

Irish News.

ANTRIM.— Monsignor Persico on August 8, accompanied by the Most Rev. Dr. MacAlister, bishop of the diocese, and Mgr. Persico's private secretary, Father Gualdi, visited a number of religious and other institutions in Belfast. He first visited the Earl street schools, from which he drove to the Convent of Mercy, Crumlin, where he made an inspection of the National Schools, and was presented with an address from the children. He was also received at Ardoyne by the Passionist Fathers, and at a later hour he drove to St. Patrick's Industrial School, Milton; was very highly pleased with the work being carried on there, and in replying to an address from the boys expressed a hope that very soon many such institutions might be in the country. The convent of the Sisters of *Bon Secour* was visited, and afterwards in succession the Christian Brothers' Schools and the schools at the Convent of Mercy, Sussex Place. In the evening a large number of the priests of the diocese met Mgr. Persico at dinner at the Bishop's residence, Chichester Park.

On August 7, the annual excursion of the Belfast branch of the Irish National Foresters' Association took place, the party proceeding for their day's outing to Portrush. When Portrush was reached the Foresters were subjected to ruffianly attacks from Orange rowdies who had gathered from Coleraine and elsewhere. The police arrangements were wretched, and the excursionists were obliged to defend themselves as best they could from the brickbats and revolvers of their assailants. Several shots were fired, and it was alleged that in one instance a Forester discharged a shot. He was pointed out to the police, who took him into custody. None of the Orange party were interfered with by the police. On the homeward journey the trains were attacked at several stations along the way and long before they reached Belfast, the doors and windows had been completely shattered. The worst attacks were made at Ballymoney and Ballymena, particularly at the latter place, where a very large crowd of ruffians collected for the express purpose of firing at the excursionists. At both places shots were fired at the attacking mobs, and it is stated that a man at Ballymoney was wounded. At Ballymena a Protestant clergyman named Dowds was shot in the leg, and a boy in the employment of a Mr. Beattie also received a bullet. At Belfast the police arrangements were excellent; but, notwithstanding, as the excursionists drove through York street on cars, stones were thrown at them from the corners of Little George's street and Henry street. Nothing, however, of a serious nature occurred.

ARMAGH.—The tenants on the Ball estate in the townlands of Crossmaglen and Cullybanna, have been granted an abatement of 20 per cent. on non-judicial, and 15 per cent. on judicial rents. The tenants adopted the Plan of Campaign early this year on the trustees refusing to give them a reduction.

On the night of August 12, Patrick Gattlan was released from Armagh Gaol on bail. Gattlan has been tried three times—once for the murder and twice for the manslaughter of a young Orangeman named John Procter. The juries disagreed at all the trials, and it was under these circumstances that an application was made to and granted by the Court of Queen's Bench to have the prisoner admitted to bail. Party feeling in connection with the case has been very high, and the authorities considered it necessary to have a party of police on duty in the vicinity of the gaol when the prisoner was leaving. The prisoner was taken out privately by a back door. Had he come out by the front door he would probably have been lynched by the Orangemen. The bailsmen are George Loughran, Ballycrummy farmer, and James Mullan, Thomas street, Armagh, publican, both members of the Armagh branch of the National League.

CARLOW.—Carlow Lay College has been extended by the addition of a new wing, to form a separate school for young children. Bagnalstown Fair was held on August 8. The show of cattle was small, and buyers still fewer, the same causes operating on this fair that have so materially and injuriously affected so many others throughout the length and breadth of the country.

CAVAN.—The first meeting of the Clifferena branch of the League since the Jubilee Coercion Act, was held in the Parochial House on July 31, Luke Brady, V.P., in the chair. There was a full attendance of members, and a resolution was passed expressing their determination to carry out in their district the programme of the Irish National League, in spite of coercion.

CLARE.—According to the statement of Col. King-Harman, Under-Secretary for Ireland, in the House of Commons, the Bodyske evictions cost the civil authorities, £1,020 4s 9d. The cost of the military is not given. The amount of rent due was not quite £600.

CORK.—The number of emigrants who left Queenstown during the week ended August 7 was 855. In the corresponding week of last year the number was 558.

On August 7 an interesting handball match was played at Middleton by the American champion and ex-champion, Casey of Brooklyn and M'Quaid, against Murphy and Leary of Cork. The spacious ball court was crowded with spectators from Youghal, Cork, Queenstown, etc. The Americans won by five games to two.

On August 9, at the Castlemary Petty Sessions, John B. Higgins was summoned by Mr. Marshall, on the part of the Inland Revenue authorities, for having a revolver in his possession without a license. He was fined £2 10s and costs. A short time before Mr. Higgins was summoned by the police for having the same weapon in his possession in a proclaimed district and fined £2 and costs.

On August 10, at an adjourned meeting of gentlemen and traders interested in the furtherance of the project for establishing a woollen and tweed factory near Fermoy, it was stated that numerous promises of subscription had been received, and that the prospects of the proposed factory was most hopeful. The factory is to be erected on the site of Furlong's Flour Mills, recently destroyed by fire.

On the Curass estate on August 9 three tenants named Patrick Murphy, Daniel Daly, and Daniel Daly, jr., were evicted. The last-

named resisted with barricaded doors, and poured tar and boiling water on the bailiffs. Colonel Turner, commanding the police, threatened to charge the mob, who were hooting and jeering. Henry Barry, solicitor, the landlord's agent, was arrested for stone-throwing, but subsequently discharged.

A big fire took place on Capell Island, in Youghal Bay, on the night of August 10, being the second that has occurred this summer, caused no doubt by the great heat which has dried up the long grass with which the place is covered. The fire burned throughout the entire night and afforded a fine sight from the new promenade of the sea wall at Youghal. The island is uninhabited, and must have been set on fire either purposely to get rid of the long dry grass or accidentally by some picnic party that had visited the place.

At the meeting of the Cork Corporation on August 12 the Mayor, on behalf of the Royal Humane Society, presented a medal awarded to Mary Young Patterson, of Passage, aged 21 years, who risked her own life in saving that of Lillie Heffernan. The ladies were bathing at Glenbrook and Miss Heffernan was carried out into the current. She was drowning when Miss Patterson gallantly swam out and, after a hard struggle, succeeded in bringing her safely to the shore.

All the cattle belonging to John T. Cramer (only a few days before the property of W. A. Murphy and his brother) disappeared suddenly from the lands of Ballinadenisk on August 3. The cattle were seized about a week before by the landlord (Mr. Cramer) for non-payment of rent. Murphy was under notice of eviction and at the execution sale of the cattle they were all purchased by the landlord. On the disappearance of the cattle Mr. Cramer immediately got a posse of police, in charge of Sergeant Brennan, and scoured the whole country for four days, but failed to find any trace of their whereabouts.

Gaelic sports were held at Carrigbavar on August 7 in presence of a large crowd of spectators. W. Connell won the slinging of the of the 56lbs. with the poor throw of 19ft. 10in. The 100yds. handicap was won by J. J. M'Carthy, of Kinsale. The two-mile walk was secured by Hennessy, the Gaelic champion for the last two years. The long jump fell to a rattling good man, J. Sheehan, with the fine jump of 20ft. 3in.; and he also secured the hop-step-and-jump, with 44ft. 8in. which on a ground as hard and unspringy as steel meant that on a good turf he would do 47ft. The 120yds. hurdle handicap was won by Fitzgerald at Ballyclough. McSweeney, of Mourne Abbey, won the mile in splendid style; and Walsh, of Kinsale, secured the 220yds. handicap in good form. O'Connor, of Ballyclough, won the high jump at the good height of 5ft. 8in.

On August 9 the bailiffs, accompanied by some policemen, proceeded to the townland of Duneen, about two miles to the south-west of Roscarberry, by the sea coast, the property of Rev. Jaspar Smyth, of New Zealand, to carry out evictions against seven tenants for non-payment of rent. Five of the tenants occupy small holdings comprising from an acre to a half, and work as labourers and part of the year at fishing. Two of the holdings are moderate-sized farms. The land is very poor and bare, and the occupiers miserably off. The townland is studded over with small houses occupied by half-labourers and fishermen, and are the most wretched, tumble-down, rejected-looking hovels that could be seen. The old walls and thatch are tumbling down, and are supported by props, in danger of falling in any moment on the unfortunate people who dwell in them. The evicted are:—Denis Donovan (Goola), wife and 12 children; Batt Farrell, wife and children; James Brien, Patrick Donovan, and John Donovan; holding from an acre to half an acre. Denis Minahane, having a house and garden which he claimed as a freehold, and denied having ever paid rent for it. The family, consisting of a wife, six children, and a bed-ridden old mother-in-law, were put out, and not re-admitted. After the evicting party leaving they re-entered into possession. They were threatened by two policemen with all the pains and penalties of the Crimes Act. The poor wife was an object of compassion as she declared the children were crying for shelter from the night air, and she was afraid the decrepid old woman would die if exposed during the night. Johanna Minahane, a poor old widow, occupying one of the miserable hovels, claimed it as a freehold, but was also put out and not re-admitted as caretaker. She sat all night in the yard by her scanty rickety furniture, with a few little embers which she had scraped together.

DERRY.—On August 12 the Orange Apprentice Boys' party celebrated the anniversary of the relief of Derry. The party disputed as to the details of procedure, and divided into two distinct bodies. The more select wing walked to the cathedral without bands; the others, more numerous, with bands, paraded the city playing party tunes. There was a good deal of drunkenness observed, but no disturbance worth mentioning. The display was of the poorest character, and the weather was dismal.

DONEGAL.—It is stated that four extra coastguards are to be stationed at Shrove station in consequence of reported smuggling being carried on at Innishowen Head.

Letterkenny fair was held on August 9, and the supply of stock was as large as usual, but only about one-fourth of those offered were sold, and those at a reduction of from £1 10s to £2 a head from recent prices.

During their recent sittings at Glenties, the sub-Commissioners heard no fewer than 206 applications for the fixing of fair rents on the estate of the Marquis of Conyngham. Two of these cases were adjourned for want of evidence, 9 struck out through legal informalities, 13 dismissed, in 7 the old rents confirmed, and in the remaining 175 cases reductions ranging from 10 to 50 per cent. made. The holdings were all small, and the total rent reductions made on them is over £200 a year.

On August 5 there was put up for sale on an evicted farm in Castlequarter, Fahan, the cutting grass and grazing of same for the season. There was a considerable attendance of the public, the Royal Irish Constabulary being present in force also. After much persuasion from the auctioneer, he obtained the spirited offer of "one penny per acre, subject to the approval of the evicted tenant." Several abortive sales have been held on the same place previously.