

TENNYSON'S NEW ODE TO THE QUEEN.

The following is the full text of the Tennyson's Ode to the Queen, which will be published at the end of the new edition of his poems:--

TO THE QUEEN.
O loyal to the Royal in thyself,
And loyal to thy land, as this to thee--
Bear witness, that remembrance day
When, unto us yet and forer worn, the Prince,

(Written for the Canadian Illustrated News.)

MINING OPERATIONS IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

A short time ago there appeared in the advertising columns of the London Times the prospectus of "The Newfoundland Mining Company (Limited)." The capital of this company is stated to be £100,000 in 10,000 shares of £10 each.

1870, 250 tons, valued at \$12,500. The mining staff employed during these years was a very small one.

COPPER MINE.

Our principal copper mine is that of Tilt Cove, a little south of Cape John, on the north-east coast. It was discovered in 1864 by Mr. Smith McKay. The value of geology in guiding to localities where mineral deposits may be discovered is strikingly exhibited in this case.

NOTRE DAME MINING COMPANY.

Another copper mine is worked at Burton's Pond, south of Tilt Cove, by the "Notre Dame Mining Company," but as yet the returns have not been remunerative. Last year a skilled mining engineer, Mr. Hugh R. Fletcher, of Toronto, was employed by the company to examine and report on their property.

GOLD.

As yet no gold has been found in Newfoundland, but geologists expect that the rocks of the southern portion of the island, the peninsula of Avalon, will prove to be the equivalents of the auriferous strata of Nova Scotia.

A METALLIFEROUS ZONE.

The geological survey which has been carried on for some years, under the able management of Alexander Murray, Esq., F.G.S., formerly one of Sir William Logan's assistants in Canada, has clearly established the existence of the Lauzon division of the Quebec group of rocks on an extensive scale, this being the great metalliferous zone of North America.

MARBLE.

Besides the metallic ores and the more valuable substances, the island abounds in other materials of great importance. Marbles of almost every shade of colour have been produced, from various parts of the coast, on both the eastern and western shores.

COAL.

There is a carboniferous region in the neighbourhood of St. George's Bay, where the existence of coal has been ascertained. The area of this coal field has not yet been carefully surveyed, but is known to be of considerable extent.

ROOFING SLATE.

One other material this island is destined to supply, in rich abundance,—I refer to roofing-slate—the value of which, as a covering for houses, America is learning by the dearly purchased experience of burned towns.

which in several localities possesses the quality of cleavage, fitting it for roofing houses. The best slate quarries yet opened are in Smith's Sound, and Random Island, Trinity Bay. The development here is very extensive, sufficient to supply half the continent of America, if duly worked;

Miscellaneous.

The death of Dr. Lushington was announced in a Swiss paper thus:—"Le Docteur Lushington a été condamné à mort d'après une décision de la cour d'Amiraute."

The following is the average of suicides in the four great cities of the world:—London, one in 175 deaths; Paris, one in 72; Vienna, one in 160; and New York, one in 712.

The Lord Mayor of London proposes to entertain the Mayors of every city and other corporate towns in England and Wales at a banquet at the Mansion House, to be held on Wednesday, the 26th inst.

One Captain Hughes, of South Australia, having the intent to do something beneficent, recently gave \$100,000 toward founding a university at Adelaide. The example has so far been contagious as to induce another peccunious captain to throw in his little mite of \$50,000.

The strike of the London gas-stokers has not altogether been unproductive of good. We learn that there is good reason to believe that at least one-half of the sentence passed on these strikers will be remitted, and that the Government will undertake to introduce a bill during the session amending and defining the law of conspiracy.

In a recent lecture Mr. Thomas Hughes expressed the opinion that trade unionism was, on the whole, a benefit to the nation, though he hoped to see the day when trade unions would have played their part, and become things of the past.

A vast field of urns and lacustrine habitations has just been discovered near Lussowa (Pösen), in the slope to the lake. The number of the urns is stated at 10,000 (?), containing decayed bones or ashes. The water has been let off the lake, and eighty ples have been found. The communication between habitations and the land seems to have been established by a bridge laid over a line of ples, connecting the main group with the shore of the lake.

A singular sale is shortly to take place in Paris—that of the collection of M. Heindreich, the late principal executioner of France, who died some weeks ago. Monsieur de Paris, with a true love of his business, had gathered together every imaginable picture relating to capital punishment—a ghastly array of gibbets, guillotines, crosses, &c.

Under the head "An Historical Parallel to Monte Christo," an extraordinary story has appeared in the Times of how six Communist prisoners escaped from the fortress of Port Louis, on the coast of Brittany. The statement is that the prisoners, by incessant labour for three months, contrived to slake shaft thirteen feet in depth, and then excavated a tunnel, by which they escaped on to the rocks at low water, having ascertained the times of the tides.

From London comes an interesting story of the intelligence and readiness displayed by a parrot, leading to the arrest and subsequent conviction of a burglar. The latter, who was nominally a baker, broke into the house of a Mr. Wyatt, and stole several articles, amongst them Mr. Wyatt's parrot "Sarah." The owner on discovering next morning the robbery of his house and the abduction of "Sarah" went forthwith to Mr. Jamrach's, the well-known dealer in wild and foreign animals, and mentioned the fact of his loss.

PROPOSED ENGLISH VOLUNTEER ARCTIC EXPEDITION.—

We understand, says the Court Journal, that a number of the leading members of the Royal Geographical Society, including Admiral Richards and others, who have for many years taken a deep interest in Polar exploration, have been negotiating with the owners of the whaler screw-steamer "Arctic" with the view of obtaining the use of her for some months during the approaching season. It is the intention of those who desire to charter the vessel to send with her an experienced representative to make scientific observations.