

Irish News.

Antrim.—The agent of the Wallace estate, E. L. Capron, arrived in Lisburn recently. His visit, it is stated, is at the request of the tenants to have an interview with them relating to the purchase of their holdings.

An entertainment was recently given in Ballymaccarrick night school. The attendance was large. The programme consisted of songs, recitations, and readings. Miss Colclough, Miss Kelly, and Mr. Murphy were musicians. Father Macauley, the respected parish priest, addressed the audience, and directed his attention chiefly to the boys attending the evening classes, by urging on them the necessity of regularly attending, and the great benefit to be derived from continuous application to study in the winter period of the year.

Armagh.—For a few weeks previous to the passage of the Tariff Bill an extraordinary impetus was given to that part of the linen trade called "finishing" in Lurgan and other places in Ulster. The object of this sudden and vast augmentation of the business was to get the goods into the market before the Protective duties provided for by the McKinley Bill would come into operation. In Lurgan it is stated that the various "finishing" establishments though working late hours every night for some time past, yet found it almost impossible to execute the orders entrusted to them. It is stated that on a single day no less than sixty cases of finished goods were despatched. Each one represented 500 dozens of handkerchiefs. It follows that the consignments of this one day alone consisted of 30,000 handkerchiefs; certainly a huge total for a town like Lurgan to send forth. It is thought this branch of the linen trade will be eventually transferred to America.

Carlow.—The '98 Memorial Committee are pushing the business forward vigorously, but are seriously hampered for want of funds, and an appeal will be made for more to enable them to complete the memorial. T. Richards has been given the contract for the erection of the ornamental gate and railings.

There was a large representative meeting of persons opposed to Tullow Railway Tax held at Myshall last week, John Webster presiding, and it was unanimously resolved to continue the same determined resistance to this tax. A resolution to stop all objectionable persons from hunting, coursing, or fowling over the lands of the opposing rate-payers was put to the meeting and passed.

Cavan.—The manner in which Father Flood and the members of the Kingscourt branch of the League are being persistently shadowed is causing much annoyance to them.

Orangemen should join the "Plan," and the more reason for so doing lies in the fact that Orangemen evict Orangemen. Mr. Adams of Shinan, Shercock, recently evicted Brother Wallace of the same place.

Father B. Gaffney presided at last meeting of Castlerahan National League, at which the following resolutions were offered:—That we sympathise with Mrs. Conaty, an evicted tenant, whose daughter was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for intimidation. That we condemn the latest blunder of the Government in arresting our trusted leaders, William O'Brien, John Dillon, etc., and hope it will draw the attention of the civilized world to the way our country is governed—a cry of famine approaching, but no action taken to avert it, yet no expense is spared in carrying on evictions, imprisonment, and coercion.

Cork.—The people of Duballow held an indignation meeting recently as a protest against the arrest of Messrs. O'Brien and Dillon. J. Finn presided.

Ellen and Charles Sullivan, mother and son, were prosecuted by Robert Thomas Hurst, of Bantry, for taking forcible possession of a house from which they had been evicted. The mother was sent to gaol for one month and the son for fourteen days.

The people of the Timoleague district held a public meeting recently to organise a fund for the support of the widow Dobogbue, whose son was killed twelve months ago by the police. A good sum was subscribed. The Government would give her compensation but she would not accept it.

A public meeting of the citizens of Cork was held last week, the Mayor presiding, to show the great respect for and sorrow felt at the departure of Brother Burke, of the Christian Brothers, from the city. The attendance was numerous. The good Brother will receive an address and a souvenir of a substantial kind by which to recall his connection with Rebel Cork.

Most Rev. Dr. Dunne, Archbishop of Brisbane, who is the guest of Dr. Fitzgerald, Bishop of Ross, visited the Skibbereen convent, and was much interested in the linen weaving industry which is carried on there. He also visited Baltimore Piscatorial School, and expressed his pleasure and admiration in terms highly complimentary to the "father of the institution," Father Davis.

Derry.—The trade organisations made a processional display last week with bands and banners, and a meeting at which speeches were made and a series of resolutions adopted was held. An instructive feature of the display was the extraordinary harmonising of the different political sections of the working classes. The place of rendezvous was at Walker's Pillar, and it was a pleasing sight to see apprentice boys and Nationalists marching together, united for a common purpose.

Down.—The Ballynabich flax market was opened last week. Buyers from Belfast and neighbourhood attended, and seventy loads of flax, or 4,000 stones were offered for sale. Some of the samples were of fair average quality, and the prices obtained were good. At Newtownards the prices ranged from 5s 6d to 7s 6d per stone.

Dublin.—Amongst the incidents that marked the sojourn in Ireland of the Queen of Roumania was the presentation to her

Majesty of a handsome copy of Father O'Toole's "History of the Clan O'Toole and other Leinster Septs." The presentation was made at Bray by Alice May O'Toole, a member of the great clan whose rise and progress the learned Carmelite Father has so eloquently and conscientiously recorded.

Fermanagh.—The revision of the Parliamentary voters' lists to North Fermanagh was conducted in Ballyshannon recently. In Belleek the result was a pleasing surprise, when it was seen that not only had the Nationalists held their own, but added a substantial number to their already large majority. Congratulations were showered upon Rev. P. McGinty and Rev. H. McMeel. It would be impossible to give too much praise to these reverend gentlemen and the energetic committeemen who so ably assisted in producing such a splendid result.

Kerry.—The principal streets in Tralee were inundated last week in consequence of the neighbouring rivers having become swollen from heavy rainfalls. The damage caused by the flood is estimated at the lowest to be between two and three thousand pounds, in Nelson, Castle, and Denny streets, The Mall, the Rock, Bridge street, and Pembroke street it rushed into every house, and all business houses in those streets suffered damage to the extent of £300.

Brigid O'Neill, aged 100, formerly a servant of the Liberator, Daniel O'Connell, at Derrynane, is at present an inmate of the Home of the Poor Sisters of Nazareth, at Hammersmith, London. She was born at Ballinaskellig, on the Western coast of Derry, and lived in Ireland until she was 36 years of age. She is a most interesting old woman. Irish is the only language she speaks with facility, and in the old tongue she delights speaking of O'Connell and his battles for Emancipation. The good nuns look upon the old lady with affection.

Kilkenny.—The remains of the late Mr. Marum, M.P., Aharney House, were interred in the ancient burial-ground of St. Bridget's, Aharney. The cortege was an immense one, and consisted of all classes and creeds. Sincere sorrow was felt by all at the demise of one who had for forty years unceasingly worked for the good of the agricultural classes.

Limerick.—Mr. McEnery, editor of the Limerick Leader, who is confined in Tullamore Gaol under the Coercion Act, has been subjected to the most brutal treatment by the prison warders. D. Moorhead, of Tullamore, has brought the matter to light. The treatment inflicted on Mr. McEnery would not be given to a wild beast.

An immense flood recently swept down the Feale River, the like of which was not seen for thirty-two years. Numbers of cattle and sheep were carried away, also large quantities of oats, straw, and timber. A vast amount of damage was sustained by farmers whose lands adjoin the Upper Feale. The County Bridge in course of erection at Duagh was destroyed. A fifteen acre field belonging to the Knight of Kerry was completely submerged, destroying large quantities of corn and potatoes.

Queen's County.—The members of Maryborough League have determined to stamp on land-grabbing in the county, and have given intimation of their resolution to all whom it may concern. Some persons have already been mentioned in Castlejordan and Nenagh districts.

Tipperary.—Leonard Courtney, M.P., and Mrs. Courtney, who were staying in Tipperary for some days, have proceeded to the West of Ireland. They will spend some time in Connacht, inquiring into the condition of affairs arising from the potato failure.

An extraordinary meeting of the people and National League representatives was held last week in Tipperary. From the people of this County Balfour nor Smith-Barry may not expect peace until justice has been done the tenants.

Although the people's hands are quite full of work relating to National League matters, yet the men of gallant Tipperary gave a helping hand to assist in obtaining an amnesty for the men confined in the inhospitable English prison because of their love for native land. The meeting was a success, and every portion of Tipperary was well and faithfully represented.

Four boys have been served with summonses under the Coercion Act, charged with forming part of an illegal assembly, etc., calculated to strike terror into her Majesty's subjects. Their names are Michael Horgan, Terence Quigley, James O'Connor, and John Fitzgerald. They are between 16 and 20 years of age.

John E. O'Mahoney, the popular editor of *New Tipperary*, who has been frequently imprisoned under the Coercion Act was recently arrested at the Limerick Junction charged with using intimidation towards the tenants of Mr. Smith-Barry in Tipperary. Mr. O'Mahoney is now so accustomed to arrest and imprisonment that he will be astonished when Balfour's kind attentions shall be discontinued.

Tyrone.—The mills and premises of Mr. Senior, at Drumreagh, were recently attacked, all the windows were broken and other serious injury done. No arrests have been made.

The residents of Derrygavy and Aughagallon as a rule live to a good round age. Two weeks ago a man aged 105 and a woman aged 95 were to be seen as sprightly as you please working in the harvest fields in the townlands.

A visitor quite unknown in the Cookstown locality recently passed through—i.e., a young cyclone. It tore up trees, raised water, and did a little general damage; but it was only an infant, 100 yards wide, and lived to run a mile. Those who saw it can estimate what a full-grown one could accomplish in the destruction line.

Rev. J. McElhatton, Strabane, has left for America to collect funds for the erection of a new Catholic church in Strabane, County Tyrone, Diocese of Derry. It is expected here that his countrymen, especially those from Tyrone or Derry, will render him substantial aid in his arduous work. Strabane has strong claims on the American people, as it is the birthplace of Andrew Dunlap, who first printed and published the Declaration of American Independence, and who was editor of the first daily newspaper published in America.