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Antrim.—A land meeting was held during the week in the Protestant Hall, Antrim. It being market day, there was a large number of farmers in the hall. Admission was by ticket. The chair was occupied by Mr Samuel Black, who was heard with much enthusiasm during his speech, after which a number of resolutions bearing on the land question were adopted.

Armagh.—The members of the Keady Branch of the Irish National Federation met in the Town Hall on Sunday. Among those present were Rev P. McShane, president, in the chair; M. Smyth, secretary; P. Hughes, T. Woods, P. Keenan, J. McArdle, B. Fegan, B. McCann, M. Slevin, J. Slevin, F. Mullan, assistant secretary, etc. Much interest was taken in the proceedings, as posters had been extensively circulated in the locality intimating that an evicted farm was up for letting. The reverend chairman described the hardship of the eviction. The tenant, Mr Henry McArdle, had several times tendered his rent, with all arrears, but nothing but the land would satisfy the agent.

The tenants on the Ball estate, Crossmaglen, applied for 20 per cent abatement on the rent due in November. The application was supported by the Very Rev Canon McGeeney and Rev P. Kerley, who wrote that there was keen distress on the estate—the want of the very necessities of life. The agent has just informed the tenants that no reduction will be granted, because an abatement given two years ago deprived the landlord of a considerable sum.

Carlow.—Mr E. J. Byrne, auctioneer, 85 Tallow Street, Carlow, lately put up for sale at Johnstown a farm of forty-two acres, held at the rent of £63 a year by Mrs H. J. Sheppard, Johnstown. There was a good attendance. It was knocked down to Mr Lawrence Byrne at £455.

Clare.—The memorial altar to the late reverend pastor of Carrigaholt, Rev P. Brennan, has been finished, and will soon be in the parish church. It is of Gothic character, and composed of statuary, Sicilian and coloured marbles and Caen stone. Beneath the altar table is a finely carved representation of the Entombment. The inscription is as follows:—"To the memory of the Rev P. Brennan, P.P., of Carrigaholt, from December, 1886, to December, 1893.—R.I.P." The canopy rises to a considerable height, and is supported by shafts of red granite.

At the Bankruptcy Court in London, on February 7th, an application was made for a discharge in the case of J. R. Cox, ex-member for East Clare. He was in 1892 defeated in East Clare by W. Redmond, and unsuccessfully petitioned against the return, judgment being obtained against him for £2,260 costs by Mr Redmond, who is the petitioning creditor. It was urged on behalf of the bankrupt that the Irish Parliamentary party had deposited a thousand pounds to cover the costs. The Registrar suspended the discharge for two years.

Cork.—The Commission of the Peace for the city of Cork has been conferred on Mr Georgeson, secretary of the Cork Young Men's Christian Association, and a staunch Protestant Home Ruler. He has done much for the improvement and development of the herring and mackerel curing industry on the south and west coasts, in connection with which he employs several hundred people.

Donegal.—The Irish Highlands Hotel Company will open the Bundoran Hotel in May.

The honourable member for West Donegal, Mr T. D. Sullivan, has been investigating the distressful condition of his constituents. Entering at Letterkenny, he travelled through the constituency from end to end, from the Mulroy to Ardara. He applied himself in businesslike manner to the task of learning by intercourse with the people the actual condition under which existence is maintained in the distant and almost inaccessible part of Donegal. He held district

meetings as he went along, at Carrigart, at Dunfanaghy, at Gweedore, at Kinkaslough and at Dungloe.

Thomas F. Brady appeals, through the *Freeman's Journal*, for aid for the families of the five fishermen of Arranmore Island, who were drowned in January. He says: "One man left a widow, two young girls aged one and two, and another expected soon to be born. Another left a widow and one child, and another expected to be born in a few weeks; also an old father and mother, who are worse than children, and a delicate sister. Another left an old mother, aged seventy, and one sister. Another, aged nineteen, left a father, mother, and seven brothers and sisters, all younger than himself. This poor fellow was home from Scotland only four days. It was his first night to go out fishing after his return. Whatever money he had earned during his three or four months in Scotland, after paying for a net for himself, was in a purse in his pocket when drowned, and has been lost. Another man left a father and mother, both feeble, a brother and two young sisters. This poor family also lost the boat, which was a new one." Any contributions may be lodged in the National Bank, Dublin, to Mr Brady's credit, marked "Drowned Fisherman's Fund," or sent direct to him at 11 Percy Place, Dublin.

Down.—Speaking at Mayobridge on Sunday, Mr John Dillon, M.P., urged unity and activity among Nationalists. He refuted statements of Mr Redmond as to the reason of Mr Gladstone's retirement, and said instead of spreading false tales and lying stories about Mr Gladstone, Mr Redmond and his friends would be far better and more patriotic if they were to listen to the counsel of that wise old man and give up faction.

Dublin.—The Irish Parliamentary Fund has received a splendid impetus in response to Mr Justin M'Carthy's appeal. The Hon Edward Blake, M.P., heads the list with a subscription of £100, and among the others are Lady Winifred Robinson, per Mr Dillon, M.P., £40; Mr Thomas E. O'Brien, Lord-Lieutenant of County Limerick, per Mr Dillon, M.P., £50; Mr Edward Cuming, B.L., per Mr Justin M'Carthy, £10, and Mr Thomas Hassan, Belfast, per Mr M'Cartan, M.P., £10.

The shareholders of the Dublin Artisans' Dwellings Company are satisfied with the report presented at the last half yearly meeting. The rent for the period was £12,548 3s 4d, showing an increase compared with previous half year of £446 4s. A dividend at the rate of 4½ per cent per annum was adopted. The balance, £2,731 15s 6d, carried to the depreciation fund, which now stands at £35,093 8s 7d. The company's dwellings now number 1,978. Fifty-eight new houses are in progress of being built, and the plans of eighty-nine additional ones are ready.

Fermanagh.—Mr Justice Monroe, speaking in the Land Court, Dublin, recently stated it was useless to put up landed property for sale, as just now the public do not know what they are purchasing. The attempted sale of estates on which there are tenants proved in recent years a waste of time and money.

Patrick Maguire, member of the Boho Branch of the Irish National Federation, was recently evicted from his holding on the Leestrange estate. Maguire offered half the amount due, but it was not accepted.

Galway.—Work was commenced at the premises of the new woollen factory, Galway, last week. Men were employed to clear the place and prepare it for the necessary changes required in the mills in order to make them suited to the business. There is ample space for a fine large factory, and room to spare. It has the advantage of being about the finest of the premises within the town that could be selected. No time will be lost in making the buildings suitable for the reception of machinery.

On Sunday a great national demonstration was held at Brehin, near Athenry, which is on the outskirts of Mr John Roche's constituency, and touches North Galway, for which Colonel Nolan, M.P., sits. A notable feature was the presence of a very large number of Colonel Nolan's tenants, also many persons who hitherto supported the Redmondites. The object of the meeting was to protest against