

Irish News.

(From the *Irish World*.)

Antrim.—At a recent meeting of the Belfast Corporation, the Town Clerk reported that the total loss to the city caused by the great coal strike in England was £20,000.

Mr Justice Andrews opened the Ulster winter assizes in Belfast during the week. He said the number of cases was fifty-seven. A mere reference to the list showed a more considerable amount of business than he wished it was his business to refer to.

Cork.—Timothy Howe left Youghal, County Cork, and went to Queensland 40 years ago, last heard of in the police force there; sought for by his aunt. Reply to Dublin *Freeman* office.

Derry.—Two attempts were made last week to wreck the trains on the G.N.R., near Derry. The outgoing train at 4.40 encountered an obstacle which broke the guard of the engine. The traffic was immediately stopped by the stationmaster at Derry, who proceeded to make a thorough search, and found four other large stones on the metals, placed subsequently to the departure of the last train.

Donegal.—The Marquis of Donegal is the only peer who has held the post of Clerk of the Peace.

Down.—Last week a number of evictions took place in the townlands of Ballydoolaney and Banin, on the Hilltown estate of the Marquis of Downshire. The holdings from which these poor persons were evicted at this inclement season are between Mayo Bridge and Hilltown, and consist of poor unproductive land, a large portion of each of the holdings being worthless and covered by whins and boulders, which prevent cultivation. Their dwellings consist of thatched

Galway.—Outside the principal entrance of the Tuam Cathedral have been erected two magnificent marble statues, one of the Virgin with Child and the other of St Joseph, on either side of the doorway. These statues are the gift of His Grace the Archbishop, and are splendid specimens of Italian workmanship being 6 feet 6 inches from the plinth. They are raised on beautifully moulded pedestals of Kilroo limestone, which have been supplied by Mr Thomas Egan, contractor, Tuam.

Kerry.—A storm of exceptional violence swept over the Tralee district last week. The damage in the town was confined to the blowing down of chimney stacks and some slates. It is to be feared, however, that the damage in the country and round the coast is great. A considerable portion of the pier at Fenit, with some of the permanent way, where the rails are laid, suffered considerably, some of the latter being shifted over 200 feet, while a portion of the sea-wall facing this was washed away, and the concrete parapet undermined. The schooner Emily Millington was driven ashore at Killynora.

Rev George Griffiths, Protestant minister at Killynora, near Tralee, was during the week found guilty of killing his mother. His trial took place in Cork last week. Judge O'Brien, in delivering sentence, said: "I have but one duty to perform, a mere formal duty as minister of the law in this place (here His Lordship assumed the black cap), and order and adjudge that you, George Griffiths, be taken from this bar to the prison in which you were last confined. From thence you are to be taken to the gaol of the County Kerry, and that on Tuesday, the 9th of January, you be taken to the place of public execution within the gaol, and there be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and that your body be buried within the precincts of the prison; and may God have mercy on your soul." The

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hovels, and every indication of abject poverty was to be observed in every direction. The names of the evicted are: Patrick McKeown, wife and four children; Denis McConville and family, Francis Branagan, wife and one child, of Ballydoolaney, and Arthur McGeown of Banin (whose wife is dead), and five young children. The worthy Marquis who exacts rent for such land, and from such people, is assuredly worthy of a corner in—well, not in heaven.

Dublin.—A laudable movement has just been inaugurated by the Royal Irish Constabulary, with the object of erecting, as a memorial offering from the Catholic members of the force throughout Ireland, an organ in the Church of the Holy Family, Anghrim street, Dublin. This church has recently been separated from St Paul's and made the centre of a new parish. The promoters of the movement have determined that the organ shall be solely and entirely of Irish manufacture. Head Constable Andrew Walsh has been appointed honorary treasurer.

Thomas Joyce, Greymouth, New Zealand, replies to the inquiry for William Kenefick, which appeared in the *Weekly Freeman*, October 14th, 1893.

William Kerey, last heard of in Cookstown, Queensland in February, 1892; sought for by his brother. Reply to Dublin *Freeman* office.

Fermanagh.—Fermanagh men in Scotland will stand by the evicted tenants until they are restored to their homes. A meeting of the natives of Fermanagh resident in Glasgow was held in Maryhill lately. Mr McKiernan of Fermanagh presided, and a resolution was passed pledging the meeting to assist the evicted tenants in every possible manner.

prisoner, who received his sentence with great composure, was then removed.

John Crowley, left Milltown, County Kerry, in 1875; landed in Rockhampton, Queensland, per sailing ship Lady Douglas; last heard of at Tamora Diggings, New South Wales, in 1880; sought for by his brother. Reply to Dublin *Freeman* office.

Kildare.—A great meeting of the people of Maynooth was held in that town recently to pass a vote of condolence to the family of the late Duke of Leinster. The parish priest, Father Hunt, who presided, added his praises of the deceased Duke to those of the rector. He said: "It is to me a melancholy duty to come here to testify to the charity of him who has passed away and to express on my own part and that of the people of my parish the deepest sympathy with that good and charitable lady, the Duchess of Leinster, who, with her husband, manifested the most charitable feelings towards the poor. The announcement that the Duke of Leinster was dead cast a gloom over our entire community. In the death of the Duke the poor have lost a sincere friend and the working people of Maynooth a good employer. I can confidently say that there is not a family in Maynooth that has not directly or indirectly experienced the advantages of having a residential Duke at Carton. You have witnessed within the past few weeks the attention paid by the Duke and Duchess to some poor families among us who were visited by sickness. You know the sympathy expressed on such occasions, not in words only, but in deeds and in substantial relief. The Duke and Duchess of Leinster were seldom absent from Carton. They lived in the midst of the people, and the people now mourn his demise and condole with the family."