

LONGFORD.—The Earl of Granard's tenants on December 4, refused a reduction of 15 per cent offered only to those who had not gone into the Land Courts, and refused to pay any rent at all unless at a reduction of 30 per cent on judicial and 40 per cent on old rents.

LOUTH.—At the meeting of the Dundalk Guardians on November 29, Mr. Nugent produced notices served upon him during the week of the intention of Mary McCann, Billinurd to evict Rose Wade from a house and premises in Ballinurd, and of the intention of Ellen Kirkland to evict Thomas King from a house in Defender's Row, Dundalk.

On November 30, Rev. George A. Taaffe, C.C., late of St. Mary's parish, Drogheda, and now of Enfield, Meath, was presented with a splendidly-wrought purse containing 180 sovereigns, and also with a fast-trotting pony and trap worth £100, by the parishioners of St. Mary's, in token of the respect and esteem in which he was held both as a priest, friend, and counselor, and as a souvenir on his departure from Drogheda. The presentation took place in the parochial house, South Quay, and was made by Patrick Mathews, J.P., and Thomas Mathews, J.P. An illuminated address was also presented.

MAYO.—A hurricane of unprecedented violence swept over Castlebar on the night of December 7, and during the whole of the morning and forenoon of the following day. The gale was accompanied by heavy and incessant rain and sleet. The damage caused in many localities is considerable, and many dwelling houses in the town received serious injury, especially the Imperial Hotel which was completely unroofed, the occupants narrowly escaping.

MONAGHAN.—The Marquis of Bath's tenants, at a meeting in Carrickmacross on December 6, resolved to give no more than 15 years' purchase for their holdings, which the Marquis is anxious to sell to them.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.—On the night of November 30, a destructive fire took place in the haggard of a farmer named Lalor, near Coolahill. A rick of his hay, about 50 tons of straw, and a quantity of unthreshed corn were entirely consumed. His loss is estimated at £200. The fire is supposed to have been accidental, as men were employed thatching the same day.

At the meeting of the Abbeyleix Guardians on November 30, Relieving Officer Ryan handed in the following notices of eviction:—Richard Colbeck, Ballacolla, against John McGrath, Park; William Cannon and Anne Cannon, Rathmines, against John Cannon, for possession of dwelling house and premises situated at the Square Rathdowney; Joseph H. Kennedy and Richard Kennedy, against James Farrell, for possession of a house and premises in the town of Rathdowney; Penelope Palmer against Richard Sheeran, for possession of part of the lands of Ballybuggy, in the parish of Rathdowney.

ROSCOMMON.—Doon and Cloonfree Branch of the National League during the month of November added 100 names to their muster roll, and have now over 300 members in good standing on their books, nearly the entire male adult population of the parish.

At a late Petty Sessions at Strokestown the widow Hunt, of Cloonfree, a feeble old woman of seventy-five summers, was sent to prison for the fifth time for retaking possession of her small farm. She had been ruthlessly evicted from this blighted patch at the hands of a local squireen named Mahon, and each time the poor old woman entered her cabin this thief had her summoned before the Justice Shallows of Strokestown, and summarily conveyed to goal. There can be no grabber found in the entire community to take the feeble old woman's land. The example set by the brave old woman tottering on the brink of the grave is one worthy of the people who have been actors in the now famous land-war around Strokestown. The name of the widow Hunt has become a household word within several miles of the neighbourhood of Strokestown.

SLIGO.—On November 29, a large public demonstration was held at Ballinacrad. Large contingents headed by bands attended from all the neighbouring districts, and the people, many of whom had been in contact with the police at the proclaimed meetings in Ballymote and Kiverstown on the previous Sunday, displayed the utmost enthusiasm. Mr. O Kelly, M.P., who was accompanied by Mr. Jasper Tully, was received with loud cheering on driving up on an outside car. A couple of policemen from the neighboring police station attended and took notes of the speeches.

TIPPERARY.—A terrific gale began in Tipperary on the morning of December 8, and continued with unabated fury during the entire day. The destruction to property was considerable. Scarcely a person was seen on the streets during the day, and so great was the storm the shutters had to be put up to almost every shop in town. Trees were uprooted in large numbers in Greenane, Keverboro', Cordangan and elsewhere, and outhouses in bad condition belonging to farmers were unroofed. Slates were put flying like hailstones off the new military and constabulary barracks. There is scarce a shop in town on which damage has not been done. At Cairr the ridge tiles were blown off most of the houses, and several were wholly unroofed. Part of the constabulary barracks was blown down, and a constable who was in a bedroom had a very narrow escape, for tons of stone and brick fell near him.

TYRONE.—Strabane Provincial Bank was robbed of £2,000 in notes on December 3, during the temporary absence of the manager.

The crowbar brigade began their work in South Tyrone on November 20, along the bleak hill sides of Lurganbuoy, near Ballygawley, by the eviction of an aged man named Peter Murphy, together with a little niece who resided with him. The unfortunate man had a farm of some 27 acres on the estate of Lady Verner which had been handed down to him through a long ancestral lineage. The rent some thirty years ago was about £9, but after Murphy had expended much capital in erecting a neat farm house, and after improving the land very considerably, the landlord raised the rent by £4 10s. Such a burden soon proved an impossible task to discharge, and hence he ran into arrears, in consequence of which an ejectment process was served upon him. The advent of the evictors was

heralded by the blowing of horns and many other popular manifestations of displeasure, and a vast crowd collected on the scene. On entering the house the bailiffs found Murphy, a man of some 80 years, feebly inclining over the fire, whilst the little girl who resided with him was in a terribly excited state. The bailiffs had to carry the old man outside. Then the house appurtenances were rudely removed, and amongst the debris a spectator discovered a rather curious manuscript, bearing date 12th May, 1844, and which purported to be a letter then appointing Murphy as a "Repeal Warden." This fact, added to the circumstances that the old man had a few months since hazarded himself very much by going for some four or five days to Anghnacloy Sessions to have his vote registered, while he was in a precarious state of health, strengthened the sympathy of the popular party very much. All the furniture accommodations having been rid out, the door was locked by the bailiffs. It was not without difficulty that peace was preserved. Several other evictions are reported to be about to take place, and the district is in a rather excited state.

WATERFORD.—Waterford Corporation at their monthly meeting on December 1, unanimously re-elected Alderman Power as Mayor for the ensuing year. He promised that he would accept no jubilee honours from the Queen. The names of Thomas Sexton, M.P.; John Dillon, and Henry Grainger were sent to the Castle for the Sheriff to be chosen from.

The 19th anniversary of the execution of the Manchester Martyrs, Allen, Larkin, and O'Brien, was commemorated in Waterford on November 23. The Thomas Meagher Brass and Fife and Drum bands and the Ferrybank, accompanied by about 500 torch bearers, formed at the end of the Manor and marched through Parnell st., followed by at least 5,000 persons. On arriving opposite the City Hall the Mayor briefly addressed them from the window of the reading room of the National and Literary Club. They then proceeded around the Quay, up Thomas st., through Morgan st., Ballybricken; Patrick st., Michael st., John st., and Waterside, where they dispersed. About a half-hour later the Amateur Brass Band paraded the same streets, accompanied by another large torch-light procession and a very orderly crowd. From the windows of St. Patrick's Hall, Morrison's Road, was suspended a large banner bearing on one side, "In Memory of Allen, Larkin, and O'Brien," and on the other, "Ireland Mourns Her Martyred Sons," which was overhung by a number of torches.

WESTMEATH.—A few days ago the tenants upon the Ring estate were called to pay their rent. Mr. Darley, of Darley and Roe, solicitors, attended as agent. When the tenants were getting notice of the rent collection, Kelly, an evicted tenant, was noticed to attend. He duly attended, and walked into the presence of the great man with his hat on. Unused to such manhood, Mr. Darley gruffly required, "Was not Kelly aware that it was the custom for a tenant to remove his hat when he appeared in the office?" Kelly manfully replied, "That such might be the custom of others, but was not his. His would not be lifted for any one, save a priest."

WEXFORD.—On November 5 a small fishing boat belonging to a man named Duggan was caught out in a gale of wind in the South Bay. The sea in less than twenty minutes rose fearfully high, and nothing could be seen but white foam, and the people at Kosslare thought several times the boat was gone, as she disappeared sometimes for more than five minutes. Duggan, who is a hardy fellow, knew that his only chance was to run for Rosslare harbour; to face Wexford bar would be sure death. After shipping a good deal of water he reached the pier, where he was met by John Byrne, the overseer of the works, who by signals showed him where to come, and in a short time Duggan and his little boat rode in safety in the shelter of the pier. Another Wexford fishing-boat, belonging to Mr. Bell, was caught out in the same gale and had to make to the same harbour for safety.

WICKLOW.—On November 9 Richard Fenton, a middleman, holding from the Earl of Wicklow, evicted Patrick Hore, an under-tenant of his, from his holding at Knocknaminion, near Donard, for non-payment of rent. Hore held 5½ acres of land at a rent fixed by agreement under the Land Act at £14 10s per annum. The valuation of the holding is £1, and the old rent paid up to a few years ago £17 3s 9d. On the land is a woollen factory worked by Hore which is valued at £10 a year. The poor man has a family of eight, including himself and his wife; the ages of the children ranged between 16 and 5 years. There were three years' rent due, and last June a writ was served. Hore offered to pay two years' rent and the remainder after the harvest. The middleman refused.

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How is it that whilst the consumption of tea is increasing rapidly, that of coffee is decreasing? Ceylon is one of the homes of the coffee trade. In the year ending September, 1870, it exported 1,019,000 cwt. of coffee; in the year similarly ending in 1880 it sent out 669,000 cwt. only; and in the year ending with September last it exported 223,000 cwt. only, not a quarter of the quantity seventeen years ago. In the same time the exports of tea from Ceylon were only 1,700 lb. in the year ending in September, 1877; but now about 7,000,000 lb. are sent out. This is the experience of Ceylon, a nation producing the three articles of beverage, tea, coffee, and cocoa.

At Louvain Professor Lamy has just issued to subscribers the second volume of his sumptuous edition of the inelected works of St. Ephrem, the great Syriac doctor (S. Ephraemi Syri Hymni et Sermones). The volume contains hymns and sermons on the Nativity, Our Blessed Lady, the Miracles and Resurrection of Our Lord, Lent, etc., besides commentaries on several prophets. Another Louvain savant, the veteran Professor Felix Néve, has issued at the same time a most instructive and valuable book on the Christian literature of Armenia (L'Armenie Chretienne et sa Literature, Peeters), of a most interesting character to the Church historian, as well as to the student of Oriental learning. It is perhaps not generally known that M. Néve is as eminent an Armenian scholar as he is a Sankritist.