

the fishermen report them too large to mesh in the nets, and that consequently large numbers have fallen out. Ordinary boxes can only hold forty of them, whereas the same sized boxes were capable of containing sixty deep last and the previous years.

Kildare.—The Athy Town Commissioners have passed a resolution in favour of the Christian Brothers' Schools being included in the Government grant for educational purposes under the Bill now before the Commons.

King's County.—At recent meeting of the Tullamore Town Board, James Hayes, chairman, presiding, a resolution was adopted urging on Parliament the necessity of making proper provision for the Christian Brothers in the Bill at present under discussion.

Limerick.—Six of the O'Grady Plan of Campaign tenants at Herbertstown have signed agreements to purchase their holdings under Lord Ashbourne's Act at eighteen and one-half years' purchase paying one and a-half years' rent as a settlement, out of two and a-half years' rent due. The tenants were evicted in '87.

Louth.—At a meeting of the Drogheda Board of Guardians a resolution was passed favouring the claims of the Christian Brothers to a share of the money set apart for educational purposes.

Mayo.—Mr William O'Brien, M.P., and Mrs O'Brien have gone to the West of Ireland. They are staying at the Railway Hotel, Westport, pending the selection of a seaside residence.

The Rev Father Davis, P.P., Baltimore, and the Rev W. Greene, Fishery Commissioner, members of the Congested Districts Board, visited Clew Bay on Saturday, and held an important conference with the local Congested Districts Committee on the needs of the locality.

Last week in the English Commons William O'Brien rose to move the adjournment of the House in order to call attention to a definite matter of urgent public importance—namely, the harsh and unconstitutional employment of the forces of the Crown in effecting evictions and seizures for arrears of rent on Clare Island, whose population was last year saved by public relief from a condition of famine, and to the danger of wide-spread destitution and disorder if the impending evictions on the island were carried out. The motion was, however, voted down in spite of Messrs O'Brien and Healy's stirring addresses.

Tipperary.—Five families were evicted in Tipperary last week at the suit of the National Bank. When the Smith-Barry campaign was initiated the tenants of the National Bank resolved to throw in their lot with the Smith-Barry tenants, and refused to pay any rent to Mr Smith-Barry. Various offers were made by the bank, but they were rejected, and the evictions followed. No disturbance took place. One of the evicted declared that he could pay the bank fifteen years' rent, but he would not do so as long as the majority of the Smith-Barry evicted tenants are out of their homes.

The fortnightly meeting of the Tipperary National Federation was held last week, and was remarkable for the elaborate preparations made by the police to discover the whereabouts of the gathering. Squads of police were studded here and there on all the roads, and every hill which commanded the slightest view of the country, with the object of locating the meeting or obtaining a glimpse of those who wended their way to the trysting place; but, notwithstanding, a most successful meeting was held. Rev D. Humphreys presided. After a reference to the National Bank evictions he said:—A wonderful calm has come over our Parnellite friends. Twelve months ago, when Balfour was putting the Assurance Clause into the Land Purchase Act the Parnellite members of Parliament were conspicuous by their absence. They were in the Four Courts picking up their coin or addressing meetings throughout the country, and denouncing those anti-Irish Irishmen, the Irish priests. Now they are as attentive to their Parliamentary duties as if we had a Compulsory Parliamentary Attendance Act.

Tyrone.—The Irish breach of promise case in which Miss Mary McKeezie Laffin, a school-mistress, residing at Cookstown, in the "loyal and Protestant North," was awarded £375 damages against the Rev Andrew John Tilson, rector of Kilglass, affords a grim commentary on the contempt which some ministers of religion have for the unreality of their calling. In one letter referring to some Church services he wrote to plaintiff, "My own darling Polly, I almost hated them because you were not there." In another letter he spoke of getting his photograph taken in his "petticoats"—meaning his ecclesiastical garments. Then he went on borrowing money from her from time to time, and incidentally remarked that Christianity among some people in his parish was at zero. Here indeed was a case of the blind leading the blind.

Waterford.—Mr Davitt has handed over £153 16s to the treasurer of the Evicted Tenants' Fund, balance of the sum collected to defray his election expenses in Waterford contest.

A meeting was to have been held on a recent Sunday in Fenor to denounce land-grabbing, but the authorities proclaimed it. However, E. Harvey, W. G. Fisher, *Monster Express*, and C. P. Redmond, *Waterford News*, held the meeting in Ballyscanlon despite the proclamation and the police.

At the meeting of the Lismore Board of Guardians Thomas Roche proposed and James McGrath seconded the following, and passed unanimously:—That we condemn the action of those officers in her Majesty's army who, on St Patrick's Day, ordered the Irish soldiers to take the shamrock from their caps, seeing that the emblems of other nationalities are never interfered with.

Wexford.—Tottenham's Campaign tenants' fight has come to an end, and though the tenants have not all they could wish, yet they and the community at large are pleased at its termination.

The Nationalists of Tintern held a meeting recently, and a resolution was unanimously adopted calling upon Captain Colclough, of Tintern Abbey, to allow himself to be nominated for their Parliamentary division of the county, when John Barry, their present worthy representative, shall resign.

Wicklow.—The recent proceedings against the tenants on Mr Parnell's Wicklow property have been taken, not by Mrs Parnell, but by direction of the English Court of Chancery, by which Mr Parnell's estate is being administered.

The open-air service held in Arklow recently was remarkable for the absence of friction with the police authorities which characterised the proceedings on several occasions. The clergymen took up a position on the public road, about one foot outside the gate of Tionahask schoolhouse, their followers, numbering about fifty, remaining inside the enclosure. Both the rector and curate preached from this position for over an hour, during which the police remained drawn up by the wall and did not interfere. The services at the other parts of the town were also conducted without incident.

Dublin Notes.

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MR DILLON attended at the House on Monday, May 2, for a while, for the first time since his recent accident. He was heartily congratulated on his recovery by many members, and his friends were glad to see that he bears no traces of his recent indisposition.

From statistics just issued by the Commercial Department of the Board of Trade, it appears that 12,326 emigrants left Ireland during April, as against 13,232 during the corresponding month of last year. Of this no less than 11,959 emigrated to the United States. For the four months ended April 30th, the number of persons who emigrated from Ireland was 18,347, as compared with 19,497 for the corresponding period of 1891.

Mr T. Wemyss Reid contributes an able article to the *Nineteenth Century* for May on "The Liberal Outlook." There are few shrewder or keener Liberals than the editor of the *Speaker*, who, from his editorial chair has watched the evolution of political events with a close eye, and rendered enduring service to the cause of Liberalism and Home Rule. A very short time ago, it will be remembered, he was appointed honorary member of the Eighty Club. Mr Reid anticipates the triumphant return to power of Mr Gladstone at the forthcoming general election.

A thousand pounds reward has been offered by the Duke of Westminster to anybody who will give such information as will lead to the conviction of the person or persons who prevented Orme from fulfilling his engagement for the Two Thousand Guineas. If the person or persons had merely committed an ordinary commonplace murder there would be no such reward. But hussing a race-horse, disturbing the betting market and the calculations of the "bookies" and backers, is of course a crime of quite a different calibre.

Earl Spencer addressed a public meeting at Gravesend on Monday, May 2, and said he thought the general election would come pretty soon, and Liberals looked forward to it with confidence. Criticising the home policy of the Government, he regarded the failure of their measures as attributable to the reason that they were afraid of principles which they had adopted. Ireland stood first in the Liberal programme, and no patching, or tinkering of the present system would settle that question. They must throw upon Irishmen the responsibility of governing themselves. The difficulty in Ulster was not such as had been represented by the Conservative party.

The release of Mrs Osborne, will, we believe, create general satisfaction. As far as medical testimony goes, it would seem there was no choice between her release and her death. There is the further feeling that it is a good thing that the son of Captain Osborne, who has given a truth and a meaning to the slang phrase "an officer and a gentleman," will not be born in the shadow of a gaol. But the bitter thought will intrude that it is not fine lady criminals, but honest Irish patriots like poor Larkin or Nally, who are let die in prison. The release of Mrs Osborne recalls the fact that Sir William Gordon Cumming, who, like her, was found guilty by the unanimous verdict of a civil jury of a criminal offence and perjured denial, was never prosecuted, and that Mr Hurlbert's prosecution was begun when Mr Hurlbert had escaped.

Since Mr Balfour has made it known that he intends to attempt to carry the Local Government Bill to a second reading he has had