With Politicians

DANGEROUS MINES.

Workers Rejoice

High- Priced Jockeys.

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eight months old.

The infant Marquis of Donegall is the hereditary Lord High Admiral of Lough Neagh, but the office carries with it neither emoluments nor duties. It is an obsolete naval command, which dates from the time of Queen Elizabeth, when it was necessary to maintain a naval force on Lough Neagh to overawe the natives of Tyrone, Derry, Armagh, and Antrim, with whom several actions were fought.

VICTOR HUGO'S CONCEIT.

In the diary of Sir Montstuart Grant Duff the following story is told regarding Victor Hugo; finely illustrating his megalomaniacal tendencies:

An ardent admirer had once said to Hugo: "The nation has never treated you quite properly; no street has been called after you; there ought to be a Rue Victor Hugo." "Cela arrivera, mes enfants, cela arrivera," said the master. Then another disciple took up the running, and said: "A street! That indeed yould be nothing; a whole quarter of the city should be called after you." "Cela arrivera, mes enfants, cela arrivera," said the master. Thereupon a third disciple joined in—"Paris should cease to be Paris, and be renamed the city of Victor Hugo." "Cela arrivera," mes enfants, cela arrivera, mes enfants, cela arrivera, mes enfants, cela arrivera." arrivera, mes enfants, cela arrivera!'

SHAKESPEARE IN THE ANTI-PODES.

A genius in New South Wales writes the following bona-fide criticism of "Hamlet," which the Theatre repro-

Robert L. A Leader

•••••• (Mail and Empire.) Quite spontaneous and wholly remarkable were the tributes paid during the last few days to Mr. R. L. Borden. The occasion of this demonstration of appreciation and affection is the fiftien birthday of the Conservative leader on June 26th. To look at Mr. Bordenkeen, active and muscular—one would

birthday of the Conservative leader on June 20th. To look at Mr. Borden-keen, active and muscular—one would not suppose that half a century had a passed over his head. Such untiring vigilance, such enthusiasm, such elasticity belong to the very youth and dey day of life. Combined with physical qualities are the maturity of thought, the robust intellectuality, and the quet, sconscious power of riper years. In this combination of strength and stability, of dash an i determination, men see what they call leadership, and they honor the great talent whether it is found in friend or foe.

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The leadership of one of the great political parties in the state is second only to that of the Premiership itself, which the Opposition chieftain may at any time be called upon to fill. Rarely, indeed, is it the fortune of any man to rise rapidly to political leadership. As a rule a long apprenticeship is necessary. There are the usages and traditions of parliament to be learned. There are public questions to be intimately mastered. And beyond that the critical judgment of the political party must be convinced by slow degrees of the special fitness and character of the man to whom the interests of the state and the fortunes of the party are to be confided.

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Yet in the case of Mr. Borden pro-Yet in the case of Mr. Borden prominence and respect were freely accorded him from the moment he was first heard on the floor of parliament. And in a very few years he was selected for the foremost promined and an arrow was to all Canada, but his arrow province, an unknown man. In 1901 Conservatives from the Atlantic to the Pacific cordially accepted his leadership. The honor was unsought by Mr. Borden. With characteristic modesty he resisted it until convinced that it was his duty to shoulder the great responsibility.

A Choice Vindicated.

But rapid as was the rise of Mr. Borden to the leadership. his subsequent progress in a confidence of his supporters is still more remarkable. Mr. Borden has a quiet way of doing big things. He has the capacity for taking infinite pains which is the true stamp of genius. In the early days on his father's farm at Grand Pre he had been a thorough workmana. And between

ROOSEVELT AS CHILD'S STORY
TELLER.
Writing of Theodore Roosevelt in the pages of the Reader, George Horton points out that it is unfortunate for children that the President hasn't time to write a book for them. Mr. Roosevelt, the author declares, is a really "remarkable story-teller for children and his stories are not of the sor which so many grown-ups write, proand his stories are not of the sor which so many grown-ups write, professedly for the young, but really comprehensible only by the old, he tell real children's stories, that are listened to by the little folk with breathless in terest. He is an unfailing fountain og kost stories, hobgoblin and fairy-tales, adventures with were-wolves and demon bears."

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One who knew Jokai says that the novelist never troubled to work out his plot in detail beforehand. "He trusted to his imagination for guidance as to what his characters were to do at a given moment, and often when he had completed a chapter of a feuilleton which half Hungary was waiting to read, he would remark to his friends, as the printer's devil rushed away with the copy, "I should like to know what those people will find to do and say to morrow." Jokai started his characters on their careers, eulogizing them if he liked them, or caricaturing them if he meant them to excite amusement or de-JOKAI'S METHODS meant them to excite amusement or d rision, and then let them work out the

FIRST JAPANESE EMPEROR. The war has not prevented the Japanese from celebrating, as usual, the anniversary of their first Emperor, Jimmu, whose reign was some 660 years B.C. According to legendary history, he disembarked at the age of two years at Kasida, in the province of Satsuma, being accompanied by his grandfather, Hikohono Ninighi.

When he became a man he penetrate. when he became a man he penetrated into the interior of the country and took up his abode at Kashiwahara-no-Muja, at which place the present Empire of the Rising Sun was founded, and where the tombs of the first Emperors are still preserved. The founder of the line, which has continued down to the present time, reigned for seventy-five years, and died in his 127th year. So runs the legend, at least.

The youngest British admiral is only eight months old.

VICTOR HUGO'S CONCEIT.

There is too much chinning in the piece. . . In the hands of a skillful playwright a detective would have •••••••••