eaders especially those of the fair sex. Imquestion in a single season.

fied of the necessity for appear- | "We may expect, therefore, should the

The first Quadrille was formed at 10. of the coast could thus be carried and dancing was kept up with great latest possible peried of navigation. caterers than Mr. and Mrs. Webb, who she state and prospects of the search. we are sure must have been highly gratiwere appreciated. Dancing was resumed or rather continued until 44 next morning,

makey evening, the 14th inst., and as it lin and his gallant comrades. It is known not see fit to accept them. probably be interesting to many of aders, we shall, before attempting a stion of the proceedings, endeavour ain the general object, and manner and for retting up the fund.

However, the subject thus broached received proper consideration afterwards, and trusted by the British Admiralty, proposes the result we now learn from undeniable authority from England, is, that, just previous to the resignation of the Aberdeen vious to the resignation of the Aberdeen of Floir with a request that it might as 1847, urged on the government the im- stated constion voted by the City momentarily exposed. Those who have the found, is the substance of this address.

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The arrangements under which Canada can the locality referred to will be able to considera- the locality referred to will be able to ap- raise men to take a part in the popular war laying this address before the Queen, who ously agreed amongst unable to accomplish in the space of near- | and it will also be seen that it recommends | and ber Majesty has commanded me to hand over the pro- by two years, what he has planned, with all itself to the people of all classes. We be- assure you that it has been most gratifyde whatever they might be-to the his previous knowledge of Arctic travel, to lieve that many men among us, who are de ling to her to receive those proofs of the

"As the navigation of Hudson's Bay and | object in view. With regard to the Ball itself, our under ordinary circumstances, by the plan | service in the Militia

t, will, doubtless, expect some des- found desirable, and a necessity arise for Ministry occurred; and perhaps the advent cription, but as one Ball is pretty much a wintering station at the Head of Wager delay to the plan being put into effect; or it [Signed,] a another, and we connot beast of any Bay, within three days' journey of the coast, may be possible that they entertain differen inary originality of idea in such and of easy access to the mouth of the Great | views on the subject, which however we do at content themselves Fish River, affords incalculable advantages not consider probable, and therefore we are toxicating liquors. with a stereotyped edition of what has so over a wintering station at Oreat Slave Lake, | inclined to think that the Provincia! authorand will so often be the nearest point to the Artic Sea which an ities are at this moment in possession of the overland expedition through the territories | full details of the proposed undertaking The Ball being "Masonic," all brethren of the Hudson's Bay Company can assume [Colonist. " | as the startling point of its operations.

ng "property clothed"-i. e., in the tonig- old route of Sir George Back, when sent in of their respective orders (a phrase by in search of Sir John Ross, in 1833-6, which high has excited the mirth of the Hudson's Bay Company's Expedition eyond a doubt the fact that he ling from what has already been accomplish to place beyond a doubt the fact that he mover was arrayed like one of these.")

The effect, however, of the "proper clothing," was such as to render the processing." was such as to render the process- course of the summer of 1857, but not car- of the Lancaster gun. They were about to

" On the other hand, by the route proceed-

Having reached the head of the room by the distance is still less. The transped his piece, and fired. He, however, be procession formed in two lines, facing portation of a boat and stores, should the missed him. The deserter no sooner perinwards, reaching down the full length. The Muster of Ceremonies then proceeded over the intervening neck of land, would be shaking in his left hand a white rac and The Muster of Ceremonies then proceeded over the intervening neck of land, would be shaking in his left hand a white rag, and less, besmeared with mud, infested by ver- their sufferings. Those who had strength to the feet, and conducted the Rt. Worshipful D. P. G. M., T. G. Ridout, to the
throne placed at the head of the ball; est computation, nearly two full months.

I the feet has been one long, troubled, miserable life has been one long, troub ines filing inwards from the bot. and those the most favourable of the season, distance between the English line, and the life has been one long, troubled, miserable ed in reaching the city, and were taken to m, passed in front. Each Mason salut for the examination of lands and islands a- Russian outposts, when one of his own com- dream, -battle, and famine, and rotting the hospital. As late as Sunday, the field

spirit until half past twelve—when the supper room was thrown open—and al- though it was not large enough to are the friends of the sufferers put in present to bring him in, but human misery must pass and end at last. I human misery must pass and end at last. Yet among these men there is no shrink- lama, and the pampas for miles around, advanced. An interchange of shots took ing, no holding back, no self-seeking, no gave evidence of a hurried flight from the nodate the whole of the people as- ion of all the details connected with it, withmbled at one time—the arrangements | in five months of the vessel's leaving Enwere such as to render every one satisfied | gland. Should a necessity arise for wis spee was most excellent, and would have ill, with ships of the Hudson's Bay Com- Smith appears to have been a troublesome But their

of New York.

tie are already made aware-was, to levy through Hudson's Straits to the head of the their part; for instance, it has been suggest- | bereaved. a subscription of two pounds ten shillings | Chesterfield Inlet, or Wager Bay, and thence | ed to us by a gentleman possessing much | "It is scarcely necessary that I should measure. resident in Toronto, despatch travelling parties over the interven- knowledge of such man assure you that the sympathy expressed by The political guillotine has been at work to chose to participate in the Ball; and ing neck of land to the mouth of the Canada with her Ma- very lively since the accession of Castilla Fish River below the formidable rapids, grant of land and exemption from statute lajesty's loyal people in this country, and have been called upon to reat body, and from members tion of that stream so tollsome, hazardous, may be able to suggest a better mode by the liberality of this contribution to the which our Government could promote the Patriotic Fund, will be warmly apprecia-

columited y devoted to coming, in fact under the category of an better school could possibly be found for the principal object.

The result, as we have said, has, ere now, been made public, the handsome now, been made now, been now, been made n of £250 having been realized, and the Esquimaux, an e hands of G. W. Allan, Esq., mouth of the Great Fish River as the scene | war, to go towards pensioning off such men | " I will also request the Earl of Clarenenefit of the principal charities. | of the fatal cutastrophe, can be set at rest, | as shall complete some subsequent years | don to communicate to the French Go-

> Immediately after the arrangements here "Should more extended researches be alluded to were completed, the change in the

Punishment of a Deserter.

an English soldier who was attempting to ing. He and many others only voted for desertion of two of Echineque's battalions return to the advanced work, and had unpi of the Royal Arch, the waving ing through Hudson's Straits, and one of the left man of the party by the name of Smith. The discussion is of a and white cloaks of the Knights inlets of Hudson's Bay already mentioned, Search was made for him but he was not emplars, and the dark blue regalia of the it is believed that the same object may be found. It was then remembered that he Grand Lodge, forming a brilliant contrast.

The procession was marshalled in the meeted with the expedition, by the close of supported it against a portion of the paradrawing room at 9 30 p. m., and march—
the summer of 1855, that is, before the Fish
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The Times DENOUNCING ARISTOCRATIC In the reaching it is against a portion of the para—
per which was concealed from view by a projecting angle. Two men at once made their way to this epot, and on reaching it ntice Quick-step"—in the following a whole year before the coast itself can be found the firelock still there, but the man h considerably in advance, stooping, atters of the Ceremonies, Royal Arch Masons, and and Beater.

The distance of the western extremity but hurrying towards the Russian sentries. One of the Euxine, are endersolded in the Ceremonies, Royal Arch Masons, and calling out, "The distance of the western extremity but hurrying towards the Russian sentries. One of the Euxine, are endersolded in the two men immediately gave the camped the last remains of what was once of the Great Fish river is estimated by Sir distance of the western extremity but hurrying towards the Russian sentries. One of the two men immediately gave the camped the last remains of what was once the scenes be there witnessed were horrible alarm, and calling out, "Down with him, the noblest and most gallant army whose on the rascal is going over to the enemy," capround the mouth of the Great Fish River. rades took a more deliberate aim and lodged wet, and icy cold, increasing labor, and dred dead and dying, and the stench from the ing the Deputy Grand Master in the usual "The party need be under no apprehent a ball in his back. The deserter fell at diminishing strength, viewing day by day putrifying heaps, was horrible. The feanamer. This ceremony having been sion of their retreat being cut off by the set- ence, and though he was observed after- their comrades falling beside them, and tures of the dead, exposed as they had been d, the brethren of the Order ting in of the frost, as a march of three or wards to make several efforts, he was quite awaiting the only too certainly approach- to the sun for two days, were awfully disningled with the crowd, and the real busi- four days overland would bring them at any unable to move from his position. From time back to the ship; and the exportations the manner in which he fell, there is little ing period when they shall join their torted and swollen, and here and there is doubt that the wound was mortal. Subse- brave companions in the grave, and escape | score of the filty gallinazos were quarreling quently, toward dusk, a sorgeant and eight by that dark portal through which all over the putrid corpses. or ten men were sent to bring him in, but human misery must pass and end at last. to retire back to the work. The man who ever, with an ineffaceable certainty of suc- of Echineque received the impetuous charge n- fired and struck the deserter was a young cess, and the hope of treading on the ash- of the Sagrados, was easily distinguished a soldier named Edward Phillips and belong- es of Sebastopol only parts from them with from the heaps of dead and lying man attempted to get away, a soldier of the into something like activity by the reflec

The Benefit of Snow.

Quenec, February 27th, 1855.

Downing Street, 20th Jan., 1855. in 1833 6. The great length of this route, Ministry, arrangements had been concluded of Elgin, with a request that it might be in parts beyond seas, in levying or carry- to his statesmanship and patriotism. sitizens and visitors for their late now to be acted on in the present case, ed to transfer their services to any other re- at the disposal of the Royal Commission- rigor of the law. on by the fact, views at length in a letter, portions of which having relatives now serving as Lieutenants | England and France who may fall in the Our Reign. contributed more than we copy, although Mr. Isbister, we fear, in the army, to be allowed to claim promotion war. I have also received your despatch o" cause, by the writes without having before his eyes the for them into the Canadian Regiments on of the 5th instant, transmitting two drafts me forward, and the interruptions to which an Arctic traveller is make up a Company.

ly withdrawn.) upon these considera- preciate the force of this remark. He was now waging to humble the power of Russia was pleased to receive it very graciously, 15th, and from Gallao to the 20th of Janueity, to be distributed in such | do in a few months. The following is the legislative Coun- | by order of the Provincial President, Gen as he should consider most communication submitted by Mr. Isbiater to the announcement with much pleasure.

in the Lords Commissioners of the Admiral- In addition to the inducements which the slaves who had not volunteered to serve in Home Government offers, the Provincial in the achievements of her gallant forces no plan then proposed, and subsequent " It is proposed, as early as practicable in Government may be disposed to give the pledges itself to pay the owners for their carried out, with what success, the pub- the ensuing spring to send a small steamer | movement some further encouragement on ous compassion for the sufferers and the property in five years. Public opinion

ted by all classes throughout the United

vernment a copy of the address, and to inform that government that the sum of £10,000 is at their disposal for which pur- the battle of La Palma, as it is now called, G. GREY.

Mr. Dorion moved the House into com Honorable Mr. Drummond and Messrs.

Cauchon and Solicitor General Ross asked. delay till the House was fuller. Mr. Fenton and the Hon. Mr. Spence opposed any postponement.

Mr. Clark said a very unfair advantage which, if well authenticated, would be A well merited, though severe, punish had been taken by the friends of the mea- teresting to the public.

Sir A. McNab supported the same view. On a division the motion was carried.

Mr. Turcotte and Mr. Larwill speaking

On a range of bleak eliffs, overlooking

character, though a shrewd and intelligent, equally aristocratic Staff view this scene manlike tranquility. Indeed, until stuits horrors. The aristocracy are trifling destroyed, the flowers and shrubbery torn up with the safety of the army in the Crimea and nothing that could be of any value was have formally sanctioned the treaty of all ucted by Mr. Harkness, late R. C. Riffes. person having a claim against another, either | will prove of great advantage to the wheat | periodical luxury, the formation of a Go- shot down. In Lima, the private residence The appearance of the Ball Room was for a libel, slander, malicious prosecution, crop throughout the best wheat-growing vernment. Hitherto it has been their ex- of Echineque came near sharing the same consist of four brigades of infantry of the same in good taste, and too much praise cannot false imprisonment, breach of promise as regions of the Northwest, most of which clusive privilege to do these things. We fate, The crowd assembled in front, and line, two battalions of Rifles, two regiments'

admirably fitting it for yielding up | nature have been, or are about to be, done | co 250. Two or three other candidat ting, steam machinery, either for such born in the republic; but a Congressional the following despatches were laid on the table and ordered to be printed:

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GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

News from the South Pacific.

| Slavery Abolished in Peru .- The Batt. of La Palma, de., de. Our advices from Valparaiso are to the

The Gallao News of the 20th says :-A decree was published a few days since the army of Echineque. The government divided as the propriety and justness of th

navy officials have been called upon to re- | We are Going Down to the Silent Grave. The News of the 13th says :--

Two Peruvian war steamers were despatched coastwise-one South and the oth-"I have transmitted the two drafts to er North-on Monday night last, to bring [From the Foreign News, Jan. 13.]

> THE BATTLE FIELD OF LA PALMA. We were anable last week, for the want of accurate information, to give anything ore than generalities in connection wi that being the name of the hacienda upo which the fight occurred. Our authority for the account given was derived from various rumors, many of them contradictory; but by carefully comparing the reports we were able to give a tolerably correct narration of the important event.

> More than a week has now elapsed since the battle was fought, and yet no detailed statement, no official account has been pul lished; and we are still dependent general rumor for particulars and incidents

ment was inflicted on the 10th instant, upon sure of the large vote of the second read- We were misinformed in relation to the revolutionists it was characterized by many brilliant instances of individual bravery .--The Sagrados, a battalion composed of picked men, among whom were a party of Amer-The discussion is going on as the report | icans, led on the attack, and the opposin ranks went down like grass before their furious charge. Castilla's officers invariable headed their columns, and many of them were slain. On the side of Echineque, the off cers generally took good care of themselves and kept out of harm's way. Echinequ himself was among the first to turn his back upon the enemy, and with a few officers fled

The field was strewed with arms, cloth That charge, without doubt, decided the

intense. A mob repaired to the magnificent! And we find that she ever is near. summer residence of Echineque, just outside

LIMA AFTER THE BATTLE.

three servants attached to the premises were | The auxiliary corps which the king

contain the invig- waiting, in the very crisis of its fate, for a que, were broken open and plundered. But One half of the men are armed with here reperties of the best kinds of ma- Government till it shall please a few great at length quiet was restored, guards were The artillery is very efficient, and the base

that certain acts of a highly treasonable received 2,447 votes; Elias 528 and Vivanone that have its richest treasures, which nothing else will or attempted by certain British subjects ceived scattering votes. A short time afher sympathies are ventive of drouth. The ground when the within Her Majesty's dominions, or in stration made in favor of Vivanco, but nothing ds. Several of our frost leaves it, absorbs a good supply of parts beyond the seas; such as building, there occurred an insurrection among the or aiding and assisting in building, or slaves about this time, and affairs presented is payable on the 12th March. take to the early part of Summer to check the equipping, ships of war, providing stores or an alarming appearance for a short time; tackling, arms, and ammunition, for such but quiet was soon restored. A question ships, or manufacturing, or fitting, or aid- was also raised as to the eligibility of Echiing, or assisting in manufacturing or fit- neque, on the ground of his not having been ter, the stockholders can only be

agreements for some of the aforesaid pur office, Echineque devoted himself assidneus " SIR :- I have received from the Earl assisting, or abetting, the Queen's enemies government reforms, which were creditable When the matter was first mooted, it and the consequent long interval which at the Horse Guards, authorizing the Cana- laid before the Queen, the joint address to ling on war against Her Majesty: now her papers of that period speak-in high terms of the Horse Guards, authorizing the Canavas the intention of its promoters to de- must claspe before any tidings of the result dian Government to raise two regiments of her Majesty, by this her Royal Proclamation, his public acts, and it is quite likely that had be continued as he began, his administration recordings, after paying all ex- can reach England, have been urged against the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the continued as the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the continued as the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the continued as the bearer, from the Legislative Council doth warn all such persons engaging in the continued as the bearer and the benefit of the widows and its adoption. A Mr. Isbister, who, so early tain restrictions, which may be thus briefly and Legislative Assembly, to her Majesty any such treasonable designs or attempts But yielding at length to the clamors of Company will need the re-insure. vortance of search around the estuary of Canadians to be allowed to volunteer un-Black's Great Fish River, has proposed to til the termination of the war, with permis- on the heights of Alma, expressing their sisting, aiding or abetting the Queen's promptings, he began a system of wholesale deration and bearing in mind the old blacks treat rish street rish that "charity begins at home," it he says, the same results may be obtained their expenses paid back to Canada; or, if ings and bereavements consequent on this prehended and dealt with as traitors, and a parallel in the history of republics. Our s afterwards demanded that the money in four or five months. It is of course too they should prefer it, they would be allow- victory, and pledging themselves to place will be proceeded against with the utmost readers will doubtless remember the list names of the favorites, together with the To the Municipilaty of the above menting not be better disposed but it is alleged that in spring, if any other giment; to receive the same pay and pen-age the necessities of the expedition should be deemed necessary, the sion for wounds as if serving in the line; bution towards the relief of the widows eighth day of February, in the year of ing in all to upwards of fifteen millions of sets of charity with which the Admiralty will adopt his suggestions. In a all the subalterns' commissions to be given and orphans of the soldiers, sailors and orphans or the soldiers, sailors and orphans or the soldiers and orphans or the soldiers are soldiers. ity abounds; they were further strength phical Society, Mr. Isbister explains his certain number of volunteers; Canadians marines of the allied armies and navies of his own family, house seficently qualfied but not his shear on frivolous claims, and the people soon be- nor his steabels And for his Carrictor you gan to murmur loudly against the corruptions | may Enquire into existing in the place. One or two of the papers also commenced an exposure of the matter; but they were speedily suppressed and all who presumed to speak boldly on the subject were arrested, and many of them

| banished the country .- Matters moved on past three o'clock on Saturday, a carter in this way until General Castilla took the named John Kelly was shot through the field, about twelve months ago, determined | head, while driving with a man name to overthrow the government. Without James Craven through Murray Street .men, without money, and destitute of every- They had just left the house of one Brea thing like the elements of war, he pushed nan, where they had been taking refresh forward, raised the standard of revolt, and ment together. Death ensued almost invited his countrymen to rally to his sup- | stantaneously. We learned at the Police port. They responded to his call; and al- Office, at eleven o'clock on Saturday even though opposed by the power and influence ing, that Craven had given himself of a corrupt President and ministry, with and had been ledged in jail. He states the

For the Daily British Whig.

As you sit by my side, my gentle one, With your warm hand laid in mine, A feeling of joy pervades my heart, And I know it is divine.

For joy gleams out from your eye. But listen, my love! The joy that is ours, As quickly will pass away That garnish the virgin May. One by one these pleasures will fade, And our hearts will soon grow old ;

And the joys of to-day will all be laid In the churchyard drear and cold. One by one these blisses will sink In the shadowy lake of the dead, And our tears will fall as we see them In their dark and dreary bed. There is joy in our hearts to-day, my love,

But the morrow is coming soon, And our hearts may then be heavy and sad As the sound of a funeral tune, There's health on your blooming cheek, my the longest use, and that the corrosion of the

And joy in your sparkling eye; There's love in your heart so strong and pure, But the huc of your cheek will fade, my love, this in the trenches on outposts duty, at the And the joy will leave your eye, But I know that the love in your throbbing to allude to. Is too hely and pure to die.

We are journeying down to the silent grave, And our pace is solemn and slow, But we'll cheer each other, as hand in hand O'er the rugged way we go. We will not repine when we see depart The pleasures that have been ours, But rejoice whether thorns encumber

Or our path is strewed with flowers. Swiftly and silently float we along On the mystical ocean of Time, And we listen to music that seems to com From a happy Edenian clime. But to morrow the music may be as harsh As the furious hurricane breath, And you know that this ocean so broad Is bounded beyond by Death.

Month by month, and year by year, Go by in their course sublime, And we hardly think how swiftly we glide O'er the mystical ocean of Time : But one by one they are stealing away The pleasures that gladden our souls, And are leading us on where the River

In its gloomy grandeur rolls.

To the charnal house of gloom, And the weary heart will go to sleep In the shade of the desolate tomb. Weep not, my love, o'er the solemn I have spoke in your listening ear, But drive the shade from your forehead fair And dry the glistening tear.

For though we are journeying down to deat There is pleasure upon the way; Then let us furget these gloomy thoughts. And again be blithe and gay. It is fully for mortals to sorrow along. Like mourners who follow the bier known that Castilla had been victorious, was Let Gladness be courted with story and song, hazardous,

EDWARD A. DARRY.

Court of Chancery should compel a more rapid payment of the calls. So far beek as risks. In the interval, attempts have been wind up its affairs. Parties insured in the

A sample of knowledge in the 19th Cen-

D McCLEMENT

And two other Inspectors

MAN SHOT IN MONTREAL .- About halfmoney at their command, he steadily per- shooting was accidental. The inquest will served, until success at last crowed his be held to-day. It will be seen the shooting had nothing to do with the election, as was at first falsely rumored. Both Craven and Lelly were supporters of Mr. Ryan.

> Comparison of " Gun Cotton" and Gunpowder,

1. Gun Cotton, also known as mitrate of lignin, will not explode until raised to a temperature of from 330 to 335 degrees .-

2. A charge of gun-cotton of the same force as the usual charge of powder sees pies about two-thirds of the space in a gur and consequently gives a better effect. For blasting it is compressed, and entirely con cealed in cartridges, with safety-fuses at-

3. Gun-cotton explodes more rapidly than gun-powder; an invaluable quantity for ships firing in a sea way, or firing shells, and insures somewhat more accuracy in firing from the shoulder.

4. Gun-cotton makes very little smoke, and leaves hardly any solid or liquid residium. The former property is of great importance when firing between decks, in affording a clear view of the subject fired at and generally in every battle or naval engagement. To the latter quality is due the fact, that the gun hardly becomes foul with

metal is also less. 6. It misses fire much less often than gunpowder, and this is the same on a wet [heart | battle of Inkermann, &c., are too numerous

> 7. Gun-cotton is not at all injured by wetting it, and may be kept in fresh or salt water for many years without being at all affected. No apprehension need be entertained for the magazine or a ship catching fire, as, if the cotton is not always kept i water, arrangements may be made for rapidly wetting it. There would no longer be any danger of magazines, as the cotton can be dried rapidly in small quantities, at required. The great waste of ammunitio spoiled by wet would be avoided. 8. Gun-cotton can be munufactured in the

> simplest manner: five minutes' immersion in nitirie acid, and half-an-hours' washing in a running stream, will complete the op A besieged city may provide easily an endless supply of ammenition By manufacturing the cotton in a particular form, the charges of artillery can, in an emergency, be converted into musket char-

ges. Bullets and a bale of cotton would supply the place of cartridges in an emer-The defects which are urged against guncotton are :--

1. That it may explode by a blow, or m ramming down. This is never the case up less the blow has by some means produce a temperature of 330 deg. . In practice this temperature is not ordinarily met with except in connection with a fire when powde would be nearly, if not equally as dangero In many thousand trials, no accident has

That it may burst the gun. this kind have only arisen from w the usual charge of powder.

One serious accident has arisen, but there used for gunpowder. The experience the early manufacture of gunpowder show of the manufacture may even render it less