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EMBARASSING AT COOK METHODS OF PAPER SHOWN UP

London, Jan. 11.—Inquiries this morning show that the chief organizers on both sides have abated nothing of their confidence. I first asked a Liberal authority who replied: "Our nief whip adheres to his estimate of a Liberal majority of fifty over all parties. Personally I am convinced, from daily touch with the campaign that he is too conservative. We shall have one hundred and twenty majority and quite possibly another landsilde not altogether unlike 1996."

The secretary of the Tariff Reform alegue was not less jubilant, He replied: "My estimate of a month ago was ninety Unionist majority over all parties, but as reports come in each day from manufacturing and rural distitets alike, I realize how right Chamberlain is in his confidence of an overwhelming tariff reform victory. I am myself preparing to see Free Trade snowed under."

"And this is how the foremost fighters on both sides talk among themselves when no thought of publication is in mind. Never before have estimates been so conflicting, just as never before have the issues seemd so intermixed. If, however, you consult ordinary journalists who are attending meetings on both sides, the impartially general judgment is that the election will be a near thing with the chances in favor of the Radicals.

Fullest Lengths.

The tariff reform party, seeing a children of the States to Build washington, Jan. 11.—Wor come from the White House the come from the white from the

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and then demand "an address from the throne." Of about the exact height and figure as King Edward, Mr. Marsden has a natural bonhomie and a voice and characteristic enunciation which might deceive the attaches of the royal household.

"This thing of being a 'double,' however, has more embarrassments than advantages," explained Mr. Marsden to your correspondent. "Perhaps the most embarrassing incident of an extended series occurred one night when I paid a visit to a celebrated cafe in Paris. I was acompanied by Mrs. Marsden and another woman and her husband. There was some whispering when I entered, while I was handing my cloak and cane to the waiter, and then suddenly all the people at the tables rose and the band struck up the English national anthem. The other diners remained standing until ray party passed down the room and took

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