

# Irish News.

**Antrim.**—An influential meeting of the leading citizens of Belfast and the surrounding towns was held in the Town Hall, Belfast, for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of a tunnel between the North of Ireland and Scotland, and hearing the views of eminent engineers on the subject. The persons present represented the wealth and intelligence of Belfast and the districts around.

**Armagh.**—It is stated that Sir James P. Corry, Bart., Conservative, does not intend to offer himself for re-election for Mid-Armagh at next general election. A number of gentlemen are spoken of as likely Tory candidates, amongst them being George De La Poer Beresford, Castledillon; Robert G. McCrum, Milford, Armagh; Lord Charles Beresford, and Professor Tyndall.

**Cavan.**—The Arva and Coronea Branch of the League at a recent meeting, Father Lynch presiding, passed a resolution expressive of their delight at the escape of Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien from Balfour's grasp.

**Clare.**—The labour movement is making great progress in County Clare. A public meeting was held in Kildysart under the auspices of the Labour Federation. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Jordan, Cox, and Dalton, M.P.'s, and Father Burke.

The business at the last Quarter Sessions at Kiltrush was abnormal. There were seventy-three ejection cases.

**Cork.**—The tenants who applied for loans to purchase their holdings on the Egmont Estate have been successful. The estate is in the East Riding of the County, and adjoins the towns of Kanturk, Buttevant, and Charleville. The area purchased is about 18,000 square acres. The purchase moneys amount to about £155,000. The reduction in the tenants' outgoing will be about £5000 a year.

The fleet of boats in Kinsale harbour engaged in the Autumn mackerel fishing recently proceeded to the fishing ground with a favourable breeze from the North-west. About midnight the breeze developed into a terrific gale, just when the nets were in the water. The fishermen's efforts to save their nets were of little avail, and the greater portion of them were lost. One of the Kinsale boats, named the Water Witch, was dismasted owing to the violence of the gale, and was towed to harbour by the Star of Cove.

The tenants on the Blennerhasset estate at Lyroe, Ballinagree, have, after a great struggle of three years, come out victorious. On payment of one year's rent two years' rent was forgiven, and a clear receipt passed for the rent due up to March 25 last, ample time being given for the payment of the next half gale, with an adjustment of their rent as follows:—

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| Robert Wiseman, Old rent, £46 13 4 | New rent, £33 6 8 |
| Daniel Coakley " 35 0 0            | " 25 0 0          |
| Jeremiah Coakley " 35 0 0          | " 25 0 0          |
| John Coakley " 23 6 8              | " 16 13 1         |

**Derry.**—Mr. Swinglehurst, of Hincaster House, Milthrope, England, after a run through the south and west of Ireland, and a brief visit to Donegal, handed Mr. Roddy, editor *Derry Journal*, a cheque for £10, payable to Mr. Sexton, M.P., for the Tenants' Defence Association and the Irish National League.

The revision of the voters' list for Derry city was recently taken up. The Unionists lodged three times as many claims as in any previous year, and have openly stated their intention of securing the representation of the city. H. C. O'Doherty, who represented the Nationalists, succeeded in not only preventing any new claimants from getting on, but in having several names removed which were on the old register.

**Donegal.**—It is stated on reliable authority that a strong promotion company is being formed in Derry and County Donegal to construct a line of railway from Letterkenney to Gweedore, via Churchill, Meenadreen, Cresslough, Dunfanaghy, and Falcarragh, with a branch line of about sixteen miles to Glenties.

The celebrated Olphert of Falcarragh has, it is stated, in order to show his appreciation of the tenants' conduct who broke with the Plan of Campaign and paid their rents, given each a clear rent receipt up to date. The scene changes, though, at Dunfanaghy Union, where he has given notice that shelter must be provided for 250 persons he intends evicting, and in view of which a vessel has arrived at the instance of the National League, laden with timber for the construction of huts, which workmen from Derry are erecting for the evicted.

**Down.**—Branches of the Labour League and National Foresters are about being established in Newtownards, and it is expected that both will be well patronised.

The potatoes raised in the eastern portion of the County are exceptionally good, and a rushing business therein is carried on with Dublin. Two pounds per ton have been obtained. Farmers have shipped 2000 tons to the English markets.

A very prolific yield of petroleum has been discovered at Killeel, this county, and a company is being formed to develop the product. The discovery of petroleum in paying quantities will greatly assist in reviving the dormant industries of the country.

**Dublin.**—John Sharkey was seated on the edge of a lime-kiln at St. Doulough's, near Swords, recently, and, being overcome by the gas, tumbled in and was suffocated. A brave effort was made by a girl named Julia Dignan, to save his life. She went into the kiln at the risk of her life.

We regret to announce the death of one of the most venerable priests of Dublin Diocese, Very Rev. Canon Pope, of St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row. For a long period he was a well-known figure in the city, and there were few public meetings in Dublin, especially of a charitable and philanthropic character, at which he was not a speaker. There was Solemn Office and High Mass for the

repose of his soul in presence of the Archbishop of Dublin in St. Andrew's Church.

**Fermanagh.**—A most disgraceful scene was witnessed recently in the streets of Enniskillen. Groups of drunken and disorderly soldiers openly insulted the people and created great turmoil.

The Nationalists of Enniskillen held a meeting in St. Michael's Reading Room recently. Father McGinty gave an account of the revision battle as follows: In Belleek, gained 3; Darrygonnelly, 15; Kish, 14; Irvinestown, 6; Lisbellaw, 1; Enniskillen 8; making a total of 47. In Lack were lost 8, leaving behind a clear gain for the Nationalists of 39.

**Galway.**—The cattle fair at Ballinasloe has been described as the worst for sellers held for a number of years. There was a fall in prices ranging from 30s to £2 a head. The Land Corporation Company had forty eight three-year old bullocks left on their hands, being offered no price whatever.

**Kerry.**—At a meeting of Brosna League held recently, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—That we most emphatically condemn the cruel, heartless, and ferocious manner in which Mr. Sandes and his agent, Mr. Trench, are pursuing the tenants, processing, decreasing, and seizing their cattle, especially in these miserable times, when the crops have failed, and we call on the tenants to stand up like men and resist.

The people coming out from Mass recently saw a written notice stating Jack-the-Ripper had left Whitechapel for Killarney, that people might expect suicides, and that girls would suffer. He would remain in Killarney until the 1st of November. The police have possession of the notice.

Maurice Quinlan, of Castle street, Tralee, was recently evicted for non-payment of an impossible rent. The old yearly rent was £17; the rent now demanded £30, which he refused to pay.

The persons who purchased their holdings in Dingle are finding the hard times pressing them much, and held a meeting recently asking the Government to extend the time for payment of loans.

**Kildare.**—The Athy Board of Guardians have £1,600 to their credit in bank, £800 due to them under the Labourers' Act, and £600 of the current rate to be lodged to their credit. Few unions in Ireland at the present time are not on the debtor side of the account. Yet the appearance of an ex-officio is as rare at Athy Board of Guardians as an angel's visit.

**Leitrim.**—At a conference of the clergy of Manorhamilton Deane, presided over by the Bishop of Kilmore, the following resolution was adopted: That, from personal observation, we are sorry to find that the potato crop this year in this district will scarcely yield a third of its average produce in a good season. As the potato is such an important element in the food of the people, we apprehend, and that in the immediate future, not only severe distress arising from want of food, but, over and above that, medical opinion warns, and recollections of '46 and '47 remind us, that disease and misery follow from the indiscreet use of the damaged tubers. In view of such a gloomy state of things, and ever anxious as we ought to be for the preservation and happiness of our people, and for the well-being of every order in society, we call upon the Government to lose no time in starting such works of general utility in this district as will enable the poor people to tide over the time of distress free from the demoralising effects of doled out alms, and meet their just demands, so far as their means permit.

**Limerick.**—Bishop O'Dwyer, of Limerick, has returned from Rome. His Lordship's short stay on the Continent has given rise to some surprise, as it was generally assumed that his absence would be of more than ordinary length.

**Longford.**—John Hoey, who was twice committed for refusing to give evidence at the Star-Chamber inquiry, has been released. John Ward and Patrick Ward were brought up and recommitted for another week. Extraordinary precautions were taken by the police to prevent a demonstration on their removal to prison.

A meeting to sympathise with the imprisoned members, John and Patrick Ward, who refused to give evidence at the Star Chamber, was recently held at Moydow. The procession was formed by a large number of loyal and stalwart men of Ardagh branch and Moydow, followed by a vast number of men carrying spades and other requirements for securing the potato crops of the prisoners.

**Louth.**—At the last Dundalk fair there was a large show in every department and a good attendance of buyers. Prices showed an improvement on the quotations of the last fair, especially in the store cattle department, yet sellers parted with them at a considerable loss. Three-year-olds realised from £12 to £15, two-year-olds from £10 to £12 10s, yearlings, £6 to £10.

As a result of the inquiry into the condition of the Boyne salmon fishery, it is announced that the Commissioners have decided to make a bye-law prohibiting the use of any net in the river Boyne between Navan and a straight line drawn across the river at right angles with its course at its most eastern point of Grove Island, Oldbridge, of greater length than forty yards.

**Meath.**—The amount subscribed by this diocese as "Peter's Pence" was £1800—a magnificent offering to His Holiness under any circumstances, and especially having regard to the straitened resources of the people this year.

Rev. P. Brindy presided at last Athboy National League meeting. After some matters of local interest were attended to, the following was passed:—That we will make it our business to assist every well-directed effort that may be made for securing fair and proper treatment, suitable dwellings, potato land, and other requisites at reasonable rates for the labourers.

**Monaghan.**—Twenty-six magistrates were on the bench at Castleblaney recently when the license application of Charles Mitchell of Tullyran was discussed. Much excitement was caused, as the people of all classes opposed the establishment of a public-