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CAUSE OF THE TAY BRIDGE DISASTER

Christmas with the Nobility of England.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

The Tay bridge disaster is still carnestly discussed. The investigation is steadily progressing. How many lives were lost is still a matter of uncertainty. Only one thing alone is sure, that no man escaped from the Frith of Tay. Mr. Edgar Gilkes, the builder of the bridge, telegraphs to the Herald as follows:

"Present evidence indicates that some other forces than the tempest were acking with it, and caused the destruction of the girders. The velocity of the winds as registered at Dundee on the night of the disaster was 42. This amount of pressure was quite sufficient to overset the train, and the guard rails on the windward side could not prevent the upper part of the carriages from striking the girders. This might cause the damage by destroying the unity of the leeward girder, and another violent gust would bring about complete ruin." A DESIBABLE CATCH,

Rumour is busy with the prospects of the new Duke of Portland. The young guardsman, with his 21 years, and his income of \$150,000, is the best parti in the county; but he is said to be already engaged to Miss Violet Lindsay, who is the daughter of Col. Lindsay, formerly M.P. for Abingdon, and now one of the Queen's grooms in waiting, and granddaughter of the Earl of Crawford. The Lindsays standhigh in the Queen's favour. None of the Scotch nobility, except the Campbella' stand so near to the throne. The news that one of the family, a pretty girl of 20, is to wed the new Lord of Welbeck Abbey will be as gladly received at Windsor as will be as gladly received at Windsor as

CHRISTMAS WITH THE NOBILITY. There has been much gaiety at the great houses during the week. Many ladies of fashion are on the continent. The Duchess of Montrose is at Cannes. The Grosvenors, Butlers and a host of notabilities are also wintering on the Mediterranean. To compensate for their absence the Prince

Mr. MacLear's experiments with carbon are still occupying the minds of diamond owners. Prof. Maskelyne's opinion that the results are merely silicates, has done much to tranquilize them, Mr. Maskelyne being an expert, and the scientists quoted by Mr. MacLear having a quite insufficient knowledge of mineralogy. Professor Charles' Darwin has again brought credit to English science by winning a prize of twelve thousand francs offered at Turin for discoveries in the physiology of plants.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

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