

which covered No. 2 Hill, Killiney, the property of Mr. Chippendale Higgins. The fire extended for a quarter of a mile along the Killiney and uppermost side, and almost an equal distance along the bottom. Word having been sent to the police stations of Dalkey and Kingstown, detachments of the F Division arrived in an astonishingly short space of time, and, assisted by scores of volunteers, set to work and cut a laneway through the firs and brushwood on the Victoria Hill and Dalkey Hill-sides, with the object of saving these places from destruction. It was thought for some time that nothing could save the plantation between Vico and Greenroad, but some fifty fires were lighted along the latter road, when the flames met, and were spent about midway. The police tore trees literally up by the roots, and were ably assisted by a willing public.

**FERMANAGH.**—W. Redmond, M.P., recently brought up in Parliament the case of a post office official, Creswell, at Eniskillen, who turned up in Orange regalia at an Orange meeting, and joined in insulting the Catholic and National people. Postmaster-General Raikes promised to make inquiries into the matter.

**GALWAY.**—A policeman named Patrick Joy, who has for the past few months been stationed in Boffin Island, has resigned in consequence of the disagreeable duties which the constabulary will now be obliged to perform.

Fully 4,000 people attended at Kilreecle on July 3, to witness a series of friendly hurling matches. Kilreecle and Kiltormer played a very tough game, neither side scoring until just before the call of time, when Kilreecle put on a desperate spurt and managed to secure a goal. Killoran took a goal from Kiltulla in the first five minutes, and Mullagh beat Killeenadeema by a goal and a point to a point. A strong force of police was on the ground.

The oat crop, as the farmers observe, "had not covered the ground when drought set in," which means that the crop was not grown enough to prevent the drought playing upon the soil, and on this account this crop had suffered most severely. All the other crops, however, have done well. The potato, especially, promises well. Generally speaking, a dry, warm season best agrees with this crop, and it hardly ever suffers from protracted drought. There is a larger area under it this year than for some time past in this part, and there will be a bountiful supply. The crop presents everywhere a most healthy appearance. On the whole the prospect cannot be referred to as anything but hopeful.

On July 11, the Bishop of Galway, Dr. M'Cormack, made a formal visit to the Galway Presentation Convent, and the occasion was availed of for a delightful *fete*. His lordship was received by the Rev. Mother and Mother Assistant, and, preceded by a miniature band and guard of honour selected from the boys of the infant school, was conducted to a chair of state covered with cloth of gold, at the end of the spacious schoolroom. The room was elegantly decorated with flowers, beautiful banners, and appropriate mottoes. A large concourse of the clergy and laity had assembled in response to the kind invitations of the nuns. The Children of Mary presented his lordship with an address. His lordship, in his own happy, practical, telling manner, replied. The address was elegantly illuminated and enclosed in a massive gilt frame. The children then went through a very varied and select programme of vocal and instrumental music, and acquitted themselves most creditably, as was to be expected from a school that has earned such a name for musical training and that has supplied organists and singers to all the local choirs.

**KERRY.**—There are now 679 constables on duty in this County, of whom 350 are extra police.

Compensation claims to the number of 13 and to the amount of £178 were awarded by the County Grand Jury on July 12.

The crops have suffered considerably on account of the excessive heat and drought. Wheat is the most flourishing crop. Green cereals have fared badly, especially the potatoes, which the farmers complain of as being very small in size and not equal in quantity to the yield of former years. Barley and oats are ruined for want of rain. Hay has suffered in some places, but on the whole is good.

On July 11 Thomas Goodman, with three bailiffs, escorted by about twenty police, proceeded from Tralee to Cahercullinagh, a remote district in the parish of Ballymacelligott, and seized six cows from Philip Sugrue, in satisfaction of a decree, granted in the year 1885, for £24, a year's rent due, and for non-payment of which he was evicted in the year '84. The landlord is Major Chute, Ballymullen.

At the Kerry Assizes on July 15 Jeremiah Sullivan was charged with being one of the Moonlighting party who attacked the house of Mr. O'Halloran at Killoclin, near Listowel, on March 12, when an encounter took place between the police and the Moonlighters. The evidence of the police was that the prisoner was captured on the spot with his coat turned and having a gun beside him. He was acquitted, as was also David Doran, a farmer, charged with discharging a gun at a crowd of bailiffs on the occasion of his being evicted from his holding near Kenmare.

On the night of July 10 a party of five Moonlighters, disguised, went to the house of a farmer named O'Sullivan, at Oyster Hall, near Tralee, and were about to carry off a gun when the police arrived. Three of the men, named Denis Whelan, Michael Whelan, and Michael Brien, were arrested and the police found three guns. On the night of July 12, Moonlighters attacked the house of Henry Knight, near Castleisland. Some police on patrol duty turned up at the time and a conflict took place between them and the Moonlighters, and about a dozen shots were interchanged, though no one was injured. Two men were subsequently arrested on suspicion.

At the meeting of the Killarney Guardians on July 13 the following notices of eviction were handed in by the relieving officers:—Isabella Busted vs. Daniel Abern and Eugene Abern, of Inchicummer, Killeentierna, and John Keefe, Bawnaglana; Richard Meredith, landlord, vs. Cornelius Burke, Ranalough; Michael and John McAuliffe and Michael Barry, Dicksgrove; Major Oliver Stokes, landlord, vs. Maurice Flynn and Jeremiah Flynn, Milltown; Richard Walsh, Cornelius and Michael Cronin and John Cronin, Milltown; Denis Beardon and James Daly, James Hanaffin and Timothy Foley;

Sir R. Blennerhassett, landlord, vs. Timothy Connor, Ellen Foley John Foley, and Mary Mangan, of Meenus.

**KILDARE.**—The long-continued drought will have a very injurious effect in this County. The Curragh is almost bleached except in a few places, which serve as oases to the wearied sheep, whose owners claim a right to "graze" the common, and should the present heat and drought continue the result to the crops will be most deplorable. The potatoes are the only cereals that will not be injuriously affected, but even these have been nipped in the growth, and indicate they will be of small size. Oats are remarkably backward. Barley looks well, but the supply of wheat is extremely limited.

**KING'S COUNTY.**—A bog at Ballywilliam, near Birr, part of the Bog of Allen, was destroyed by fire on July 11. It was alleged that it arose from a tallow wad from one of the rifles of the military who were practising at their range igniting the dry heath. A large number of the 24th Regiment (South Wales Borderers) and depot turned out with their officers and helped to extinguish the flames. Rain providentially fell in the afternoon and materially assisted their efforts. It is understood that Government will indemnify the sufferers. Another part of the same bog, near Tullamore, was also burned up after a two day's conflagration. A bog at Redwood, near Birr, on the estate of Mr. Trench, has also been partially burned, but the tenants turned out and worked hard to save it and succeeded in a measure.

The Catholics of the united Parishes of Banagher and Cloghan have presented an address of congratulation to Very Rev. Dr. Monahan, P.P., V.G., on his elevation to the Vicar-Generalship of the diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. Dr. Monahan has been for six years parish priest of Banagher and Cloghan, and during that time he has done many services to those parishes in the improvement of their churches and schools, and in his endeavours to bring within the reach of the poorest the benefits of the best possible primary education. While devoting ceaseless energy to his parochial duties he was also silently plodding through the old manuscripts and tomes dealing with the past history of the diocese, and laboriously preparing for publication "The Records of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise." For this work Dr. Monahan has the gratitude of a wider circle than that represented by the signatories to the address, for there is no lover of the history and antiquities of Ireland, no student of her ancient institutions and organisations, who will not thank him for his endeavours to elucidate and set into their proper order such interesting historical documents as those embodied in the volume named.

**LETTRIM.**—The members of the Kinlough Branch, I. N. L., assembled at Tullaghan on June 29 for the purpose of erecting a wooden hut near the farm formerly occupied by Widow McGowan, an evicted tenant on the estate of Captain Barton. The site for the house was kindly given by Henry Brennan, Cliffoney, on his farm at Tullaghan.

**LIMERICK.**—James Spaight, J.P., who has often unsuccessfully wooed the electors of Limerick City, is to be knighted in honour of the Jubilee.

**LOUTH.**—The cereal crop is in a much better condition than might be anticipated. While the straw is very short both as regards oats and barley the crop is thick in the ground and the ears full, and with a few days' rain oats and barley would turn out a good average crop. But root crops—turnips, mangle, cabbages—are all in an extremely bad way. The potato crop is extremely backward, the tubers being very small, and only a limited supply as yet appearing in market. As for meadow land the oldest inhabitant cannot recall a similar state of things. The land seems literally baked brown.

**MONAGHAN.**—The inhabitants of Smithsboro' some time since applied by memorial to the Secretary of the General Post-Office, Dublin, requesting him to have the Post-office in that town created a telegraph office, and offering to guarantee the sum of £30 for the purpose, and also to defray the cost of working for one year, the telegraph service to be withdrawn at the expiration of that time if it were found that it did not pay the Post-Office to maintain it. The Secretary refused to accede to this request by insisting that a seven years' guarantee should be given. Smithsboro' is a provincial town of considerable trading importance, and is situated on the main line of railway between Clones and Belfast. The Post-office is only 25 perches distant from the railway station, by which several telegraph lines pass, and consequently the cost of extension would be but trifling.

**QUEEN'S COUNTY.**—There were only two trivial cases for trial at the County Assizes which opened in Maryborough on July 9, and Baron Dowse congratulated the Grand Jurors on the peaceful condition of the County.

**TIPPERARY.**—Grand Jurors were congratulated at the opening of the Assizes on July 12 by Judge Harrison on the peaceable and satisfactory condition of the County.

A hurling tournament was held on the grounds of the Sarsfield Hurling Club, Ballyboy, on July 3. Glenbrida beat Hollyford by 3 points to nil. A very exciting match between Kilcommon and Inch ended with Inch victors by 3 goals and 3 forfeit points to 2 goals and 4 points. Ballyboy proved too strong for Toor, winning by 1 goal and 4 points to 2 points.

An inquiry was held at Cashel on July 12 into a scheme under the Labourers' Acts for the erection of 71 houses and for the purchase of 10. This is the third scheme promoted by the Guardians for the housing of labourers in the Union. An inquiry under the same Act was held on July 13 at Clogheen Workhouse into a scheme proposed by the Guardians for the erection of 130 labourers' cottages and the repair of four existing cottages.

The pig market in Tipperary is ordinarily held in the streets of the town and not on the fair green. At the last meeting of the Town Commissioners some complaint was made of the obstruction and a communication was sent from the Town Clerk to District-Inspector Shoveller, asking that the police should keep the centre of the streets clear and so facilitate traffic on market days. At the usual market on