

growth, but the continued moisture has done much harm, blight making its appearance in low and boggy land. Even a little more rain would be ruinous, but with a few weeks' heat the danger will probably disappear. Turnips are late, but so far give indications of a fair crop, except where there has been flooding. Corn is a good crop, although much of it is lying. Wheat will require great heat to fill the heads, but the straw is excellent. Lastly, hay, notwithstanding the bad weather, is a good crop, but in many instances it has been badly saved, and the seed—which is an important auxiliary in this district—lost.

Galway.—It is reported on good authority that while the police stationed at Cummer, near Tuam, were attending the proclaimed meeting at Ballinasloe, some unknown persons entered the barrack and carried off a number of carbines.

Kerry.—The following is surely the most intolerable case of police impertinence that has ever been heard of in Tarbet district:—Mrs. Lavery, dressmaker, sleeps alone in her house, the Square, Tarbet, her husband, being away at Glin for some time. In this house the meetings of the National League are usually held. On the night of August 16 she retired to rest about 10.30 p.m., and was awakened about 1 a.m. by a knocking at the front door. Having lit a candle, she inquired who was there, whereupon a hoarse voice replied, "Let me in." She, thinking it was some person she knew, opened the door, when two men walked in. One of them kept his face towards the door, which he kept closed, while the other struck a match and lit a candle which he carried. Their faces were blackened, and they wore loose jackets tied around the waist. The man with the light said:—"We have come for the books and papers belonging to the National 'party,' and show us where they are." Mrs. Lavery replied that she knew nothing about them, but that they could search. One man remained at the door while the other went upstairs into the League room. Mrs. Lavery, becoming very frightened, implored the man at the door for God's sake to let her out. He replied:—"Don't be alarmed, we won't molest you." She then went back to her bedroom, which is on the ground floor, while the man upstairs continued his search. He came down and told her to leave the room. She did so, and he proceeded to make a further search there, opening her trunk, looking through her private letters, and tumbling the beds. They then left and walked down the flags in the direction of the police barrack. Mrs. Lavery further states that the man that went upstairs had no whiskers, save a moustache, had a smart military walk, and appeared quite cool. The man at the door seemed quite at home at sentry duty. The greatest excitement prevails over the affair, and it has been remarked that the police have not up to the present time called on Mrs. Lavery with reference to the matter. No papers or books were found.

Kildare.—Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, Australia, dedicated the new Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Monasterivan, on August 11. He was assisted by the pastor, Very Rev. M. Comerford. Daniel Kavanagh, of Timolin, Moone, has been evicted by Land-thief Deane-Drake on account of the active interest he has taken in the welfare of his poorer neighbours on the estate. One hundred policemen and a gang of Emergency men from Dublin carried out the "Devil's work" in a barbarous manner on August 15. Mr. Kavanagh's rent was double the valuation.

King's County.—Although 200 people attended the recent auction of meadowing on an evicted farm at Bellisle there was no bidding. It is alleged that all the people present were Nationalists, and that the auctioneer was an Orangeman from Golden Grove, Roscrea.

The agricultural aspect has become gloomy in the extreme in the Tullamore district. Of the hay crop a very large proportion of the season's produce has already gone to loss. In many places blight has made its appearance in the potato crop. In some instances 40 per cent. of the tubers are affected, and are utterly unfit for human use. There is no hope of even a fair average yield of corn. On the whole the outlook is of a decidedly disheartening character.

Leitrim.—At the meeting of the Kinlough I.N.L. on August 5, Patrick Feigus occupied the chair. The following resolution was unanimously passed:—That we condemn the action of Lord Massey in harshly evicting the widow Carroll and her three helpless children from their holding, and we call upon the members of this branch to render her all the assistance in their power in her struggle for justice.

Limerick.—T. D. Clifford occupied the chair at the recent meeting of Fedamore I.N.L. A circular from the Dennehy Testimonial Committee was laid over till next meeting. The following resolution was passed:—That we regret to learn that Bloody Balfour is still inflicting through his Removables extraordinary sentences on our public men, particularly the sentencing of James O'Kelly, M.P., to four months' imprisonment.

A large open-air Nationalist gathering under the auspices of the Limerick (St. Field) branch of the League was held at Ballyneety August 12. There were fully 4,000 people present. Michael Donnelly presided and John Finucane, M.P., delivered an able address on the National cause. Mayor O'Keeffe referred to the life and times of Patrick Sarsfield as an example to some worthy generation to come. His remarks were heartily cheered.

Notwithstanding the recent heavy rainfall the outlook for farmers in this County seems not to forebode as badly as was at first anticipated. With corn and wheat in some few quarters the rain has played havoc, but on the whole the grain crop as far as it has been grown bids fair to give a productive yield. The hay crop is a superbly abundant one, though on some farms its productiveness was destroyed by copious rains. The potato yield promises to overtop last year, and flounders are all good sized but soft. Champions, as a general rule, have not yet shown to any advantage under stalk. Everywhere the cry is for more sunshine, without which harvesting will be lacking in its primary detail of success—ripening.

Longford.—There was a crowded meeting of Killoe I.N.L. held at Bnybegs, August 12. Edward Cooney presided. The following resolution was passed unanimously:—That we condemn

the present inhuman policy of the Tory Government in Ireland; and we congratulate J. J. O'Kelly, M.P., on being added to the list of Bloody Balfour's victims.

Mayo.—The people of Castlebar were very much surprised to hear of the marriage of Sir Walter O'Malley, formerly a resident of this town, which took place at Christchurch Cathedral, Dublin. He is now 72 years old and he married his servant, Caroline Marie Favey, who is scarcely out of her teens. Sir Walter was High Sheriff of this County in 1838.

There was a game between the Claresmorris G. H. Moores and the Newport Wolfe Tones played near Westport recently. The proceedings were enlivened by the presence of the Newport Brass Band, which discoursed sweet music on the way to the trying place—about a mile from Westport on the Glenisland Road. The grounds being measured, the posts adjusted, the umpires told off, and Hubert McLoughlin appointed referee, play was begun. The contending Gaels fought with the energy and enthusiasm of veterans. In skill, tact, and adroitness, they may not be equal to more practised teams, but their manly exertions could not be excelled. Victory declared itself for Claresmorris by four points to one. The Newport men entered on the green with the air of men who were bound to win. Certainly their vigorous kicking, fleetness of foot, and fierce endeavours deserved a larger measure of success; but their opponents excelled in almost all the above physical excellences, and if the Claresmorris men owed their success to any other extraneous quality it was that they adhered more strictly to the rules of the game.

Monaghan.—James Mullan and Anne Mullan, his wife, were arrested on a charge of taking forcible possession of a house, the property of Henry Cuming, from which they had been evicted, and which he had held as a labourer. Mr. Mullan's statement is that the arrest is in reality in consequence of his having sent his children to the Catholic school lately established in the neighbourhood instead of to the Protestant school, which they had previously attended. On being brought before Captain Mansfield, R.M., both prisoners were remanded on bail.

Queen's County.—The crops in this County are not at all as good as expected. The continuous wet weather had a good deal to do with this. Barley and oats, the principal cereal crops, will not be so abundant as last year. In Portlinton and Mountmellick, where the rain caused the Barrow to overflow, a great portion of the crops has been ruined. The absence of sunshine has retarded the ripening process and the harvest will not be as early as it was anticipated. Turnips are a very fair crop, benefiting largely from the recent rains. The blight is making its appearance among the potatoes and the crop will, it is feared, be a failure. Hay is plenty, but it was fearfully damaged, so that it is questionable whether there will be a half crop. Pastures are looking luxuriant and store cattle have in consequence experienced a slight increase in price at local fairs.

Roscommon.—Bernard Conroy occupied the chair at the recent meeting of Kiltustran I.N.L. After initiating some new members, the following resolution was passed:—That we tender our best support to our fearless member, James J. O'Kelly, in his coming trial at Boyle, the offence being for addressing his constituents, and we pledge ourselves to carry out his counsel determinedly until we triumph over Balfour and his hirelings.

At a late meeting of the Boyle Guardians, one of the relieving officers applied for out-door relief for an ex-member of the Board named Patrick Sharkey, who, he said, was evicted from his holding. He said that the man had a wife and thirteen children, the eldest of whom was only fifteen years of age, and the youngest an infant. The Guardian of the division said that Mr. Sharkey should get £2 a week. This man's eviction has caused a sensation in the district, as he was a leading Nationalist and was at one time put forward for the Chairmanship of the Boyle Board of Guardians.

Tipperary.—When introducing the new parish priest of Solohead, near the Limerick Junction, to his parishioners, the Archbishop of Cashel said:—"You may count in the future as you did in the past upon my willing co-operation in all your legitimate aims, and thus united no power on earth, no pain or penalty whatever—neither the gaol nor the gibbet—can ever deter us from the pursuit of that measure of independence to which we are entitled and irrevocably pledged."

The adjourned meeting of the members of the Central Council of the Gaelic Athletic Association was held at the Limerick Junction, August 13. Maurice Davin occupied the chair, and there were also present:—Rev. C. Buckley, Butevant; Rev. J. Concannon, Tullamore; Messrs. R. J. Frewen, T. O'Riordan, John Cullinan, Banaha, and W. Prendergast, Honorary Secretary, Clonmel. The principal business before the meeting was the "Gaelic invasion of America." Letters encouraging the trip with subscriptions were received and submitted to the members. It was stated that it was intended to make a start for America early in September, and arrangements are almost completed with one of the trans-Atlantic companies to carry the 50 Gaels. Most of the men who are to compose the teams were carefully selected, conspicuous amongst them being athletes who had distinguished themselves at the championship sports at Limerick and Dublin recently. Several members of the Central Council, including Father Buckley, Father Concannon, Messrs. Davin and Frewen were requested to accompany the team, and it is likely that most of those named will go. Mr. Cullinan is to start in advance, in order to make arrangements at the other side in the principal cities where the Gaels are to give exhibitions. With a view to aiding the funds, exhibitions will be given at Dublin, Dunleary, Kilkenny, Wexford, Dundalk, Tullamore, Thurles, and probably some other Gaelic localities in the South. The athletes before starting are to obtain the special blessing and approbation of his Grace the Archbishop of Cashel, and they will assemble in Thurles for that purpose, where their illustrious patron will, no doubt, address them. Letters have also been received from prominent Irishmen in the United States, guaranteeing a warm welcome to the invading Gaels. Their sojourn in America will last about a month. They will also proceed to Canada, and may be expected