

Irish News.

Antrim.—The bakers of Lisburn have succeeded in obtaining an increase in wages and a decrease in working hours, and things are now running in the old peaceful groove.

A grand reunion under the auspices of the Larne C.T.A. Society was recently held in the McGarel town hall in honour of Father James Nugent's visit, and to hear an address by the distinguished temperance advocate. The meeting was a great success; the hall was entirely filled; great numbers took the pledge.

Mrs. William Smyth, of Fenvoy, was recently removed to the Ballymoney Workhouse, but died in two hours after admission. The deceased was at one time in good circumstances, and the entry into the Poorhouse killed her.

Armagh.—Civil Bill processes numbering forty-seven against tenants on Richardson's estate were heard at recent sessions in Ballybot. Decrees were given against all.

Lord Lurgan recently disposed of an inferior portion of his estate. Some months ago he offered it at 16½ years' purchase, but could not obtain a purchaser. The sale must have taken place at a figure much under this.

Cavan.—Father Philip King presided at recent meeting of Carrigallen National League. The attendance was numerous. A resolution of sympathy with Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien on their cruel treatment by the police in Tipperary was passed.

Clare.—Patrick Moloney of Killanena recently attended a meeting of the local branch of the National League and reported his eviction, asking the co-operation of the branch in trying to obtain a grant from the Central Executive. The members resolved to support his application. J. McCorry presided.

At a conference of the clergy of the deanery of Ennis, recently held at Ennis, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by bishop and priests:—That we deplore the widespread failure of the potato crop, which falls far short of the average yield, and in large areas of this County is almost worthless; and we tender our profound sympathy to our people in this severe visitation of Providence, and in the hardships and sufferings which shall necessarily fall upon many amongst them unless speedy and efficient measures be taken to avert those calamities. That we call upon the Government to recognise promptly and honestly the serious character of the crisis that has arisen, and to ward off poverty and want by instituting in the distressed districts remunerative works of permanent and public advantage, and thus prove that they are prepared to act up to the fundamental principle of all government, "*Salus populi, suprema lex.*" That we express an earnest hope that the landlords of the County will deal indulgently with their tenants, and not unduly press for their rents at this critical period. ✠ Thomas, Coadjutor Bishop of Kilaloe. Dennis Kelly, Master of Conference.

Cork.—There was a numerous attendance at last meeting of the Blarney National League, when a resolution condemnatory of the arrest of Messrs. O'Brien and Dillon was passed. Father M. M. O'Callaghan presided.

Dr. Alcock of Innaashannon reported a case of cholera in his district. The sickness was occasioned by eating bad potatoes.

An evicted tenant, Thomas Fleming, was sentenced at Castlemary to two months' imprisonment for cutting the oat crop of his farm after eviction.

Dr. W. B. Kearney and Rev. Doctor Hennessy of Leap visited Father Crowley recently, and were pleased to find the reverend gentleman in robust health and excellent spirits.

Patrick Stanton, a Ponsonby campaigner, and who is at present confined in Cork gaol, doing a fourth term of imprisonment, will be presented with a substantial testimonial on his release.

A movement is on foot to erect a reading-room and recreation hall at Valentia for the use of the men on the fishing fleets who frequent the coast of Kerry. About 400 fishermen spend from Saturday to Monday on shore, and there is no place except the public-house where shelter or entertainment can be found. The Knight of Kerry has given a site for a building. About £250 will be required for the purpose of the hall.

J. J. Callanan, author of "Lone Gougane Barra," was born in Cork, 1795, and died in Lisbon, September 15, 1829. Father Hurley, of Cork, has succeeded in erecting to the poet's memory a beautiful Celtic cross on the island which his poetry has made famous, and which is also the shrine of St. Finbar, founder and first bishop of Cork city. On Sunday a few weeks ago the ancient island was filled with the people of Cork, assembled to witness the unveiling of the memorial cross by their Mayor, Alderman Dan Horgan. Father Hurley, on same morning, celebrated Mass at the shrine of St. Finbar.

Donegal.—Father McFadden has thanked Michael Davitt for his timely assistance to the people of Gweedore, and in his letter states:—The failure of the potato in this district is complete. In my opinion the failure is much greater and more uniform here than it was in 1879. If employment is not provided the situation will become more serious. I don't know, under heaven, what course I am to take. The Government is simply bumbling us. Mr. Jackson and General Sankey drove in a wagonette over a beautiful public road that leads through a tract of moorland beyond the inhabited portions of Gweedore, halted for luncheon at the Gweedore Hotel, resumed their journey, and passed out of Gweedore without seeing Gweedore or the state of its crop! And I am told that they have said that reports regarding blight are exaggerated!

Fermanagh.—Thomas Wilson, Hugh Jolly, and Alexander Scholes were recently fined one shilling for displaying the Union Jack from their public houses in Tempo on July 13 last. It took the authorities a long time to prosecute, and the fine was very small.

Galway.—Thirty ejectment processes against tenants on the Derrybrien portion of the Clanricarde estates were recently posted

on Woodford Court-house. The holdings are very small, with rents varying from 30s to £7 a year. The district is as poor and desolate-looking as is found in County Galway.

The unoffending inhabitants of Loughrea were recently treated to a sample of the police brutality so much in vogue since the arrival of Mr. Balfour into Ireland as Chief Secretary. Martin Kennedy and P. Connaire were sentenced each to one month's imprisonment for alleged boycotting of an evictor's pigs at the fair. When they were being removed to Galway Gaol their friends assembled to bid them God-speed, and were brutally batoned by the police. John Kelly, Michael Ford, and Peter Sweeney received serious injuries.

Kerry.—The fairs recently held in Kenmare and Sneem were most disappointing to raisers of stock and farmers generally. The number of cattle presented for sale was enormous, and buyers were numerous, but prices were miserably low.

The members of the Templemore branch of the National League, with David Doran presiding, passed a resolution calling attention to the famine-stricken condition of the mountainous district, and requesting the Government to provide works, such as drainage, reclamation, road-making, construction of piers, and protection along the river Kenmare.

Sir Rowland Blennerhassett has been appointed Inspector of Reformatories in Ireland. The post is worth about £600 per annum. He was for a long time a Member of Parliament. He is a Catholic and a Liberal Unionist, and was prominently mentioned in connection with the Figgott business during the Times Commission.

Kildare.—A branch of the Labourers' Union was recently established in Castledermot, and a meeting for the same purpose was held in Kildare, at which Suncoff, Kilcullen, Monasterevan, and the Curragh districts were represented.

The tenants who purchased their holdings on the Duke of Leinster's estate recently assembled in the Town Hall, Kildare. Father Staples presided. A resolution was passed requesting the Government to grant an extension of time for repayment of loans and a reduction in the annual installment.

Mick Brady, of Athy, has applied to the magistrates at last Athy Sessions for a refund of sixpence which he stated was illegally charged him when fined recently. He admitted having been fined 5s for being drunk. Head constable Gartland said Mick was on a spree at the time and did not remember much about it. Brady—I deny that. Mr. Kennedy said whatever the sentence was he was sure it was just and fair, and the sum could not then be recovered. If applicant liked he could write to Dublin Castle about the matter. Brady—I have no money to write. Give me back the sixpence and I'll write (laughter). Mr. Kennedy—If I gave it to you you would drink it. Brady—If I did I would be only drinking my own (laughter). Mr. Kennedy—Well, I prefer to keep it for the present.

Mayo.—There is considerable commotion on the islands of Ennisea, owing to the threatened eviction of a large number of the islanders. The property is in Chancery, and forms part of the estate of J. C. Walshe, Castlehill. A gunboat is expected off the island every day with the sheriff's officers. Mr. Byrne, Divisional Magistrate, has exerted himself towards effecting a settlement, and in consequence of his representation the eviction has been delayed. The tenants are miserably poor, and their lot on these desolate islands is at best of times very pitiable.

Meath.—A very largely-attended demonstration took place at Kells recently. Father Mullan, Moynalty, presided. When the proceedings were about to begin a Government reporter was noticed on the platform, and Dr. Kenny said he would refuse to speak if any agent of the Government was allowed to remain there. The reporter had to get off the platform and take his notes, under the protection of the police, on the ground. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Kenny, Leamy, and Sullivan, M.P.'s.

Monaghan.—Father McMeel presided at the last meeting of Monaghan National League, and resolutions condemning the cowardly and unprovoked assault made on the people in Tipperary, and congratulating John Morley, M.P., on his escape from the baton stroke intended for him made by a policeman.

Queen's County.—Only a small supply of horned stock, few buyers, and little business was transacted at last Maryborough fair. Store cattle went down from £2 to £3 a head. Several lots of cattle and sheep were unsold. Prime beef did not realise more than 55s per cwt., and inferior qualities rated 44s to 45s per cwt. The price of mutton was 6d to 7d per lb. Springers sold at £13 to £15 10s. Milch cows were in slow demand at £12 to £14; and dry cows £8 10s to £10. Three-year-old heifers and bullocks, £11 to £14; two-year-old do, £9 to £11; year-and-a-half-old, £7 to £8 10s; and yearlings, £5 to £7; calves, £3 to £3 10s; fat sheep, 55s to 58s; ewes, 45s to 50s; and lambs, 25s to 35s each.

Sligo.—Fairs were held last week at Grange, Ballymote, Coolaney, Boyle, and Domahaire, and in all these places cattle were a drug in the market. Owing to the large consignments of American and Canadian stock there is little or no demand for Irish cattle. At Grange especially the tumble down in prices was very great.

The fishermen of Pulladiva and adjoining fishing stations recently displayed their skill as boatmen in a racing contest. It was the first event of the kind in the locality for many years, and was got up for the purpose of aiding in some way the fishermen of the place, as well as to encourage and promote amongst them a spirit of rivalry in providing themselves with superior boats and rigging, and acquiring better skill in their management. Great numbers were present.

Waterford.—Messrs. Hall recently received in bags a splendid cargo of wheat from San Francisco. The ship was over three months on the voyage. It is sold in Waterford for 23s 3d per barrel.

Joseph Kelleff, Waterford, has been granted a patent for "an improved drawing instrument specially applicable for use in setting out angles in model drawing."