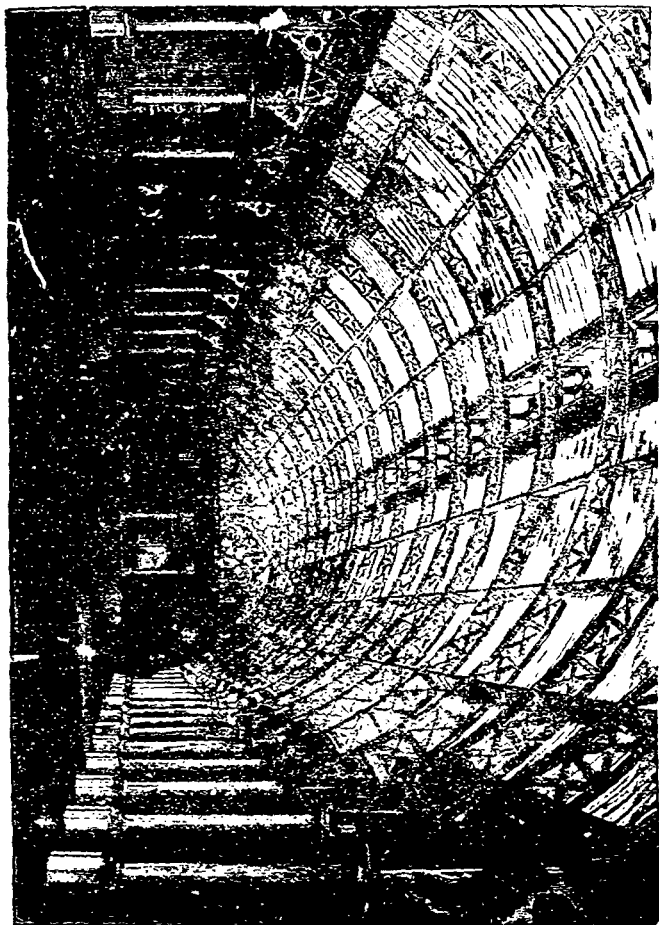


of which event, and of the oddities of the grotto-like structures, the *Graphic* and *London News* have had copious illustrations. The eccentric earl could afford to indulge his whims, for his income was over £1,000 a day—some £400,000 a year. For years he kept an army of about 2,000 workmen employed, and his great workshops had every sort of machinery and mechanical



appliance for working in wood, stone, and iron, powerful steam engines, extensive gas-works, and six or seven ponderous traction engines. The owner of all this splendour lived a very secluded life, saw scarcely any company, and, it is said, used to dine alone, but had every day several huge beakers of ale placed on the