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THE NEW VITIFERS MINING COMPANY is in course of formation, with a capital of £12,000, in shares of £2 each, for the purpose of developing a valuable mineral property near the Old Birch Tor and Vitifer Mines on Dartmoor. The sett is very extensive, from 2000 to 3000 acres, and is held direct from the Duchy, at one-eighteenth royalty. The property is well situated, and there is an abundance of water-power at all seasons of the year. Six tin lodes have already been opened up, and proved to be most satisfactory: there are also three good cross-courses with the sett, and from 200 to 300 tons of tinstuff is now at surface ready for stamping. Messrs Barnard, Thomas, Tribe and Co., of Bristol, who have undertaken formation of the company, have satisfied themselves as to the position and prospects of the mine. They have employed Capt. Edwards, an independent mining surveyor, to inspect the mine, and his report is appended to the prospectus, Capts. Skewis and Trevarthen make certain suggestion for the future working of the mine, and consider that if these be vigorously carried out the mine may be brought into profitable working in six or eight months. No. 4 lode is from 7 to 8 feet wide, and, judging from samples already assayed, will leave large profits. Capt. Wm. Richards considers the property one of great value, and that it can be developed on a mere nominal outlay. It is mentioned that among the directors are gentlemen of known practical knowledge and experience, and that this, in connection with their large interest in the company, cannot fail to give confidence.