

Irish News.

ANTRIM.—The Ulster Constitutional Club of Belfast has resolved to wind up its affairs, owing to the inability to meet liabilities. The club was inaugurated during Lord Idlesleigh's visit to Belfast in 1883.

ARMAGH.—Mr. John McParland, of Armagh, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for County Armagh. Mr. McParland is a Catholic.

CAVAN.—On Oct. 1, the Endowed Schools Commissioners attended at Cavan for the purpose of taking evidence relative to the present working of the Royal School in that town. Lord Justice Fitzgibbon presided at the enquiry. Memorials were presented signed by 627 Protestants of every denomination in the county, protesting against the proposed discontinuance of the Royal School as a step calculated to deprive them of the advantages of the higher branches of classical education. All the evidence plainly showed that the day of the Royal Schools was fast passing. The Rev. H. Brady, President of St. Patrick's College, and the Rev. Brother Maguire, Principal of the Christian Schools, gave evidence of the good working of their respective institutions.

CLARE.—John McInerney, Joseph Kearney, and Thomas Halpin, the men charged with being concerned in the shooting of the farmer, Thomas Green, near Ennis, on Sept. 11, have been discharged from custody, there being no evidence against them to warrant their further detention.

CORK.—In the Dunmanway Union there will shortly be erected 188 labourers' cottages.

Sixty notices of ejectment have been served at Kilgrogan, County Cork, on the estates of Sir A. Blennerhasset, Mr. A. Blennerhasset and the Hon. Rowland Wynne.

At the Lismore Revision Sessions over a hundred tenant farmers from the polling districts of Tallow, Lismore, and Cappoquin, were struck off the list of voters, not having paid their rates.

An enthusiastic National League meeting was held on Sep. 26, at Kilbrittan, near Bandon, under the presidency of the Rev. William Murphy. A deputation consisting of Alderman Hooper and Mr. John O'Brien, M.P., attended from Cork, and addressed the meeting. Alderman Hooper, in the course of his speech, advised the tenants during the coming winter to take a manly stand, and promised that if evictions were attempted, he would be present to encourage and counsel the people.

DONEGAL.—At the Donegal Quarter Sessions on October 12, over 100 ejectments were entered for hearing. Decrees were granted in the cases of over 40 tenants on the island of Aranmore, though in consequence of the defendants being in England at the harvest, an application was made to stay proceedings.

DOWN.—A basket-maker named McAlinden, who lived near Newry, a short way up the Armagh road, on Sep. 30 fell from a tree and broke his neck. He was engaged in breaking branches to use as material for his baskets. He died instantly after the fall.

DUBLIN.—The Father Burke Memorial Church at Tallaght has been completed, and was solemnly consecrated on Sunday, Oct. 10, by Archbishop Walsh.

The fortnightly meeting of the National League was held in Dublin on Oct. 12, Mr. T. M. Healy presiding; and Messrs. Dillon, Bigger, MacDonald, Harris, M.P.'s being present. Mr. Harrington, M.P., drew the attention of officers of local branches to keep up constant communication with the head office during the coming winter, as there could be no doubt there would be a very large number of evictions this winter. Mr. Healy said he was extremely gratified to find that a large number of landlords had reduced the judicial rents, and that was a proof of the justice of the tenants' case, as stated in Parliament. The Royal Commission, which was to assemble next day (Oct. 13), had among its objects to collect evidence to make out a case for the suppression of the National League. In all probability the League would be suppressed, and in that event a great burden would be taken off the gentlemen at the head of its affairs. If the League were suppressed he wished the Government joy of the country. If a constitutional movement like this were broken up he told the people to take upon their own responsibility the defence of their homes. As to the Conservative scheme of Home Rule, it clearly bore the Birmingham brand upon it. The scheme would never satisfy the legitimate aspirations of the Irish people. Mr. Dillon characterised as tyrannical and brutal the action of the Woodford magistrates, who had refused to supply publicans' license, and he pledged himself that a record of the publicans who suffered would be kept, and when the Irish people got the taxation and licensing laws of the country, they would repay them every penny they had lost. Bigger and Mr. Macdonald also addressed the meeting.

FERMANAGH.—Mr. William Redmond in Enniskillen.—Mr. W. Redmond, M.P., accompanied by Mrs. Redmond, reached Enniskillen late on the night of Oct. 9. An immense crowd was waiting at the station to meet them. On reaching the Royal Hotel, Mr. Redmond addressed his old friends in Enniskillen, telling them that he believed they were to have another Coercion Act; but that he hoped it had as little terror for them as it had for him, and that having fought it before they would fight it again. During the week Mr. Redmond has been a close attendant in the Enniskillen revision court, where he has helped to checkmate some of the Tory tricks and dodges which Mr. J. W. Dane has been hopelessly trying on with the revising barrister.

GALWAY.—On the evening of Oct. 15, a large public meeting was held in the Galway Court House to express regret at the departure of the Most Rev. Dr. Carr, Bishop of Galway, for Australia. Many speeches were made and resolutions were passed:

At a recent meeting of the Galway Town Commissioners, Mr. T. O'Sullivan proposed the following resolution: "That the statue of Lord Dunkellin be removed from the square to some place more suitable to his character." On a division it was lost by a vote of 12 to 7.

J. E. Ellie, M. P. for Nottinghamshire, England, is in Carraroe to see with his own eyes, and personally inquire into the real facts of the case between the landlords and tenants in Woodford. He has visited several of the evicted holdings on the Lewis estate, and made inquiries into the particulars. He also prosecuted his inquiries on the Clanricarde estate. His sons, who accompanied him, took several photographic views of the place. At an early date he will communicate the results of his study on the spot of the Irish question, probably in the shape of an address to his constituents.

KERRY.—The Rev. Eugene Shee lectured in Tralee, on October 14, on "The Irish Cause."

The Constabulary made an important arrest on October 11, at Boherke, near Kiskeam, in the shape of a man known as Captain Moonlight, who is stated to be the leader of the Moonlighters at Cork, Clare, and Limerick, and identified with most of the County Limerick raids. He was conveyed to Limerick City for identification. Two more of his gang were arrested with him.

A young man named Leane was arrested on October 10, midway between Lyrecropane and Knocknacoshel, on a charge of cattle stealing on the previous night. The police came upon the party while they were in the act of shooting two bullocks, which were grazing on an evicted farm in the neighbourhood. All escaped, but Leane was identified. On the morning of October 11, a raid for arms was made at Oakpark, near Tralee, at the house of a man named Baker, a small farmer, by a disguised party of four men. Baker was away at Tralee Fair, and the raiders meeting Miss Baker ordered her to give up all the firearms in the house. She replying that they kept none, the party searched the house fruitlessly for hours and then departed. Information of the matter was immediately given to the police at Tralee, and they made a search in the locality with a view to the arrest of the perpetrators. This evening four young men from Tralee were arrested for alleged complicity in the affair, named Keefe, Callaghan, Sullivan, and Tuomey.

On October 9, Judge Curran opened the Kerry Quarter Session in the Kerry Court House. There were only three cases of ordinary crime on the calendar. The first case called was that of Thomas Connor, Daniel Clifford, and Mary Clifford, charged with wilfully and maliciously setting fire to a "rick" of turf, the property of one Timothy Reardon, at Ballyard, near Cahirciveen, on July 5 last. In addressing the jury, the Judge ordered them to bring in a verdict of guilty against the prisoners Connor and Clifford, and acquit Mrs. Clifford. This the jury refused to do, and after some exciting talk they were discharged, and the prisoners, with the exception of Mrs. Clifford, who was discharged, were remanded for the winter assizes, bail being refused. The next case was that of Cornelius Clifford and John Sullivan, who were charged, at Cahirciveen, of ill-treating on September 1 last, John Daly, a bailiff, and rescuing a horse and cart from him belonging to one John Sullivan, seized by Daly under a sheriff's warrant. After considerable evidence, the Judge, in addressing the jury, said:—"These men committed a gross violation of the law. In this case he should tell the jury they ought and must convict the prisoners. They had no other way out of it—they had no other alternative." After retiring for several times, the jury, however, could not agree, stating as a reason that from the evidence the prisoner Clifford was not guilty. The Judge made several vain efforts to induce them to change their opinion, but without success, and after some remarks of indignation at the conduct of the jury, discharged the prisoners on their agreement to pay the cost of the decree.

LIMERICK.—At the last meeting of the Limerick City Branch of the National League a discussion took place with reference to hunting. The Mayor, who presided, said that the masters of hounds should distinctly understand that if they allowed evicting landlords or their agents or understrappers to attend their meets the farmers would not permit hunting over their lands.

A Limerick telegram of September 30, states that within the past few days the constabulary in the South of Ireland have received special instructions from Dublin Castle with regard to the working and organization of the National League. The orders point to the Government having it under consideration to take some important step in the matter. In each district where a branch exists, the police are directed to obtain the details with regard to the *personnel*, the names of the officers of the branch, and other particulars.

MAYO.—Great preparations are being made in Achill to prevent the landlords seizing upon the crops, which are just ripe. The people seem determined to give the produce of the seed given them by a charitable public to their families, and not to the landlords. On the estate of Mr. Pike, where the sheriff is daily expected to attend to carry out a number of evictions at the suit of that landlord, seeing the terrible position to which they were reduced by the failure of their crops and the payment of an exorbitant rent last year, they are now loud in their protestations against a continuance of the payment of that rent this year.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.—On September 30, the Donaghmore Workhouse, situated about a mile from the Ballybrophy Station, was closed, and its inmates, about 50 in number, were equally distributed among Abbeyleix and Roscrea Unions. At the final meeting of the Board of Guardians, September 29, the Catholic and Protestant chaplains were unanimously voted half a year's salary each in lieu of not having received notice of the abolition of their respective offices. The Donaghmore Union was established during the famine years, with 16 other unions. It is rumored that the Union buildings will be used for an industrial school, for which purpose, it is stated, that Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, Bishop of Ossory, has put in a tender to the Local Government Board, in whom the building is vested.

BOSCOMMON.—Mr. J. J. O'Kelly, M.P., lectured in Boyle on October 11 before a large audience. His subject was "Russia."