

Parnell, and at the General Election of 1892, the constituency of South Leitrim being captured by an Anti-Parnellite, he stood for and was elected for South Roscommon.

SLIGO.—Renewal of the Street Preaching.—The street preacher Coghlan visited Sligo on Thursday, June 24, and the usual obstruction was created in George street at the railway gate. A force of police, under Mr. Sheehan, County Inspector, was there while the preacher occupied the footpath for almost an hour, causing the people to walk out in the middle of the street. The town was crowded owing to its being a holiday, and these tactics were vexatious in the extreme. There was not much disturbance, but owing to the usual noise not a word was heard from the evangeliser.

TIPPERARY.—Australian "Jubilee Mutton": Why it was Declined.—None of the Australian Jubilee meat relegated to Ireland, after the London multitudes are provided for, will be taken for any of the paupers of the Clonmel workhouse. Mr. Edward Nugent (says the *Tipperary Nationalist*) put the case in a nutshell: "After the way England has treated this country for years, we should have nothing to do with this celebration of theirs." For fifty years and more, so far as Royalty were concerned, the Irish poor have been coldly left to starve or die, or emigrate, or suffer as it pleased fate, and they can exist one day more without selling their birthright for some second-hand scraps from Dives' table. The decision of Clonmel ought to be welcome news at her Majesty's headquarters. Although London is one of the wealthiest cities in the world, it also most abounds in abject poverty. The Mayor of West Ham was promised 10,000 poor dinner tickets, and he has received 30,000 applications! So it is gracious for our poor people here to decline the dole—if any was really intended for them. Practically, the Clonmel Guardians have endorsed the telling resolution of the Dundalk Board, brought under special local notice in our columns. These are healthy indications of true Nationalist spirit. In Newry the Tory members of the Town Commission have decided that as "the Protestant poor" are the loyalists *par excellence* they ought to have the larger share of the feast.

TYRONE.—Collapse of a House in Omagh: Several Persons Seriously Injured.—On Sunday, June 20, an old house collapsed in Fountain lane, Omagh, and five persons were buried in the ruins. The house was a one-storied thatched dwelling, occupied by a woman named Mary Mullan, and her family. At the time

interview has had little or no practical result, leaving, as it does one of the most crucial points of difference still unsettled.

GENERAL.

Dillon as Leader: His Qualifications.—Michael Davitt, speaking at a great Nationalist meeting held in the town of Ballyhaunis, County Mayo, on June 13, said:—Men who are untrue to both their pledges and to the party to which they were elected, attempt to condone their treachery by abusing Mr. Dillon (cheers). They declare him ignorant and incapable. Well, I know a good deal about the knowledge and capacity of Irish members of all sections. Some of them have been under observation for fifteen or twenty years, and my opinion of them, as compared with Mr. Dillon, is this—I will assume that leadership should comprise many qualities—I say, among many others, sterling Nationalism, the training of political struggles, unquestionable *personnel*, integrity, grit, and courage, Parliamentary experience, judgment, and general capacity, including debating power and good temper. Should these qualities go to make a Parliamentary leader, then I say that Mr. Dillon possesses every one of them—(cheers)—while some of his ambitious critics are lamentably wanting in most of them. He may not be as good an elocutionist as some others, nor as ready a debater, nor as smart a lawyer, as others; but then I venture to think that leadership is not a quality necessarily made up of one or both of these accomplishments without other qualities added thereto. Mr. Dillon is constantly at his post. He devotes every hour of his time to his duties, and does not, like some of his critics, put in a mere casual appearance at Westminster. One more quality Mr. Dillon possesses which renders him most fit for his position, and that is his willingness to make personal sacrifices in the interest of unity (cheers). He stands to-day on that question where he stood in the great Convention of last September—in the position of a sincere Nationalist and true democrat, ready and willing at any moment to resign the chairmanship of the party in favour of any man who may be elected thereto by a majority of the National representation on the basis of true unity (cheers). Mr. Dillon wants no faction of Dillonites. He desires true Nationalist unity all round, and that is why he is honestly wishing Godspeed to the good and patriotic work in that direction which Mr. Harrington—(cheers)—is now carrying on in the country.

Irish Jubilee Honours.—The Imperial Government have been so parsimonious over the distribution of honours in Ireland

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mentioned Mrs. Mullan, Kate Smith, her married daughter, Mrs. Maggie McCann, Kate McCrory, and two children of tender years named Annie Donnelly and Sarah McCrory were in the house, when without the slightest warning the roof fell in with a tremendous crash. An alarm was raised, and in the space of ten minutes several hundred persons had collected. Dr. Todd, J.P., who was in the vicinity at the time, at once rushed to the spot and immediately inaugurated the work of rescue. The first woman taken out was Maggie McCann, who escaped uninjured, save that she suffered from nervousness and shock. The thatch caught fire but was quickly extinguished. While the men were at work another portion of the roof fell in, and the rescue party had a narrow escape. They again set to work and in the course of some twenty minutes Mary Mullan, Kate McCrory, and Kate Smith were rescued, all in a serious condition. Dr. Todd had them at once removed to an adjoining house and attended to them. They were badly bruised and almost suffocated. Rev. W. B. McFeely, D.B., C.C., was present and administered the last rites of the Catholic Church to Mary Mullan and Kate McCrory. During all this time the two children above named were entombed in the debris. The cry arose that some children were missing, and after some time they were found. When brought to the surface they were in a critical condition, and Dr. Todd at once applied restoratives and restored them to consciousness. The ambulance arrived after the lapse of a considerable time, and the old woman was removed to the infirmary. The other injured girl, McCrory, was conveyed to the residence of her sister. Neither of them is expected to recover. The others are progressing favourably.

WATERFORD.—The Bacon Trade Dispute.—The conference which took place recently in London between the representatives of the Waterford pig buyers and the bacon merchants has not succeeded in healing the dispute between these bodies. An agreement of ten clauses formed the basis of arrangement between the parties, and these, with the exception of three, were readily adopted. The main difficulty of the situation arose out of the question of agencies. The merchants consider that agents are necessary to the transaction of their business, and offer a preference of those resident agencies to the pig buyers. The suggestion of the pig buyers' representatives is that the agents' business should be restricted to the old-established fairs and markets, a proposition to which the other side would not agree. Hence it appears that the

in connection with the record reign festivities that it is no wonder the heart-burnings are many and deep. The *Weekly Freeman*, writing on the subject says:—"The Irish list of Jubilee honours does not err on the side of liberality. It is meagre and tame to a degree, and seems to have been framed strictly with a view to avoid the creation of jealousies. The inclusion of the presidents of the two Royal Colleges associated with the medical and surgical professions in the list comes as a matter of course in the Jubilee year; the two official Frithoods, those conferred on Mr. Cullinan and Colonel Dease, are strictly a tribute to the Castle, and we do not suppose that many will grudge Messrs. Reginald Guinness, William Watson and Benjamin Whitney their modest knightships. It is not, however, what has been given but what has been withheld that will excite most comment. Many pilot balloons have been sent up in vain, and bitter disappointment must exist to-day in more than one quarter that will be in the public eye."

Why Irishmen Should Rejoice.—The following satirical verses from the "Lobby Laureate" appear in the *Westminster Gazette*:—

Why don't you Irishmen rejoice?
Why don't you raise on high your voice?
Why don't you share the jovial scene?
Why don't you shout "God save the Queen?"
Why lurk you in your sullen lairs,
And give yourselves these senseless airs?
While every creature round you see,
Is revelling in the Jubilee?
You've now been ruled a hundred years
By British Commoners and Peers.
Wisdom and Worth in these combine,
Who govern by a right Divine,
Whose earnest care for you is shown
By laws which at your heads are thrown—
Laws which when rightly understood
Are all intended for your good;
Laws which, when they don't chance to suit you,
We "do not hesitate to shoot" you.
We send you Viceroy's of renown
To rule this jewel of our crown,
And yet when Jubilee comes round
On all our kindnesses you've frowned;

COMPARE SIZE AND WEIGHT OF STICKS.

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