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OVER

MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL INSPECTED.

Picture .: - Dr. Earle Page, Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Mrs. Page

go aboard at Barton to view the Manchester Ship Canal. The building of this Canal was an engineering triumph. It is a canal

over a canal. Barges may pass through two stretches of water, one above

the other. When these gates close, a huge trough

is formed which is actually part of the upper canal. This section is then swung round on great steel rollers, leaving the lower canal free for the passage of large vessels. This joining piece weighs 1400

Aons, and it is this marvel of engineering skill which is inspected by Doctor

Page and his party. Dr. Page's motive in this visit

is to discover how

the great Canal can be more freely

used for the passage of Australia's import cargoes,

to Manchester Docks, cargoes which are usually unloaded at Liverpool.