

Irish News.

Antrim.—In 1890 a Clyde builder had the honour of launching the largest number of vessels, but in the year just past a Belfast firm is first, a Hartlepool firm second, and Messrs Russell and Co., Greenock, who were first last year, are third. During the year wages have been exceptionally high, and there have been several strikes, which retarded the work to a considerable extent.

Armagh.—A large number of people of all classes are suffering from influenza in this city and through the country. Amongst the sufferers are Sir Calvert Stronge, chairman of the Armagh Board of Guardians; Jacob Orr, Cranagill, vice-chairman, and many public officials.

Most Rev Dr Logue celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination on December 23, and the Catholics of Ireland joined with the priests and people of Armagh in rejoicing at the event. The Primate has endeared himself to the people of the primatial city by his goodness of heart and the kindly interest that he has taken in all that concerns their spiritual and temporal welfare. To the poor especially the Primate has been a faithful and considerate friend, all who have known of the great services he has rendered to the cause of faith and fatherland will heartily wish him a long and glorious occupancy of the Primatial See.

Cavan.—During the days of the Land League this County spiritedly did its duty, and bears a splendid record for work performed in those trying years. Now it is well to the front in the cause of the evicted tenant, and a few days ago no less than £131 were subscribed and forwarded to Dublin for the wounded soldiers of the Land War.

the girls as they grow up to womanhood. A permanent cottage-industry may thus be established, with the convent weaving-school in the midst to teach the younger and encourage the older workers. Much has been done in a short time. If success still attends the efforts of the convent, it is patent that it will be the instrument of great good, material and moral, which must result from industrious, comfortable, and happy homes."

Derry.—Mr Balfour has refused the offer of the citizens of Derry to confer the freedom of the city upon him, as he objected to mixing in any way in local political matters.

The "late lamented" Rev Mr Walker, of "no surrender" fame, is not in with Colonel Saunderson. The gallant Colonel, we are credibly informed, recently headed the procession of Apprentice Boys with bands and banners round the walls of Derry.

In the event of Mr Justin McCarthy, M.P., retiring from the representation of Derry city, a well-known Dublin Queen's Counsel will be invited to contest the seat as a Home Ruler in opposition to Mr John Ross, Q.C., the Conservative candidate.

Donegal.—After last Mass in Ballyshannon last week Rev P. Kelly warned his flock against the secret society movement that Parnellism he alleged, had revived. He spoke with much moderation, but great force, using persuasion rather than threats to show the terrible danger in which young men place themselves by joining such societies.

Down.—At the Bessbrook Protestant Church last Sunday, Rev A. Lockett-Forde, rector, after the service, briefly referred to the occurrence which had taken place at Mullaglass last week, when a corpse was disinterred and placed at his door. He fully acquitted the Catholics of any blame in connection with the foul and fiendish act. Speaking further on the subject, he condemned the conduct of the men—the horrid ghouls—who were guilty of such a base act, as

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Cork.—Arthur O. S. Cave is developing the minerals which abound in the western portion of this County, in which he has expended £3,000. He recently opened a valuable barytes mine at Mount Gabriel, near Schull.

Captain Thomas Leonard Leader was last week dispossessed from property in which he held a middle interest at Bawnmore North, near Kanturk. The eviction was carried out at the instance of the head landlord, General Sankey. There were six tenants on the land, who were also evicted, but reinstated. The tenants have now every hope of speedily arranging for the fair purchase of their holdings from the head landlord.

Last week Head Constable Dwyer, of Skibbereen, with a large number of policemen, made a raid on the townland of Lisaciarig, near Ballydeob, entered the house and premises of a farmer and blacksmith seized a jar and a cask containing *potheen*. They then made a search outside, where they discovered a boiler, alleged to be used in the manufacture of the stuff, which they smashed up, and brought their store into Skibbereen, and lodged in safely in the barracks. The proprietor of the place was not arrested, but will be proceeded against in the usual course at Petty Sessions.

The example set by the Sisters of Mercy at Skibbereen to establish a hand-loom linen weaving industry has (says the *Irish Textile Journal*) stimulated several other convents, and we learn from the report of the National Education Board that at Queenstown Convent nine looms are now running. Mr Connolly, the District Inspector, writing on the subject, says:—"At present pocket handkerchiefs only are woven, but the weaving of coarser materials is in contemplation. The number of looms will be increased if necessary. It is to be hoped that ultimately, as in the North, so in the neighbourhood of Queenstown, these hand-loom may find their way into the homes of

black-hearted in the extreme, and said that such an act was the most inhuman and un-Christianlike he had ever heard of.

Dublin.—During the month of December, 6,900 meals and 1,680 beds were supplied at the Catholic Boys' Home, Dublin.

The late Lady Sandhurst was the first lady who received the freedom of the city of Dublin.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin (Ald Meade) has been elected an honorary member of the Institute of Journalists of England in recognition of the cordial and hospitable reception he accorded to the members of the Institute on the occasion of the annual meeting at Dublin last summer.

Justin McCarthy, M.P., has entered an appearance to the writ served on him in the name of Dr J. E. Kenny, M.P.; T. Harrington, M.P.; Richard Lalor, M.F., and other members of the Irish National League in reference to the Paris funds. The Parnellites want to have Mr McCarthy, M.P., disqualified as a trustee, so that they might have the sole management of this fund.

Timothy Healy, the popular member of Parliament for North Longford, appears to be held in great esteem outside his native country. The natives of Donegal residing in Glasgow recently presented him with an address, inclosed in a silver casket, thanking him for his invaluable services to the Emerald Isle. Mrs Healy was also given a gold bracelet set with diamonds. Mr Healy responded to the compliment in appropriate terms.

Since the explosion in Dublin Castle on Thursday last the police have been extraordinarily vigilant in watching for dynamite suspects. The customs' officers, too, have developed extra activity in searching the effects of passengers landing at Queenstown from the trans-Atlantic steamers. The first person to fall a victim to the customs officials' newly-awakened ardour for the safety of the country is