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Dutch Galleot at Port Fairy

(Extract)

The party of Australian scientists which has been investigating the reported discovery at Port Fairy of the sunken wreck of a galleon returned to Melbourne from their trip on Monday evening. Mr. D. Le Souef, the curator of the Zoological Gardens, who was one of the party, states: - "The wreck is evidently a Dutch galliot, and not a Spanish galleon, as far as we could judge. She is about 75 feet long, and very heavily built. The ribs are about 12 inches apart, and her sheathing is about 2 inches thick. The two ends are almost square, and the ribs go inwards. The upper deck is gone, but the lower deck is still there. We have not accurate data as to the period of its construction, but it would be somewhere about the eighteenth century, and certainly long before white people were in the vicinity of the wreck. The nearest blacks have been questioned, and they say that the wreck has been there since the blacks were piccaninies [*sic*]. There is deep water all around this wreck, which makes it difficult to investigate. We have brought some of the timber with us. Mr. W.J. James, who discovered the wreck, is coming to Melbourne to go further into the matter."