

Irish News.

ANTRIM.—Hay will not be more than half a crop, and the turnips will be almost a failure in any but the richest and best soil. The potato crop has not sustained much damage through the heat and want of rain, the roots being able to put up with a great deal of drought. Not much wheat sown in this County, but what there is gives promise of a good average result. Flax has suffered seriously from unbroken dryness.

On July 14 a serious disturbance occurred in Durham street, Belfast, owing to gross provocation given by several young men who showed Orange emblems defiantly in the Nationalist district. Two opposing crowds assembled and stones were thrown furiously. Several revolver shots were also fired, but owing to the prompt action of the police authorities, who almost swarmed the place with their men, a serious riot was prevented.

The twelfth of July was celebrated by the Orangemen of Belfast in the usual noisy fashion of drum beating and yells. At ten o'clock in the morning a procession, headed by Rev. R. R. Kane, Grand Master, passed up the Antrim road. It numbered 5,000 Orangemen and half as many straggling sympathisers, principally females. The vicinity of the Circus was crowded with spectators, and there were great throngs of people in York street, Royal Avenue, Donegal Place, Wellington Place, Great Victoria street, and, indeed, all along to the Botanic Gardens, in which a meeting was held. Strong bodies of police were posted along the route at those places considered dangerous, and the mounted constabulary were brought into active requisition here and there armed with long batons which hung from their sling belts side by side with their sabres. The local magistrates were on duty also at various points, and Town-Inspector Cameron and District-Inspector Gibbons superintended matters on horseback. The conduct of the processionists was simply outrageous. They did everything that lay in their power to provoke riot and an attack from Nationalists who were hemmed inside streets by bodies of police. The Nationalists neither groaned nor hooted and were in their positions as ordinary spectators, but the Orangemen nevertheless halted now and again on their march to shout defiance and give the drum a more determined rattle, and in both Royal Avenue and Donegal Place the true blue rowdies discharged revolver shots. The police arrangements were, however, a little too many for their ruffianism, and all their efforts failed to provoke the desired row.

ARMAGH.—The twelfth of July was celebrated by an Orange demonstration in Lurgan in which all the lodges of Armagh, Down, and Tyrone took part. The proceedings as compared with former years were very tame, and the decorations throughout the town were of a most meagre character.

On Sunday, July 10, a number of Orangemen from Portadown proceeded to Drumoree Church, near the town, and marched through the Catholic quarter of the town protected by the police. During the service a portion of the congregation came out and indulged in a wanton and cowardly attack on the orchard of a Catholic farmer named Patrick O'Connor; and he was subsequently attacked by the mob and severely injured.

On July 10 a public demonstration was held at Killeavy for the purpose of protesting against the Coercion Act of the present Tory Ministry and taking counsel with the other branches throughout South Armagh as to the best means of meeting the administration of an Act which is intended to destroy the liberties of the Irish people. The meeting had been specially convened by the Killeavy branch of the Irish National League. Deputations from the neighbouring parishes attended, and the meeting was both large and enthusiastic; indeed it would compare favourably with some of those witnessed in the North during the Land League times.

CARLOW.—Extreme heat is seriously jeopardising harvest prospects in this County.

The Local Government Board has sanctioned the loan required to carry into execution the Improvement Schemes authorised under the Carlow Union Labourers' Order, 1886. The following is the amount of loan for which each division of the Union will be liable:—Arless, £645; Bagenalstown, £486; Ballon, £216; Ballyellin, £108; Ballyleahane, £96; Ballymoon, £564.

CAVAN.—Kingscourt monthly fair was held on July 5. There was a fair supply of stock and a good attendance of buyers, but the continued dry weather and want of grass had its effect on the buying, and the business was dull, young cattle being very difficult to sell.

CLARE.—There is no grass on the light surface land of this County; it is all burned, and the farmers are driven to the alternative of grazing their meadows or let the cattle starve. The effect will be a very short hay crop, and it is estimated that for winter feeding it will be up to £5 a ton. The hay is now cut and saved in one day, without even making it into trusses. Potatoes will neither be a uniformly good crop, nor equal to that of the last two years in quantity or quality.

The Town Commissioners of Ennis, who comprise eight Conservatives and four Nationalist members, have received a mandate from the Clare Grand Jury in the shape of a resolution proposed by R. Stacpoole, J.P., and seconded by R. Reeves, D.L., to eject the local branch of the National League from the Town Hall, where their meetings have been held since the formation of the branch nearly four years ago, and in the event of this behest being disregarded the solicitor to the Grand Jury is empowered to take proceedings to recover possession of the building from the Town Commissioners. It is generally understood that the Commissioners will carry out the resolution.

CORK.—The emigration from Queenstown for week ended July 10 was 575; in the corresponding week of last year, 417.

The football championship of the County was won by Lee Lis-club on July 10, they beating the last team left in to meet gold, by two points to one.

The Recorder of Cork gave judgment on July 12 in the case of O'Keefe, tenant; Sir Joseph N. McKenna, landlord, reducing the tenant's rent from £82 13s to £59 5s.

Cahirree great horse fair was held on July 12 and 13, and was a reflex of the general condition of Ireland, being but a shadow of its former self. Many French and Belgian officers attended on the look out for army mounts.

Farming operations were resumed on the Kingston estate on July 11 and activity in clearing the lands was everywhere observable. The evictions are expected to commence immediately. The threatened victims are prepared to offer stern resistance.

Several evictions were carried out on July 12 on an estate near Youghal, close to the Ponsonby property. The tenants had adopted the Plan of Campaign. The first eviction was effected without resistance. Another tenant named Bransfield barricaded his house with trunks of trees, but an entrance was obtained through the walls by means of crowbars.

At Fermoy a labourer residing in Pound Lane owed his landlord thirteen shillings for rent. A decree was obtained for the amount and lodged in the hands of a local bailiff, who watched the wife of the labourer upon her going to purchase food for her family, and following her seized her purchases, consisting of seven pence worth of bread, and a quarter of a pound of tea, three pounds of sugar, and a pound and a quarter of meat, and the poor woman had to return empty-handed to her children.

On July 14, just immediately over the railway terminus and near the spot where an occurrence of a similar kind took place recently, about 60 feet long and about four feet in width of the road overlooking the railway station fell down over the incline and on to the extension works underneath, situated on the lower Whitepoint road. A large portion of the wall built on the broken road also gave way, carrying with it some of the main gaspipe leading to and supplying the houses situated on the lower and upper Whitepoint road.

Wherever meadows have been cut they are so light as scarcely to be worth the cost of cutting and saving. The prospect of oat growers is very gloomy, not alone from the bad crops this season but from the fact that the corn merchants have been unable to dispose of last season's stock up to the present, and unless something unforeseen occurs oats are not expected to open at more than 6s to 6s a barrel this season. Barley is rather a better crop than oats, but it is not up to the average of other years, while wheat is scarcely grown at all. The return of butter, too, has greatly fallen off. Potatoes are looking well, but sadly need moisture, and in some places are not making progress, but they are expected to be the best crop of the year.

On July 12 a heavy seizure was made on the lands of Lyree, near Marroom. The landlord, Mr. Blennerhasset, has a number of joint tenants on the lands and for some time past negotiations for an abatement have been going on between the tenants and the agents, which had the appearance of a satisfactory termination. This appearance was strengthened by the fact of the visit on two or three occasions of some persons representing themselves as from the agent, and that they came on the lands for the purpose of having a valuation of the lands made. Those statements, of course, eased the tenants' minds, and on July 12 they came to the Macroom fair, and in their absence the "valuators" came on the lands and removed about 40 head of cattle from the property of several tenants and placed them in Mill-street pound. The tenants deny having been served in any way for rent save and except the usual letter of application from the agent.

DERRY.—Crops in this County are likely to be a failure, owing to the long-continued heat and drought.

On July 12, at Coleraine, as a party of Orangemen were leaving by train, a quarrel took place on the railway platform between two men, one of whom, named O'Neill, received fatal injuries. His assailant has been arrested.

On July 6 an occurrence which will mark an important epoch in the industrial history of Derry took place when the two first steamers constructed in the Foyle ship-yard were successfully launched. Both vessels were built by Charles Bigger, and the launching of them may be said to have practically commenced the ship-building industry in Derry.

DONEGAL.—The excessive heat and drought of the past month has had an injurious effect on the crops in this County.

A meeting of the parish priests of the diocese of Raphoe was held on July 13 at Letterkenny, to nominate a successor to Most Rev. Dr. Logue, recently elevated to the Primacy of Armagh. The result of the voting was—Very Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Rector Dunboynne Establishment, 14; Very Rev. Hugh M'Fadden, P.P., V.G., Donegal, 4; Rev. Charles M'Glynn, Dungloe, 2.

An application has been made to the authorities for military and police to assist in carrying out a series of evictions on the estate of Captain Hill at Gweedore. In addition to the execution of 60 ejections, opportunity will be taken to execute 37 warrants in cases in which tenants have been reinstated as caretakers. In these instances the houses will be pulled down and final possession taken over by the agent on behalf of the landlord.

DOWN.—The hay crop in this County has been almost all gathered in. Yield is fully one-half less than that of last year. Pasture lands are completely burned up, and the cattle are very badly off for want of water. Wheat promises to be a fair crop. Oats look middling, and in some instances have suffered from the scorching weather. Potatoes look splendid, and if the tubers turn out well a good crop may be looked forward to.

DUBLIN.—The Orangemen of Dublin celebrated the 12th of July by a demonstration in the Rotundo, at which the usual tall talk and Kentish fire were indulged in.

A new evening paper has been started in Dublin by the proprietors of the *Irish Times*. It is called the *Evening News*, is one penny, and Tory in politics.

On the night of July 10, one of the greatest fires which have occurred in the suburbs of Dublin for many years took place at Killiney, and reduced to ashes the beautiful fir and furze plantation