

THE VICEROY'S TOUR.

On arrival at Dibrugarh his Excellency the Viceroy will receive an address from the Assam Tea Planters. He will also visit the oil wells and the coal mines of the Assam Railway Trading Company. The arrival at Tezpur is to be a public one. The Viceregal party will be entertained at dinner by the Planters of the district. Mr. Cotton joins the party here on the return journey, and conducts them over the experimental rubber plantations, in which he takes so great an interest. A number of tea gardens will also be visited. On the morning of the 11th instant his Excellency and party will reach Gauhati and will leave by a special train from Gauhati Station, *viz* Lumding, to the rail-head of the Assam-Bengal Railway in the North Cachar hills. This will occupy two days, but the party will return in time for the official dinner on the yacht, to be given by the Chief Commissioner of Assam at Gauhati on the 12th March. On the 13th there will be a public Durbar from 10 to 12 a.m., at which his Excellency will receive addresses from the people of Assam. Altogether the tour is a very comprehensive one, which will acquaint his Excellency with the magnitude of the tea industry and the needs and the future possibilities of Assam. No visit to Shillong is contemplated on the present tour.