

THE EARL OF MAYO,

THE RIGHT HON. DERMOT ROBERT WYNDHAM BOURKE, Earl of Mayo, is eldest son of the sixth Earl, K.P., G.C.S.I., who from 1863 to 1872 was Governor-General of India, by the Hon. Blanche Julia, third daughter of George, first Lord Leconfield. He was born in 1851, and educated at Eton, whence he joined the 10th Hussars, afterwards changing into the Grenadier Guards. Upon the death of his father in 1872 he succeeded as sixth Earl.

A good sportsman all round, Lord Mayo has had more shooting than most men. Indeed, he seems to have penetrated the four quarters of the earth in pursuit of his favourite pastime. There are few better men to hounds than the subject of this sketch, but it has frequently happened that he has been abroad during the hunting season. However, he regularly hunted with the Kildares during the seasons 1879-80 and 1880-81, and was generally to be found in the first flight. Lord Mayo has published in book form an account of his travels and sporting adventures in Abyssinia. We hope, however, to have from his pen descriptions of his sport in other countries. His first shooting experience was in 1870, when with his father in India. Since then he has been in Abyssinia, twice in the Pyrenees, twice in America shooting in the Big Horn Mountains, in South West Africa, and again at the beginning of the present year in India rhinoceros shooting. While in the Pyrenees Lord Mayo alternated his sport between chamois shooting and trout fishing, and he considers chamois stalking and shooting by far the best sport that has come within his experience. In Sardinia he met with some capital shooting, but remained there only a short time. So attractive, however, was the country and the sport that he purposes paying a second visit to the island early in the New Year. It is not surprising that, having taken so wide a field for his sport, he does not care much for the shooting to be found at home. On his return from South-West Africa he read a paper to the Royal Geographical Society on the result of his travels in that country.

The sport which Lord Mayo had whilst in South-West Africa was ample and eventful. Towards the latter end of June, 1882, he landed from Her Majesty's ship Rambler in the province of Mossamedes, Angola, accompanied by his servant, Paul Kelly, and Mr. H. H. Johnston, for the purpose of having sport among the big game which is to be found here in plenty. In the course of the expedition to the River Cunéné Lord Mayo killed endless kinds of

birds, edible and otherwise; whilst the number of animals that fell to his gun was legion. He killed hyenas, koodoo, steinbuck, gnu, boar, hippo, zebras, giraffes, crocodiles, antelopes, and other animals too numerous, as may readily be imagined, to be mentioned here. Though eager to hunt elephants, Lord Mayo was unable to do so, as not having bushmen with him he could not make sure of tracking them. To many it will seem strange that the flesh of the giraffe is good for food, and that its fat is the best that can be obtained in the wilds of Africa. This, however, is the case, and the meat is said to resemble veal, whilst the soup which is made from it is excellent. We have this upon the authority of Lord Mayo, who after his return from South-West Africa published *in extenso* an account of his adventures.

NEXT WEEK WILL BE ISSUED A PORTRAIT OF THE
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HORSE SALES.

FIXTURES.

- Nov. 29.—Stud Sale by Messrs. Gottwaltz, Bowring, and Hughes at the Repository, Cardiff.
Nov. 29.—Bi-weekly Sale by Messrs. Freeman, at Aldridge's, St. Martin's-lane, W.C.
Nov. 29.—Weekly Sale by Mr. Tompkins at the Repository, Reading.
Nov. 29.—Sale of Hunters, Harness, and other Horses by Messrs. Wm. Hall, Wateridge, & Owen, at the Raven Hotel Yard, Shrewsbury.
Dec. 1.—Bi-weekly Sale of Hunters by Messrs. Tattersall at Albert Gate.
Dec. 2.—Weekly Sale by Messrs. Nicholson and Greaves, Horse Repository, Sheffield.
Dec. 2.—Weekly Sale by Messrs. Hepper and Sons at the Yorkshire Repository, Leeds.
Dec. 2.—Bi-weekly Sale by Mr. Rymill at the Repository, Barbican.
Dec. 3.—Bi-weekly Sale by Messrs. Freeman at Aldridge's.
Dec. 4.—Bi-weekly Sale of Hunters by Messrs. Tattersall at Albert Gate.
Dec. 4.—Sale of Hunters by Mr. Charles Hawkins at Downham Market, Norfolk.
Dec. 4.—Sale of Hunters by Mr. Wm. Baker at the Horse Emporium, Cheltenham.
Dec. 5.—Bi-weekly Sale by Mr. Rymill at the Repository, Barbican.
Dec. 5.—Sale of Hunters and Harness Horses by Messrs. Pedrick & Brice at Exeter.
Dec. 6.—Weekly Sale by Mr. Tompkins at the Repository, Reading.
Dec. 6.—Bi-weekly Sale by Messrs. Freeman at Aldridge's.
Dec. 6.—Weekly Sale by Messrs. Warner, Sheppard, & Wade at the Repository, Leicester.
Dec. 6.—Sale by Mr. Tompkins at the Repository, Reading.
Dec. 8.—Sale of Hunters, Harness Horses, Cobs, and Ponies by Mr. T. Hooper Deacon at the V. W. H. Repository, Swindon.
Dec. 12.—Special Sale of Hunters by Messrs. Freeman at Bittacy Farm, Mill Hill.
Dec. 15 (and two succeeding days).—Sale of Hunters, Harness Horses, Hacks, and Ponies by Mr. Walker at the Repository.

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On Saturday last Messrs. Warner, Sheppard, & Wade held their usual weekly sale at the Repository. There was a large attendance of buyers. Mr. O'Brien sold fifteen at an average of £105 10s.,