

Irish News.

Antrim.—The area of this County is 762,080 acres, of which 248,330 are under cultivation. One hundred and twenty-three landlords claim to own nine-tenths of this County. The three largest land-holders are Lord O'Neill, 61,163 acres; Sir Richard Wallace, 58,365, and the Earl of Antrim, 34,292.

At the recent meeting of the Route Tenants' Defence Association John Megaw proposed and Thomas Jackson seconded the following resolution:—That, as we have always advocated the abolition of Grand Juries, we call on our Parliamentary representatives to join with the Liberals and Nationalists in their endeavours to extend the Local Government Bill to Ireland. Copies were sent to Mr. Parnell, Mr. Gladstone, and other members.

Armagh.—The area of this County is 328,086 acres, of which 166,353 are under cultivation. Fifty-four landlords claim to own nine-tenths of this County. The largest landholders are: Earl of Charlemont, 20,695 acres; Lord Lurgan, 15,166, and Duke of Manchester, 12,298.

The Derrytrasna I.N.D. held sports recently at Derryadd, which were disgracefully disturbed by the Orangemen of the neighbourhood. It is reported that the National Leaguers on their way to Derryadd were met by the Orangemen, who commenced stone-throwing and firing their revolvers. Several people were injured.

Carlow.—The area of this County is 221,344 acres, of which 193,649 are under cultivation. Forty-nine landlords claim to own nine-tenths of this County. The three largest landholders are Henry Bruen, 16,477 acres; A. McMurrrough Cavanagh, 16,057; and Earl of Bessborough, 10,578.

Cavan.—The area of this County is 477,399 acres, of which 148,230 are under cultivation; eighty-nine landlords claim to own nine-tenths of this County. The three largest landholders are Lord Farnham, 29,455 acres; Earl of Annesley, 24,221; and Marquis of Headfort, 14,220.

At the recent meeting of the Cavan Town Commissioners, John N. Gannon, Chairman, John Fegan proposed and John McCarron seconded the following resolution:—That we take this earliest opportunity of expressing our heartfelt sorrow at the death of that gifted and patriotic Irishman, Edmund Dwyer Gray.

Clare.—The area of this County is 827,994 acres, of which 141,636 are under cultivation. One hundred and fifty-six landlords claim to own nine-tenths of this County. The three largest landholders are Lord Leconfield, 37,392 acres; Marquis of Conyngham, 27,613; and E. P. Westley, 25,779.

Magistrates Keogh, Scott, and Hewitt held a Coercion Court at Newmarket-on-Fergus, April 5. The case against William Reidy for assaulting Sergeant Reilly was dismissed. In the case against James Hannon and eleven others for whistling "Harvey Duff" at the police on the occasion of the release of J. R. Cox, M.P., the Magistrates disagreed, as they did also on the charge against Thomas O'Neill of groaning at the police on the occasion of the arrest of P. H. Felling, London Radical delegate. When magisterial thieves fall out in Ireland the honest though oppressed people are likely to get justice.

Cork.—A news-vendor named Timothy Murray, aged 60 was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment at Middleton for displaying a copy of the Plan of Campaign in his shop window.

An Emergencyman named Patrick McDennell, who is in the employ of the Cork Defence Union, has been returned to the Quarter Sessions without bail for appearing disguised at the house of Rev. J. W. Lindsay.

The Sub-Commissioners at Youghal have given reductions of from 30 to 40 per cent. on the cases from the Middleton and Bandon Unions. And still Balfour's blood-hounds are enforcing rack-rents such as the above all over Ireland at the point of the bayonet.

At the Cork Quarter Sessions recently Wm. Murphy, son of an evicted tenant, charged Captain Cremer, the evictor, with threatening to shoot him. Though the land-robber denied the charge, the jury awarded Murphy £150 damages.

No arrests have yet been made in connection with the recent trouble between the police and people at Blarney, when the former fired on the people from the barrack, wounding several of them. A man named McCarthy, of Cork, is still suffering from his injuries in the North Infirmary. And still the culprits go unpunished because they are "peelers."

The 21st anniversary of the death of the noble patriot, Peter O'Neill Crowley, who was shot at Killooney Wood during the Fenian rising of '67, was celebrated on Easter Sunday at his grave in Ballymacoda by the Nationalists of North-east Cork. A procession of 8,000 men, composed largely of members of Gaelic Athletic Clubs, knelt and recited the *De Profundis*. A force of 200 police, under County-Inspector Carey, was drawn up in a field near the churchyard. C. G. Doran, Queenstown, delivered a brilliant address, recalling the principal scenes in the martyr's career, and Thomas Walsh, Shanagarry, who was with O'Neill Crowley at the taking of the Knockadoon coastguard station, paid a glowing tribute to the patriot's humanity on that occasion.

William O'Brien, M.P., has at length succeeded in addressing his constituents, though dogged by Balfour's benchmen. He addressed a large meeting at Mitchelstown, April 2. There were present: Father O'Donohue, Chairman; T. M. Healy, M.P.; T. J. Condon, M.P.; P. O'Hea, M.P.; J. D. Pye, M.P.; Rev. Eugene Sheehy, P.P.; Father Kennedy, Meelin, J. Sarsfield, Casey, and John Mandeville, Mitchelstown; also delegates from the Glanwarth, Fermoy, Cork, and Tallow I. N. L.'s., and from the Mitchelstown, Buttevant, and Ballyhooly Gaelic Athletic Associations. Two hundred police under Mr. Eaton, R.M., were in the neighbouring barracks, but for some reason best known to Balfour's underlings they were not called upon to vindicate the "law." The speakers referred triumphantly to the success of the

tenants on the Kingston estate by carrying out the Plan of Campaign, and also to the fact that the "Government" had failed to suppress the National League or prevent public meetings in the neighbourhood.

Derry.—At the regular meeting of the Dungiven (Healy) Branch, I. N. L., Rev. Francis Healy, C.C., Chairman, the President exhorted all the members to remain steadfast in the cause until the realisation of their aspirations in having a free and self-governed Ireland.

District-Inspector Law, with 30 police, evicted John Crocket, Jonathan Crocket, and James Rowe at Drumard, near this place. The unfortunate tenants, who are probably "Unionists," made no resistance, and when they asked where they were to find shelter, the "peelers" told them to go in a ditch.

Donegal.—The area of this County is 1,197,154 acres, of which 231,488 are under cultivation. One hundred and forty-four landlords claim to own nine-tenths of this County. The three largest landholders are:—Marquis of Conyngham, 122,300 acres; Earl of Leitrim, 54,352, and H. G. M. Stewart, 50,818.

As Rev. B. Mulholland, Donemacra, was going through Strabane recently the Orange Abercorn Flute Band paraded the town playing unpatriotic airs. It was followed by a crowd of Orange roughs, who insulted the priest in a disgraceful way, one ruffian discharging his revolver at him. The band kept up a deafening drumming continuously. At length the police, who are always ready to arrest a Nationalist without cause, captured some of the ringleaders and the rest dispersed.

Down.—The area of this County is 612,399 acres, of which 301,533 are under cultivation. Eighty-seven landlords claim to own nine-tenths of this County. The three largest landholders are the Marquis of Devonshire, 64,346 acres, Kimberly estate, 37,454, and Earl of Annesley, 23,567.

At the recent meeting of the Newtownards Farmers' Association David Kennedy proposed and Robert Ferguson seconded the following resolution:—That we regard the terms of Lord Londonderry's circular for sale to tenants 50 per cent. too high, as the prices of farm produce had decreased to that extent in late years.

Dublin.—The burial of Edmund Dwyer Gray took place at Glasnevin, March 31, and was attended by a large concourse of people. Fathers Duffy, S.J.; Plunkett, O'Malley, and Rev. Canon Daniel, P.P., performed the religious ceremonies. The coffin covered with wreaths, was borne on the shoulders of the following Irish leaders:—John Dillon, William O'Brien, T. P. Gill, J. B. Cox, Dr. Kenny, J. J. O'Kelly, J. E. Redmond, T. Harrington, M.P.'s; and Michael Davitt. There were also present:—Lord Mayor Sexton, W. Murphy, T. D. Sullivan, J. G. S. McNeill, H. Campbell, E. A. Chance, T. M. Healy, P. McDonald, E. J. Kennedy, Thomas Mayne, P. J. Power, J. Deasy, H. J. Gill, M. McCartan, and J. G. Biggar, M.P.'s; Eugene Davis, *Nation*; Thomas Sherlock, *Weekly News*; Richard Kelly, *Tuam Herald*; E. Leachman, *Celtic Times*; J. P. Kelly, *Belfast Morning News*; and John R. Eyre, *Catholic Press*. On the whole the funeral procession was a credit to the Nationalists of the capital, who turned out to do honour to the dead patriot, and the great principles of liberty for which he battled during life.

Fermanagh.—The area of this County is 457,369 acres, of which 106,439 are under cultivation. Fifty-two landlords claim to own nine-tenths of this County. The three largest landholders are Marquis of Ely, 34,879 acres; Earl of Erne, 31,389, and Earl of Enniskillen, 29,635.

Henry Curran was returned to the Quarter Sessions recently on a charge of malicious injury at the Enniskillen spool mill. It was shown that he broke some fittings, causing a damage of £20 to the machinery. He was after enlisting in the Enniskillen militia at the time. This is the class of men who are enforcing alien law in Ireland to-day!

Galway.—It has been ascertained through Rev. W. Killbride, the Protestant clergyman of Arran, that it will take £3,000 to support the poor people of the Islands until the digging of the new potatoes. John Cairns, agent of the Dublin Relief Committee, says the supply of provisions received so far has been exhausted and unless more is forthcoming a great deal of suffering is anticipated.

The case of James Haughton and five other tenant farmers charged with stoning the police at Ballinamore Bridge came up for hearing at this place recently. The accused were defended by Mr. Bodkin, instructed by Redmond McDonagh. Even the Crown witnesses testified that the police commenced the trouble by seizing a car belonging to a Mr. Walsh. The magistrates acquitted two of the prisoners and let the others off, as they considered that they had been sufficiently punished already by a month's imprisonment.

Kerry.—The area of this County is 1,185,918 acres, of which 169,570 are under cultivation. One hundred and fifty-two landlords claim to own nine-tenths of this County. The three largest landholders are Lord Lansdowne, 94,993 acres; Lord Ventry, 93,629, and Earl of Kenmare, 91,080.

Rev. M. Kelliher, who has been abroad collecting for the O'Connell Memorial Church, has been sent to Boherbee, and Rev. P. Dillon, Boherbee, has been transferred to Castlegregory.

The homes of James McGrath, Lerrig; J. Crowley, Baltoven; and Mr. Leary, Lerrig Cross, near Ardferit, were recently fired into, but nobody was injured. The vicinity is alive with police huts, but the "peelers" are better engaged in getting drunk and fighting with one another than in protecting the people who are unjustly taxed for their support.

Kilkenny.—The trial of the thirteen men for "criminal conspiracy" in advising John Dowling not to take a boycotted farm in the vicinity, came up for hearing at Kilkenny, April 3. The result was—James Bowe and Michael Meagher, 3 months' imprisonment with hard labour; James Clohesy, Edward Quigley, James Kennedy, and the four Walshes, 1 month with hard labour, the charges against the other four being withdrawn. After the trial the prisoners were taken to Kilkenny Gaol under a strong escort of