value for smelting

Smailes, as well as other prom business men of the interior, is us to see a railway built from the st through the Boundary district and to Kootenay. From a purely busistandpoint, the wants of the busimen of the district would, in his on, be met by the early construc of the railway through the Crow's st Pass. By this road eastern whole men could send in goods at reason prices but in the interests of the wince every effort should be made to railway. Business men in Boun-Creek and Kootenay would prefer ing with the wholesale men of the ast, prices and railway facilities being and, but they would buy in the cheapand most convenient markets. In Smailes' opinion the coast merch can retain and increase the trade wonderful mining region of nthern British Columbia only by the

construction of a direct railway Smailes shows the necessity for a railway by pointing to the fact because of the necessarily high arges for hauling freight into Green hav is selling there for \$35 oats for 4 cents a pound and oth icles are proportionately high. t railway with reasonable freight ect railway with reasonable cent.

MAKING A HORSE JOCKEY. ich Painful Training to Undergo B

fore a Boy is Fitted to Ride. nong the many who are interested racing, probably but few pay any nght to the pains and miseries unde e by that unfortunate although much ed class of men, the jockers. Som -very few-are really born jockeys ey are of that small build which ential for their work, they are bless ith a constitution that does not "run t ' and at the same time they are enowed with the nerve and resolution neessary to their calling. Many lads wever, who by their build give promis making good jockeys are, as they turn manhood, cursed with the tendency lay on flesh, but having once taste iffed at the profits of a jockey's life ill not give it up without a struggle withstanding the warning of the To these the life is one of great ery, almost torture, from training vn, interspersed, no doubt, with per of gayety which are almost if no te as dangerous to health as thos ing which the poor fellow has to de nance in sweating off the effects indiscretions. Probably no crimina shom hard labor is meted out as ishment undergoes such labor ch a low diet as the jockey who is sting himself so as to scale with an ner lucky fellow whose nature run to fat. In the hottest weather h es on clothes and takes sharp walks labors hard, and the more he sweats en comes the puzzle. After the lab ere is appetite; after the sweating tere is thirst—but the food must be ctly limited, and the drink must 1 r naught. The privation is horrible aining for condition is bad er nd it has made many a good fellow row athleticism to the dogs, but train g for weight is a far greater infliction here are so many pounds to be got o so many days or weeks in which t it. By physic, by sweating, by ha or and by starvation it has got to

ne, and that in a certain time. As an instance of continuous self-deial there are few positions which will ompare with that of a jockey when he working himself down to scale n in ordinary condition hardly varie weight from day to day, whatever h may eat or drink, and many men leading tirly irregular lives keep their weight lmost without change for months, and en years. It is not so, however, when aining has brought down the weigh below its natural level. Under such imstances every cell in the bod ns hungry and athirst, and moister sucked up as by blotting paper, sock and trainers are wont to tell strang of the weight laid on as the m alt of small indiscretions in diet, and i gravely stated that a pint of sto ibed by a thirsty waster is computed out on three or four pounds! se, such things cannot be, and the ws of nature are not altered, even for keys; nevertheless, it is certain that n trained down to a certain pitch excess of fluid over a minum ch has been attained is not excrete goes entirely to the tissues, and thus increase of weight. It's unnec y to point out how injurious to th it must be to play such pranks the constitution over and over Health depends largely up atenance of a due and orderly re

on between the assimilative and the retory functions, relations which are ntirely perverted in the life of the jock At one period he derives his nur ent from food like the rest of m ind; at other times, and for long subsists largely upon his own tie lany break down under the strain, eitl r in consequence of fluids drunk be sufficient to enable the excretory ans to perform their functions proper or from the starvation telling rvous system before it effects their esh, while others throw off the effort other than continue this miserable sys m of starvation which is involved eping the scales on the right side. -A any Journal. San Francisco, Jan. 19.—Califor

lost many valuable trotting stall the past ten years, and now is ab lose Guy Wilkes, sire of Fred Mood, lazel Wilkes, Sable Wilkes, Vilkes, and many other Grand Circui erformers. He is to be shipped en the course of a few days to public auction.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 18.—The boys' wing f Buckner's orphans' home, in the sub rbs of Dallas, was burned on Saturds norning. Five boys perished and of others were injured. The ilding and contents were utterly

San Francisco, Jan. 18.-Mrs. W ond and Charles Dillard nond and Charles Inlight who o were allered to bave eloped fi nolulu, are here. Both deny ment. Mrs. Dimond says she e to secure evidence against he ad for use in her divorce case.

ACCEPTACE CALLES British Columbia.

VANCOUVER. His Honor Judge Bole gave judgment e case of Lilloott Fraser River and oo Gold Fields Company vs. Ayl-Richey. He refused to dissolve the injunction granted in the cause ning the defendant from selling, or otherwise disposing of a mineral claim known as the Hasituate in the Lillooet district. He gave judgment for \$354 in the case oug et al. vs. Hesson & Irving, laintiffs being loggers who had against a boom of logs. carrant was issued for the arrest

uth, aged 19, charged with seduc-The girl in the case is only 15, sidering the facts, their parents ted to their being married, and a my immediately took place, the made husband being then given se of the eanners who have not yet

sed of their packs are somewhat hensive regarding prices in Engwhich now average twenty shiland sixpence per case. They say to obtain a reasonable profit they ild receive twenty-two shillings. The ces have ranged this year as high twenty-four shillings, but at that time season was young and no large sales re made. The canners also state that present advance offers for the expectbig pack of 1897 only reach about hillings and sixpence a case, a price which there are no sellers. The canhowever, have good hopes that as lemand for their articles is continuincreasing they may by holding on ttle longer obtain higher prices. he case of Johnston, one of the Haian exiles, against the Canadianstralian Steamship Company, has withdrawn, and it is reported that ase of Mueller may be settled on same basis as the Cranstoun case, by paying the plaintiff \$1000.

members of the Law Association bound themselves by resolution not make application for the position of solicitor under the present notice, absent members will be notified. he annual election of officers of the eld last night. Mr. George Bartrer: W. Brand, statistician. the case of the Bank of Montreal. Major & Eldridge, which has creiderable interest in the city, Justice McColl submitted five quess to the jury, which were answered

s given accordingly.

ROSSLAND. Rossland, Jan. 14.—The Trilby and to-day ordered of the Ingersoll is an anomaly in this camp for the on that its capital stock is only \$75

ive foot shaft. ore body opened up by a drift from gold. tunnel commenced on the Snowshoe tinues to widen. The whole face is in ore, and only one wall, the ging, is in sight. Three average ounces in silver, \$2 in gold and 12

cent copper. This is pay ore. (Rossland Miner.)

The Cliff began to haul ore to the cars ickle Plate siding. The dump of the Iron Mask in Centre ments in a short time.

stope looks well. strike of quartz full of visible rich streak, at first only eight s wide, was full two and a-half across yesterday. The gold can y and attracted considerable at-Manager Warner said yesterhe had taken out a little over two of the ore. What it will run it is tain railroad for shipment to the Neison

eck mine. yesterday that he expected the will not be increased, as there is sufficient would arrive in a few days, ent ore on the dump, and what is taken

the bin will be speedily erected, out in the course of development is bin will have a capacity of 100 quite sufficient to keep the teams haulof ore, therefore, when the bin is ing for a long time. on the part of both the mine railroad the shipments will be in trainloads at a time. It will

ething of a sight when a whole ad of ore goes out from a single land, Jan. 15 .- The strike on the to improve. A Miner reprevisited the property, to-day of the ledges to be about fifteen e with ore all through. One of the hanging wall is two feet. The presenters of the property of the same and the large of the same and the large of the same and the large of the

Cristo on the north and is owned by a Montreal syndicate represented by J. F. Wardner, has two splendid showings of ore. The main tunnel shows two feet SANDON.

The main tunnel shows two feet sandal specific forms of the present of this mine will commence shortly.

Messrs. Dunsmuir at Union and the rail- get \$100,000 for the remaining third. road has made a very low rate on it. A special from Spokane states that a big row will occur at the meeting of the, War Eagle shareholders, which is to take place in Spokane on the 20th inst. It is stated there that the price at which the mine has been sold to the Gooderhams is less than \$850,000, that commissions of \$125,000 will be paid to agents who negotiated the sale, and that consequently the shareholders will only

ceive from \$1.40 to \$1.45 per share for their holdings. The stock has been selling here for \$1.60 and \$175 per share, and is even now selling in Rossland for \$1.57. An effort will be made to upset the sale, a two-thirds vote of the shareholders being necessary to confirm it. It is thought, however, that the directors who negotiated the sale have control of over two-thirds of the stock and will therefore be able to confirm-their action and turn the mine over to the Gooder-

ham syndicate. Rossland Miner.

The I.X.L. is to be a producer and a Jan. 2.—A grand concert was given in shipper at once. John S. Baker, the the public hall on New Year's Eve, the principal owner of the mine, took some ore from the new vein to Tacoma with the Tacoma smelter. The totals of the lengthy one and was well rendered, the rer cent copper. The other values were \$52 in gold, another \$22 in gold.

days ago that F. Aug. Heinze had sold tinger; two dialogues by the Bitancourt had some foundation of truth in it; at ancourt. Afterwards refreshments were least there are circumstances which served and later the company compoint to some sort of a deal between menced dancing, which was kept up conver Trades and Labor Council Mr. Heinze and the Canadian Pacific until the small hours of the morning, railroad people. It is known that Mr. of the World, was elected president; Heinze left Trall suddenly last Sunday McDonald, vice-president; Walter afternoon on horseback for Waneta, burn re-elected secretary; J. Lloyd that a locomotive met him there and took him to Spokane Sunday night, and that he left on the first train next

morning for New York. Manager Warner of the O.K. is not the ore body showing visible gold opened favor of the plaintiffs, and judgment in the upper workings of the mine last week. He said yesterday that he had already blocked out what he believed to be about 300 tons. This body of ore is 30 feet one way, 25 feet another and ossiand, Jan. 1. over five feet thick. This would make crown Point, owned by a Toronto 300 tons, allowing 12 cubic feet to the cate, represented here by John Mc- ton. The visible gold was first found in, the well known railroad con- in the stope near the surface above the No. 11 level. An opening was made to t Drill Company of Montreal four the surface and now the vein is being air compressors, a hoist pump and stripped, the quartz showing much oxier for immediate delivery. Both the dization and being richly colored with perties are showing up good bodies of copper stains. There is a thin deposit ander development. The Triby com- of soil over the vein and this is easily removed. The gold is found all the way across the five feet of quartz. It \$1 shares. The mines could not be is idle to guess at the possibilities of aght for less than \$100,000.

The Rossland Miner has just received fers to make no venture in this direcetter from W. E. Estep, of Spokane, tion beyond saying the find is wondershington managing director of the fully rich. It has been decided to treat Alto Company, announcing that the ore in the O.K. mill instead of team pump and hoist will be ordered sending it off to the Great Forks smeltonce for that mine. The Palo Alto ing works. It will be ground up in the principally held in Victo- new automatic sampler-the same kind A good body of pay ore has been used at the Trail smelting works-and nd for the last forty feet in the eigh- reduced to a proper mesh, then treated by amalgamation. Manager Warner e showing on the Southern Belle, on says he can handle 1000 lbs. a day in Mountain, which belongs to the Big this manner, and that in this way he company, continues to improve. thinks he can save practically all the

A group of five, claims at Waterloo, were last week bonded to London parples to-day gave average returns of ties. They are undeveloped prospects, but the showing is good and encouraging assays have been obtained from the neighboring claims.

A half interest in the Venus group at the Red Mountain railroad yester- Waterloo has been bonded by L. C. The loading is being done at the Crawford to an English syndicate for \$10,000.

On the Yale a shaft was sunk 60 feet gulch is filling up rapidly and it on the vein, no walls appearing on eithis as though the mine would resume er side. At the 55-foot level a crosscut was commenced, which has broken he Josie people are stoping in the into a fine body of almost solid ore. chute at the east end of the mine. Col. S. M. Wharton on Saturday received a letter from J. M. Harris, of Sandon, his partner in the Reco, stating n the O. K. grows in magnitude. that within a week he expected to send forward eight carloads of ore to the These, he estimates, Globe smelter. would net \$35,000 over all expenses. It be seen all through the ore. Some was proposed to carry \$5000 to the ree ore was on exhibition in the window of The Miner office yes- dividend. About March 1st the Reco company expect to distribute \$100,000. On Sunday two teams started hauling ore from the Cliff mine to the Red Moun-

ossible to say, but it is certainly the smelter. These teams will be kept busy est discovery ever made in a Trail for some time, until perhaps arrange ments are made to ship more. The Red The framework of the tramway lead- Mountain railway, in connection with from the Le Roi mine down to the the Fort Sheppard and Nelson road, give ck of the Red Mountain railroad, on a through rate to Nelson, so that bulk south side of the Le Roi hill, would is not broken, and Cliff ore running reompleted, but owing to the non-ar- markably high in copper, a very advantof the necessary timber, the con- ageous smelter rate is given at Nelson, tion of the hig ore bin at the foot where that particular grade of ore is tramway has been delayed. Cap- highly desirable. There is a force of sev-Hall, superintendent of the Le Roi; en men engaged on the Cliff, but this

can supply enough to load five Work on the California closed before When things are properly system. The New Year, and it cannot be said the California is very hard, among the hardest of the camp, and Superintendent Williams states that work has been suspended on account of the slow progress made by hand, and that the company had decided it is a few forms of the slow progress. The content of the slow progress is a majority of four; councillors C. C. Cameron, John Bogstrom, T. when it will resume again, The rock on had decided to lay off the men until machinery was procured. This was under consideration of the company. The machinery is not expected yet, for though some ground was levelled off for a site

of shipping ore on the face, and the shaft shows one foot of clean solid chal-copyrite in the bottom. Shipments from the Ruth mine near here to George Alexander, of Nelson, who negotiated A special to the Miner from Trail the sale of the other two-thirds some states that the C.P.R. has made arrangements to supply both the Nelson and two-thirds interest was sold was on the Trail smelters with coke, beginning June basis of \$250,000 for the property, so

GRAND PORKS. Word has been recieved here that the Olive Gold Mining Company will commence work on the Volcanic property about March 1st. It is reported that there are some good graphite claims up the North Fork.

If this is correct these properties will ina short time come to the front, as the genuine graphite is a most valuable mineral and always has a realy market. W. Jensen, of Victoria, who is extensively interested in that city, has been visiting our town for the last few days. During Mr. Jensen's short stay he purchased a few North Fork properties and will likely invest more in the near future He expresses his opinion that a considerable amount of coast capital will find its way to this section in the early spring.

NORTH SALT SPRING ISLAND Vesuvius Bay, Salt Spring Island, Jan. 2.—A grand concert was given in

proceeds being for the benefit of the hall. The night was very fine and him the last itme he was here and suited the occasion, a large crowd behad three tests made by the assayer of ing present. The programme was a three assays were \$67.05, \$84.66, and chairman being Rev. E. F. Wilson of the \$20.34. One sample went 261/2 per cent Island. Those who took part were as copper and another went 171/2 per cent follows: Songs by Messrs, J. Landencopper, and the third went nearly three way, J Welsh, H. Wood, A. R. Bitancourt, Miss Mary Bitancourt. Mr. and in gold and silver. One assay showed Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Cotsford and Mrs. McRadden, Mrs A. R. Bitancourt, The report circulated in Trail a few Mr. and Mrs. Landenway, Mr. C. Potsmelting plant there seems to have family, a recitation by Mr. A. R. Bit-

> and everybody went home happy. There has been started a prospectors course. Everybody seems to be looking for gold and so carrying their pockets full of rocks (or specimens).

The mail contract for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mail from the wharf to the postoffice has been awarded to yet able to say what is the extent of Mr. F. J. Bitancourt for a term of

WIDWAY.

Midway Advance. On the Cornucopia claim in Central camp, Mr. John Douglas has put more men to work, and has now two shifts steadily engaged in development. Iron stain was encountered on the outcrop and this was followed down, and at a depth of twenty feet the shaft disclosed ledge six feet in width, which is heavily impregnated with iron pyrites. The is expected a good body of mineral will soon be reached. A gentleman recently purchased an

\$1,750, and after holding it about three months has bonded the interest to a good firm for \$6,000. This gives an idea of some of the advantages of mining specuations, and shows what a good field Boundary Creek is in which to profitably invest at the present time. As an instance of the rapid appreciation of that the first property three-eighths of the claim in which this one-eighth interest was held, was bonded to a syndicate at the rate of about \$20, 000 for the claim, the second half was onded at the rate of \$36,000, and the last portion, the interest herein referred to, at the rate of \$48,000 for the claim. All these transactions took place within

the space of three months. Twenty men are at work on the different properties in Fairview camp held by the Victoria syndicate, represented here by Messrs. Dier and Davidson. A few days ago Messrs. McBride and Powers disposed of their claim, the Winchester to Mr. Dier.

The Mother Lode, in Deadwood camp. was bonded by Messrs. Schofield, Mc-Cormick, McCuaig and Richie, the owners, to Mr. John Weir, of New York, in June last the bonding consideration eing \$14,000. Ten per cent. of this was paid down and a few days ago the secand payment of \$4,800 became due, which is now paid. Since the inception of the bond a good deal of work has been done on the claim, which is being developed by the driving of a tunnel, which is now into the mountain for over a hundred feet and which is designed to crosscut the ledge. It is stated that the tunnel for the last sixty feet has been all in ore, and up to the present time no second wall has been met with.

DUNCAN'S. The polling for the contested seat of in the following vote being cast: Duncan, 28; Elias Castley, 25.

NEW WESTMINSTER

days, was dead. Enquiry by telephone at Chillwack, elicited the information that Mr. Kitchen had had a very bad turn, but, at latest accounts, was considerably improved.

following are to hand: Burnaby—Reeve,
N. C. Schou, re-elected by acclamation;
councillors, Cridland, Stride, Cliff Ledger and Sprott. Chilliwack—Reeve, T.
E. Kitchen, re-elected by a majority of 11 votes over T. C. Higginson; councillors, Lickman, L. Reeve, George, Mar. Hookway, John Keary and Wm. Figg.

OUESNELLE FORKS Work on the dam of the Golden Quesfound the ledges to be about fifteen some ground was levelled off for a site some ground was levelled off for a site some time ago, no work is doing about the place of any of the workings. It was stated some time no that the Calling and the assays average about \$25 and the percentage of copper is formia would likely engage power from the Le Roi plant on the Black Bear ground to curry on work in the main tunnel at least, and probably some of the Golden Questing the Company is progressing steadily. All men applying, so far, have been given work. The camp is well arranged and the men are comfortable. The was stated some time ago no work in the main the Le Roi plant on the Black Bear ground to curry on work in the main tunnel at least, and probably some of about 200 men in this vicinity who

It is reported that Mr. Pierson, of Victoria, has his arrangements about completed to begin work on the ditch to bring in water to some of the claims along the right hand bank of the North Fork, going up from the Forks. The claims controlled by the company mentioned are known to be highly valuable and it is to be hoped that the season of The coke is to be made by the it is altogether likely that the McVays 107 will see water turned on some of the ground. It is also reported that work on the dam across the North Fork will soon be resumed.

A discoverer of quartz on the South Fork near the end of the Cariboo Hy draulic Company's ground is arousing considerable interest. There is a large ledge distinctly traceable on both sides road. of the Fork and three locations have so far been made. It is a rusty, ironstained quartz filled with sulphurets, gold, silver and lead.

LILLOOKT B. C. Mining Journal. The Snowshoe group of mines, New-

ell, Helmore, Sparrow, Brett Brothers, Marshall, etc., owners, are under bond and it is expected the sale will shortly Within the past three weeks ten more

claims have been staked over behind the Ample mine, toward Seaton lake, also ten or twelve claims from which promising specimens have been brought down have been located. The Alpha Bell group, which was sold

by Messrs. Smith and Lasher, has begun operations and the indications are that a large amount of work will be done next season.

Some quartz claims have been located and recorded within the past few days on Tyaxion creek, a tributary of Bridge

The Forty Thieves Company, owning the locations sold by Messrs. Marshall, Williams and Phair and known as the Blue lead, represented by a Mr. Skinner, of Toronto, will spend \$1000 on the group in prospecting, at an early date. If satisfactory returns are made, development work will be undertaken on a large scale. There is said to be a true fissure vein of quartz of good grade on

the property. The crown grant to the Ample and Whale are the first issued in this dis-

More than fifty claims have been lo cated in this section in all within the past three weeks, and nearly all on snowshoes.

> VERNON. (Vernon News.)

Quite a ripple of excitement spread through the city on Tuesday when it Mining Company, had sent up some very rich specimens of rock from one of their claims on Okanagan lake. Mr. Thomas Lambley, who is one of the members of the company, and has been working in the camp for the past three or four weeks, came up that day on the steamer shaft is being sunk on the footwall, and Aberdeen and brought with him the so promising are present indications, it specimens above mentioned. The ledge from which it is taken is a solid mass of ore, about three feet wide, with perfectly defined walls, and though it had eighth, interest in a mineral claim for only been sunk on to the depth of about eight feet, it looks as rich as might be expected from a much lower level. The rock carries gold and silver and is particularly rich in copper. The average assays so far obtained from this claim

go \$56.32 per ton in these metals. The Bon Diable Mining Co. have a force of men steadily at work and are now down about thirty feet on the and well in place. Recent samples of rock from this mine brought into the city appear to be well mineralized, and the owners anticipate a rich return from their rock as soon as they are in a position to make a shipment.

We learn that an important mining deal has recently been consummated at Fairview whereby the Stemwinder claim formerly owned by Messrs. Sheehan and Gwatkin has changed hands. Mr. Rhodes, representing a syndicate of coast capitalists, was the purchaser and it is stated that a large force of men will at once be put to work to develop this property. Mr. Sheehan was in the city this week, and though he preserves a good deal of reticence in speaking of the deal, we gather that the rice paid was about \$30,000. Everything points to a decided boom in Camp

Fairview this spring. W. J. Armstrong was elected mayor of Vernon and the new aldermen are: Frank McGowen, W. H. Lawrence, G. G. Henderson, H. C. Cooper and Ed. Goulet. Augustus Schubert is the new reeve of Spallumcheen municipality.

ASHCROFT.

B. C. Mining Journal, Messrs. E. Enders and E. Du Maurier, of Paris, France, went up to Barkerville this week, leaving Ashcroft by B. X. special. These gentlemen will remain in Cariboo for some months, and will give an exhaustive report to the French govcouncillor of Quamichan ward resulted ernment of this section as a mining country. They took in with them quite a large supply of appliances for carrying

on their work. At 9 o'clock on the night of the 11th An alarming rumor was current on of January thirty-four pioneers and Friday that Mr. T. E. Kitchen, M.P.P., guests sat down to a banquet at the who has been seriously ill for some Asheroft hotel. This was the regular of January thirty-four pioneers and annual meeting of the Yale-Lillooet Pioneer Society. This society has been in existence now for the past nine years. and no one is allowed membership unless he has been thirty or more years in the Municipal elections were held in the country. The president of the society, country districts on Thursday, and the Hon. C. F. Cornwall, presided, and at

amount of business transacted at this point. During the year there were received 6,633 4 tons of freight, and 2,163 tons forwarded, making a total of S. 796% tons handled at this station. The sale of tickets numbered 16,090. The sale, of tickets numbered 16,090. aggregate earnings of Ashcroft station must reach in the neighborhood of \$100,-000. The amount of gold shipped through this station only amounted to \$297,901.80 for the past year, but the mesent year will, with a doubt, go five times that amount easily.

Capt. John Irving, of Victoria, who is one of the parties interested in the steamer Charlotte, on the Fraser, returned on Saturday from a trip up the colonies by a blunder. We shall not lose Ireland no matter what blunder we shall make, but we can lose whatever confidence remains in Ireland in the justice of the imperial parliament."

Finnan Haddles and Glasgow Beef Ham at R. H. Jameson's, 38 Fort St.*

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Captain Irving informed us that the steamer would be taken out of the river for fear of an ice jam. A gang of men are now at work clearing off a from 30 to 40 feet in width. It is well place to land it. While at Soda Creek known that the country north of this he bought the old steamboat at Steamplace has many quartz ledges carrying bout Landing, and the remains of the one on Stuart lake, from Mr. Robert Mc-It is contemplated running as far up the Fraser next season as possi ble, and Captain Irving will take another trip up the country next year with a view of arranging for a complete system of river navigation into the Omineca country. This, if done, will add very naterially to the interest already being taken in that section, where there are known to be good mines, but the diffi culties and expense of freight has so far revented work on an extensive scale eing done, except in the case of the companies operating on Slate and Man-

POLITICAL DINNERS.

on creeks.

Liberal-Unionists Will Continue Their Existence as a Separate Section.

London, Jan. 16.-The Conservative papers announce that the Duke of Devonshire, who excited discontent in Torv quarters by giving a Liberal-Unionist nner on the evening of the opening of the last session, would not repeat the experiment. The Duke, however, will give his dinner party again on Monday vening. The Liberal-Unionists have no intention of allowing their existence as a separate section to be ignored by the untry or their present allies.

The allies of Earl Spencer, who nentioned as the successor of Lord Rosebery as Liberal leader in the ouse of Lords, will give a dinner to the Liberal peers. The Earl will preside at a meeting to be held on January 19 elect Lord Rosebery's successor.

THE RUBBER INDUSTRY.

People familiar with the conditions un-Ler say that there is reason to fear that the destruction of the trees producing became known that the Camp Hewitt, this precious substance is proceeding at a rate which may have disastrous consecuences in the near future. That the price of the raw gum has not advanced more rapidly than it has in the last few years is due, they say, not to an intelligent cultivation and multiplication of the rubber trees, but to the complete lack of foresight that characterizes the inhabitants of the South American for-The sudden vogue of the bicycle and the universal use of electricity have vastly increased the demand for rubber and so far the demand has been met without trouble, but the present chief source of supply is limited, and unless new ones are found or new methods are adopted, several industries may soon be seriously embarrassed. Rubber is a substance as seriously unique and as difficult to replace as is known to men. Forturntely, however, it is produced by more than one plant, and the utilization of them compare with the two found in the valley of the Amazon, but commercially important quantities of the gum come from each of a dozen plants growing in almost as many tropical lands. The Landophila, a climbing vine of Central Africa, seems to be the most likely of them all to take the place of the Brazilian trees if the latter are doomed o extinction.-New York Times.

MORLEY AT FORFAR.

Strongly Favors General Arbitration Treaty.

London, Jan. 16.—The Right Hon. John Morley, M.P., in a speech at Forfar, Scotland, praised the proposed Anglo-American arbitration treaty, which he said withdrew even the territorial claims from the tyrannical, capricious and baneful arbitrament of the sword. In strong terms he urged that it should be the urgent prayer of every wellwisher of mankind, that no mists should arise in the senate or elsewhere, to overcloud this new light on the horizon of the world of civilized men, or to hinder the consummation of the hopes and ar-

dent wishes of two great nations. "I agree with those," he continued, hope and believe that in the fruition of time, the force of a treaty like this, though only a temporary treaty, may be felt as an example and looked back upon by posterity as a realization of what we now call it-the great event of the nineteenth century. I have always regarded as the most splendid act of Gladstone's splendid career his connection with the Alabama negotiation. The farther we get away from that great transaction the more we see what a beneficent landmark it was in the history of civilization."

After the enthusiastic applause which followed his reference to the arbitration treaty, Mr. Morley turned his attention to the next session of parliament. He said:

"Ireland again fills the public eye, financial revelations beginning a controversy which is going to raise a discus sion concerning fundamental questions of taxation deeper than those questions which are of local importance only." After referring to Lord Castleton's speech at Cork, December 13, 1896, in which it was said that England lost the American colonies by a blunder, and that the "people of Cork might emulate the example set by the people of Boston on the occasion of the Boston ten party. Mr. Morley continued:

"It is true that we lost the American colonies by a blunder. We shall not

THE OUEEN'S SPEECH

Considerable Attention Has Been Given to the Question of Lish Taxation.

Forecast of What the Government Intends to do for Ireland.

London, Jan. 18 .- The Queen's speech at the opening of parliament will refer at considerable length, so it is understood to the Irish taxation agitation. A great deal of attention has been devoted to the subject. On January 5th the committee of the cabinet consulted Earl Cadogan, lord lieutenant of Ireland, and Mr. Gerald Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, on the subject and since then communications have been constant between the ministers. Leading Unionist members of both houses have been sounded as to the best course for the government to take. The final traft of the speech will be decided upon on Thursday, and will be signed by the Queen in council at Osborne House. Isle of Wight, the day after. The ministers who attend the Council will travel from Victoria station by special train and will cross to the Isle of Wight on one of the royal yachts. The accepted opinion in the ministerial circle is that if the subject of Irish financial reform be mentioned at all, it will be an indirect allusion in connection with the government's measure for the constitution of a board of agriculture in Ireland. This bill, which was fully prepared months ago, has been before the cabinet for revision, and is to be re-Cer which the world is supplied with rub- | drafted, a significant fact, suggesting some important changes in its provisions. The bill, besides creating the new Irish department, will empower the board to draw from the imperial exchequer a large annual sum in aid of Irish agriculture and cognate industries, such as the fisheries.

These proposals must fall so lament ably far short of what is demanded as to justify the Nationalist-Unionist coalition in treating them as a mere instalment. The exact line of opposition to the government to be adopted by the coalition, will not be fixed until after the debate on the address in reply to the Queen's speech has opened, when there will be a conference between the Nationalist leaders and the members representing the Irish landlord's interests. An interesting question for the government is how far the coalition will work together-whether they will limit their combined action to Irish finances or go further. Unionists like Col. Saunderson cannot be expected to abandon their hos ility to the old form of hor already it is known that the Irish Unionists who have hitherto opposed all bills introduced by the Nationalists, are ready o rally their opposition, and on some Ir sh questions to even take united action against the government. Among the oremost Unionist speakers who support the coalition will be Mr. Horace Plunkett, Col. Saunderson and Sir Edward Clarke. The latter holds a brief from the Irish landlord interests, which would likely get the main portion of what may accrue to Ireland when financial redress is granted.

WORSE THAN STRIKES.

Several of the Large Colorado Mines to be Shut Down.

Denver, Jan. 16.—A special to the Times from Leadville, Colo., says: The crisis in the troubles of Leadville has been reached, and a calamity far worse than the strike of the metallic miners has overtaken the camp. For the first time in fifteen years the immense pumps that have drained the hig mines on Carbonate hill, the wealthy centre of Leadville, have entirely been pulled out, while the pipe lines connecting with the pumps are to be removed at once. The Maid of Erin pumps had a capacity of 1300 gallons of water per minute, and depending upon them were nearly all the great mines of Carbonate hill, and these probably will fill up slowly, so that the down workings may not be reached by the rush of waters for a month or two. It is, however, only a question of time, and a month will undoubtedly find many mines idle as a result of the flood.

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