

Irish News.

Antrim.—The Commissioners of Public Works have granted authority to the Ballycastle Board of Guardians to obtain a loan of £800 to build labourers' cottages in the Union's districts. The loan is to be repaid in thirty-five years, with interest at the rate of three and one-fourth per cent. per annum.

An influential meeting of tenants on the Downshire Castlereagh estate, was held recently at the house of David Brown Boardmills, when the following resolution was unanimously passed:—That the tenant-farmers of Ulster are dissatisfied with the constitution and administration of the Land Act, believing their interests are not represented owing to the Chief Commissioners being strong patrons of landlordism, whilst the Sub-Commissioners are invariably called to the ranks of would-be aristocrats who are not in sympathy with the farmers' interests.

At Ballymoney Mr T. C. McElroy, who contested North Antrim as a Protestant Home Ruler at the last general election, has been presented with an address and £400 in recognition of his services to the cause of land reform.

Carlow.—It is proposed to install nuns as teachers in the Carlow Workhouse.

The recent fair was well stocked, but prices in all departments ruled low. Three-year-old bullocks and heifers brought £13 to £15 per head; two-and-a-half-year old do, £11 to £12 10s per head; two-year-old do, £9 10s to £11 per head; yearlings, £7 to £9 per head; calves fetched £5 to £6 apiece. Beef, first quality, 56s to 60s per cwt., and for second quality, 45s to 52s per cwt. Springers averaged £15 to £18 apiece. Milch cows rated £13 to £14 10s; strippers sold at £12 to £14 apiece.

Cork.—At Macroom Quarter Sessions recently County Court Judge Ferguson was presented with white gloves, there being no criminal business.

John Dwane, Sheriff's officer, Fermoy, with assistant bailiffs and police, proceeded to Ballinure, near Bartlemy, and evicted William Healy and John Aberne. The landlord is Rosetta Percy Armytage, 23 Hans Place, London, and it appears that Healy was a middle landlord and received the rent from Aberne, but failed to pay the head rent to the agent for some time past, and hence the evictions.

The Mitchelstown March fair was held on Wednesday week. There was an immense supply of stock and a good attendance of buyers, dealers, and exporters. Business was somewhat dull notwithstanding, and there was a downward tendency in prices.

The Charleville branch of the Irish National Federation recently held a meeting, Father Walsh presiding, at which the following resolution was passed:—That we congratulate Mr M. Healy, M.P., for his prompt and manly acceptance of Mr Parnell's "bogus" challenge.

Derry.—A meeting of the Nationalists of South Derry was held last week in the Market square, Magherafelt, for the purpose of expressing confidence in the majority of the Irish Parliamentary party and condemning the tactics adopted by Mr Parnell. Prior to the hour of meeting the main streets of the town were paraded by bands from the outlying districts of the country, and the streets presented an animated appearance. A special train was run from Maghera conveying a large contingent from that district. A procession was formed at the railway station, and, the bands having taken their respective positions, proceeded to the place of meeting. There were 3,000 persons present. John Keenan proposed the following resolution, which passed unanimously:—That we, the Nationalists of South Derry, in public meeting assembled, most emphatically condemn the action of Mr Parnell in refusing to submit to the decision of the majority of the Irish party, constitutionally expressed, in ignoring the opinions of the vast majority of the Irish people, and in throwing the country into a state of disunion and disorder, to the great injury of the national cause.

The great annual exodus through the port of Derry has fairly begun. This year it was rather late setting in than usual, and this was probably owing to the inclement season, people from the rural districts being unwilling to go to sea when the weather is at all turbulent. During the past two or three weeks the number sailing from Derry has been gradually going up. The emigration during the week, however, will be by far the highest of the present year. Since Tuesday straggling lots of young men and women have been arriving in the city, but the great rush was yesterday, when about five hundred emigrants arrived, principally by the Great Northern line. They are almost all young people in the prime of life, the only aged persons being parents going out to join their children in America. To-day there will likely be a further large number of emigrants arriving by the early trains from points near Derry in time for the steamers sailing during the day for Moville. The vast bulk of those leaving the country go to the United States, only a very small proportion of the great body going to British colonies.

Donegal.—A memorial was recently presented to the Local Government Board to construct a pier at Kencarsleagh.

Much indignation has been expressed over the refusal of those in charge of the Zetland Balfour Fund to give assistance from it to the unfortunate people destitute in Ballyshannon district. Application was made through the local Guardians.

In a remote district of the County a ball was organised in aid of a local charity, and dancing was proceeding when a man carrying a double-barrelled gun rushed into the room, raised the weapon, and deliberately fired both barrels into the midst of the joyous throng. The ladies screamed, and some fainted when blood was seen flowing from the back of a young girl. It was found that two shots had entered her back, inflicting wounds from which there is grave reason to fear she will not recover. On examination the man proved to be insane. He is detained in custody.

Down.—The meeting of the Sheepbridge branch recently held had the question of leaving the old Land League under consideration. Peter Byrne, Newry, presided. The following resolution, proposed by P. Mackin and seconded by P. Strain, was carried unanimously:—That we renounce all connection with Timothy Harrington's discredited National League, and that in future this branch be called the Sheepbridge Branch of the Irish National Federation; that we affiliate our branch to the central body in Dublin, and that our Secretary be instructed to communicate with Alfred Webb, M.P., Dublin.

Fermanagh.—A deputation from the Town Commissioners of Enniskillen waited on Lord Wolseley last week and urged the retention of that town as a headquarter military station. Lord Wolseley, in reply, said he was glad to hear the views of the deputation, and assured them he would take them into consideration as far as lay with him.

Galway.—All over the County the old National League Branches, which were absolutely in the hands of Harrington and Co., are being rapidly dissolved and branches of the Irish National Federation established instead. The City of Galway and the district of Oaltra and Castleblakeny have been recent additions to the National organisation. Parnellism is losing the glamor which surrounded it for so many years.

Kerry.—The local yawls of Portmagee, one of the fishing stations of this extensive district, succeeded in capturing 1,300 mackerel recently at a little distance outside Valentia Island. The fish were very large, the average weight being about two pounds, and were sold at £2 7s per 120.

Bailiffs, protected by a large police escort, proceeded to Rathoneen last week, and evicted an old woman named O'Connor from a little holding which she held from T. W. Sandes, Sallowglin. Some cattle found grazing on the farm were seized in satisfaction of the rent due, but they belonged to the landlord.

Kildare.—At last meeting of Kildare Guardians Arthur B. Verschoyle gave notice of his intention to evict Daniel Kelly from part of the lands of Kilberry, with house and premises.

At the last meeting of the Kildare Branch of the National League Mr Heffernan drew attention to the fact that several members had joined the National Federation and did not send in their resignation to the National League. As far as Ireland is concerned the National League does not now exist; therefore there was no necessity for formal resignations.

Kilkenny.—In the Tullaroan division of the Kilkenny Union there was a fierce contest between the Parnellites and the anti-Parnellites in the poor law election. The anti-Parnellite candidate had the support of the parochial clergy, but in spite of this fact Mr Bowe, the Parnellite, came in at the top of the poll by a majority of twenty-four. In some of the divisions of the Kilkenny Union there were no contests.

King's County.—Father Walsh, P.P., Clonbullogue, appeared before the Elenderry Guardians a few days ago, and complained of the way in which the Laborers' Act is being carried out in the Union. The Chairman made the extraordinary statement that it takes a year and a half from the time the representation is sent in before the cottage can be proceeded with. Everything now practically rests with the Guardians in pushing the preparation of the scheme and applying for the Provisional Order. Under these circumstances the delay complained of required explanation.

Longford.—The Parnellites having received such a sound thrashing in the elections the Nationalists celebrated with a demonstration. Ballymacormick fife and drum band paraded the parish, followed by a crowd which cheered enthusiastically for McCarthy, Davitt, and Healy, and the successful Nationalist P. L. G's. Bonfires were lighted in several parts of the parish, and in the town at Ballymahon lane and Conaught road.

One of the members at recent meeting of the Federation drew the attention of the meeting to two evictions that were carried out on the estate of Lord Annally. The persons evicted are the Widow Guy and Patrick Doherty in the townland of Kilcurry. John