

Irish News.

ANTRIM.—During the recent dry weather, when the Lake of Loughmore, which is situated some distance from Carrickfergus, was bare on account of the water having been run off to supply Belfast, a splendid specimen of a canoe was found embedded in the mud. It is evidently hollowed out of a solid oak trunk, and is 15 feet long by 4 feet in width, with square stern. The blocks for the rowlock pins, the portion at the side to which the seats were fastened, and the rest for the feet of the rower form portion of the solid trunk. This is the second complete canoe which has been found in Loughmore since it was taken possession of by the Belfast Water Commissioners, portions of several other canoes of different descriptions having also been found. Judging from these relics and the presence of cranogues, or ancient lake dwellings, the construction of which require considerable labour, also the number of flint and stone implements of all descriptions which have turned up, it would appear that a great many persons had their abodes about the shore and on the lake in ancient times.

CAVAN.—At the fortnightly meeting of the Sherlock branch of the League, it having been suggested that the terrors of the Coercion Act might diminish the attendance at future meetings, it was resolved "That any member of this committee absenting himself from two consecutive meetings of this branch without sufficient cause will be struck off the committee."

CLARE.—In carrying out some excavations on July 23 at Killmore, near Knock, on the estate of Mr. Hickam the workmen came on what is believed to be a silver mine, the vein running quite close to the surface. Quantities of the ore found were given to F. W. G. Hickam, J.P., who has forwarded specimens for analysis.

Clare Landlords' Defence Union have issued notices stating that they are now prepared to afford aid to any person suffering from boycotting, intimidation, or the effects of illegal combination and that the co-operation of all Clare is earnestly desired. So far the sought-for assistance has not been forthcoming and the Defence Union is almost bankrupt. The offices of the Union are at Church street, Ennis.

CORK.—On July 24 at Shanbally a hurling match was played between the Shanbally and Aghada teams. For a time it was very close, but eventually Shanbally won by 2 goals and 6 points to 2 goals.

At Cork Police Office on July 25, David Lynch, an Emergency-man who refused to work at the Dingle evictions was charged with assaulting Martin Beattie, the secretary of the Cork Defence Union, who he alleged refused to pay him wages due to him. Lynch was ordered to find securities to keep the peace or else go to gaol for a month.

On July 24, J. Lawlor, the Irish champion, whose coming match with Casey of Brooklyn, the American champion, excites such interest, tackled two men, M. Walsh and J. Ahern, at Middleton. Some time after the commencement of the play it was announced that the Middleton men were 4 full games and 14 aces on the 5th game and that Lawlor was 2 games. At this stage of the proceedings Lawlor got his hand in and seemed to be inspired with double vigour as he, without giving his opponents a single ace, finished the five games and was declared the winner.

DERRY.—St. Columb's Catholic Temperance Society held its annual excursion on July 26. Over 2,000 excursionists, all total abstainers, principally of the tradesmen and labouring class, proceeded by special steamers to Moville and Greencastle, on Lough Foyle. So much interest was taken in the event that six steamers were required to take down the excursionists.

Derry Assizes opened on July 20. Justice Murray, addressing the Grand Jurors, said the bills to go before them were few in number—only twelve in all—eleven for offences committed within the County and City of Derry, and one for an offence committed on the high seas, on board a vessel that was coming into port. The cases were of the ordinary kind that might be expected in so large and populous a community as inhabited the City and County of Derry, and none of them called for any observation.

A general meeting of the three ward branches of the I.N.L. of Derry was held in the rooms, William street, on July 21. There was an unusually large attendance of members. The following resolutions were passed unanimously, and with enthusiasm:—"Resolved, 'That we pledge ourselves to give a more active support to the National organisation, believing it is the bounden duty of every Irishman to do so at the present crisis.' " "That we pledge ourselves not to flinch from our present position nor shirk whatever responsibility may be incurred in carrying out foregoing resolution." "That we call upon every Nationalist in the city and surrounding districts (who has not already done so) to join the League as a protest against unjust and infamous coercion legislation."

DONEGAL.—At the Tyrone Assizes on July 22, a jury tried a case in which the Ulster Bank (Limited) were plaintiffs and Robert L. Moore, High Sheriff for County Donegal, defendant. This was a remitted action brought to recover the sum of £300 for loss and damages sustained through the alleged negligence of the defendant in not executing at a proper time a decree obtained by the Letterkenny branch of the Ulster Bank (Limited) against David Wallace, Letterkenny. The jury gave a verdict for £90 damages.

At Donegal Assizes on July 18, Patrick Gallagher, Knockfolla, an Irish-speaking peasant, was indicted for taking forcible possession of a house and farm in Gweedore district from which he had been evicted. The jury could not agree and were discharged. Hugh McBride on a similar charge was found guilty with a recommendation to mercy, and Gallagher was put on trial a second time and found guilty. John Sweeney, Anthony Gallagher, and Shane McFadden, a very old man who spoke Irish only, were also found

guilty. Father McFadden pleaded guilty for Catherine Gallagher and Bridget Doogan, who could not speak English. All the prisoners were let out on their own recognisances to come up later for judgment.

DOWN.—During a melee between civilians and soldiers in the Square, Warrenpoint, Constable Thomas Carrahan, while arresting one of the combatants, dropped dead from heart disease caused by the excitement.

On July 25, a convention of delegates from the different National League Branches in South Down, South Armagh, and Newry, was held in the National Hall, Castle street, for the purpose of giving expression to the determination of the people to combat the recently enacted Coercion Act, and meet its administration with courage and determination. The meeting was very large and representative, nearly all the branches of the National League in South Down and South Armagh being represented, and, judging from the earnestness and determination of the delegates, the Jubilee Coercion Act shall have very little terms from the men of this part of Ulster. Amongst the clergy present were:—Rev. Dr. McConville, C.O., Newry; Rev. F. Donnellan, P.P., Dromintee; Rev. J. Carlin, C.O., Newry; Rev. J. Rooney, C.O., do; Rev. F. McGuinness, C.O., do; Rev. J. O'Reilly, C.O., Warrenpoint; Rev. Peter M'Avoy, the Rectory, Irish College, Salamanca. Delegates attended from Newtownhamilton, Baramoen, Armagh, Poyntzpass, Killeavy, Killoow, Burren, Warrenpoint, Killowen, Mountmorris, Blackwaterwoun, Belleek, Carrickbracken, Loughgilly, Camlough, Cullyhanna, Ballyvarley, Dromintee, Grinan, Mullabaun, Young Ireland Society, Newry; Mayo Bridge, and Lower Fathom.

DUBLIN.—On July 26, Private Crouch, of the 4th Dragoon Guards, while riding in the Phoenix Park fell from his horse and was killed upon the spot.

The first ties of the Intercounty Hurling and Football Championship were played on July 20, at Elm Park, Merrion. The following were the counties and the teams which represented them:—Wexford, Castlebridge Hurling Team; Galway, Meelick Hurling Club; Louth, Dundalk Young Ireland Society F. C.; Waterford, Ballyduff Lower F. C.; Limerick, Commercial F. C.; Meath, Dowdstown F. C. The Limerick Commercial, in charge of P. Treacy (captain), and the Ballyduff men, in charge of Tom Nolan (captain), on arrival at Kingsbridge received an enthusiastic welcome from a couple of thousand Metropolitan Gaels (which included the greater part of the C. J. Kickbams) and the Emmets (coal-porters) Fife and Drum Band, which played them to the Provincial Hotel. The Castlebridge (Wexford) men, who were accompanied by Father Wall, President, E. Walsh Chairman County Wexford Executive G.A.A., and N. Kehoe, Hon. Sec., received a splendid reception on arrival at Harcourt street, by a large crowd, who escorted them to Elm Park. The play created great excitement, but passed off without a hitch. In the football matches Dundalk Young Ireland Society beat Ballyduff Lower by a goal and 8 points to 3 points, and Limerick Commercial beat Dowdstown (Meath) by 3 goals and 3 points to 2 goals. Wexford, represented by Castlebridge, made a brave but futile struggle at hurling against Galway, whose champion team, Meelick, won by 2 goals and a disputed goal and 6 points to a goal for Castlebridge.

GALWAY.—Four families were evicted at Milltown on July 20, on the property of P. J. B. Daly, solicitor, Ballinrobe. The victims were Michael Flattery with ten in family (evicted the fourth time, and sent twice to Galway prison for refusing to submit to the sentence of death), Michael Connelly, four in family; Michael Turner and wife, and Martin Keely, a poor, harmless lunatic, who is living on out-door relief.

Galwaymen the world over will be gratified by the following announcement from the *Tuam Western News* and *Weekly Examiner* of July 30:—Probably since the Gaelic Athletic Association was first started, no event has created such wide-spread interest as the great match played on last Sunday between the Meelick hurling team (the Gaelic champions of Galway), and the Castlebridge hurling team (the Gaelic champions of Wexford). From the report in the *Freeman's Journal* on Monday the public would be led to believe that it was an *extempore* business on the part of the Wexford men altogether. But such could not be the case, for on the 14th of July Mr. Dixon, Hon. Sec., County Wexford G. A. Association, wrote to Mr. O'Reilly, of Dublin, to say since there were no football champions in Galway, that the Shilmalliers, the champion hurlers of the County Wexford, would take up Galway and meet them at Elm Park on Sunday, the 24th. Galway and Wexford met as arranged, and those who were present, which could not be less than ten thousand people, can tell the rest. The result was for Galway two goals, a disputed goal, eight points, three forfeits; against one goal for Wexford. It was clear to be seen from the beginning that the men who did battle for the honour of old Galway would again clear the way, as their ancestors did of yore, and resuscitate the ancient and honoured title of Galway, *Faugh a Ballagh*. One incident of the day's proceedings will speak for itself, how the Galwaymen earned for themselves the kindly and practical sympathy of one whose patronage cannot be too highly valued. Lord Ffrench, when he heard of the great victory for Galway, and the difficulties under which they were achieved, at once directed Mr. Balfe, his steward, to go to the Midland Hotel and hand from him £3 to treat the team, and also £2 to be given to one of the men who had two of his teeth knocked out by a blow of a hurl from a Wexford man. The Galwaymen throughout showed nothing but manly forbearance and cool decision, and every order of the Captain, from the time they left Ballinasloe on Saturday, until their return on Monday, was observed with strict attention. The whole district round Meelick and Kilmore was ablaze with bonfires on Monday night, as rejoicings for the victory of the Meelick team. Galway Gaelic champions—J. Staunton, J. Foley, Pat Madden, J. Coulahan, M. Mannion, P. Cullen, M. Cosgrove, P. Mannion, P. Larkin, J. Horan, J. Kelly, W. Madden, J. Hanly, J. Ryder, M. Quinn, J. Cosgrove, J. Lawry, P. Haverty, O. Griffin, A.