

Irish News.

Antrim.—Father Crolly delivered an address to a numerous audience in St Mary's Hall, last week, during which he said:—"Self-styled Loyalists and Unionists both in this country and England, had worked unceasingly to impress upon the public mind the falsity that the concession by the Imperial Parliament of Home Rule would be the signal for an outburst of latent animosity amongst the Catholics of Ireland against their Protestant fellow-countrymen. He said it was notorious that the men who raise the cry of religious intolerance, and shriek it through the Press and upon the platform, are the very last men from whom a cry of religious intolerance should come." He gave numerous instances of Catholics in power bestowing honours on Protestants, and how rare, if any, honours were bestowed by Protestants in power on Catholics.

A great labour demonstration was held recently in Belfast, and for the first time in its history the various trades combined in support of the linen-lappers, who are on strike. Fully 20 000 persons took part in the parade. Mr Munro, who presided, during his address said:—"He had no need to tell them why they had assembled there. They were aware that the linen-lappers had organised to protect their interests and their wages, and because they dared to ask their employers to improve them they were locked out for sixteen weeks. The Trades Council endeavoured to settle the difference. He himself, with his colleagues, met the merchants, and made them such an offer that he was almost afraid to meet the linen-lappers after, it was so modest. The linen-merchants pay their young men, after serving their time, less than £1 per week. They paid the men 15s a week,

number of illegal nets have been seized by the bailiffs since the season opened.

Donegal.—The entire tenantry on the Townawilly estate were met by Professor Dougherty, Magee College, Derry; Most Rev Dr O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe; Right Rev Monsignor McFadden, Donegal, representing the Commissioners of endowed schools, and Mr Benison, the agent. After hearing the views of the tenants it was decided to take one year's rent to be paid before first day of July next from all tenants under ejectment decrees, free of costs, and a proposition being made to sell to the tenants, they unanimously agreed to give fourteen and a half years' purchase. It is believed this offer will be accepted.

Dublin.—Green street court-house in which so many political dramas have been enacted is to be abandoned. There is no court held there presently, and the building will probably be torn down.

A disturbance was created at the Sacred Heart Home, Drumcondra road, Dublin, recently by an attempt to remove one of the children from the institution. A Protestant woman came with the mother of an inmate and demanded that the child be delivered up to her at a moment's notice, saying that she would provide for its future and offering £2 to the members of the House Committee as representing the food and lodging and charitable donations of the mother. The ladies of the committee refused to permit the child to be taken away without the week's notice prescribed by the regulations of the Home, and also refused to permit the clothes belonging to the institution to be taken away on the child. The two women then withdrew, but returned in half an hour with some clothes and again demanded the child. Their behaviour was so turbulent that a police constable was called in and removed the disturbers. The child in question is a Catholic and the ladies of the Home state that it has been practically sold to the Bird's Nest by the mother.

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and from that up to £1 (shame). He stated that the linen-lappers would go into their work, if the merchants would give the young men, when out of their time, 25s a week to commence at the first of the next year, but nothing less than unconditional surrender would satisfy the merchants, and the negotiations were abandoned.

Carlow.—At the Carlow Assizes, held a few days ago, a presentment was passed by the Grand Jury authorising the payment of £398 as extra police tax. Some few policemen more than usual were in the County during the recent election; of course they were not required, but the people are, nevertheless, called upon to pay.

Clare.—The population of the County in 1881 was 62,501; it is now 45,978.

The people of Bodyke and Tomgraney have forwarded, per Father Murphy, the generous subscription of £28 to the Evicted Tenants' Fund. Their own hard battle against landlordism proved how necessary is support in such a contingency, and they are giving practical proof of it.

Cork.—At a Coercion Court held last week in Ballinspittle, an evicted tenant named Michael Coughlan was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for taking forcible possession of a house from which he had been evicted.

Within the past two weeks a renewal of the attacks on water bailiffs by poachers has taken place near Carrigaloe. The Conservators' boat, in charge of Bailiff Graham, was being rowed down the river when a volley of stones was thrown at them from the Carrigaloe side, but none of the crew was struck. One of the bailiffs fired a shot from a revolver, and the poachers made off, but they took care to bring with them the illegal net they were using. A very large

Fermanagh.—The Spring Assizes were opened in Fermanagh Courthouse by the Right Hon Justice Murphy, who, addressing the Grand Jury, said:—"I must congratulate you on the peaceable state of your county, as manifested by the return of the County Inspector. He referred to alterations which were proposed to be made in the Grand Jury, and said they must all go down the ringing grooves of time. Alterations, he understood, had been considered necessary, but alterations were often made where they were not needed. These were things, however, over which they or he had no control. They could only hope that the coming time might be as good as that which they would leave behind them.

Galway.—A force of thirty policemen collected at Claggan, the nearest point on the mainland to Inisboffin, to make seizures for the non-payment of poor-rates on that island. The expedition could not, however, procure boats to convey them to the island, as the owners refused to give their boats for this purpose, and the rate-collecting party was, in consequence, temporarily disappointed. A gunboat is expected from Galway in which the party will proceed to and raid the island.

Kerry.—Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, who opened the Assizes for the County in Tralee last week, found only nine cases, and all these trivial ones, to present to the Grand Jury, and complimented them upon the peaceful condition of the country. Yet the Coercion Act is in existence.

Three bailiffs, with Mr Goodman, under-sheriff, Tralee, escorted by a strong force of police, proceeded to the residence of the late Rev George Fitzmaurice for the purpose of evicting his widow and children. The landlord of the property is John Baeman, but he being a lunatic the estate is in the Court of Chancery, which ap-