

Irish News.

Antrim.—The population of this County was 421,943 in 1881. The six largest land-robbers in this County are:—Lord O'Neill 64,163 acres; Sir B. Wallace, 58,365; Earl of Antrim, 34,292; Rev. Fakenham, 14,629; Lord Lionel, 13,781, and G. T. Macartney, 12,532.

Moneyglass and Cargin I.N.L. held its regular meeting at Denis Kelly's house, Thomas Herdwan, Chairman. The following resolution was adopted:—Resolved, that we hereby pledge ourselves to uphold the banner of Irish Nationality until our country is raised to the proud position of nationhood she was destined by Heaven to fill.

It is reported in Belfast that the "Government" have resolved to prosecute a number of the organizers and speakers at the recent demonstration in honour of Fathers McFadden and Stephens.

At the meeting of Belfast I.N.L. April 16, Rev. P. Convery, Adm. Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:—Resolved, That we protest against the re-arrest of William O'Brien and we tell Bloody Balfour that the imprisonment of our leaders or ourselves will never reconcile us to foreign coercion rule.

Armagh.—John McGowran, of Derryadd, was prosecuted at the recent Lurgan Petty Sessions for using violence towards several Nationalists at the Derryadd riots, a report of which appeared in a recent issue of the *Irish World*. The magistrates, being mostly Orangemen, dismissed the case.

At the regular meeting of Armagh I.N.L. April 15, James McLaughlin, Chairman, the following were elected officers:—Alexander Blanc, M.P., and B. K. Gardner, Hon. Presidents; Rev. H. McNece, C.C., and Dr. McParland, Vice-presidents; Francis Hughes, Treasurer; Rev. J. Quinn, C.C., Vice-Treasurer; Father McElvogue, Secretary, and Nicholas McConnell, assistant Secretary. The following resolution was adopted:—Resolved, That we tender to Rev. James McFadden and Rev. Daniel Stephens our sympathy in their manly fight for the downtrodden farmers of Ireland.

Carlow.—There were twenty-eight ejection cases before the Tullow quarter sessions "Sentences of Death" were granted in almost every case.

Cavan.—Dr. Magennis was consecrated Bishop of Lillmore at the Cathedral, Cavan, April 15. Most Rev. Dr. Logue, Archbishop of Armagh, was Consecrating Bishop, assisted by Dr. Nulty, Bishop of Meath, and Dr. Donnelly, Bishop of Clogher. Bishops Woodlock, McAlister, McGovern, and O'Donnell were also present. Rev. Thomas Finlay, S.J., preached the sermon.

Clare.—It is stated that evictions will commence at once on the Vandeur estate. Two hundred red decrees have been granted at the late Kilrush Quarter Sessions.

In the encounter between the "red-coats" and the people at Ennis, April 14, a soldier of the Derbyshire Regiment chopped off the fingers of a man named Roughtan with his bayonet. Mr. Roughtan, all bleeding, was afterwards arrested for assaulting the soldier, and remanded. The atrocities of the Bash-Bozooks in Bulgaria were not worse than the oppression of the present Balfourian Government.

A large number of soldiers belonging to the Derbyshire Regiment, stationed at Clare Castle, had an altercation with the people at this place recently, when they used belts and stones on them. They afterwards broke the windows in a row of houses near the barracks, including that of Rev. Sylvester Malone. The police were called out to quell the disturbance, but they also were assaulted by the "red-coats."

The appeal of P. H. Selling against his sentence of six months' imprisonment came up for hearing at Ennis, April 19. The sentence was reduced to two months without hard labour.

Thaddeus Flanagan appealed at the Ennis Quarter Sessions against his sentence of three months' hard labour, and Magistrate Hickson increased his sentence to six months. Thus the reign of unbridled injustice continues.

The appeal of J. R. Cox, M.P., against the sentence of six months' imprisonment imposed on him January 28, was heard at Ennis Quarter Sessions. Magistrate Hickson reduced the sentence to one month. Mr. Cox has been conveyed to Limerick gaol.

During the trouble between the police and the people at Ennis, April 14, Magistrates Blood, Scott, and O'Brien were assaulted by Patrick McHugh, a constable on parole. The "peeler" was drunk, and said he thought the magistrates were Members of Parliament.

The case of "conspiracy" against W. Hynes and P. Collins was heard on appeal at Ennis, April 19. Judge Hickson increased the sentence from three to six months' hard labour. The appeal of Joseph O'Brien was treated in a similar way.

Derry.—The population of this county was 164,991 in 1881. The six largest landrobbers in this county are:—Skinners' Co. 34,722 acres; Drapers' Co., 27,025; Mercer's Co., 21,341; Sir H. Bruce, 20,801; Fishmongers' Co., 20,509, and Salters' Co., 19,445.

At the recent meeting of the Killoonagh Irish National League, Rev. P. Hegarty, chairman, the following resolution was adopted:—Resolved, That we condemn the barbarous conduct of Balfour's henchmen at the meetings held April 8, and we are determined to continue the fight for Ireland.

Recorder Nelligan, of Derry, granted ejection decrees in 36 out of 52 cases brought before him at the Maghera Quarter Sessions. The evicting land-thieves are William Gardiner and T. J. Morton of Killyberg. The case against John Sampson was dismissed.

At the recent meeting of the Lough Neagh Irish National League, A. McCaughley, chairman, the following resolution was adopted:—Resolved—That we pledge ourselves to vindicate the teachings of the League in spite of Bloody Balfour, and we look upon his proclamation of the national organisation as adding fuel to the fire of Irish patriotism.

Donegal.—Right Rev. Dr. O'Donnell and John Dillon, M.P., were dogged by detectives during their recent stay in Letterkenny.

During the Father McFadden demonstration in Letterkenny, District-Inspector White ordered the police to charge the people. A little Gweedore orphan girl was thrown down and trampled by a "peeler." She was rendered unconscious by the shock.

At the recent meeting of the Columbkille Irish National League, J. Farrell, chairman, the following resolution was adopted:—Resolved, That we strongly condemn the barbarous conduct of Balfour's henchmen at the Ennis, Kilrush, Ka'tark, and Loughrea meetings, and we congratulate the perseverance of our leaders and people in our great struggle against brute force, oppression, and falsehood.

At the Coercion Court held at Letterkenny the appeals of Fathers McFadden and Stephens, and Mr. Blane, M.P., were heard. The sentence on the two latter gentlemen were confirmed, and that on Father McFadden increased to six months. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, and John Dillon, M.P., were present in court. Mr. Dillon, on hearing the decision of the court, said that Balfour wanted to kill Father McFadden by imprisonment.

The regular meeting of Ballybofey Irish National League was held in the League Rooms recently, James McKelvey, chairman. The chairman referred to the popular triumph in the appointment of the patriotic Dr. O'Donnell to the see of Raphoe. Daniel McGarraghan moved, and Patrick Connolly seconded, the following resolution:—That we now inform Bloody Balfour that the desire for an Irish Parliament did not originate with a few individuals, but has its source in the hearts of 20,000,000 of the Irish race at home and abroad.

Down.—The population of this County was 272,107 in 1881. The six largest land-robbers in this County are:—Marquis of Downshire, 64,356 acres; Kimberly estate, 37,454; Lord Annesley, 23,567; Marquis of Londonderry, 23,554; Colonel William B. Forde, 19,882; and Lord Dufferin, 13,085.

Constable J. Owens has resigned. He has been stationed at Newry for some time. He sent the following explanation of his conduct to the Inspector-General of the R.I.C.:—I desire to record my sincere protest against the manner in which the officers have persecuted policemen suspected of sympathising with their down trodden countrymen.

The tenants on the Brookes estate at Knockanamy, were visited recently by the sub-Sheriff and 90 peelers. James O'Hare, Francis Bookes, J. Byrne, E. O'Hare, Mrs. Hughes, and Mrs. Cunningham, the people who were to be evicted, had adopted the Plan of Campaign, and cleared their farms of everything. All that could be discovered by the evicting brigade was £5 worth of hay which it took them a whole day to collect and cart off.

Dublin.—The Blunt defence fund now amounts to £1,300.

At the last meeting of the Society for the preservation of the Irish Language, R. J. O'Duffy Chairman, letters were read from J. Holland, Ballinaspittle, County Cork; Rev. T. P. O'Byrne, Clondalkin; Rev. E. Growney, Maynooth; and Rev. M. Foley, Ringville, Dungarvan, on the progress of the movement for the revival of the vernacular, Monsieur D'Arbois and de Jurbainville, Paris, sent a brochure, entitled "L'Exil des Filis D'Uinech," which was also read.

Fermanagh.—The population of this County was 85,879 in 1881. The six largest land-robbers in this County are:—Marquis of Ely, 34,879 acres; Lord Erne, 31,398; Lord Enniskillen, 29,635; Sir Victor Brooke, 27,994; M. Archdall, 27,410; and John Madden, 143,74.

Galway.—The people of Kiltormer assembled on April 14, and built a house for J. Gilchreest, who was recently evicted by a local land-thief.

As the coercionist prisoners, F. Finerty, P. Glasby, O. Doherty, J. Redington, and T. Kennedy, were returning to Atheary from Galway Gaol, they were attacked by a force of police under District-Inspector Hamilton. During the *mêlée* several unoffending people were wounded.

Clanricarde, the exterminator, sued J. Fahy at Ballinasloe, for £41 5s—three and a half years "rent." Mr. Fahy was in court and produced a receipt for £20 of this amount which he had paid. Recorder Henn lectured Clanricarde on his Shylock rapacity, and granted a decree for the balance. Here is a fair sample of the land-thieves' dealing with their tenantry.

Leitrim.—The population of this County was 90,372 in 1881. The six largest land-robbers in this County are Lord Massey, 24,751 acres; Colonel Clements, 20,250; G. A. Fox, 18,859; Owen Wynne, 15,466; A. L. Tottenham, 14,561, and Episcopal Church Commissioners, 11,950.

Limerick.—It is Reported that the agents of the O'Grady estate have bought £2,000 worth of cattle to stock the evicted farms.

At the recent meeting of the Killybeg I.N.L., Thomas Hickey, chairman, the following resolution was adopted:—Resolved, That we congratulate the suppressed branches of Clare, Cork, and Galway for their stand in defence of National principles.

The O'Grady's evicting brigade have been hard at work latterly. On April 17 sub-sheriff Hobson and 80 police made a descent on this place and evicted William Slattery, John Courtney, Patrick Slattery, Thomas Fitzgerald, and Michael Dineen, a labourer. Patrick Slattery has a family of nine children.

Louth.—The work of extermination has been renewed on the Masserene estate.

A battle is raging between land-thief Forster and his tenants in the Louth district. The tenants have adopted the Plan of Campaign and demand a reduction of 20 per cent.

At the Tralee Quarter Sessions, April 20, Judge Curran said the only members of the community who prevented the restoration of order in the County were the landlords.

King's County.—The population of this County was 72,855 in 1881. The six largest land-robbers in this County are:—Lord Digby, 29,722 acres; Lord Rosse, 22,513; Lord Charleville