colonists, says the Mye, has been sorely tried, bat it re-
mains unshaken, and it expresses the sincere hope that they may be no
mord afflicted with such visitations, mores afllicted with such visitations,
for they do not wish to be altogether disillusionized in regard to the
attributes of royalty. The Australian colonists, it says, "have given the son of their Queen a right royal greeting at
an expense ot not less than \&il 50,000 , and they feel humiliated and scandal-
ized by his application to be reimbursed for the few paltry presents he gat away, not always to meritorions ob
jects, while amongst them. To show the light in which the matter is viewed, our oontemporary mentions that a resoof the Colonial legistature moving for a return of the presents made and expressing a desire on the part of the oolony to reimburse the British Gove ment for the proportion given away
Victoria, and sarcastioaly Victoria, and sarciaticolly suggests that a farthing subscription will more than
suffice for that purpose. The Age proceeds ;-
".If the presents given to the Prince did
not exceed tenfold in value the presents given

Queen's son as a personal giff, a value of
which they are at once deprived by the
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most respectable aper published in Victoria



## The Twenty-ninth.

 What about the twenty-tioth? It is theday fixed for the great Agricilltural and Hortioultural Exbibicion. It will surely be
a great day for Victoria. The Ioland farmers will come. Many of the Mainland
farmers will come; and as the energetie Commitiee of Arrangement has completely
obliterated all international boundaries and swept away international obstructione, and
especially as Capt. Wait has undertaken to expeot to have the pleasare of the company will bring with them more or less of nature' rich prodictions. Let our people then, be esolved to make the twenty-nioth a gala
day for Victoria. Let all bo regolved to
worship at nature's shrine that day, for "She has o world or ready wealth
 This coming together of the farmers i results and interchange of ideas, is of the at most importance, especially in a new country fellow, and pees iron, so does the farmer hit the beneficial resalts of suoch gatheringe. The arrangement by which international bar-
riers have been broken down, euabliog the people of a foreign stete to participate in the people orras and advantages of the approenching
exhibition equally with our own people, is a new and happy feature. Why ehould it not be so ? Are we not all brethern, descended
from the same gcod old Anglo-Sazon stook, being? It is most fiting that we should,






Charybdig p. trir Flekt. -The cricke Charybdis eleven. The Fleet scored 125
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 Board of Delegates held Septemper 16th
1869 the following officers were elected for the ensuing 12 months ; John Dickson, Presi-
dent; Frank Sylvester, Seoretary: E. B.
Marvin, Treasurer. Judiciary CommitteeAdolpbus Peel, Robert Jenkinson, Charlee
Taylor. Finance Committe-William Dalby Taylor. Finance Committe-Willia
Samuel Harris, William Nelson.

## Ineviss. -The Coroner's jury in the oase of the keleton found in the woods, yesterday returned a verdict that the remeins wet


here.
THe Howe Sound wbaling party have
staried back for their "ground." fulls pre-
pared with good apparatus to overcome all the big fish that may heave in eight in the

A SAwmile will shortly be erected on th Robszd-Wednesday night. AD orchard
Ref a very foe quality.
Metchosin. Of all the best fruit. Sbame

## The Gas Com

## The "Douglas"

Editor Britrse Colonist.-As a eolonia o take exception to some of the remarks in
$\qquad$ You aseert that this ressel is maiotaine
at an expense to the Colony and for the ex press parpose of accommodating the setiler on the East Coast. Permit me to draw your attention to the debate which took place or
this subject in the last session of the legis lias subject in the last session of the legil
lative council, in which was olearly demon strated the fact that the vessel was not ru
at any expense to the community; and further let me state that any one may ascertain
from reliable sources the truth of the statement the
at a profit.
True, it may be that ebortly she is to have
placed in ber a new sut of boilers ; buit this
is not a consequence of ber being emploge
in the way she now is; and granting that the
value of the vessel is sunk at present in fostering the infant setilements of the Ea tearr, may not the emplof mant of her for th number of years past in: which she has been ongaged and the continuanoe of that em-
ilogment be coonsidered as an investmant highly profitable to the Colony? Everyone a aware of the great importance which agri
oultural settlements are to a colony and wha difficulties settlers experience in going for ward, and I venture to assert that unless
the Douglas had been running as she has been, the East Coast settlements would no perity they now are.
Again the steamer
Again the steamer is maintained othervis ing the settlers, such as coarryiag supplies to
the Light House, and now that the "Levia-
than" (comparitively aseless to the Calony than" (compartively useless to the Calooy)
will be sold, the Douglas will atill have will be sold, the
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more work to do. the illustration pat con-
With reference to With reference to the illustration pat con
oerning Mra. A. let me assure you that it an extreme, and an isolated one. Is Mrs. A. sure that such a charge as 25 cento. wa ever made or paid at Viotoria for cerrying
two tio cups over the wharf, or that the stentwo tin cups over the wharf, or that the sten-
mor oharged or was paid 50 cents for oars mer oharged or was paid 50 cents for oars
rying them? To whom did she pay these charges ? and at any rate it Mrs. A had asked any one who was going to Vietoris to
bring these articles, she might have got them I am sure at cost price.
I am inclined to think that the time for larting from Maple Bay lor Viotoric is 11
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half an hour to an hour mrong, one may
easily coneeive that a miatake may be made easily coneeive that a mistake may be made;
but for all thisit it it very seldom that any of the setilors miss the stgamer. I bave
travelled a groat deal in the steamer on the East Coast and I speak from experience, and confidently assert that as far as is within the power of the captain of the steamer, the greaieut regularity is ensured, and I know
that the settlors as a class are well satiofied
with ber management and regard the weekly tripa that the makese aan easential to the well
beiog of the settlements Victoria, Sept 16th, 1869. viator.

TBE EvacisB NAVY. A new naprmored Ene Englioh Goverument, ond is excitiog great attention from the novelty of ber con
struction. The Inconstant; thongh mith struetion. The Inconstant; though witbont
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there may be no chance of a leak, if by accident the wood plapkiog should get atrip-
ped off. The third thieknoes is worked hori



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$\$ 330000$ in addition, making a total of \$1,-
130,090 . Having been built for apeed, she has a greater proportion of legoth to broesdth
than any of the reaent ships aded to the
Ron Royal Navy, the exset Ggarees : length, three
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breadth, fifty feet three and fot four inches, breadth, fifty feet three and a hall inchees.
Her speed at a recent trial tuip, exceeded
sixteen knote a hour, and it is anticipated that even that high rate may yet be passed Two gentlemen just arrived from
Montana, report that Wells, Fargo \& Co.'s coach, which left Helena, Ang.
$29 . \mathrm{h}$, Was robbed at Malad Summit, midnight on the . 31st ult. Eight men,
masked, stopped the coach and assared the passengers that theys should not bo
molested. They compelled the driver to moliver the treasure boxes in care of the Express Company, amounting to abous
$\$ 30,000$. The robbers aslated the $\$ 30,000$. The robbers salated the pas-
singers courteously and rode off with the spoils, The passengers had an
aggregate of about $\$ 40,000$ on their persons, but no attempt was made to take anything from them.
Austrahian Preserved MEats.-The
reatest satiśsfaction has been expressed greatest satisfaction has been expresse
in Melborne at the succoss of the Australian preserved meats. The London
agents had not only sold all their stook agents had not only sold all their stook and $\begin{aligned} & \text { boked oiders to the extent of } 213,000 \\ & \text { tins, togeiher } 1,093,250 \mathrm{lbs} \text {,, and they }\end{aligned}$ had moreover, olosed their books, fears
ang to commit the Melbourne company ing to commir They report that they aan
further. The per week, and this woald absorb 25,000 seep a week, whioh is ten times the
monnt the company is at present able to procure. - Dundee Advertiser.

## About Oysters.

A New York paper says: 'Among ore mistaken of Amgrica, fow are hich forbids the eating of oysters in the months without an 'r,' for the
deep ses oyster is in his prime in sorohing July, and brings from the
pale, cool depths of his abode, a more pale, cool depths of ha abode, a more than the
affords.?


## SENAOW EHELK BRITASM VOTGNTST

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Agrarian Retorm.
 of it amougst the settiere. During the land Ordinance was adopted ; but, for it never beoame law. There bave been
some vague hints from Cabinet Ministers about not having the power to make
free grants of land. But we are un. willing to accept tbat proposition. which secures princely stipende to the
Crown officers, or heads of Departments Crown Lands with fall power to deal with them. Sueb, at least, was the bar-
gain, as expressed by the Government and understocd by the people. The Co-
lony has faithfully-perbaps too faithfolly - fulfilled its part of the contract. part? It would seem so ; or else she
people were gressly deceived as to the
conditions of the bargain. The people must have power to dispose of the pab-
ic lands in whatever way they think best caloulated to promote the true interests
of the Colony. They must have power to make free grants. Withont this we
have no right to expect settlers, The
theory of making the pablic lands a source of direct revenue by the sale thereot to apecalators iufficts grevione and fatal
injury upos the country ; whila that of makiog them a souree of direct revenue
by wringing the last dollar from the settler in payment thereof is impoitic
oruel, and njjast. Let land be free a be proclaimed throughout the center of popolation evergwhere that every
settleer can bavea free grant of, say, to him against all reverses urder our ex enforcing the old fogy notion of making people pay for the privilige of takiog t Government give them all they can as nay, if need be, assist them for a year Government, has our people, anything like a clear idea of the value of settlers?
The value of each Earopean immigraat, mated at $\$ 500$ by American political estimate the value of each settler comirg what atter indifference the whole subjeot is to be feared, by the masses of the people too. We are perfectly weil of this journal will not read the presen be with jawning indifference. What care they for such dull matters? Mins ing, commerce, politios, town lots, all country land and clod-hopping have n interest, no attraction for the mase perte. Do these people ever refle that this dull and uniaterestiog busines lies at the foundation of all assured prosperity? contry. Commerce without Politics and town lots would not pos sess very muoh interest or value onless backed by a thrifty raral population
Let our Government and people try
and realize the true position of affairs, and realize the true position of aifair long as that which can allone be pro
ductive of permanent well- being is ne glected. Let the value of settlemen
witha view to agrioultural development be appriciated, and let every legitimat ton. This we hold to be the firat an



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The Rise and Fall or the Brilist
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