

of the Kilkenny Lunatic Asylum, were celebrated in St. John's Church, Kilkenny, on May 14.

A memorial altar to the memory of the late Rev. Matthew Keefe is to be erected in the Church of St. Canice, Kilkenny. A meeting presided over by Father Knaresboro, for the purpose of raising funds for the above purpose, was largely attended.

**King's County.**—The people of Broughall and district are giving evidence of the spirit that is in them. On May 14 over one hundred men assembled to cut turf for Daniel Kilmartin, at present "a criminal" in Tullamore Gaol on a charge of having taken part in an "illegal assembly" at Broughall. Before the shades of evening had approached, turf sufficient for two years had been cut. It is a strange coincidence that Daniel Kilmartin resides on the Kemmis estate of which the "meek and oily" Toler Garvey is agent.

**Limerick.**—At Limerick police court on May 11, a large number of persons were fined for assaults on soldiers. It was stated in evidence that the soldiers used insulting language to the civilians and provoked them to the assaults. The magistrates strongly condemned the assaults, and remarked that if the garrison were withdrawn it would be a loss to the citizens.

**Longford.**—Mr. L. Connolly, M.P. for South Longford, who, owing to ill-health, placed his resignation in the hands of Mr. Parnell, has, at the request of the Irish leader, decided to retain his seat.

**Louth.**—The Drogheda *Independent* of May 19 says: "We are glad to see the branches throughout Louth are alive and kicking, despite the proclamation issued by the Government to terrify the members into submission to enable Lord Massereene to collect his rack-rents."

**Mayo.**—The Castlebar Board of Guardians have petitioned the Government to have the seed rate balance struck out, owing to the great depression existing amongst landholders at present. The memorialists submit that, under the circumstances, this would be no more than an act of justice.

**Meath.**—On May 8, a raid was made on the lands of a farmer named Roche, a tenant of Lord Massereene, at Rossin, by a number of Emergency men, driven on Dublin cars. They carried off the entire cattle of the farm while the tenant was asleep.

**Queen's County.**—Before daybreak on May 15 the sub-Sheriff of Meath, and a large staff, suddenly appeared at the farm of a man named M'Evoy, on the Lyster estate, near Ballybrophy, who owed between £700 and £800 for rent. Before M'Evoy was well out of bed, his entire stock, numbering over 200 head of sheep, lambs, cows, horses, and store cattle, were driven to the railway station. Here a special cattle train had been chartered for their removal to Maryborough, where they will be sold.

**Tipperary.**—The tenants on the Cashel property of Mr. A. H. Smith-Barry met the agent on May 8, and asked for a reduction of 40 per cent. The agent said he was authorised to allow only 25 per cent., and the tenants left refusing to accept the offer.

On May 9 an eviction campaign was begun on the estate of Michael Cormack at Modeshill. The estate comprises about 40 holdings of wretched land. One year ago the tenants asked for a reduction of 30 per cent., and, on being refused, adopted the Plan of Campaign. Early in the morning a large force of police escorted the sheriff and bailiffs to the estate. Their route was blocked at many places by huge barriers and trees which delayed them considerably. A large crowd of sympathizers witnessed the outrages. On the next day the campaign was continued, when a number of evictions took place and many exciting incidents occurred. At every house the Emergency men were met with strong resistance and the places were completely barricaded. On May 9 the evictions were concluded. During the entire campaign of outrages, the people showed remarkable coolness, and nothing of a serious nature occurred. Seventeen families in all were evicted. A meeting was subsequently held, at which the Rev. Michael McGrath presided, and delivered a stirring address. Mr. John Cullinan and Rev. John Cahill also spoke, after which the people separated with cheers for the Plan of Campaign. It is understood that the remaining tenants who were not on the list for eviction this time will very soon be placed on the list, and that a new eviction crusade will commence. The tenants placed full reliance on their organisation.

**Tyrone.**—Dr. McGrath, the Nationalist candidate for the coronership of East Tyrone, has been returned by a handsome majority over Dr. Browne, his Unionist opponent.

**Waterford.**—The delegates of the various branches of the Irish National League throughout this county met in convention on May 7, at Dungarvan. Resolutions were adopted renewing confidence in Mr. Parnell and the Irish Parliamentary party, and also calling on all the branches in the county to subscribe to the Members' Fund. It was also voted to present Mr. J. D. Pyne, M.P., their representative in Parliament, with a suitable address and testimonial on his release from Clonmel Gaol.

**Wexford.**—Mr. John Dillon writes to the editor of the *Freeman*:—"Sir—Will you kindly allow me to acknowledge the receipt of £150, which has been voted from the County Wexford Fund for the Coolgreany and Sinnott evicted tenants in that county?"

Notices of evictions have been served on twenty-five tenants on the Devon estate. The tenants owe from two to three years' rent each, and are to be evicted immediately if some terms are not agreed upon.

On May 16 a bevy of bailiffs, acting on the instructions of the landlord, proceeded to Woodgrigue, the residence of Mrs. Ennis, and cleared the lands. A number of cattle grazing were driven off, when they took possession of the lands and out offices. They did not, however, approach the dwelling house.

**Wicklow.**—Much amusement was afforded to the people of Wicklow and Ashford by the movements of a large force of police in the vicinity of the latter village on May 10. Some weeks ago the

local branches of the National League announced that a demonstration would be held on that date at Kiltimon, a short distance from Ashford, but subsequently the meeting was postponed to a future date. A few days before a proclamation signed by the local resident magistrate was extensively posted prohibiting the meeting, and over a hundred police, in charge of Mr. McLeod, R.M., marched to the place and remained all day, to find that there was no meeting.

## WELLINGTON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Saturday, July 21,

CONSIDERABLE excitement was caused in town when the news arrived yesterday that fighting had broken out among the Nagapubi tribe at Whangarei, and two men were killed, besides a number wounded. The Under-Secretary for Native affairs, this morning received a report from the Resident Magistrate, Mr. J. S. Clendon, who returned from the scene at 4 a.m. to-day, and in the report the R.M. states that besides the two Natives killed, another Native has his arm shattered, and others are dangerously wounded. He informed the chief Taurau that he must cease hostilities, but he was afraid his injunction would not be followed, as the old chief was thoroughly roused. The northern chiefs had been sent for, and should they arrive at an early period, an end might be put to the disturbance. The assistance of the prophet Hani Whera had been obtained in order to quell the natives who were calming down. The wounds of the Maoris had been dressed by a doctor whom Mr. Clendon had taken with him to the scene.

The contract for filling in the new reclamation at the Te Aro end of the city, is progressing very rapidly, and Mr. McGuire, the contractor is sparing neither trouble nor expenses to do the work thoroughly and within the specified time. The earth, which is being brought from a part of the Rhodes estate, is being put into the harbour at the rate of four hundred tons a day, and already a very large slice of the work is completed. The contractor is erecting a light trestle work on the outer boundary of the contract, from the inner tie of the Queen's wharf to the Wellington Rowing Club's shed at the foot of Cuba street, from whence a concrete wall will be erected. The wall will be built of ton blocks of concrete, between which loose metal stones, specially selected for its hardness will be laid. There can be no doubt that the contractor is doing his work thoroughly but it is feared that he will not make much out of the job. Up to the present the reclamation contracts have been given to Mr. J. Sunders, a local man, but as his figure for the present work was over £1,000 in excess of the Auckland man's price, the council decided to accept the latter's tender.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Catholic Institute held last week, when Mr. Jenkins presided. The subject of debate was whether or not England had reached the zenith of her power, and a very interesting discussion in which Messrs. Maskell, Walsh, and O'Sullivan, took part. On those present expressing their opinion by vote, the verdict given was to the effect that England had not reached the zenith of her power, the majority, however, being a very narrow one. The members of the Institute met again on Thursday evening at the Athenæum building, when the attendance was large. Mr. Felix O'Neil presided, and a very interesting programme, which comprised readings and recitations, was taken part in by Messrs. W. M. Maskell, Duffy, Walsh, Hickson, Jenkins, Duignon, O'Sullivan and Oghlan. The question of instituting an elocution class was favourably considered, and it was decided that an impromptu debate should be given at the next meeting of the Institute.

Mr. T. F. Coghlan presided at the monthly meeting of the local branch of the National Land League which was held on Monday last at the Marist Brothers' school. As funds were needed, it was decided to hold an entertainment at an early date, and Messrs. Larkin, Noonan, Brennan, and O'Callaghan, were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements. It was also resolved that the existing committee canvass the city for subscriptions.

Some stir was caused here by the publication of articles in one of the local papers to the effect that complaints had been made by parents that female pupil teachers in some of the Government schools were in the habit of accosting young and middle aged men during the lunch hour, and taking part in conversations unworthy of any respectable girl. It was stated by the writer of the article that he had proof in his possession, of even greater misconduct on the part of these instructors of the youthful mind. The matter was dealt with by the Education Board in committee, when it was decided to request the writer of the article in question to furnish the Board with the proofs in his possession. Correspondence on the matter has also been received from teachers and pupil teachers in the various city schools, and the question will be discussed at the meeting of the Board to be held on Wednesday next.

Quite a building mania exists in this city; everybody is building, and there are already a great number of houses idle. But for all that, landlords will not lower the rents, and one has to pay twelve or fifteen shillings for a three-roomed house, and a decent four or five-roomed cottage is not to be had under £1 or twenty-five shillings. Large public buildings are also going up in every direction, and the re-building of the General Post Office and Opera-house is slowly proceeding.

The newly-formed Amateur Operatic Society have been giving Gilbert and Sullivan's opera "Iolanthe" at the Theatre Royal for the past week, and have been very successful. The house has been packed every night, and every seat in the circle and stalls was engaged a week in advance. The scenery (the handiwork of Mr. Briggs) is excellent, the chorus are good, and the characters well sustained.

His Excellency Lieut.-Governor Sir James Prendergast was engaged all yesterday and to-day hearing the application for an extradition warrant in regard to the French escapees, Cury and Gasparini.