

Irish News.

Antrim.—The Ballymoney Guardians are about erecting suitable dwellings for labourers in the townlands of Knocknabury and Lisconnan. There are 400 acres in the district without a residence to accommodate workmen.

In Belfast thirty-one young men were arrested. They were members of two Nationalist bands which were proceeding out to Hannahstown to celebrate the execution of Allen, Larkin, and O'Brien in Manchester.

At Ballycastle fair there was a large supply of stock and a good attendance of buyers. Beef sold at from 43s to 55s per cwt.; best cows realised from £11 10s to £16 each; medium and other kinds, £7 to £11 each; dry cattle from £6 10s to £10 each. Prime young springers, £12 to £17 10s each; two-year-olds, from £7 15s to £9 each; one-year-olds, £5 to £7 each; and calves, £2 15s to £4 each. Pretty good supply of sheep and pigs. Sheep of superior breed brought from 40s to 50s each; other kinds, 30s to 37s 6d; and mountain sheep, 14s to 25s each.

Carlow.—The Barrow Navigation Company has resolved on suspending all trading between Carlow and Waterford owing to the labour troubles. This will be a great inconvenience for traders in Carlow and Waterford.

At last Carlow monthly fair there was a good supply of stock, with a brisk demand. Store cattle of the smaller class brought high prices. Altogether the business was brisk. Three-year-olds brought, from £14 to £15; two-year-olds, £10 to £13 10s; one and a half year-olds, £8 to £9 10s; yearlings from £6 10s to £8; calves from £4 to £6.

Clare.—The Kildysart Labour Federation Branch placed on record at last meeting their unqualified confidence in Mr. Davitt as an Irish patriot of the purest type.

Cork.—The Mayor visited the Gaol and saw Father Crowley, P. Stanton, and W. Kent. They were in the best of health and spirits and had no complaints to make.

At the Clonakilly Presentation Sessions recently, T. Canty proposed a resolution on behalf of the magistrates and ratepayers present, requesting the Government to carry out reproductive relief works in the district, in order to meet the great distress in existence along the sea coast. Mr. McCarthy, solicitor, Bandon, in seconding the motion, advocated a line of railway from Innishannon to Kilmacsimon.

At Coachford monthly fair springers and new milch cows, £12 to £19 each; yearlings, £6 to £10; store calves, £4 to £7; fat do, £3 10s to £6; bulls (fat) £10 to £27; fat pigs, 34s per cwt. Store pigs were in poor demand.

The crew of the steamship Blarney were prosecuted at the Police Office on a charge of having complied with each other to disobey the lawful commands of their captain on board the steamship Blarney, and were sentenced to one month's imprisonment each.

Derry.—T. M. Healy, M.P., has succeeded in taking off the Drapers' estate tenants' shoulders the enormous load of £17,000 arrears, which were due on this estate. He was arbitrator for them during the adjustment.

At Maghera and Ballycastle serious floods were experienced during the past few weeks. The railway line from Magherafelt to Drapers' town was flooded and traffic impeded. The remnant of the potato crop has been completely destroyed.

A special meeting of the Derry Corporation was recently held to consider the desirability of erecting a railway from Londonderry through the Valley of the Faghlan and Clady to Draperstown. Amongst those present were—Alderman Sir William Mullar, Sir Robert McVicker, J. B. Joanston, William McLearn, and John Fleming. It was decided to push the project to a successful issue if possible.

Donegal.—Amongst those evicted by O'phert in above district was a blind fiddler named O'Hanlon, aged 95. The number of persons evicted off this estate has now reached 12,000.

Directions have already been given for plans of roads in the Gweedore districts as relief works. They are to be ready for the opening of Parliament, and it is said that a Bill authorising the expenditure will be among the first laid before the House.

Down.—At Newwards flax market there were about 100 stones of flax offered, which sold rapidly at 5s 7 1/2d to 6s 6d per stone.

Newtownards horse fair was held on Tuesday of last week. The attendance of buyers and dealers was not large, and only a limited quantity of stock shown, principally of the agricultural class, and brought from ten to seventeen guineas.

Dublin.—The usual weekly meeting of the Council of the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language was held at 9, Molesworth Street, Dublin, Surgeon-General King in the chair. Michael O'Connor, of Aidamare National School, Laspone, wrote stating that he had obtained a certificate of competency to teach Irish, and saying, "An Irish class exists in this school during the past three years." In '87 the number for examination in the subject was twenty-four; in '88 it was thirty, and in '89 it had increased to fifty-eight.

Fermanagh.—The case of John Lynch, who was returned for trial in Roslea on a charge of intimidating James and Bernard McCollum, is causing some excitement in the district.

The numerous branches recently "suppressed" are keeping tight on as if Mr. Balfour had not "proclaimed" them, and will continue so until justice has been done to their country.

Galway.—Loughrea and Attymon railway having been completed by Robert Worthington, the contractor, was opened for public traffic last week.

The Guardians of Gort Union have decided to place all their arrearments before the public in future in the Irish language.

Through the efforts of Father Cummins of Claregalway the tenants on the Lydican estate have purchased, under the Ashbourne Act, their holdings on very favourable terms, most of the farms being sold as low as twelve years' purchase. Martin O'Flaherty is the landlord.

Kerry.—A wreck was driven ashore on the Kerry coast at Killshannon last week. It was a derelict bark named the Charger. The only living thing found on board was a cat. The hatches were battened down and the main mast was gone.

At Killarney pig fair supply of pigs and the number of buyers were about the average. The demand was brisk, but the prices were considerably below what was expected. Persons connected with the trade say that for the last thirty years the prices were not lower. The failure of the potato crop will undoubtedly be highly detrimental to the rearing of pigs in this district.

The Killarney annual fair was recently held, but trade was not as brisk as usual. Numbers of cattle remained unsold. The following are the prices:—Springers, from £10 to £12; yearlings, from £5 to £8; calves, from £2 to £4 10s; store cattle averaged £10; in-calf cattle, from £10 to £12; bullocks, from £8 to £10; sheep, from £1 to £1 5s; and young pigs, from 10s to 15s.

Kilkenny.—Sir John Pope Hennessy represented King's county in Parliament for six years, from 1859. His parliamentary career was distinguished by much debating skill and capacity for hard work. He maintained the independence of the Pope, and warmly attacked Palmerston for his criticisms of the Vatican policy. He has since had a quarter of a century's experience of Government, and his accession to the Home Rule cause would therefore be a valuable testimony to the justice of the claim and in itself an important acquisition.

King's County.—E. Wyer, Kilowan, Edenderry, has received notice from Garrett Tyrrell, receiver over the property of J. C. G. Armit, in Chancery, to remove from the lands of Kilowan a building erected there for an evicted tenant named John Bracken.

Leitrim.—Ballymagouran fair, which was once so celebrated, has been dropped. Last week animals were on the green. Carrigallen has been considerably improved by the change, as the fair was held there instead, and a good business done.

The landlords in and around Ballinamore have been exceptionally busy in looking for their rents, notwithstanding the sad plight of the tenants and the gloomy aspect of affairs in the country. Mr. McKee, Currier in Shannon, sent his clerk with instructions not to give a single penny reduction. Of course the Ruthven tenants, under care of Mr. Hewson of Gweedore fame, expected no abatement nor were they disappointed.

Mayo.—The tenants on the More-O'Farrell estate have been granted thirty-five per cent. reduction on rents, to be supplemented with a supply of seed potatoes in the spring, and another fifteen per cent. Thomas O'Donnell, Newport House, is the agent; Hubert Treston is under-agent. The More-O'Farrells, from time immemorial, were generous and devoted to their tenantry. The present great help was never more needed.

Queen's County.—Portarlinton fair was well supplied with cattle and sheep of a superior class. Springing cattle of best quality was in great request and sold at from £17 to £20 each; and inferior descriptions, £13 to £15 each. Fat cattle, in good condition, went well at £13 10s to £17 10s per head, while those not so well conditioned went at very low figures.

At Abbeyleix recently a large batch of notices were handed in to the Union, amongst the prospective evictors being Lord Carberry.

Sir Charles O'Connell's Mountlath tenants have requested him to give a reduction of rent on account of the partial failure of the potato crop, the bad season for barley, and the fall in the price of stock.

James P. MacDonagh, late of Brama, parish of Ballinakill, Queen's county, has been a successful candidate at the open competitive examination for the post of sampler in the custom house.

Val Hinds, the trusty bluff of Lurgacurren, has resigned his position, or has been induced to resign it like his superior, J. T. Trench. Last week Val went around the tenants of Barrowhouse warning them to attend at the rent office and pay their rents. He never thought at the time he would have to go so soon.

The police authorities are taking extraordinary steps in watching the people of Lurgacurren. There is an extra force of police in the place—a force sufficient to protect a small English city. All those supposed to be engaged in watching the sale of cattle from the district are closely shadowed.

Roscommon.—Four hundred tenants on the Sanford estate at Castlebar have served a notice on the Land Commissioners to have judicial rents fixed on their holdings.

There were good prices for cattle at the Boyle November fair, but pigs were cheap. At the recent butter market there were 300 firkins for sale. Prices ranged from 9s to 10s 3d per stone.

Tipperary.—Archbishop Croke visited Tipperary recently. He spent the day at the priest's house as the guest of his Vicar-General, Canon Cahill, it is presumed with references to the subject of the attempted boycotting of Father Cantwell.

Mrs. Hoffman has taken an action to recover the sum of £1,000 damages for the death of her son in September, 1880, from a gun-shot wound inflicted by the police. For the defence it was contended that the shot had been discharged by the police in order to defend themselves, and also for the purpose of protecting the property of the inhabitants of Tipperary. The case is at hearing.

Tyrone.—John Ramsay's farm at Cranny, near Omagh, containing sixty-seven acres, was recently purchased by Andrew Robinson for £900. The farm owned by William Graham at Coolkeeragh,