

courage. This is his way of vindicating the law. Father Kennedy told him a fortnight ago that he was there at his post ready to meet his warrant, but no policeman has appeared since, and the ten men whom the Removables branded as "criminals," fit only for the prison cell, are still allowed to roam about amongst the community (cheers). It looks as if they are getting tired of coercion in Duhallow. Father Kennedy is a far from strong man but he is strong enough to challenge Mr. Balfour to "come on," and, believe me, if he does the people of Ireland will keep a close watch on the prison officials who will be responsible for his life. The light has been thrown in on their murder cells and they cannot afford to repeat the murder of poor John Mandeville (cheers).

**Derry.**—The Land Commissioners at Derry have given a reduction of 20 per cent. This reduction plainly shows that the land-thieves have been swindling and oppressing their poor tenants for years.

At the recent meeting of the Bright I.N.L., Rev. G. Brennan presided. A resolution was passed by acclamation condemning the methods of the Tory Government which led to the death of Mr. Mandeville. Father Brennan, in putting the resolution to the meeting, referred in sympathetic terms to the cruel and barbarous treatment the late Mr. Mandeville was subjected to in the Tullamore Bastile, and the noble sacrifices the dead patriot had made for the Pensonby tenants. R. P. McErlan supported the resolution.

Owing to the very heavy rainfall on July 29, the river Moyola rose to such an extent that it overflowed its banks, with the result that the whole townland of Ballynahone, near Maghera, is flooded, the depth of the water at several points being from three to four feet, while in the adjoining townlands for a mile square the land is completely covered with water. This has greatly injured all crops, and has completely spoiled all the hay recently cut. Some of the Ballynahone farmers had the good fortune to have their hay put up in stacks, but these were also carried away by the force of the floods. In the townland of Grange, between Magherafelt and Tobermore, at a point where a portion of the Moyola river runs under the road, the floods were so great that vehicles could not pass, and anyone travelling between the towns already named had to go by a circuitous route through the village of Curran, while those travelling between Tobermore and Maghera were obliged to wade for nearly a mile through from one to two feet of water. The farmers of this district, generally speaking, are in a state bordering on despair over the unfavourable state of the weather, and those living alongside the banks of the Moyola river have given up all hope of having any crop this year.

**Donegal.**—J. Farrell presided at the recent meeting of Columbkille I.N.L. The following resolution was adopted:—Resolved: That we reiterate our condemnation of the savage treatment of the clergy and people of Gweedore by the Balfourian Government.

Patrick Breen of Cloon, Glencar, has been evicted from his holding at the instance of the Marquis of Lansdowne. This is Lansdowne's second eviction in Glencar, Timothy Foley having been dispossessed some time ago. Both farms are now cared by Emergency-men.

**Down.**—An unusually large meeting of Sheepsbridge I.N.L. was held in the National Hall on July 29 under the presidency of Lawrence McCourt. Prominent members present were John McCarthy, Peter Byrne, P. F. O'Hare, H. McElroy, P. Morgan, P. Strain, P. Rice, J. Wright, and P. Connell. A large number of new members were enrolled and a resolution of condolence passed to Mrs. John Mandeville on the loss of her patriotic husband.

The very exceptional heavy rain which commenced on July 27 in the vicinity of Newry continued almost continuously for three days, doing great damage to the growing crops. All the low-lying districts are flooded to a depth of two or three feet, and the meadows along the bed of the Newry river are also submerged to a very considerable extent. The hay that was cut and lying in laps has been in some cases washed away. The corn, flax, and potatoes on low-lying ground are also submerged in water. The corn especially has suffered most and is nearly all lying soaking in water, and consequently will suffer very great damage just now, as the heads are rapidly forming, and it is feared the grain, which just now is soft, will get soured with the water. Flax also is laid, but it will not suffer so much, as pulling will commence immediately.

**Dublin.**—James J. Farren presided at the late meeting of Clondalkin I.N.L. H. J. O'Byrne, W. P. Dowling, Christopher Hanlon, P. Dowd, George Lambert, and P. Doyle were also present. The following resolution was carried by acclamation:—That we are rejoiced to notice a leading article in the *Daily Telegraph*, a London Tory journal, condemning Balfourian rule in Ireland; and we appeal to the justice loving portion of the English people to proclaim that that unexampled tyranny shall speedily cease.

**Fermanagh.**—John Dunn occupied the chair at the late meeting of Derrylin, I.N.L. After enrolling a number of members the following resolution was passed:—That we cannot find words strong enough to condemn and hold up to public odium the revolting and inhuman scenes enacted during the past week on the Vandeleur estate. This is sufficient proof that our cause is pretty near being won—when a nation, beated with rage and anger almost to boiling point by hearing so frequently of such sad deeds, can still bear with patience a system of Government that tolerates such acts of devilry.

**Galway.**—Rev. T. McWalters presided at the recent meeting of Milltown I.N.L. Other members present:—E. Blake, vice-president; M. McWalters, treasurer; J. Mullin, P. Greanan, A. Mullarkey, Dunmore; E. J. Mullarkey, T. Cassery, J. Turner. The following resolution was adopted:—That we strongly condemn the barbarous evictions on the Vandeleur and Lewis estates and we call on all true Nationalists to sustain the evicted tenants.

Right Rev. Dr. McCormack, Bishop of Galway, in a letter to the *Dublin Freeman*, condemns the goddess Queen's College for sending a deputation to attend the recent Bologna celebration.

The members of the Lawrencetown I.N.L. erected a League house for Thomas Keating on July 26. Keating was evicted lately

at Craughwell in a most brutal manner by Rev. Mr. Lawrence. It is stated that Mr. Keating made a fair offer of settlement to the landlord but it was refused.

John Colahan presided at the meeting of the Kiltormer I.N.L. on July 29. The following resolution was unanimously carried:—That we desire to express in the most explicit manner our condemnation of Balfour's Removables and the Castle hirelings who endeavoured to disturb the peace of this district by the prosecution of James Lynam, and we can confidently assert that this branch of the League was more instrumental in preserving the peace of the district than the bludgeon men of Woodford notoriety by whom the prosecution was set in motion.

**Kilkenny.**—Mayor P. M. Egan visited Patrick O'Brien, M.P. and the Tulloran prisoners, A. Maher and E. Bowe, in Kilkenny Gaol. Mr. O'Brien looks as if his health had not been impaired since his advent in Kilkenny. David Fenton and Michael Phelan also visited Mr. O'Brien.

A. O'Donnell presided at the recent meeting of the Thomastown Guardians. The Chairman, in referring to the eviction of Mrs. Patrick Corcoran of Goresbridge, said he thought she had been very harshly treated, when she owed only one year's rent, because the running gale was included. But without going into that question, it was a terrible thing to dispossess a tenant for last year's rent when the crops were so bad. The following resolution was then drawn up and passed:—That the Board sympathises with Mrs. Corcoran in the harsh and cruel way she has been treated by her landlord.

**King's County.**—M. Corcoran was chairman at a recent meeting of the Tullamore Guardians. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—That we offer our strongest protest against the unjust imprisonment of John Dillon, and fearing in his case a repetition of the sad end of Messrs. Mandeville and Larkin, we therefore call on the people of England, in the name of justice and liberty of which they boast, to stay the reckless hand of him who tarnishes the name of liberty and is destroying every prospect of a peaceable and happy union between the two countries.

**Leitrim.**—P. McGivney was chairman at a recent meeting of the Mohill I.N.L. Patrick Faughan, Wm. Kennedy, Farrell Wynne, and Patrick Wynne were also present. The following resolution was adopted:—That we strongly condemn the administration of the Coercion Act in general and the murder of John Mandeville in particular as a disgrace to civilisation.

At the recent meeting of Knocknarea I.N.L., James McGloin occupied the chair. A resolution was passed expressing indignation at the prosecution of P. A. McHugh, Mayor of Sligo. A resolution was also passed expressing sorrow at the untimely death of John Mandeville, which was plainly caused by his terrible prison treatment.

**Limerick.**—The city branch of the National League held its regular monthly meeting at the Town Hall, August 3. Henry O'Shea presided. William O'Donnell proposed and Mr. Herbert seconded the following resolution:—That we congratulate William O'Brien, M.P., on the triumphant victory he has achieved over the *Cork Constitution*, the libellous organ of a tyrant landlord clique; and we hail it as the first step in the speedy and complete overthrow of the efforts made to traduce the character and weaken the power of the representatives of the Irish people.

It was stated at the Tipperary Board of Guardians the other day by one of the Relieving Officers that in a small district in that union (in the County Limerick part), seventeen families had been recently evicted and turned homeless. This means, at five to each family, eighty-five persons—most of them to be supported out of the rates. The farms lie derelict. The landlords seem bent on their own ruin, as well as the ruin of their tenants; for how can they improve their condition by turning out the tenants and leaving the land to waste? To be sure Emergency-men may be put in occupation, but they are found to be the most costly of all occupiers.

**Longford.**—James O'Neill presided at the recent meeting of Clonbroney I.N.L. Election of officers will take place at next meeting, so it is expected to be a large one. A resolution was passed condemning the barbarous administration of the Coercion Act by Bloody Balfour and Co.

Patrick Treacy, of Ballinree, was recently evicted from his holding and deprived of the benefit of the Land Act. The Land Commissioners had reduced Mr. Treacy's rent from £120 to £60, showing that he had been heartlessly plundered by rack-renting. But the land-thief, Captain Newton, determined to prevent him from getting justice, and so evicted him because he couldn't pay double the judicial rent.

Coroner McGaver held an inquest, July 27, on the body of John Mahon, of Ballinree, parish of Ardagh. Francis West proceeded to Mr. Mahon's house about a week before with Bailiffs Curran and Kelly of Longford, and evicted the unfortunate tenant, who was sick at the time. The jury, after hearing the evidence and viewing the body, returned a verdict of death from asthma and weak action of the heart. How long will our oppressed and rack-rented peasantry be exposed to the horrors of felonious landlordism?

**Louth.**—Agent Townsend, of the Smith-Barry estate, proceeded to evict Wm. Campbell, of Tenure, with a party of bailiffs and police. They were met by Father Booth who addressed all present on the terrible consequences of the cruel and heartless eviction about to take place; and so effective was the attack made by the reverend gentleman that the agent with his officers jumped on their cars and immediately left the scene. Campbell and his family, who are in a destitute condition, thus obtained one more night's shelter in their home.

Mayor Kennedy presided at the meeting of the Independent Club, August 2; present:—James Short, Patrick Gorman, Brian Sweeney, John Casey, Joseph Barron, Thomas Kelly, Owen Fox, John Keegan, Patrick Campbell, Thomas Cahill, John Downey, Francis Gill, John Carolan, Thomas Mallon, Patrick O'Neill, John Kelly, John McGinn, Patrick Taaffe. The Chairman, speaking of the Commission of Parliamentary Inquiry, said:—After the Government had refused Mr