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Our Australasian Letter.

Hobart, Tasmania, Aug. 2nd, '86.

Thinking that a few notes from this far-away country might prove interesting to some of your readers, I have decided to send you a short and necessarily an incomplete description of the beautiful island of Tasmania. It is scarcely necessary for me to state that this Colony is situated in the South Pacific Ocean, about 200 miles from Victoria, Australia. In shape it somewhat resembles a heart, and is about 200 miles from north to south, and about the same distance from east to west. The approach from the sea is nearly everywhere very inhospitable, huge rocks rising abruptly from the water's edge and attaining a height of many hundred feet. In many places sunken rocks guard the approach to the island, and thus render the dangers of the deep still more perilous and necessitate a per-fect knowledge of the whole coast line on the part of mariners who enter these waters. Many wrecks have occurred here, and several within the last two or three months, one of which was the wreck of a ship from Quebec, laden mostly with timber.

Excellent rivers abound, and some of these are navigable by ocean steamers of 3000 and 4000 tournage to a distance of 40 miles. It is one of the most mountainous countries I ever was in, and although the peaks rarely attain an elevation of more than 5000 feet, still you can find mountains of that height and smaller wherever you go. As you near the coast you can see the distant elevations gradu-ally becoming more clearly defined, and when close enough can see that they are covered with a thick forest. The trees here are the same species as in Australia, but as a rule are larger. There are a great number of different kinds of trees here whose names are not known in Canada, such as the Gum, Eucalyptus, Stringy Bark, Peppermint (Te-tre), Wattle, She-Oak, Bull-Oak, Myrtle, Honeysuckle, and Blackwood, the last being the most valuable. Strange to a sall trees in Australia are evergreen and shed their bark instead of the last as a stranger, or, as the Colonials cay, a free chum, this seems most wonderful, for the forests are instances. ests are just as green in mid-winter as in the blithe months of spring. The beautiful tints of a Canadian autumnal forest, than which I know no prettier sight, are never seen here, but a deep, sombre

green, unvarying in shade, predominates year in and year out.

Just here I might speak of the wonderful size of some of these monsters of the forest. I had thought that after seeing so many of those Herculean Pines of La Belle Canada, and the wonderful timber trees calculated to excite any astonishment, but I had reckoned without my thing I had ever before witnessed. Surprised beyond measure at the immense trunks, I threw my head back and tried to see to the tops. I was in that vicinity for several days, and on returning I had a stiff neck for a week afterwards. These giant trees run up to a height of more than 400 feet, and one has been measured whose circumference is 102 feet. The majority of these enormous trees have been felled. A scaffold or platform is built around the but of the tree, to a height of from 15 to 25 feet, and on this and attain a height of from 20 to 40 feet. The Heron road is lined with these magnificent ferns, whose exquisite beauty calls forth the admiration of all who pass that wav.

And now I would like to give a short insight into the early history of this beautiful island of the Sunny South. Many, many years ago there lived a man by the name of Van Dieman, appointed over the possessions of the Dutch in India. Now this man had a most beautiful daughter, and—for men are mortal and subject to certain unaccountable weaknesses in India as well as in other parts of this little world of ours--many a poor fellow vied with one another to secure the heart and hand of the fair daughter of Van Dieman; among these was a Dutch sailor called Tasman. His duties, how-ever, on sea, called him from her presence, and sailing away to the south east in 1642 he discovered the island of which I am now speaking. He entered a large bay and anchored in the middle of a large river-now known as the Denvent--and with certain precautions-for there were to be seen many dusky savages hiding behind the gum trees, eyeing the white visitors with suspicion and distrust-landed. Tasman, evidently thinking of the object of his affections in India, called the place after her father, and from that date till the year 1853, it was known as Van Deiman's Land, but since then, of which was formerly imported from in honor of the discoverer, it has been abroad, with the great improvement that

called the pretty but somewhat fantastic name of Tasmania.

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Our Toronto Letter.

Methodist Conference-Haldimand Victory-Loyalism in City.

The most exciting and interesting debate beld in Toronto for a long time was that on University Federation in the Methodist Conference. It is not too much to say that abilities of a very high order were shown, such as few public bodies possess in any great measure, Federation was thoroughly discussed; speaker after speaker for and against handling the subject from all conceiveable points of view, evoking cheers whenever they said an unusually good thing. Dr. Sutherland led the Antis, and he did it remarkably well, laying down his case eloquently and not without a good deal of wit of a personal kind. Dr. Dewart leader the Federals, and as Sir John Maundeville has it, 'right well and trustily was it done.' The voting took place at midnight, and resulted in a small majority in favor of federation.

HALDIMAND. The good Tory who was sure that the able editorials written for the Mail had succeeded in making people believe that the Pope intended te move to Canada, and restore the good old times of State Church, tithes, and wooden shoes without toe-caps, has dropped out of sight, and is replaced by a sour, glum looking fellow, who wants to know if someone is not go ing to choke off the crank who writes such stuff for the Mail. It looks as if a reaction was setting in, that the veil of sophistical cant hiding the modern prophet of Rehorassen had been torn aside and the naked hideousness made public. Toryism is the same the world over, like the man that makes the lightening changes it may outwardly appear different but the voice, the tone, is still the same. Tory once, a Tory forever, according to the order of nature.

LOYALIST DELEGATES. The Irish Loyalists sent out to preach

against Home Rule, have come amongst us, and have already spoken before a large audience in the rink one evening last week. Those who attended hoping to listen to a rational, well seasoned, personal statement against Home Rule, went away feeling disappointed. Land Movement and that for Home Rule in Nevada and California, that the little are the Irish Question, and of that island of Tasmania would not present to my view anything in the shape of big most casual way as if its presence was merely accidental. I must confess that I never heard a more telting plea in favor of Home Rule than the one delivered in host, for as I took a trip down the Heron River (about 25 miles from here) I saw trees whose size far surpassed any- were of the opinion that by levelling all sorts and kinds of charges at the National leaders they were relieving themselves of the responsibility of explaining the causes and suggesting remedies for the wretched evils that notoriously afflict the inhabitants of Ireland; for instance by charging leaders with accepting subscriptions raised especially for them. What does that make clear? This, and this only, that the causes which impel a poverty stricked people to give their little to one whom they consider a benefactor, lie deep down in a system of ruinous misgovernment platform the axe-men do their work, and tyrannical oppression. What does leaving a stump of course the height of all this subscribing mean, and those rethe platform. Fern trees also abound, peated elections, and this combining and meeting in convention? Is this a mere chimera? Is it for nothing that Mr. Gladstone risks the name and fame of a life-time? The speakers made various charges, one or two of which I will give, moreover telling a thing or two which seems to have slipped their memory. Mr. Smith, who, by the way, is a civil servant, charged some of the National members with the heinous offence of being mere workmen and farmers, who, he said, never ate meat more than once in a week, and who did not own enough money to buy a glass of porter, which is very true doubtless, but reflect that a man with enough ability to be a member of Parliament can not in his native land eat meat but once a week and drink beer (which is small loss) never. All this is a sad parody on the man who can tell such a tale of his native land, and laugh at it. Another charge is that Mr. Parnell accepted £40,000 as a testimonial of which he applied £13,000 to the paying of a mortgage on his paternal estate, which was about to go to the hammer; the rest he put in his pocket. Yet he forgot the sequel, that this mortgage was incurred in the National cause, that which he put in his pocket was employed in the development of the Wicklow stone quarries. The consequence thereof being the employment of thousands of men, and the

arose in the condition of the dwellers thereabouts. Another, and I will dismiss such a painful theme. W. O'Brien, M. P., he said, was presented with £3. 000 to pay the costs of a law suit; the costs were only £1,500, leaving to be inferred that this remainder was put to personal uses. This law suit was one connected with the exposure of Bolton, the crown solicitor, in a case akin to that laid bare by the Pall Mall Gazette, hardly fit to be mentioned. When this is known and when it is understood that the £1,-500 remaining were by Mr. O'Brien distributed to three charities, without respect of creed, the mendacity of these men is nigh astounding. Others of this kind, and equally absurd, followed. And this is all that is offered as an excuse for opposing Home Rule. Men of this sort on a mission so grave as theirs are like jack actors at a funeral, or mutes at a wedding.

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A large number attended the Newton Brook Festival, and were highly pleased with the entertainment, the programme was so fully carried out. It is to be hoped that our patronage will be reciprocated at future social gatherings.

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DEATHS

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